

BY THE BOARD:

No problem selling JACL in fringe area

COLUSA. — Being one of the numerous Nisei who live in the fringe areas of Niseidom where the "big picture" of Japanese Americans problems is distorted by distance and obscured by our own indifference, I feel more secure in confining my maiden effort to some scattered observations about unrelated incidents in the less densely populated reaches of the upper Sacramento valley.

Among the "fringe area" Nisei are the Tokunos of Palermo, residents of a small farming community for more than half a century. Recently as guest of Tony Tokuno, I spoke before the Butte County Farm Center on the story of JACL. Selling JACL or Japanese Americans to residents there was no problem (in fact, unnecessary) for the groundwork in good relations has been laid by the Tokunos through the past several decades.

We came away impressed by their naturalness in the company of their Caucasian neighbors, and grateful that the Tokunos, despite their enviable status in their community, are able to recognize the need and value of JACL and make time to participate in the activities of the Marysville Chapter some 25 miles distant.

The temporary agricultural workers program has been under careful scrutiny by the Nisei and perhaps has received some unfortunate publicity because of our fears, speculation and jealous guardianship of Japanese American gains and prestige.

Thirty workers were placed with the I.G. Zumwalt Co. of Colusa last September, this almost outnumbering the local Japanese population and their presence changing our whole pattern of living. By their youthful enthusiasm and industry, these young men from Kagoshima have succeeded in winning the admiration and trust of their employer and gained the respect and affection of the Issei-Nisei here.

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15TH BIENNIAL CONVENTION SET AUG. 22-25, 1958

BOISE, Idaho.—Dates for the 15th biennial national convention of the Japanese American Citizens League, which will be hosted by the Salt Lake City chapter, were set for Aug. 22-25, 1958.

The convention dates were determined here last Sunday by the Intermountain District Council, which held its spring quarterly session here with the Boise Valley JACL as hosts for the meeting. When Salt Lake JACL discovered the traditional Labor Day weekend was unavailable for convention purposes in 1958, assistance of other IDC chapters was sought to assure as wide an attendance possible from this district by conferring with delegates and letting them help select the date.

The convention is tentatively set for four or five days, depending upon the type of program which has yet to materialize, a Salt Lake JACL spokesman added. A national board and staff on the eve of the convention proper is also on tap for Friday, Aug. 22, 1958. (If previous convention format is to be followed, the board and staff meetings are held on Thursday with first national council sessions starting on Friday morning. However, in view of the council mandate to "water down" the convention activities, a new schedule is likely.—Editor.)

Calif. Assembly OKs FEPC bill 61-15 in landslide approval

SACRAMENTO.—For the second time in California history, the state Assembly has approved last Monday by a resounding 61-15 vote a bill to set up a fair employment practices commission.

It now goes to the state Senate where a similar proposal two years ago died in committee after clearing the Assembly.

Governor Knight "certainly" doesn't favor any job discrimination because of race, religion or politics, but declined comment on the Assembly-passed FEPC bill, a press conference was informed Tuesday.

Assemblyman Augustus Hawkins (D., Los Angeles), author of the bill with 42 other co-signers, said he gives the bill a "fighting chance" in the Senate this time.

The measure prohibits employers or labor unions from refusing to hire anyone because of his race, color or creed. Willful violators will be fined or jailed for job discrimination.

California JACL chapters have been staunch in their program to seek passage of an FEPC bill and this year actively supported the campaign.

VENICE-CULVER MAPS DRIVE FOR 300 MEMBERS

VENICE.—An intensive campaign for new members was opened last week by Venice-Culver JACLers, according to chapter president Steve Nakaji.

To cover Santa Monica Bay Area thoroughly, four recruiting sections were mapped out at the chapter board meeting. Team captains are Louis Kado, Kiyoshi Kagawa, Dr. Tak Shishino and Nakaji.

There are approximately 300 Japanese American families here and Nakaji hoped that at least one member in each family would be signed up. The chapter has 200 members at the present time, as compared with 180 for 1956.



Christine Momoi was the cover girl on Milwaukee Journal's color rotogravure Sunday supplement Mar. 3, Girl's Day in Japan, and Milwaukee Japanese Americans used the occasion to help dedicate the new quarters of International Institute. She is the daughter of Kiki and Jim Momoi, well-known JACLers. Jim was outgoing chapter president.

—Milwaukee Journal Photo.

Hawaiian Nisei picked 'outstanding young farmer,' grew coffee on lava soil



Takeshi Kudo, 34, of Kona, Hawaii, who grows coffee and macadamia nuts on his 75 acres, was selected as one of four Outstanding Young Farmers of 1956. He is the second Nisei to win this coveted honor, now in its third year. First was Bob Sakata of Brighton, Colo.

DURHAM, N.C.—A man who utilized submarginal lava land to develop new methods in growing coffee was selected as one of the four "outstanding young farmers of America" for 1956.

He is Takeshi Kudo, 34, of Kona, Hawaii, who mustered his skills of nine years to develop 20 acres of coffee on land long considered submarginal. In spite of an unusually long drought, his planned system of heavy mulching with coffee parchment skin and use of fertilizers and herbicides paid off.

Foreign experts who later saw the actual results cried: "Fantastic... impossible!" The Kona farmer has shared his methods with others, including a truck-mounted, weed control sprayer he developed as well as a coffee deslimer that replaces a fermentation process that left an off-flavor product of lower quality.

He and other outstanding young farmers from each of the 48 states and Alaska were honored at a banquet here last Tuesday. Each was nominated by a local Jr. Chamber of Commerce, co-sponsors of the national search with the American Petroleum Institute, for state awards before judges finally selected the top four.

JACL's ANTI-NISEI TV FILM PROJECT EYED BY U.S. SENATOR

WASHINGTON.—The chairman of the Senate committee that has jurisdiction over matters relating to the television industry has notified the Washington Office of the Japanese American Citizens League of his interest in JACL's nation-wide program to prevent the showing of films that impugn the loyalty of Americans of Japanese ancestry by TV stations.

Sen. Warren G. Magnuson (D., Wash.), chairman of the Senate committee on Interstate and Foreign Commerce, wrote the Washington JACL office that he has "followed with considerable interest both the letters sent television stations and the replies received from them concerning the use of films which might impugn the loyalty of thousands of valued Japanese American citizens."

Senator Magnuson asked that he be kept informed as to the results of JACL's campaign.

The Washington Democrat, who is the senior United States Senator from the West Coast, read in the Pacific Citizen, official weekly

JACL publication, the story of JACL's program requesting some 480 television stations throughout the United States, including the Territories of Hawaii and Alaska, to refrain from showing wartime films that depict Americans of Japanese ancestry as spies and saboteurs.

(More TV station replies are in Mas Satow's Report on Page 4.)

As the chairman of the Senate committee that has jurisdiction

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Colo. congressman Rogers named to farm labor survey

WASHINGTON.—Democrat Byron G. Rogers of Denver has been named to the special subcommittee to conduct hearings and investigations into the temporary Japanese Agricultural Workers Program in California next week with Republican Patrick J. Hillings of Arcadia, Calif.

Rep. Emanuel Celler (D., N.Y.), chairman of the House Judiciary Committee, made the appointment in order to avoid criticisms of one-man hearings. Since Rogers is also a Democrat, he was named as chairman of this special subcommittee of the House Judiciary Subcommittee on Immigration and Naturalization.

Hearings on the temporary Japanese Agricultural Workers Program that was initiated last fall will begin in San Francisco, April 23, and will conclude in Los Angeles April 30. Investigations into employment, living, and housing conditions will be carried on in the Salinas-Watsonville area and in the Santa Barbara-Ventura area. Hearings will be held in Coachella (Indio) April 27.

Mike Masaoka, Washington JACL representative, who will accompany the two congressmen as an unofficial observer noted that both Hillings and Rogers, as members of the House Judiciary Committee for the past several years, have been most helpful to Americans of Japanese ancestry and to JACL.

Hillings authored the amendment to the 1948 Evacuation Claims Act that is speeding up the present compromise settlement of all the remaining claims.

Rogers has been particularly cooperative with the Mile-Hi JACL Chapter and has been the speaker at several JACL functions, including the biennial Mountain-Plains District Council Convention in 1955.

Masaoka probably will not testify during the California hearings, unless it is necessary to clarify JACL's attitude to this program. He is, however, keenly interested in the hearings because the program has many implications for Americans of Japanese ancestry and the JACL.

Civil rights bill due Senate action

WASHINGTON.—The Senate Judiciary Committee will "in all probability" begin consideration of the civil rights legislation on April 29, it was announced by Sen. James Eastland (D., Miss.), chairman.

While he declined to predict how long it might take to bring the bill to a vote in the committee, he said he now doubts the committee will order any hearings beyond those already conducted by a Judiciary subcommittee, which has approved the measure.

Masaoka to discuss GI war brides at Nat'l confab for social workers

PHILADELPHIA.—Mike Masaoka, Washington representative of the Japanese American Citizens League, will be one of the discussants at the National Conference of Social Work to be held here the week of May 19.

Masaoka will be one of the discussants on the special panel sponsored by the Associate Group Program of the American Federation of International Institutes that will consider "The Japanese Wives of U.S.A. Military Personnel" at the afternoon session on May 21.

The speaker will be Miss Helen M. Day, supervisor, Casework Services, International Institute of Metropolitan Detroit. Sharing the discussants' role with Masaoka will be Miss Hope McDermott, executive secretary, American Service Institute of Allegheny County, Pittsburgh.

Anti-bias bill in redevelopment passes

SACRAMENTO.—The state Assembly Governmental Efficiency and Economy Committee has approved a bill intended to eliminate discrimination in redevelopment projects.

The measure, AB 367, introduced by Edward E. Elliott of Los Angeles, would provide that in the sale, lease or rental of redeveloped property there shall be no restrictions on the basis of race, color, regional or national origin.

Scholarship chairman

FOWLER.—The Fowler JACL announced Hideo Kikuta will chair the 1957 chapter scholarship committee. Awards are made to the outstanding senior of Fowler High School.

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From the Frying Pan

by Bill Hosokawa

Denver, Colo.

PHANTOM EMISSARY — The propaganda value of motion pictures is a two-way street. While the JACL is concerned with good reason about old hate-the-Jap films being resurrected from catacombs by television, Japan is exporting such excellent celluloid emissaries of good will as the Daiei movie, "The Phantom Horse."

In reality the horse is no phantom but a flesh and blood critter with a psychosis and digestive trouble as well as ability to run like the wind. Unlike most other Japanese films seen by American audiences, this picture has its setting in contemporary Japan. And despite the superb color photography which exploits Hokkaido's scenic beauty to the fullest, this movie leaves Americans with the feeling that they and the Japanese are more alike than unlike.

Among other things, the film shows: ✓ That the horsey set in Japan is as fanatically interested in the improvement of the breed as in the U.S. ✓ That Ayako Wakao, who plays the big sister, is, despite a sportscar-size wheelbase, a beautiful girl by any standards, including Hollywood's. ✓ That you hardly ever see Japanese wearing kimono in public any more, although they still sleep on the floor just as it says in geography books. ✓ That Japanese scriptwriters are as hard pressed for originality as Hollywood's, and just as capable of belaboring a hackneyed theme. ✓ That a Japanese brat can be just as bratty as an American brat, and as appealing; that kids are just about the same anywhere.

HIGH COST OF MOBILITY — It's been some months now since we've reported on Mike, our 16-year-old No. 1 boy, who has general custody of the family's 7-year-old second car. Mike has discovered it's a pleasure to be mobile, but also that mobility can be costly. This is a lesson that youngsters should learn at an early age, the earlier the better.

When Mike pulls in at a gas station, he is sorely tempted to buy ethyl gasoline. Ethyl is fine. You step on the gas and the car moves off fast. But ethyl costs 35.9 cents a gallon, an outrageous sum. The alternative is regular gas, which is three cents cheaper.

Unfortunately, the motor pings like crazy when you accelerate rapidly with regular in the tank. So you have to take off gently and in general drive like old folks do. Faced with having to pay a premium for premium performance, Mike chooses generally to economize by being satisfied with regular gas. Safer that way, too, although so far, thank goodness, he's demonstrated that he's a cautious, level-headed driver.

Currently he's faced with the realization that the tires are getting so thin they're prone to pick up nails and bits of glass which cause flats. Flats are expensive to have fixed. New tires are also terribly expensive. But he keeps getting flats so often he can't save up enough for new tires. What to do?

TACITURN HATCH — Friend of ours, name of Hatch, left for Australia and the Southwest Pacific 14 years ago, courtesy of the U.S. Army. At war's end he was assigned to Japan, was discharged there and took a civil service job, married a Japanese girl, never got around to coming home. He writes about once a year and manages never to say much.

This week Hatch sent along a three paragraph letter from Madison, Wisc. "Arrived yesterday," he wrote, "after two weeks in Hawaii and a week in Seattle. Am going to E. coast to see friends etc., before heading for Denver. Shall inform you of any change in itinerary. Regards to all." When's he coming? What's he doing in the States? Where's his wife? Dozens of questions unanswered. They'll have to wait until he gets here. But when will that be?

By the Board —

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Somewhere along the line, pride of race, unity of purpose and responsibility of action were deeply implanted in the hearts of these Kagoshima youths, which appear to be standing them in good stead in making the major readjustment in a new land.

This is not to report the total absence of minor problems and frustrations resulting from language difficulties, unfamiliar surroundings and a completely changed social life or lack of it. Six months may be a little premature to proclaim the undertaking a success in Colusa, but encouraging results of the first half year forecast a reasonably bright future for these young men who have demonstrated the willingness to learn, work and pioneer in the spirit of the Issei.

Goodwill for the land of our ancestry (and indirectly for Japanese Americans) is being promoted by an attractive and able home adviser of the Colusa County Farm Extension Service. Miss Wanda Gumprecht, a native of Colorado, was one of two Americans selected to visit Japan under the International Farm Youth Exchange program last year. For six months she lived and worked as one of the natives of Japan, and as a representative of America sold democracy by the excellence of her example, the strength of her character and warmth of her personality.

Since her return to the U.S., she has spoken to some 50 service clubs, farm groups and other organizations, relating her experiences and reporting her impressions with a minimum of "chs" and "ahs" about Japan's natural beauty, and with a greater emphasis on her people, their problems, hopes and aspirations. Her talks are always effectively sprinkled with a careful and charming evaluation of Japan's customs and

No. Calif. AML drive hits \$1,500—only 32% of \$5,000 goal achieved

SAN FRANCISCO.—Almost 32 per cent of the \$5,000 goal sought in the current campaign in the Japanese community for the American Museum of Immigration has been reached with gifts now totaling \$1,554 from 299 contributors, according to Masao Satow, one of the co-chairmen for the drive.

Purpose of the national campaign is to build a museum at the base of the Statue of Liberty to house records of the contributions people from all lands have made to America.

The \$5,000 goal is sought from among the Japanese community in Northern and Central California.

Frank Nonaka, a co-chairman of the local committee, said that it was not possible to address letters of appeal to every family, and urged the voluntary participation of those who had not received letters. Contributions should be

sent to the JACL headquarters at 1759 Sutter St. The current campaign closes at the end of this month.

The local committee hopes to get as many contributors as possible to represent a wide support from among the Japanese population.

Also serving as co-chairman for the local committee is Shichisaburo Hideshima.

SEEK CLAIMANT

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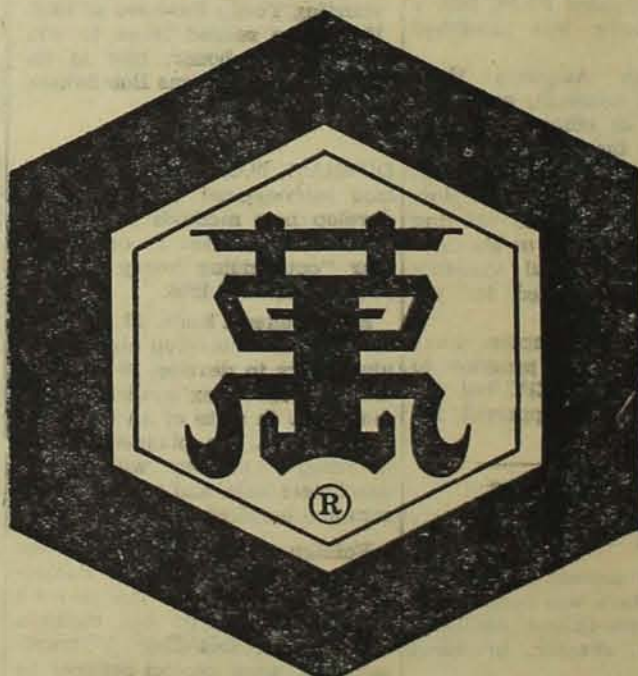
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VAGARIES By Larry S. Tajiri

'Joe Butterfly'

Denver

Having been made the scapegoats of a number of wartime hate films which are being recirculated around the country on TV, the Nisei are apt to be hypersensitive about any movie treatment of a Japanese American.

The newest movie with possibly a Nisei angle is Universal-International's "Joe Butterfly," an Occupation comedy starring Burgess Meredith as an Oriental Robin Hood. U-I has been very reticent about this film and recently announced that they were not planning to show it in Japan at this time, although the picture was made in that country last summer.

It now appears that "Joe Butterfly" is partly about "Tokyo Rose." It's all played for laughs, of course, but the plot revolves around the efforts of the staff of Yank, the GI magazine, to put out an Occupation edition in Tokyo immediately after the Japanese surrender, and of Joe Butterfly's efforts to help the project along.

Involved in the proceedings is Audie Murphy as a GI photographer who is AWOL from a ship and in love with a girl named Chieko, played by Keiko Shima.

The Yank staff, suspected by the superiors of goldbricking and living in luxury after their landing in Japan, need a big story to get off the hook. They decide the capture of "Tokyo Rose" would supply that story. Butterfly promises to produce "Tokyo Rose" and turns up with a Japanese stripteaser who has lived in the United States and has a Brooklyn accent. The plot is exposed, but Butterfly eventually finds the girl who is identified as the real "Tokyo Rose," in the person of Sheri Kuni.

U-I's reticence stems from 20th Fox's experience two years ago with "House of Bamboo," another picture made in Japan. This one, starring Shirley Yamaguchi and Robert Ryan, was about American ex-GI gangsters operating in Tokyo. The plot was admittedly pretty silly. The picture aroused protests in Japan and didn't help 20th Fox's relations any. That studio, however, is completely unabashed by the experience. They are planning to make two more films in Japan in the coming year. One will be "The Townsend Harris Story," the tale of the first American diplomat in Japan and of his love affair with a geisha. The title role will be played by Marlon Brando, as of this writing, and will be Brando's third picture in a row with a Japanese background. He is currently finishing "Sayonara" and made "Teahouse of the August Moon" last year. The other 20th Fox picture will be the return of Mr. Moto in J.P. Marquand's newest novel, "Stopover Japan."

Getting back to "Tokyo Rose," the U-I film isn't the first time she's been treated in a movie. The first one was Pine-Thomas' "Tokyo Rose," released through Paramount almost ten years ago. The 442nd story was still pretty fresh and Producers Bill Pine and Bill Thomas put Keye Luke into the story as a Nisei undercover agent for the U.S. government whose job it is to capture "Tokyo Rose" from behind Japanese lines and bring her back to America aboard a submarine.

Keye Luke, playing a Nisei from Des Moines, Iowa, storms Radio Tokyo and carries out his mission. The "Tokyo Rose" role, incidentally, was taken by Pearl Suetomi (Lotus Long) who recently co-produced her first movie, a modest independent film with a South Seas setting.

Nisei Hero on TV program . . .

Television turned up with a Nisei hero the other evening when Robert Kino appeared in a one-hour drama called "No Peace at Lo Dao" on the Wire Service program over the ABC network.

Kino, an erstwhile night club m.c. and singer, has had other leads before in TV but the Wire Service program was his biggest to date. He was Satsuma, photographer for the Domei News Service out of Tokyo, who helps Mercedes McCambridge, the star of the show, track down a big story in the fictional East Asian republic of Lo Dao.

Satsuma was pictured as a Japanese American. In one scene Satsuma identifies himself as an ex-U.S. Marine. "There were no Japanese Americans with the Marines in the Pacific," he is told. "I was a civilian interpreter with the Marines at Guadalcanal," says Satsuma.

In the cast of "No Peace at Lo Dao" were a number of Chinese American performers who often have been identified with Japanese and Nisei roles. Keye Luke was the Young General in the story, while Sen Yung played the role of Chang, a villainous type. Sen Yung, incidentally, is the Nisei traitor in Warners' "Across the Pacific," now being shown on TV.

British pic: 'The Wind Cannot Read' . . .

Although the Hollywood production code has contained a provision against the depicting of racial intermarriage, at least two films depicting interracial love matches received the seal of approval. These were "Japanese War Bride" and "Three Stripes in the Sun," both of which were about Japanese war brides and had happy endings.

The miscegenation clause was dropped by the industry last December and this action has inspired the British to reschedule a movie which had been shelved. This is David Lean's picture from Richard Mason's novel, "The Wind Cannot Read," which tells of the love of a British officer for a Japanese girl. The girl probably will be Keiko Kishi who won the Far Eastern equivalent of an Oscar last year for her performance in Shochiku's "The Refugee."

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Salt Lake JACL applauded the role of Lotus Blossom (left), as portrayed by Keiko Nakahara, in the Univ. of Utah production of "Teahouse of the August Moon" during the week of April 9. She received a bouquet of roses from chapter representative Henry Y. Kasai, public relations chairman, with Dr. Lowell C. Lees, director of the University Drama department, whose coaching made a star of a local Cinderella. The world famous play made a terrific hit in Salt Lake City as mixed talent of the University Drama department and local Japanese amateurs combined abilities. Supporting cast members were all outstanding. Critics here applauded the presentation was as good as the Larry Park-Michi Kobi team that toured the country. It played five nights to capacity audiences. Costumes and odori numbers were lavish and beautiful.

— Terashima Studio Photo.

NC-WNDC chairman appointed by Colusa mayor to boost municipal financing

COLUSA.—Akiji Yoshimura, local Nisei businessman, has been chosen secretary of a citizens committee organized here to study ways and means of increasing the city's income to meet growing financial problems.

The committee was formed at the request of the mayor, James Hamm, and the city council.

Sansei pupil serves as standby interpreter for Stockton science teacher

STOCKTON.—A junior high school teacher, Charles Koepke, here teaches science to seventh graders and always keeps a Japanese-English dictionary in the classroom.

Among his pupils is Kenji Fujimoto, who was born in Japan 14 years ago. And standing by as Koepke's interpreter in the same class, just in case, is Shoji Wada, whose elder sister Yukemi happens to be Koepke's teacher in a Japanese language class at the local Buddhist Church since November.

Kenji came to the United States only six months ago with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Masaji Fujimoto, and sister.

Koepke is a 1952 graduate from Memphis State, interested in judo since college days, experiments with "bonsai" and more recently developed paper mats by processing asparagus butts with a steam iron.

Hayward Sansei wins Elks leadership award

HAYWARD.—Ann Sakai, 17, Hayward High School senior, is Southern Alameda County winner of the Elk youth leadership contest and is eligible to compete for the Northern California award.

Vice-president of her class, she won the 1957 DAR good citizenship award, is a member of the California Scholarship Federation, the Future Teachers, GAA and a student officer.

PETE WATANABE HEAD

SAN JOSE.—Pete Watanabe was unanimously elected president of the San Jose Nisei Memorial Post 9970 VFW recently.

JACL representative on Boy Scout interracial service nat'l committee

NEW BRUNSWICK, N.J.—Mike Masaoka, Washington representative of the Japanese American Citizens League, was named to the committee on interracial service of the National Council of the Boy Scouts of America, Ray W. Sweasy, national director, Interracial Relationships, announced last week.

The Interracial Service committee is a national advisory group whose purpose is to help encourage scouting among the youth of all nationalities.

Masaoka's specific responsibilities will be in the field of promoting scouting among Americans of Japanese ancestry by recommending programs and activities of special interest to this group.

Sadamu Eejima of Los Angeles is the only other Japanese American on this committee.

SANSEI LASS CHAMPION SPELLER IN SUTTER COUNTY

YUBA CITY.—Ruth Goto, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Shichiro Goto, heads for regional finals in Sacramento May 4 after winning the Sutter County spelling bee last week. She is a sixth grader at Nuestrro School, winning over 13 other school representatives.

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Clers active in Sac'to flower festival-art show

SACRAMENTO.—The fifth annual Japanese Flower Festival and Art Show will be held at Crocker Art Gallery here, April 20-28, with Peter Osuga as chairman. Many Issei and Nisei are assisting in committee work to repeat the successes it has enjoyed in the previous years.

Mayor Clarence L. Azevedo proclaimed the week of April 20 as "Japanese Flower Festival and Art Show Week", urging citizens to "enjoy the best of art and culture in the Japanese tradition".

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NAT'L DIRECTOR'S REPORT By Masao Satow

Oregon-Idaho Weekend

San Francisco

We have just returned from a pleasant weekend of rubbing elbows and bending same with our members of the Boise Valley and Snake River chapters. Despite the fact that both of these chapters encompass considerable wide open spaces, year after year they have maintained strong clubs, bespeaking well for the efforts of their officers who have had to do a lot of running around, as well as for the enthusiasm and support of the people in this area for JACL.

Boise President Harry Hamada, VP Paul Takeuchi, and IDC Treasurer Henry Suehira took us into tow at the airport where we landed on the heels of a spring hailstorm. As 442 vet Harry drove us leisurely the 60 miles to Ontario for the joint meeting of the two chapters, we saw extensive, well kept farms, many of them operated by our members. For the first time in our lives we saw hop farms, and were informed that the valley was one of the country's centers for such, the hops primarily for foreign export, however. These farms make quite a picture with wires strung along tall poles to accommodate the vines.

The Issei first came into the Boise Valley as railroad gang workers, but soon settled down to cultivate the soil made fertile by abundant water. In contrast, the majority of the Japanese Americans in the Ontario area date from wartime. They have added much to the region and comprise the backbone of their respective communities.

The Snake River Chapter carries on its activities in a big way, just as its members do their farming operations. Small wonder that the chapter walked off with the IDC Chapter of the Year award for 1956 under President Dr. Ken Yaguchi. Especially outstanding was its public relations program which began with the installation of officers by Oregon Governor Elmo Smith and former Mayor of Ontario, its prize winning float in the annual Payette Blossom Festival, and its telecast program over KBOI-TV. In its campaign for registration of voters, 90 percent of the eligibles were signed up as compared to the Malheur County average of 55 percent.

President Gish Amano of the Snake River Chapter ably presided over the well attended joint meeting. For once we made our presentation in less than the allotted time to the surprise of everyone. Followed a dance, free to members of both chapters, made possible from funds realized from the chapter's dance class, and therefore designated as a "Dancers' Dance".

A report on the Intermountain District Council meeting the following day and chaired by conscientious George Sugai is given elsewhere. The date of our 1958 National Biennial was set for the weekend preceding the Labor Day weekend as most convenient to the predominantly rural Intermountain area. More about the Convention plans after our meeting with the Salt Lake National Convention Board in conjunction with the next meeting of the IDC on Aug. 11.

MORE TV RESPONSES

Encouraging responses continue to come in from TV stations assuring cooperation on our campaign to delete objectionable films on the air. Approximately 50 responses have been received to date. Where letters are received from areas served by our chapters, copies of such letters will be forwarded to the particular chapters for reference and follow up.

NBC advises us: "NBC has long had a policy of deleting references which are racially derogatory. The films listed in your letter have all been viewed and have been found unacceptable for screening on a racial derogation basis". The Canadian Broadcasting System writes: "We have considerable sympathy towards the views expressed in your letter and will always welcome further suggestions as to future films which you may feel unsuitable for telecast for the reasons stated". KGMB-TV, Honolulu: "We would not knowingly schedule the release of program material which would offend our very large and respected Japanese American community". KTVA, Anchorage, Alaska: "We will do everything to prevent their broadcast at KTVA". CKLW-TV, Windsor, Ont.: "As a former officer with the 442nd RCT in Italy I am well aware of the problems the average Japanese American has faced in the past several years. Two of the films on your list have already been rejected by this station"—(Arthur MacCall). WKRG, Mobile, Ala.: "It seems unreal to think that anyone would continue to question the loyalty and courage of the Japanese American people". KOB-TV, Albuquerque: "We readily agree with the obvious justice of your request". KOA-TV, Denver: "We hope that in some measure we may contribute to a better understanding by following through with your request". WKW-TV, Oklahoma City: "Considering the tremendous war record of Japanese American citizens, we feel that we should be even more careful than normal".

ORGANIZATIONAL NOTES

Memberships continue to dribble in rather slowly this year, although a number of chapters indicate they wish to complete their drives before turning in the results. This probably accounts for no returns from 42 chapters to date. Oakland, Salt Lake City, and Dayton, have now joined the chapters which have registered an increase over last year. Detroit, Omaha and Washington D.C. have reported a substantial number of National Supporting memberships which represent support to National beyond the regular membership dues. Although Albuquerque has temporarily disbanded, 17 have joined as National Associated Members. National Associated members are those direct to National from people living in areas not served by chapters.

Our two prints of "This Is Your Life" are getting a real workout. Both of them are pretty well booked up through the middle of June.

We attended the gala preview of the newly opened Sakura Gardens Sukiyaki in Mountain View. The spaciousness and charming atmosphere of this latest word in sukiyaki enjoyment should make it a real mecca for people throughout the Peninsula area. Congratulations and best wishes to host George Tsukagawa and his partners, among whom are some well known active JACLers.



Gish Amano (left), 1957 chapter president of Snake River Valley JACL, accepts congratulations for winning the Intermountain District Council's first "Chapter of the Year" award from national director Masao Satow. Seated at center is IDC Chairman George Sugai of Payette, Idaho. Dr. Kenji Yaguchi was president of the 1956 term, for which the chapter was recognized.

CALIFORNIA CHAPTERS PREPPED ON SAN FRANCISCO TRACK MEET

SAN FRANCISCO.—Every JACL chapter in California has been invited to participate in the San Francisco JACL Olympics by sponsoring teams to compete in the fifth annual JACL Olympics May 26 at Kezar Stadium.

Meet sponsors, San Francisco JACL, dispatched details and entry forms for contestants in the mails this past week. An entry deadline of Monday, May 13, was announced by Jack Kusaba and Sam Sato, track meet co-chairmen.

Competition in the Class A (unlimited) will be in the following 13 events: 100, 220, 440, 880, mile, 180-low, 70-high, 880 relay, broad jump, high jump, pole vault, 12-lb. shot put and discus.

For Class B (110-125 lbs. and birthdate on or after Jan. 1, 1938), the nine events are 50, 100, 660, 120-low, 440 relay, broad jump, high jump, 8-lb. shotput and pole vault.

In the Class C (under 110 lbs. and born on or after Jan. 1, 1938), the five events are 50, 100, 440 relay, broad jump and high jump.

Officials made it clear that contestants born before 1938 will be placed in the A division. Weigh-in will be on the day of the meet. The \$1.50 per contestant fee must be posted with the entry forms. There is no team fee.

Medals will go to the first two places, ribbons down to the fifth place in individual events. Bronze medals will go to relay winners, ribbons to the next two. The winning team will be awarded the

Hankawa retires WLA JACL golf perpetual trophy

Harry Hankawa, a 5-handicap golfer and recent So. Calif. Nisei Golf Association match play champion, came through with a 71 last Sunday over the Fox Hills course to retire the low gross perpetual cup in the West L.A. JACL-Golf Club tournament.

The sixth annual affair was monopolized in the honors department by the host club with two places in the championship flight and Mits Nakamura winning the Aye flight with 81-14-67. Babe Nomura of Top Flite won the championship flight with 74-10-64. Ken Osajima of Top Notch won second low gross with 73.

IWASAKI ACHIEVES MILLION DOLLAR TABLE

Lincoln National Life Insurance Co. this week announced Frank M. Iwasaki of Los Angeles (a 1000er) attained membership in the Million Dollar Round Table, highest achievement award in the life insurance industry. The former Sacramento Nisei started in the business 11 years ago at Cleveland.

NCWN-DC Perpetual Trophy on the basis of highest accumulative scores in all three classes. Separate trophies will be given to winning and runner-up teams in each division, however.

Scoring system will be based on the 5-4-3-2-1 for individual events, 5-3-1 for relay events.

Minors competing in the JACL Olympics must have written permission of parents or guardians, as specified on the individual entry form. The City Park and Recreation Department has also decreed that officials, team coaches and judges for the JACL track meet must sign waiver for damages, though they would not be required to pay the contestant's entry fee.

Rules of the 1957 National Federation of State High School Athletics Associations are to apply in the JACL Olympics.

The sponsors added vaulting poles and starting blocks will not be furnished, urging contestants to bring their own.

While no limit has been placed as to the number of events an athlete may compete, it was recommended that they limit themselves to three events plus a relay. If necessary, team managers can place an athlete in the relay of a class above his own in lieu of his own.

Heats and semi-finals in the dashes are to be run the same day. Opening ceremonies will be jointly staged by the American Legion and VFW posts at noon.

Downtown L.A. JACL won the 1956 meet, closely followed by West L.A. JACL as 15 records were broken. The meet records:

CLASS "A"

100—Bob Kameoka (LA), 10s. ('56)
220—Bob Kameoka (LA), 22.6s. ('56)
440—Jim Tomimaga (Stock), 53.7s. ('56)
880—Henry Kawamoto (LA), 2m.7.4s. ('55)
1 mile—Henry Kawamoto (LA), 4m.53s. ('54)
70 High—Shoji Yasuda (WLA), 9.3s. ('56)
180 Low—Hideo Sakamoto (Reedley), 20.5s. ('56)
Pole Vault—E. Yamada (SMateo), 12-6 1/4. ('53)
Broad Jump—Bob Kameoka (LA), 21-8. ('56)
High Jump—Harvey Kondo (Reedley) and John Kanaya (SJ), 5-11. ('56)
Shot Put—Tom Sano (Fowler), 54-6 ('56)
Hop - step - jump—Paul Uenaka (SJ), 44-5 1/2. ('56)
Discus—Tom Sano (Fowler), 147-1. ('56)
Relay—Downtown L.A., 1m37s. ('56)

CLASS "B"

50—Beebe Kataoka (LA), 5.6s. ('56)
100—(Not in PC files)
660—Harry Ito (Stock), 1m.33.7s. ('56)
Pole Vault—Frank Ishihara (WLA), 10-2. ('56)
Broad Jump—John Itagaki (LA), 20-6 1/4. ('56)
High Jump—Tomo Tsuda (Reedley), 5-5. ('56)
Shot Put—G. Matsumoto (Sac), 46-5. ('56)
120 Lows—Jim Ishimaru (Reedley), 13.8s. ('56)
Relays—West Los Angeles, 47.3s. ('56)

CLASS "C"

50—Hiroshi Fukuda (SF), 6.1s. ('56)
100—Hiroshi Nakai (SF), 11.6s. ('56)
Relays—(Not in PC files)
High Jump—Hiroshi Fukuda (SF), 5-1. ('56)
Broad Jump—Roger Tanaka (SF), 18-1 1/4. ('56)

SNAKE RIVER C.L. COPS FIRST IDC 'CHAPTER' AWARD

BY ALICE KASAI

BOISE.—Snake River Valley JACL was favored by the seven attending chapters of the Intermountain District Council here last Sunday with the first presentation of the IDC Chapter of the Year award.

Jim Ushio, Chapter of the Year committee chairman in making the announcement, hoped the award would serve as an incentive for other chapters to aspire for such singular honors.

Gish Amano, 1957 chapter president, accepted the award from Mas Satow, national director, on behalf of the chapter, whose 1956 year was regarded as the most outstanding among the eight IDC units.

Dr. Kenji Yaguchi of Ontario, Ore., 1956 chapter president of Snake River Valley, reported to the Chapter of the Year Committee that the year was filled with a well-rounded program of community relations and sound financing.

The chapter responded immediately to the protest campaign against the Lincoln Yamamoto letter in Newsweek magazine, promoted TV programs locally at which time Alice Nishitani's vocal renditions received comments for a reappearance, and the chapter float in the Blossom Festival parade won first prize.

The chapter sponsored local youths to Beaver State and Gem State (Boys' State) programs sponsored by American Legion for high school 11th graders, held a dance for graduates of local eight high schools, held Memorial services, and sponsored Teddy Sakano, who won the 1956 Pvt. Ben Frank Masaoka Memorial Scholarship.

The chapter engaged in an all-out registration of voters campaign among naturalized Issei, signing up close to 100 percent.

Attesting to the all-around vitality of this chapter, it conducted a clothing drive for Hungarian Refugee relief that went beyond expectations, and some of its members participated in their rehabilitation by hiring them on their farms.

The annual chapter bazaar netted \$1,400, topped the previous year membership by 100, and was represented by eight delegates at the San Francisco national JACL convention last year.

For individual remembrances, the chapter sent flowers to local funerals of Japanese and bouquets to two Issei couples who celebrated their golden wedding anniversary.

Outstanding leaders from the chapter include Joe Saito and George Sugai, both IDC officials. The chapter also held dance classes for the membership.



'1000' CLUB NOTES

SAN FRANCISCO.—The first two weeks of April only found 24 new and renewing 1000 Club members, National JACL Headquarters reported this week. They are as follows:

FIRST YEAR

San Francisco — Mrs. Kunisaku Ino.
New York — Kyuichi Sugihara, Mrs. Shinobu Sugihara, William K. Sakayama.
Dayton — Dr. Mark Nakauchi.

SECOND YEAR

West Los Angeles — Dr. Tom Abe.
San Francisco — Kunisaku Ino.
Philadelphia — Tadafumi Mikuriya.
Gardena Valley — Mr. Fumi Satow.
Chicago — Yoshitaka Tanaka.

THIRD YEAR

Stockton — Yoichi Agari, George R. Baba, Kumakichi W. Kunimori, Kazuo Ueda.
Cleveland — Robert E. Fujita.
Southwest L.A. — Dr. Victor Makita.

FOURTH YEAR

Kingsburg — Mats Ando.
Delano — Sam Azuma.
Seattle — Ray I. Kihara.
San Francisco — Keisaburo Koda.
Mid-Columbia — Ray Sato.

SEVENTH YEAR

San Francisco — Tak Kusano.

NINTH YEAR

Downtown L.A. — Willie M. Funakoshi.
Gardena Valley — Hideo Satow.

VERY TRULY YOURS:

Racial prejudice of one man gone

It's not everyday one gets to make the acquaintance of a blind man, but in the press the other day, thousands of local readers met a 24-year-old Angeleno (a Caucasian) who went blind after a brain concussion he suffered in an auto accident last year.

The world grew black little by little. The doctors couldn't give him encouragement. When he finally became blind, Robert Nail found life most frustrating. He was especially depressed because he had just gotten back on his feet after recovering from the auto mishap.

He and his wife came to Los Angeles, because it was her hometown. Bob signed up with Braille Institute and inside a week learned the alphabet and began training in X-ray darkroom technique.

The depression left him. "The Institute got me back on my feet and made me feel like a human instead of a helpless animal," he told reporters. Several weeks ago, he suffered violent headaches and on April 4, he saw shifting shadows and color sensations. He was able to see again.

During his four-month period of blindness, Bob was able to find impressions gained of people while blind to be more reliable than those of actual sight. "I think my race prejudice is all gone. If you can't see the color of a man's skin, you don't judge him by that," he declared.

Voices over a telephone might be an example. And I've been fooled by chatter from behind me.

While the near-miraculous restoration of Bob's sight calls attention to Braille Institute's annual fund drive opening next week, to many of us with eyesight there is a valuable lesson: the folly of discrimination because of the color of a man's skin.

A once-blind man found impressions of people more reliable while blind. The lesson there is most apparent.

We shall keep our fingers crossed. We shall be moving up our press-run to Thursday morning, thereby giving us a full-day break in mailing the PCs. Deadlines remain the same — Wednesday. And local deliveries should be made by Friday; a day earlier elsewhere maybe.

—Harry K. Honda.



If any other chapter in the Intermountain District plans to boast of membership highs this year, it will really have to scurry fast. These Salt Lake JACLers helped to sign up half of the 400 plus members, which is an all-time high for the chapter. Sam Watanuki (second from left), member-

ship chairman, hands Rupert Hachiya, team captain and three-term past president, a check for steak dinners. Other membership solicitors on the team are George Yoshimoto (extreme left), Amy Doi, Shiz Sakai and Alice Kasai.

—Terashima Studios.

JACL-sponsored version of Toastmasters Club in San Francisco attracts 25 men

SAN FRANCISCO.—More than 25 supporters of the Speakers club, sponsored by the San Francisco JACL, attended the initial meeting of the group recently.

Participants included leaders of churches and clubs, business and professional men and others interested in the club patterned after the Toastmasters club.

Stories by two persons, a series of four prepared speeches, a table

topic of some interest to all persons attending and an evaluation period were held.

Jim Noda of the Skyline Toastmaster club evaluated the overall program of the newly organized group and indicated that the future of the Speakers club looks promising.

The group will meet Monday, April 22, at the Buchanan St. YMWCA at 8 p.m. Men interested in the program are invited.

Cortez JACL offers plaque for Scout competition; plan for 10th anniversary

TURLOCK.—Presentation of a perpetual plaque to the outstanding Boy Scout troop of the Ballico area was approved at a meeting of the Cortez JACL recently.

The establishment of the plaque was made after reports on the Boy Scout troop sponsored by the local chapter were heard at the meeting.

The JACL will present the plaque annually. It will become the permanent possession of a troop which wins it for three consecutive years.

Boy Scout committee members reported that the financial drive for the Yosemite area Boy Scout troops netted \$124 for the scouts and \$99 for the Red Cross. They said that it will direct the "boot strap" drive April 15 for Cortez area with proceeds to be used to State Park for scout activities.

In other business considered by the chapter at the meeting, Hiro

Asai, president, announced that contributions have been made by the membership to the Ballico American Legion blood bank.

Albert Morimoto, Seio Masuda and Saburo Okamura were appointed to attend the Ballico civil defense meetings. Also appointed were committees to make collections for Delhi fire truck, cancer fund, community picnic and the American Museum of Immigration.

A pot-luck supper program to commemorate the 10th anniversary of the chapter will be held Saturday, May 4. Friends and representatives of organizations who assisted in obtaining the passage of Proposition 13, repealing the alien land law, last November will be honored guests at the program.

A joint meeting with the Livingston-Merced JACL was held at the Cortez Hall on April 6. Canasta, bridge and whist were enjoyed by 60 members.

The whist prize was won by Yoshio Kubo, canasta prizes by Irene Yamamoto and Miki Yoshida, and bridge prize by Frances Kiriha and Yeichi Sakaguchi.

Delicious refreshments were served by the Cortez chapter under the chairmanship of Edna Yamaguchi.

Chapter aids in local girl scout activities

TURLOCK.—A unique collection of dolls and Japanese art was exhibited before 100 Girl Scouts and their leaders of six Merced County troops when the Atwater-Castle Neighborhood gathered at Castle Air Force Base Youth Center recently.

Helen Yuge, representing the Cortez JACL, sponsors of this Japanese program, displayed her collection of festival dolls explaining the meaning of each, its origin, and what every doll represents.

Beautiful works of art, ceramics and laquer ware were shown by Ruth Yoshida—hand carved dolls, and games of shuttle cock with intricately carved paddles.

A tea ceremony and two dances were presented by Karen Sakaguchi, Sharyn Yoshida, Shirley Baba, Midori Okamura and Barbara Masuda.

The children, all 100 of them, participated in simple folk dances directed by Miye Baba and Alyce Okamura.

Twin Cities prepares calendar, drive for 300 membership

ST. PAUL.—Constitutional changes to be made in the Twin Cities UCL are to be discussed at the next chapter meeting, April 25, at J.A. Center, it was disclosed by Henry Makino, president. The regular chapter meeting date of April 27 was changed because of the J.A. Center sukiyaki dinner that day.

Emi Takato, program chairman, announced a movie on Japan, "So Small My Island", will be shown also.

A record turnout attended the first general meeting Mar. 29 with over 60 hearing Miss Arle Haberle, women's program director of WCCO-TV, speak on Russia and life behind the Iron Curtain. Her sister, Billie, showed slides and movies to add to a most informative evening.

Tom Ohno, membership chairman, reported during the first month of the membership campaign, a halfway mark of 150 members for the goal of 300 was reached. Last year, the chapter had 201 members.

Among the activities planned for the year include the joint community picnic with the J.A. Center, June 23, Phalen Park, Miss Jeri Tsurusaki and Jim Kurata, co-chairmen; and steak fry, Aug. 24, with Nob Hangai, chairman.

Jim Sugimura is chairman of the fishing derby sometime in July; Frank Fujimoto is in charge of the UCL golf tournament sometime in August. Yukio Okamoto is chairman of the chapter bridge lessons.

Tri-Villes plan May 5 parent's get-together

REDWOOD CITY.—Both Jr. and Sr. Tri-Villes, Jr. JACL units of the Sequoia chapter, announced June Kumagai and Nancy Kamita are co-chairmen of the parent's get-together scheduled here May 5.

Serving on the committee are Amy Saito, Jane Taira, Frances Takamoto, ref.; Jane Kuwano, Janice Oda, program; Ruth Fujihara, Reiko Koga, pub.; Dot Fujihara, Miyoko Hirotsuka, Lorraine Kimura, dec.; Janice Enomoto, Mid Kanazawa, inv.; Dorothy Kajikawa, June Sugimoto, loc.; Nancy Fujihara, Mary Kawakami, Naomi Kanazawa, Jane Minami, ent.

Mt. Olympus 'turnabout'

SALT LAKE CITY.—Women members of the Mt. Olympus JACL staged its "Turnabout" party for the male members of the chapter last Saturday at Temple Square Hotel Garden Room. Earlier last month, the fellows treated and hosted the gals.

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TOKYO TOPICS

By Tamotsu Murayama

Yellow Peril Again?

TOKYO.—The local Japanese press recently featured a controversial article appearing in the January issue of the American Legion magazine "Legion" under the title of "We Learned about Japan Prisons from the Inside" by Ohio Congressman Frank T. Bow. Japanese officials last March 19 denounced as "utterly false" the story which charges mistreatment of American servicemen in Japanese prisons. (Story concerns treatment of American GIs jailed in recent years for breaking Japanese criminal law.—Editor.)

The Japanese are beginning to feel that American Legion is starting a malicious anti-Japanese campaign again to create ill-feeling among innocent Americans.

The article contained such sentences as "... almost every day I could hear and see... Japanese guards (of Fukuoka prison) beating up American prisoners. The food was not very appetizing, and the menu included such things as rice, fish, animal intestines and dog meat".

The men at Yokosuka prison were fed decayed whale meat and sow entrails, the article continued. Warden Kiyoshi Takahashi of Yokosuka refuted the charges of beating of prisoners, pointing out that beating of prisoners is contrary to Japan prison law. It was also made clear that inmates were fed more than 3,500 calories a day, about 500 calories more than the best provided Japanese prisoners. Inmates are served, for instance, grilled hot cakes, syrup, toast, butter, black tea and eggs for breakfast; sausage, creamed potatoes, boiled greens, toast, jam and coffee for lunch; roast beef, mashed potatoes, brown gravy, boiled carrots, vegetable soup, bread, butter and coffee for supper.

AMERICAN LAWYER REFUTES CHARGES

Local American lawyer Frank Scolinos has pointed out that the Legion article was utterly false, found conditions to the contrary and has written so to Dan Daniel, American Legion national commander.

"I talked privately with 11 of the 37 interned American servicemen," Scolinos has written. "Their comments were that they are satisfied with present conditions and treatment they are receiving from Japanese authorities. Their only complaint was not enough leafy vegetables and fresh fruit."

"In November, 1955, I was the first to voice the question in Japanese courts and in the federal courts of the United States that the Administrative Agreement signed between the governments of Japan and the U.S., which gave Japanese courts rights to try American servicemen for crimes committed off base and during off-duty hours, was unconstitutional."

"This question was raised in the Maebashi District Court involving a joint trial of four American servicemen. During this trial, Congressman Charles Boyle of Illinois inspected the Japanese court procedures and conditions at Fuchu Prison, which is described in the written article as worse than that of Yokosuka Prison. Congressman Boyle, after his inspection in November, 1955, informed me that he found conditions in Fuchu Prison satisfactory. This statement he also issued to the Japanese press."

USE OF 'JAP' CRITICIZED

Scolinos also pointed out the word "Jap" used in the article and criticized: "At times such as this when our country is seeking to cement firm understanding and relationship between Japan and the United States, I cannot understand why a patriotic organ such as ours finds it necessary to use the impolite terminology, 'Jap', in referring to the Japanese. To rectify the misunderstanding, I highly recommend that you appoint members of the American Legion to conduct an investigation and that a true unbiased report be made public by the Legion."

Incidentally, lawyer Scolinos is a charter member of the Tokyo Post of the American Legion and former prosecutor in the war crimes tribunal in Japan.

(The U.S. Navy, as a result of the charges of Rep. Bow's article, revealed that Rear Adm. Albert E. Jarrell, commander of fleet activities at Yokosuka, inspected the nearby Otsu prison with members of his staff on Feb. 1. A naval spokesman characterized the charge as "haywire", adding that both the admiral and members of his staff were very favorably impressed.)



THE NORTHWEST PICTURE

By Elmer Ogawa

Sick Report

Seattle

Dear Ed: Well, I made the Veterans Administration hospital again. This time they think it's a nice big ulcer, though the X-ray doesn't show up anything. Anyhow, I had 5 pints of transfusion and now gotta stay in the ol' sack and absorb the medication. So it looks like no column this week and not so sure of the future, either.

(About his brother, whom we asked about recently): Yeah, Herb Ogawa, formerly of the North American Times, is the kid brother. I spoke to him by phone last week and he mentioned something about a re-write job he was doing besides his regular circulation job on Curtis publications in Dallas. They escaped the twister entirely.

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Judy Seki socks 697 scratch series

Judy Seki, 1957 National JACL bowling champion in the women's sweepers, socked a resounding 220-231-246—697 on April 1 at Arlington Bowl in the Nisei Ladies Classic League.

In the Albany JACL classics, she rolled an 814 in the four-game sweepers for a new record. The 697 (a scratch effort, men!) is over a 100 pins above the JACL singles record of 588 held by Chiyo Tashima.

Only last week, the Pacific Citizen reported Aya Takai of Sacramento hit the city's highest of 685 for women this year.

Fuzzy Shimada hits 725 in ABC tourney

FT. WORTH.—"Fuzzy" Shimada led the Sport Center Bowl of San Francisco into fifth place last week in the American Bowling Congress tournament by rolling a 725 series April 11.

He hit games of 234-234-257, which would have given him at least third place if he had rolled the same total in the singles event. He hit a 614 in the singles and teamed with Ed Bourdase of Oakland in the doubles scoring a 597 for an all-events total of 1936.

Shimada, as of April 12, ranks eighth among the top 10 leaders in the all-events. Leading is Jim Spalding of Louisville, Ky., who cracked a 20-year-old record with his 2,088, bettering the mark of 2,070 by Max Stein, Belleville, Ill.

Gene Takei of Oakland also competed in the ABCs, rolling with the College Bowl team.

CHIYO TASHIMA STILL IN STATEWIDE KEGFEST MONEY ARCADIA.—Chiyo Tashima, holder of several National JACL bowling records, and partner Doris Porter still stand at second place money with their 1119 in the class A division of the California Women's Bowling Association tournament.

YAMASHIRO STARS IN ALBANY KEG LEAGUE
ALBANY.—Hank Yamashiro was the star of the Albany Bowl 900 Majors last week with a 684 series, laced from 248-225-211.

No. Calif. golf meet lures 130 participants

SAN JOSE.—Garden City Golf Club, host for the annual No. Calif. Nisei golf tournament, announced pairings for more than 130 entrants in four flights were completed. First round starts tomorrow and ends Sunday at both Pebble Beach and Del Monte courses in Monterey.

Frank Yoshioka, carrying a 4 handicap and 1956 champion, of San Jose is favored to retain the title.

However, he faces stiff opposition from Henry Lum of East Bay with 6 handicap and George Ura of Watsonville Eagle, with 7 handicap, who won the state Nisei tournament last year.

Other contenders are veteran Fred Yoshikawa of Fresno, Harry Yoshioka of Garden City and George Miyama of Sacramento, all with 7 handicap.

Idaho State Nisei boxer wins NCAA 125-lb. title

POCATELLO.—Cyril Okamoto captured the 125 lb. NCAA boxing championship last April 6 as his school, the host Idaho State College, defeated ETAOIN ETAOI O OO lege, won the team title.

He defeated Bernard Garso of College of Idaho in the finals. He defeated Gus Taft of Syracuse in the semi-finals.

Okamoto was one of seven ISC fighters to win individual championships in 10 divisions. The Bengals set a new NCAA scoring record with 59 points, breaking the 47 point mark set by Wisconsin last year.

Ed Murakami of Cal Poly was eliminated from the tournament in the semi-finals when he lost on a decision to Sammy Macias of the Univ. of Nevada.

INTEREST IN L.A. JACL RELAYS BOOSTED AS ATHLETES CAVORT

With the outstanding performances being turned in by local Nisei track and field athletes during the past weekend, the Nisei Relays, an annual fixture on the Nisei sports scene, seems destined to have its greatest meet this year. The sprints, especially, will be crowded with scintillating performers.

Not since the days of Bruin Bob Watanabe has there been so much pre-meet promise for an outstanding race as this year's renewal which will be staged in June.

Heading the field, in the Open division, will be three college dashmen who appear capable of smashing the 10-second barrier.

One of these is Ray Sugiyama of Long Beach State College who turned in a double victory in the dashes against Los Angeles State on Friday. Sugiyama, who placed in the dashes in the Nisei Relays last year, won in swift clockings of 10s and 22s for his victories.

Both time are considered excellent.

Two Los Angeles City College cindermen may give Sugiyama a tussle if and when they hook up in the match in the Nisei Relays. They are Bobby Kamioka and Vic Mitsuno. The former won both events last year while Mitsuno took the 440 event.

Both are now concentrating on the quarter-mile in college competition but could easily double up in the sprints in the Nisei meet. Kamioka has cracked 10s for the 100-yards and Mitsuno can also approach that neighborhood.

Kameoka and Mitsuno placed second and third in a meet Friday in the quarter-mile in which the winner chalked up a 49.6 clocking.

If Larry Iwasaki of Reedley can be enticed to join this already classy band of sprinters, the dashes could easily be the most outstanding ever witnessed. It could

MATSUDA TO REPRESENT DENVER AT NAT'L KEGFEST

DENVER.—Ken Matsuda rolled 3,309 pins in 16 games for a 206 average earlier this month at Colfax Lanes to represent Denver in the Louisville (Ky.) national tournament.

The 21-year-old Matsuda edged Barney Lawson by only two pins in winning the all-expenses paid trip to compete with the country's finest keggers.

Leading by a single pin going into the final game, Matsuda bowled a 225, his highest since the

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sixth game, and Lawson fell just short with a 224, his best since the 11th game.

Matsuda, who bowls in the Nisei League and the Traveling Major, has averaged 196 for the 1956-57 season. His top figure is 279, which he has made six times.

His most recent tourney triumph in a long line of victories was in the Bowl-Mor Spring Scratch Classic when he totaled 865 in four games.

New scratch league

STOCKTON.—Election of 1957-58 Nisei Bowling League officers will take place in May, it was announced by Frank Morita, current president. He also disclosed an 825 scratch league for next year.

YUZURIHA TO HEAD S.F. BOWLING ASS'N

SAN FRANCISCO.—Shig Yuzuriha will serve as president of the San Francisco Nisei Bowling Association for the forthcoming 1957-58 season.

WIFE OF EX-PC WRITER WINS MATRIX HONORS

SEATTLE.—Arlene Fukei, wife of Budd Fukei and both contributors to the Pacific Citizen, was among the 72 outstanding "campus women of achievement" winners at the 26th annual Matrix Table affair sponsored by Theta Sigma Phi, national journalism honorary sorority, recently. She is a graduate in education at Univ. of Washington.

also produce a new Nisei Relays record if conditions are right.

Iwasaki is capable of 10s.

There will be others, mostly from high school ranks, who could challenge these college cinderaces but for pre-meet rankings, it looks like a toss-up between Sugiyama, Kameoka and Mitsuno.

A time of 9.9 or 9.8 could easily be chalked up.

In the quarter-mile, either Kameoka or Mitsuno could become the first Nisei runner to crack the 50s mark in an all-Nisei meet. It's a barrier that Nisei track men have been shooting at for many years.

Another barrier could be shattered in the shot-put.

Tom Sano, who is throwing the college 16-pound shot over 50 feet might put the iron ball over the 60-foot mark with a 12-pound pellet.

(Tom Sano of Fresno State helped his squad beat the San Francisco Olympic Club last Saturday at Fresno with a winning heave of 49-1 in the shot and took a second in the discus with 147-234. Yo Shibata of Modesto College took a third in the high hurdles in a three-way meet won by Modesto over Stanford Frosh and Santa Rosa JC.)

What ever the individual performances, the 1957 renewal of the Nisei Relays is shaping up as one of the greatest.

—Shin Nichi Bei

WATSONVILLE NISEI WINS 1,320-YD. RUN

WATSONVILLE.—Gene Moriki of Watsonville High reversed the tables on Berg of Monterey last Saturday by winning the 1,320-yd. run in 3m.34.8s. Berg defeated Moriki in the recent King City Invitational meet. Teammate Tom Sakata won the 120 lows.

(Laguna Beach High's Saruwatari won the C 120 lows in 14.2s. at the All-Orange League finals last week.)

ISHII SOCKS 1989 FOR ORANGE COUNTY KEG TITLE

GARDEN GROVE.—John Ishii of Buena Park emerged as all-events winner with 1,989 in the annual Orange County Bowling Association championship tournament this past week.

In past years, the tourney had been scheduled over eight weekends but interest faded so the officials hurried up the schedule over nine consecutive days of firing.

Ishii also won the singles with a 734 and won the trophy for the highest scratch game of the meet, a 276.

Examiner keg results

Third week winners in the local Examiner men's singles bowling classic include \$150 winner George Tambara in the Class D pace-setter of 647 at La Cienega Bowl. Jack Okamoto's 683 was a house high series winner, good for \$20, at Trojan; Lefty Watanabe, 662, Trojan; Walter Araki, 641, La Cienega; and Ken Isuzugawa, 613, La Cienega.

OC JAYs sponsor cage tourney; L.A. team wins

ANAHEIM.—A six-team three-day basketball tournament staged by the Orange County JAYs here last weekend found Kan Enterprise reaping most of the Invitational honors.

Kan Enterprise, champions of the SCNAU Jackson Aye league, won the title by defeating O.C. JAYs 50-45. BGF Originals won the consolation title over Fujino's 29-25. Long Beach and Yamaguchi Dukes were first round victims.

This marks the final basketball tournament of Nisei interest in Southern California this season.

AIR FORCE JUDOISTS WIN NAT'L AAU TITLE

HONOLULU.—The Air Force Strategic Air Command won the team championship title in the national AAU judo tournament here last weekend. Nanka (So. Calif.) Judo was second, Hawaii third and Hokka (No. Calif.) Judo Club was fourth.



LOS ANGELES NEWSLETTER

By Henry Mori

FEPC in a Landslide

VERY FEW of us were surprised last Monday when the State Assembly passed—in a landslide manner—the Fair Employment Practices Commission bill. The roll call, 61-15, in favor of banning discrimination in employment because of race, color or creed, was a convincing performance by the lower house to assure rights for all in job opportunities. But on the other hand, three of the 15 protesters are from Southern California. They include Assemblyman A. L. Stewart, from Pasadena; John L. E. Collier and Harold K. Levering, Los Angeles, all Republicans.

Crux of all FEPC laws is that the states which do not discriminate in the first place—at least openly—are the ones which have on their statute books an act to prosecute violators. Take one point as brought out by anti-FEPC Levering. He says he favored an end to discrimination but felt "this is not the way to do it". We can't share his views because little has been done by him, or any others, to encourage the elimination, in the past.

From this we gather that what he is trying to say is that where there is no discrimination there need be no types of legislation banning it. Naturally self-practice in preventing bias is better than through any enforced law.

Stewart of Pasadena comes forth with this bright reasoning that there are ample jobs for everyone and that this bill is designed to "take care of people who are not qualified." The implication here suggests that a man doesn't have to be too particular with his choice of work as long as he is able to make a living. His qualification for a better position will have nothing to do with getting it simply because the color of his skin happens to be an obstacle already.

Stewart believes there is no necessity for this type of legislation and there never has been in California. "We have been able to solve our problems."

ASSEMBLYMAN Byron Rumford, Democrat from Berkeley, estimated that two million Californians would be affected by the FEPC. He says the only job a colored American can get at a race track "is the job of sweeping up tickets."

Records from the JACL files have shown that Negroes are not the only ones who suffer the frustrations of not getting a better kind of a work. The Mexicans, the Chinese, the Japanese and other members of minority extractions can count on their fingers the number of breaks they failed to grasp when taken into an office for interview.

Collier, chiming so perfectly with Stewart in dragging down the FEPC, thinks the bill "would aggravate and cause more tension than it would alleviate." He said fair employment policy is a two-way street, to which we agree only to a certain point.

There is nothing dictatorial about the state's FEPC program. It merely declares that if an applicant is qualified and his application is rejected on the basis of his race, then the mechanics of the law are to be put into gear.

As Assemblyman Augustus F. Hawkins, Democrat from Los Angeles, the author of the bill, said: "We are not trying to legislate brotherly love." And he balked on the idea to attempt elimination of prejudices through the slow process of education.

He charged opponents for accusing him of drafting the measure to get special consideration for any one group. "We are doing this to get what is guaranteed to all citizens in the constitution . . . a right which belongs to all as part of human society."



CHICAGO CORNER

By Smoky H. Sakurada

Vacation Time

Chicago

OUR CONGRATULATIONS to Harvey Aki, program chairman for the Chicago JACL, for his wonderful treat at the April 12 general meeting, when vacation haunts were featured. The evening at McCormick YWCA was enjoyed by 40 CLers who saw colored travelogues on the West Indies, Mexico, Japan and the New England states.

Kenneth John of the Happiness Tours and Journeys International commented on locales between showing of the movies in behalf of Cosmopolitan Travel Service. Mas Nakagawa operated the projector.

Attending were 3 Nisei teachers in the local public school system: Nancy Ishikawa, sixth grade at Oakenwald School; Setsuko Katayama, second grade at Melrose Park in suburban Chicago, and her sister Itoko, who teaches third grade at the same school . . . Don Bolle of Reedley, Calif., a lumber salesman, was also present.

Date of the next general meeting will be May 10. Harvey says the program and site are to be announced.

THE MUTUAL Aid Society of Chicago celebrated its 25th anniversary last Sunday at Olivet Institute. A majority of the 400 in attendance were Issei. Among the pioneers, 77 years or more, was Mrs. Yoshie Ishida, 99, who was the eldest of the 97 Issei honorees. She is the mother of active prewar JACLer Dixie Ishida.

The society, which aids Japanese here without relatives or funds, also honored its previous officers: Charles Yamasaki, who was the first president; Z. Fukuda, Kiyoshi Joichi and T. Takahashi. Corky Kawasaki is the current president. Other past officers are Mukoyama, Masuto Kono, K. K. Sugimoto and T. Yamamoto, secretary-treasurers.

The society, which has a membership fee of \$2 per year, boasts a total of 450 members.



Entertaining are the "Discords," (left to right) Fukio Urushibata, Bob Wada and Jack Iwakiri, at Southwest Los Angeles JACL's well-attended "Escapade" stag-stagette party last week.

— Steve Mayeno Photo.

VITAL STATISTICS

BIRTHS

LOS ANGELES
BENNETT, James W. (Shigeko Kobayashi) — boy Rusty W., Feb. 18 San Pedro.
CHANG, Edward (Laureen Sakugawa) — girl Keiki K., Mar. 8.
FUJII, Robert. (Tsuyako Katano) — boy Norio, Feb. 11.
FUJIMI, Shigeru (Grace M. Nishizaki) — girl Shari A., Mar. 4.
GONZALES, Frank (Alma Mukai) — girl Petra, Mar. 1.
GREENE, Dale (Rita Tanouye) — girl Toni Semiko, Feb. 23.
HARA, Kaoru (Setsuye C. Yoshimi) — girl Joy Kimi, Mar. 6 Harbor City.
HARADA, David H. (Vilma Nshiyama) — boy Dean J., Feb. 21.
HARADA, Tadao (Frances Maeda) — girl Terri Dee, Jan. 31.
HORITO, Isamu (Mary Kikuchi) — girl Deborah Miwako, Feb. 3.
HORIUCHI, Tad H. (Emma Kushino) — boy Glenn Tad, Mar. 3.
IDA, Tsuneo — girl Diane Kimi, Mar. 9 Inouye, Tom (Iris Ogasawara) — girl Christine R., Feb. 5, Sun Valley.
ITO, Keichi (Atsuko Isobe) — girl Roxanne Kinue, Feb. 4.
IWAI, George H. (Michi Kawashima) — girl Jeanne D., Feb. 2.
KAJIWARA, James — triplet boys Bruce, Mark, Douglas, Mar. 9.
KAWAMURA, G.Y. — boy, Feb. 17 Long Beach.
KAWASHIMA, Masato (Shizue Ota) — boy Fred Toshio, Feb. 6.
KAWATOMARI, Yoshio (Dorothy K. Gomoto) — boy Keith Yoshio, Feb. 8.
KITAYAWA, Aisuke (Sawayo Sugano) — boy David, Feb. 6.
KURAMOTO, Ben T. (Mieko Kame) — boy Warren Seichi, Feb. 20.
MAKIGUCHI, Fumio (Fumiko Yamashita) — boy James Hiroshi, Feb. 27.
MASUDA, Chikao (Miyuki Morimoto) — girl Marian Lei, Feb. 14.
MASUKAWA, John (Hanako Ota) — boy George Kiyoshi, Feb. 22.
MATSUNAGA, Richard T. (Amy Miyashita) — girl Gail Keiko, Mar. 5.
MIYOSHI, Toru (Jeanne F. Kojima) — girl Lisa Kimiko.
MIZUTANI, Masao (Yone Murahashi) — boy Stanley Seiko, Feb. 23.
MOTONAGA, Toshiaki (Kuniko Kashinoki) — boy Dale Toshiyuki, Feb. 23.
NAGAISHI, Tokiji (Dorothy T. Tanizawa) — girl Peggy E., Feb. 11.
NAGANO, Kiminori (Alice Kodama) — boy Gerald K., Feb. 10.
NAGASUGI, Michio (Fumi Nakamura) — boy Clinton Shinji, Feb. 28.
NAKAMARU, Makoto (Lillian K. Yoshida) — boy Ward Mitsuru, Feb. 26.
NAKAMURA, Tetsujiro (Yuriko Yoshimi) — boy Wayne Sachio, Mar. 10.
NISHIMOTO, Shizuo (Mei Mikami) — boy Bryan Haruo, Mar. 9.
NORIHIRO, Ray (Florence Yanase) — girl Donna K., Feb. 25.
SAKURAI, John K. (Teiko Nanaumi) — boy Jason R., Feb. 2.
SATO, Seiji (Michie Fujiwara) — boy Keith Masashi, Mar. 9.
SHIGEKANE, Edward N. (Helen S. Yamashita) — girl Valerie J., Feb. 25.
SHIMIZU, Kazuo (Takemi Oda) — girl Jean Kazuyo, Feb. 10.
TAKATSUKA, Donald (Phyllis Chung) — girl Sandra, Feb. 23.
TANAKA, Teruo (Chikae Yamashita) — boy Glenn Takeo, Mar. 9.
TANIKAWA, Hideo (Shizuko Miyamura) — girl Blythe, Mar. 6.
TATEISHI, William (Akiko Nimura) — girl Cynthia, Mar. 6.
TERAGAWA, Bill H. (Natsuko J. Higashi) — girl Carolyn Keiko, Feb. 28.
TOMITA, Roy (Asako Nakagawa) — boy Randall B., Jan. 22.
TSUKADA, Masao (Kayoko Mizoguchi) — girl Tomoko Irene, Feb. 15.
TSUNSHIMA, Akira (Yoshiko A. Takevama) — girl Jean Yoko, Feb. 28.
TSUNAWAKI, Mitsugu — boy, Feb. 7.

Long Beach.

TSUNEKAWA, Yoshishige (Hisako Wada) — boy Glenn S., Feb. 20.
UCHIZONO, Hoover J. (Toshiko Yamamoto) — girl Janis C., Feb. 7.
UMEKUBO, Robert S. (Helen Karasawa) — girl Hary Anne, Feb. 22.
YAMAOKA, Mas (Lei Sugiyama) — YAMASHITA, Hitoji (Mieko Hirabayashi) — girl Karen Reiko, Mar. 3.
YEL, Sam H. (Betty K. Saito) — girl Nancy, Feb. 28.
YOSHIDA, Eugene T. (Sue Yasutake) — girl Cindy L., Mar. 1.
YOSHIDA, Hideo (Ruriko Mimura) — girl Arleen Toshimi, Jan. 24.
YOSHIMINE, Carl (Eunice Shigekawa) — boy Jeffery E., Feb. 12.
YOUNG, Harvey (Lillian H. Muneo) — girl Sherri D., Mar. 12.

ENGAGEMENTS

FUKUDA-TANAKA — Alice T. to Lewis G., both West Los Angeles.
KOHNO - TAIRA — Shizue to Jun, both West Los Angeles.
YAMAGUCHI-KATO — Sugako, Salt Lake City, to Henry M., San Gabriel.
YOKOTA-HAKEDA — Sachiko to Rev. Seysho, both Los Angeles, Mar. 23.

WEDDINGS

IMAMOTO-TORIGOE — Mar. 23, Tsugio, North Hollywood; June, Los Angeles.
KAWAI-YAKUSHIJI — Apr. 7, Waichi, Los Angeles; Teruko, Santa Monica.
KATAOKA-FUKUDA — Mar. 16, Fredrick and Sumiko, both Los Angeles, at Las Vegas.
KIYOHARA - NAKAWATASE — Mar. 31, Akira and Ruby E., both Los Angeles.
MATSUNO-NOMURA — Mar. 30, Albert and Kay, both Los Angeles.
MORI-HAYAKAWA — Mar. 31, Bob A. and Keiko, both Los Angeles.
NAKANISHI-SUZUKI — Apr. 7, James I. and Irene Y., both Los Angeles.

Nisei presents technical paper on nuclear reactors

Tom Shimazaki, executive vice-president of the Southwest Los Angeles JACL, presented a technical paper on Heat Transfer in Nuclear Reactors before the convention of nuclear scientists and engineers at Philadelphia recently. He was co-author with a fellow worker at the Atomic International Division of the North American Aviation Co.

West Fresno Optimists

FRESNO.—Dr. Fusaji Inada has been named vice-president of the West Fresno Optimists. Johnson Kebo, retiring president, is being succeeded by Cecil B. Hinton, executive director of the B St. Community Center.

NISHIMOTO - KIKKAWA — Mar. 17, Manabu and Masako, both Pasadena.
OKABAYASHI-SAKATANI — Mar. 17, Takateru, West Los Angeles; Yuriko, West Covina.
OKADA-KAWANAMI — Mar. 24, Dr. John T. and Sadako, both Los Angeles.
SHOMURA-MANTA — Mar. 30, Raymond and Doris, both Los Angeles.
SUEDA-MASAMOTO — Mar. 30, Ozzie and Terrie, both Torrance.
TAKASE-KITAGAWA — Mar. 31, Stanley and Miyoko, both Los Angeles.
WATANABE-KOSAKA — Mar. 17, Hideo and Ruth, both Los Angeles.
WATANABE - MUTOW — Mar. 17, John A., Nampa, Idaho; Miyuki, Los Angeles.

DEATHS

AOCHI, Mrs. Kei, 67; Los Angeles, Apr. 10 — (s) Sadaoyoshi, Yasuji (d) Mmes. Kay U. Mori, June Y. Yamashiro.
HAYASHI, Yoshino, 56; Pacoima, Mar. 27 — (h) Roy, (s) Charles Y. (d) May, Jane Yoshiko, Mrs. Betty A. Furumoto, Mrs. Mildred Ichinotsubo, Mrs. Lillian Takabayashi.
KAMETA, Fuji, 77; Los Angeles, Mar. 7 — (h) Kanjiro, (s) Kiyoshi.
KOBAYASHI, Naohiko, 79; Los Angeles, Mar. 27 — (w) Tsuyo, (s) Roy, (d) Mrs. Meriko Takasaki.
MATSUDA, Mikio, 63; Santa Barbara, Mar. 27.
MORRI, Isaburo, 60; Los Angeles, Mar. 9 — (w) Tokio, (s) Kunio, (d) Mrs. Peggy Eiko Araki.
NAGANO, Bunei, 66; Los Angeles, Mar. 1.
TAKASHIMA, Virginia C., 37; Los Angeles, Mar. 7 — (s) Dennis, (p) Mr. & Mrs. Fred S. Ogura, (s) Mrs. Helen H. Zoriki.
TAKAHARA, Juntaro, 79; Anaheim, Mar. 5 — (s) Harry, James, Don, (d) Mmes. Aida Kubota, Frances Kusumi, Freda Kuroda.

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WASHINGTON NEWSLETTER

By Mike Masaoka

House Statehood Hearings

Washington

Last week, five days after the Senate Committee on Interior and Insular Affairs had completed their public hearings on Statehood for Hawaii, the House Interior and Insular Affairs Subcommittee on Territories began public hearings on this same subject.

Unlike the Senate hearings, however, the House hearings were not completed in two days and were carried over indefinitely. This has led Statehood advocates to charge that a type of "filibuster by extended hearings" is being carried on by their opponents. The adversaries reply that the proponents are attempting "gag rule".

What is happening here is not unfamiliar to parliamentarians, for these same cries from both sides have been made on almost every controversial issue, with particular emphasis on the so-called civil rights legislation over the years.

As was anticipated because of the ambiguous letter of Deputy Attorney General William P. Rodgers to Sen. Henry Jackson (D., Wash.), chairman of the Senate Subcommittee on Territories, a week earlier, the question of just where the Administration and particularly the Department of Justice stood on the issue of Statehood for Hawaii was raised on the first day of the House hearings.

Rodgers' letter to Senator Jackson failed to repeat the positive endorsement of Hawaii Statehood, with or without the communist issue, which Attorney General Herbert Brownell had made for the previous Statehood bill in 1955. Instead, Rodgers wrote: "Consideration must be given to the extent and influence and control communists, communist sympathizers, and their associates may be able to start, particularly through the International Longshoremen's and Warehousemen's Union in the Islands."

Although the House Subcommittee requested the Department of Justice to send up a spokesman to clarify their position, Justice Department officials declared that they were "unavailable", but would send up a written statement instead.

The official Departmental statement, delivered the next day, was also signed by Deputy Attorney General Rodgers. This time he wrote: "The Department of Justice favors the enactment of legislation to grant Statehood to Hawaii as recommended by the President in his budget message for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1958."

No mention of the communist issue that had provoked the controversy of a week earlier in the Senate hearings was made, although he did comment on specific and technical provisions of the measure. He suggested an amendment that would make sure that Statehood would not automatically confer citizenship on any alien residents of the Pacific Territory.

Members of the Hawaiian Statehood Commission met with the President and received assurances from him that he and his Administration favored Statehood for their Islands.

And, Undersecretary of the Interior Hatfield Chilson reaffirmed his Department's historic endorsement of Statehood. Speaking for his ailing Secretary, Fred A. Seaton, Chilson made it clear that: "We feel that the communist threat or conspiracy can be met equally well, if not better, with Hawaii as a state, than as a territory."

The chairman for the House hearings was Rep. Leo W. O'Brien, Upstate New York Democrat. The principal opposition within the Subcommittee came from his fellow Upstate New Yorker, Republican John R. Pillion, whose outspoken opposition is based upon his presumption that the addition of two senators from Hawaii would dilute or diminish the influence of the remaining senators in the United States Senate, and thereby be detrimental and unfair to the senators and peoples from such populous areas as those from his own Empire State.

He claimed that Deputy Attorney General Rodgers' letter to Senator Jackson "threw up a red flag of warning... to the Congress about the dangerous situation of communism in Hawaii." He asked that FBI Director J. Edgar Hoover be invited to testify.

It was Pillion too who charged that Chairman O'Brien was "shutting off" opposition from both the Alaska and Hawaii Statehood hearings. The Chairman retorted that the Subcommittee had spent three and a half weeks on the Alaska hearings alone and warned: "I would oppose prolonging of the hearings into the filibuster stage."

GOP Rep. John P. Saylor, of Pennsylvania, long a Statehood champion and chairman of the Subcommittee when the Republicans controlled the House in the 83rd Congress, angrily denounced a statement attributed to the Chairman to the effect that a Republican "boycott" was keeping the Statehood bills snagged in Committee. The ranking GOP on the Subcommittee shouted: "If you want Statehood, then you had better quit playing cheap party politics... It's about time that members of this Committee realized that you've got to have bipartisan support."

Chairman O'Brien acknowledged the need for bipartisan support and apologized for his remarks. He noted that the Statehood bills were being slowed down by "empty seats" on both sides of the aisle.

Members of the Statehood Commission who flew in from Honolulu last week for the Senate hearings squeezed in their respective testimonies last Tuesday, prior to the recess of the Subcommittee, and then flew back to report to their constituents in the Islands.

They can report that outward sentiment at least indicates that the sentiment for Statehood for Hawaii seems to be greater in the Senate Committee than in its House counterpart, and that perhaps the traditional roles of the two chambers have been reversed, with the Senate now appearing to be more favorable and the House less favorable.

As of this time, the comment of Oregon's junior Senator, Democrat Richard Neuberger, during the Senate hearings a week previous, best evaluates Hawaii's chances for Statehood. At that time, he said that it was squarely and plainly up to the President and that if he applied the kind of pressure he did to the Hell's Canyon project Hawaii would have Statehood this session.

State Dep't restores citizenship of Nisei strandee by administrative action

CHICAGO.—The State Department, in a precedent-setting decision, restored the citizenship of Akira Tsui by administrative action.

Tsui was conscripted into the Japanese Army and was subsequently given a Certificate of Loss of Nationality. He made application to the American Consul in Japan, where he is now residing, for a Certificate of Identity to enable him to come to the United States and commence court action for the restoration of his citizenship. His application for a certificate was denied by the American Consul and by the Passport Division of the State Department on review.

Tsui's family in Chicago retained counsel, who filed a second petition for review, pointing out the great number of court decisions which had held in similar instances that conscription into the Japanese Army in this type of case amounted to duress.

U.S. Senator Everett M. Dirksen of Illinois, acting on the appeal of Tsui's family, intervened in the matter with the State Department.

The State Department has just notified Tsui that it has determined by administrative action that his conscription was under duress and that he should not be held to have lost his United States nationality because of such service, and that the American Consul at Kobe is being instructed to issue him a passport.

This is the first case in which such action has been taken by the State Department.

Tsui was represented by Harold R. Gordon, Chairman of the National Legislative-Legal Committee of the JACL.

168 claims award totaling \$160,000 granted in March

WASHINGTON. — The Japanese Claims Section of the Dept. of Justice informed the Washington Office of the Japanese American Citizens League and the Committee of Japanese American Evacuation Claims that it had made 168 awards in the month of March, totalling some \$160,000.

Evacuee claimants residing in California received the most awards, 132, with the state of Washington next with six. Other states involved were Colorado, Idaho, Illinois, Louisiana, Minnesota, Ohio, Oregon, Pennsylvania, Utah, and the Territory of Hawaii.

The largest award was for \$7,297.22 for a claimant residing in La Puente, Calif. The smallest claim was for \$50 for a claimant residing in Los Angeles.

Plan youth forum for East L.A. CLers

"Let Youth Speak"—a panel of four teenagers—will do just that at the East Los Angeles JACL meeting April 26 at International Institute. Larry Park, chapter vice-president, will be moderator of the eight o'clock meeting.

Among topics the teenagers from ELA will moot are the 18-year-old vote, interracial dating, crime & horror magazines, and TV programs and movies.

Park, of Korean American ancestry, added that a group of four adults selected from eastside community groups, will sit as panelists but the teenagers will do most of the talking in the spirit of the theme, "Let Youth Speak".

Oriental assailant robs Yamato Suki-yaki owner

SAN FRANCISCO. — Surprised while attempting to crack the safe of Yamato Suki-yaki, an assailant described as possibly "Japanese" robbed and beat up Shigematsu Ishizaki, 65, owner of the California St. restaurant.

Police said the robbery occurred at 4:15 a.m. Sunday when Ishizaki was awakened by noise in the adjoining room and went to check. (He and his sons take turn sleeping in the side office bedroom to watch over the premises.)

He was beaten up, bound and later reported his wallet containing \$300 and a tape recorder used to provide music for patrons were missing.

ISHIMARU WINS NAT'L INSURANCE HONORS

SAN FRANCISCO.—Haruo Ishimaru, West Coast Life Insurance Co. district manager, has been elected to the National All Star honor roll of life insurance underwriters, which represents the top men in the industry throughout the United States. He was given a conspicuous write-up in the April issue of Insurance Salesmen, industry-wide periodical. He has already set a 50-year record with the company as the first to place over a million dollars in his first year.

TV-films —

Continued from Front Page over the Federal Communications Commission that controls radio and television broadcasts, as well as over the television industry itself, Senator Magnuson is interested in learning whether these television stations are willing to "police themselves" in the public interest and whether they are susceptible to such appeals for decency and fair play as that expressed by the JACL.

Mike Masaoka, Washington representative, hailed Senator Magnuson's interest in JACL's television program, declaring that the co-operation of this influential legislator who is chairman of the Senate Committee that supervises television operations and practices assures the attention of all television stations to the letters sent out recently by National Headquarters asking that the showing of "anti-Nisei" films that were produced during World War II be cancelled.

He pointed out that this JACL program may well be followed by other nationality and minority organizations, if successful, in preventing the showing of films, shows, and other materials and information of a derogatory character, thereby aiding in the common fight against racial and religious persecution.

Nisei wins award in nat'l essay contest

HONOLULU.—Lt. Col. Bert N. Nishimura, chief of personnel services at Fort Shafter, received the Honor Medal award for his entry submitted in the fourth annual Freedoms Foundation Letter Awards program.

The Letter Awards program is sponsored annually by the Freedoms Foundation, Inc., of Valley Forge, Pa., to stimulate written expressions of patriotism from personnel of the military services.

Col. Nishimura's award winning letter on the theme, "My Vote—Freedom Privilege" was selected from several hundred entries submitted by personnel of the military service and the civilian components.

One of the original veterans of Hawaii's famed 442nd RCT, Lt. Col. Nishimura was cited by the Freedoms Foundation for his "outstanding achievement in bringing about a better understanding of the American way of life."

Nisei combine purchases supermarket chain

HONOLULU.—A group of Nisei businessmen has purchased the Oahu Piggly Wiggly supermarket chain of nine stores here for an undisclosed sum. It was the first mainland grocery chain to enter the local market in the early 1930s.

New owners are headed by Ben G. Takeyasu, Honolulu attorney, president, and Takeshi Yokono, general manager.

PSWDC CONFAB SCHEDULE SET FOR DISNEYLAND

DISNEYLAND.—Highlights at the Pacific Southwest District Council convention here will not be a trek through this fabulous mecca but election of PSWDC officers for the next biennium and presentation of the National JACL citation to Ralph Edwards, emcee of "This Is Your Life" television program.

However, East Los Angeles JACL, which took on the task of hosting the convention early this year, couldn't resist the dreamy charm of this playland in Anaheim as the convention site.

Chapters were being urged by co-chairmen Roy Yamadera and Fred Takata to avail themselves immediately for the special convention rates for rooms being reserved specifically for the May 18-19 weekend at Disneyland Hotel. Facilities include swimming, shuffleboard, putting greens, wading pools, children's playground and baby-sitting service for hotel guests.

The Disneyland management and Anaheim Chamber of Commerce are extending full cooperation to assure convention success.

The package deal, including registration and all convention events except the 1000 Club Whing Ding, is \$10 per delegate, announced registration chairman Kathryn Yoshida.

Reigning as convention queen will be June Tsukida, phys.-ed. major at UCLA, who was princess at the annual Festival of Friendship and JACL Nisei Relays last year.

The complete schedule:

May 18 (at Anaheim Elk's Club): 12:30 p.m.—registration; 1-3 p.m.—1st business session, Dave Yokozeki, chmn.; 3-6 p.m.—1000 Club, Ken Dyo, chmn.; 6:30-9 p.m.—convention banquet, Jim Higashi, m.c.; Dr. Roy Nishikawa, spkr.; 9 p.m.-1 a.m.—Emerald Ball, Masato Karasawa, m.c.; Mike Merez and 15-piece orchestra.

May 19 (at Disneyland Hotel): Morning—business session and election of PSWDC officers; Noon—luncheon, Frank Chuman, toastmaster; Ralph Edwards, spkr.; "Operation Hawaii" winner to be announced; 2-5 p.m.—bridge tournament, Yukio Ozima, chmn.

Assisting in preparations also are John Watanabe, ball chmn.; Ritsuko Kawakami, luncheon; and Mas Kakiba, "Op. Hawaii".

Entertaining at the banquet will be the Discords, a Nisei trio, and at the luncheon will be soloist Uta Shimotsuka.

VFW post commander

GARDENA. — George Kobayashi succeeds Tom Miyawaki as commander of the local Nisei Memorial VFW Post 1961.

CALENDAR

Apr. 24 (Wednesday)
Milwaukee — JACL Bazaar YWCA, 610 N. Jackson St.; sukiyaki dinner, 6 p.m.

Apr. 25 (Thursday)
Twin Cities — General meeting, J.A. Center, 8 p.m.; Movie: "So Small My Island."

Apr. 26 (Friday)
East Los Angeles — Panel discussion: Let Youth Speak, International Institute, 8 p.m.

Apr. 28 (Sunday)
Salt Lake City — "Shower of Stars" talent show, Kiwanis - Flet Boy's & Girl's Club.

Apr. 29 (Monday)
Hollywood — Spaghetti bust, Shonien Home.

French Camp — Community picnic, Mickle Grove, 10 a.m.

Chicago — Discussion Club: "Sansai Speak Their Mind," Olivet Institute, 3 p.m.; Richard Kaneko, chmn.

May 4 (Saturday)
Livingston-Merced — Pioneer Night, Cortez — 10th Anniversary potluck.

May 5 (Sunday)
Sequoia — Jr. & Sr. Tri-Villes Parent's Get-Together.

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.

May 9 (Thursday)
Pasadena — General meeting, Kensington-Union Presbyterian Church, 7:30 p.m.; "This Is Your Life" film.

May 12 (Sunday)
Detroit — Mothers' Day buffet, International Institute.

May 18-19
PSWDC — District convention, Anaheim Elk's Lodge on May 18; Disneyland Hotel on May 19. East L.A. JACL hosts.

May 18 (Saturday)
East Los Angeles — Emerald Ball, Elk's Lodge, 423 N. Los Angeles, Anaheim.

May 19 (Sunday)
NC-WNDC — Quarterly session, Alameda JACL hosts.

Los Angeles — Community picnic, Haganan Park.