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EDITORIAL:

Value of unified Nisei demonstrated

A heartening start is noted this week with TV stations replying unexpectedly and voicing a willingness to cooperate with JACL's national campaign against telecasting objectionable films.

Last month, JACL initiated a huge mailing to inform 480 TV stations about the nature of at least six anti-Nisei films, which were made during the war years and based on lies, asking their cooperation in not showing them "in the best interest of fair play."

About two years ago when Japanese American acceptance reached its highest peak with the granting of naturalization privileges to Japanese aliens, there smoldered private and scattered opinions that JACL had served its main purposes and should gradually fade away. Yet, far-sighted Nisei in the organization urged JACL assume a "watch-dog" role—and how right they were.

Those who believed JACL had accomplished its mission never dreamed old war time movies would "haunt" them on television this year. Even the hysteria of World War 2, when Nisei loyalty met its severest test, estranged a Delano Sansei from his textbook.

So long as there remains maddening reminders of Yellow Peril propaganda only neutralized by the blood and sweat of thousands of Nisei GIs, organized efforts are necessary to keep hysteria of the past buried as well as avoid recurrence in future generations.

The Nisei, no matter where he lives, is today wise enough to realize that a combined show of strength is more telling than an individual plea. We can add that thus far the record of Nisei voluntarily protesting is very small. Hence, the obvious worth of JACL's vigilance in nipping anti-Nisei sentiment wherever they occur cannot be minimized. There isn't a comparable substitute to do the job when the emergency arises.

DATE FOR '58 JACL CONVENTION AT SALT LAKE ON IDC AGENDA

CALDWELL, Idaho. — The Boise Valley JACL will host the spring IDC meeting April 13-14 with Snake River Valley JACL as co-sponsors.

Harry Hamada, Boise Valley JACL president, announced a mixer will be held at Eastside Cafe on April 13. An orchestra has been engaged for the evening. Mas Satow, national director, is scheduled to give an informal talk.

The IDC business meeting will start with noon luncheon the following day at Midway Cafe.

SALT LAKE CITY. — Definite dates for the 1958 national JACL convention are likely to be determined when the Intermountain District Council meets at Boise, Idaho, on April 14, according to Salt Lake JACL, host for the 15th Biennial.

Because the local chamber of commerce has informed the chapter that Labor Day weekend in 1958 is heavily booked by other organizations scheduling conventions at that time, the affixing of 1958 convention dates would be discussed by IDC delegates.

The local JACL is also apprehensive of the heavy summer schedule endured by Intermountain farmers in early September and hopes a weekend could be selected when other IDC chapters can best cooperate.

The new Hotel Utah motel and auditorium, which is expected to be completed by that time, will serve as a definite attraction, according to Ichiro Doi, chapter president. Tentatively preparing for at least 600 delegates in 1958, Hotel Utah, Temple Square and Newhouse Hotel will be made available. Hotel Utah will probably serve as convention headquarters, as it was in 1948, when Salt Lake and Mt. Olympus JACL co-sponsored the last national meeting here.

(The Salt Lake chapter held its regular monthly meeting at the Japanese Christian Church last night to further discuss 1958 convention activities.)

The Salt Lake JACL Newsletter noted most of the old-timers who worked on the 1948 convention are still "with us—plus many new active names of today, which should assure a better convention than ever before."

Among the old-timers mentioned included Shig Ushio and Alice Ka-

sai, 1948 convention co-chairmen; Kay Terashima, finance chairman; Dr. Jun Kurumada, chapter president; George Fujii, chapter president; Bill Mizuno, George Yoshimoto, Rose Yagi, Chiyo Morita, Mas Horiuchi, Min Matsumori, Charles Teshima, Lyle Kurisaki, Doris Matsuura, Ichiro Doi, Bill Honda, Helen Kurumada and Jim Ushio.

The Newsletter noted: "It means a good year of work and preparation by local leaders with cooperation by every available member at time of convention. It means planning, organizing, contacts, correspondence, etc. However, with it all will be realized a community growth, strengthening individually and collectively with interest and enthusiasm that comes with need for a worthy purpose."

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SHOWER OF STARS SHOW TO AID JACL CONFAB

SALT LAKE CITY. — Plans are underway for a fund-raising talent revue, "Shower of Stars" extravaganza, on April 28 at the local Kiwanis-Felt Boys' & Girls' club.

Cream of top amateur performers locally will be presented in entertainment geared for all ages to assure a diverting evening. Heading the committee are Mmes. Maurea Terashima and Jeanne Konishi.

Funds raised will be used to start plans for the national JACL convention here in 1958.

Street names for Japanese American family to stay, despite objections

LIHUE, Kauai. — Two subdivision roads named after two Japanese families here will keep their names despite objections from a Caucasian homeowner in the area.

Kauai supervisors had approved titling the streets Oyama Rd. and Konishi Rd. David K. Cruickshank, shops superintendent of Olokele Sugar Co., protested.

Cruickshank said he had nothing against Japanese but thought the roads should be designated by Hawaiian names.

Mrs. Cruickshank said that her

Purchase U.S. flag for Fowler community use

FOWLER. — The local JACL chapter will purchase a large American flag, which may be used by any Japanese community organization on appropriate occasions, it was decided at the chapter meeting this past week.

Mikio Uchiyama, president-elect (1st v.p.), will chair the April 18 showing of "This Is Your Life—Mike Masaoka" at the local hall.

NISEI VICTIMIZED BY BANDIT CURIOUS FOR ROBBERY BY DAYLIGHT

SALT LAKE CITY. — A bandit who had the urge for weeks to know the difference between robbery in daylight and robbery in darkness gained \$19 from George Yoshimoto of Star Cleaners, 523-3rd East.

The 21-year-old robber, who surrendered himself to police afterwards, held one hand in his pocket and delivered a "stickup" note with the other to the JACLer. At the bandit's verbal request, Yoshimoto gave the man "about \$20. Just enough to eat on."

Police had received a call from a man who wanted to know if a daylight robbery was as serious as a nighttime job. The caller was convinced the best way to find out was to come in to talk the situation over. He appeared, turning in almost \$7, explaining the rest had gone for food and a show.

MAN OF YEAR

Arizona - born Chinese Walter Ong, a grocer, was selected Phoenix (Ariz.) Man of the Year by the local Advertising Club.

VIDEO STATIONS AGREE WITH JACL SUGGESTIONS

SAN FRANCISCO. — Unexpected gestures from several TV stations voicing accord with National JACL's program to eliminate objectionable anti-Nisei films were received this past week by JACL Headquarters.

Mas Satow, national director, this week writes in his column (see Page 4) that "TV stations throughout the country are sending back nice letters in response to our alerting them to objectionable films made during wartime, even though replies were not requested."

Every letter received to date agreed with JACL's viewpoint, he declares, followed by sample of replies from eight West Coast area stations.

The 480 TV stations throughout the country were asked "in the interest of fair play" to avoid films which aroused suspicion and hatred. Accompanying the letter were a reprint of the Congressional Record containing Rep. Walter Judd's "Tribute to the Japanese American Citizens League on its 25th Anniversary" and a copy of the Japanese American Creed.

WASHINGTON. — Following protests from the Washington, D.C., chapter and the Washington Office of the Japanese American Citizens League, television station WTTG (5) has agreed to point out the Nisei record of wartime loyalty before and after any showing of any films in the future which portray or suggest that Americans of Japanese ancestry were disloyal to the United States during World War II.

Along with many other television stations in this country, WTTG purchased a number of "old" motion pictures from Hollywood producers to show on their regular and late evening programs. These pictures were purchased en bloc, that is in package deals in which they had to take "good" and "bad" films without any choice on their part, and under contract, they are required to show all of the films.

The Washington, D.C. chapter sent letters of protest when WTTG showed two films—"Betrayal from the East" and "Across the Pacific"—recently which depicted Nisei characters in a disloyal light.

The Washington JACL Office also sent letters of protest, pointing out that in the nation's capital particularly where there are so many government officials and lawmakers who might be improperly impressed with these films and thereby render decisions or propose legislation detrimental to Japanese Americans, such false and prejudiced wartime motion pictures could be especially harmful to not only Americans of Japanese ancestry in this country but also to Japanese American international relations.

The manager of TV station WTTG personally contacted Mike Masaoka, Washington JACL representative, and expressed his regret that the two films might

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Actor Hasegawa arrives for 3-week U.S. visit

SAN FRANCISCO. — Kazuo Hasegawa, Dai-ichi movie star known to American audiences for his starring role in "Gate of Hell", arrived here Monday morning via Pan American World Airways.

The Japanese actor is visiting Washington, D.C., and New York for a week before going to Hollywood to learn wide-screen photography. He is scheduled to return to Japan April 19.

Sierra post commander

FRESNO. — Teruo Tsuruoka was installed as new commander of Sierra Nisei VFW Post 8499 at an impressive mass ceremony of the Fresno County VFW Council recently.

Anti-trust suit to prevent block-booking of films for TV welcomed by JACL; may lift excuse to show anti-Nisei films

WASHINGTON. — Attorney General Herbert Brownell, Jr., filed a civil anti-trust action in the federal district court in New York City against Loew's, Inc., on Mar. 27, alleging violation of Sec. 1 of the Sherman Anti-Trust Act by the block-booking of feature motion pictures to television, the Dept. of Justice informed the Washington Office of the Japanese American Citizens League.

The Government complaint alleges that Loew's, which produces M-G-M feature motion pictures, less than a year ago commenced to release to television its backlog of over 700 pre-1948 pictures. According to the complaint, Loew's has required television stations to license its pictures in groups, including a number of pictures which the stations did not wish to license or televise, in order to obtain any of the pictures. In many cases, these groups consisted of over 700 pictures; in no case, it is alleged, did Loew's offer to license on a picture-by-picture basis.

This is regarded as a test case. The Daily Variety explains Loew's was apparently selected because it is the largest and most im-

wood major studios have sold or leased their backlogs to middlemen who, in turn, sell them to video outlets. Thus, Variety figures, subsequent anti-trust suits will not be against other Hollywood studios but against the middlemen.)

In commenting on the case, the Attorney General stated: "The present action is designed to prevent compulsory block-booking from being extended to television. The purpose of the civil complaint is to obtain an injunction preventing the forcing of feature pictures in blocks upon television stations, and to require the distributor to offer them to television stations on a picture-by-picture basis. Such relief would not prevent television stations from licensing a large number of pictures at one time for administrative convenience; the only requirement would be that the distributor must permit the station to select the pictures making up the group and permit negotiations picture-by-picture."

Assistant Attorney General Victor R. Hansen, head of the Anti-Trust Division, declared: "In 1948, in the Paramount case, the Su-

preme Court declared illegal the compulsory block-booking of copyrighted feature motion pictures. While that decision was given in the context of the theatrical motion picture industry, we believe that the same rules applies to television. The present action should be especially helpful to unaffiliated television stations which, not having access to network programs, must place their main reliance on films, particularly feature films."

Mike Masaoka, Washington JACL representative, welcomed the action by the Dept. of Justice, pointing out that television stations that have shown films objectionable to JACL because they impugned Nisei loyalty in World War II excused themselves on the

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From the Frying Pan

by Bill Hosokawa
Denver, Colo.

HOW LONG? — Nisei fellow I know gave his daughter in marriage the other day. She, a Sansei, married another Sansei. Presumably they had more freedom for a wholesome American-style courtship than their Nisei parents, and thus chose each other for partners in life and love of their own will. Yet, among those who stood up to take a bow when all the important parties were being introduced at the wedding banquet—like they do on TV before the boxing matches get under way—were the "baishakunin."

Baishakunin, if you can remember that far into antiquity, are the go-betweens, the match-makers, the fixer-uppers. They arrange affairs of the heart so there can be no mistake, among other things, about such matters as who gets stuck with the bill. They are an old country custom, and in their time they served a noble and necessary purpose.

Some Nisei couples bound for matrimony bucked parental devotion to custom and dispensed with baishakunin at their weddings. Others bowed to Papa and Mama's authority and agreed to tolerate baishakunin. In many instances these go-betweens were merely figureheads, scarcely known to the engaged couple and unprepared to serve in any but honorary capacities. Like honorary pallbearers at a funeral, they were accorded respect and honor but given no work to do. But you had to have them to be "correct."

It comes as a surprise, therefore, that some Nisei parents would insist on baishakunin, trappings of a country three generations removed from the principals, for their Sansei children. How many more generations do you figure this custom will remain with us?

COSTLY DISCRIMINATION — Life in pre-war Seattle was complicated by the fact that there were three or more Mary Nakamuras, a couple of Mas Horiuchis, two George Ishiharas, two Chiye Horiuchis and two Hiroshi Watanabes. One of the Hiroshi Watanabes was nicknamed Farmer. The other, for some unremembered reason, became known as Rosy. Hiroshi Rosy Watanabe telephoned the other day from the airport here. He was en route to his home in Nagoya, Japan, after completing an assignment for his employers, Mitsubishi, at the Aberdeen Proving Grounds.

Rosy was an engineering student. Like most Nisei engineers in the 'thirties, he was faced with a blank wall future on graduation. Unwilling to apply his education towards stacking fruit in a produce stand, Rosy turned to Japan for opportunity. The war caught him on the wrong side of the ocean, which was his tough luck. Rosy is just another case of a Nisei whose talents were lost to his native land, now faced with a critical shortage of engineers, because of racial discrimination. Discrimination, as someone has observed, is a luxury that the United States cannot afford.

TAX TIME — The approaching income tax payment deadline makes a recent Tokyo dispatch timely. The report said Novelist Natsuro Kawaguchi was the highest paid person in Japan's writing and entertainment field. His total 1956 earnings were \$58,948. Not many American writers make that kind of change.

Runnerup was Hibari Misora, 20-year-old singer-actress, who was paid \$58,222. (The average Japanese wage-earner in '56 made about \$500 a year.)

How many Nisei are in the \$50,000-a-year class? There's no way of telling for sure. What's your guess? A half dozen? Dozen? Two dozen? Fifty?

What do they do to earn that kind of money? Engage in business, probably, or farm or run a nursery or develop real estate, or import and export, or own a string of hotels and apartment houses, or practice law or medicine, or dabble in stocks. One thing's for certain—no working newspapermen are included in this select group.



TOKYO TOPICS
By Tamotsu Murayama

Fujioka Tour Party

TOKYO.—Admiral Kichisaburo Nomura, who was Japanese ambassador to the United States at the time of the Pearl Harbor incident and member of the House of Councillors, declared that the collective security program with America is an absolute necessity and the security pact must be preserved no matter what happens in view of the present situation in the Orient.

This was a significant statement made at the welcome luncheon in honor of the tour party from Los Angeles headed by Shiro Fujioka, pioneer journalist. The 78-year-old newspaperman is probably the only surviving writer in America who covered the Russo-Japanese treaty talks at Portsmouth, N.H.

Admiral Nomura said the "stage of early love and matrimony is over for Japan-U.S. relations. It requires a greater readjustment for both sides to promote better relations and understanding. We have come to the point where we have to face reality instead of exchanging sweet words."

Recalling the many blunders of Japan before 1940, Admiral Nomura cited some of the "sweet words" used to defend Japanese diplomacy in the former years. Coined were such expressions as "New Order", "Co - Prosperity Sphere" and "Localization of the North China Affair" to describe Japan's pre-war expansion policy, which wound up with the surrender of Japanese militarism in 1945 and social upheaval from the bottom-up.

"We now see similar strength

coming up from the bottom accompanying left-wing inspired slogans like 'Yankee Go Home.'" he continued. "We know too well that Japan cannot defend herself. Therefore, we must strengthen collective security more than ever."

Admiral Nomura also disclosed how President Truman prevented Russia's ambition to occupy half of Hokkaido.

"We have every reason to be thankful to America and Americans. Nevertheless, this sentiment alone cannot accomplish anything at this stage. We have to do something more constructive and something more seriously to smooth rough sentiments," Admiral Nomura remarked to the visiting pioneers from America.

Fujioka is planning to publish his reminiscences of his 60-years in America under the title of "Ayumi no Ato" through Jiji Press during his stay here.

The Fujiokas took care of many visitors from Japan at their Hollywood home and there are many here sincerely hoping to repay the Issei couple for their hospitality.

The Southern California Club of Tokyo hosted the Fujioka tour party the following day (Mar. 28) at the Eiraku Club and almost 200 turned out to honor the visitors. It was amazing to see so many former Southland residents present.

During his stay here, pioneer Fujioka will likely be decorated by the Emperor in recognition of distinguished service and leadership for the cause of U.S.-Japan friendship.

COMMUNITY MEETING ON ADOPTIONS AT SHONEN

"Adoptions and the Japanese American Community" is the subject of public meeting at Shonen next Friday, April 12, 8 p.m. Marjorie Faraday, executive director of the joint recruitment project for Minority Adoptive Homes, will be speaker. Meantime, Mike Suzuki, Shonen director, will represent the agency at the Child Welfare League regional conference this weekend in San Francisco.

LEGAL STENOS CROWN KING & QUEEN HOBOS

Arnold and Toshi Fujita were derbeyed King and Queen Hobo at the Nisei Legal Secretaries Ass'n installation Mar. 23 at Shonien. The couple and their subjects were all adorned in their best tramp outfits. Mrs. Fujita succeeds Ruby Yamahata, past president.

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VAGARIES

By Larry S. Tajiri

Foreign Language Press

Denver

The death knell of the foreign language press has been rung so often people are getting tired of preparing for the funeral that never quite seems to come off.

It's undeniably true that foreign language papers, including the Japanese, have been steadily losing ground in circulation, prestige and effectiveness since reaching their heights in World War I years. At that time, according to Daniel M. Burnham of the Wall Street Journal, there were in the United States 2,000 dailies, weeklies and other publications printed in languages other than English. Their total circulation was around 10,000,000. In other words, close to ten out of every hundred persons in this country subscribed to a foreign language paper. At the present time, there are only 834 such publications, with a total circulation of four and a half million readers, or roughly three and a half persons out of every hundred. That's a pretty dramatic drop in the course of a single generation.

In their heyday the foreign language papers filled a very definite need in the lives of America's immigrant populations. For many of these people, the daily newspaper printed in Japanese, Chinese, Spanish, Hebrew, or any other of the foreign languages, was the only link with the new country. It advised them on voting and citizenship, it clarified the numerous problems they encountered in this strange land, it helped them in getting jobs, welfare aid and city services.

But most of all it was a medium of expression for each immigrant group. The Lithuanian wedding that never made the pages of the town newspaper got ten inches in the Lithuanian paper. The death of a Polish community leader, rating two lines in the regular obit column, was fittingly observed in the Polish paper. The local Ladies Aid Society's every event was covered. Dinners, meetings, teas, fund raising drives—nothing reflecting the life of the community was omitted.

Finally, the newspapers were, each in their own way, the champions of the minorities they represented. They fought for the rights of their limited readership, and their editors were outspoken leaders.

Japanese language papers have had more than their share of ups and downs since their inception. Like the Chinese papers, the Japanese publications have worked under the special handicap of requiring special type that must be hand-set, a laborious as well as expensive method of producing a newspaper.

For a time it seemed as though World War II and the mass evacuation of all persons of Japanese ancestry from the West Coast would spell the death of the Japanese language papers. The evacuation did provide a temporary spurt of energy for a few papers in the Mountain states—the Utah Nippo, the Colorado Times, and others which were eagerly read in the WRA centers. But with the end of the evacuation, the oldtime papers rounded up their former employees and went back almost to a business-as-usual operation.

A long time ago most of the Japanese dailies, anticipating the eventual disappearance of the Issei reading public, instituted English sections, with the plan of increasing the number of columns devoted to English as the Japanese sections decreased. To date, the English sections are still mere hangers-on in a newspaper world devoted to hand-set Chinese type and stories datelined Tokyo. The Japanese sections have held on with an amazing vitality. The current influx of new refugees (including Japanese farm workers and war brides) have proved a shot in the arm for many an ailing paper. But the injection is not a cure.

The inevitable day of reckoning must come for the Spanish language papers, the Chinese papers, the Slavonian press and the Japanese, too, though that day will not be tomorrow or the day after.

It is a truism to say that as assimilation proceeds among this country's minority group, so is the need for foreign language papers lessened. And the second and third generations of our immigrant groups, unable to read the language of their parents, turn to the San Francisco Chronicle and the New York Times, and the Salt Lake Tribune.

Meanwhile the foreign language papers decrease their columns, increase their subscription rates and get along with smaller and smaller news staffs.

Perhaps there will always be a place for the foreign language press in the United States, but it will be a small one indeed.

The Japanese language papers represent a tremendous investment in money, machinery and people. No one can now foresee their future: whether they will become English language papers serving the Nisei communities, whether they will indeed survive for another generation, or whether they will disappear completely from the scene. It has not yet been demonstrated whether or not Japanese Americans will want to or can support English-language newspapers devoted to their own interests. (This discussion does not include the Pacific Citizen, an organizational newspaper.)

But the foreign language press, as such, will probably survive so long as this country's citizens continue to group together along racial lines, so long as the foreign born and their children continue to remain in their own communities, so long as any pressures along racial and religious lines haunt these people.

As a publisher of a foreign language paper, Mary Markel of "The Guidance," for Lebanese readers, told Reporter Burnham:

"Thirty years ago my grandfather said this newspaper couldn't stay alive for another ten years. My father said the same thing 20 years ago, and maybe I'll say it myself some day."

Buffalo, N.Y., press warms up to naturalization story of Tokyo-born but Salt Lake City-bred resident, Dr. Kaneko.

(Special to Pacific Citizen)

BUFFALO, N.Y.—In a region where Japanese Americans are seldom seen here in western New York, one of its distinguished residents, Dr. Thomas M. Kaneko, was subject of heartwarming reports in the local press upon his recent naturalization as an American citizen.

The morning paper Buffalo Courier-Express said in its headline: "U.S. Repays a Debt — Loyalty tested in war wins Japanese his citizenship." The Buffalo Evening News had "U.S. citizenship to end years of struggle for Japanese scientist—drafted by Nip army in war. Dr. Kaneko also was PW in Siberia before returning to America".

Dr. Kaneko, 42, who was born in Tokyo, was naturalized Mar. 7 in ceremonies conducted by Federal Judge Justin C. Morgan for 101 new citizens here.

Dr. Kaneko's face "was wreathed in smiles at the close of the ceremonies", quoting the Courier-Express reporter George Wyatt. "His expression gave little indication of the long, hard route that led to citizenship for him."

His parents lived in Salt Lake City, but he was born in Tokyo when his mother returned there to visit relatives. As a result, he could not be considered an American citizen even though he was taken back to Utah before he was a year old, grew up and was educated in the United States. He attended the Univ. of Utah and was graduated with a degree in chemical engineering in 1936—a depression year. For a time, he worked as a laborer on a railroad.

Three years later, he took a job with the Mitsubishi Chemical Industries in Tokyo after working as interpreter for some Japanese engineers in this country. He was in Japan Dec. 7, 1941.

Both papers told their readers that at that time, no Japanese born outside of the U.S. could become an American citizen.

Dr. Kaneko was conscripted into the Japanese army and sent to Manchuria, where he spent four years. Three times the battalion to which he was attached was sent to the Pacific combat area, but each time his Japanese superiors, fearful of where his loyalties lay, left him behind.

Dr. Kaneko had made it clear that he lacked enthusiasm for fighting his American friends. He also recalled that when official Japan was certain the U.S. war effort would crumble from within because of the varied national background of its citizens, Dr. Kaneko was questioned on this score by Japanese army intelligence. He related:

"I told them this was all wrong. That the reason America was so strong was because it was made up of many different kinds of people who believed in the same thing—freedom." This report was relayed to Japan by a general who claimed it as his own. The general was later demoted and sent to Singapore, he said.

When the war ended in 1945, 600,000 Japanese soldiers including Kaneko, were turned over to the Russians as prisoners of war and sent to Siberia. He was one of the lucky ones—working in a large bakery where it was warm and where he had enough to eat in Komsomolsk, about 700 miles north of Vladivostok. Other prisoners, including German, Polish and Russian political, worked in bitter weather on meager rations. Many died in the cold Siberian winter because of too little food and had only clothes they wore when captured.

Meanwhile, the Russians conducted "democracy classes". Those Japanese who showed promise of becoming good Communists



Dr. Thomas Kaneko, 42, of Buffalo, N.Y., was among 100 new citizens sworn in Mar. 6 ceremonies by Federal Judge Justin C. Morgan. His parents, Mr. and Mrs. B. Y. Kaneko of Salt Lake City, were among the first to be naturalized in Utah. Dr. Kaneko's sister Sue is active in the Salt Lake Chapter.

were released. However, when up to 300,000 returned to Japan, they shed the guise of willing conspirators and began to blast Russia, exposing conditions behind the Iron Curtain. In desperation, the head of the Communist Party in Japan pleaded with Stalin not to release any more prisoners because they were upstaging his propaganda activities.

News of this leaked to Siberia where it touched off a series of bloody riots in the labor camps. As a propaganda gesture, Stalin agreed to release the rest of the prisoners. Actually, however, according to Dr. Kaneko, only about 2,000 were freed in April 1950. He was among them.

Once back in Japan, Dr. Kaneko immediately communicated with the U.S. armed forces and gave them information about the situation inside Siberia. Intelligence officers quizzed him closely on the automobile, steel, airplane and submarine industries he had observed in Siberia.

After two years, he was allowed to return to Utah. Meanwhile, former school teachers and friends in Salt Lake City began a letter-writing campaign to the Justice Department in Washington, asking that Dr. Kaneko be cleared.

His father had taught Japanese at the Univ. of Utah Army Specialized Training Program, his brother had served in the U.S. army.

When that same year, 1952, a change in law made it possible for Japanese to become naturalized citizens, his parents immediately applied and were among the first in Salt Lake City the following year.

Despite an 18-year absence from class rooms, Dr. Kaneko returned to Univ. of Utah and earned his doctor's degree in metallurgy. After receiving it last June, he went to work with the nuclear division of the Union Carbide & Carbon Corp., Niagara Falls. He is now working temporarily in the concern's Linde Air Products Division and Metal Research Laboratory here.

He lives at 105 Palmer Ave., Kenmore. He has addressed local groups and appeared in a discussion of "My Responsibility as an American Citizen" on the Univ. of Buffalo Round Table which was

telecast.

(His sister, Sue Kaneko, was honored last year as the "most cooperative" member of the Salt Lake City JACL, having served as chapter secretary for three years.—Editor.)

Nisei wife escapes from No. Korea by cutting hair as man

BY TAMOTSU MURAYAMA
PC Japan Bureau Chief

TOKYO.—A Los Angeles-born Nisei, Mrs. Setsuko Nagatomo, is a wife of a top executive in a Fukuoka steel manufacturing firm and probably the only Nisei woman to escape from North Korea.

She was in Tokyo the other day, trying to enroll her son at a local university.

She explained that she came to Japan after graduating from a high school in Los Angeles. While she speaks fluent Japanese, she has not had sufficient formal education in the language to write Japanese, thus experiencing embarrassment throughout her life in Japan, she confided to this writer.

She is planning to write her experiences in escaping from North Korean and Russian guards, having walked over 500 miles for her freedom by bobbing her hair like a man's and wearing masculine attire. She has witnessed many Russian atrocities.

"It was a living hell until I could reach South Korea," she declared. "Words cannot adequately describe the hellish experiences which we went through."

But another Nisei woman, who has not fared as well, is Hannah Kosaka of Seattle. She was married to a Russian-Japanese before the outbreak of World War II and was living in Manchuria. Her whereabouts is completely unknown.

She might have been exiled into Russia. Nobody seems to know anything about her. The lists of Japanese prisoners being released from Siberian prisons do not show her name.

On the other hand, many Nisei men have been released from Russian prisoner-of-war camps. Many of them are still quiet and nervous about retelling their experiences, however. If they ever got together here, they would certainly produce a book that would candidly expose the situation in Siberia.

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NAT'L DIRECTOR'S REPORT

By Masao Satow

TV Accepts Responsibility

San Francisco

TV stations throughout the country are sending back nice letters in response to our alerting them to the objectionable films made during wartime, even though replies were not requested. Every letter received to date agrees with our viewpoint and assures us cooperation.

Some of the replies: **KMJ-TV, Fresno:** "We agree that it seems unfair to stir old animosities, particularly with facts which cannot be substantiated". **KHQ-TV, Spokane:** "We will check our film schedules carefully to eliminate any of these films on which we have not made firm commitment". **KBT, Denver:** "KBTV wholeheartedly agrees with you that the six films you listed are truly objectionable in the interest of fair play and decency. This list will be added to our objectionable file, so that we might make certain they never appear on our screen". **KTVK, Phoenix:** "The problem you mentioned has been brought to our attention in the past and just want you to know that we exercise care in screening some of the old material that is telecast". **KVOS, Bellingham:** "I think your letter is extremely well put and we are completely sympathetic to your thoughts". **KHSL, Chico:** "Please accept our assurance that the films noted in the list will not be shown on KHSL-TV". **KNTV, San Jose:** "We also feel keenly about the situation and will endeavor not to present films which might be detrimental to any group". **KJEO, Fresno:** "Your list of objectionable films contains two under contract to KJEO-TV. If these films are used, an announcement will be made preceding, during, and following as noted: 'The following film program is a fictional story and should in no way be construed to reflect upon the loyalty of Americans of Japanese ancestry'".

COMMON PROBLEMS

At the invitation of our good friend, Morrie Schneider, we spent a pleasant evening speaking at an installation banquet other than JACL. The occasion was the installation of officers for the San Francisco Council of the Anti-Defamation League, comprising 26 lodges or chapters. This national Jewish organization is similar to JACL in combatting discrimination and fostering good public relations. We found many of their organizational problems identical to ours: a few people carry most of the responsibility locally; there is difficulty in getting people to accept organizational responsibilities; finding new leadership is always a problem; some members of the group feel that a national organization is not necessary to their individual welfare and will not support. However, we did discover they have no problems of finances, for the Jewish people traditionally have been generous givers. The only complaint here was that many members feel they have done their share and dismissed their obligations once they have paid their membership or made a financial contribution.

CALIFORNIA FEPC CAMPAIGN

We voiced JACL's support for the proposed California fair employment practices act before the Assembly Committee on Governmental Efficiency and Economy at Sacramento. The Committee gave a resounding 11 to 3 vote in favor, and the bill is expected to pass the Assembly in view of the 43 Assemblymen who are co-sponsors, led by Assemblyman Augustus Hawkins of Los Angeles. Among the bill's sponsors are good JACLers Gordon Winton, Jr. of Merced and Byron Rumford of the Berkeley Chapter, and staunch JACL friends S. C. Master-son of Richmond and Edward Elliott of Los Angeles, and our own Freshman Assemblyman John Buserud.

The real fight is in the State Senate where two years ago the Labor Committee killed the bill so it has never come to a vote in the Senate as a whole.

GOOD TASTE AND DECENCY

While at the State Capitol we looked up Dr. Jay Davis Conner, State Assistant Superintendent of Education in charge of curriculum regarding the Fuzz Young story in the Firelight Reader.

Dr. Conner felt the use of the shortened term "Jap" was merely to locate the story in time and place, and no derogatory sense was intended by the author, and also felt we were perhaps oversensitive on the matter. We agreed we were oversensitive and rightly so, that because of our past experiences the term "Jap" carries unpleasant and derogatory connotations for our group, no matter where and how used. We pointed out that even in documentaries of World War II shown on TV, in the interest of good taste, the Pacific enemy is referred to as "Japanese", even in such features as "Navy Log" where certainly the abbreviated form was originally used. We argued that the animosities of wartime should not be carried over into reading matter for children who have no prejudices, but learn them. As a youngster once said, "We get our parents too old to educate them right".

Our official protest will be made to the State Curriculum Committee which meets in Berkeley in May for the deletion of the story. We intend to appear personally to impress the members with our deep concern. Dr. Conner suggested we also register our views with the American Textbook Publishers Institute.

Our thanks to little Gene Nakagama of Delano for calling this to our attention. "And a little child shall lead them."

NATIONAL MEMBERSHIP

Our initial membership bulletin shows 4,613 members officially enrolled for 1957 to date. The San Francisco Chapter leads with 622, followed by Mile Hi (Denver) with 396. Chapters which have already surpassed their last year's efforts are Puyallup Valley, Richmond-El Cerrito, Southern Alameda County, Snake River Valley, Omaha, and San Luis Valley. District-wise, the Mountain Plains area has achieved two thirds of its 1956 membership total.

NATIONAL CONVENTION PLANS

Now that the Salt Lake City Chapter has taken on the '58 National Convention, the Intermountain chapters will devote some time to assist in preliminary plans and set the dates at their forthcoming meeting in Boise on April 14. Aside from

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Chapter president liken to Eddie Cantor,
Yo Kasai of Detroit has five daughters

BY BEBE HORIUCHI

DETROIT.—One of the reasons why Yo Kasai makes a dynamic president (of the local JACL) may be due to the fact that he started life in an exciting era—as a war baby during the first World War. There may have been even greater "wars" being waged at his home in Berkeley, Calif., since he was the only son among four sisters.

Yo began to assume the role of leadership at an early age by participating in various school activities at Berkeley High and Roosevelt High, Oakland. While majoring in commerce at the Univ. of California, he served as president of the Oakland Sons & Daughters, a Nisei organization.

The coming of the second World War brought our chapter president with thousands of others to Topaz Relocation Center, which he left for Cleveland in 1943. Here, his interests turned toward sports and due to his coaching and managing, an all-Nisei basketball team competed in an industrial league and won many games in spite of having to play against teams composed of rangy six-footers.

Inducted into the gallant 442nd Yo served as technical sergeant in the motor pool at Leghorn, Italy. Prior to his being shipped over-

seas, apparently impressed with the beauty Detroit has to offer, Yo married his wife Fumi in 1945. They met on a blind date arranged by mutual friends.

Since his return from military service, Yo had been employed by the Checker Cab Co. for nine years and is currently working for Packer Pontiac.

Also active in other community projects, Yo served as president of the Detroit Mr. & Mrs. Club in 1953. Gifted with the ability to speak fluently and well, he is much in demand as master of ceremony at many of the local social functions.

Another noteworthy item in his life is that he, like Eddie Cantor, is the proud father of five daughters ranging in age from his eldest Vicki, 11, to the youngest Connie, 2. Yo already shudders at the prospect of having a flock of eager young fellows beating a path to his door in the not too distant future.

At the present time, however, his duties include being chief chauffeur and audience for his daughter Vicki, who is taking guitar lessons and listening to the tapping of little feet, while his eldest three take tap-dancing lessons.

Talent show grosses over \$1,100 for
benefit of hospitalized Anaheim girl

HUNTINGTON BEACH.—A check for \$1,200 was presented to the Matsuo Kaito family of Anaheim, following a recent benefit talent show here which grossed \$1,192.45 for Kathy Kaito, the 8-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Matsuo Kaito, who was injured by an automobile before Thanksgiving Day last year.

Kathy is still in the Orange County Hospital, but is reported to be able to get about on a wheel chair.

The benefit was staged by the Orange County (Nisei) Interclub Council with Bill Marumoto as emcee. Harry Matsukane, local chapter president, George Kanno and Taiichi Aoyama presented the check to Kaito after the Santana Wind, JACL newsletter, absorbed the difference to assure a rounded-out figure.

Expenses for the show were absorbed by the various organizations of the council. In addition

JACL convention—

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focus will be upon us for the next year. What we do or don't do is up to us."

The Salt Lake JACL bid for the 1958 national convention was made last month, on the eve of the six-month deadline established by delegates at the 14th biennial in San Francisco, who were without a bid then. A deadline was set for National JACL Headquarters to select a site for the 1958 convention if no bid was received within six months.

Salt Lake's bid was acknowledged in Masao Satow's "Your National Director's Report" published in the Mar. 22 Pacific Citizen. "We were confident that the Salt Lake City chapter would come through to take the 1958 National Biennial," Satow wrote, "upon the basis of its spirited enthusiasm these past several years and our communications with the chapter prior to the official announcement."

(The 15th Biennial may well set a new pattern of national conventions in the postwar era in that a "watered down" program may take effect. Such a direction was made at the 1954 convention in Los Angeles, but when San Francisco took over in 1956, it turned out to be the best attended in the excess of 1,200 delegates.)

Salt Lake hosted the emergency meeting of representatives from relocation centers and Intermountain chapters in 1942, which was considered the sixth biennial, and the seventh biennial in 1944—both minus the usual frills of a full scale convention because of wartime. The 10th biennial held here in 1948 was "the first national convention for many of our presently active JACLers", so comments Satow.

to the show was a drawing for merchandise donated by merchants and friends.

Kathy was the young Sansei who sustained a fractured skull and was in a coma for over a month before improvements were noted.

Participating organizations included the O.C. Matrons, O.C. Debs, Elites, Crystallines and JACL.

ORANGE COUNTY CHAPTER
SHOOTS FOR 300 IN '57

SANTA ANA.—Orange County JACL membership chairman George Ichien this week announced a goal of 300 JACLers for the chapter this year.

With every Japanese American family in Orange County currently receiving the monthly newsletter, Santana Wind, without cost, Ichien suggested the annual chapter dues (\$3) might be considered as helping to defray the cost of publication and mailing. "Perhaps you'd like to think of your membership as a subscription to the Santana Wind—the price is small enough for the most interesting paper in the world!" Ichien commented.

Orange County egg hunt

SANTA ANA.—The annual Easter Egg hunt here is becoming the spring season family outing. The Orange County Matrons and JACL are co-sponsoring the affair at Irvine Park, Apr. 13, 1 p.m. A picnic will precede the hunt.

Two teenage clubs are coloring the eggs and will hide them. Yasuko Ohta, chairman of the hunt, is being assisted by Kayoko Kariya, Mari Kato, Fusaye Nitta, Mary Nitta, Yoshiko Tanaka and May Wada.

Detroit JACL, Teen Club
plan Mother's Day fete

DETROIT.—Entertainment and buffet supper for mothers on their day, May 12, will be co-sponsored by the local JACL and Teen Club at International Institute, according to Aiko Nanjo, event chairman.

Assisting are Yoshiko Inouye, gen. arr.; Chiyoko Togasaki, food; and Rumiko Sakow of the Teen Club, entertainment.

Milwaukee annual bazaar
opens with sukiyaki fare

MILWAUKEE.—The annual JACL Bazaar will be held at the local YWCA, 610 N. Jackson St., on Saturday, April 27, with sukiyaki announced as the main fare for supper starting at 6 p.m.

In addition to various game booths, a white elephant concession will be manned by Faye Tanouye and Pat Higuchi. JACLers were being urged to contribute items for the white elephant sale.

'1000'
CLUB
NOTES

SAN FRANCISCO.—An additional 52 new and renewing 1000 Club memberships were acknowledged by JACL Headquarters for the second half of March, making a total of 164 for the entire month and a new monthly high to date.

The current members in good standing as of Mar. 31 number 1,140; as compared with 1,146 as of Dec. 31; 1,127, Jan. 31; and 1,120, Feb. 28.

FIRST YEAR

Fowler — Kazuo Hiyama, Mikio Uchiyama.
Southwest L.A. — Tsugimaro Sakata.
Detroit — Bob S. Nakagami, Mrs. Shizue Tagami.
Orange County — Sumiye Nerio.
D.C. — Harry Asaka, Barry Tsuda.
San Fernando — Mrs. Michi Imai, Tamotsu Imai.
New York — Albert Y. Terada.

SECOND YEAR

Philadelphia — Shoji Date.
Snake River — George Hashitani.
Southwest L.A. — Fred Kohno.
Seattle — Richard K. Murakami.
San Francisco — Yoneo Satoda, Thelma T. Takeda.
Venice-Culver — Dr. Takao Shishino.
Long Beach — Dr. Masao Takeshita.
Orange County — Stephen K. Tamura.
Puyallup Valley — Dr. Sam Uchiyama.

THIRD YEAR

Stockton — Fred K. Dobana, Henry M. Higashi, Tom T. Okamoto.
Twin Cities — Dr. Isaac Iijima.
Chicago — Corky T. Kawasaki, Shigeru Nakahira (Madison, Wisc.), Sam Terao.
Mt. — PDC — Charlie Matsubara (Albuquerque).
Orange County — Mrs. Kiku Matsukane.
Sequoia — J.I. Rikimaru.
San Francisco — Akimi Sugawara, Scotty H. Tsuchiya.

FOURTH YEAR

San Francisco — Victor S. Abe.
Philadelphia — S. Sim Endo.
Seattle — Dr. Susumu Fukuda.
D.C. — Harold Horiuchi, Tad T. Masaka.
Puyallup Valley — H. James Kinoshita.
Eden Township — Tetsuma Sakai.
Snake River — Mas Yano.

FIFTH YEAR

Downtown L.A. — Judge John F. Aiso.
Idaho Falls — Fred I. Ochi.
Snake River — Kayno Saito.
PNWDC — Edward M. Yamamoto (Moses Lake).

SIXTH YEAR

Snake River — Paul Y. Saito.

SEVENTH YEAR

Twin Cities — Tomo T. Kosobayashi.

EIGHTH YEAR

Snake River — Roy Hashitani, Joe Y. Saito, Mamoru Wakasugi.

NINTH YEAR

Hollywood — Arthur T. Ito.
Southwest L.A. — Dr. Roy Nishikawa.

JACL chapter to go
into cemetery care

SALINAS.—Yamato Cemetery, which is marking its 50th year of service, will be completely redesigned and turned over to the Salinas Valley JACL for future care and maintenance in simple rites next May 30.

The Yamato Cemetery Association, said to be the only all-Japanese cemetery in this country, this week announced a \$5,000 campaign to finance the re-beautifying project. Board member Tom Miyana-ga revealed that the nine-member executive board started the drive by subscribing \$1,500 amongst themselves.

Requests for contributions were made to local Japanese Americans and to pre-war plot owners who live outside of Salinas Valley. It was hoped that the announcement of the new project would reach other interested parties in this cemetery but whose addresses are unknown to the board. Those desiring to help should write to Yamato Cemetery Ass'n, 303 Boeing Ave., Salinas.

Two social functions set
for April by San Jose CL

SAN JOSE.—Two San Jose JACL socials are earmarked for April—the Welcome party on April 12 and the Easter dance April 20—both at Onishi Hall, it was announced this week.

Games, bridge, dancing and movie have been planned for the general Welcome Social with Kenzo Ishimaru, vice president and event chairman, in charge. The party is to greet new chapter members. It will start at 8 p.m.

The chapter-sponsored Easter social will be co-chaired by Harry Ishigaki and Sumio Fujimura. The orchestra dance will begin at 9 p.m.

VERY TRULY YOURS:

'Nisei' cast as
swindler in film

Shochiku's "Daddako Sacho" (The Spoiled Boss) is currently making the round of Japanese theaters in the United States in which a Nisei is portrayed as a smooth "con" artist. He even has an English name, George, and utters some simple English words in what I thought were Kibei-ish in accent.

Roy Yamadera of East Los Angeles JACL called the Japanese movie to our attention and we arranged with Toshio Kumamoto of Nichibei Kinema to view the film this week. Roy was irritated to see a Nisei personifying such a character, fearing that it was creating a stereotype. His apprehension is well taken in view of the many reports from Tamotsu Murayama, our Japan Bureau chief, who has indicated Nisei reputation in Japan is not all too high.

Story involves a rayon factory in need of improvements. While factory technicians feel they can handle it, management (in cahoots with the Nisei) want American-made machines. The thirty-ish Nisei passes himself as a representative of an American firm, but is later exposed by the "spoiled boss," janitor at the factory who was similarly victimized by a Nisei swindler to lose his establishment. The Nisei even forces his affections on the factory owner's daughter who runs the plant, only to be rescued in nick time.

American audiences who know the Nisei better may find the sequences entertaining in which this bespectacled George appears, though a poor imitation of a Nisei. But the people in Japan may find what they see on the screen strengthening their opinions about the Nisei in general—as just no good. Now, whether any protest by Nisei in Japan has been made or is being considered, we do not know; but racial or minority stereotypes in either Japan or U.S.-made movies do not serve human understanding.

Incidentally, accompanying feature "Yonin no Chikai" is a sports musical with Katsuhiko Haida, the Hawaiian Nisei who has become a recording and movie success in Japan, in a good role. Both have English sub-titles and utilize a lot of Tokyo backgrounds.

—Harry K. Honda

PHILADELPHIA TO HOST EDC, CHAPTER LEADERS

PHILADELPHIA.—District council and chapter officers of the Eastern District Council of the Japanese American Citizens League will meet in joint session here Sunday, April 14, William Sasagawa, EDC chairman, announced.

The all-day sessions will start at 11 a.m. at the Penn Sherwood Hotel, 39th and Chestnut Sts.

Twin purposes of the spring meeting are to review district and chapter activities and to plan for participation in the second biennial Joint Convention of the Eastern and Midwest District Councils that will be held in Chicago over this Labor Day weekend, chairman Sasagawa disclosed.

Recalling that the Washington chapter hosted the successful first biennial Joint Convention two years ago, he declared that EDC chapters were looking forward to the Chicago convention that bids fair to equal, or excel its famed 11th biennial National JACL Convention of 1950.

EDC cabinet officers expected to be present, in addition to Sasagawa, are Dr. George Furukawa, Washington, D.C.; Charles Nagao, Seabrook, and Woodrow Asai, New York, vice-chairmen; Chiz Ikeda, New York, rec. sec.; Mary Toda, Philadelphia, cor. sec.; Ben Nakao, Washington, treas.; and Susan Sasagawa, Philadelphia, pub.

Chapter presidents Harvey Iwata of Washington, Joe Y. Imai of New York, George Noda of Seabrook, and Warren Watanabe of the host Philadelphia group, are expected to lead their respective chapter officers in the discussions.

National JACL Treasurer Aki Hayashi of New York City and District Thousand Club representative Dr. Thomas Tamaki of Philadelphia are also expected to attend, as are Mike Masaoka, Washington JACL representative, and Sam Ishikawa, New York representative.

TV stations —

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have jeopardized the work of the Washington Office and strained United States-Japan relations. He explained that neither he nor any member of the station staff knew that JACL objected to any of the films and that none of them intended to impugn the loyalty of the Nisei or any other group of Americans.

He promised that should any of the other films to which JACL objects be shown by his station, such showings would be prefaced by explanations that the motion pictures involved were made during the war when there was prejudice against Americans of Japanese ancestry and do not reflect the true record of the Nisei in World War II, that all official records show that no espionage or sabotage was committed by any person of Japanese ancestry resident in the United States or Hawaii before, during, and after the attack on Pearl Harbor, and that the films themselves are fictional.

Harvey Iwata, president of the Washington JACL chapter, expressed his satisfaction with the TV station's attitude and declared that, in keeping with the National JACL program relating to these same objectionable films, he would write all the television stations in the area requesting that they withdraw from showing any of the films to which JACL takes exception and if this cannot be done to delete or cut out the objectionable scenes and references. If neither can be done, to provide explanations before, during, and after the showing that the Nisei record of loyalty in World War II was clear and eloquent and that there is no record of espionage or sabotage by any resident person of Japanese ancestry during that period.

GOLF CLUB PREXY

James K. Kida was elected president of the Portland Japanese Golf Club.

'ESCAPADE' THEME OF SOUTHWEST L.A. DANCE

"Escapade" is the rollicking theme of the first big dance of the year sponsored by the Southwest Los Angeles JACL at Park Manor Ballroom, south of 6th St. on Western Ave., on Saturday, April 13, 8 p.m.

The Elliott Brothers, who have been popular with Nisei socialites, will furnish the dance music. They entertained at the 1954 JACL convention here as well as the chapter's Neki Hokey Hop last year.

Movie starlet Roberta Haynes is scheduled to appear, according to entertainment chairman Jim Yamamoto. The Discords, a Nisei musical group headed by Bob Wada, and vocalist Mas Hamasu are also entertaining. Terumi Yamaguchi is dance chairman. Open to the public, the sports formal is stag-stagette.

D.C. Clers to see 'This is Your Life'

WASHINGTON.—A potluck dinner with Japanese, Italian and Mexican food will feature the Apr. 20 meeting of the Washington, D.C., JACL chapter, according to Harvey Iwata, president. The annual "family affair" will be held at Joppa Lodge starting from 6 p.m.

In addition to the dinner, an egg hunt has been lined up for the children and two Walt Disney cartoons should satisfy both young and old. The kinescope refilming of Mike Masaoka's "This Is Your Life" show of last Jan. 2, will also be shown, as will two color films — "Holiday in Japan" and "Tom's letter from Japan" — loaned by the Japanese Embassy.

Mrs. Kinu Hirose is chairman of the event, assisted by Mmes. Betty Murata, Ilene Mimura, Eiko Mitoma, Hankie Hirose, Ann Horiuchi, Sachi Matsumoto, Fumi Baba, Etsu Masaoka, and Miss Gladys Shimasaki.

DOWNTOWN L.A. JACL SHOWS MASAOKA TV FILM

George Inagaki, instrumental in steering Mike Masaoka to Ralph Edwards' "This Is Your Life" program last Jan. 2, was the guest speaker at Downtown L.A.'s general meeting yesterday at San Kwo Low. Kinescope films of the program were also shown.

People of Japan eager to learn of America, Marysville Clers told

MARYSVILLE.—Miss Wanda Gumprecht, Colusa County home adviser, spoke of her personal experiences in Japan while one of 150 International Farm Youth delegates before 60 members of the local JACL chapter at their general meeting here last week.

Miss Gumprecht, as an exchange student, lived in Japanese homes and gained first hand knowledge of cultural, economic and social life. She said she found the young people in Japan very interested in America.

The speaker showed color slides of Hokkaido, Shizuoka, Niigata, Kobe, Saga, Kyoto and Tokyo areas and of the people whom she met. During her four-month stay in Japan, she addressed some 8,000 people besides those she met at her Japanese homes.

Wherever she went, she recalled, people crowded about her to gain first-hand information on the United States.

Mmes. Roy Hatanaka and Anthony Tokuno of the Marysville JACL Auxiliary, assisted by members, served refreshments.

The next chapter meeting will be held April 24, 8 p.m., at the JACL Building with "This Is Your Life—Mike Masaoka", a kinescope version of the Jan. 2 TV program, to be shown.

CHICAGO DISCUSSION GROUP HOUR UPPEP

CHICAGO.—The four Sunday afternoon discussion meetings, which began last Sunday, are scheduled to start at 3 p.m. (instead of 4 as reported), it was announced by Abe Hagiwara, forum chairman. Next session, "The Dilemma of Nisei Parents", is set for Apr. 14.

LONG BEACH CHAPTER OFFICERS DESIGNATED, START MEMBERSHIP PUSH

LONG BEACH.—An extended membership drive was launched this week by the Long Beach Harbor District JACL under leadership of George Iseri, vice-president in charge.

Plans for various events for the year were discussed at the special cabinet meeting at the home of president Tomizo Joe.

Other officers in the cabinet include Dr. David Miura, 1st v.p. (1000 Club); George Iseri, 2nd v.p. (memb.); Hachiro Yasumura, 3rd v.p. (prog.); Ellen Kobata, treas.; Charlene Kuramoto, rec. sec.; Peggy Tanaka, cor. sec.; Jim Okita, aud.; Fred Ikeguchi, Mas Narita, membs.-at-lrg.; Sue Joe, Marlene Hada, Easy Fujimoto, newsletter staff; Momoto Okura, George Y. Shiroishi, Tsurumatsu Toma, Issei adv.

The meeting was also attended by Dr. Roy Nishikawa, Tats Kishida, representatives of other community organizations including the Fujinkai and Gardeners Association.

Mile-Hi JACL movie benefit set Apr. 10-20

DENVER.—Gladys and Oski Tanigaki were named chairmen for the Mile-Hi JACL movie benefit featuring the Japanese color movie, "The Phantom Horse", Apr. 10-20 at Esquire Theater.

Although a child's story, the film was critical acclaim at international movie festivals. The chapter will earn 25 cents for each 90-cent ticket sold.



SMOGLITES

By Mary Oyama

A Good Sign

Los Angeles
Recently we enjoyed the pleasure and interesting experience of meeting with some members of the Japanese American Women's Club which meets at the International Institute. An organization composed of Japanese women who came to the U.S. as war brides, the group meets regularly each month at the I.I. for business meetings and social hours. We were informed that the club, which had been fairly large in membership at the outset, had simmered down more recently to about 20 active members plus their husbands (who, though not on the roster, are always present anyway).

STANDING INVITATION

To the members of the Japanese American Women's Club, and to other similar "war brides" groups, we wish to convey the following message, since inquiries were made:

1. The JACL here will be happy to welcome any bride and their husband to any JACL meetings and socials. All such visitors will be cordially welcomed.

2. Yukio Ozima, president of the East Los Angeles JACL, is planning to send an invitation to the JAWC to attend our next social affair. Also some copies of the chapter's "Mimeo Memo"—the monthly news-sheet. (We hope other JACL chapters will follow suit and invite the brides and their husbands too.)

3. Both brides and husbands are welcome to join any JACL chapter if they wish to do so. Citizens may join as regular active members, non-citizens as special members. (Rates vary with chapters.—Ed.)

4. The JACL is not restricted in membership to Nisei or Japanese Americans, many Caucasian Americans and other American citizens of various extractions are included in our rosters.

5. JACL chapters may be found in many states all over the U.S. and in leading cities and towns where there are sizeable groups of Nisei. Locally, there are chapters on the eastside (East L.A.), westside (Southwest L.A.), downtown (Downtown L.A.), in West Los Angeles, Hollywood, Long City, Pasadena and San Fernando Valley. For further information, call the JACL Office, Madison 6-4471.

ATTRACTIVE YOUNG LADIES

Since the members are all pretty or cute, we can readily understand why their husbands married them. When we commented upon the attractiveness of the girls, Mr. Behrends jokingly inquired, "What about the husbands?"—So, winking at Gloria we countered, "Oh, do you want me to say something about the 'cute little husbands' too?"

Though the husbands were not "little" like their petite wives, they were nice looking men, all



To be heading the 1957-58 Nisei Veterans Committee of Seattle are (left to right) Frank Hori, 2nd vice-commander; Pat Hagiwara, commander; Bill Nishimura, retiring commander; Richard Naito, 1st vice-commander. —Elmer Agawa Photo.



THE NORTHWEST PICTURE By Elmer Ogawa

New NVC Commander

Seattle

THERE'S A breath of the old sod in Patrick K. Hagiwara, the alert glint in his eye, the ability to take things in stride, and a Gaelic aptitude to grasp the humor of a trying situation.

Pat was elected commander of the Nisei Vets last week, and as the term of office runs from April to April, on his shoulders falls much of the all important work of getting things squared away for the big 1958, fifteenth anniversary reunion of all Nisei veterans in July and August. PC readers will perhaps remember the picture of the efficient looking Sergeant Pat who could still get into his uniform (then the NVC Chaplain) and led the company of local vets in review before General Mark Clark on 4th of July last year.

Pat hails from Ketchikan, Alaska, where he was born. He came to the States in 1941 as a member of the Alaska National Guard, which like all National Guard units was ordered into active regular army duty. For about a year and a half he instructed recruits at Fort Sheridan, Ill., and then found himself under orders to report to Shelby.

With the 442nd in Italy, he split his time between Headquarters Company, 2nd battalion, and G Company. He was one of that group of specialists which GIs refer to as "tank busters."

After VE Day, Pat with his long service record was up at the top of the list on number of points which made him eligible for discharge, so he was one of the first to come back to the States in July, 1945.

Upon graduation in engineering from the Univ. of Washington, he went to work for the Boeing Airplane Company, and has been with that firm ever since, about eight years.

WHILE ON duty at Fort Sheridan he renewed acquaintance with Misako Kondo, formerly of Wapato, Wash., and they were married in Chicago where the bride was living at the time. The Hagiwaras have four kids: Kathleen, 12; Patrick, 10; Janet, 8; and Grace, 6. Your facetious jokerster said, "Hey, O'Hagiwara, could you make us happy by naming the next one Bridget or Sean?"

Like former JACL Seattle chapter presidents Jim Matsuoka and Howard Sakura, Pat Hagiwara is an active worker in St. Peter's Episcopal Church and his record as an outstanding churchman probably had something to do with his being elected Chaplain of the Vets last year.

Getting back to where we started, Patrick Hagiwara, as Chaplain led a marching contingent, and now he leads the whole outfit, and all of us are sure wishing him a lot of the best.

The installation will be held at a dinner dance at the New Washington Hotel April 13. Speaker of the evening will be Lt. Gov. John A. Cherberg, and to refresh the memory of any renter in the sticks, should we have one out there, Johnny Cherberg is the former football coach of the Washington Huskies who got a rough deal from the Board of Regents, if you ask me.

L.A. Travelers cop SLC tournament minus much battle

SALT LAKE CITY.—The Los Angeles JATB Travelers won the 22nd annual Salt Lake Nisei basketball tournament last week, handing Salt Lake Spartans a 73-38 trouncing in the championship game here.

Northern Utah All-Stars took the consolation title with a 50-45 victory over Berkeley Nissei and the Denver All-Stars won third place by winning 46-39 over Yellowstone JACL from Rexburg, Idaho.

Dickie Nagai of Los Angeles won the outstanding player award for the second straight year. The all-tourney team was made up of Yoneo Inouye, L.A.; Ken Kaotota, SLC Spartans; Richard Endo, Harry Haramaki, Berkeley; and Frank Kobayashi, Northern Utah.

The Berkeley club won the sportsmanship trophy.

The Spartans gave the Travelers a rough battle in the first half which ended 35-22, but after intermission, the champions turned on the steam and coasted to victory.

The Travelers advanced to the finals by waltzing over Denver 62-34 in the semis; and chunked out a 89-31 first-round win over the Northern Utah All-Stars. Berkeley, seeded No. 2, was upset in the opening round 49-48 by Yellowstone JACL.

Miss Virginia Uyeda, 18, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Hisashi Uyeda of Tooele, and attending Univ. of Utah was crowned queen of the tournament, flanked by attendants Karen Yamasaki of Idaho Falls and Patricia Mitarai of Elberta. Dr. Jun Kurumada was mixer m.c.

Pasadenan bowls 768-4th best series

Tak Kiriya of Pasadena rolled a 277-245-264-768 at the San Gabriel Lanes last Sunday to win the weekly competition in the Los Angeles Examiner singles classic qualification series.

It was the fourth highest scratch series registered in the eight-year history of the Examiner bowling tournament. The 189-average bowler received \$150 for top score in the open division.

Albert Nakata smashed a 651 series to win \$20 as house winner in the Aye division at La Cienega. Another house winner was Tosh Ikegami with his 661 at South Bay Center in the same division.

Tooele prep swim star hurled 120 ft. over garage in spectacular auto mishap

SALT LAKE CITY.—A smashed garage last week marked the scene of an auto accident in which two popular Tooele High School students were killed and two injured seriously.

Among the injured was Tosh Imai, 18, son of Mr. and Mrs. George Imai, 409 E. Vine St., Tooele, suffering a severely lacerated scalp, concussion and a fractured jaw. Apparently, he was hurled over the top of the garage and struck a chicken coop 120 feet away. He was not found for 30

minutes after the accident. It was through the persistent barking of garage-owner's dog.

The four, all members of the high school swimming team, were traveling east on Smelter Rd. when the auto hurtled off a curve, rolled over several times before crashing into the garage.

Sheriff deputies reported the car traveled about 500 feet out of control before landing upside down.

Last August, Imai won the 100-meter freestyle event in the Inter-mountain Jr. AAU meet.

Chicago Cubs equipment manager's brother holds same job with Hollywood

Only last week, the Pacific Citizen reported the high degree of acceptance Yosh Kawano enjoys as veteran equipment manager for the Chicago Cubs from his diamond-play cohorts.

This week, Jerry Akahoshi of the Ragu Shimpo tells of a clubhouse boy for the local Hollywood Stars in the Pacific Coast League going into his 10th season. He is Nob Kawano, 33, the younger brother of Yosh.

Ostensibly, what Nob and Yosh are doing are the same. Writes Akahoshi: "Few people realize the man who handles the cleaning of uniforms, who keeps track of all the equipment, who during spring training is the first one out on the field to see that everything is in tip-top condition, and the man who makes sure that the locker room is filled with all the needs of the ball players" is the clubhouse boy.

Nob's elder brother Yosh got him interested in this job, which the latter held with the same club before the war. Nob used to tag along with Yosh and became interested.

Nob returned after his stay at Poston Relocation Center to Los Angeles and joined the Stars in 1946. Yosh, in the meantime, was working with the L.A. Angels before moving into the major leagues.

During off-season, Nob works with American Railway Express during the holiday rush and then tours with the Flying Wheels, the veteran hospital paraplegic basketball team which plays in wheel-chairs.

When the Stars are on the road,

Nob stays home and handles the clubhouse chores for the visiting team at Wrigley Field, home of the Los Angeles Angels.

Nob is married to the former Chizuko Nakadegawa of Long Beach and they have two daughters, Ellen 9, and Hanna 2.

Among the ball players, he is affectionately called, "maitre d'" (French for "master of"). Hollywood club publicist Irving Kazes says Nob belongs in the big leagues "for he is the greatest". Clubhouse boys move up in much the same manner as ball players on recommendations, he explained.

Comments Akahoshi: "Nob has carved an enviable record in his stay with the Stars thus far, and he has set a wonderful example for all lovers of sports. He has shown through his love for sports that one, if not actually taking part and performing in some sort of athletics, one can always find a way to aid and be a part of sports in one way or another."

PUGET SOUND GOLF

TOURNEY DATE CHANGED

SEATTLE.—The 36-hole tournament for Puget Sound Golf Club members has been changed from April 21 to April 14 at both Jefferson and Jackson courses. While the first spring season affair, it was announced winter rules would still be in effect. Sab Ogishima fired a 75-10-65 to win the March tournament.

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LOS ANGELES NEWSLETTER

By Henry Mori

U.S. Buys Umeboshi

CLASSIFY THIS under the "times have changed" department.

The Japanese navy men, thanks to some sharp maneuvering on the part of Soichi Fukui of Commodore Perry Post 525 of the American Legion and Rollins MacFadyen of the Los Angeles Republican Assembly, will henceforth be able to eat their native food through government procurement of rice, umeboshi, miso, shoyu and such from a local trading company.

According to Fukui, men from the Orient come at intervals to receive U.S. mine sweepers under the Mutual Defense Assistance program. The crew, usually composed of about 35 men and officers, train in American waters before returning to their country.

Their stay extends from three to five months and during that time most of the ship's hands begin to miss their rice and umeboshi. The Navy bean just doesn't hit the spot for them, it seems.

So, in the name of mutual security, Fukui and MacFadyen went to work to obtain the necessary menu for the Nipponese sailors. The usual red tape was cut after nearly five months but the result was a happy one.

It surprised all of us when we learned those boys could down 150 pounds of rice per day, a tub of miso in three days, one gallon of shoyu every day at sea. The rakkyo by the tub can be consumed in less than a week, the takuwan at two tubs a week.

The innovation first benefits members aboard the JDS Tsushima which will be around until May. The Long Beach Naval Shipyard will procure the food items.

You can't deny that with most of us who were also raised in an Issei family that ochazuke with umeboshi or takuwan can hit the right spot on occasions.

CONGRATULATIONS ARE in order to Shiro Fujioka, 78, who became the first Southland Issei to receive the Fourth Order of the Sacred Treasure from the Japanese emperor.

The awardee is the father of active JACLers Pete and Dick Fujioka, both past presidents of Detroit and Southwest L.A., respectively. Fujioka, Sr., now in Japan with his wife, Chiyoko, on a tourist visit, attended Columbia University and devoted most of his life in writing as newspaperman, correspondent for a Tokyo daily and editorial man of U.S. vernaculars.

Fujioka who has raised a family of 11 children joins Yaemon Minami of Guadalupe and Tameji Eto of San Luis Obispo in receiving the coveted honor.

WE ARE not the ones to be writing about music, a subject with which we are totally unfamiliar. But this is about the latest formation of a joint student workshop which some members of the Nisei Music Guild has established. The two, however, are not related in any way.

Purpose of the new group sounds very promising in that it will give an opportunity to teachers as well as students to work together, give the latter a chance to perform at more public functions (in recitals or concerts) and the instructors their outlet in discussing mutual problems.

One of the organizers is Mrs. Sue Takimoto Joe, whose husband Tomizo was recently elected president of the Long Beach-Harbor District JACL chapter.

Sue points out that the group has no officers and everyone shares equally in the responsibility of keeping the workshop on its toes.

At present the membership is composed of instructors Nobuko Fujimoto, Michi Dohzen, Los Angeles; Sue Joe, Long Beach; Marlene Inouye, Gardena; Susie Tamura, Santa Barbara; and Aya Matsumoto, Sachi Mittwer, Pasadena.

It does not intend to limit itself to piano but includes any instrument as well as vocal when workshop discussions take place. The group plans two sessions, one in July and another in November, said Mrs. Dohzen.

NAT'L DIRECTOR'S REPORT: by Masao Satow

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sitting in on this IDC gathering, we are scheduled to bring up to date on JACL affairs the members of the Boise Valley and Snake River Valley chapters at a joint meeting the night preceding.

POSTSCRIPT TO EARTHQUAKES

The somewhat eerie creaking and violent swaying of our dilapidated building momentarily raised our hopes of acquiring a new Headquarter's building out of sheer necessity, but as it was, the earthquakes merely served to punctuate our dictation period. While some offices downtown closed for the afternoon, it would require more than a little earth shaking to shelve our JACL chores for the day.

STRICTLY PERSONAL

SAN FRANCISCO—Linda Haru (fifth child) is the name of Joe Grant Masaoka's newest addition. Kats and Emi Handa were blessed with a baby girl—after two boys, too. Also, a sister for Dr. Wilfred and Chie Hiura's two boys. And it was a girl for Etsu and Tamayo Sugaya. And with all these girls—what a lot of fun for Tak and Morey Yamamoto's brand new son 15 years from now.

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BIRTHS

LOS ANGELES
SATO, Wilbur (Ross Yoshida) — boy
Emerson Ko. Feb. 8.

SANTA ANA
HEDANI, George M. — girl, Jan. 30.
Costa Mesa.
KURISU, Albert E. — boy, Feb. 15.
Anaheim.
MATSUMOTO, Sueo — boy, Feb. 16.
Buena Park.

SAN DIEGO
MIYAJI, Mas — boy Wendell Masana-
bu, Feb. 2.

SEATTLE
CHIKAMURA, Takeshi — boy Michael
Toshio, Feb. 9.
FUJIMOTO, George — boy, Mar. 17.
HABASAKI, Tokya — girl, Feb. 10.
HIRABAYASHI, James — girl, Mar. 15.
MAMIYA, George Y. — boy, Mar. 5.
NISHIDA, Shig — boy Thomas Shigeru,
Jan. 29.
ONDO, James M. — boy, Mar. 16.
OHASHI, Robert — boy, Mar. 15.
OYAMA, Kenneth — boy, Mar. 12.
SAMESHIMA, Jack M. — boy, Mar. 2.
TAMURA, Bill — boy, Mar. 8, Bell-
vue.
TANAKA, Albert — boy, Mar. 18.
TERANISHI, Spencer — girl, Feb. 27.
WAKAZURU, Joe M. — girl, Mar. 11.
YASUDA, Masayoshi — girl, Mar. 12.

DENVER
ETO, Yoshiaki — boy.
FUJII, James K. — boy.
KIYOTA, Willie — girl, Ft. Lupton.
NAKAMURA, Sam I. — boy.
NOGUCHI, Bob A. — boy.
SAKATA, Bob — boy, Mar. 13, Bright-
on.
SUGIHARA, Tom — boy, Ft. Lupton.
TODOROKI, John (June Hisamoto) —
boy.
UCHIDA, Toshiyuki — boy.
YAMAGAMI, Daniel K. — girl.
YAMASAKI, Joseph S. (Yooko Yoshi-
mura) — girl.

CHICAGO
HONDA, Thomas — girl Diane, Dec. 2.
HONDA, Ben — girl Janice, Jan. 21.

DETROIT
MILLICAN, W.R. — girl Elizabeth A.,
Dec. 26.
O'NEILL, W.R. (Miyoko Mano) — boy,
Feb. 16.

NEW YORK
AKAHOSHI, Irving — girl Corine Kei-
ko, Mar. 10.

MASSACHUSETTS
DORAN, Dean (Takayo Tsubouchi) —
girl Juliet, Feb. 8, Mattapoisett.

ENGAGEMENTS
HIDAKA-OGAWA — Shiz to Richard,
both Chicago.
KOMATSU-WATANABE — Rosie, Ren-
ton, to James, Seattle.
OTOMO-TASHIRO — Ethel, Selma, to
Kenji, Orosi.
TAKAKI-KAMBARA — Mary to Dr.
Andrew, both Chicago.
YAMADA-KOJIMA — Esther to Tats,
both Seattle.

MARRIAGE LICENSES

ADACHI-IKUMA — James and April,
both Sacramento.
CHANEZ-YOSHIMURA — Jose D. and
Yukiko M., both Denver.
CHIN-KYUMA — Joseph M. and Teru-
ko, both Seattle.

FUJISHIMA-ABE — Soichi, San Le-
andro; Yoshiko, San Francisco.

GREEN-HIGUMA — John K., Rols-
town, Tex.; Keiko, Mountain View.

HALL-NOMURA — Edmund and Eliza-
beth, both Santa Clara.

HASHIMOTO-WADA — Takeshi T.,
Hayward; Anna M., Oakland.

ITO — YOKOTA — Edward N. and
Akiko, both Sacramento.

KAJITA-SHIRAI — Yoshimi and Nancy
Y., both Sacramento, at Reno, Mar.
14.

KAMINE-SHINAGAWA — Takashi, Sac-
ramento; Tsutako, Morgan Hill.

KAWACHI-NAKAMOTO — Hiro Y., 30;
Beulah Y., 24, both Seattle.

KING-NAKASHIMA — Dale, Oakland;
Misa, San Francisco.

KITAGAWA-KUSHIDA — Ray, Lodi;
Yurino, Sacramento.

KOGITA-TAKENAGA — Paul Y., 25;
Marion T., 24, both Seattle.

KONDO-NOZISKA — Joseph and Ma-
rilyn, both Porterville.

KOSAKA-MIYAKE — Akira and Emi-
ko, both Sacramento.

LEE-OBATA — Franklin, San Fran-
cisco; Shirley, Berkeley.

MAMIYA-YONEMOTO — Albert and
Shigeko, both San Francisco.

MARSHALL-NOGUCHI — Philip and
Sadako, both San Francisco.

McBETH-NOGUCHI — Mel and Ce-
cilia, both San Francisco.

MUNEKAWA-YAMAMOTO — Roy K.
and Kikuko, both Sacramento.

MURATA-MOTOH — Mits, Patter-
son; Miyoko, Stockton.

MURATA-TAKEUCHI — Yukio and
Kimiko, both San Francisco.

OKAMOTO-MATSUDA — Hisaka and
Akiko, both Seattle.

OKINO-HARA — Wataru and Hideko,
both Reedley.

OTANI-ITO — John K. and Ruby H.,
both Sacramento.

PEDIGO-IWAHASHI — Raymond and
Michiko, both San Francisco.

SATO-KATAOKA — Edward and Jo-
anne, both San Francisco.

SHIKUMA-NAKAYAMA — Eni, 42;
Watsonville; Sonoko, 36, Sacramento.

SHINGU-MAYEDA — George S. and
Alice, both Stockton.

SHIMOTO-KANEMOTO — Ray Y.,
Santa Clara; Lois S., San Jose.

SHINTANI-HAMADA — Harumi, Oak-
land; Kiyo, San Francisco.

STUTLER-WAKABAYASHI — George
A. and Eiko, both San Jose.

TAMASHIRO-IWANAGA — Susumu,
26; Sumiko, 22, both Watsonville.

TESHIROGI-SUGIMOTO — Hiroshi
and Meriko, both Seattle.

UCHIYAMA-FERNANDEZ — William
and Elizabeth, both San Jose.

YAMAICHI-KIKUMOTO — Richard
and Sally Sakaye, both Sacramento.

DEATHS

AKIYAMA, Matsuzo, 79; Deaver, Feb.
22 — wife, three sons James, Joe
George.

KUBO, Yukichi, 79; New York, Mar. 5
— (w) Haruno, (s) John Kazuo, Dr.
Giro, Gene Seigo, (d) Mrs. Yoshiko
Okada.

MITOMI, Walter B.; New York, Feb.
23 — (w) Mary.

NISHIZAKA, Tomotaro, 65; New York,
Feb. 21 — (s) Shunya, Tamio, Michi-
hiko, Takuyuki, (d) Miyoko, Ituko,
Toshiko, Mrs. Arthur Terasaka.

TSUBOTA, S/Sgt. Toshio; Fresno, Feb.
23 (in Japan) — (p) Mr. & Mrs.
Jurroo, (b) Masao (Redwood City).

YAMAMOTO, Shoji; Portland, Mar. 3
(in Kyoto) — wife, (s) Kiyoo, (d)
Tamae.

CBS Radio Workshop adapts Noh plays,
Nisei composes original score in show

"CBS Radio Workshop" presents one of its most unusual productions with "The Japanese Drama", adapted for radio on Arthur Waley's translation of Noh plays, this weekend on its national network. (Southern California listeners will hear the same program on KNX, April 14, 4:30-4:55 p.m., PST.)

The story involves Lord Hojo no Tokiyori, his son whom he hurls over a cliff presumably to his death, because of an ancient custom, and subsequent wanderings of the father as a lowly priest.

Original score was written by Tak Shindo, who will also conduct the CBS-Radio staff orchestra, augmented by some 25 Japanese American musicians and singers. The choral group is from the Japanese Union Church. The ancient Japanese court music ("gagaku") will be rendered by members of Tenrikyo Church. Chief instrumentalists include Mme. Joroku-aki Kineya, samisen; Kazue Kudo,

samisen-koto; and Atsuko Yama-guchi, koto.

Among members of the cast will be Yoshiko Niya, talented Nisei pianist, who will read several lines as Tono, the geisha girl.

Shindo, music columnist for the Rafu Shimpō, has done considerable scoring for Hollywood films, UPA cartoons and more recently scored the oriental dances in "Around the World in 80 Days". His sister, Karie (now Mrs. Henry Aihara of Garden Grove), is a talented vocalist.

Arizona Nisei signed
for 'Sakini' role

PHOENIX.—John Hirohata has the choice role of Sakini in "Teahouse of the August Moon" to be presented in May at the Phoenix Little Theater. Role of geisha Lotus Blossom will be played by Janet Ikeda. Both are from nearby Mesa.

Hirohata, prewar Arizona JACL president, is owner of Johnnie's Photo Shop, has done some writing and frequently produces skits.

NVC elections

SEATTLE.—Pat Hagiwara, engineer at Boeing Airplane Co., was elected commander of the Nisei Veterans Committee last week. He succeeds Bill Nishimura. Other officers are:

Dick Naito, 1st v.c.; Frank Hori, 2nd v.c.; Bill Ishii, treas.; Tom Onishi, sec.; George Kawaguchi, cor. sec.; Cal Hayashida, memb.; Sam Mitsui, ch.; Elmer Ogawa, pub.; Mich Shinomura, bazaar; Chuck Kato, sec.; Ted Nakanishi, ath.; Willie Chin, rec.; Mac Shoi, sgt.-at-arms; Nelson Matson, sp. serv.; George Hori, Joe Nakatsu, exec.; Mich Shinoda, Howard Minato, man. bd.

SO. CALIF. JAPANESE
PHONE DIRECTORY PRINTED

The 35th edition (1957) of the Japanese Telephone and Business Directory of Southern California, biggest since the first one published in 1910, was published last week by Empire Printing Co., 114 Weller St., Los Angeles 12.

BOOK REVIEWS:

Japanese Politics: An Introductory Survey
(Alfred A. Knopf, Inc., New York)

One would not need to make a poll of bookstores to come up with the fact that a book on politics very seldom hits the rank of best seller, or even come anywhere near hitting the first ten or twenty in the list. Its very subject matter would be enough to dissuade the average buyer to purchase a copy of such a book with the avowed purpose of settling down in a nice easy chair with a beaker of negus as a help in passing a quiet evening.

Strange as it may seem however, a new book by Nobutaka Ike, a doctor of political science, presently associate professor and curator of Japanese collections at the Hoover Institute at Stanford University, could be classed as a literary "sleeper"; even as some films are teamed with a supposedly first run picture and turn out to be superior to the headlined feature.

To the student of political science, especially dealing with Oriental countries; to the average Nisei; to those GIs who served in Japan and took a serious interest in its culture and history, and to those who have lived in the land of the Rising Sun, "Japanese Politics: An Introductory Survey", will prove a most pleasant and interesting little book. It is informative, and while a most scholarly work, it is never dull or tiresome reading. It is couched in a style that will lull the average laymen into an avid interest to continue reading the book to see if his own personal conclusions as to what is happening in present day Japan is in accord with Dr. Ike's presentation.

Giving a brief historical sketch of Japan, the author continues with an outline of the social picture of Japan, emphasizing the family structure as a most important factor in the political picture of the country. A contrast of prewar Japan with the present so-called Democratic political

structure brings the author to a conclusion that "it is extremely difficult at this point in history to set forth with clarity the kind of doctrine which prevails in contemporary Japan. In theory, the pre-war doctrines have been discarded and replaced by new ones which are democratic in character. Yet, since the new doctrines were imposed from outside instead of originating primarily in internal social changes, there is ground for believing that the old and the new doctrines exist side by side at present, with little effective integration of the two having occurred as yet."

In speaking of the new Constitution adopted during the Occupation, Dr. Ike quotes one source as admitting "the new Constitution is as yet no more than a new set of rules, devised in committee and communicated to the players, in which the players have as yet little familiarity or confidence. It will take time and experience before they know the rules well enough to play by them."

A question that has often arisen in the minds of many concerning the part played by the Emperor in Japan under the new Constitution, the observation is made by Dr. Ike that under the new Constitution, the Emperor quite clearly reigns but does not rule.

In order not to place too much emphasis on the above excerpts quoted by this reviewer, it would be well for those interested in this subject to read this book for themselves and form their own opinion. From this reviewer's observation, the time will be well spent.

—BRO. THEOPHANE WALSH

(We asked Brother Theophane to review Dr. Ike's book, since he is acquainted with postwar Japan, having been with Tosei News Agency while assigned to Japan in 1948-1952 by the Maryknoll Fathers... Dr. Ike is a Washington-born Nisei.—Editor.)



WASHINGTON NEWSLETTER

By Mike Masaoka

Cherry Blossom Week

Washington

This is Cherry Blossom Week here in the nation's capital, and the pink and white blossoms around famed Tidal Basin are almost in full bloom.

They're known as Japanese cherry blossoms now, though it wasn't so many years ago during World War II, when they were called, first, "Oriental", and then, "Korean", cherry blossoms. And the hundreds of thousands, including half a million tourists, who will view the blossoms this week are probably unaware that only fifteen years ago there was an effort made to cut down all the trees.

This week is the 45th anniversary of the planting of the first tree in the Tidal Basin, a goodwill gift from the then Mayor of Tokyo.

This week too will mark the presentation of a three and a quarter pound crown of perfectly matched cultured pearls and 14K gold, valued at \$100,000, which will be worn by the Queen, who will be selected by the chance of a spinning wheel from 53 princesses representing the 48 states, the District of Columbia, the Territories of Hawaii and Alaska, and the Island possessions. This pearl and gold crown, donated by Yoshitaki Mikimoto, son of the late "pearl king", will be worn hereafter by the annual queens of this yearly event. Each queen, this year's included, will receive a necklace of cultured pearls, however, as a keepsake of her week of glory.

The fabulous Mikimoto crown was to be formally presented to the Cherry Blossom Festival by Ambassador of Japan Masayuki Tani at an Embassy reception for the 53 princesses on April 4.

The night of April 5, Mrs. Dwight D. Eisenhower will spin the wheel of fortune that determines the Queen at the Festival Ball at the Sheraton Park Hotel. Next day is the famous pageant and coronation at the Jefferson Memorial.

JAMESTOWN FESTIVAL

Last Saturday, the Jamestown Festival, commemorating the 350th anniversary of the founding of the first permanent English settlement in North America, began in Jamestown, Va., some 150 miles southeast of Washington. The Festival will continue on into November.

Actually, this Festival is a triple celebration, combining the 350th year since the landing of the settlers in Jamestown, with the 175th year since General Cornwallis surrendered at Yorktown to end the American Revolution and a unique division in American history, 175 years of colonial rule and 175 years as an independent nation.

James Bryce, the British Ambassador who attended the Tercentenary of the founding of Jamestown, declared at that time that "Jamestown was one of the great events in the history of the world—to be compared for its momentous consequences with the overthrow of the Persian Empire by Alexander, the destruction of Carthage by the Romans, the conquest of Gaul by Clovis, the taking of Constantinople by the Turks—one might almost say with the discovery of America by Columbus. For in Jamestown was born the great English-speaking nation beyond the seas of which Sir Walter Raleigh dreamed and here was the cradle of American republican institutions and liberties."

The tiny settlement on the little island in James River has been rebuilt as it was in the years following its discovery by Captain John Smith. This is the area in which the great Indian chief Powhatan lived, and where his daughter Pocahontas had her romance with John Rolfe, who pioneered in developing tobacco. This is the place where slavery began, for tobacco made slavery profitable.

Issei and Nisei visitors to this fabled area are familiar with the historic triangle that includes Jamestown, Williamsburg, and Yorktown within a thirty mile radius.

Williamsburg became the capital of Virginia 92 years after the founding of Jamestown. It has been restored in its colonial glory and was described by the late President Roosevelt as the most historic mile in the United States.

In Yorktown, Redoubt No. Ten, where Generals Washington and Lafayette entrenched themselves during the final stages of the siege that ended in surrender, has been re-excavated and a visitors' center built that gives a panoramic view of the entire battlefield.

The original 105 settlers who landed at Jamestown in 1607 were recruited through the Virginia Company, a commercial organization, which guaranteed them the rights, freedoms, and privileges enjoyed by Englishmen at home. They braved a three-month ocean crossing in three tiny ships, the smallest a mere 20 tons. Replicas of this "fleet" are now anchored off Jamestown as a feature of the celebration.

They made landfall 20 years after the disastrous attempt to found a colony at Roanoke and 13 years before the Pilgrims stepped on Plymouth Rock far to the north in Massachusetts. The first settlers were all men and the sponsoring company later had to send over a "boatload" of maidens to provide wives for the early colonists.

Romantic history credits Pocahontas with saving Captain John Smith's life when he was captured by her father, Chief Powhatan. In his detailed report to the company, however, Captain Smith fails to mention any such incident. Pocahontas, however, was captured by a later Chief Councilor, Samuel Argall, who asked so much in ransom that her father refused to pay it. She remained in Jamestown, became Christian, married John Rolfe, was presented at the British Court, died at the age of 22, and lies buried in the churchyard of Jamestown.

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—PACIFIC CITIZEN.

Dan Aoki urges statehood for Hawaii in address before D.C. JACL chapter; would enhance U. S. foreign policy in Far East

WASHINGTON.—Dan Aoki, administrative assistant to Del. John A. Burns (D., Hawaii), declared that statehood for the Territory of Hawaii is in the best interests of the United States, while at the same time providing local self-government to the deserving people of that territory.

Speaking to the monthly meeting of the Washington, D.C. chapter of the Japanese American Citizens League, the first Nisei ever to be appointed to serve as an administrative assistant to any member of the Congress explained further that American foreign policy, particularly in the Far East, would be greatly enhanced with the admission of Hawaii into the Union as the 49th State.

Aoki stated that the hundreds of millions of peoples in the uncommitted Asian nations would have a better appreciation and recognition of United States policies against communist designs for domination because of the many American citizens of Japanese ancestry residing in the island territory.

He brushed aside the arguments advanced by opponents regarding Hawaii's qualifications for Statehood by pointing out that by the usual standards applied to the admission of states his territory is more than qualified. He said that the people of Hawaii have earned the right to taxation with representation, a right now denied to this Pacific Territory because Hawaii's only elected representative to the Congress has no vote on any issue and its citizens deprived of the presidential franchise.

The desire, and the need for statehood and self-government is always apparent to the people of Hawaii because of its presidentially-appointed Governor over whom there is no adequate control. The governor, being appointed by the President, is responsible to the administration on the mainland, and not to the citizens of Hawaii, he pointed out.

"While the situation is bad enough when the President in Washington and the Territorial Legislature of Hawaii are of the same party, it is indefensible under the present circumstances when a Republican President appointed a Republican as governor when Democrats control both Houses of the Legislature," he charged, revealing that in the last session this same Democratic Legislature approved many measures for the people.

Japanese farm labor investigations planned

WASHINGTON.—Rep. Pat Hillings (R., Arcadia, Calif.) is planning a swing through California late this month to investigate Japanese farm labor conditions.

Chairman Francis Walter (D., Pa.) of the House Judiciary Subcommittee on Immigration this week named Hillings to conduct a one-man investigation of the temporary agricultural worker's program during Congress' Easter recess April 18-29.

Public hearings are scheduled for Los Angeles, San Francisco, Fresno and the Imperial Valley.

TV-films —

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grounds that they had no alternative since they had to purchase these objectionable films along with others because of the practice of compulsory block-booking.

"If the Government action is sustained," Masaoka declared, "the National JACL program relating to these objectionable films being shown on television should benefit, for no longer may the individual stations hide behind the argument that they have no control over the films they purchase and show. Responsibility for showing all films can then be pinpointed and more effective representations result."

The Washington JACL Office will call the National JACL TV Program to the attention of the Justice Department as another reason for eliminating compulsory block-booking of motion picture films, Masaoka said.

ple's benefit but that the governor vetoed 70 per cent of them.

The veteran of the famed 442nd Regimental Combat Team, now a leading Democrat in the Islands, stated that much of the public opposition to statehood is based upon alleged communist activities in the territory by the International Warehousemen and Longshoremen's Union. He pointed out that Headquarters for this Union is on the continental mainland and also argued that under Statehood Hawaii would be in a better position to deal with this problem which is better recognized in his homeland today than in most of the states.

He stressed that the communist issue has been overemphasized and that many entirely unrelated matters are covered with the cloak of communist conspiracy. As an example, he cited the recent objections of the people of Hawaii to the British who were proposing nuclear explosions only 900 miles away. As a consequence of the protests, the British decided to move

the tests some 1,600 miles away. In spite of the obvious protest, the Communists were blamed for initiating them, Aoki said.

As for the large population of Americans of Japanese ancestry, he declared that particularly since the end of World War II they are taking a more active and responsible role in their community and in their government. Under Statehood, their already significant contribution to Hawaii and to the nation would be substantially increased, he declared.

Harvey Iwata, chapter president, presided over the monthly meeting.

Program chairman Nasuo Hashiguchi introduced the Nisei administrative assistant who, following his talk, showed a colored travel film of Hawaii.

Mrs. Lily Noguchi and her committee provided refreshments during the informal conversation period that followed the meeting.

Prior to the meeting, Aoki was honored at an informal dinner.

JACL representative to attend 9th annual Conf. of Nat'l Civil Liberties

WASHINGTON. — Mike Masaoka, Washington representative of the Japanese American Citizens League, is attending the ninth annual Conference of the National Civil Liberties Clearing House here this weekend (Apr. 4-5) at the Statler Hotel.

Masaoka was chairman of the National Civil Liberties Clearing House in 1952-3 and is a member of the committee on Conference Reports, whose chairman is Robert W. Frase of the American Book Publishers Council. Frase was an employment officer for the War Relocation Authority during the war years, first as an assistant and then as chief of the national employment service that found so many job opportunities for the evacuees in the midwest and east.

The National Civil Liberties Clearing House is a voluntary association of some 50 independent national organizations for the promotion of knowledge and the exchange of factual information, educational materials, opinions and ideas in the fields of civil liberties, civil rights, intellectual freedom and other human rights. JACL has been a member since its organization in 1948.

Last year, 98 national organizations registered at the eighth annual conference.

Benjamin D. Segal, president, Local 189, American Federation of Teachers, and trade union consultant for the Fund for the Republic, is chairman for the session on "The Industrial Security Program and Individual Liberties." Dudley B. Bonsal, chairman, special committee on the Federal Loyalty-Security program of the Association of the Bar of New York City, will discuss "The Basis for a Sound Program," and George MacClain, special assistant and legal adviser to the director, Office of Industrial Personnel Security of the Department of Defense, will explain "The Program in Action." Panel presentations on the subject will be by attorney Walter E. Dillon, president of the Junior Chamber of Commerce of Washington, D.C.; Wilson McMakin, vice president and director of industrial relations of the American Cable and Radio Corporation; Benjamin C. Sigal, general counsel, International Union of Electrical, Radio and Machine Workers Union, AFL-CIO; and David N. Shapiro, volunteer counsel, American Civil Liberties Union.

Sen. Richard L. Neuberger (D., Ore.) will comment on "Our Ten Year Search for Security and Liberty," followed by an address on the same subject by public opinion analyst, Elmo Roper, chairman of the board of the Fund for the Republic, at the evening dinner session.

Kenneth M. Birkhead of the American Veterans Committee will be session chairman on "The Right to Equal Protection and Equal Privileges." Patrick Murphy Malin, executive director,

American Civil Liberties Union, will speak on "The Right To Vote." Harold Fleming, executive director, Southern Regional Council, on "Resistance to the Supreme Court's School Decisions," Boyd L. Payton, southern director, Textile Workers Union, AFL-CIO, on "The Drive Against Private Organizations," and Warren Olney III, Assistant Attorney General in charge of the Criminal Division, Department of Justice, on "The Government's Role in Defending Civil Rights."

Dr. Ralph F. Fuchs, of the American Association of University Professors, is chairman of the luncheon meeting. The Rev. Clarence Jordan, director, Koinonia Community, Americus, Ga., will discuss "A Southern Case History" and Rep. Richard Bolling (D., Mo.) a member of the House Rules Committee, "The Congress and Civil Rights."

Boris Shiskin, director, Civil Rights Department, AFL-CIO, will be chairman of the concluding session devoted to "Equal Opportunity in Housing and Employment." Frank Simpson, executive secretary, Connecticut Commission on Civil Rights, will discuss "Housing"; Herbert Hill, labor secretary, National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, "Employment"; and Charles Abrams, director, New York State Commission Against Discrimination, "The Role of the State Agency."

CALENDAR

Apr. 10-20
 Mile-Hi — Movie benefit: "The Phantom Horse," Esquire Theater.
Apr. 12 (Friday)
 San Jose — Welcome Social, Onishi Hall, 8 p.m.
 Chicago — General meeting Subj: Planning Your Vacation.
 San Fernando — Installation banquet, Hody'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)
 Orange County — Easter Egg Hunt, Irvine Park, 1 p.m.
 Southwest L.A. — "Escapade" social, Park Manor, 8 p.m.
 East Los Angeles — Annual dinner-dance.
Apr. 14 (Sunday)
 IDC — Spring Quarterly, Boise.
 Chicago — Discussion Club: "Dilemma of Nisei Parents," Olivet Institute, 3 p.m.; Mrs. Helen Mukoyama, chmn.
 EDC — Chapter president's meeting, Philadelphia.
 Monterey — Auxiliary House Tour, 3 p.m.; home of Mrs. Virginia Stanton, Carmel Valley.
 Placer County — Community picnic, JACL Recreation Park, Penryn.
Apr. 18 (Thursday)
 Fowler — "This Is Your Life—Mike Masaoka" showing, Japanese Hall.
Apr. 20 (Saturday)
 San Jose — Easter dance, Onishi hall, 9 p.m.
 D.C. — Potluck dinner, Joppa Lodge; "This Is Your Life" kinescope.
 San Francisco — "April Showers" Auxiliary benefit dance, Booker T. Washington Center, 9:30 p.m.
Apr. 21 (Sunday)
 Southwest L.A. — Easter Egg Hunt, Rancho La Cienega, 2 p.m.
Apr. 28 (Sunday)
 Hollywood — Spaghetti bust, Shonien Home.
 French Camp — Community picnic, Mieke Grove, 10 a.m.
 Chicago — Discussion Club: "Sansei Speak Their Mind," Olivet Institute, 3 p.m.; Richard Kaneko, chmn.