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## BY THE BOARD:

### Conversation on changing perspectives

It was not quite two months after our last national convention. A group of friends gathered and the conversation began and drifted upon topics not worth a pica-yune. A tired voice then emanated with the question, "By the way, in regard to the JACL convention, the theme, I hear, is 'Changing Perspectives' — what changes are being proposed and what new areas of activities are the JACL seeking?"

The conversation continued.

"The national program and objectives such as naturalization for Issei parents have been successfully achieved, inequities of the Immigration and Nationality Act are being rectified, recovery program for evacuation losses is nearing an end and favorable amendments for claimants have been secured by COJAE. The Washington Office in its report indicated a minimization of operation with its emphasis now as a 'watch dog' of judicial decisions and legislative enactments."

Another inquiry stimulated the conversation.

"Does it mean that the emphasis is upon decentralization; thereby regional areas and the chapters would carry forth with the purposes of the organization as to removing barriers in order to enable Nisei to make their maximum contribution to America and fulfill their responsibilities thereby?"

A slight pause ensued.

"The indications are somewhat confusing. The maximum efforts obtained by chapters in the final removal of the California Alien Land Act from the statute books indicate the affirmative, and still the discontinuance of the Mountain Plains Office and the inability to secure a director of the Northern California Regional Office substantiates the negative."

The conversation then drifted.

"Is the JACL going into

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## HARRY MIYAKE, 56, SANTA MARIA LEADER DIES

GUADALUPE.—Death came unexpectedly and suddenly to Harry Noboru Miyake, 56, prominent community, JACL and Bussei leader and president of the Santa Maria Valley JACL for the past several years, who died of a heart attack early Tuesday morning.

Born in Hawaii, Miyake attended schools in Los Angeles and has resided in Guadalupe since 1928. He had been engaged in the produce business as bookkeeper, shipper and grower and in postwar years was an accountant and insurance agent.

An active leader of the Buddhist Church here, Miyake also frequently served as spokesman for the Japanese American community. He served two years as a councilman for the city of Guadalupe and was among the first Nisei to run for public office in California.

A pre-war president of the SMV chapter, Miyake continued his JACL activities at the Gila River relocation center in Arizona until his return to his home here and immediately set about to re-establish the chapter with Harold Shimizu and others. The JACL Sap-



HARRY MIYAKE

phire Pin denoting loyal service and devotion to the organization for ten continuous years was awarded Miyake at the JACL 12th biennial national convention held in San Francisco in 1952.

In addition to the many services he rendered to his community, he organized and taught a naturalization class for the Issei in 1955.

Within the week of his passing, Miyake had conferred with regional director Tats Kishida as to his plans to re-activate the local chapter and that he would call a meeting as soon as he got out from the hospital where he was to have undergone a check-up and a week's rest.

The family has requested no offerings or flowers. Surviving are wife Yoshiko, four sons Isamu, Risao, Norio, Edison; daughters Kiyoko, Mitsuo, Noriye and Mrs. Utako Mikuki.

Funeral services are scheduled for Saturday, Mar. 23, 1:30 p.m. at the Guadalupe Buddhist Church.

### Sendai affiliated with Riverside as sister city

NEW YORK.—Back in 1951, various groups in Riverside, Calif., and Sendai, Japan, began a long series of cultural and educational programs that culminated in a Town Affiliation between the two. Operation Town Affiliations this past week announced Riverside Mayor Edward V. Dales has invited Sendai, to become the third American city affiliating with a city in Japan.

St. Paul, Minn., was first, affiliating with Nagasaki on Dec. 7, 1955. San Diego followed with Yokohama on Oct. 23, 1956.

### NISEI CHAPLAIN

The Rev. Bill Nagata, recent graduate of Fuller Theological Seminary (in Pasadena), is now a chaplain in the U.S. Army, according to the Japanese Evangelical Missionary Society bulletin.



Actor Kazuo Hasegawa (center) will visit the United States in May to study Hollywood movie-making. With noted screen star are Mrs. Miki Sawada (left), Japanese humanitarian, and Tamotsu Murayama, PC Japan Bureau correspondent. The noted Kabuki-screen actor holds a script of "Hawaii no Bansho," a play in which he enacted the role of a Nisei and for which he was hounded by the Kempeitai during the war years.

## JAPAN ACTOR TO VISIT HOLLYWOOD, AIDED STRANDED NISEI DURING WAR

BY TAMOTSU MURAYAMA  
PC Japan Correspondent

TOKYO.—Japan's famous stage and screen star Kazuo Hasegawa will visit America for about three weeks in May. His main purpose will be to study movie-making in Hollywood, particularly Vista-Vision at Paramount Studios.

He has been offered to appear in an American movie, but his heavy schedule in Japan prevents this opportunity.

A personality who has become exceedingly popular since the war, Hasegawa's war years were just the opposite, so this reporter found out for the first time, as he was investigated and re-investigated by the Kempeitai because he helped the suffering Nisei.

When Pearl Harbor was bombed, there were several thousand Nisei stranded in Japan since they were being supported by funds sent from their parents in America. The stranded youth became des-

perate. There was no way of supporting themselves. Many were going to schools.

At this time, Mme. Miki Sawada hustled to round up well-known actors and actresses to sponsor a benefit play, called "Hawaii no Bansho" or "Evening Bell of Hawaii", in which actor Hasegawa agreed to appear as a Nisei. The three-week presentation at the Tokyo Takarazuka proved to be a great benefit as ¥100,000 was raised, allowing many boys and girls to continue their education.

Hasegawa was summoned by the Kempeitai, Japan's notorious Thought Control police. He was accused of helping the Nisei, who were then considered to be enemy aliens. He was questioned and grilled for his appearance on the stage as a Nisei. The Kempeitai felt the Nisei should suffer and be left to die hungry.

"I explained to the Kempeitai officers that I wanted to help the Nisei from the bottom of my heart. They were helpless and desperate," explained Hasegawa in an interview with this reporter as he was preparing for his trip to America. "I said that I was doing it from the stand point of humanity. I really felt sorry for

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### TANAMACHI NOW VICTIM OF HEPATITIS, WAS IN HEROIC RESCUE ATTEMPT

SAN FRANCISCO.—Ki Tanamachi, local JACL chapter board member who made a heroic attempt to rescue a teenager at sea on Mar. 3, has been unable to return to work since, the JACL Newsletter reported this week.

A soil expert for an Oakland engineer, he has been confined to further rest at his home, 3027 Washington St., by his doctor who has diagnosed Tanamachi to be suffering from hepatitis.

Tanamachi was fishing off Devil's Slide in San Mateo County when he saw 17-year-old Nick Hunsperger some 300 yards offshore struggling in the water. The Nisei, who was fishing, dove into the water to save him, but rough waters foiled him. Several minutes later, a helicopter came to the rescue, preventing a double tragedy.

Tanamachi is in charge of the chapter-sponsored Industrial Basketball league opening in April, assisted by Cal Kifazumi and Mike Yoshimine.)

### Over 800 members signed by San Francisco chapter

SAN FRANCISCO.—The current count of the San Francisco JACL membership drive was announced at "about 850" in the chapter newsletter released this week. The chapter is gunning for 1,300 members.

Dick Nishi, membership chairman, announced the campaign deadline has been extended.

### Fred Hoshiyama set for new 'Y' post

SAN FRANCISCO.—Fred Hoshiyama, co-executive of the Buchanan St. YM-YWCA, will become executive secretary of the Park-Presidio YMCA branch, 360-18th Ave., from April 1. This is the first time in U.S. mainland YMCA history that a Nisei is taking charge of a "Y" branch not engaged in an Issei-Nisei program, according to James E. Hammond, San Francisco YMCA president.

Yori Wada, program supervisor at the Booker T. Washington Center, will join the Buchanan St. "Y" staff as associate secretary, succeeding Harry Payne who is taking Hoshiyama's post.

Park-Presidio, built in 1954, was designed for teenage club work. Hoshiyama has been associated with "Y" work since earning a master's degree at the Springfield (Mass.) International YMCA College. He was associated with the YMCA staffs in New York City and Honolulu before joining the local "Y" in 1947.

Wada was active at the Univ. of California campus YMCA during his student days. Both are active JACLers and VFW members.

## SIMPLIFIED FORM FOR RENUNCIANT NOW AT I&NS

WASHINGTON.—Nisei renunciants who are interested in securing administrative determination of their citizenship status may submit affidavits to the Immigration and Naturalization Service, the Washington Office of the Japanese American Citizens League was informed this week by the Dept. of Justice.

The specific procedures to be followed in seeking restoration of their citizenship under the simplified, liberalized administrative program outlined by Assistant Attorney General George C. Doub of the Civil Division of the Justice Department when he visited Los Angeles and San Francisco recently was explored by the Washington JACL office.

The procedure is for a Nisei renunciant in person or by letter to his nearest local field office of the Immigration and Naturalization Service to explain that although he registered as an alien last January he does not believe that such registration was proper because he is in fact not an alien but a citizen of the United States and that his so-called renunciation during wartime was invalid. He should then request the official affidavit form

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## Colorado governor signs two bills

DENVER.—Gov. Stephan L.R. McNichols has signed two measures, which are of particular interest to Japanese Americans on Mar. 14.

In signing SB 126, the Democratic governor extended authority of the state anti-discrimination commission to private industry employing more than five persons and making discrimination in such industry unlawful. Heretofore, only public employees were protected against racial, religious and political discrimination.

The same day Gov. McNichols signed HB 39, which repealed the anti-miscegenation statute to permit mixed marriages.

### NATURALIZED ISSEI GIVES CHERRY TREE TO SCHOOL

MERCED.—In gratitude for being the first Issei to be naturalized in Merced County, Ben Nagai of Atwater has presented a flowering Japanese cherry tree to the Mitchell school at Atwater.

Four of his children were educated at the school. While the PTA and a nursery have given trees, it was the first individual gift of a tree to the school, pointed out School Supt. Oleata.

### Paper sculpture technique demonstrated by Nisei

ST. PAUL, Minn.—A Nisei mother showing her daughter, both kimono-clad, the fast diminishing art of Japanese paper sculpture rendered a beautiful front page picture in color last week by the St. Paul Pioneer Press.

Mrs. George M. Suzuki was photographed making a bird in the Japanese fashion of not cutting or pasting the paper for her daughter Nami Jean, 7. Mrs. Suzuki, who finds her craft becoming a lost art, learned paper sculpturing from her mother.

She demonstrated the techniques at the St. Paul Gallery and School of Art last weekend.

(The color plate was 4 cols. by 6 1/2 inches.)



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## From the Frying Pan

by Bill Hosokawa

Denver, Colo.

**BOUNCING NISEI** — For most part, the Nisei have bounced back like India rubber balls from the misfortunes of the evacuation. And I can think of no better illustration than the story of the brothers Nakashima who used to call Seattle their home.

The first and probably best known of the brothers is George Nakashima, one of the brightest lights in the highly specialized field of custom-designed quality furniture. George's war misfortune began earlier than most. In the course of a promising career as an architect, he went to Pondicherry in French India to work two years with a religious cult. War came to Europe in 1939, and with it, currency restrictions. George was told he could not take his pay out of the country.

His fee for a two-year overseas assignment amounted to an impressive sum. Since he couldn't have it, he solved the problem by donating it to a worthy cause in Pondicherry and came home with little more than the clothing on his back.

He had just started a small furniture manufacturing business in Seattle when the war came. He went through the evacuation, relocated to the farm of an old friend, Architect Antonin Raymond, at New Hope, Penn., about midway between New York and Pennsylvania. At first he worked around the farm. Then he invested his savings in a small piece of land nearby and housed his family in a tent while he built a home, largely with his own hands.

Today, George Nakashima has a thriving business and some 20 craftsmen to help create the fine chairs, chests, tables and cabinets that bear his name. If you wanted to buy more than just a casual piece of Nakashima furniture, chances are you'd have to wait six months for delivery.

The wealthy, the eminent, and ordinary folks with a hankering for finely designed furniture executed in hardwood lovingly finished crowd into Nakashima's showroom each Saturday afternoon, the only time it is open, to place their orders. To own a piece of Nakashima furniture is a distinction.

**ACCEPTANCE IN DUBUQUE** — The second of the Nakashimas, Victor, is a physician. He had just completed his medical training and opened a practice in Seattle when war clouds began to gather. The practice was just picking up, months before Pearl Harbor, when he was called into service.

After the war he set out anew in Des Moines, Ia. Once more he opened an office and went through the trying experience of building up a practice. Success was a long time coming. He had more time than he wanted to catch up on his reading.

Today, he is a partner in a highly successful Medical Associates, a clinic at Dubuque, a Mississippi river town in Iowa. He is a respected member of the community. He and his family are in the mainstream of Dubuque's comfortable social life. It's as if Vic had lived in Dubuque all his life.

**BOSS OF 50,000 CHICKENS** — The third of the Nakashimas, Ted, was selling automobiles for a living when war came. He went from Tule Lake relocation camp to the outskirts of Spokane, Wash., with the vague idea he wanted to start a chicken ranch. He started from scratch (no pun intended). His only previous experience with chickens was at the dinner table.

During the first few weeks, when he learned how excruciatingly long it takes for chicks to grow to eating size, Ted and his bride had little to eat but trout he caught in a stream running through the ranch. Gradually the enterprise grew until he was rearing 50,000 chickens at a time with facilities right on the premises for butchering and processing them. A few weeks ago he sold the plant and set out in search of new fields to conquer. Somewhere in this story, it seems there ought to be a moral.



## TOKYO TOPICS

By Tamotsu Murayama

## Whither Japan

Tokyo

Expressions of fear that the Socialist-Communist camp in Japan may set up a puppet government with assistance from Soviet Russia and Red China were recently made by ex-Adm. Kichisaburo Nomura, who was Japanese ambassador to the United States at the time of Pearl Harbor.

A leading member of the House of Councillors, Admiral Nomura is becoming very concerned with the present political situation in view of the fact that the Socialists are getting stronger with their radical program.

The thinking people of Japan are also worrying over prospects that the Red China and Soviet Russia may woo Japan with various sugar-coated offers in order to set up a puppet government here.

While many Japanese may not realize this possibility, a dangerous omen appears. The Soviets may return Sakhalin and the Kuriles to win over the masses. This move would be a cheap price to pay for a strong footing in Japan.

### CAN'T BE TRUSTED

The Japanese people do not realize that Soviet Russia can be trusted as she would do anything to gain power here. Japanese scholars, writers, critics and professors are becoming slaves to Russian propaganda, which is unfortunate since they command a great influence among the rank and file of Japan.

Coping against this titanic influence of communism in Japan are conservative leaders, who are too weak and lack conviction to fight back. The conservative branch of government, represented by the Liberal-Democratic party, spends precious time with internal struggles and personal attacks without accomplishing anything.

Five years hence, I am afraid of what is coming to Japan. Five years hence, the Socialists may be too strong to be controlled. It is my personal hope that the United States, now, formulate a definite policy on Japan. Americans should realize that Russia would do anything in order to gain a stronger footing in the Far East.

The translated text of Admiral Nomura's "expression of fear" follows:

Our new constitution must be interpreted to adapt Japan to the new emerging situation but many politicians and demagogues use this instrument to obstruct the development of military power, indeed against our vital national interests.

You must have noticed that many school teachers under their powerful union policy, the so-called intelligentsia and many women are against our rearming.

### PEACE NEVER CHEAP

As some easy-going Japanese insist, Japan can be neutral and enjoy cheap peace by non-arming. But some strong powers want to alienate Japan from the free countries and if Japan follows such advice, they will come in and step-by-step build up a government they like—namely, a puppet government.

I wish the United Nations grows powerful enough to maintain a right and just peace in the world, but we must yet pass many, many years until such times come.

The big ambition of international communism to control the world is still unchanged.

Japanese democracy is still very immature. Although we have two parties, conservative and labor,

our laborites are unlike Britain's Labor or the European Socialists. Our Labor party doesn't like defense forces and it is more friendly to radical ideas than with conservative. Therefore, we must wait and be patient until labor want to talk with the conservatives upon common ground for the national welfare of Japan.

Japan depends upon trade for its existence. We import 12 million tons of oil, 6 million tons of food, 10 million tons of iron ore, scrap iron and coke and other raw materials for a total of more than 40 million tons. They come from free countries principally and our surrounding sea must be free for transportation.

### ECONOMIC SANCTIONS

In case Japan pursues unfriendly policies toward the free countries and invites their economic sanctions, Japan's economy is destined to follow the same tragedies as in the last war. We cannot indulge in purposeless chats for our survival.

The Japanese people should not repeat the past mistakes committed before the outbreak of the last war. This country must be free and must be a loyal partner of the free world. Because of this, there should be a national defense program, the new Constitution amended and security forces adequate to keep the peace and deter aggression. An arrangement for collective security as an instrument for durable peace in this quarter of the world would make Japan a truly sovereign nation.

I wish this government would go to the public with greater determination and energy and win their confidence. Hesitancy and duplicity cannot save our difficulties.



Gordon Togasaki, new member of the Pan American World Airway's New York sales staff, has been sent on a tour of company offices in Tokyo, Hong Kong and San Francisco for on-the-job training.

### Pan-American adds Nisei to New York sales staff

SAN FRANCISCO.—Gordon Togasaki, new member of Pan American World Airway's New York sales staff, has been sent on a two-month tour of company offices in Tokyo, Hong Kong and San Francisco for on-the-job training. The experience and on-the-spot background will then form a basis for his specialization on the Pacific and Far East as his permanent New York assignment.

Son of JACL co-founder George K. Togasaki, his early education was in San Francisco and Japan. He is graduate of Swarthmore College and Harvard Business School. He is married to the former Tamiyo Suematsu, whom he met at Swarthmore. She is following a professional career as children's librarian in New York.



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## VAGARIES

By Larry S. Tajiri

### Dave Beck's Union

Denver

In last week's PC, Bill Hosokawa found a Nisei angle in the current tribulations of Dave Beck, chief of the Teamsters Union, who has a date with the Senate's McClellan subcommittee which is investigating labor racketeering. Telling of Beck's coming to power in the Pacific Northwest before Pearl Harbor, Bill noted "many Nisei and Issei were forced to contribute to Beck's coffers at a time he was just beginning to become a power in Teamster circles." Beck organized a "Jim Crow" union for Japanese only. These members of Japanese ancestry who were forced to join the racially segregated local were permitted to pay dues but could not attend regular Teamster meetings, were not permitted to vote in elections and were not considered Teamster members.

During World War II Beck and his Teamsters engaged in considerable anti-Nisei activity. The PC declared on Sept. 1, 1945 "the International Teamster, published by Beck's union has been consistently the most vicious of any national publication in its treatment of Americans of Japanese ancestry." After the ban on the return of evacuees to the west coast was rescinded in 1945, Beck's Teamsters in his home town of Seattle engaged in an attempt to prevent the reemployment of Japanese Americans in the produce, floral and dry cleaning industries.

In May, 1945, the Seattle Post-Intelligencer reported Teamster business agents had visited the city's produce row and had threatened to pull out union workers from any firm handling produce grown by returned evacuees. The threat, however, was not followed by action.

For a year after the West Coast area was reopened to Japanese Americans, a boycott by the Produce Drivers and Employees Union, Local 630, a Teamsters affiliate, prevented the return of the evacuees to the wholesale produce industry in Los Angeles in which 2,000 persons of Japanese ancestry had previously been employed. Shortly after the evacuation in 1942, the union had passed a constitutional by-law barring any person of Japanese ancestry from membership. This restriction was invoked when the Nisei sought to get back their old jobs. At a general membership meeting on Dec. 7, 1945, however, the rank and file membership of Local 630 voted to rescind the restriction.

Beck is an old-line boss who was nurtured in the rough-and-tumble "Yellow Peril" days of the west coast labor movement. His anti-Nisei bias is not typical of labor leadership generally, nor were the anti-evacuee actions of the Teamsters representative of trade unions. Many unions, particularly within the CIO, went out of their way to obtain jobs for relocated evacuees.

There's a story involving Mari Michener which she's probably too modest to tell herself. Mrs. Michener, the former Mari Sabusawa of Chicago, returned to her Bucks County, Pa., home recently after five weeks in Vienna during which her writer husband, James Michener, wrote his new best-seller, "The Bridge at Andau" (Random House, \$3.50), the story of the Hungarian freedom fighters.

The Micheners were staying at the Bristol Hotel in Vienna, headquarters for most of the press corps covering the Hungarian story. Also at the hotel was an American girl photographer, Dickey Chapelle. One day Miss Chapelle didn't show up for a coffee date with Mari, and the latter started making inquiries. A week went by, and then some more days without any news. Finally Mari's persistence resulted in developing considerable interest in Miss Chapelle's whereabouts and an American magazine, for which she was taking photographs, finally took a hand. The resultant hubbub was responsible for Miss Chapelle's release from prison after 50 days without trial.

It seems Miss Chapelle had been distributing International Red Cross medical supplies along the Austro-Hungarian border when she and her two guides became lost and were arrested by police inside the Hungarian border. One of the Hungarian guides got away, but the other is still imprisoned. Miss Chapelle is convinced that if it hadn't been for Mari's efforts, she probably would be forgotten inside a Hungarian prison by now.

## Movie actor -

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the suffering Nisei. I could not understand why the Japanese officials were so heartless and merciless."

This drama, it seems, dramatizes somehow that the Nisei should be loyal to America. Here was a man who volunteered to help the distressed during the war years.

Hasegawa deserves an expression of gratitude and appreciation for his deed in helping the stranded Nisei in Japan. This noble sacrifice was never disclosed heretofore, since he believed that it was his duty to help those who were suffering. He is still that way and that is why he is respected so highly.

The Issei and Nisei in America should acknowledge the fact that Hasegawa was one of the few Japanese who had courage to do what he did during the war years. To this reporter, he is a real hero. He never accepted compensation or "orei" for that appearance in "Hawaii no Bansho". Now that the story has been told for the first time, he deserves a big hand.

## 1,200 delegates attend WYBL meet in San Jose

SAN JOSE.—Delegates from Hawaii and Utah joined 1,200 Californians attending the 15th annual Western Young Buddhist League convention here this past weekend.

Theme of the three-day meeting, "Our Heritage — Oneness", was overpowered by the dedication conventioners had for the late Mike Maruyama, whose name was synonymous with Bussei leadership.

Tsukasa Saneto, retiring WYBL president, of Los Angeles was named national YBA president at a special meeting here and will be assisted by Kenji Osaki, Dinuba, v.p.; Toy Hoshiko, Fresno, sec.; Allen Asakawa, Berkeley, treas.; Kay Watada, Denver, aud.; and Hitoshi Tsufura, Berkeley, exec. sec.

George Abey of Mountain View was elected WYBL president. George Takei, 19, of Berkeley won the oratorical contest. Yuri Chi-mori, 18, of Parlier and representing the Bay District was selected Miss Bussei of 1957. A Mills College freshman, she is with the Oakland YBA.

## New sukiyaki house ready for Apr. 11 opening

MOUNTAIN VIEW.—Sakura Gardens, styled with authentic Japanese interior and gardens, will open here Apr. 11, according to Wayne Kanemoto, Yoshio Katayama, I. K. Ishimatsu, Tom Mitsuyoshi and George Tsukagawa, co-owners of the \$300,000 restaurant.

With a seating capacity for 200 persons in addition to lounge facilities, the restaurant is located on the eastside of El Camino Real about a half mile north of El Monte Ave. A special gift shop will be included.

Nagao Sakurai, landscape architect for the new Peninsula sukiyaki house, was head architect for the Japanese Imperial Palace gardens at the New York and San Francisco world fairs.

## Purple Heart veteran steals ring; nets \$10, but faces 15-yr. prison term

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SEATTLE.—Joe Kuwahara, 32, a 442nd RCT veteran and 1951 graduate of the Univ. of Montana, faces a maximum prison term of 15 years after pleading guilty in a car prowling case.

He stole a Masonic ring worth \$1,500 from the parked car of State Sen. Theodore G. Peterson and sold it to a pawnbroker for \$10. Detectives said he was suspected of numerous car prowlings and admitted several.

The Purple Heart veteran was the object of special consideration and comment by Superior Court Judge Story Birdseye, the deputy prosecutor, reporters and "Seattle Scene" columnist Frank Lynch.

Prosecutor R. Stuart Thomson was reluctant to see the college educated veteran sent to prison. But he was already on three years probation on a Federal forgery charge and the court could find

no other alternative.

Judge Birdseye said: "It is pretty hard for me to deal harshly with you, when you fought for the rest of us who stayed home. I had filled in a recommendation that the Parole Board set your minimum term at two and a half years. But, because you were wounded in fighting for our country, I will give you a year's credit and change my recommendation to one and a half years."

Columnist Lynch learned that although Kuwahara had given his right name in dealing with the pawnbroker, he had not been asked to show identification by the loan agency, and the ring had been accepted without question, said the pawnbroker, because he had never known a Japanese American to cheat or steal.

Kuwahara's explanation to the court for his actions was simply: "Lack of foresight."

## 'Wedding in Japan'

(Review of "Wedding in Japan," which was revived Mar. 11 in an off-Broadway production at the Greystone Theater, is reprinted from the Hokubei Shimpō, bi-lingual weekly published in New York. —Editor.)

New York

An earnest and fairly well-acted dramatization of bigotry during the American occupation of Japan was presented in Ted Pollack's "Wedding in Japan" which had its opening Monday, March 11, at the Greystone Theatre, 91st St. and Broadway.

It features in the leading roles Sadako (Sadie) Shimizu, who studied at the Mutual Repertory Theater in Montreal, and Ivan Dixon, who appeared in MGM's "Something of Value" and television shows that included Studio One and Big Story.

The plot of the play deals with the love between a Japanese girl and an American Negro sergeant whose marriage plans are threatened by an officer (a Southerner) who is furious at being rejected by the girl in favor of the Negro.

The play has been revised and greatly improved over the production presented off Broadway a few years back, when it was closed partly due to objections of stereotyping raised by a Nisei progressive group.

The suicide of the girl has been eliminated, and a different ending written in. The dialogue is all straight English, without any pidgin, except possibly in the case of the owner of the Geisha house (actually a house of prostitution), a role played by Jerry Fujikawa.

The role of the girl's Japanese mother is played by Shirley Norris. It is suggested that readers and friends who may wish to see Sadie in the lead role go early as she may not be able to go on indefinitely should the play have any kind of extended run.

To this Nisei terms like the Bushido code and four and twenty rules of conduct seemed a touch

archaic.

This reviewer found the play dramatic, moving at times, and pertinent in view of the segregation issue now ripping the South. However, the characters seemed a bit overdrawn and not always altogether real.

The play is being produced by Ted Pollack, Stanley Greene and Lee Nemetz. They expressed their appreciation to George Ikari and Eugene Karlin for the use of Japanese objects, and to Charles Inrator for his help and advice on lights.

The stage is unique, simple and interestingly set up in a corner of what was formerly the lobby of the Greystone Hotel.

## Southland Nisei win top flower show awards

Nisei growers of Southern California virtually clean-swept awards in the cut flower category at the eighth annual California International Flower Show being held this week at Hollywood Park.

Outstanding was the carnation display of Sam Endow of Encinitas, who won the Eugene Germaine Memorial Award for the best exhibit of cut flowers grown from seed.

The Honda Brothers of Carlsbad were presented the H. L. Musser Memorial Trophy for outstanding stock.

Twenty-one Japanese American growers won a total of 44 first, 15 second and 8 third-place ribbons in cut flowers.

## YACHT CLUB DIRECTOR

Yoshio Nakamura of Loomis was one of Placer County Yacht Club directors elected recently.



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## NAT'L DIRECTOR'S REPORT By Masao Satow

### Prominent CL Town

San Francisco

We were confident that the Salt Lake City Chapter would come through to take the 1958 National Biennial, upon the basis of its spirited enthusiasm these past several years and our communications with the chapter prior to the official announcement.

Salt Lake City has figured prominently in JACL affairs. It became the refuge for National JACL Headquarters in 1942 upon the recommendation and past associations of one of its most illustrious citizens, our own Mike. During the eleven years sojourn of National Headquarters in this friendly Mormon city, National JACL experienced its most trying days, but also its most glamorous years of achievement. Actually, Salt Lake will be hosting its fourth National biennial meeting. The special meeting of representatives from relocation centers plus Intermountain chapters in 1942 was considered JACL's 6th Biennial, the 7th Biennial was also held in Salt Lake in 1944; both minus the usual frills and trimmings of a full scale convention because of wartime. The 10th Biennial held there in 1948 was the first national convention for many of our presently active JACLers.

No doubt Salt Lake City will be assisted by the neighboring Mt. Olympus Chapter as well as the other chapters of the Intermountain District Council whose members are among the most loyal JACLers we know. It was the Intermountain Chapters which sustained the national organization when evacuation disintegrated most of our chapters.

#### DISTRICT CONVENTIONS

This is the year of District Council conventions. The Pacific Southwest meets on May 18-19, and the East Los Angeles Chapter proves again that Los Angeles is spread all over the map by locating the convention at Disneyland. A feature of this convention will be the special presentation to Ralph "This Is Your Life" Edwards from National JACL.

Kumeo Yoshinari and his Chicago cohorts will host the joint Eastern and Midwest District Council gathering over the Labor Day weekend.

Omaha has chosen Nov. 23 and 24 to entertain the Mt. Plains chapters, while the following weekend the Intermountain DC highlights the 10th anniversary of our National 1000 Club at Idaho Falls.

The Pacific Northwest chapters get together in Seattle Dec. 13 and 14. Northern California-Western Nevada and Central California are expected to announce their dates in the very near future.

#### NATIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

The 3,000 members officially reported to Headquarters to date do not include the several chapters which have publicized the results of their efforts but have not turned these in. To date, Richmond-El Cerrito and the Fort Lupton chapters have officially exceeded their 1956 figures. We are hoping this year that 20,000 membership cards will be returned with the names of 17,000 renewals and 3,000 new members.

An Issei member told us the other day of his wife gaining reentry into the United States by showing her JACL membership card after forgetting her citizenship identification papers. While we do not recommend this as standard procedure, it proves again that a JACL membership card comes in handy at times. It is interesting to note that every government intelligence agency checks our master membership files for any Nisei seeking a job involving security. Dunn and Bradstreet also refers to our master files.

In connection with membership cards, we are presently studying two recommendations from the Pacific Northwest DC and Northern California-Western Nevada DC respectively. The first is a distinctive membership card for 1000 Club members, and the second is a special national membership card for Junior JACLers.

The Junior JACL idea seems to be taking hold. Thus far four such groups are officially listed: Orange County, Sequoia, Sacramento, and Placer County. Reports are that Florin and Oakland will be added in the near future.

#### BOOKS: ON COOKING, ON EVACUATION ART

Our handling of the Japanese cooking recipe book is proving to be a real service to our members. We have mailed out close to 500 and orders are still coming in.

We still have available a few copies of the second edition of Allan Eaton's "Beauty Behind Barbed Wire" with the three page postscript about JACL. This is an excellent book for presentation to local libraries and to friends, for it tells the evacuation story through the arts and crafts developed in the relocation centers, and evokes appreciation rather than sympathy. Members are entitled to one dollar off the regular price of \$6.

#### ORGANIZATIONALLY

We are pleased to see more chapter secretaries coming through with the minutes of their chapter meetings for Headquarters. These minutes not only keep us posted on the doings of the chapters, but help us to anticipate chapter needs, clarify national policies, and make timely suggestions. We commend the practice of some chapters which assign their historians to keep an annual scrapbook of their chapter activities containing pictures, programs, publicity releases, etc.

All chapter presidents should be regular readers of the PC to do an effective job. This presupposes subscribing to PC, but if your chapter president is not taking PC, under the new PC policy of rebating \$1 to the chapter for every new subscription, chapters ought to enter subscriptions for their presidents simply by obtaining two new subscriptions.

So far as we know, the Puyallup Valley Chapter has the first father-daughter combination in its cabinet. Long time JACLer Daiichi Yoshioka serves as the chapter's 1000 Club Chairman, and his charming daughter Eleanor is the Recording Secretary.

#### NATIONAL JACL PINFEST AFTERMATH

Our grateful thanks to the members of the 11th National JACL Bowling Tournament Committee for all the work in preparation and running this gigantic event. Chairman Mo Katow kept our telephone ringing steadily during the weeks of

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Shig Wakamatsu (left), national 1st vice-president, of Chicago who installed the 1957 Cincinnati JACL cabinet members, stands with Mrs. Mutsu Takao (center), retiring president, and James Hashimoto, new president, who hails from Long Beach, Calif.

### Drop queen contest for Placer County community picnic

PENRYN.—General arrangements for Placer JACL's ninth annual community picnic on Sunday, April 14, have been completed and various committees report satisfactory progress, it was disclosed by George Hirakawa and Dr. Kay Kashiwabara, co-chairmen of the special events committee.

This outdoor festival which annually draws people from throughout Northern California will again be held at the JACL recreation park near here.

Due to difficulty in getting entrants, the picnic queen contest has been dropped from the program.

In its place will be a costume parade with participants divided into three age brackets, Hirakawa said.

Following chairmen are heading the major committees:

George Makimoto and Frank Kageta, program and events; Jack Shinkawa and Ted Ikeda, finance and prize; George Itow, ground arrangements; Bob Kozai and Nobuya Nimura, concessions; Munee Masaki and Dick Nagaoka, drawing; Kazuto Miyamura and Roy Yoshida, publicity.

### Doub extends thanks in letter to JACL president

Asst. Attorney General George C. Doub, in a letter to National JACL President Dr. Roy Nishikawa, expressed his delight for the kindness and hospitality accorded him and his staff, which recently visited Los Angeles.

A ranking official in the Justice Department, he is head of the civil division, which handles evacuation claims and renunciants problems.

"It has been my desire not only to visit the field offices of the Civil Division handling such matters but to become acquainted with other interested persons," Doub wrote. "I was delighted, therefore, to be afforded the opportunity to meet with members of your group and to talk informally with reference to the numerous problems that are of mutual concern to us."

Doub and his staff were also honored at a dinner in San Francisco where National JACL Director Mas Satow and chapter presidents served as hosts.

### 100 attend dance class sponsored by chapter

SAN FRANCISCO.—The first in a series of eight dance classes sponsored by the San Francisco JACL was attended by 100 persons on last Mar. 8, according to Miyuki Aoyama and Will Maruyama, co-chairmen.

The classes will continue with a session this Friday at the Park-Presidio YMCA, 380-18th Ave.

The cha-cha and basic steps of the waltz, fox trot and Latin steps were taught at the initial session.

Subsequent courses are to cover these steps, including the rumba and samba, in further detail as well as taking up swing.

Steps requested by popular demand will also be taught, the co-chairmen said.

### FLORIN JR. JACL SET FOR 100 TEENAGERS

FLORIN.—Plans for organization of a Florin Junior JACL group were made at a "Fun Night" and meeting attended by 100 prospective teenage members of the league on Mar. 9.

Member of Sacramento Junior JACL, including Sab Shimono, its president, were guests for the evening. Shimono helped conduct the meeting.

Paul Takehara was committee chairman for this event. Judy Gontan assisted. Other committee members included: Sam Kashiwagi, June Okamoto, Alvin Seno, Paul Ito, Bill Taketa, Bill Kashiwagi and Katherine Nakamura.

Assigned to the group to plan for and form a local Junior JACL were Alice Takeoka, chairman, and Roy Saigo, Barbara Ikegami, Al Onodera and Natsuko Kashiwagi.

### Dance hula-hula via 'do it yourself'

Southwest L.A.'s first big social of the new year comes on Sunday, Mar. 31, 7:30 p.m. at the USC YWCA, Hoover and 36th Pl., it was announced by Terumi Yamaguchi and Ethel Yoshino, co-chairmen.

An evening of fun in the Polynesian style has been promised, following the theme, "Aloha," with Hawaiian entertainment, Hawaiian "ice-breakers," refreshment and lei for all attending.

Hula dancing on a "do it yourself" plan will be provided by the host and hostesses for the evening: Hiroko Kawanami, Ruby Okubo, Mary Enomoto, Ellen Kubo, Fumi Ushiyama, Vi Nakano, Mary Arikawa, Margaret Ouchi, Kathy Sugimoto, Kango Kunitzugu, Roy Ikegami, George Fujita, Jimmy Yamamoto and Roy Sugimoto.

Kay Mochida's hi-fi assistance will provide social dancing music.

### San Fernando Valley CL elects Nakagiri

NORTH HOLLYWOOD.—JACL national president Dr. Roy Nishikawa will install the 1957 officers of the San Fernando Valley chapter at Hody's Restaurant, Lankershim Blvd. and Oxnard, on Friday, Apr. 12, 8 p.m.

Kay Nakagiri, who served as vice-president last year, will take over the gavel from outgoing president Gene Kono.

Other officers are Kats Hazama, 1st v.p.; Hideo Taketani, 2nd v.p.; Hilda Imai, 3rd v.p.; Henry Kinoshita, treas.; Chiyo Yamamoto, cor. sec.; Irene Kono, rec. sec.; Gene Kono, del.; Tom Endow, alt. del.; Dr. S. Sakaguchi, Mr. Watanabe and Mr. Muranaga, adv.; and Lilly Endow, pub. rel.

### FRENCH CAMP COMMUNITY PICNIC SET APRIL 28

FRENCH CAMP.—Under sponsorship of the local JACL chapter, the French Camp community picnic will be held Apr. 28, from 10 a.m., at Mickle Grove, located a half mile off Highway 99 between Lodi and Stockton.

George Komure and Tom Natsuhara were named co-chairmen by Lawrence Nakano, chapter president.



### '1000' CLUB NOTES

SAN FRANCISCO.—An all-time high for 1000 Club memberships and renewals was noted in the 112 received at National Headquarters during the first two weeks of March. Included was the life membership of Norman Miyakawa of Parlier, Calif.

#### LIFE MEMBER

Parlier — Norman N. Miyakawa.

#### TENTH YEAR

San Francisco — Masao W. Satow.

#### NINTH YEAR

Venice-Culver — George S. Mikawa.

Ogden — Ken Uchida.

#### EIGHTH YEAR

San Francisco — June Fugita (Fresno).

Boise Valley — Yoshi Takahashi.

#### SEVENTH YEAR

San Francisco — Yasuo W. Abiko, Dr.

Tokuji Hedani.

Philadelphia — S. John Nitta, Mrs.

T. Ann Nitta, Jack K. Ozawa.

Detroit — Dr. Joseph S. Sasaki.

#### FIFTH YEAR

Pasadena — Paul Goya.

Parlier — James N. Kozuki, Gerald M.

Ogata.

Philadelphia — Takashi Moriuchi.

Denver — Mrs. Mary T. Sakata.

#### FOURTH YEAR

Richmond-El Cerrito — Tosh Adachi,

Jun Honda, Tosh Nabeta, Tamaki

Ninomiya, Roy Sakai, Sam Sakai.

San Francisco — Hatsuro Aizawa, Da-

vid Hironaka, Dr. Carl T. Hirota,

Yukio Kumamoto, Marshall M. Sumi-

da.

Parlier — Noboru J. Doi, Ted Katsura,

Ralph Kimoto, Kaz Komoto, Byrd H.

Kumataka, Richard Y. Migaki, Tomio

Miyakawa, Robert I. Okamura, Ken-

go Osumi, Ronald K. Ota, Bill Tsuji.

St. Louis — George K. Hasegawa, Mrs.

Manet E. Yamamoto, Yukinobu Ya-

amoto.

MDC — William T. Ishida (Colum-

bus, O.).

Philadelphia — William Ishida.

San Diego — George Y. Kodama, Al-

fred Y. Obayashi, Leo Owashi.

Chicago — Bunji Takano, Masato Ta-

mura.

Coachella Valley — Robert Matsuishi,

Cleveland — George Y. Ono.

#### THIRD YEAR

San Diego — Moto Asakawa, Dr. Shig-

eru Hara, Paul Hoshi, Saburo Mura-

oka, Dr. Peter Umekubo.

Dayton — Dr. Ruby S. Hirose.

Ft. Lupton — Harry Ida.

Detroit — Roy Ikeda, Mitsuyoshi Uye-

da.

Parlier — Harry H. Iseki, Kaz Kawate,

Harry T. Kubo, Sho Tsuboi.

Ogden — Toyse Kato, Tomio Yamada.

PSWDC — Tak Monita (Calipatria).

St. Louis — Dr. Masao Ohmoto.

Richmond-El Cerrito — Joe Qishi, Mar-

vin Uratsu.

Chicago — Yuzo Shibayama.

Sanger — Kikichi Tange.

#### SECOND YEAR

San Francisco — Takafusa Fujisada,

Jack S. Kusaba, Takeo B. Utsumi.

Venice-Culver — James Fukuhara, Dr.

Mitsuo Inouye, Dr. C. Robert Ryono.

Ft. Lupton — Jackie Hisamoto.

Philadelphia — N. Richard Horikawa,

George C. Sakai.

San Diego — Tad Imoto, Tom M. Koba,

Detroit — Dr. Herbert T. Iwata, Tom

T. Tagami.

Cleveland — Joe G. Kadowaki.

Sonoma County — Kaemi Ono.

Milwaukee — Mrs. Mary M. Oura.

St. Louis — Dr. George M. Tanaka,

Rose Ogino.

Parlier — Sadao J. Kakutani, John

Kashiki.

Richmond-El Cerrito — Dr. Thomas H.

Oda.

#### FIRST YEAR

St. Louis — Dr. Henry Ema, Sam Mi-

gita.

San Francisco — Kayo Hayakawa, Elise

H. Uveda, Noel P. Nita, Henri Takahashi.

Parlier — Fred Nagare, Harry Nakata.

New York — George Yamaoka.

Chicago — Ned Akimoto, George S.

Nojima, Fred Y. Tsuji.

Denver — Dr. Isamu Ozamoto.

Downtown L.A. — Sam Hada (San

Marco Tex.), Frank K. Omatsu.

Philadelphia — Garry G. Oye.

San Diego — Dr. Mas Morimoto, Shig

Nakashima, Bert Tanaka.

#### TWO CENTRAL CAL CLERS REVEAL ENGAGEMENT

SELMA.—Mrs. Otokichi Otomo announced the engagement of her daughter Ethel to Kenji Tashiro of Orosi at a dinner last night at Bruce's Lodge. Wedding is expected sometime in April-May.

Both are active JACLers, Kenji being national 1000 Club chairman and Ethel having served in the CCDC cabinet and chapter posts.

#### Toastmaster Club

SAN FRANCISCO.—An organizational meeting of a JACL-sponsored Toastmaster Club has been called for the local JACL Office this Monday. Jerry Enomoto, Mo Noguchi and Yone Satoda, who are in charge, said the club is open to women also.

#### JAPANESE MENU DEMONSTRATION SET

SAN FRANCISCO.—A cooking demonstration by Mrs. Kikuye Yamate will highlight the March activity for the local JACL Auxiliary at the San Francisco Buddhist Church, Mar. 26, 7:30 p.m. Sumi Utsumi, chairman, said "Planning a Japanese Menu" will be the theme.



# VERY TRULY YOURS:

Nisei veteran  
makes front page

For a community like Seattle, where its Nisei veterans are well organized and known, the front page box story in the morning paper must have been a bitter pill to taste. A Nisei vet was sentenced up to 15 years at Walla Walla prison for a theft which only netted him \$10. He had stolen a \$1,500 ring from a parked car. He was suspected of previous car prowling cases and was on probation already on a federal forgery charge.

The man is a college graduate, 32 years old, and should have known better. He can't be dismissed as a juvenile delinquent.

Some may have the immediate impression that the Nisei are in the throes of further integration—even within a state penitentiary now.

But the point of this incident, altogether tragic and discomfoting, is found in the explanation made to the court by the Nisei: "Lack of foresight." There is no hint he was sorry for having committed a crime. A story of this kind we seldom see on a front page. It doesn't appear to be PC's province to reprint it. But if the moral tone of one Nisei can set a reminder for others—that a good citizen not only votes but also keeps the laws—then, we feel justified.

We even detect the pernicious thinking among criminals drifting into the masses that it's O.K. to break laws so long as you don't get caught. And people wonder why juvenile delinquency is on the rise.

— Harry K. Honda.

## By the board—

From Front Page

international affairs to the extent of aiding Japanese foreign trade or the economic development of Japan?" The conversation then discussed more mundane questions of imported tuna and textiles and JACL's position in regard to those items.

Still no one had the foresight to visualize the Changing Perspectives and to ascertain the direction of it.

The conversation drifted to other matters.

I merely report what I heard.

— David Yokozeki

PSWDC Chairman

## Busy start for Monterey Peninsula CL, auxiliary and Boy Scouts calendared

MONTEREY.—The first quarter of Monterey Peninsula JACL's calendar proved to be a busy start for the chapter, its women's auxiliary and chapter-sponsored Boy Scout Troop 47.

At the installation festivities at Mark Thomas Inn, Dr. Harry Kita, veteran JACler from Salinas, swore in Hoshito "Oyster" Miyamoto as chapter president and Auxiliary co-presidents Shiz Torabayashi and Margaret Satow.

Other chapter officers inducted were Kei Nakamura, v.p.; Ishio Enokida, sec.; Mas Yokogawa, treas.; Junko Watanabe, rec. sec.; Paul Ichijui, Yoshio Satow, pub.; Elsie Katahira, hist.; George Kodama, 1000 Club; Paul Ichijui, Clifford Nakajima, Tad Ogawa, del.; Mush Higashi, Jimmie Tabata, social; John Ishizuka, Boy Scout inst. rep.; Kay Nobusada, JACL Boy Scout Troop 47 rep.

Other Auxiliary officers are Dorothy Suzuki, sec.; Ida Shintani, treas.; Takeko Enokida, hist.; Mamie Honda, Sunshine Girl rep.

Kay Nobusada served as evening m.c. Dr. Joseph Blacow of Monterey Peninsula College was guest speaker. Retiring head man George Kodama was presented with his past president's pin. Nearly 100 attended.

The Auxiliary is participating in the current Red Cross drive. Mrs. Ida Shintani, chairman, is being assisted by Mmes. George Uyeda,

Hideo Yamashita, George Nakashima, Jack Ninomiya, Kaz Su-  
Yo Tabata, William Torabayashi, Ray Suzuki, Yoshio Satow and Miss Elsie Katahira.

The chapter is especially proud of the fact that Mrs. James Tabata, an active JACler, is a member of the local board of directors of the national American Red Cross.

The Auxiliary is planning a house tour and tea at the home of Mrs. Virginia Stanton in Carmel Valley on Apr. 14, 3 p.m. She is the party editor for House Beautiful magazine and wife of the noted architect Robert Stanton. Mrs. Shiz Torabayashi is chairing this event, assisted by Mmes. Ruby Tabata, refreshment; Yoshiko Miyamoto, Evelyn Ogawa, transp.; Nancy Nakajima, Lily Manaka and Amy Nobusada, gifts.

The chapter honored six Eagle Scouts of Troop 47 during its installation dinner. Introduced were Yo Tanimoto, John Sanda, Tom Hatano, Gen Nishiguchi, Fred Nishiguchi and Richard Stowers.

William Lidderdale, district representative, was special guest. Scoutmaster Mike Sanda, who has been with the troop the past five years, was commended for his remarkable work with the boys. He will join two other scoutmasters from the Monterey Bay Council (Monterey, Salinas, Watsonville and Santa Cruz) to lead a delega-

## TOMIZO JOE NAMED LONG BEACH C.L. HEAD

LONG BEACH.—Tomizo Joe was named 1957 president of the Long Beach-Harbor District JACL at a special meeting of the chapter cabinet and board at the Harbor Community Center last Monday. He succeeds Easy Fujimoto, who served as chapter president for 1955 and 1956. A full slate of cabinet officers will be selected by the president, an innovation permitted in the chapter by-laws.

Present at the meeting were George Mio, Mas Narita, Fred Ikeguchi, Haj Fukumoto, Dr. David Miura, Easy Fujimoto and Tats Kishida.

The new president, popularly known as "Blow" among his many friends, is married to the former Sue Takimoto and has two children.

## So. Alameda County CL hears San Jose attorney

FREMONT.—S. Stephen Nakashima, San Jose Nisei attorney, was guest speaker at the general meeting of Southern Alameda County JACL last Friday at the Warm Springs Grammar School.

Kaz Shikano was chairman of the meeting at which Nakashima explained taxes, wills and social security.

tion to the scouts world jamboree to be held this July at Valley Forge, Pa.

## Gardena Valley CL installation set

GARDENA.—Dr. Roy M. Nishikawa, JACL national president, will induct officers of the Gardena Valley chapter at their second annual installation dance Mar. 30, 8 p.m., at the local Japanese Community Center. It was announced by Sally Sato and Yoshio Kobata, co-chairmen.

Frank Kuida, president, will be assisted by Ed Nakamura, 1st v.p.; Yo Minami, 2nd v.p.; Sam Tanihara, 3rd v.p.; Ronald Shiozaki, treas.; Dorothy Dohi, rec. sec.; Alice Tsukahara, cor. sec.; Tom Tsukamoto, aud.; Mary Yoshimura, pub.-hist.; and Yoshio Kobata, 1000 Club.

Also serving on the board are Ryo Komae, Ken Nakaoka, Dr. John Koyama (3-yr. terms), Sally Sato, T. Yamauchi, Sam Minami, Tom Miyawaki (2-yr. terms), Paul Koga, Ray Takayama, Fred Fukawa, K. Kuida (1-yr.).

Joe Sakai's combo will furnish the dance music. Special entertainment is being planned by the students of the Crandell Dance studio of Gardena, according to Ed Nakamura, in charge of the social hour. Other committeemen include Mmes. Tom Tsukamoto, Yoshio Kobata, Anthony Sato, refreshments; Mrs. Tom Nakaoki, decorations; and Albert Dohi, reception.

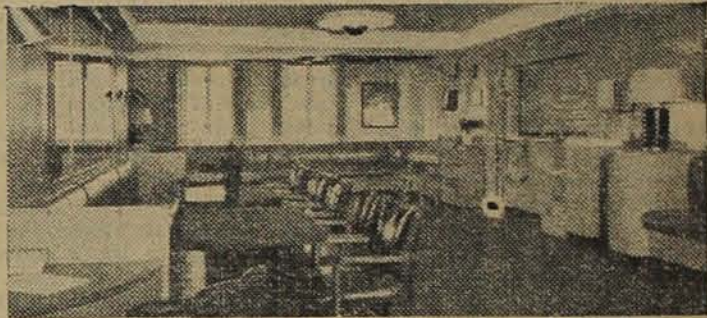
The public is cordially invited, chapter officials declared.

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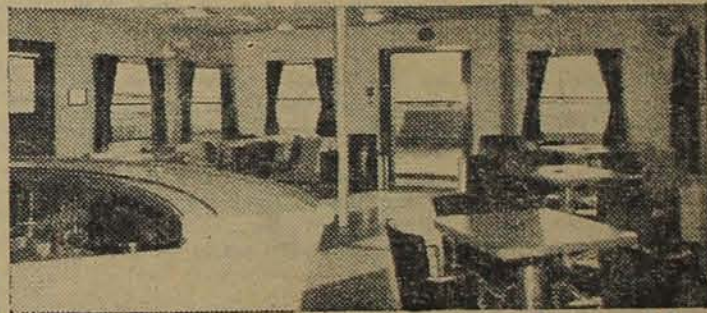
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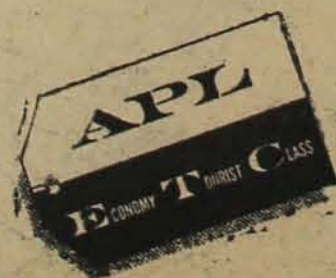
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## THE NORTHWEST PICTURE

By Elmer Ogawa

### Memories Mixed Up

Seattle

THE IMPRESSIONS of childhood, and the memories of these impressions play tricks on us mortals over the long stretch of the years, we have found out. In going over the records we found out that Admiral Togo's celebrated visit and the visit of the Japanese fleet were two separate events although but a few months apart, so please excuse the rotten memory of a mixed up kid.

COUNT ADMIRAL Heihachiro Togo left Japan on April 12, 1911, for a tour of Europe and America by ship and train, and made Seattle his last stop before sailing for Japan on Aug. 29. Some of his eastern visits were at Annapolis where the Naval Academy had a number of Japanese guest students, and Washington, Philadelphia, and New York.

His itinerary did not include Seattle at all, but Chamber of Commerce president J. D. Lowman and leaders of the Japanese community petitioned the powers that be to help arrange the Admiral's visit since he was passing through nearby Vancouver, B.C. It was arranged, and the preparations and ballyhoo went on for weeks.

The greatest battle was, of course, the Battle of Tsushima Strait which climaxed the Russo-Japanese conflict of 1904-05. Japanese armies had advanced through North Korea, across the Yalu and into Manchuria. Other forces had taken the military and naval garrisons at Dairen and Port Arthur, and effected a joining of forces at the important South Manchurian Railway junction of Mukden.

The main Russian fleet under Admiral Rojestvensky sailed from the Baltic to swing the balance of power in the Far East. Admiral Togo's fleet waited patiently, apparently having the better of the intelligence situation, and when they met at Tsushima Strait, the onesided battle lasted but overnight and the destruction of the Russian task force was complete.

SO, HERO Togo was acclaimed all over the world, and the world tour six years later found its lusty conclusion at Seattle. Leading citizens of Seattle and its Japanese community escorted the Admiral and his party from Vancouver to Seattle. The pictures in the papers showed that a double line of Nisei kids dressed in white formed a lane from the train to the street, and the Admiral and aides rode in an open car with Mayor G. W. Dilling, surrounded by six mounted policemen in Keystone cop helmets. It was said that there were 5,000 Japanese on hand to give voice to the greeting, and among the distinguished Japanese greeters were merchant prince S. Ban of Portland and potato king George Shima of California.

The front page also reproduced Admiral Togo's message to the men of the fleet, written in bold strokes of the Kanji characters, and translated it read, "The rise or fall of the Empire depends on this one fight. Everyone should do his best."

The Seattle papers described the naval hero as "quiet, modest and unassuming", acknowledging the plaudits with silent bows, the very kind of a personality they would expect such a hero to be.

A special get-together with the Japanese community was cancelled at the Admiral's request, but there were receptions at the Rainier Club, banquet at the New Washington Hotel. "Kamiga-yo" and the "Star Spangled Banner" were played in violation of protocol (if you get what I mean) and right up until the time of the sailing of the Samba Maru the next day, from the accounts of the number of toasts that were drunk, it was perhaps just as well that the Admiral's party passed up one function.

AND THERE was also the horse; an immense specimen of a pedigreed Percheron which was presented to Admiral Togo on the decks of the Samba Maru the day of departure. The horse was named "Togo" for he was foaled at the stables of the late Capt. Pabst of Milwaukee, the very day the news of the great victory was received, so the story goes. Former State Senator Fred J. Kiesel of Ogden, Utah, had raised the horse, and was here personally to present the 1,950-lb. (\$4,000) stallion to the Admiral. He told how knights of France in their heavy armor and chain mail which covered both rider and horse, rode these Percherons, and a lot more. "Beautiful, beautiful," said the Admiral as he patted the horse's flank, "I appreciate the gift very much."

Thousands had gathered along the waterfront and on the hills overlooking Elliot Bay to see the departure, but the intended circling of the bay by the Samba Maru before it put to sea, was cancelled because the harbor was too full of assorted craft and an accident would be ungood.

So the Maru ship steamed straight down the bay, pursued by the speedy Sound steamer Sioux which had been chartered by Japanese businessmen. They tagged along for quite a piece up Puget Sound, and returned at their leisure.

This 47 year old account is a bit sketchy but anyway it appears the oldtimers were no slouches when it came to cooking up a whingding.

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## JACL OLYMPICS DATE SCHEDULED, PLACE UNDECIDED

SAN FRANCISCO.—The San Francisco JACL officials are understood to be making plans for their fifth annual JACL Nisei Olympics.

The local chapter's program committee is expected to call a meeting shortly to organize a group to handle the meet.

This track and field meet will probably be held on Sunday, June 9, if the customary system of choosing a date for the meet is followed. The last four meets have been held on the weekend following the state CIF high school track and field championships. This year, the CIF meet will be held at U.C.'s Edwards field in Berkeley on Saturday, June 1.

Heretofore, the meet has always been held at famed Kezar stadium but there was still some question as to the site of this year's event.

Art Whittemore, Kezar manager, announced that work began last week on a \$94,600 renovation program for Kezar stadium and pavilion.

Painting of the pavilion has started and work on the other projects are set to begin in June, Whittemore said.

The JACL committee is expected to get in touch with Whittemore sometime this month to find out if the stadium will be available for the annual meet.

## OVERTIME THRILLER WON BY LUCKY DOKS FOR STATE CAGE TITLE

BERKELEY.—It took an overtime period for the Lucky Doks, So. Calif. NAU champions, to win the state Nisei basketball title from the host San Francisco Protos, No. Calif. NAU leaders, in a 66-64 thriller here last Sunday.

Dick Nagai, erstwhile USC cager, sunk a free throw with 10 seconds left in the game, making the score read 60-58 in Proto's favor. Calling a timeout to work out the strategy, the West L.A. squad decided Nagai, who wound up high point man of the game with 27 points, would deliberately miss the second toss by hitting the lip of the hoop and it worked.

The ball fell into the arms of guard Harry Kimura who stepped back and sunk the tying score.

Lucky Doks won the Southland title with a 10-0 record, defended their state title for the second straight year and held the same crown back in 1952. The North has won 6 of the 11 intersectional affairs. The Protos are three-time losers in their bid for state honors.

Kabo Suto paced the Protos with 17 points.

## State prep mat champ

TEMPE, Ariz.—Tom Tadano of Glendale High won the state prep 103-lb. wrestling title in the championship matches here Mar. 8-9. He was runner-up last year. Dick Fukuchi of Scottsdale High, in the same division, was pinned down in the quarter-finals.

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## SLC invitational series Mar. 28-30

SALT LAKE CITY.—Entries in the 22nd annual Nisei Invitational basketball tournament were a well-guarded secret earlier this week, as acceptance of invited teams was not then known.

Dr. Shig Matsukawa, tournament committee chairman, did say the SLC Invitational would be held on Mar. 28-30 at Univ. of Utah field house.

(Los Angeles's JATB Travelers, according to the Shinichi Bei, will represent Southern California in the tournament and will be one of the favored teams. Northern California is to be represented by a Berkeley aggregation—the Nissei. There is also talk of a Denver, Canadian and Chicago teams as well as a local squad to round out the schedule.)

A talent show and tournament queen contest will tip off the weekend affair at a welcome mixer Mar. 27 at Ladies's Literary hall.

## CO. B, 100TH INFANTRY REUNION PLANNED

First reunion of former Co. B, 100th Infantry personnel is being planned in the near future. Persons interested should see Chick Furuye, 2712 W. Jefferson Blvd., Los Angeles (RE 2-9155).

## COLORADO QUEEN

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## TV personality guest speaker at UCL meeting

MINNEAPOLIS.—Arlie Haeberle, WCCO-TV woman's director, will speak on her recent visit to Russia at the Twin Cities UCL meeting Mar. 29, 7:30 p.m., at the J.A. Center. She will show slides depicting life behind the Iron Curtain.

## CORTEZ FISHING DERBY

Seio Masuda, Windy Kajioka and Shin Sugiura were named winners of the 1956 Cortez JACL "members only" fishing derby.

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## DEATHS

BABAOKA, Shizuo, 59: Pasadena, Jan. 27—(w) Haruyo, (s) Minoru, Shigetomi, Jun Okamoto, (d) Aiko, Mrs. Shizuyo Teshima.

ETO, Kinjiro, Harbor City, Feb. 10—(w) Toki, (s) Taro, Keiji, (d) Mmes. Tazuko Morihisa, Mariko Mori.

FUJINO, Jemiro, 76: Los Angeles, Jan. 30—(w) Sho.

FURUKAWA, Tatsuzo, 82: Los Angeles, Jan. 29—(w) Nisao, (s) Richard I. Masamichi, George T. Frank E. Mutsuo.

HIRATA, Saketji, 75: Pasadena, Jan. 25—(s) Akira, Shigeru, Peter T. HIGASHI, Yotaro, 85: Los Angeles—(s) Akitoshi, Keiji, Fukuji, (d) Masave, Mmes. Natsuko Hori, Tokio Kiyomura.

HISAMUNE, Hanako, 28: Los Angeles, Jan. 24—(m) Yoneyo, (b) Toshio, Charles H. Masaru, (s) Mrs. Marie S. Tanaka.

ISHIMOTO, Shojiro, 76: Overton, Nev., Jan. 30—(w) Kuma, (s) George, William, (d) Mrs. Donna Shreze.

IWAO, Yasuo, 78: Los Angeles, Jan. 27.

KAMEI, Toranosuke, 65: Garden Grove, Jan. 31—(w) Shizu, (s) Henry, Minoru, Hiroshi, Kiyoshi, (d) Mmes. Tomiko Wada, Kiyoko Nakamura, Miyoko Matsubara, Matsuko Gyotoku, and (p) Mr. & Mrs. Tomekusu.

KANO, George Y., 39: Los Angeles, Feb. 10—(m) Chiyeiko, (b) Henry H. Tom K.

KOSAKA, Hatsue, 36: Long Beach, Feb. 13—(h) Joe T., (s) Ken, (d) Toyomi.

KUNO, Gontaro, 82: Los Angeles, Feb. 5.

MATSUNO, Frances T., 6: Los Angeles, Jan. 30—(p) Mr. & Mrs. Kaname, (b) Alvin, Kenny.

MORI, Tokutaro, 62: Long Beach, Feb. 4—(w) Hatsuno, (s) Sam I. Susumu, Bob A., (d) Misayo, Misuyo, Mrs. Yoshiko Hanaoka.

NAKAZAWA, Roy T., 28: Los Angeles, Jan. 31—(w) Helene, (b) Eddie H., (p) Mr. & Mrs. Takamitsu.

NISHIKAWA, Yoyozuchi, 73: Torrance, Jan. 19—(w) Nobu, (s) Minoru, Hiroshi J., (d) Mmes. Ayako Tonaka, Kinue Muramoto, Tokio Yamamoto.

NISHIKAWA, Yoshihisa, 68: Pomona, Jan. 34.

NOZAKI, Yuki, 62: Los Angeles, Feb. 8—(h) Matsuko, (s) Masao, Tom, Jimmie, (d) Hatsuko, Ruby, Noriko, Mrs. Miyoko Nishimoto.

OHNO, Ella, 25: Los Angeles, Jan. 31—(h) Kojiro.

OKADA, Eihiro, 85: Dinuba, Feb. 24—(s) Ichiro, Hiroshi.

OKUDA, Mrs. El, 77: Gardena, Feb. 7—(s) Takaichi, Kunichi.

SADAMURA, Hideo, 35: Los Angeles, Feb. 14—(w) Mae, (s) William Hideo, Bobby Kenji, (d) Susan, (p) Mr. & Mrs. Aritaro, (b) Yukio, (s) Mmes. Sumiko Yamabe, Sanaye Nakao.

SAITO, Hamae, 62: Los Angeles, Feb.

4—(h) Kiichi, (s) Kazuo, Shozo, (d) Mrs. Mary T. Tominaga.

SASAKI, Daijiro, 74: Los Angeles, Feb. 25—(w) Tada, (s) Makoto, Nobuo and (d) Katherine.

SHISHIDO, Chozo, 57: Los Angeles, Jan. 20—(w) Kazume, (s) Tameo, Yoshio T. Sakaguchi.

SUYEDA, Paul M., 36: North Hollywood, Feb. 14—(w) Alice Kiyoko, (s) Stanley, Richard, Robert (d) Gail, (p) Bunichi.

TAKECHI, Edith T., 53: Glendale, Feb. 2—(h) Alfred M., (s) Harry H., (d) Mmes. Ruth T. Yamauchi, Frances A. Yamamoto.

TAKEHISHI, Hachitaro, 76: Los Angeles, Feb. 16—(w) Hinayo, (s) Masaru, (d) Mmes. Yayeno Taneda, Satoyo Ono.

TAMURA, Mrs. Katsuno: San Fernando, Feb. 6—(s) Berry N., Jimmy H., George M.

TAMURA, Uchitaro, 83: Los Angeles, Jan. 31—(w) Shiye, (s) Yoshizumi, (d) Mrs. Mutsuko Kitasako.

TSUKAHIRA, Frank K., 76: Los Angeles.

WAKATSUKI, Ko: Campbell, Feb. 1—(w) Riku, (s) Bell, Willie, Ray, Kiyoshi, (d) May, Jennie, Mmes. Fumiko Nishikawa, Frances Nishida, Masako Takade, Teruko Katayama.

YAMASHITA, Kuni, 70: Los Angeles, Feb. 19—(h) Genroku, (s) George Yoshiaki, Henry Yoshio, (d) Lily Aiko, Mrs. Mary Masako Doi.

YANO, Hideo, 39: Los Angeles, Jan. 24—(w) Fumie, children Stanley, Michi, (b) Peter, Farrow, Ted, Thomas, (s) Mmes. Tomiko Tamura, Ruby Nakasako, Tomoko Neishi.

## Permanent home for Korean tyke sought by couple

Chung Kyoo Pyo, five-year-old Korean orphan, has, despite his tender age, achieved considerable prominence and publicity. Chung, better known as Sam, is the irrepressible little scene-stealer in the current Universal Pictures release "Battle Hymn". He is the subject of an interesting article in the Feb. 25 issue of Life magazine.

In the movie, Sam portrays his real life role as a child in the orphanage founded by Colonel Dean Hess (Rock Hudson) at Cheju, Korea.

While filming the picture in Los Angeles, Sam, an extremely personable and charming tyke, caught the eye of Harold and Terry Friar, a childless American couple, who live in Inglewood, Calif. They have taken Sam into their hearts and home and hope to adopt him. The law firm of George Maruya and David Yokozeki has been engaged by the Friars to effectuate the adoption and to clarify Sam's status with the immigration authorities.

The case has aroused the interest of Rep. Cecil R. King, who, on Mar. 7, introduced a private bill in Congress in order to achieve for Sam the status of a permanent resident.

Sam enjoys the distinction of being the youngest foreign student in the United States by virtue of his enrollment in the kindergarten at the Juan de Anza Elementary School in Hawthorne.

## 9-YR. CUB PINS

Mr. and Mrs. Ben Nagai of Atwater (Merced County) were honored with nine-year service pins at the Cub Pack 129-C meeting recently.

## English class sign-up

Two East L.A. JACLers, M. Hori and Sam Furuta, are organizing adult evening classes in basic English for those of Japanese extraction, to be held on Wednesdays at Roosevelt High School. Pre-registration will be at Tenrikyo Hall, Mar. 27, 7:30 p.m. Mrs. Yuri Moriwaki, who teaches English to foreign students at Hollywood and Los Angeles high schools, will be instructor.

## JACL JOINS WOMEN VOTERS IN ELECTION RALLY

East Los Angeles JACL co-sponsored a meeting presenting candidates for the L.A. city board of education offices last Tuesday with the League of Women Voters. Grace Murakami, ELA JACler, served on the screen committee. Both organizations are non-partisan in the approach to politics.

## WEST L.A. BRIDGE CLUB ATTRACTS 45 STUDENTS

Hisashi Horita and Koya Iwamoto are instructing 45 beginners and advanced players at the West L.A. Bridge Club, which meets again at the WLA Buddhist Church basement Mar. 23.

## SORORITY ALUMNAE BRIDGE WINNERS NAMED

David Nitake - Dr. Kats Uba (north-south) and Pat Nagai-Marian Uyematsu (east-west) were declared winners of the Chi Alpha Delta benefit duplicate bridge tournament last Sunday. Proceeds of the benefit will be used to provide a scholarship for a Nisei freshman entering UCLA next fall, it was pointed out by Mrs. Frances Kitagawa, chairman.

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## LOS ANGELES NEWSLETTER

By Henry Mori

## 1957 Nisei Week

**FIRST ANNOUNCEMENT** that we are again going to have a Nisei Week Festival this August came last week from the Li'l Tokio Retail Merchants Association, sponsors of the annual event. The dates on the 17th annual affair are Aug. 17 to 25, covering two Saturdays and Sundays. As far as the format is concerned, the committee in charge hasn't done too much in a way of innovations.

You practically don't even have to juggle last year's calendar of events to find out what's going on, besides the addition of a two-night talent show by Nisei and Sansei artists. The coronation ball, of course, draws the top choice for the younger set to enjoy an evening of dancing and to witness the crowning of a new queen for the year.

There are also the flower arrangement and the tea ceremony demonstrations which attract the women folk who thirst for more cultural knowledge of the Japanese arts. The ondo parade and the carnival are gay events enjoyed by the young and the old. But even these could become rather stereotyped to the ones who have already seen one week's run of the festival.

**IT'S BEEN** our private thinking that somehow public participation is left out every time we attend these programs. The mere fact you down an extra bowl of noodles in Li'l Tokio after the ondo parade has passed by could be an inviting experience.

But that can be done most any night while browsing around and window-shopping in Li'l Tokio streets. Bet your bottom dollar any customer would be tickled pink if he could get a souvenir key chain or a fan after visiting some of the stores on First and San Pedro Sts. They may even act as reminders to come again next year.

Would a sponsorship of an outing on one of the Sundays be too far fetched? Whenever a JACL group holds a convention, a picnic seems to go hand in hand. That might have influenced our idea based on public participation.

Having a baby show is a fine thing. It swells the parents' ego to have their offspring enter competition and see them come home with a certificate of good health or a card identifying the kid as having a perfect set of teeth.

In conjunction with the selection of "Mr. and Mrs. Pioneer" during the Issei Night Program, might not a "Business Man of the Year" be added? Or, would this cause too much commotion in the matter of picking out the eligibles? By the way, it was Mr. and Mrs. Gongoro Nakamura who won last year's title of "Mr. and Mrs. Pioneer". Nakamura is an active member of the Downtown L.A. JACL chapter and a strong 1000 Club supporter.

**BIGWIGS ON** the Nisei Week Festival board have said the celebrations in past years have not been money-makers. Adding new events would be asking for bigger headaches and shortage of volunteer help confounds the situation all the more, to their way of thinking. So, the merchants have numbed themselves with the same old ways this coming August.

But we think it's possible to incorporate new twists each year. There is room for vast improvement. Nisei Week has that quality of community goodwill and public relations at a level, which can surpass what most merchants and Nisei social groups could never attain by themselves.

## NAT'L DIRECTOR'S REPORT: by Masao Satow

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preparation. The Tournament souvenir program made up by Gene Takei was one of the most attractive we have had. . . A special word of thanks to Richard Yamashiro, a jeweler by profession, who brought his engraving tools to the alleys and engraved all the trophies with the names of the winners in time for the awards. . . Jug Takeshita who handled the men's events stayed on with his job despite an illness which prevented him from bowling. . . Sumi Sasaki must have noted the low scores coming in while assisting day after day in the tabulating room, for she went out on the alleys and punched out the first 600 series in her life to take the women's singles. . . Hank Yamashiro, Tournament Treasurer, really guarded the money with his life with the exception of a nice cut for taking second in the ragtime doubles.

Every one of the 15 teams from Hawaii was a champion of its respective league. We understand that the leagues are set up in the fall as JACL leagues with the understanding that the champion wins a trip to the JACL Nationals. . . Chiyo Tashima wrenched her back on the sticky runway in the ragtime doubles, but like the true champion that she is, made no alibis, shrugged it off as a bad day, still managed to take home a share of the prize money. . . The queen attendants Mary Yeda, Julie Sugita and Sumi Shimada, also participated as bowlers. . . Credit Frank De Barbrie, San Carlos Bowl proprietor and good friend of the Nisei, with an assist in Rich Namba's sweeper victory with effective sideline coaching. When Fuzzy Shimada rolled his 300 at San Carlos before Nisei were eligible for ABC, Frank saw to it that he was given official recognition. . . Judy Seki of Los Angeles had everyone buzzing as she went into her fourth game of the sweeper with a three game 650. . . The unofficial tournament high game was hit at 9:30 in the morning as Hid Hasegawa of Idaho Falls started the first game of the sweeper with a spare, banged out eight in a row and spared out for 268. Was nice to see Kayko Matsumoto, a little gal who throws a mean ball, place in the women's sweeper. Kayko assists National JACL President Dr. Roy Nishikawa with his correspondence.

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## WASHINGTON NEWSLETTER By Mike Masaoka

### Del. Burns of Hawaii

Washington

John A. Burns is the first Democrat to represent the Territory of Hawaii as its non-voting Delegate to the Congress in some 20 years. To this responsibility, he brings a reputation for determination and a legend for friendship with his fellow Americans of Japanese ancestry.

A youngish looking 48, tallish and spare, his primary objective in Washington is to secure statehood for the Territory he represents. As a matter of fact, the first bill he introduced was for that purpose. And, ever since, every waking moment has been devoted to that end.

As a member of the Honolulu Police Department, he witnessed the attack on Pearl Harbor, Dec. 7, 1941. As a police lieutenant in charge of the espionage and counter-intelligence bureau, his cooperation with the FBI and the military and naval intelligence agencies in security matters won written commendations from the highest quarters.

Because those in charge of security problems in Hawaii were aware of the loyalty of Americans of Japanese ancestry to the land of their birth and were not swayed by the prejudices of the moment and the economic possibilities of evacuation, the Japanese in Hawaii were not as mistreated as were their fellow Americans on the west coast. And one of the big reasons for the sanity that prevailed was Jack Burns.

Born at Fort Assiniboine, Mont., March 30, 1909, he received his education in Honolulu and Kansas schools, was graduated from St. Louis high school and attended the Univ. of Hawaii.

A police officer in the City and County of Honolulu, Oahu, Hawaii, he attained the rank of captain before he retired in 1945 to engage in his own investment and real estate business.

When the Democratic Party in Hawaii was at its lowest ebb some few years ago, he became active in its revitalization and today is given credit for the unprecedented achievement that the Democrats control not only the Territorial Legislature but also the Delegateship.

He was among those most responsible for interesting and encouraging the young Nisei war heroes of the 100th, the 442nd, and G-2 on their return to their homeland to join and participate in the Democratic Party. He saw to it that they were given responsible party posts and that they were provided opportunities to run for political offices at all levels.

Probably more than any other single individual he is responsible for disproving the Republican boast that Hawaii is a one party area, and that party is the GOP.

Delegate Burns won in his third try for the only territorial-wide elective post in the Islands. In 1948, he ran against the late Delegate Joseph R. Farrington only because he felt that the Democratic Party should be entered in the elections. In 1952, he tried again—this time against Delegate Farrington's widow, Betty—and lost by less than 900 votes. Last November, he defeated Mrs. Farrington by more than 16,000 votes, thereby crowning his ten year struggle to build up the Democratic Party from a token political party to the winning one.

As Delegate to the Congress, he is a member of the Interior and Insular Affairs Committee, the Armed Forces Committee, and the Agriculture Committee—all three having much to do with Hawaii's status and economy.

Since Hawaii is a Territory, the Interior and Insular Affairs Committee has jurisdiction over most legislation relating to these Pacific Islands, including the all-important question of statehood. As the Pacific bastion of this country, the Armed Forces Committee with jurisdiction over military, naval, and air force activities has much to do with Hawaii. And, with agriculture the principal industry of the Islands, membership on the Agriculture Committee is vital to her economy.

As a Delegate, he does not have the right to vote, either in Committee or on the floor. But he does have the privilege of introducing bills and speaking out, both in Committee and in the House Chamber.

To illustrate the racial composition of the population and the harmony in which all work and live together, his office is staffed by Japanese Americans, a Hawaiian American, and a Caucasian American.

The character of the new Delegate is best revealed by his selfless devotion to his wife, Beatrice Majors Van Vleet, who has been a victim of polio for more than two decades and even today is confined to a wheelchair. Her appreciation for the kind of man he is was expressed in a touching tribute she paid him at a dinner at which her husband announced his candidacy in the last campaign.

Aside from his background in public life, she said, in part, there are the "qualities of spirit" which "I think Jack possesses to a unique degree. As most of you know, I had polio over 20 years ago. Since then Jack has borne the extra burden which comes to any household when one of its members—one of its partners—is unable to carry a full share.

"You know how courageously and well he has fulfilled these obligations. . . . It is this long-standing pattern of service to others which had its beginning in his own home. . . . that has made him into the dedicated person that he is today."

The father of three children—John, Jr., a graduate of Notre Dame University and Marquette University, and a teacher at the Univ. of Chicago, Mary Elizabeth, a senior at Mount St. Scholastica College, Atchison, Kan., and James, attending St. Benedict's College, also at Atchison—he was active in community affairs and also served as Honolulu Civilian Defense Administrator from 1951 to 1955.

Delegate Burns has no illusions about the difficulties of securing statehood for Hawaii, but with that determination and spirit that has characterized his life he is going about his job. "And, if anyone can do it, he will" is the assessment of

## Gov't objects to recommended decision of hearing examiner allowing pre-war exchange rate for 17,000 yen debt claims

WASHINGTON. — The Office of Alien Property has filed exceptions and objections to the recommendation that claims based on pre-war yen deposits in the Yokohama Specie and Sumitomo banks should be repaid as of the Dec. 8, 1941, exchange rate.

The recommendation was made by an independent hearing examiner, George W. Carr, the Washington Office of the Japanese American Citizens League was informed by the Dept. of Justice.

Last Jan. 31, Carr issued a recommended decision in the so-called yen debt claims case that the Office of Alien Property, under jurisdiction of the Justice Department, repay yen certificate claims in dollars at 23.4 cents per yen, the exchange rate presumably prevailing on Dec. 8, 1941.

The Office of Alien Property insists that the exchange rate should be the current rate of 269 yen to every dollar, and it is on this basis that the exceptions and objections were filed earlier this month.

At the prewar rate, some \$54 million would be involved, while

at the current postwar rate only \$615,000 would be repaid.

Some 17,000 claims have been timely filed by resident persons of Japanese ancestry for repayment of their yen debt claims. The Alien Property Office has only \$14,500,000 in liquidated Yokohama Bank proceeds, and only \$1,500,000 in liquidated Sumitomo Bank proceeds.

As explained to the Washington JACL office, since the Office of Alien Property has filed exceptions and objections to the recommended decision, attorneys for the claimants have been invited to file briefs replying to the government position.

The director of the Office of Alien Property, Assistant Attorney General Dallas Townsend will consider the arguments and documentation presented by the government attorneys and those for the claimants and then issue his decision which may, or may not, be reviewed by the Attorney General of the United States.

Regardless of the final administrative determination, it is anticipated that an appeal will be made

by one party or the other to the courts, with possibly the United States Supreme Court being called upon for the ultimate judgment.

The Office of Alien Property was unable to give the Washington JACL office any idea as to when the administration decision by the assistant attorney general in charge of the Office of Alien Property would be made available, but indicated that it would probably be "quite some time."

## Citizenship—

Continued from Front Page prepared for the purpose of reviewing his renunciation.

This particular affidavit, according to Justice Department officials is not so complicated and technical that an attorney is absolutely necessary. The questions are presented in order that the government may determine whether the renunciation in fact is valid or not. Only ten major questions are asked, although some of the questions have more than one part.

When the Nisei applicant has filled in his affidavit, he must have it notarized before he returns it to his nearest Immigration and Naturalization Service office.

According to Assistant Attorney General Doub, as reported in Los Angeles and San Francisco, attorneys are not needed for this administrative procedure and renunciants who have retained attorneys or even been joined in law suits to determine their status may, on their own, avail themselves of this Immigration and Naturalization Service procedure.

Newspaper reports quote Doub as saying that in his opinion this administrative procedure is the simplest and the least expensive method to determine the validity of their renunciation. Doub is also quoted as estimating that more than 90 per cent of those who are still in this country and who apply for this administrative relief will be restored their United States citizenship.

Once the affidavit is properly filled, it is sent to the Japanese Claims Section of the Department of Justice which reviews the case and recommends whether in its judgment the specific renunciation is valid or not. This information is sent to the nearest Immigration and Naturalization office which then in writing notifies the applicant renunciant whether he must continue to register as an alien or not.

If he is informed that he is no longer required under the law to register as an alien it means that his renunciation in the eyes of the government was invalid and that, therefore, he is a citizen.

## Immigration changes sought by U.S. Chinese as nat'l organization lauded

OAKLAND.—The Oakland Tribune editorially supported the voice of more than 130,000 Chinese Americans who met recently in Washington, D.C., to organize a citizens group similar to the Japanese American Citizens League.

On Mar. 12, under the heading of "Chinese Speak Up", the editorial said, "They deserve all the support they can get to have that mortgage amortized and retired".

The "mortgage" refers to the backlog of refugees of communist-invaded China. As cited in the editorial, the primary purpose of the organizational caucus of some 125 leaders of Chinese communities in the United States and Hawaii was to seek changes in what the Chinese Americans have found to be outmoded and discriminatory immigration laws. They laid their cases before several members of Congress and the State Department, the editorial added, and received in return assurances their pleas would receive attention.

"But it will require more than help of a few congressmen to overcome restrictions in current immigration laws which are based on the patterns of Chinese immigration of a century ago and not on the circumstances today," the editorial pointed out.

"The Chinese, who have themselves suffered from communist oppression, or their families back home, over a longer period of time than any other nationality on earth, are justified in feeling bitter when they see the immigration quota for their race limited to 105 a year, while those from European countries are in the thousands. As they pointed out, due to the number of Chinese abroad who have applied, a mortgage has been placed on that quota for years to come," the editorial commented.

The Pacific Citizen learned last week that some 200 delegates from Chinese benevolent associations in 34 U.S. cities formed a national association.

## 'This Is Your Life' Tales

(Tales of "This Is Your Life" featuring Mike Masaoka are still in circulation. The latest is gleaned from the "Go For Broke" March bulletin of the 442nd Veterans Club of Hawaii, reaching the Pacific Citizen desk this past week. Excerpts are from Sherwood Dixon's annual report in the bulletin's "Mail Call" column. —Editor.)

Dixon, Ill.

Mike Masaoka, JACL 1217 Hurley Wright Building, 18th & Pennsylvania Ave. N.W., Washington 6, D.C. I'm a fellow who can take my TV or leave it alone, but I took and liked it the night of Mike's show. All of us who saw it were as proud as his mother must have been. General Pence, Sen. Itagaki and Capt. Hawkins were among the supporting cast.

I remember when Joe Itagaki broke his leg, and the nasty story that went around. It was said that he had been chewing out his cooks, and no improvement resulted, so he decided to show them how to bake a cake, but it turned out not quite as fluffy as a Betty Crocker product. So the KPs had fun with the sergeant—rolled his cake up and down the mess hall floor. So he got mad and tried to kick it under the stove as it rolled by, and that was how he broke his leg. So, at any rate, they said. Personally, I'm a little skeptical when derogatory remarks are made about a man in public life.

And Hawkins I have good reason to remember. He once gave me a twist of Kentucky tobacco that he claimed he raised personally. It looked beautiful, so I tried it in my pipe. One puff and I thought I had

been shot by a firing squad armed with bazookas. I mean that was STRONG tobacco. Only the helmet and chinstrap held the top of my head on. I still have the tobacco, but never again tried to smoke it. I can't give it away, and I'm afraid to burn it in the incinerator, as it might kill the birds. If I only knew Hawkins' address, I'd send it back to him.

Brig. Gen. Charles W. Pence, Ret., P. O. Box 2266, Fort Benning, Georgia, has recovered from severe injuries sustained in an automobile collision a year ago. To overcome the frustrations of retirement, he has organized the National Bank of Fort Benning. So if you want a safe place for your money, boys, send it to the old man. My wife says that on TV he looks like Van Johnson.

—Sherwood Dixon

(Dixon, who commanded the 3rd Bn., 442nd RCT, upon activation in 1943, more recently served as Lt.-Governor of the state of Illinois under Adlai Stevenson, and since returning to private life is practicing law at Dixon, Ill.)

## SAN DIEGO CONTRIBUTES \$1,000 TO SHONJEN HOME

The Shonien Children's Home and Child Welfare Center announced the San Diego committee, headed by Dr. Tad Imoto and Paul Hoshi, raised a total of \$1,027.50 in contributions this past year.

## CALENDAR

- Mar. 23 (Saturday)
  - Mile-Hi — Spring Carnival, Tri-State Buddhist Church, 4 p.m.-12m.
  - D.C. — Gen'l mtg., YWCA, 8 p.m.; Dan Aoki, spkr.
  - Livingston-Merced — Gen'l mtg., Community Hall, 7:30 p.m.; Atty. Stephen Nakashima, spkr.
- Mar. 24 (Sunday)
  - San Diego — 1st annual Nisei Golf Tournament; Tijuana (B.C.) Country Club, 9 a.m. tee-off. (Entry deadline Mar. 11).
- Mar. 26 (Tuesday)
  - San Francisco — Auxiliary meeting, Buddhist Hall, 7:30 p.m.; Planning a Japanese Menu, Mrs. Kikuyo Yamate, spkr.
- Mar. 29 (Friday)
  - Twin Cities — General meeting, J.A. Center, 7:30 p.m.; Arle Haeblerle, spkr.
- Mar. 30 (Saturday)
  - Gardena Valley — Installation dance, Japanese Community Center, 8 p.m.
- Mar. 30-31
  - Sequoia — Ski trip at Yosemite Nat'l Park with Sr. Tri-Villes.
- Mar. 31 (Sunday)
  - Southwest L.A. — "Aloha" social, USC YWCA, 7:30 p.m.
- April 3 (Wednesday)
  - CCDC — Spring Quarterly meeting. (Tent.)
- Apr. 12 (Friday)
  - San Fernando — Installation banquet, Roddy's in North Hollywood, 8 p.m.; Dr. Roy Nishikawa, inst. off.
  - Philadelphia — Gen'l mtg., International Institute, Carolyn Pitts, Museum of Arts, spkr.
- Apr. 13 (Saturday)
  - East Los Angeles — Annual dinner-dance.
- Apr. 14 (Sunday)
  - Monterey — Auxiliary House Tour, 3 p.m.; home of Mrs. Virginia Stanton, Carmel Valley.
  - Placer County — Community picnic, JACL Recreation Park, Penryn.
- Apr. 20 (Saturday)
  - D.C. — Potluck dinner, Jopps Lodge; "This Is Your Life" kinescope.
  - San Francisco — "April Showers" Auxiliary benefit dance, Booker T. Washington Center, 9:30 p.m.