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## PRESIDENT'S CORNER:

Pitching for 1958  
Salt Lake convention

It was 1948 in Salt Lake City that this writer attended his first national JACL convention and somehow ended up presenting the National Resolutions Committee report. As a freshman delegate our responsibilities were relatively light. But subsequent biennials have been rugged, grueling affairs because of the pressures and problems found in National Planning and National Finances — committees to which we were assigned. Nevertheless, national conventions have been both challenging and enjoyable experiences for us.

Salt Lake City, hosts again in 1958, may seem handicapped in not having a regional or national office. We can assure them, however, that all of our JACL offices will help as much as possible. It means that all chapters must give maximum support to the hosts if a successful convention is to be insured.

Though premature to stress importance of attending the 1958 convention, it is our opinion that no JACLer fully understands or appreciates the purposes of our national organization unless he has attended as an official delegate.

Most chapter officials (and this was true for us in 1948) tend to think in terms of their local chapters only. With diligent attendance at district conventions and meetings, their horizons widen. Finally, they see a comprehensive JACL picture at a national convention.

The value of this experience, knowledge and training is far beyond time, effort and money expended in attending a convention. But just as learning to swim is not the same as going into water, talking about a convention is not the same as attending one.

We are confident Salt Lake City, one of the friendliest and cleanest towns that we have ever seen, will stage a wonderful convention. They have the required experience, know-how and leadership.

— Dr. Roy Nishikawa.

## CL renews Hawaii statehood plea

### Cost of mailing chapter newsletters may rise if P.O. 3rd class embargo set

BY HARRY K. HONDA

Postmaster General Summerfield, as of this writing (Wednesday), hasn't changed his mind about the drastic cuts in mail service scheduled to go into effect this weekend.

It all began when he asked Congress for \$47-million to pay for operating his department for the next three months. Of this amount, \$17-million is needed for salary increases voted by Congress but for which insufficient money was appropriated. This amount was all that the House appropriations subcommittee has approved. The remaining \$30-million was chopped off.

Calling in the press last week, the Post Office chief declared severe measures would be initiated to meet the difference. One included an embargo of all third-class mail (except some medical items), which is where JACL chapters and Pacific Citizen are vitally concerned.

Pacific Citizen alone sends out as much as 400 pieces of third-class mail each month at 2 cents each. An embargo would force the use of the first-class rate of 3 cents for the next three months.

Mas Satow, national JACL director, says third-class mailings from Headquarters are negligible but reported San Francisco JACL sends out 1,000 copies of its Newsletter each month, which go third-class. Berkeley also sends out 900.

Blanche Shiosaki, secretary for the Pacific Southwest JACL regional office, revealed close to 2,500 pieces for various local chapter newsletters were serviced through the office each month.

Orange County JACL handles 500 copies each month. St. Louis JACL sends out close to 225. There are at least 13 other chapters distributing newsletters through third-class.

Midwest JACL Office postal requirements are entirely first-class. Abe Hagiwara, Midwest District Council chairman, informed the Pacific Citizen yesterday. "We should not be adversely affected by a third-class embargo," he said.

The Chicago JACLer, which has a circulation of 1,500, is mailed first-class. It was explained that the newsletter is folded into an envelope together with other pieces of mail, such as letters, flyers, etc. However, other MDC chapters mail their newsletter third-class. Detroit JACL sends out 250, Cleve-

land 400 and Twin Cities between 300 and 400, it was learned.

From this week's special survey, it can be assumed at least 5,000 pieces of third-class mail handled by JACL units each month can be affected.

Unlike advertising bulk mail which goes third-class, chapter newsletters are anticipated by readers who find news and personal items which they would never see in any other printed media.

It would seem chapters have a stake in this question of eliminating third-class mail privileges for the next quarter. Chapters would be obliged to scrounge deeper for funds to service the community-at-large and membership in their valid objective of public welfare instead of commercial gain as in advertising.

PC readers who get theirs on a Saturday, in the event the curtailment takes effect, won't see this issue until Monday.

### BULLETIN: PSWDC—

**DISNEYLAND.**—Ralph Edwards, famous TV personality, identified with the weekly program, "This Is Your Life," will be the guest speaker at the biennial convention of the Pacific Southwest District Council stated here on May 18-19 weekend, it was announced by David T. Yokozeki, PSWDC chairman.

Edwards, whose weekly program is sponsored by Procter and Gamble, is seen by more than 30 million TV viewers every Wednesday night, will be the recipient of a citation award from National JACL at the district convention luncheon on Sunday, May 19, according to convention co-chairmen Roy Yamadera and Fred Takata.

The luncheon program, which will be emceed by National JACL legal counsel Frank Chuman, will be held at the Disneyland Hotel Restaurant. Newly elected PSWDC officers to serve during the coming biennium will also be installed at that time, it was revealed.

Mike Masaoka, Washington JACL representative, appeared on the "This Is Your Life" show as a surprise guest on its Jan. 2 telecast, it is recalled. Kinescope films of this program are now being shown by JACL chapters everywhere.

## Canadian Nisei potato grower protests dumping of U.S. spud surplus in Canada

**TORONTO.**—Because an estimated 80 per cent of the potato crop grown in Canada comes from Nisei farms, one Japanese Canadian grower in Alberta hopes they would organize to stop American crops from being dumped duty-free in unlimited quantities into Canada.

An irate Nisei grower, writing to the New Canadian recently, pointed out the Canadian potato market is in a state of chaos because of a "bumper crop in the northern part of United States," he explained. (Some of the successful Nisei farmers in eastern Oregon and Idaho are potato growers.—Editor.)

Recent agricultural reports show 30,000 carloads over last year in the Pacific Northwest states as well as 2,000 carloads in Canada.

Alberta has 400 carloads of surplus potato.

Vancouver, B.C., consumes 60 carloads a week, supplied entirely by Americans. "The same thing is happening throughout Canada," he charged. "It is, therefore no wonder that Canadian potatoes pile up in surplus."

An unreasonable situation in potato exchange was cited in the letter. "When our potatoes are sold to the American market, any amount over the quota is charged duty of 75 cents per hundred-weight. Unless we rectify this very unreasonable situation, and at least place a reciprocal tax on U.S. potatoes, local growers as well as buyers are the ones that will continue to suffer. In order to do this, we must organize ourselves."

## Far East aspect of U.S. foreign policy would be strengthened by admission

**WASHINGTON.**—The Japanese American Citizens League last week repeated its often-expressed endorsement of statehood for the Territory of Hawaii in hearings before the Senate Committee on Interior and Insular Affairs.

Mike Masaoka, Washington JACL representative, in oral testimony before the Committee, declared that America's increasing stake in the Pacific Basin — from the standpoint of international relations and foreign policy, as well as economics and commerce and trade requires the immediate admission of Hawaii as a full-fledged State.

He described Hawaii as the hub or center around which the entire Pacific Basin — from the western shores of North and South America, to the Islands of the South Pacific, to the eastern coast of Asia — revolves and emphasized that American foreign policy in the Far East particularly would be strengthened if Hawaii, with its preponderantly "Asian" population, became a State.

Stating that Statehood for Hawaii has been one of the major postwar legislative objectives of the JACL, Masaoka warned that the Communists have been propagandizing the nations and peoples of the Orient that United States failure to admit Hawaii to statehood is another indication of America's lack of concern for peoples of Asian ancestry.

Following his personal appearance, he submitted a 13 page mimeographed statement outlining JACL's reasons for urging Statehood.

The statement declares that "as Americans, most of whose mem-

bers reside in the western part of this country and particularly along the Pacific Coast, JACL members believe — as did so many congressional committees in the past — that by every legitimate standard Hawaii qualifies for Statehood. We are convinced that it is in our national self-interest that this 'Island Paradise' that lies at the 'Crossroads of the Pacific' be welcomed into the sisterhood of States; that from the viewpoint of national security, international commitments, economic and commercial implications, and social well-being, Statehood for Hawaii will benefit the nation."

JACL's special concern, according to the statement, stems from the fact that "It is no secret in Asia — and one constantly exploited by the communists — that a racist disinclination to accept persons of Oriental origin on the same footing with those of European background has been one of the strongest forces working against Statehood for Hawaii. This unfortunate attitude hampers our international efforts to gain for the free world the minds and the hearts of peoples whose support may be pivotal to the survival of the world as we know and like it."

It is not enough to say that we believe in the equality of nations when at the same time we continue to deny to one geographical and political segment of our country the same equality and autonomy that we extend to most of our country. It is inconsistent that we call upon other powers to recognize the free determination of peoples when we refuse to practice that same principle in regard to a long-time Territory whose population has overwhelmingly determined in free elections that they desire Statehood status."

The JACL document outlined the historical development of American foreign policy in the Far East since the end of World War II and suggested that Statehood for Hawaii "is the next logical step in our Pacific adventure, for to the peoples of the vast Pacific Basin the Hawaiian Islands is the test of our goodwill and our good intentions."

The pioneering achievements of the Issei immigrants to the Territory are mentioned and the wartime history of the persons of Japanese ancestry in Hawaii, in the military forces as well as in civil-

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### BULLETIN: Farm laborers—

**WASHINGTON.**—Congressman Patrick J. Hillings, (R., Whittier, Calif.) will conduct hearings and investigations in the so-called temporary Japanese agricultural workers program in California during the Easter recess of Congress.

Hillings, ranking minority member of the House Judiciary subcommittee on immigration and naturalization, was named to carry on this one-man study by Rep. Francis Walter (D., Pa.), chairman of the subcommittee.

As announced by his office, Hillings will conduct hearings in San Francisco April 23-24. He will then look into the housing and employment conditions in Salinas and Watsonville areas, and then Santa Barbara and Ventura areas, prior to hearings in Coachella (Indio) on April 27.

He will conclude his hearings in Los Angeles on April 30 and May 1. Because of transportation difficulties, Fresno, which was originally scheduled on his itinerary, has been cancelled.

Mike Masaoka, Washington representative of the Japanese American Citizens League, who has been actively associated with this program from its inception, will accompany Hillings not as a member of his official party but as an unofficial observer because of the implications of the program for Americans of Japanese ancestry.

California state officials, growers and users of Japanese temporary agricultural workers, and labor union officials are expected to testify on this latest program to help alleviate increasing shortage of agricultural workers for California farms.

## Calif. FEPC bill OK'd for floor vote

**SACRAMENTO.**—The Assembly Ways and Means Committee approved by an 18-8 vote a bill establishing a fair employment practices commission and sent it to the Assembly floor.

It was previously approved 11-3 by the Assembly governmental efficiency and economy committee. Passage in the Assembly is expected, but author Augustus P. Hawkins of Los Angeles fears a fight in the state Senate.

### Tulare Issei juror

**VISALIA.**—Rev. Zessei Kawasaki minister of the Visalia Buddhist Church has been named a member of the trial jury of Tulare County.

Rev. Kawasaki became a naturalized citizen last year and he is the first naturalized Issei to serve in this special duty here.

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# From the Frying Pan

by Bill Hosokawa  
 Denver, Colo.

What are you worth to your employer or business? If anything should happen to you, what would it cost your firm to find a replacement to fill your job? Could management promote your assistant and go on as if nothing happened? Or would the entire business shudder to a stop if you happened to get knocked off in an automobile accident?

In the case of a Korean type Nisei named Joe Park, the answer is clear. Titan Chemical Industries of Boulder, Colo., which he serves as executive vice president, values Joe Park's life at a million dollars. At least that is the size of the life insurance policy Titan took out on Dr. Park last week.

The policy was issued by Perpetual Life Insurance Co. of Denver with nine other firms joining in the underwriting. It was the largest policy ever issued in Colorado or the life of an individual.

Joe Park is the brains behind Titan, a firm just getting started. Many of Titan's projects are still only vaguely formed ideas in the back of Dr. Park's mind. Eventually, Titan hopes to get into the manufacture of home-consumption chemical products. It wants, also, to find scientists with ideas that will benefit everyone, and develop these ideas into salable form. Titan needs Joe Park's genius to do this.

What manner of man is Joe Park? He was born in the Hawaiian islands of Korean immigrant parents. After completing high school in the Islands, he enrolled at the University of Dayton and earned a degree in chemical engineering. He got his Ph.D. in organic chemistry from Ohio State University in 1937. He worked for General Motors, went on to Du Pont. He developed Freon, the patented refrigerant. With Du Pont he holds a couple of dozen patents.

Ten years ago, asthma was beginning to give him a bad time. He was fed' up with the crowds and climate of the east. He moved to Boulder to take a professorship at the University of Colorado. Mostly, he instructs graduate students. During summers he works as a consultant with Du Pont, Minnesota Mining and other giants of the chemical industry. "I take these jobs," he once told me, "so I can afford to teach." He'll continue to teach as he works for Titan.

Joe Park is a quiet, soft-spoken, stocky gentleman who looks far younger than his 50 years. He and his wife, Bernice Kim Park, are advisers to Hui o' Hawaii, a campus club made up of nearly a hundred Colorado University students from Hawaii. Dressed in a violent Aloha shirt, Dr. Park is always much in evidence during Hui o' Hawaii's annual spring luau.

A modest man, and completely unassuming, Joe Park is embarrassed by the publicity arising from the million dollar insurance policy. It takes another officer of Titan, Dr. Paul Barrick, secretary-treasurer, to explain what Dr. Park means to the company.

"The size of this policy speaks for itself in terms of the esteem in which Dr. Park's services are held by our firm," Dr. Barrick says. "When we find people with an encouraging prospectus, it's our job to evaluate the idea. If we decide it has merit, we offer to finance necessary research for the discovering individual or group.

"But it's not as simple as that. We must judge the value of technical discoveries. It's even more vital to know when is the opportune time to develop them. Because we're confident that Dr. Park, more than any other man in our field, has the capacity to provide these answers, we've placed this high value on his association with the company."

High tribute indeed for the son of a Korean immigrant who went to Hawaii seeking the better life. And an object lesson to those in this country, as well as the proclaimers of doom behind the Iron Curtain, who say there is no opportunity left in this nation.

## 100 MILLION IN JAPAN BY '64 MAY 'BLOW OFF ROOF'

SAN FRANCISCO.—By 1964, Japan will have a 100 million mouths to feed and unless they can be fed, "the roof is going to blow off in the Pacific," declared Dr. Paul Rusch, American founder of KEEP (Kiyosato Educational Experiment Project), here last week.

"You can't teach religion or idealism on empty stomachs," he pointed out. And he warned that this is not a problem that Americans can ignore for "in this jet age what bothers us in Japan is going to bother us in California".

Before World War II, Dr. Rusch was a teacher of economics at Rikkyo University in Tokyo. After Pearl Harbor he was interned by the Japanese and later repatriated and until 1949 was an intelligence officer on General MacArthur's staff.

After the war he recognized the urgent need in Japan for food and faith.

"The brass all talked democracy," he recalled, "but the Japanese were tired and hungry."

His answer was KEEP — the Kiyosato Educational Experiment Project on a mountain slope 70 miles west of Tokyo.

This unique community, combining Christianity, democracy and American technical know-how, was sponsored in the beginning by the Brotherhood of St. Andrew, an Episcopal lay organization. Its supporters now number in the thousands in the United States, Canada and Japan.

Dr. Rusch is in the Bay area to make a number of speeches. He said he plans to travel in the United States until May or June, and then to return to Japan.

He spoke before a Japanese audience at Kinmon Gakuen and at the weekly luncheon of the Japanese Chamber of Commerce.

## San Jose-Okayama become sister cities

SAN JOSE.—The mayor of Okayama, Japan, has formally accepted the offer of the City of San Jose to hold "town affiliation" ceremonies in Okayama in the near future.

Mayor Robert C. Doerr had written a letter to the Japanese mayor suggesting May 25 as the date for the rites. At that time, Asst. City Mgr. John B. Massen, who expects to be en route to a new job in Iran, will be in Japan and will represent San Jose.

Okayama Mayor Hisashi Tabuchi has replied to Doerr that May 25 seems to be an appropriate date, but that he will have to confer with his committee, now in process of formation, in order to confirm it. He then promised to let Doerr know as soon as possible.

Mayor Tabuchi added that all his city's cultural circles called the "town affiliation" plan "the surest road to everlasting peace," by the exchange of men and information. He said the time would soon come when Okayama businessmen, professors and technicians would freely visit their sister city of San Jose.

## Outstanding Bussei of 1956 named for awards

FRESNO.—The 1956 Rev. Kyogoku awards for three outstanding young Bussei were announced by Dr. Kikuo Taira, chairman of the Western Young Adult Buddhist League awards committee, as follows:

Tadashi Kozuki of Parlier, outstanding Jr. YBA member; Ethel Yanaru of Denver, outstanding YBA member; and Masuko Toyoda of Marysville, outstanding Buddhist Sunday School teacher.

The award fund is based on the donation from the family of the late Rev. Kyogoku. Recipients receive a plaque and \$25 set of Buddhist books.

MENTION PACIFIC CITIZEN TO OUR ADVERTISERS



TOKYO TOPICS

By Tamotsu Murayama

## Cappy Harada Cleared

TOKYO.—Cappy Harada, prominent member of the Japan National Baseball Commission and head of the Tokyo Aviation Travel Agency who was recently accused for alleged violation of foreign exchange control laws, is going to be freed of the charges very soon.

Cappy had helped some PTA delegates to America when asked to assist them in the promotion of Japanese-American goodwill; however, his competitors blackmailed him. Thoroughly investigated for alleged blackmarketeering and continuous violation of foreign exchange control law, he has been cleared of blackmarketeering charges.

It is regrettable that one allegation upon Cappy has been treated so spectacularly in the press here and in America. There have been no stories subsequently restoring his honor as well as repairing the damage to reputation of Nisei in general.

Harada's rise to success since V-J day has been outstanding. As aide to Gen. William Marquat, who helped reconstruct Japan's economy and industries, Cappy was active in every undertaking to rebuild Japan. Unavoidably, there were business enemies made—both Japanese and American. But nonetheless, Cappy was able to build up respect for himself and the Nisei.

His marriage with popular actress-singer Teruko Akatsuki also brought about jealousies.

### BASEBALL MOGUL

In baseball, he was instrumental in bringing over American major leaguers on barnstorming

tours and worked closely with Lefty O'Doul in the early days of postwar revival of baseball. He is still general manager of the Yomiuri Tokyo Giants.

Nisei in Japan must strive even harder to attain a higher place of recognition. Improvement of Nisei status in Japan can mean betterment of U.S.-Japan relations. It must be said that some Americans are attempting to chop down the Nisei for their own gain.

No one can deny what the Nisei have done since the war to improve relations between the two countries. Harada, for instance, worked hard to improve the fraternal ties of Japan and America. His contribution alone to the Japanese sports world are not described in cheap words.

### CAUTION ASKED

Time has come for Nisei on both sides of the ocean to band together and protect mutual interest in such circumstances that have tripped Harada. The Nisei press should exercise more care in handling such stories—because one miss can be ever-damaging. A story knocking down a Nisei in a Nisei press can be construed as playing the same game as those who want to belittle the Nisei.

Cappy is presently resting at St. Luke's Hospital, getting treated for his gout and other ills. And his wife is a grand gal, standing by him during his hour of mental and physical anguish.

## Civic women's group to host naturalized Issei

PALO ALTO.—Naturalized Issei citizens of Redwood City, Menlo Park and Palo Alto are to be honored Apr. 22, 2 p.m., by the Palo Alto Republican Women's Club at the local community center.

Sequoia JACL president Peter Nakahara will speak to the group. Tea is to be served by Nisei girls. A color film on "Katsura Village" will be shown.

Mrs. William L. Gause, president of the group, commented: "Since they (Issei) are assuming new responsibilities as citizens, we hope to be of help to them."

SEQUOIA C.L. PRESIDENT ADDRESSES COLLEGE CLASS  
 SAN JOSE.—Attorney Peter Nakahara, who is Sequoia JACL president, addressed the sociology class of San Jose State Professor Claude Settles this week on "Americans of Japanese Ancestry — Evacuation to Present".

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## VAGARIES

By Larry S. Tajiri

### Japanese Cinema

Denver

The universal acceptance of Japanese films was illustrated recently in a couple of news items from widely-separated parts of the globe. The first report, from Paris, noted that a film theater devoted exclusively to showing Japanese movies will open there Sept. 1. It will be called the Etoir.

The other story, this one out of San Francisco, noted that the tiny Larkin Theater (400 seats) turned away 1,000 would-be viewers a week ago Saturday. The film was "Street of Shame," a Daiei Studio production set in Tokyo's red light district.

This enthusiastic reception of Japanese movies has been based on only half a dozen films such as "Rashomon," "Gate of Hell," "The Golden Demon," etc. But in every one of these the Japanese movie men demonstrated remarkable artistry, sensitivity and a knowledge of high drama. All of these were interpretations of classic and historic themes.

But Japan does not produce Samurai films alone. It's a movie-mad country with six major studios (which turn out 90 per cent of the full-length movies) and more than 70 independent studios. It is perhaps not surprising that in 1955 more than 400 full-length movies were made in that country.

It's easy to predict that in future more films from Japan will be shown to American audiences, and that many of them will deal with contemporary themes. Two of them currently showing in theaters here are "Street of Shame" and "The Phantom Horse," both Daiei productions.

"The Phantom Horse" reached Denver only this week, and its showing here is being sponsored by the JACL. It is, in many ways, reminiscent of some of the gentle British comedies set in rural villages. It is the story of a boy and a horse who grows up to win the Derby, and while this sounds like old Hollywood story material, its treatment and acting are fresh and new.

The stars are Ayako Wakao and Yoshio Kitahara, though its main characters are an attractive youngster named Jiro (Yukihiko Iwatate) and a handsome race horse named Takeru.

Jiro is one of the most engaging kids ever seen on the screen, and he creates some memorable scenes, notably one in which he sings, dances and plays the harmonica for his colt Takeru. The role of Jiro is one in which actors (child-type) revel—with lots of appealing poses and some good old-fashioned temper tantrums thrown in. We admit, however, to a little bit of shock over the calm adult acceptance (in the movie) of the tantrums. For our money, a few whacks on the backside would have been more satisfying.

This film, incidentally, is probably the first in history to show a horse being psychoanalyzed. While this is presented in complete seriousness, it turns out to be one of the funniest bits in the picture.

It's probably unnecessary to add that the movie, taken in Eastman color, is another of the remarkably beautiful, aesthetically satisfying films turned out by Daiei.

"Street of Shame," which was made last year at the height of the debate over a bill to ban legal prostitution, has been credited with helping in the passage of the bill, which went into effect short weeks ago and ended, it is presumed, the three-century old tradition of the red light district.

Its star is Machiko Kyo, the lovely bit of cheesecake in "The Teahouse of the August Moon." The film depicts the lives of the prostitutes and the attitude of brothel owners toward attempts to outlaw prostitution. Whether the lurid title can take the credit or not, the film has been packing them in on the West Coast.

Of course many of the Japanese productions are run-of-the-mill films, with Hollywood-type musicals and horror films and treacherous family tales among the 400-plus annual output. But these movie men have already demonstrated that at their best they can produce films unequalled in beauty and dramatic intensity. On their own ground and in their own milieu, they can and do produce works of art. The market here for their films is increasing every day. Distribution here of films with contemporary themes will increase that limited audience. For "The Phantom Horse" is not the story of a Japanese boy and his horse. It is the story of any boy and his horse, and the picture demonstrates the universality of human emotions.

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Keiko Nakahara, Salt Lake JACLer and coed at Westminster College, appears as Lotus Blossom in Univ. of Utah Theater production of "Teahouse of the August Moon".

—Boyard Studio Photo.

## Salt Lake Clerics in 'Teahouse' drama

SALT LAKE CITY.—Two local JACLers as well as children of two Mt. Olympus JACLers are appearing this week in Univ. of Utah's presentation of "Teahouse of the August Moon".

Keiko Nakahara of Salt Lake City has the femme lead role of "Lotus Blossom", the geisha girl; while Mrs. Kinuye Oki, among the first Issei to be naturalized here, enacts the humorous role of the grandmother on the jeep.

Mrs. Oki, now working in the U. of U. Union Bldg. kitchen specializing in making salads, formerly operated the OK Cafe. She has assisted the cast to perfect their "Nihongo" lingo and gave technical assistance to their actions and dance numbers.

Miss Nakahara, an accomplished dancer, is a coed at Westminster College. She also taught little Becky Shimoda and Joy Tsuya who have a special dance number with Miss Nakahara in the Broadway hit.

The little boys, Chipper Matsumori and David Ushio, in the play are sons of the Tom Matsumoris and Shig Ushios of Mt. Olympus JACL.

Other local Nisei appearing are Mrs. T. Omura (Higa Jiga), Betty Nakamura, Michi Nakahara, Terry and Janice Honda, June Koda, Tomi Shirota and Mary Jane Shimoda. TV personality Alden Richards is Sakini in the Dr. C. Lowell Lees directed production at Kingsbury Hall.

## Western Pioneer elections held in cordial atmosphere

OAKLAND. — Unlike last year's company squabble among stockholders for proxy votes that presaged the annual meeting, all was cordial and friendly at the Western Pioneer Insurance Co. elections this past week.

Reelected were board of director members Tad T. Hirota, Mike M. Iwatsubo, John Y. Maeno, Joe Minato, David Y. Nitake, Tim Sasabuchi, George Shima, Tom M. Shirakawa, Hughes T. Tsuneishi, Taul Watanabe and Kiyo Yamato.

Elected were A. D. Erickson, pres.; Nitake, 1st v.p.; Sasabuchi, 2nd v.p.; Hirota, treas.; Preston N. Erickson, sec. & gen. counsel; Tom Hirano, compt.; Watanabe, exec. dir.; Iwatsubo, chmn. of bd.; Kihei Ikeda, Kay K. Kamiya, Keisaburo Koda, adv. comm.

While it was a bad year from the standpoint of underwriting, Erickson in reporting the affairs of the company revealed several new highs in admitted assets (\$1,742,387), new premiums written, diversification of its investment portfolio and in the number of agents.

## JEFFERSON BLVD. REZONING FIGHT BRISKLY STOPPED AT CITY HALL

Service to the immediate community has won new friends for Southwest Los Angeles JACL, which expedited protests from Jefferson-12th Ave. area residents against a neighborhood pipe company seeking a change in zoning classification from C-2 (commercial) to C-M (light manufacturing).

This week, the battle which started in late January ground to a brisk stop in the City Hall chambers where the City Council planning committee, chaired by Eugene Debs, disapproved the appeal of Hirsch Pipe & Supply Co.

Very little had to be said by the opponents, represented by Kango Kunitsugu, SWLA chapter president; George Thomas, executive director of the Los Angeles County Conference on Community Relations; and attorney Chiyoko Sakamoto, counsel for several business interests on Jefferson Blvd.

City Councilman Charles Navarro, in whose district the zoning battle took place, took the lead in protesting the zone change request. He pointed out that residents in the affected area were mainly of a minority group, who relied on the shopping district there. Light-manufacturing would mean heavier truck traffic and gradual elimination of the stores which serve the neighborhood, he explained.

Navarro, praising the good citizenship record of the many minority-group members in the area, felt they deserved due consideration. Granting of the change may also start an avalanche of other light-manufacturing firms into the same area to the detriment of

nearby home owners on both sides of Jefferson Blvd., the committee was told.

In late January, the firm's request before the City Planning Commissioner was denied. At that time, the chapter responded to a call for assistance from Issei-Nisei residents.

## Two shibai slated for SLC benefit

SALT LAKE CITY.—Casting for two shibai to be presented during the "Shower of Stars" extravaganza, Sunday, April 28, has almost been completed and rehearsals started Tuesday at the Salt Lake Buddhist Church.

Jiro Sakano, in charge of the shibai, announced that an amusing comedy and a serious drama have been selected to present to the audience.

Along with the Japanese plays will be singing, dancing, instrumentals and a magician's act. Some of the JACL fellows are working up an enticing "can can" that should really roll the audience into the aisle.

Curtain time has been set to go up at 5:30 p.m. Admission by donation. Salt Laker's should plan to attend and help out in a worthwhile cause.

## Another million seeds of flowering cherry trees ready for distribution

NEW YORK.—A million seeds of the flowering cherry (Prunus Donarium) and ginkgo (Biloba) trees have been sent by school children in Japan for presentation to American communities and organizations, it was announced by Kumakichi Nakashima, president of Friends of the World, Inc.

To be shipped here in April by courtesy of Northwest Orient Airlines, distribution will begin immediately to insure maximum germination. Requests from the area east of the Mississippi should be addressed to Friends, care of Japan Travel Information Office, 10 Rockefeller Plaza, New York, 20. Those in the west should send their requests to Friends, care of Japan Travel Information Office, 651 Market St., San Francisco 5.

If all requests cannot be filled, those remaining will receive seeds in early autumn. Planting instructions are to be enclosed.

The organization is fostering the development of the people-to-people program, which has been endorsed by JACL.

## NICC mixer Apr. 26

DENVER.—The informal mixer opening the 12th annual Nisei Intercollegiate Conference here Apr. 26-27 will be chaired by Joyce Sawamura, who will be assisted by Kim Okugawa, 1955 Bussei queen; and Reiko Yoshihara, NICC social chairman.

The mixer will be held at the Tri-State Buddhist Church, 1947 Lawrence St., on Friday, Apr. 26, 9 p.m. Function is open to all college students of the area.

## SIMPLIFY VISA SET-UP BETWEEN U.S. & JAPAN

TOKYO.—A new arrangement simplifying visa procedures will go into effect April 21, the Foreign Office has announced, between Japan and the United States.

Non-immigrant visas are to be issued free of charge on a reciprocal basis to eligible nationals of the two countries, valid for multiple entries for a period of four years instead of one as heretofore.

The new policy should facilitate travel by Japanese and American merchants and investors, who are obliged to travel frequently, between the two countries.

## Rev. Morikawa to address Easter Sunrise audience

CHICAGO.—Dr. Jitsuo Morikawa, director of evangelism for the American Baptist Convention, will speak for the Easter Sunrise Service in Hollywood Bowl, which will be on TV and radio, Apr. 21, 7 a.m. (CST).

Rev. Morikawa's nation-wide appearance on TV-radio marks a culmination of evangelistic conferences he is leading in 34 states served by the American Baptist Convention.

Until last year, he was pastor of the First Baptist Church here, Chicago's 124-year-old and second oldest Protestant church. In 1954, he was awarded the JACL "Nisei of the Biennium" award for distinguished community leadership.



Nisei Legal Secretaries installed their officers, "all adorned in their best tramp outfits obtained from the most fashionable trash cans in Los Angeles." Some of them (left to right) Toshi Fujita, 2nd v.p. in charge of program; Jean Sato, 3rd v.p. in charge of social; Margaret Ouchi, pub. rel. chmn.; and Sumi Matsui, rec. sec., as Ruby Yamahata (right), past president, leads the oath of office. Other officers are Em Yamada, pres.; Miyo Fujita, 1st v.p.; Yuki Tanaka, cor. sec.; Rose Takahashi, treas.; Lillian Chu, employment chmn.; and Mitzi Sera, hist.



SOU'WESTER  
By Tats Kushida

### Nomo Kane

Having mailed in our annual monetary tribute to Uncle Sam, we pondered over the romanization of income tax. It's inkamu takisu.

Its apt etymology gives us in (official seal), kamu (blow), ta (another), ki (season) and su (numbers), all of which means it's time again we blew our dough on the government. Kamu also means bite, taken out of you know where. As is customary, we offer an alternate translation: inka (gold, Peruvian style), muta (waste, a form of muda) and kisu (osculation), or, kiss your money goodbye.

#### TRIP THE LIGHT

Of late, we've vainly tried to uncover some hidden terpsichorean aptitude by joining the Gardena Valley JACL's dance class taught by maestro Gene Parker on Friday nites. The J. community center with its brand new floor is the weekly Mecca for some seventy willing partisans to mambo, tango, three teas (cha-cha-cha) and other Latin steps which is about all the local bands seem to cater to these days.

The novelty of using new and untried muscles to impart a rhumba wiggle, for instance, does nothing more for us than to prove we ain't got it. But it's fun and we highly commend this form of pedal calisthenics—leastwise you can burn up calories that otherwise accumulate.

Which brings us to our current experiment in dining out. We've been lunching on sushi the past week, alternating between Mitsuba and Matsuno sushi emporiums in Li'l Tokio. We can't rightfully call it a regimen, nor a diet either, because first of all we like the stuff and we eat it by choice. Secondly, while it's not entirely filling, it can be supplemented by between meal snacks to replenish our fuel supply. And of course, it's economical.

Coming from a race of people supposedly able to subsist on rice, pickled plum and fish, we challenge that allegation. We've learned that certain combinations of this can be pretty pleasant to take. But other stuff got to go with it. Or it's got to go. Actually, rice at least once a day has become a must. Except when there are adequate substitutes such as steak, prime rib or hot dogs. Or pizza. Or anything with starch, fat and sugar, highly condimented.

**BACK TO GARDENA:** The GV chapter has initiated another class we've signed up for. It's the bi-weekly bridge class taught by Dr. Katsumi Uba, a Goren system expert who probably has more master points from tournament bridge than any other local Nisei. Kats, who by the way overhauls bicuspid at his dentury at 2516 W. Santa Barbara in Ellay, teaches for gratis. His missus, Flo, has a brother, Freddie Funakoshi, with Morgan & Co. stock brokers, who runs a semi-monthly ad in the PC (not this issue).

Bridge session chairman is Ronnie Shiozaki, chapter treasurer, who used to run the S. & I. grocery in Chicago with Buddy Iwata, now of Livingston, Calif. Ron now has a Juvenile Shop at the Town & Country shopping center. He's married to Leah whose twin sis, Helen, is married to Dr. Paul Yamauchi, a local medic we used to attend school and play football with circa '36. Which is one way to get to Berkeley, our home town, where Tad Fujita, sect'y of the JA Philatelic Society is our regular correspondent.

**OUR REAL** hobby of philately takes a back seat except when Rafu's Henry Mori entices us to visit one of the shops on stamp row (4th St.). Don't throw away your foreign stamps, especially Okinawa (Ryukyus) of several years ago. Send 'em here, and what we (including editor Honda, Mori and a few other local philatavids) don't use, we'll forward to another stamp fiend, PC columnist Tamotsu Murayama, whose boy scouts in Japan can use 'em.

Sounds sissified and sedentary to derive pleasure from mounting bits of paper in an album. Perhaps to some, it may not be as enjoyable as certain other kinds of mounting — horses, for instance, even bareback, if you like horses.

**WHICH BRINGS** us to our kick of the month. Happened when we'd just made a pitch for the 1000 Club to the cabinet of the Long Beach-Harbor District JACL meeting at prexy Joe Blow's. Dr. Gordon Warner, ass't prof of educ. & psycho at L.B. State College, ups and hands the chapter's 1000 Club chairman, Dr. David Miura, a 1/4-C note. Warner, incid, is the wheel and teach at the local judo club. Nice toss, the 25 bucks

### STRICTLY PERSONAL

**PHILADELPHIA.**—Newcomers here within the past year given a hand of welcome by the local chapter include Miss Eiko Hada from New Jersey, now secretary at Children's Hospital; George Kitazawa, who is with Forest Products Division of Borden Co., and his wife; Miss Yuriko Kumamoto from Canada, who has both a Ph.D. and position at Women's Medical College; Miss-Nobu Miyoshi, psychiatric social worker at Mercy-Douglass Hospital, who comes from Salt Lake City; Makio Murayama, who has a Ph.D. in chemistry at Cal-Tech and now with the Univ. of Pennsylvania, and his wife; Joe and Setsuko Ono, also from Salt Lake City (Joe is a dental student at Temple); Seiichi Tamaki from Los Angeles, who heads the Konica Co.'s U.S. main office at Germantown, and his wife; and Toshi Yoshimura, completing a management training course with Food Fair, while wife Jayne works at DuPont.

**MILWAUKEE.**—Midge Sakemi, who was hospitalized for an industrial accident, has been discharged from Mercy Hospital. Helen Inai appeared on the "Man Next Door" program on WTMJ-TV in conjunction with International Institute's Open House festivities. (The I.I. has moved to new quarters: 2824 W. Highland Blvd.)

**REAL GO-GETTIN'**—Mrs. Peggy Fukushima Paal, who just joined the Hollywood chapter as a new member, went out and in just a day or two got seven of her neighbors and friends to join for the first time.

### Dilemma of Nisei parents subject of next Chicago series

CHICAGO.—Should parents influence and determine the careers of the Sansei? Is there a delinquency or behavior problem among the younger generation youth? Should Nisei parents instill in the Sansei the cultural heritage of their parents? What should be our attitude toward inter-marriage?

These are some of the questions to be discussed at the second session of the Chicago JACL Discussion Club this Sunday at Olivet Institute.

Heading the list of noted resource leaders for "Dilemma of Nisei Parents" are Dr. Rose Hum Lee, associate sociology professor at Roosevelt University, who will discuss the impact of social conflicts on the new generation; Rev. George Aki, pastor, Christ Congregational Church; Mrs. Eleanor Dungan, educational director, Chicago Commission on Human Relations; Shig Murao, Tuley High teacher; Dr. Charles Myran, M.D., psychiatrist; and Tom Teraji, Washington Park school teacher. Mrs. Helen Mukoyama will be chairman.

These Sunday afternoon series are designed to give everyone an opportunity to raise questions and air their views.

The next session, "Sansei Voice their Views", will be held on Apr. 28 and the concluding meeting on "Who Says We're Prejudiced?" will be held on May 5. All meetings are at Olivet Institute, starting at 3 p.m.

Summary of all four discussions will be made available to everyone who comes to at least one.

#### SLIDES OF JAPAN TAKEN BY MEMBER TO BE SHOWN

PORTLAND.—Jack Ouchida will show and comment on his collection of slides taken on his trip to Japan at the Portland JACL chapter meeting Apr. 16 at Nikkeijin Kai.

### GILROY HOT SPRINGS SITE OF SO. ALAMEDA COUNTY COMMUNITY PICNIC

FREMONT.—The Southern Alameda County JACL will hold its annual community picnic April 14 at Gilroy Hot Springs, it was announced by Chuck Shikano, chairman.

Games for young and old are being lined up. A weiner bake will climax the afternoon. A special rate has been obtained for those using the hot bath and swimming pool.

Assisting Shikano are Mr. and Mrs. Yutaka Handa, Mrs. Michi Handa, Eleanor Motozaki, Jane Yamauchi and Yosh Hisaoka.

### SAN BENITO COUNTY C.L. PICNIC PLANNED

SAN JUAN BAUTISTA.—The annual San Benito County JACL-sponsored community picnic will be held this Sunday, April 14, at the Big Trees in Santa Cruz. Tsutae Kamimoto was appointed as picnic chairman by John Teshima, chapter president.

### Spaghetti feed precedes 'This is Your Life' kine

A family affair is being dished up to suit the tastes of everyone from junior to grandparents at the Hollywood JACL spaghetti bust April 28 at Shonien.

Beginning with get-acquainted mixers before supper, the program will conclude with showing the TV kinescope, "This Is Your Life—Mike Masaoka".

### Clers serve sukiyaki

DETROIT.—Services were donated by seven Detroit JACLers who prepared and served sukiyaki at the Mar. 24 meeting of the International Institute Supper Club. The 80 members present thoroughly enjoyed the Japanese dinner. Assisting Mariko Matsura were Elyse Miyao, Kay Nakahara, Aiko Nanjo, Nobi Nanjo, Janice Ouchi and Helen Sugiyama.

### Cleveland 1000ers rock at 1st annual chapter whing-ding

CLEVELAND.—Seventeen members and 28 guests rocked the foundation of the Cleveland Engineering Society Bldg. at the first annual Cleveland 1000 Club Whing-ding on March 2. Abe and Esther Hagiwara, George and Fumi Chida and Ruth Matsuo drove in from Chicago to add to the festivities.

A group of 30 started off the evening with dinner at the Chalet Room of the Hotel Auditorium.

At the CES Building the dancing of the "Takuwan Trio", Joe Kadowaki, Bill Sadataki and Harry Kaku had the crowd in the aisles. Fun continued with a fashion show put on by Abe assisted by Gene Takahashi, George Nakanishi and Harvey Ohmura. Community singing, games and dancing added to the gaiety of the evening.

The party was possible by donations from Joe Kadowaki, Bill Sadataki and Howard Tashima. The entire event was chaired by Harry Kaku. Bill acquired the hall, George Ono emceed the affair and Helen Ono provided the tie and garter name tags. Bob Fujita was in charge of clipping off four-inch hand ties.

Mrs. Yoshiko Baker and Miss Yoshie Matsuura coached the "Takuwan Trio" in the intricacies of Japanese terpsichore. Records for dancing were provided by Harvey Ohmura. Janice Kaku was assisted by Mary Sadataki, Toshi Kadowaki, Frances Ohmura and Helen Ono in providing refreshments.

### GARDENA VALLEY C.L. BRIDGE SESSION SET

GARDENA.—Second session of the Gardena Valley JACL bridge classes will be held at the Japanese Community Center, April 13, 8 p.m., it was announced by Ronnie Shiozaki, class chairman. Lessons are held on the 2nd and 4th Saturday of each month. Dr. Katsumi Uba, instructor, employs the Goren method.

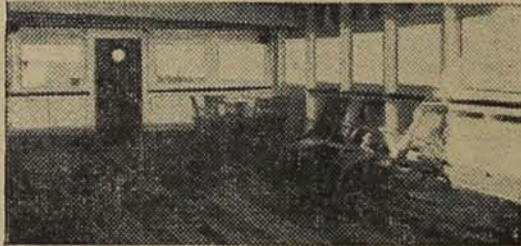
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VERY TRULY YOURS:

'Behind the scenes' in Southwest L.A.

Probably there are other chapters blessed with unusual talent, but for promotions studded with Hollywood-like gimmicks it will be tough to beat Southwest Los Angeles JACL.

Their spring season opener, a stag-stagette party at Park Manor tomorrow, has been tagged "Escapade" and their "idea" men latched on to a three-installment advertising campaign to ballyhoo the party. (See adjoining cut.)

Roy Iketani, past president and this year serving as its public relations vice-president, tells us Ken Miura, Kango Kunitzugu, Mas Kataoka and Johnny Miyauchi met at Terumi Yamaguchi's home one night last month, batted out ideas left and right and recorded them on paper immediately. The session broke up early, apparently the ideas undigested and still smoking hot, when a telephone conference an hour later jelled the gimmick and when the "idea" men reconvened the same night, sketches for the promotion of the party were ready for approval.

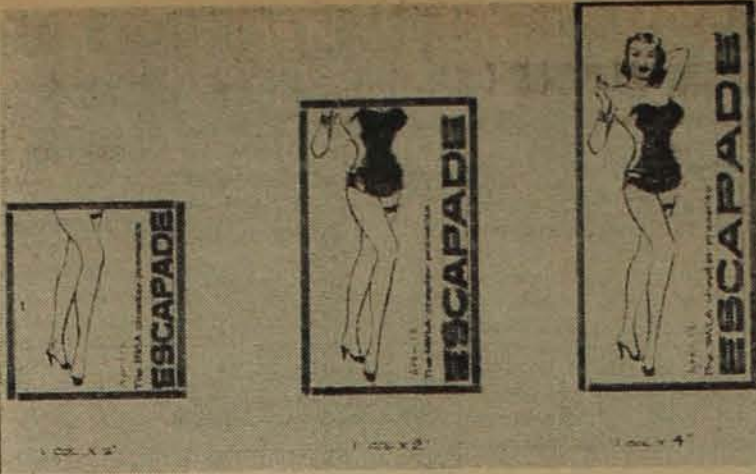
Kataoka and Miyauchi are commercial artists. (Johnny has illustrated the current Southwesterly this month). Miura is a sound engineer; Kunitzugu, energetic chapter prexy, is a designing engineer for a Beverly Hills firm; and Yamaguchi is a gardener who golfs when he can, and is chairman of the party that will be strictly "Ivy League" for the boys.

We recall similar gimmicks in their "Neki Hokey," "Guys and Dolls" and "Marty Party" themes. Hardly a Southland Nisei group can match them for effort, spirit and fun. It pays to have "idea" men around.

"Behind the scenes" work that occurs for every chapter function seldom rates mention other than who served on the committees by their publicity chairmen. We invite stories that tell "how" a particular event was made successful. What one chapter gains in experience can be shared with others.

PC, being an organizational paper, is committed to pass the good works of chapters and their members for the record.

—Harry K. Honda.



The halftone reproduction of this eye-catching three-installment advertising placed in the Japanese vernacular press in Los Angeles doesn't do justice to the artwork, but it surpasses whatever description in words. The campaign to promote Southwest L.A. JACL's first big stag-stagette dance of the season at Park Manor tomorrow was the brainstorm of five "idea" men: John Miyauchi, Ken Miura, Kango Kunitzugu, Mas Kataoka and Terumi Yamaguchi. The cheesecake art teased Southland Nisei with a gartered gam the first week, a well-shaped torso was added the following week and this week, a comely Nisei-ish looking lass (as sketched at the right) appears in the local papers.

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'This is Your Life'

FRENCH CAMP.—"This is Your Life—Mike Masaoka" will be shown tonight to local JACLers and friends followed by cartoons and a Japan travelogue, "Funaji," made available through American President Lines.

Seabrook's chow mein benefit dinner serving over 1,000 'terrific success'

BY AYAKO NAKAMURA  
SEABROOK, N.J.—The second annual chow mein dinner, sponsored by Seabrook JACL on Mar. 19, was claimed a "terrific success" at a post-dinner meeting held last

week with George Noda, chapter president, in charge.

Approximately 1,000 persons from outlying areas thronged the large dining hall here between 4 and 8 p.m. to enjoy generous servings of tasty chicken and pork chow mein as prepared by chapter chefs. Menu was complete with soup, salad, rice, tea, fortune cookies and ice cream.

A PRETTY HARD-BOILED YARN: EGG HUNT PLANNED

Small fry of the Southwest Los Angeles area will be treated to an egg hunt on Easter Sunday, April 21, starting at 2 p.m. Colorfully decorated eggs will be scattered all over the archery range at Rancho Cienega playground.

Games and prizes are also being planned by a committee headed by special events vice-president Carl Tamaki and including Mmes. Dave Nitake, Min Iwasaki, Sachi Tanishiro, George Karatsu, Mits Okumoto, Mas Uyeno, Fred Ota and Fred Ogawa.

Eggs are being donated by local merchants and an egg-decorating party is being planned the night before.

Headed by dinner chairman Dick Kunishima, the kitchen staff of some 150 persons required three days to prepare for the gigantic undertaking.

The event, which has already won a name for itself and place on the calendar, was attended by many distinguished families. Among those seated at tables were State Sen. and Mrs. Howard Sharp from Vineland, President and Mrs. John M. Seabrook, Vice-President and Mrs. Belford L. Seabrook of Seabrook Farms, and Miss Marion Glaeser, formerly of Seabrook, and now 1000 Club member of New York JACL.

Countless number of business and professional people were among those present while several newspapers sent reporters, and photographers to cover the occasion. The Japanese American Citizens Union. A delegation representing the American Association of University Women from Camden travelled some 40 miles to attend the dinner.

Festive entertainment was provided by women and children who performed Japanese dances under direction of Mrs. Mitty Matsui Taniguchi, well-known local artist.

An exhibit of Japanese dolls and other articles of interest as well as flower arrangements was held in an adjoining room. A successful cake sale was another evening feature.

Japanese cooking, table setting demonstrated

SAN FRANCISCO.—Over 75 San Francisco JACL Auxiliary members and friends enjoyed a Japanese cooking demonstration at the Mar. 26 meeting at the local Buddhist Church kitchen with Mrs. Kikuye Yamate as instructor.

Mimeographed recipes of dishes demonstrated were distributed and Mrs. Yamate imparted many helpful hints in its preparation. She also discussed Japanese table setting and etiquette. Sumi Utsumi was evening chairman.

Family business papers subject of Aux'y meeting

PARLIER.—Miss Gertrude Lauche, Fresno County home adviser, spoke on family business papers to members of the Parlier JACL Auxiliary at the Apr. 2 meeting here.

The Auxiliary also decided to man a food booth at the local Buddhist Church bazaar April 13. Miss Elinor Doi was evening door prize winner.

Pasadena JACL sponsors bonsai technique meeting

PASADENA.—John Naka, famous Bonsai authority, will demonstrate his technique on dwarfing trees and show colored slides of his works at the Pasadena JACL meeting April 18, 7:30 p.m., at Church social hall.

The talk will be given in both English and Japanese.

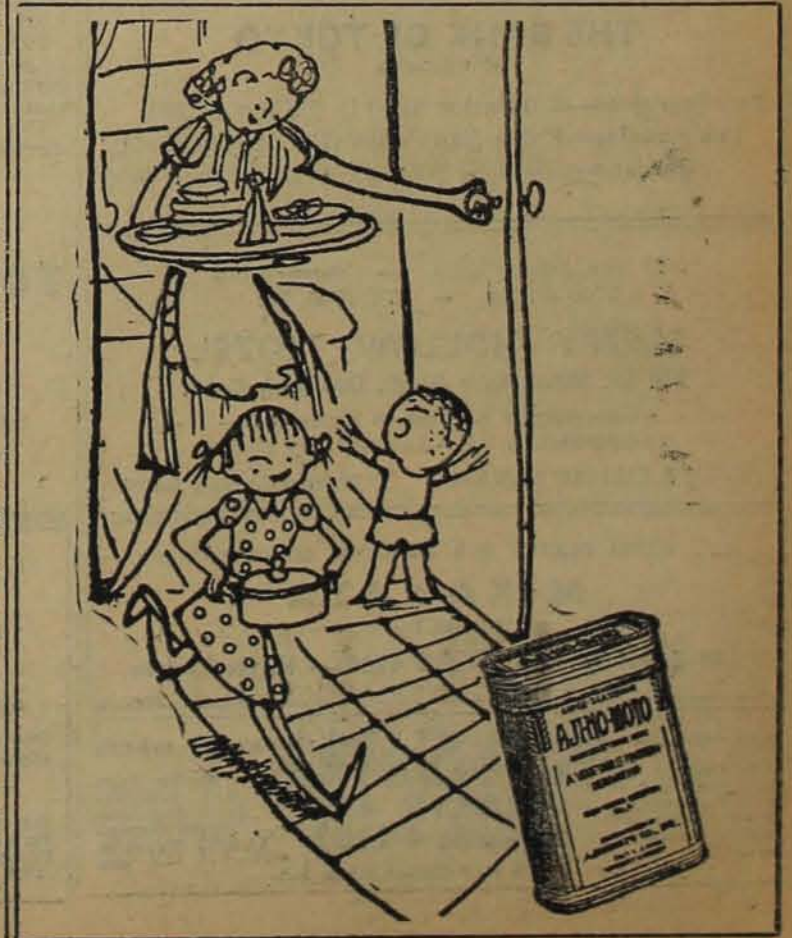
SNAKE RIVER JACL SIGNS RECORD HIGH: OVER 300

ONTARIO, Ore.—There are 303 members in the Snake River JACL, according to George Mita, membership chairman, who announced the 1957 drive has ended.

(JACL Headquarters acknowledges the same number as of April 1 with the chapter leading other IDC units.)

Masao Satow, national director, will be guest speaker at the joint Snake River-Boise Valley JACL meeting tomorrow night at East Side Cafe as a preliminary to the IDC meeting at Caldwell the following day.

A "dancers' dance" with George Shurtleff's five-piece orchestra has been scheduled after the joint meeting and will mark the culmination of an eight-week chapter-sponsored class attended by 80 persons.





THE NORTHWEST PICTURE

By Elmer Ogawa

Nisei Hydroplane Driver

Seattle

ONE WAY to describe youngish (under forty) Sidney Sato of nearby Duvall, Wash., is to say that he's a successful dairy farmer, garage and service station owner, and dealer for Mercury outboard motors.

But to this area's hundreds of thousands of hydroplane fans, he's known as an outstanding driver of the smaller outboard hydros which go bucking and bouncing over the ripples in open water and are air borne half of the time.

Last summer, Sid was first in his class in the Seafair races at Green Lake, but a check up showed his boat to be slightly overweight in some respect, and he was disqualified on a technicality.

Last Sunday Sid was entered in the 35th running of the annual Sammamish Slough even for outboards. Twenty-eight miles round trip, it's one of the screwiest and most exciting events of its kind in the sporting world. The Sammamish Slough in some places narrows down to about 30 feet in width, and in its course which runs from Lake Sammamish to Lake Washington there are dozens of sharp 90-degree turns and some cutbacks which we estimate to be about 130-degrees. Of a larger field of entries, 69 actually started and about half that number finished the course.

It made quite an afternoon for some 60,000 spectators who crowded all the bridges and other vantage points, especially at the turns. With the characteristics of a steeple chase, mishaps occur. Many "skidded" on the turns and wound up on the banks or in the bullrushes. Couple drivers hit the posts under the Bothell Bridge on the downstream run. Another flipped over and spectators waded in to unite boat and driver which continued only to flip again on the return trip. No one was hurt.

Driver of Miss Thriftway and Gold Cup winner, Bill Muncey now a Seattle resident drove the course for the first time. Lin Ivey, who drove Miss Seattle in the Seafair Race was an entry. Among the big name drivers, five were former winners of the slough race, and of this group all but one had a tough day with mishaps, except Bill Farr who was named over-all winner.

Sid Sato was in high calibre company; and he was holding up his end too, until he made a detour into a berry patch; but nevertheless managed to finish fourth.

The program indicated that Sid would be driving 28-R. We spent only part of the afternoon at the pits, looked all over for 28-R, Sid or his brother Mits who is his pit mechanic, but saw neither in all the crowd. Later we found out that he was driving Runabout 38-R, another of three boats that he owns. Because the alternate boat is in another class, we just never managed to get to the vantage points or the finish line when that class came through. So sorry, folks, there's no picture, and I'm mighty sad to admit the failure.

A PRINCIPAL feature of the coming Trade Fair will be of special interest to the ladies. Emphasis will be placed on women's fashions. Models, designers and stylists will be among the Japanese delegation, and joining them here will be more of the same from the East and West Coast.

The variety of Japanese fabrics run the gamut from the coarse cotton terry cloth and ratine, to broadcloths, dress crepes, georgettes, chiffons and on to sleekest satin brocades. The printed fabrics are plentiful, and good, but a big center of interest will be the colorful fast color hand prints, and this type can be designed and printed to order which will afford the talented to achieve ideas of distinctive styling whether it be beach apparel, playsuit or a knockout of a formal.

So, Gals and Dolls, remember the date, May 17 through 26 and bring daddy too, there'll be lots of things of special interest to him too, like fishing gear, cameras and "do it yourself". While principally Japanese, the Trade Fair is International in scope, including the daily floor shows.

Another 300 rolled, but in practice

Warming up for the annual Los Angeles Examiner men's singles bowling classic last week at San Gabriel lanes, Frank Uyeno scored a 12-strike feat that would have earned him a \$300 bonus had it occurred in tournament competition.

However, he will be rewarded by the bowling house in keeping with a custom that prevails for all practice or competitive 300s.

Among eight bowlers with perfect games inscribed in the Examiner record books is Kaz Katayama, who posted his 300 last year.

Nisei money winners this past week include Charles Kobashigawa's 276 high game at Trojan Bowl in Class B and Dr. Nob Arata's 258 high game at Friendly Hills in Class D, both good for \$100 awards.

Nisei billiard titlist

SEATTLE.—Frank Tajima of the Univ. of Washington won the pocket and three-cushion billiard championship Mar. 30 in the fifth annual Region 11 Games sponsored by the Association of College Unions here. Tajima scored 100-33 in the pocket finals and won the three-cushion title with 25-10.

Nippon matmen win

WAYNESBURG, Pa. — Two visitors from Japan, Takashi Hirata in the 114½-lb. class and Masashi Kokubo in the 136½-lb. class, won their weight championships in the National AAU wrestling finals here at Waynesburg College gym before a sparse crowd of 1,500 spectators last weekend.

SAN FRANCISCO JACL OLYMPICS NEARLY CANCELLED, DATE RESET

SAN FRANCISCO.—Rather than cancel the annual San Francisco JACL Olympics this year for lack of a suitable locale, the board of governors of the sponsoring chapter voted to advance the date two weeks to Sunday, May 26, at Kezar Stadium.

There was considerable speculation as to where the Nisei track meet could be held on the original

date, June 9, because of the renovations that would be in progress at Kezar, traditional site of the JACL Olympics.

Jack Kusaba, chapter president, will co-chair the JACL Olympics men are to be selected at the next with Sam Sato. Other committee-board meeting.

As in the past, JACL chapters in California are being invited to sponsor teams.

This emergency action was made when the board, which met last Friday at the Park-Presidio YMCA, was informed no other track field in this area would be in a usable condition during the month of June. JACL Olympics have been traditionally held on the second week of June.

(Meanwhile, plans are also developing in Southern California where the Los Angeles JACL Coordinating Council will sponsor the Nisei Relays at Rancho La Cienega tentatively set for Sunday, June 23.)

SAC'TO WOMEN KEGLER SMASHES 685 SERIES

SACRAMENTO. — The Sacramento Bowl finished atop the standing in the Women's Junior Classic Bowling league which saw Aya Takai set a new high series of 685 on games of 245, 195 and 245.

She also hit series of 602, 641, 614 and 617. Other Nisei bowlers in the league who hit better than 600 series included Eiko Tanihara with 614 and 624 and Jean Nakatani with a 619.

Wife of Yulene Takai, the gent who grabbed singles and all-events at the Albany JACL nationals, wound up with 179 average, highest in the Sacramento Women's Bowling Association, from a start of 167.

Cops Reedley trophy

REEDLEY. — Larry Iwasaki of Reedley High walked off with the high point trophy in the 15th annual Reedley Relays last Saturday participated by 14 high schools.

Iwasaki won the trophy with 13 points by winning the discus with a 143 ft.-4 in. toss, and two seconds in the shot put and 100 dash.

Chick Igaya retains NCAA slalom championship

SNOW BASIN, Utah.—Chick Igaya of Dartmouth won the NCAA Olympic slalom last week with his exceptional daring and speed in a combined time of 104s. through the 55-gate Beck's Hill course here.

A senior at Dartmouth, Igaya skied for Japan in the last winter Olympics and received a silver medal for his place in the slalom. It was his sixth NCAA title and slalom championship.

BOSTON MARATHON INVITES THREE JAPANESE RUNNERS

BOSTON.—Japanese entries in the 61st Boston A.A. marathon on Apr. 20 will be led by 1953 winner Keizo Yamada, Nobuyoshi Sadanaga and Toyoshichi Nakada. Yamada's winning time was 2h. 18m.51s.

Last year's winner from Finland ran the course in 2h. 14m.14s., world's fastest recorded time.

Nisei scientist reports discovery of virus leading to loss of eyesight

SAN FRANCISCO.—A virus that causes fever blisters and cold sores is fast becoming a leading cause of loss of eyesight, a Nisei scientist and his associates at the University of California medical center reported in a recent issue of Archives of Ophthalmology.

The report was made by Dr. Phillips Thygeson, clinical professor of ophthalmology; Dr. Samuel J. Kimura, associate professor of ophthalmology, and Dr. Michael J. Hogan, clinical professor of ophthalmology.

The virus, known as herpes simplex, is carried by 90 per cent of the population, but generally manifests itself only in fever blisters and other minor symptoms.

Since World War II, the researchers said, the virus has been striking more and more frequently at the cornea, the clear "window" at the front of the eyes.

Why it should suddenly have become the most important ailment affecting the cornea, the researchers were unable to say, but their suspicions were that the blame might attach to the increasing use of cortisone and related steroid drugs.

The eye disease varies widely in severity and in the degree of permanent corneal damage, from none at all to virtual blinding.

The U.C. team reported it was

certain that the recent increase in the disease is real and not just the result of more careful diagnosis.

They pointed out as one proof the fact that involvement of both eyes has become more frequent, whereas 10 years ago it was very rare. Among the 200 patients studied, 10 per cent had the disease in both eyes.

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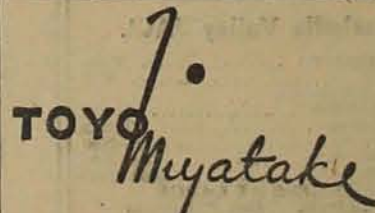
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LOS ANGELES NEWSLETTER  
By Henry Mori

East and Southwest

**THE ELEDA** Restaurant on Crenshaw Blvd. will be the scene of another "big dinner and dance" social by members of the East Los Angeles JACL chapter tomorrow night. The event celebrates the end of a successful membership drive, chaired by Ronald Nomi, and honors the 1956 cabinet headed by Fred Takata on winning the "Chapter of the Year" award during the Pacific Southwest District Council's annual chapter clinic held in February.

Roy Yamadera, general chairman, named his committee as follows: Jim Higashi, master of ceremonies; Takata, entertainment; Kathy Yoshida, Laurel Murata, Jean Sato, reservations; and Mikie Hamada, Rose Kozen, Grace Sakurai and Peggy Tanaka. George Nomi who claims residence in the Seinan district keeps his allegiance with the East Los Angeles group. He will, as in the past, provide Hi Fi music for dancers.

**FROM THE** Southwest Los Angeles chapter comes the announcement that on the same night members there will hold an "Escapade" dance at Park Manor from 9 p.m., featuring the music of the Elliott Bros. Kango Kunitsugu, president, and Roy Iketani, past boss of the fun-loving Southwesterns, are hard at work whipping the social into shape.

The trials and tribulations of being a chapter president are not few and apart. For some presidents, the 12-month tenure can mean much time off from his real job of making a living in sacrifice for community welfare. Kunitsugu probably never thought that after taking his oath as president he would be embroiled in matters like rezoning issues.

The question has come up again after successfully fighting last January a request by a Jefferson Blvd. pipe company for a zone change from business and commercial to light industry that was denied by the commission. Many of the Japanese American businessmen and residents in that affected district are up in arms about light-manufacturing (even though the latest request doesn't ask for one) in an area where many of them have worked so hard to finally re-establish themselves.

This time, it will be the City Council which will be asked to consider the pipe company's application. For Issei and Nisei merchants the change can hamper their trade, may even threaten some homeowners out of their abode in the future. More truck traffic means added hazard to the school children who attend a Japanese language school just around the corner from the firm in question.

When the City Council takes up the problem there will be George Thomas, executive secretary of the Los Angeles County Conference on Community Relations, who will assist Kunitsugu's cause. The Crenshaw Coordinating Council and a representative from the local National Association for the Advancement of the Colored People are expected to testify in an apparent move to protest the rezoning attempt.



CHICAGO CORNER  
By Smoky H. Sakurada

Swear-in Speeded

**THREE JAPANESE** wives of American servicemen were naturalized two weeks ago after rules were waived so they could accompany their husbands back to Japan. "We want to get away from Chicago's weather and get back to Japan where the cherry blossoms are about to bloom," Mrs. Sachiko Venezia, said after the Mar. 26 swear-in before Federal Judge Walter J. LaBuy.

Among the 153 new citizens were Mrs. Reiko Hojo, whose husband James was born in Los Angeles and a former soldier who is now a civil service accountant with the Army, and Mrs. Fumiko Veta Johnson.

While all three couples plan to live permanently in America when their Army stints are over, they are leaving immediately for Japan. None of the three wives had to wait the required five years for citizenship. They also were given emergency priority processing because they are married to servicemen leaving the country for duty overseas.

**MEMBERSHIP DRIVE** contest among Chicago JACLers is perking furiously. Captains of solicitation teams are Harvey Aki, Tom Hiura, Nancy Ishikawa, Min Mayeda and Johnny Okamoto with Harvey's Hares in the lead with 1,945 pts. Nancy's Nannies are next with 1,466. Johnny's Jokers, Tom's Toppers and Min's Monkeys are in hot pursuit. Winning team will feast on steaks, the losers will munch on beans.

As for point distribution, there is one point for each dollar received of membership dues collected and doubling power for new ones. The chapter is shooting for another 1,000 strong in '57.

**TWO MOVES** of local merchants who've been loyal PC supporters in the Holiday Issue are noted. Universal Pen Hospital will be at 16 N. Clark St. after May 1. Sam Himoto and Fred Lichtenstein run Universal. . . Ed Morioka of Japanese American Real Estate has moved to 4657 N. Sheridan Rd. . . Dr. George Hirata is head of the newly organized investor's group; Continental Investment Club. Other officers are George Takaki, v.p.; Mas Igasaki, sec.; Dave Fukunaga, treas. . . The Society of Fine Arts is planning a May 25-26 Festival. . . City Widens bridge classes meet Fridays, 8:30-10:30 p.m., at JASC Bldg., 1110 N. La Salle St. . . Kenji Nakane of JASC reports placing non-Japanese (Negroes, Mexican-Americans and Southern migrants) in various jobs as well as Issei-Nisei.

**SAN FRANCISCO**—Attending a three-day session at Asilomar in late February for prison officials was Jerry Enomoto, who works at San Quentin.

BIRTHS

LOS ANGELES

ARASE, Kazuo (Sumiko Tsutsui) — boy Stephen Kazunori, Jan. 14.  
ARITA, John Y. (Yoshi Taku) — girl Nadine B., Jan. 28.  
DISTARCE, Victor (Setsuko Teshirogi) — boy Anthony V., Feb. 4.  
HANAMI, William K (Clara C. Sato) — girl Lynn Chizuko, Feb. 3.  
HASEGAWA, Richard D. (Toshiye R. Yokota) — boy Robert D., Feb. 4.  
HAZAMA, Eddie (Tillie T. Nishioka) — girl Marlene Sakaye, Jan. 18.  
HONDA, Ben M. (Lily Yoshimoto) — boy Craig A., Feb. 4.  
HIDA, Jyo (Eiko Nobuyama) — boy Jerry, Jan. 26.  
INAMURA, Mitsuo (Sawa Shimizu) — boy Glen M., Feb. 4.  
KASHIWAGI, Paul S. (Sally F. Gushiken) — girl Karen S., Jan. 31.  
KATAYAMA, Tamio (Miyoko Tatsuguchi) — boy Timothy, Jan. 29.  
KOBATA, Rokuro (Masako P. Kato) — girl Linnea E. Megumi, Jan. 30.  
KUSUMOTO, Kenji (Grace Y. Kusumoto) — girl Joy Megumi, Jan. 27.  
KWONG, Samuel (Momo Nagano) — girl Diana, Jan. 25.  
MAETANI, Myron M. (Glady's Y. Kawakami) — girl Shelley Yaemi, Jan. 12.  
MITSUNAGA, Tamio (Taeko Hasegawa) — girl Wendy Mitsu, Jan. 31.  
MURAI, Noburo (Yoshie Enomoto) — girl Naomi Gail, Jan. 22.  
MURAKAMI, Hiroshi (Nobuko Toda) — boy John Hideyoshi, Jan. 28.  
NISHIDA, Ozzie Y. (Marsha M. Uyeno) — girl Melody Yae, Jan. 26.  
OKAZAKI, Toll (Shizuko R. Hamamoto) — girl Hannah Sakaye, Jan. 27.  
OKITA, George (Sandra C. Steinhart) — boy James R., Jan. 21.  
OLSEN, Lavern P. (Mitsuko Tokura) — girl Susan A., Jan. 26.  
ONNA, Clyde Y. (Peggy Harada) — boy Arthur Takemi, Feb. 1.  
SADAMOTO, Sadao (Takeko Uyeno) — boy Howard Yasuo, Jan. 22.  
SAKAI, Takashi (Kaori Yoshida) — girl Joyce Michi, Jan. 28.  
SAKAKURA, Arthur N. (Kumi A. Matsushita) — boy Steve Tsutomu, Jan. 22.  
SHIBA, Tom M. (Hisaye Kanegawa) — girl Sherrie Lee Masaye, Feb. 14.  
TAHARA, Tadashi (Haru Numata) — girl Helen Hiromi, Jan. 30.  
TAKAHATA, Kiyoshi (Alice K. Kuwamoto) — girl Nancy Teruko, Jan. 26.  
TANIGUCHI, Mitsugi (Yuriko Yoshida) — boy Roger Manabu, Jan. 21.  
TSUJIMOTO, Richard K. (Mitsuko Ishihara) — boy Neal C., Jan. 28.

ENGAGEMENTS

HIRAYABASHI - MATSUBARA—Mary Lindsay, to Roy, North Fresno.  
ISHIMARU-YAMASAKI — Doris, San Mateo, to Tom, San Jose.  
KADO-MUKAI — Sally, Los Angeles, to Kenny, Long Beach, Mar. 3.  
KITAGAWA - TAKASE — Miyoko K., to Stanley, both Los Angeles, Feb. 22.  
MASER-HOSHIKO — Jean, Longmont, Colo., to Paul, Jr., Kersey.  
MITSUDA - MIZUHARA — Eiko to Robert, both San Francisco.  
MIYAZAKI-JIO — Chizuko to George, both San Francisco.  
OKADA-URA — May, Richmond, to Frank, Concord.  
SHIGAKI - NATSUHARA — Spike, Costa Mesa, to Joe, Los Angeles.  
TAKEDA-OKUMA — Sumiko, Cutler, to Steve, Bakersfield, Feb. 3.  
TANAKA-HIRANO — Tomi, Santa Monica, to Hiroshi, Seattle.  
TSUSHIMA - NAKAGIRI — Mary Sumiye, San Gabriel, to Jim Masaaki, West Los Angeles, Feb. 16.  
YAMAMURA-FUKANO — Grace to Toshihiko, both Hanford, Feb. 17.  
YANGIHARA-OTA — Louise, Brighton, to Sam, Denver.

WEDDINGS

ARAO-YAMAMOTO — Feb. 3, Tak and Kiyoko, both Watsonville.  
IMADA-KAMIMOTO — Feb. 24, Jitsuo, Weiser, Idaho; Eiko, Fresno.  
KOGITA-TAKENAGA — Feb. 10, Paul Y., Salt Lake City; Takako, Seattle.  
KUMAGAI-LEE — Feb. 2, Henry Sidney, Neb.; Donna, Korea.  
KUMAGAI - MADOKORO — Mar. 17, Tom and Dorothy, both Denver.  
MIYAKE-NAKASO — Feb. 23, Fred, Bowles; Betty, Berkeley.  
MIYOSHI-YAMAKI — Ed and Dorothy, both North Platte, Neb.  
NAKAMURA - HISHIDA — Feb. 23, John T. and Grace M., both Fresno.  
NAKAMURA-TOSHI — Jan. 20 Theodore and Joyce, both Seattle.  
OBA-YODA — Mar. 3, George, Spokane; Michiko, Seattle.  
SHIMONISHI - SAHARA — Feb. 17, Tom, San Juan Bautista; Irene T., Berkeley.  
SUMIDA-UCHIYAMA — Mar. 17, Jack K., Visalia; June T., Fowler.  
TAHARA-NAKATSU — Mar. 2, William and Yoshiko, both Seattle.  
TAKAYAMA-SAKATA — Feb. 17, Mitsuru, Del Rey; Mary Yemiko, Los Angeles.  
TAMAE-YONAMINE — Mar. 2, Nathan I. and Grace T., both Honolulu, in Los Angeles.  
TOGASHI-ASANUMA — Feb. 10, Minoru and Tomoye, both Fresno.  
WATANABE-OSAWA — Feb. 3, Toby T. and Eva Joyce M., both Seattle.  
YAMAGIDA-SCHUTTEE — Roy and Dorothy, both North Platte, Neb.  
YOSHII-OKAZAKI — Mar. 17, Shige-hisa, Los Angeles; Toshiko, Portland.  
YOSHINO-OKUGAWA — Mar. 10, Hikaru and Chizuru, both Denver.

DEATHS

ENDO, Mrs. Tome, 68: Sun Valley, Feb. 27 — (h) Kisaku, (s) Elmer, Stanley T., (d) Mmes Margaret C. Miyagishima, Jane N. Nishihara.  
FUJIMORI, Juichi, 77: Stockton, Feb. 17 — (s) Dr. John K. Kinzo; (d) Mmes. Takako Yamaoka, Shin Iguchi (Denver).  
HADA, Shige, 62: Los Angeles, Mar. 6 — (h) Yoshimatsu, (s) Masakichi.  
HASEGAWA, Sabro, 50: San Francisco, Mar. 11 — (w) Kiyoko, (s) Shobu (d) Michiko, Sumere, Seattle, Mar. 1 — (w) Katsu, (s) Yoshio, (d) Mmes. Mitsuko Rustad (San Diego), Tamaye Taji (Washington, D.C.), Lilly Sasaki (Ridgewood, N.J.).  
IWASHIGE, Soichi, Fresno, Feb. 23.  
KAWASHIMA, Hanako: San Jose, Mar. 19 — (f) Shigekichi, (b) Teruo, Satoru, Tomio, Masaji, Roy, Willy, (s) Yaeko Mmes. Tamako Miyagishima, Sadie Miyagishima.  
KINOSHITA, Yaichiro, 75: Madera, Mar. 3.  
KOBAYASHI, Shigetaka: Brighton, Colo., Feb. 23 — (w) Ayame, son and daughter.  
KUMASHIRO, Mrs. Konami: Parlier, Mar. 11 — (h) Tamesuke, (s) Tommy, (d) Mmes. Kay Oshiro, Jean

Nagata, Jane Maruyama, Pearl Takeuchi.  
MATSUYAMA, Frank, 76: San Francisco, Feb. 10 — (w) Georgetiana, (s) Frank, Jr., George, Louis, Alvin; (d) Mmes. Alice Kemper, Anna Tomwata (Alameda), Virginia Masuoka.  
MORIGUCHI, Kinjiro: San Francisco, Feb. 25 — (w) Eiko, (s) Eddie, Jack, Donald, (d) Betty.  
MORIMASA, Kikuno, 76: Fowler, Feb. 16.  
NAKAMOTO, Sekitaro, 83: Salt Lake City, Feb. 17 — (s) Masaru, (d) Mrs. Lillian Sekino, Mrs. Rae Fujimoto.  
NAKASHIMA, Izuki, 59: San Jose, Feb. 18 — (h) Iwakichi, (d) Mrs. Gladys Ogi, Annabelle.  
NAKASHIMA, Mrs. Michiko, 33: Brigham City, Utah, Mar. 15 — (d) Allyn, Denise, (m) Tsuya Watanabe, (b) George, Shoji, William, Willard, Howard, (s) Alice.  
NOMOTO, Kenji, 63: Los Angeles, Mar. 1 — (w) Komune, (s) Jimmy T., Mitsugi (d) Mmes Kyoko Iwaki, Shoko Fukuda, Aiko von Achen.  
NUKAYA, George, 26: Ft. Morgan, Colo., Feb. 3 — (m) Kane, 3 brothers, 2 sisters.  
OKADA, Eijiro: Dinuba, Feb. 24 — (s) Ichiro.  
OSAWA, Gennosuke, 89: San Francisco, Feb. 3 — (s) Iwao, Masaru, Ritsu, (d) Mrs. Sumiko Sugihara.  
SATO, Yoneji, 79: Long Beach, Mar. 2 — (w) Taka, (s) Kiyoo, (d) Mrs. Ayako Kimura.  
SETOGUCHI, Toyokichi: Dinuba, Feb. 18.  
SUGIMURA, Chuichiro, 73: Los Angeles, Feb. 28 — (w) Asa, (s) George, Tamotsu, Ralph (d) Mmes. Himeko Yokoe, Helen Tomita, Emi Chamberlain.  
SUMI, Yoshiharu, 71: Los Angeles, Mar. 6 — (w) Shizuno, (s) Yoshio

(d) Mrs. Yoko Endo.  
SUNAGO, Harukichi, 77: Los Angeles, Feb. 28 — (w) Chiyo, (d) Mitsuko, Mrs. Tom Takemoto.  
SUZUKI, Kazuo, 28: Seattle, Mar. 15 — (w) Jean, (p) Mr. & Mrs. Shosaku, (b) Shobichi, Minoru, Noboru.  
TADA, Tokuhiko, 78: Chicago (ex-Seattle), Feb. 15 — (w) Masano, (d) Tomoye, Mmes. Hisa Hori, Sumi Nakano, Momoe Omoto.  
TAHARA, Kumakichi, 77: Florin, Mar. 9 — (w) Tsune, (s) Howard, Shiro, Shig, Richard, (d) Mrs. Mitsuye Yamaji (Mt. View).  
TAKAHAMA, Juntaro, 78: Anaheim, Mar. 5 — (s) Harry, James, Don, (d) Mmes. Aida Kubota, Frances Kusumi, Freida Kuroda.  
UYEDA, Mrs. Sui, 61: San Jose, Feb. 8 — (h) Juichi, (s) Denichi (Seattle), (d) Mmes. Hatsuye Honda Kansas City, Mo.), Chiyo Sato Detroit.  
UYEHARA, Arthur: Chicago, Feb. 13 — (w) Kiwa, (b) Ken.  
WAKATSUKI, Takashi: San Jose, Feb. 1 — (w) Riku, four sons and six daughters.  
WATANABE, Mrs. Tami, 66: Seattle, Feb. 21 — (h) Masajiro, (s) Shige-tochi, (d) Mrs. Tomi Omori (Cincinnati).  
YASAKI, Chie, 42: Seattle, Feb. 23 — (m) Hisae, (b) Tatsunobi (Cleveland), (s) Mmes. Fumi Yamasaki (Los Angeles), Yuri Hoshiwara.

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## Statehood Hearings

Washington

At long last, last week, public hearings on Statehood for Hawaii finally began, with the Senate Committee on Interior and Insular Affairs completing two days of testimony taking. This week, the Subcommittee on Territories of the Committee on Interior and Insular Affairs started their hearings, with the expressed hope that they might be completed by the end of the week.

Although both political parties have endorsed immediate Statehood for Hawaii, the Senate hearings were pretty much of a Democratic show, with the only two lawmakers who sat through the entire proceedings being Democrats—Henry M. Jackson from Washington and Frank Church from Idaho. Other Democrats who managed to spend considerable time with the hearings included Clinton P. Anderson of New Mexico, Richard L. Neuberger of Oregon, and John A. Carroll of Colorado. The only Republicans who managed to show up for the hearings were Senators Frank A. Barrett of Wyoming and Thomas H. Kuchel of California, with the latter showing up for a time each day, while the former sat in only during the opening minutes last Monday. Then, as a surprise witness, Democratic Party National Chairman Paul Butler came in, as an individual, to speak up for Statehood.

Incidentally, all of the witnesses testified in favor of Statehood.

Freshman Senators Church, Neuberger and Carroll all spoke of their personal knowledge of the loyalty of persons of Japanese ancestry in the United States and Hawaii during World War II.

Youngish Senator Church, from western Idaho, proved to be most helpful to the advocates of Statehood, with his friendly comments and "leading questions". Senator Neuberger put it right on the line when he stated that in his opinion Statehood depended squarely on the President. "If the President will give to Statehood the kind of support he gave to the Hell's Canyon project," the Oregon Democrat declared, "Statehood is assured." Senator Anderson, who led the drive in previous sessions to tie Alaska and Hawaii together in a single package deal, stated emphatically for the record that he now is willing to vote for each Territory separately or together.

All of the senators who attended the hearings seemed to be in favor of Statehood for Hawaii.

Democratic Delegate John A. Burns managed the hearings in an unusually effective manner, especially since this was his first hearings since he came to Washington last January as the first Democrat to be elected from the Pacific Territory in more than 20 years.

In the past, the Statehood Commission was represented at these hearings by huge delegations. This time, the delegation was limited to some four members, led by chairman Lorris P. Thurston, publisher of the Honolulu Advertiser, and vice chairman Katsuro Miho, an attorney. Former Governor, now Territorial Sen. Oren E. Long, and Gov. Samuel W. King also flew in from Honolulu to plead the cause of Statehood.

Chairman Thurston will be remembered as having contributed \$500 to the JACL Anti-Discrimination Committee drive in Honolulu some years ago when funds to carry on the legislative fight for equality in naturalization were solicited in the Pacific Islands.

Vice-Chairman Miho, a graduate of the Univ. of Utah and the George Washington School of Law in Washington, also will be remembered for his leadership in JACL fund drives in the Islands. He attended the 1950 National JACL Convention in Chicago as a special guest.

Miho and Washington JACL representative Mike Masaoka were the only Americans of Japanese ancestry to testify at the Senate hearings. Miho was particularly well received for his concise statement regarding the key role that Hawaii and its people could contribute as a State to American foreign policy and goodwill in Asia.

The Administration is on record favoring Statehood for Hawaii. But, a letter from the Deputy Attorney General to Chairman Jackson of the Committee put some question on that endorsement, when the Deputy Attorney General wrote that possible communist infiltration of the Pacific Territory raised some doubts over the admissibility of Hawaii as a State.

This letter received the newspaper headlines, and though later it was made clear by the Assistant Secretary of the Interior in testimony before the Committee that neither the Department of Justice nor the Administration had changed their minds about Statehood for Hawaii, this official communication undoubtedly gave considerable aid and comfort to the opponents of Statehood. Unfortunately, in cases of this kind, the denials never quite catch up with the original stories and are never featured as prominently as the first headline releases.

The Department letter, together with the latest report of the Eastland Senate Judiciary Subcommittee on Internal Security on communism in Hawaii, will be used to spark the flames that will be intended to destroy Statehood chances this year.

Fully aware that communism is the "key" issue of the opponents of Statehood, the Hawaii Statehood Commission issued a 30-page documentary "Hawaii, U. S. A.—Communist Beachhead or Showcase for Americanism" just prior to the Senate hearings. It attempts to place the allegations about communism in their proper perspective and to remind congressmen that in every national emergency involving the security and safety of the nation Hawaii's population has always been loyal to the core.

The Statehood Commission booklet, in conclusion, asks the question: "Many thousands of war-weary Hungarian refugees are being given asylum, and the opportunity to become first-class citizens of the United States. But, we cannot help but wonder how much more proof is needed before we, of Hawaii, over 500,000 strong, who have demonstrated and proved our loyalty and patriotism for 57 years, will be granted equal recognition? What can we do—that we have not done?"

## JACL representation made for return of wartime sequestered property; Senate reminded \$65 million involves Japanese

WASHINGTON.—Urging full and complete return of all wartime sequestered German and Japanese property, Mike Masaoka, Washington representative of the Japanese American Citizens League, testified before the Subcommittee on the Trading with the Enemy Act of the Senate Judiciary Committee.

He declared that he was appearing in order that the Subcommittee and the Congress would become aware that Japanese property too is involved of some \$500,000,000 in vested property, about \$65,000,000 of which formerly belonged to Japanese owners, including Nisei and Issei Americans. He pointed out that only one of 22 preceding witnesses had mentioned Japanese property and then only in passing.

Three general types of bills are pending before the Subcommittee. One bill would provide for the full return of all vested property, coupling such return with United States war claims against Germany and Japan and with the funds of both programs to be paid out of repayments for postwar economic aid by the German and Japanese governments. Another would provide for the return of property up to only \$10,000 and then only to natural persons, with war claims against Germany to be repaid out of the liquidated proceeds of the remaining vested property. Still another provides that the interest from the liquidated proceeds of these properties should be used for scientific scholarships for the children of only war veterans. The JACL endorsed the full return bill.

Noting that previous witnesses had alleged that confiscation was not involved because under the Bonn Agreement Germany had agreed to compensate her nationals for the loss of their vested property in the United States, Masaoka pointed out that under the Japanese Peace Treaty the Japanese Government had made no such undertaking. Therefore, he said, "In the case of the Japanese at least, unless this property is returned forthwith, it is a clear and simple case of confiscation."

The JACL spokesman went on to show other distinctions between German and Japanese sequestered properties. These included the fact that the Allied Powers had entered into nothing like the Paris Reparations Agreement insofar as Japan was concerned, in which 18 Allied Powers agreed not to return vested property to Germany or to

German control.

Moreover, unlike German properties, no question of "windfall profits" are concerned, and no labor-management and stock problems because Japanese vested property has been liquidated, Masaoka said.

Unless the United States reaffirms historic and constitutional principles regarding the sanctity of private property, Masaoka warned that more than 40 billions in American investments abroad would be placed in jeopardy. He mentioned Egypt's seizure of certain foreign properties as an example of what might happen in a troubled world unless the principle of inviolability of private property was not maintained.

The JACL representative charged that there was discrimination against Germany and Japan in that these two ex-enemies had their property vested during wartime and no return of such property has been made 12 years after the end of hostilities. He said that Italy, Rumania, Bulgaria, and Hungary, the latter three Soviet satellites, either have had their property returned or the President has been authorized to return them when he sees fit. "Only the German and the Japanese had received no legislation authorizing return," he alleged.

Masaoka went on to say that the Japanese had reached reparations settlements with every nation except Indonesia, had complied with the indemnity provisions of the Peace Treaty, and had developed a program for American claims in Japan against Japan, with a supplemental program for the remittance of these awards to this country in dollars up to \$10,000.

To retain these vested properties in lieu of reparations, he said, was to transfer Japan's "war guilt" to just a few Japanese companies who had maintained businesses and properties in this country prior to the war and not to all of the Japanese people, as was fitting and proper. "We must not use private property to meet a

national obligation, for that smacks of the Communist confiscation of private property for state use," Masaoka emphasized.

"To place a dollar sign, as it were on our principles and compromise historic adherence to the sanctity of private property we fear will, in the long run, cost the United States of America far more in dollars and perhaps in lives than would the prompt and full return of all private property sequestered during a war that ended more than 12 years ago," he said.

"The United States cannot afford the luxury of being penny-wise and dollar foolish in this atomic age when friendship and integrity count for so much between individuals as well as between nations," he concluded.

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lian capacities, is summarized to indicate their loyalty to the United States.

The arguments regarding bloc voting by the Japanese, and the alien population, are declared to be unfounded.

On voting, the JACL appeal noted that like all other Americans, Japanese Americans vote according to factors of daily living and economic and social interests. The record of past elections proves this the JACL contends.

The emotional argument regarding Hawaii's alien population is outdated, the JACL says, because since the enactment of the Immigration and Naturalization Act of 1952 alien Japanese and other alien Asians have been setting a record for naturalization and within the next five years this problem will cease to exist in any appreciable numbers.

"Though Hawaii is not contiguous to the mainland geographically speaking," the statement concludes, "ideologically and sentimentally they are part and parcel of the mainland."

Senator Henry M. Jackson (D., Wash.) served as chairman of the Hearings. Democratic Senators Frank Church of Idaho, Clinton P. Anderson of New Mexico, John A. Carroll of Colorado, and Richard L. Neuberger of Oregon, and Republican Senators Thomas Kuchel of California and Frank Barrett of Wyoming were Committee members who attended.

## CALENDAR

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- Apr. 13 (Saturday)
- Boise Valley — Snake River—Joint meeting, Eastside Cafe, Ontario; Mas Satow, spkr.
  - 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.
  - San Benito County — Community picnic, Big Trees, Santa Cruz.
  - So. Alameda County — Community picnic, Gilroy Hot Springs.
  - Chicago — Discussion Club: "Djemma 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. 13 (Thursday)
- Pasadena — Meeting, Union-Presbyterian Church, 7:30 p.m.; John Naka, spkr., "Bonsai."
  - 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. 24 (Wednesday)
- Milwaukee — JACL Bazaar, YWCA, 610 N. Jackson St.; sukiyaki dinner, 6 p.m.
- Apr. 28 (Sunday)
- Salt Lake City — "Shower of Stars" talent show, Kiwanis - Felt Boy's & Girl's Club.
  - Hollywood — Spaghetti bust, Shenien Home.
  - French Camp — Community picnic, Mickle Grove, 10 a.m.
  - Chicago — Discussion Club: "Sansei Speak Their Mind," Olivet Institute, 3 p.m.; Richard Kaneko, chmn.
- May 4 (Saturday)
- Livingston-Merced — Pioneer Night, May 5 (Sunday)
  - PNWDC — Spring Quarterly, Puyallup Valley JACL hosts.
  - Marysville — Community picnic.
  - Chicago — Discussion Club: "Who Says We're Prejudiced? Olivet Institute, 3 p.m.; Henry Tanabe, chmn.

## Kishi visit of U.S. planned June 19-21

WASHINGTON.—The White House announced last week that Japanese Prime Minister Nobusuke Kishi has accepted President Eisenhower's invitation to visit Washington June 19-21 for talks with the Chief Executive and other U.S. officials.

The White House said the purpose of the meeting is for "discussions of matters of mutual interest to the two countries" but will not entail "negotiating agreements on any specific matters."

## 15,000 JAPANESE EMIGRATE SINCE END OF WW2

TOKYO.—The Foreign Office emigration bureau disclosed some 15,000 Japanese have settled abroad, mainly in South America, since the end of World War 2. Another 9,000 is earmarked for the next fiscal year.

## First Nisei applicant for Canada finance aid told

TORONTO.—With the Canadian government's decision last month to allow fiancées of Japanese Canadian citizens from Japan under a \$1,000 bond, the Toronto-Ontario JCCA immigration committee reported it has received an application from an Alberta Nisei.

The JCCA is also asking the government to forward application forms and necessary procedural information for its organization.

## Three Japanese named to Japan-America Society board of directors in D.C.

WASHINGTON.—Three persons of Japanese ancestry were elected to the 12-man board of trustees at the organization meeting of the Japan-America Society of Washington that was held last week.

Elected to two year terms were Toshio Henry Shimanouchi, first secretary of the Japanese Embassy and information and cultural attache, and Mike M. Masaoka, Washington representative of the Japanese American Citizens League and Nisei lobbyist. Elected to a one year term was Roy Otake, Washington Bureau chief of Kyodo News Service.

Shimanouchi and Otake are well known to Nisei and Issei Americans, Shimanouchi, because he attended Occidental College in Pasadena and has been identified as an official interpreter at such international events as the signing of the Japanese Peace Treaty in

San Francisco in 1951, and Otake as a former Los Angeles Nisei who has become one of Japan's leading journalists.

Francis B. Sayre was elected president of the Society that was organized to afford a forum for leading Japanese when they visit the nation's capital and to promote Japanese American relations. Sayre is a former High Commissioner to the Philippines, the Episcopal church's personal representative to the Japanese Episcopal church, president of the United Nations Trusteeship Council, and Assistant Secretary of State.

Osborne Hauge, an international economist in the Budget Bureau and a collector of Oriental art, was named vice-president and Arnold H. Dadian, information advisor to the Japanese Embassy, secretary-treasurer.