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BY THE BOARD:

Majority of IDC
CLers busy farming

PAYETTE, Idaho.—Members of JACL chapters comprising the Inter-mountain District Council are by and large from the rural areas. They are busy farming now after the winter month; perhaps, glad that they can get out and work, hoping that they can have a fairly successful season.

Of all the classes of people, farmers are probably the most optimistic. If it weren't for this outlook and philosophy of life, I don't know how they could keep going in face of everything that they have to contend with.

Our next IDC convention was given to Idaho Falls, to be held during the Thanksgiving weekend this coming fall. Mt. Olympus had put in a bid also, making two chapters vying for the convention—a situation that we have not encountered for several years.

Getting back to that IDC convention at Idaho Falls, it will mark the 10th anniversary of the founding of the JACL 1000 Club, which was originated there at a similar IDC affair in 1947.

I have asked some of the boys from Idaho Falls as to what they were cooking up for this convention. And so far, we have no inkling as to what the plans are. All I can get from them is: "wait and see."

So with the capable staff that has been selected by the Idaho Falls chapter, I know that we can expect a "bang up" convention. From the expressions and comments that we have heard from different areas, we are expecting many 1000 Clubbers from outside the IDC to be present. If you haven't decided, plan on coming. You won't regret it.

— George Sugai
IDC Chairman

SPECIAL NOTICE:

Because of the Memorial Day holiday, deadlines for the May 31 issue will be May 27 for chapters; May 28, general news. The PC goes to press on May 29. — Editor.

Curriculum body acts on CL protest of 'Fuzz Young' story

JACL's protest with the California Board of Education curriculum committee on the use of the derogatory and shortened term "Jap" in the "Fuzz Young" story has met initial success, according to Mas Satow. His column appears on page 4 of this week telling the story in full.

The committee, which met in Berkeley last Tuesday, will ask permission of the copyright publishers of the Firelight Reader in which the story appears and the author of the story to spell out the full word, "Japanese," and thereby eliminate the shortened term.

JACL is also grateful to the Nisei parents who assisted in the official protest by expression of their individual views.

JAPANESE AMERICANS AMONG FIRST WINNERS OF CALIFORNIA SCHOLARSHIPS

State of California scholarships have been awarded to at least six Japanese Americans this year, according to reports from various communities.

They are Moonray Kojima of Penryn, Akiko Yamane of Dei Rey, Willy Ide of Selma, Tadashi Shimada of Fresno, Teruo Hashiguchi and Dennis Mitome of Cupertino.

The scholarships cover tuition and fees up to \$600 a year at any California college or university. The statewide program was initiated last year. Scholarships are renewable, if students maintain top grades.

Cleveland Nisei awarded music fellowship in Rome

CLEVELAND.—Higo Harada, formerly of the Cleveland Institute of Music, has been awarded a Rome Prize fellowship in musical composition, it was recently learned.

In a letter from France, Harada informed the institute that the fellowship would begin Oct. 1. He was graduated with a degree of bachelor of music in 1953 and master of music composition in 1955 from the institute.

Los Angeles-born Nisei successful in transition to life in Detroit circles

BY BEBE HORIUCHI

DETROIT.—Since World War II the problem of the Nisei in Detroit has been one of adjustment to a somewhat different kind of life from that experienced on the West Coast. The absence of a large number of Nisei has made it necessary for the group to find a social niche among the Caucasians as well as among the Japanese.

Charles Yata, 2nd vice-president of the Detroit JACL, is an example of a person who has made the transition successfully. Relocating from Jerome, Ark., in 1944 with his wife, Marjorie, and his eldest son, Dennis, the Yatas have become active and well-liked members of Nisei and Caucasian circles in Detroit.

Hired in 1944 by the City of Detroit as a draftsman, Charles is now a civil engineer having obtained his degree from Wayne State University in 1954. He is also an instructor at the Detroit Institute of Technology.

The Yatas met with no opposition in purchasing their story-and-a-half home in 1946. He and his four sons ranging in age from Stephen (4) to Dennis (14) raise vegetables in their adjacent lot,

WASHINGTON STATE PTA ELECTS NISEI OFFICER

SEATTLE.—Mrs. M. Paul Suzuki was nominated and elected vice-president from region 1 covering the Seattle area at the 44th annual convention of the Washington Congress of Parents and Teachers last week.

Imperial Valley JACL reactivation meeting successful

CALIPATRIA.—Reactivation of a JACL chapter in Imperial Valley got off to a good start at the dinner meeting held here at the Williams Cafe on May 12.

Nearly 20 prospective charter members have already signed a petition requesting National JACL headquarters to issue a chapter charter, according to Tak Momita, temporary chairman.

Almost all of them engaged in agriculture, Japanese Americans in Imperial Valley reside in widely scattered communities -- Niland, Calipatria, Westmoreland, Brawley, El Centro, Holtville, and Calexico.

The meeting, at which the mayor of Calipatria and the president of the Chamber of Commerce were present, was addressed by regional director Tats Kushida following which the film of Mike Masaoka's appearance on the television program "This Is Your Life" was shown. The meeting was arranged by Momita and Ike Hatchimonji.

Momita, who operates the Calipatria Drug Store, "the lowest down drug store in the world"—180 feet below sea level, was president of the Calipatria Chamber of Commerce last year and serves on the Board of Directors of the local Lions Club.

Prior to evacuation, there were two chapters in the valley, Brawley and El Centro. Brawley, organized in 1928, was one of the pioneer JACL chapters with Lyle Kurisaki, Sr., now of Salt Lake City as its first president. The El Centro chapter was founded in 1938 but was once known as the Citizens League of Imperial Valley, first chartered as a non-profit cooperative in August, 1927.

The new chapter will become the 19th unit in the Pacific Southwest District Council.

and Mrs. Yata enjoys the friendly atmosphere of the neighborhood where wives visit back and forth and shop together.

The Yatas were the first Japanese ever to belong to the Grace Methodist Church, where Charles is presently superintendent of the intermediates and the chairman of the Boy Scout troop committee.

Mrs. Yata is a member of the Mom's Club, which sponsors scouts and plans theater parties and "nights out" for the ladies. They are also busy with social activities and church work as members and leaders of the Young Adult Group.

Charles was born in Eagle Rock, Calif. (now Los Angeles), and spent his boyhood days in Los Angeles with his two sisters, who are now Mrs. Toshiko Seno of Chicago and Mrs. Hiroko Motoike of San Fernando and brother Tut, who is prominent in JACL activities in Southwest Los Angeles.

After graduating from Los Angeles High School and attending Cal-Tech for over a year, Charles obtained his proficiency in the Japanese language by completing the courses at the Kinjo Chugaku in Japan.

The Detroit Chapter is proud of

PERMANENT STAY OFFERED SKILLED JAPANESE ON TEMPORARY VISA

WASHINGTON.—Non-immigrants from over-subscribed areas who are eligible for a first preference quota visa will be permitted to file an application for pre-examination, even though their category is over-subscribed at that time, the Immigration and Naturalization Service informed the Washington Office of the Japanese American Citizens League.

This latest authorization may affect Japanese aliens in this country on a non-immigrant basis who have special skills and training that are urgently needed in this nation but whose period for temporary visits have or are about to expire.

Under the Immigration and Nationality Act of 1952, first preference visas are available up to 50 per cent of a nation's quota "to qualified quota immigrants whose services are determined by the Attorney General to be needed urgently in the United States because of the high education, technical training, specialized experience, or exceptional ability of such immigrants and to be substantially beneficial prospectively to the national economy, cultural assets, or welfare of the United States" and to spouses and children accompanying such immigrants.

Prior to this authorization, such skilled Japanese immigrants in the United States on temporary permits had to return to Japan after the period of their stay had expired because Japan's entire quota, let alone its first preference category, is oversubscribed for many years to come.

Under this latest directive, such skilled Japanese workers already in this country may file for pre-examination, that special procedure which enables them to be examined by the Immigration and Naturalization Service and if found qualified for first preference priority authorized to visit Canada for

the purpose of securing a quota number from an American Consulate and returning to the United States as a quota immigrant for permanent residence.

Although Japan's first preference category is oversubscribed at this time, Japanese aliens in this country who qualify for this priority may secure petition form I-129 at their nearest Immigration and Naturalization Service Office. These forms will be processed while they are in the United States and can wait the time when they are reached on the quota list.

Claims payment appropriations up for endorsement

WASHINGTON.—A request for \$1,654,158.93 to pay evacuation claims of 1,327 claimants has been sent to the House Appropriations Committee for endorsement, the Bureau of the Budget informed the Washington Office of the Japanese American Citizens League and the Committee on Japanese American Evacuation Claims.

This is the first appropriations request cleared for Congress since the Lane-Hillings Act authorizing compromise settlement of all claims of certain internees and corporations became effective last summer. This JACL-COJAE sponsored legislation is expected to result in the completion of the administrative aspects of the program by the end of next year.

The largest of the awards totals \$12,500 and the smallest \$6.25. Most of the awards are under \$1,500.

The first of the awards was dated Aug. 6, 1956 and the last Feb. 12, 1957.

Awards for the Christian and Buddhist churches are listed for the first time. Their claims are validated by the Lane-Hillings amendment of last year.

This appropriations request will probably be included in some supplementary appropriations bills, according to the Washington JACL office, which promised to urge expeditious consideration and approval of the total sum.

Nisei joins ex-Gov. Lee in Calif. mining firm

SALT LAKE CITY.—A group of Utah businessmen with Mas Yano as secretary and legal counsel formed the Seiad Chrome, Inc., which owns chromite properties in the Scott River Mining District of Siskiyou County, Calif. Heading the firm is J. Bracken Lee, former Republican governor of Utah.

Yano is a past president of the Salt Lake JACL, and currently 1st vice-chairman of the Inter-mountain District Council. He is active in Utah legal, business and civic affairs.

HAWAII GOVERNOR NAMES KASHIWA ATT'Y GENERAL

HONOLULU.—Gov. Samuel Wilder King has announced appointment of Shiro Kashiwa, 44, as attorney general of Hawaii, it was disclosed last week.

Kashiwa will succeed Richard K. Sharpless who has resigned.

Gov. King recently named Michael Miyake as territorial auditor.

ARTWORK PICKED FOR CHICAGO MAY EXHIBIT

CHICAGO.—Local artist Arthur Okamura has one of his works on display until June 9 at the Art temporary American Art show.

Calif. pension bill passes Assembly

SACRAMENTO.—A bill to expand state old age assistance program won favorable recommendation from the Assembly ways and means committee on May 4 and was passed a week later by the Assembly.

It is now in the Senate. Introduced by Assemblyman Bruce F. Allen (R., Los Gatos), AB 2469 will make alien eligible for pension if they have lived in this country since Jan. 1, 1932.

In 1955, JACL-sponsored legislation made aged Californians who were 25-year residents in the United States ineligible for citizenship, prior to Dec. 24, 1952, and were 60 years old by that date.

SANSEI WINS RENO HIGH CADET OF YEAR AWARD

RENO.—First Lt. Eugene Shimotori, Reno High School ROTC's Cadet of the Year won five honors at the corps annual federal inspection day last week.

His Cadet of the Year award for the highest academic average is symbolized by the presentation of a .22 calibre rifle donated by the local American Legion Post 10. He was also runner-up for outstanding military student, best drilled cadet of Co. A, and honor platoon leader.

He is the nephew of the Makabe brothers of Loomis, Calif.

Charles Yata's accomplishments in the community and are honored to have him as one of its officers.

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From the Frying Pan

by Bill Hosokawa

Denver, Colo.

110% AMERICANS — There's nothing seriously wrong with militant Americanism, but sometimes it can circumscribe one's outlook. Take the case of a Caucasian fellow we know here in Denver. He grew up in a West Coast city. For much of his boyhood he lived across the street from a Japanese family blessed with a host of Nisei children. This Caucasian lad and the Nisei boys became fast friends.

About half the time the Nisei boys were visiting their Caucasian friend; the rest of the time the white boy was across the street running in and out of the Nisei boys' home. Their friendship got to the point where they played together all the time, ate meals at each others' homes, even shared beds on occasion.

Yet, this Caucasian fellow told us the other day, he'd never eaten a Japanese meal in his life.

Fact is that the Nisei boys had rice and the trimmings at home frequently. But whenever their friend from across the street came over for dinner, Mama felt compelled to prepare a meal of meat and potatoes. Somehow, in her determination to make good Americans of her youngster, she felt it improper to offer their friend the opportunity of being exposed to a humble bit of Japanese gustatorial culture. And so this boy grew up thinking that his black-haired friends always ate meat and potatoes just as he did.

As a matter of hindsight, it can be said that if the Issei parents weren't so terribly concerned about presenting a 110 pct. American front, this Caucasian's boyhood would have been just a little richer. This statement should be taken as an observation and not censure. We're taking care of the matter by introducing this gentlemen to the delights of sukiyaki, a wonderful dish.

WIRE FILE — So long as there is turmoil, there are likely to be displaced persons. This week there was a press dispatch from Paris that was reminiscent in a melancholy way of the story of wartime Nisei expatriates. There are, according to this dispatch, some 95,000 African-born Frenchmen and their families who, under the shadow of political strife and racial violence, are gambling on starting a new life in France. Currently, these unfortunate people are going to France from Morocco, Tunisia and Algeria at the rate of 1,500 a week.

The great majority of these persons have never lived in France, have never visited it as tourists. They are the children and grandchildren of Frenchmen who immigrated to Africa in search of opportunity. They are known as "Colons."

A typical Colon is one Jacques Rougier, 48, born in Tunis. Although he speaks French, he considers himself a Tunisian for he is a Tunisian "Sansei." He was employed as a senior clerk by a French-owned construction company in Bizerte. Rougier's firm closed down after Tunisia was granted independence a year ago, and with it went his job of 23 years. The new Tunisian government, saddled with chronic unemployment problems, did not encourage "Europeans" to remain. Rougier and his wife decided to "go back" to the France they had never known.

And so like the handful of disillusioned Nisei who "returned" in wartime to the Japan they did not know, Rougier and his kind are having a hard time among strangers. In France today there are thousands of saddened, disappointed and discontented men like Jacques Rougier. The Nisei, from the wisdom of their experience, can sympathize with them.

In happy contrast is the British Caribbean Federation which will be formed next year as a union of a dozen island governments. As in Hawaii, race prejudice is almost non-existent. Trinidad's senior administrative officer, for instance, is a non-Chinese-speaking descendant of imported Chinese laborers.

SLC keeping busy with more projects

SALT LAKE CITY.—With the benefit talent revue successfully completed, the Salt Lake City JACL still finds itself with a multitude of other projects on hand.

First on the agenda will be a cherry tree dedication at the local YWCA grounds. Mrs. Alice Kasai, chairman, announced the following will participate:

Rupert Hachiya, m.c.; Ichiro Doi, presentation; Rev. George Hirose, dedication; Mrs. Florence Pierce, YWCA dir.; response: Mrs. Peggy Kistler pres., appreciation from "Y"; Mas Hayashi (tent.), benediction.

Ladies of the JACL Auxiliary who danced in the special "Shower of Stars" number were so elated that they are going to repeat at the tree dedication ceremonies.

Memorial Day services will be under the chairmanship of Kay Nakashima. Clergymen of local Japanese churches will offer prayers at a service being coordinated by the local JACL at the City Cemetery War Memorial.

Plans are tentative for the graduates' dance scheduled June 1 at the Police Gun Clubhouse. Alyce Watanabe will chair. Invitations will be extended to Nisei graduates of the local high schools, junior colleges and universities.

CINO membership ruling changed

SAN FRANCISCO.—The California Intercollegiate Nisei Organization at its recent meeting here, amended its constitution requiring members belong to a non-Nisei organization as well, effective Jan. 1, 1958.

The membership amendment read: "A member of CINO must be a member of at least one organization of which membership is not predominantly Nisei."

CINO, which is attempting to promote integration of Nisei collegians into the main stream of campus life, was rebuffed twice by Dr. S.I. Hayakawa, Canadian-born semanticist now teaching at San Francisco State College, when he refused to address the group at its convention.

Opposition to the new amendment was also reported when the Hokubei Mainichi noted some regarded the new ruling as "forcing" a CINO member to take action disregarding his interest. Ratu Shimo writer Mari Akasaki also pointed out CINO would have a practical problem on its hands in enforcing such a ruling, since CINO itself has no formal membership procedure, such as membership cards, dues etc.)

Another resolution gave support to a bill before the state legislature which would eliminate discrimination because of race, color or creed in student organizations on state-sedupported campuses.

3,000 attend Marysville CL-sponsored picnic

MARYSVILLE.—An estimated 3,000 persons attended the annual Marysville JACL sponsored picnic May 5 on the Thomas Sperbeck ranch in Browns Valley.

The annual event is conducted to promote better racial understanding. Citizens of Japanese descent who formerly lived in this area and their friends from throughout Northern California attended the affair.

The gathering was considered especially successful by George Nakao of Yuba City, JACL president, because of good weather. In past years, the picnic had been held a month earlier with frequent interference from rain.

Annual Epworth dinner

DENVER.—Representing the Mile-Hi JACL at the annual dinner of the Epworth Community Center, located at 31st and Lawrence St., on April 25 were Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Uchida as guests of Mr. and Mrs. Yutaka Terasaki.

Terasaki is a member of the center board of management and has served as its board chairman. Volunteer staff member Joe Ariki serves as one of the summer camp directors.



TOKYO TOPICS

By Tamotsu Murayama

New Teacher's Association

TOKYO.—Japan's biggest headache is how to handle the left-wing Japan Teachers Union, which is creating more trouble than other labor unions. The rub comes in former teachers gaining seats in the Diet as members of both the lower and upper houses.

The Japan Teachers Union has become a dominating influence within the General Council of Trade Unions, generally called "Sohyo", because of its huge membership of 580,000. Only recently, a counter movement was started by the Federation of Japan Teachers Association, consisting of some 10,000 teachers from all parts of Japan who are critical of the JTU. This new movement cannot be entirely ignored, though its rank is small in number.

The new organization has announced its critical attitude of JTU by pointing out its communistic activities. High government officials and public-spirited citizens have often criticized the political leaning of JTU.

The new group was organized in 1954 after the Yamaguchi Prefectural chapter of JTU seceded, advocating teachers be teachers first and worker second. The JTU was then placing too much on the labor aspect, to the detriment of teaching school children and ignoring fundamental principals of education.

The new group is going to fight

the communistic leadership in the JTU. This movement is important in view of Japanese politics today.

When an organization becomes as large as the JTU, there is danger of the rank & file member being unable to reach the union leaders and the latter could act in complete disregard of membership approval. Already, JTU headquarters are known to force their teachers to obey their "orders" and

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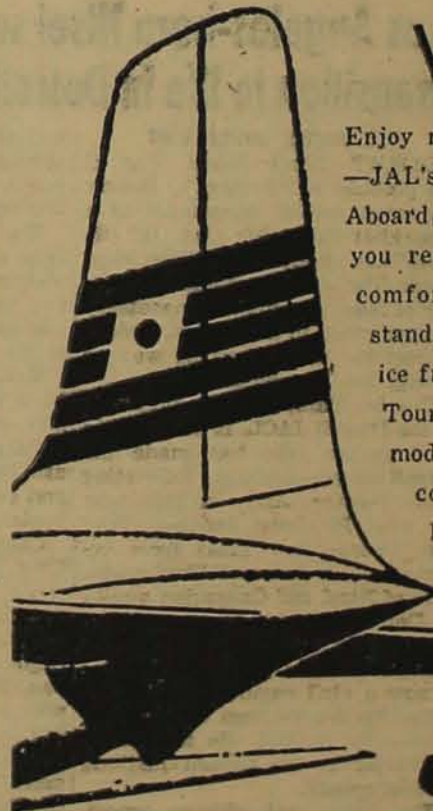
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VAGARIES

By Larry S. Tajiri

Colorado Minorities

Denver

Some remarkable forward steps in anti-discrimination legislation have been taken in Colorado, and the most remarkable aspect of the whole business is that hardly a peep of protest has been heard. The major piece of legislation, a fair employment practices act, was passed without a dissenting vote in either house of the state legislature nor was there noticeable public protest.

This indicates the progress made in the state since the first very mild FEP bill became law some six years ago. Colorado has a large minority population, mainly Negro and Mexican descent, with the latter group bearing the major burden of prejudice. From now on, however, their constitutional rights will be enforced by state laws which rank among the best in the nation.

The greatly strengthened FEP law attacks discrimination from a number of angles: it extends the authority of the state anti-discrimination commission to private employment, it prohibits labor unions from denying membership because of race or creed, and it brings employment agencies within the scope of its authority. Previously it was restricted to cases involving public agencies and contractors on public works.

The new act also makes it illegal to fire an employee on racial or religious grounds, or to hold an employee to a low wage or fail to give usual promotions. Also banned are discriminatory advertising and discriminatory questions on job applications.

The Colorado employment practices commission follows the conciliation procedure used with much success in New York State for the past several years. Any person feeling he has been deprived of a job because of his racial or religious background files a signed complaint with the commission. Prejudice, however, must be the only factor for refusal to hire.

If the commission finds reasonable suspicion of prejudice, it tries to settle the case through conciliation, a procedure which has been effective in most all cases, according to Roy M. Chapman, state coordinator of FEP.

If conciliation fails, a public hearing is held before an examiner appointed by the commission. The employer has the right of appeal to the district court if he is dissatisfied with the commission's ruling, or the commission can ask the courts to enter a complaint charge against an employer refusing to answer to a complaint.

However, in the two years since the Colorado commission was first empowered to act, not a single case has had to be taken to the courts.

With this major and quite comprehensive law on employment out of the way, the legislature then attacked another problem: that of public accommodation. It passed a law making it illegal to discriminate, on grounds of race, color or creed, in hotels, barber shops, restaurants and amusement places open to the public. The anti-discrimination commission and the procedures it employs will be used to enforce this act.

Two other laws rounded out the legislature's bills on discrimination: a motel rate law, which requires motels to post their rates in conspicuous places (aimed at operators who find they do not have rooms available for minority group members at regular advertised rates); and a law repealing the anti-miscegenation statutes which ban intermarriage between Negroes and whites.

Colorado is not yet an Utopia for the foreign-born, nor can it be described as a refuge for the prejudice-harrassed. Its large minority population (including its Chinese and Japanese Americans) has been subjected to the usual racial-induced indignities in employment, housing and public accommodations. But the state can well be proud of its steady progress, both in laws and public attitudes. Scant weeks ago state officers stopped a small truck heavily overloaded with Mexican migrant workers and their families. The bed of the truck was so small none of the passengers could sit or lie down. The workers were transferred to a bus and the bill for transporting them sent to their employer.

With that brief, prompt action Colorado's governor and his administration served notice that they would brook no inhuman treatment of the state's residents or persons passing through its borders. And in Denver's Park Hill area, where an influx of Negro homeowners has aroused racial tensions, seven ministers representing six denominations initiated a campaign against racial prejudice with simultaneous sermons.

The time may come when laws prohibiting discriminatory actions become unnecessary. In the meantime, this state, at least, has begun a positive program to ensure that all its people are treated with decency and respect.



Frank Yamasaki (left), past commander, installed Eddie Shimatsu as new commander of the Los Angeles Nisei Memorial Post 9938, VFW, at Ciro's before 150 members and guests on April 19. Shimatsu, co-owner of Nisei Mission Mortuary with Duke Ogata, Downtown L.A. chapter president, served with Co. 1, 442nd RCT and is active in the community.

Surgeon who operates 'without ether or nurses' found to be Issei dollmaker

ORANGE, N.J.—Opposite the Orange post office is a "surgeon who operates without ether or nurses", Richard Fadern of the Orange Transcript writes of a small shop cluttered with curiosities, trinkets, paintings, bird cages, aquariums and dolls.

Most interesting of these treasures lies in the back of the tiny store where there are two cabinets filled with wigs, heads, arms, bodies and four or five wholesome and healthy dolls.

The surgeon "who operates without ether or nurses" is Frank O. Hamabe, 70, shop proprietor who also has a doll hospital. He came to this country 45 years ago from Japan, extremely genial and cordial and speaking with a pronounced Japanese accent, Fadern noted.

Hamabe got his first job at a doll factory in Bloomfield when he came to this country, worked diligently for a number of years and eventually became foreman. When the company went bankrupt, with his savings he opened up a gift shop, converted it to a pet shop specializing in parakeets.

However, because of his knowledge of doll-making acquired at the factory, the original gift shop became a half pet shop and half doll hospital. In 1921 he moved his old shop to his present position,

14 Cleveland St., next door to a Chinese hand laundry.

His son, now 40, works as an artist and puppeteer throughout the country.

He still fixes about 40 dolls a week which people bring to him from all parts of the Northeastern states besides waiting on customers who seek advice on how to train parakeets, or someone who wants to add something to their aquarium.

Seek English editor

DENVER.—The Colorado Times is still belabored by the lack of a full time English section editor. Roy Mikawa recently quit the job after five months to go into the plumbing business. However he and former editor Frank Tamura are teaming at nights to edit the section until a successor is found.

Attracts over 1,000

Over a 1,000 visitors and participants made good the All Year Club description of Shonien's Children Day Festival of the May 4-5 weekend as "one of the colorful events in Southern California for the month of May". The event rated excellent press, TV and movie news coverage.

BUDDHIST CALENDAR IN ENGLISH ADVOCATED

A calendar designating Buddhist holidays in English has been advocated by the So. Dist. Young Adult Buddhist Association at its recent meeting chaired by Noboru Ishitani.

STUDENTS OF TWIN CITIES TEACHER WIN STATE PRIZES

MINNEAPOLIS.—Four students of Tom Ohno, mathematics teacher at Lincoln Jr. High School here, received state awards for their projects in the statewide Science Fair at Rochester recently. Ohno is 2nd vice-president of the Twin Cities UCL and membership chairman.

Wife of Cheyenne Nisei judge named ass't Wyoming A.G.

CHEYENNE, Wyo.—The wife of a Nisei appointed last year as a justice of peace has been named assistant state attorney general.

She is Mrs. Ellen Crowley Suyematsu, wife of Judge Tosh Suyematsu.

The announcement of her appointment was made recently by Attorney General George F. Guy. It was approved by Gov. Milward L. Simpson of Wyoming.

A native of Cheyenne and a graduate of Univ. of Wyoming, she holds a degree of librarian from the Univ. of Denver and was formerly Wyoming state librarian.

She received her law degree from Fordham and immediately after her admission to practice in 1953, she became associated with the local law firm of Guy and Phelan.

Mrs. Suyematsu is active in several Catholic clubs and was first president of the Bishop's Guild which was started three years ago.

Sakohira to head Fowler booth at Fresno Dist. Fair

FOWLER.—Frank Sakohira, prominent Fowler grower, was named by the Fowler Chamber of Commerce to head its booth at the forthcoming Fresno district fair.

Sakohira has had considerable experience, having worked on 1954 and 1955 prize-winning booths that were sponsored by the Fowler JACL.

Howard G. Snyder, president of the chamber, who announced the appointment of Sakohira, also said various organizations are being asked to accept the responsibility of gathering products for the exhibits. The JACL here is being asked to gather vegetables and plums.

BAZAAR TO AID IN BUILDING BEAUTIFICATION

SAN DIEGO.—The San Diego Buddhist Church, 2929 Market St., will have its fifth annual bazaar May 26, noon to 10 p.m., with Noboru Tomiyama as chairman. Proceeds go toward church improvements and beautification fund.

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NAT'L DIRECTOR'S REPORT By Masao Satow

'Fuzz Young' Story

San Francisco

We are pleased to report that the Curriculum Committee of the California Board of Education has just gone on record to ask permission of the copyright publishers of the **Firelight Reader** and the author of the "Fuzz Young" story to spell out the word "Japanese," thereby eliminating the shortened derogatory term "Jap." This is in response to our protest of the use of the shortened term in this supplementary reader used in the sixth grade of the public schools.

The Curriculum Committee is proposing a reprinting of the book for use the next two years. Although the book is actually printed by the State Board of Education, permission of the publisher and author is necessary to make the change. We pointed out that even though the author used the shortened term, in five instances the full word is written out. Since referrals to the Pacific enemy are merely to locate the time and place of the story and no derogatory intent is meant, there should be no objection to the revision. However, the Committee stated that nothing could be done about the books which are already in use. The Committee members further alerted themselves to exercise great care in the future to avoid any material or references which might offend any particular racial group.

The ten members of the Curriculum Committee were most cordial and sympathetic to our viewpoint, and their action came after only a brief presentation of our views. Then, despite a crowded agenda, the members representing all parts of the state took time to discuss with us how more Nisei teachers could be encouraged. All were high in their praise of the work of the Nisei teachers and begged us to see if more Nisei could be induced to take up the teaching profession.

We are grateful to the Nisei parents who took the time and effort to back up our official protest by expressing their individual views by letter to the Curriculum Committee.

STATE FEPC DEAD THIS SESSION

As expected, the State Senate Labor Committee pigeonholed the proposed Fair Employment Practices measure even though it has passed by an overwhelming majority in the Assembly. This means that the Senate as a whole again will have no opportunity to vote upon the issue this session, so we will have to try again two years hence. The opposition repeated their usual arguments and summarily dismissed the effectiveness of the FEPC in other states. They contended that California had voluntarily made just as good a record of merit employment as states having FEPC. The fact that the hearing was before a Committee generally opposed to the measure and the same Senators who killed the bill two years ago, made it easy for the opposition.

For the proponents, at least the tabling of a proposal to submit the matter by referendum to the voters and incorporate FEPC into the State constitution was a great relief. We feel that this measure properly calls for action by the state legislature. In no instance has FEPC been adopted in any state referendum. Knowing the nature of a statewide public campaign, the stirring up of animosities and the expenses involved could not be justified.

It will be interesting now to see what the San Francisco Board of Supervisors will do. Having tabled a local ordinance in favor of full support for statewide uniform legislation, will San Francisco lead the way in California? San Francisco Supervisor Henry Rolph appeared before the Senate Committee to express the unanimous support of the San Francisco Board for the state measure.

SAN FRANCISCO CHAPTER ICHIBAN

Add Tulare County and San Fernando to the growing list of the chapters which have done better than last year on their membership efforts. San Francisco continues to lead with 880 members, and it is reported that Chicago has signed up 802 in its drive for 1000. Last year's "I.C.B.G.," Southwest Los Angeles, is coming up with 634.

The total number of One Thousand Club members who have joined at one time or another is now above the 1900 mark. National One Thousand Club Chairman Kenji Tashiro, benedict as of the past fortnight, would like to push this figure to 2000 by the 10th birthday of the 1000 Club this Thanksgiving weekend in Idaho Falls.

NATIONAL JACL PINFEST, MARCH 4-8, 1958

On our recent visit to Seattle, we were able to get together with Fred Takagi who will chair our 1958 National Bowling Tournament. Fred reports that the Olympic Hotel has been reserved for the awards dinner for Saturday, March 8. This means that the Tournament will be concluded on a Saturday instead of Sunday for the convenience of those traveling. We passed by the site of the new 36-alley house which Fred will manage. The ground is being filled in preparatory to laying the foundation, and this assures our tournament at a spanking new house, Brunswick machines equipped.

The Pacific Northwest District Council had a good meeting in Pile. We were pleased to see a goodly number of members of the host Puyallup Valley Chapter in attendance. Attendance by members other than chapter officers at these District Council meetings adds much toward the understanding of JACL's program and to the strength of the local chapters.

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A white elephant auction bar appeared to be one of the busy attractions at the Hanamatsuri Carnival held recently at the grounds of the Pasadena Buddhist Church. Manned by the Pasadena JACL, serving as auctioneer is Dr. Ken Yamaguchi. The chapter is understood to have made about \$150 for its two-day efforts.

- Sat Yoshizato Photo.

SEABROOK CELEBRATES 10TH ANN'Y WITH COMMUNITY PICNIC, BANQUET

BY AYAKO NAKAMURA

SEABROOK, N.J. —Community service with distinction marked the festivities that began with a community picnic during the day and climaxed with the 10th anniversary Seabrook JACL installation dinner at the Cumberland Hotel on April 28.

A check for the balance of the \$1,800 pledge made three years ago by the Seabrook chapter towards the Bridgeton Hospital Building Fund was presented to Henry K. Reeves, secretary of the Hospital Association.

Vernon Ichisaka, first president of the Seabrook JACL, in presenting the check expressed the deep feeling of gratitude felt by the group towards the people of this community for the kindnesses extended them since their arrival here over a decade ago.

The chapter gift was in addition to generous donations already made by each family towards the building fund.

Reeves, speaking in behalf of the hospital board of directors, replied: "Your pledge of \$1,800 being paid in full is very much appreciated. Accomplishing this in advance of the pledge date shows real interest on the part of your membership."

It was disclosed that as a fitting memorial to the chapter, a plaque would be placed in the EENT room, which is being included in the new wing of the hospital now under construction at an approximate cost of \$700,000.

Charles Nagao, onetime Seabrook president, announced the chapter will launch another community project next month by recognizing the graduating senior in citizenship from Bridgeton High School with a \$25 U.S. savings bond.

Appropriate awards will also be made by the chapter to outstanding citizens in the eighth grade class of Seabrook Grammar school.

Announcement of these awards were made in the presence of principals Harry C. Smalley of Bridgeton High and Elizabeth Moore of Seabrook School.

In a special ceremony, nine past-presidents of the chapter were presented their pearl-studded president's pins in recognition of their sacrifices. Those honored were Vernon Ichisaka, Ray Bano, Geo. Sakamoto, Charles Nagao, James Mitsui, John Fuyume, Harry Okamoto, Henry Furushima and outgoing president George Noda.

Mrs. Josie Ikeda with her cabinet were installed as the new 1957-58 president. William Sasagawa,

Eastern District Council chairman, of Philadelphia was on hand for the presentation ceremony.

Earlier in the day, the chapter-sponsored community picnic attracted several hundred persons to Parvins' State Park. Numerous contests were held for both young and old, winding up with a drawing of merchandise donated by local merchants.

TURLOCK OFFICIALS HONORED AT CORTEZ 10TH ANN'Y CELEBRATION

TURLOCK.—A group of 175 including prominent civic officials and leaders of this area commemorated the 10th anniversary of the founding of the Cortez Chapter here at the May 4 potluck dinner.

The occasion also served as a gesture of appreciation to those who were in a position to greatly influence the passage of Prop. 13 on the November ballot last year.

Toastmaster George Yuge, first chapter president, explained the role of Japanese Americans in reviewing the history of national JACL and local chapter.

Albert Morimoto, 1956 president, chaired the program of Japanese entertainment and display of exhibits. Joanne Morimoto, Jean Kajiooka and Teri Asai presented Japanese dances. Table decorations were arranged by Mrs. Ardis Okamura.

Mabel Yoneyama displayed her

San Francisco 'Informal' dance scheduled June 22

SAN FRANCISCO. — The June Spring Informal of the San Francisco JACL will be held on Saturday, June 22, it was announced last week.

The dance will be held at the Surf club with music to be provided by Dick Bailey's orchestra. Tickets will be \$4 per couple for JACL members and \$5 per couple for non-members. Elsie Uyeda will be chairman for the event.

CL donates trophy

DETROIT.—Lucky Strike Recreation Center hosted the Detroit Nisei Bowling League awards banquet recently that was attended by 90 members, wives and friends. Yoshio Kasai, Detroit JACL president, was on hand to present the JACL trophy to the second-place team.

Al Hatate won the ABC "most improved" bowler of the year medal.

Photograph exhibit

Richard Ito, southwest L.A. photographer, will have two of his black & white studies: "The Thespian" and "Senora Dominguez", on display for the 1957 International Convention of the Photographer's Association of America in Washington, D.C., he was informed last week.

SOUTHWEST L.A. HITS 800 IN BID TO KEEP 'ICBG'

The phase of the 1957 membership drive of Southwest Los Angeles JACL came to a close on Apr. 30 with about 800 members now signed up, according to membership vice-president eGorge Fujita.

Leading in the drive was Team No. 1 captained by Kay Iizuka, which will be honored at a box lunch "dinner" at the USC YWCA lounge on June 2, prior to the chapter's second square dance social.

Individual high scorers were Steve Mayeno, Terumi Yamaguchi, Kay Iizuka, Jack Hayashi and Arnold Hagiwara.

"The response so far has been gratifying," Fujita said in citing the figures compiled by statistician Grace Oba.

The chapter newsletter Southwesterly, co-edited by Helen Aoki and Kats Kunitsugu, disclosed that Fujita gave up night classes to take charge of the ICBG (Ichiban Chapter, By George) 1957 campaign. The drive is concentrating on membership renewals in a door-to-door canvass.

To celebrate the official end of the current membership drive, the chapter is sponsoring its second square dance social at the USC YWCA lounge, Hoover St. and 36th Pl., on June 2, 7:30 p.m.

June Hayashi and John Yamada, co-chairmen, said "Hoppy" Hopkins will call. Social dancing will follow to Kay Mochida's hi-fi music.

fine collection of Japanese festival dolls. Mrs. Shojiguchi and Florice Kuwahara exhibited formal and informal floral arrangements. Various types of bonsai came from the garden of Kasaku Kubo.

The 60 Turlock officials were also impressed with the fine arts display, which included the collections of valuable kakemono and rare woodblock prints of Chokichi Sakaguchi, the charcoal and pastel drawing of a Japanese girl by Mr. Taniguchi (a member of the chapter), set of kanazashi, geta and tabi, and Yuino cloth of Mrs. O. Kajiooka.

The Cortez Chapter was founded in early 1948.

Hiroshi Asai is the current chapter president. This is the chapter, which is so well integrated in the community life through its participation in the local American Legion, Boy Scouts, 4-H, school as well as farm organizations, that it pushes its fund drives without flinching at the task.

Cortez may not be found readily on the California road maps (the chapter area covers Turlock and points east by 10 miles), but among JACLers it is well known for one of its respected leaders is now 2nd national vice-president, Jack Noda of Denair.

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Earlier this year, JACL chapters were handed our circulation list for their respective areas in the hopes that it would provide them with new membership prospects as well as determine how many members subscribe.

It was hoped that the list would reach the hands of membership chairmen before they started on their campaigns this year, but work of a higher priority and daily routine prevented that. Judging from the response thus far, it's a 50-50 proposition. Some would like to see it continue, others do not feel it necessary. If the proportion favors repeating this service, as Tulare County JACL was the first to indicate, we hope to have it ready in time for the 1958 drive.

George Inagaki, immediate past national president and now PC board chairman, is of the opinion that to increase our circulation would require an "all-out" campaign by the chapters. With respect to that, the PC is happy to furnish extra copies at no cost to the chapter other than shipping charges. Commissions currently paid to chapters for new subscription would easily pay for shipping costs.

Circulation manager Mrs. Miki Fukushima informs me the subscription renewal mortality has been extremely low—about 5% (five out of 100 readers fail to renew). Meantime, within the past year, we have enjoyed a gain in readership. We're hitting 5,700 and with assist from chapters in the coming months, our mailers may be pushing 7,000 copies each week by Christmas.

It means that readers who acquire the "PC habit" aren't stopping. Many are going for the special two-year rate of \$5. In the near future, I shall ask the PC Board to consider a "teaser" for Nisei who haven't seen the PC in recent years. That will be an opportune time for chapters to really give us a hand.

JACLers should remember whatever profits we have helps the national organization. It was the other way 'round not too long ago. And our liberal policies have aided chapters materially, especially those which have secured new readers.

— Harry K. Honda.

CHICAGO SIGHTS 1,000 MEMBERS

CHICAGO.—In a photo finish, Nancy's Nannies won the Chicago JACL membership contest by accumulating 3,525½ points over runner-up Harvey's Hares with 3,504, the Chicago JACLER reported this past week.

Membership count stands at 802, according to Hiro Mayeda, membership chairman, and George Iwasaki, drive chairman. Most heartening is that 217 are brand new members. With anticipated 1000 Club renewals and the 165 regular members who have not yet signed, the Chicago total may well pass the 1,000 mark.

The winning team, captained by Nancy Ishikawa, was composed of: Kay Fujii, Abe Hagiwara, Helen Hori, Betty and Fumi Iwatsuki, Lillian Kimura, Ayako Kumamoto, Ruth Kumata, Sumi Miyaki, Ruby Nakagawa, Hiroshi Nakamura, Miwako Nakaguchi, Ruth Nakaya, Fred Nomiya, Frank Okita, Fred Ohi, Sumi Shimizu, Kay Sunahara, Tom Tajiri, Fred Tanaka and Kay Yamashita.

While the contest is over, the campaign for more members is still underway.

TURNABOUT: CAUCASIAN SHOW FLORAL ARRANGING

PARLIER.—Mrs. R.J. Hickson of Reedley demonstrated simple flower arrangements at the regular Parlier JACL Auxiliary meeting May 7 at the local social hall. Mrs. Ruri Masuda won the meeting door prize.

Illustrated talk on Canada slated May 24

MINNEAPOLIS.—Leroy Griffith, transistor division director of Minneapolis-Honeywell, will present an illustrated talk on the MacKenzie Valley of Canada at the next Twin Cities UCL meeting to be held May 24, 8 p.m., at the JACC.

Hank Makino, chapter president, announced official ballots for revision of the UCL constitution and by-laws will be mailed to members. A prompt reply will be appreciated, he added.

Sadao Araki has been named chairman of the chapter concession at the J.A. Center bazaar to be held here June 16.

JACL-NICC co-sponsors dance for graduates

DENVER.—Approximately 100 Nisei high school and college graduates have been invited by the Mile-Hi JACL and Nisei Intermountain Collegiate Conference to the "Memories" Graduates dance at the AAUW Hall, 1400 Josephine St., on May 25.

Bob Horiuchi, MPDC chairman, will head the program which will include the music of Ray Lipson's orchestra, the presence of the NICC Sweetheart Queen Shirley Yasuda and her court of Joe Akiyoshi and Nancy Tanaka.

Leonard Uchida and Ted Saito, presidents of the respective sponsoring organizations, and Dr. F. Hayano of the Colorado Japanese Ass'n., will extend greetings.

'Booster Club' for EDC-MDC convention formed; exempted from registration fee

CHICAGO.—The "Booster Club" is living up to its name, boosting interest and enthusiasm in the forthcoming EDC-MDC joint convention to be held here over the Labor Day weekend.

Convention activities will center at the Sheraton Hotel, opening with a mixer on Friday, Aug. 30, and with business sessions scheduled for Aug. 31 and Sept. 1. Luncheon, fashion show, 1000 Club Whing Ding, banquet, grand ball and chapter clinic-workshops dress up the three-day affair.

Chicagoans supporting the convention by becoming Booster Club members at \$5 or \$10 per person will be exempt from paying the regular registration fee at convention time, Kumeo Yoshinari, convention chairman, explained.

Booster Club funds are helping to finance the joint convention, which is expected to draw over 200 from other Midwest and Eastern District chapters.

A drive is also underway for pre-registrations of delegates, who will receive a 10 per cent discount on package deals obtained before July 1.

With the theme of "New Perspectives" announced, Shig Wakamatsu, associate convention board chairman, stated the JACL looks to the future as first class citizens, working as an American organization "national in its scope and community-wide in its program for better citizenship".

Room reservations at the Sheraton, 505 N. Michigan, made by June 30 for the Labor Day weekend are \$8 for singles, \$12 for couples.

LONG BEACH REPORTS 300 MEMBERS FOR '57

LONG BEACH.—About 100 members and friends of the Long Beach Harbor District JACL attended the general meeting the chapter held at the local Japanese Community Center here May 11.

President Tomizo Joe introduced his new cabinet and conducted a brief business session including reports from various committee chairmen. A brief talk on JACL's general program with emphasis on public relations projects was presented by regional director Tats Kushida.

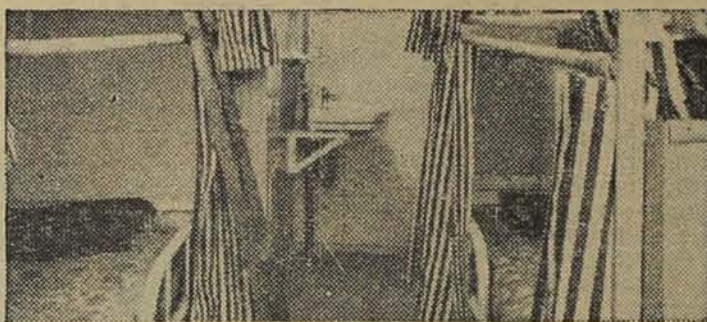
The filmed program of the Ralph Edwards' "This Is Your Life" on which JACL Washington representative Mike Masaoka was the featured guest was shown following which refreshments were served and social games conducted for the balance of the evening.

More than 300 members were reported by membership chairman George Iseri for its current membership campaign. A graduation dance and other activities of the future were revealed.

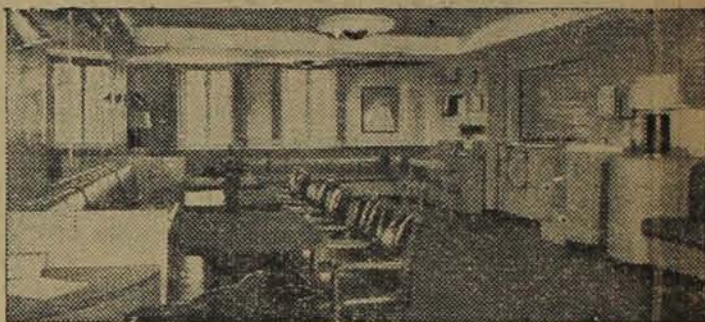
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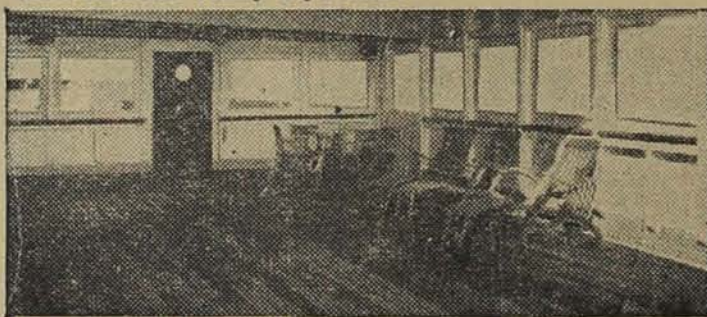
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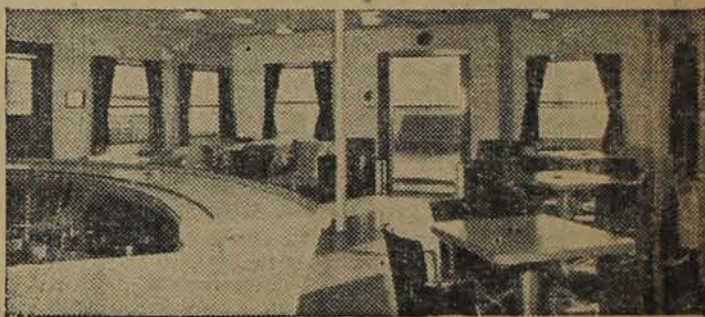
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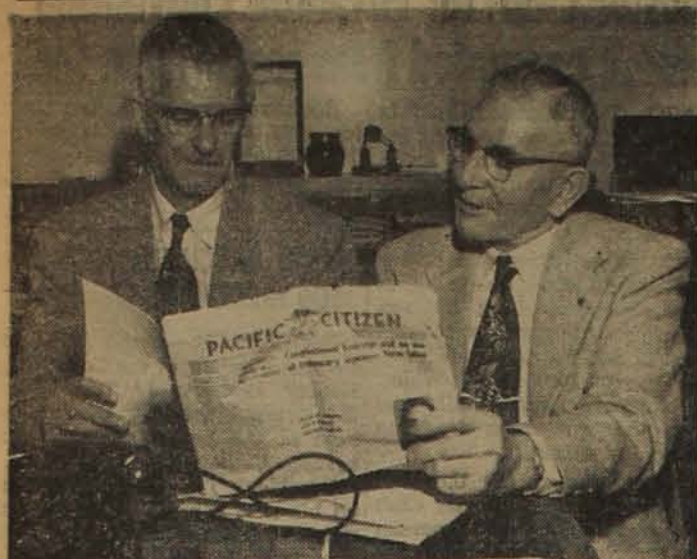


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Here are two Seattle labor leaders, William J. Finn and Charles Turner of the Molders and Foundrymen's Union who have a long record of befriending minority groups and Nisei workers in particular just at the time when they were returning from evacuation, uncertain of the future and facing the remnants of wartime hysteria in the labor market. — Ogawa Photo.



THE NORTHWEST PICTURE By Elmer Ogawa

All Unions Not Bad

Seattle

In the past and, also in more recent weeks the columns of the Pacific Citizen have disclosed how Dave Beck and his Seattle teamsters have extracted dues from Japanese drivers and even automobile salesmen, denying them the right to attend meetings or to vote and at the time of evacuation when withdrawal cards were requested, told Nisei dues payers that they never had belonged to the Union.

After War II, Dave Beck successfully prevented the return of Japanese produce firms to Western Avenue and even went so far as to threaten teamster strikes against produce firms which bought from Japanese farmers. This last, however, remained only a threat.

Just as it is a mistake to censure the rank and file teamster who keeps the wheel rolling, so it is a mistaken concept to categorically rubber stamp all union executives as questionable merely because of the recent exposures. It is safe to say that the great majority are honest conscientious workers for their membership, free of greed and avarice and dedicated to the idea that maintenance of employment and production is the best expression of progress.

We first gained eyesight acquaintance with William J. Finn at a banquet in 1950 when he received a citation from Urban League for his outstanding work in finding employment for minority groups. As we were just renewing acquaintance with Seattle after having lived 20 years in New York, we could only surmise that this must be the fellow who placed so many Nisei in foundries, especially the Olympic, just when they were returning from evacuation and need jobs the most. He was the man, and in the years that followed, we exchanged many a greeting and a few words with Bill Finn as he had many Nisei friends and was frequently in the neighborhood.

It was a pleasure, this week to walk in on business agent and financial secretary Finn at his office, and to meet his assistant Charles Turner. Both saw Seattle grow from a village to a city. Finn was born in the Georgetown section in 1893, and Turner came to town a few years later. Finn's father drove Seattle's first electric trolley car, and perhaps it was this affiliation with the transit that enabled Bill to make frequent trips to Smith's Cove where the silk trains met the NYK boats. He recalls how he was offered a cabin boy job on the Minnesota but was slow in making up his mind and missed the boat. The ship hit the rocks that trip, so Finn lost interest in sailing and became a foundryman.

The first Nisei applied for a job in 1946. Charles Turner was shop steward at the Olympic Foundry at the time. They found the management receptive to this matter of hiring a returned evacuee, but the management offered this suggestion, "Hadn't we better just introduce him to the other workers as a Chinese, because you know there is that feeling." Finn and Turner were emphatic in saying nix to the idea and predicted that everything would turn out all right, as it most assuredly did.

It could not be determined, during our short visit at the office just how many Nisei names have been on the union's books through the years, as there has been quite a turnover. Some went into other industries, or into their own businesses, farming, landscaping, produce managers of super markets; one became an oyster breeder, and another went into whatever you call the business of making capons.

Although Bill Finn has used just about everything but force to make some Nisei advance themselves to journeymen molders and coremakers in the ranks of the foundry men, he has had few takers. "It seems they prefer to just accept what security they have at the moment and go ahead making other plans," he said.

Tom Yamamoto was one exception, although it took some arm twisting and weeks of persuasion. Finally Tom was induced to report at Lang Stove Mfg. Co. on a Monday morning and to take along his lunch bucket as if he was already on the job. He found that there was a job waiting for him with the rank and pay of a third-year apprentice.

After couple of months, some of the co-workers were of the opinion that Tom should get full journeyman molder's pay. So Tom spoke up. After the matter was checked with the office, the foreman came back and said, "Okay, you get journeyman's pay starting today . . . but produce more." Tom replied that he couldn't promise more; that he was crowding the limit of his ability as it was. The reply was, "Well all right, just keep on the way you're going."

That was over six years ago, and to this day Tom swears that Bill Finn is just the best friend a fellow could hope to find.

NISEI LEAPS 6 FT. 4 IN. IN PREP HIGH JUMP; ALSO 22-3½ IN BROAD JUMP

DANVILLE.—Hiro Okawachi of Alhambra High set two new records in the Diablo Valley Athletic League-Eastbay Division track and field meet May 11 when he won the varsity high jump and broad jump.

Okawachi set a new high jump mark with 6 ft. 4 in., probably the highest negotiated for a Nisei prepster; and won the broad jump with 22 ft. 3½ in.

Other performances of note include Ron Fujino's 22 ft. 10¼ in. leap in the CIF preliminaries last Monday at San Diego State College. Fujino hails from Fullerton High. It rates as the best Nisei effort in high school circles.

Terry Nakamitsu of San Mateo High won the 120-yd. class Bee lows in 14.1s. in the Peninsula Athletic League championships at Stanford University.

JACL TRACK MEET CHANGES TOLD

The sixth annual JACL Nisei Relays, originally scheduled for June 23 has been changed to Sunday, June 30, it was announced last week by Relays Chairman Arnold Hagiwara.

The event will be staged at the same location, Rancho Cienega Stadium at La Brea ave. and Rodeo Rd. with trial heats from 9 a.m. and the finals in the afternoon.

Entry forms are now available at the JACL Regional Office, and entry fee is \$1, Hagiwara said.

Meanwhile, the San Francisco JACL Olympics committee made a last-minute extension of entry deadlines from May 13 to May 19. With interest mounting for the May 26 event at Kezar stadium, the committee explained the change was made to accommodate chapters in several areas requesting additional time.

"That is the date for the NC-WNDC meeting at Alameda," pointed out Jack Kusaba, track meet co-chairman, "and we want all chapter track committees to be sure to bring the team entries with them to this meeting."

According to entries that have been coming, over 150 athletes are expected.

As announced previously, weigh-in at Kezar Stadium will be at 9 a.m., followed by trial heats at 10 a.m. Opening ceremonies with the local VFW and American Legion color guards will be held after the break for lunch.

Cal Kitazumi was announced as coach of the San Francisco JACL track team.

BROADJUMPS 22-5½ FOR NEW PREP CONFERENCE MARK

SACRAMENTO.—Eddie Hayashi of McClatchy High bettered the Sacramento (Northern Section) Conference class Aye broad jump record by leaping 22 ft. 5½ in. here Apr. 25. He also won the 160 lows in 18.8s. While the jump will not be recognized since the Nisei is a class Bee athlete, it does set a conference mark in that division. The Aye record is 22-3½.

PETALUMA NISEI WINS B'NAI B'RITH AWARD

PETALUMA.—Selected by the Petaluma High School principal and faculty as its outstanding senior, Tom Yoneda, student body president and basketball star, was named recipient of the Frankel-Rosenbaum Memorial Plaque by the local B'nai B'rith Lodge.

WLA BUSSEI ORGANIZE YOUNG ADULT COUNCIL

Fred Miyata was elected president of the West Los Angeles Young Adults Buddhist Council, composed of representatives from the Ladies Guild, Jr. YABA and Buddhist Men of the West L.A. church.

SEMI-ANNUAL ELECTIONS

Mrs. Virginia Tominaga was elected president for the second half of this year at the recent West Los Angeles Ladies Guild meeting at the WLA Buddhist Church. Harry Uchida demonstrated preparation of two popular Chinese dishes.

Minneapolis badminton star competes in nat'l tourney, to teach at Whittier High

MINNEAPOLIS.—Seven years ago, Irene Urashi was having her first lessons in how to play badminton. But her wildest dreams never included the fact that one day she would be competing in the national senior women's badminton tournament, which she did last April in Philadelphia.

Since the spring of 1951, Irene has competed in tournaments throughout the East, Midwest and into Canada, beginning with the first junior international tournament.

Her outstanding achievements have been in state and regional tournaments in which she claimed championships. If one were to visit Irene and her family at 3125 Columbus Ave. South, one would see a display of 19 trophies, several medals, which are, no doubt, only the beginning, notes the Thumb-nail Sketch writer Mary Yoshida

in the latest issue of the J.A. Journal, published by the Japanese American Community Center here.

A "born athlete", she was active since Phillips Jr. High School days when she was GAA president. She held the same post in high school at Central and Univ. of Minnesota WAA. She is also a member of the Women's Physical Education Ass'n and Eta Sigma Upsilon, honorary education sorority.

Now 22 years old, she will be graduating from Minnesota this June with a degree in physical education. She plans to teach at Whittier (Calif.) High School this fall.

Nishita pitching now for St. Paul nine

Bill Nishita, former Hawaii Nisei pitcher for the Univ. of California, who tried out with the Montreal Royals, a Brooklyn farm team, is now with St. Paul of the American Association league, according to the Sporting News published in St. Louis, Mo.

In the first game of the season, Nishita, who played one year in the professional baseball league in Japan, came in as a relief pitcher for St. Paul and hurled to one batter.

Nishita was expected to be with Montreal this year, but it appears now that he may not make it. He was farmed out to Fort Worth in the Texas league last year and did well enough to win a ticket for a crack at AAA ball in St. Paul. However, there are no indications at present that Nishita will step up to the majors at the moment.

In the event the Brooklyn Dodgers move to Los Angeles, there is a possibility that Nishita may be brought along as a gate attraction.

East Bay keglers

BERKELEY.—Yosh Amino, and Mary Yeda were chosen to head the East Bay Nisei Bowling Assn. as men and women's presidents for 1957-58. They succeed Ike Takei and Sumi Sasaki.

Pasadena Gardeners plan community picnic

PASADENA.—The Japanese Gardeners Ass'n of Pasadena is preparing for its annual community picnic on June 16 at Brookside Park. Many local JACLers are serving on the committee, including Harris Ozawa, chapter president, who will be emcee. Mack Yamaguchi, chapter publicity chairman, is president of the gardener's group.

Two scholarships to local high school graduates are also going to be awarded at the picnic. Ozawa is scholarship chairman.



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LOS ANGELES NEWSLETTER

By Henry Mori

Education in U.S.

Recent stories printed in the vernacular press regarding low scholastic standards made by Nipponese students under private sponsorship here to study English and other courses must be embarrassing to those who are in this country with serious motives.

It reminds us of an incident which occurred one night on Broadway some years ago in which a bystander was killed by a person of Latin American descent when the former stepped in to stop a brawl. Overnight, the metropolitan papers went out to smear the thugs as a "rat pack" and it caused uneasiness among decent Mexican Americans.

And you get to the point you can't help but associate anyone with tight pants and long, matted-down hair as being a member of a "rat pack."

In the case of the Nipponese students, there are more than 350 of them studying at various colleges and universities in the Southland. Certainly only a handful of them indulge in horse-play and cavort in automobiles. And even the most astute must have recreation in some form.

The root of the trouble, it seems, is not so much on how poorly the students study but how they are brought here in the first place. The screening in Japan must have been slipshod if the ability of students had not been thoroughly screened; that is, if top grades were required of them. It would seem that most of them would not even work part-time if they didn't need the money to sustain themselves on what they already have. Earning money has become a necessity for many of them, a handicap which is hard to overcome.

The convenience of a car is without question and it would be easy to pool rides together in going to school than on slow-moving buses or streetcars.

It may be that the sudden change from a rather quiet and drab living in Japan to that of a highly-paced, glamorous life in Southern California has overwhelmed some of the thrill-seekers. But all in all, most of them want to learn English well enough so that they can go back and make good use of it.

So there are a few who wind up with low grades in English, or who get in tight squeezes with the law, now and then. No one condones their action but any undue outburst can put the rest of the earnest ones in an uncomfortable bind. We can suppose that henceforth only brilliant ones can study in the United States, and average and mediocre ones will stay home.

Education in America is available to both the rich and the poor as well as the scholar and the average student. Better screening of moral character of an applicant is important but his slowness in grasping a new language should not become a barrier to half his ambition to study in this country.

VITAL STATISTICS

ENGAGEMENTS

OKADA-ISHISAKA — Mitsy, Sacramento, to Larry, Clarksburg.
OZAWA-LINDSEY — Patricia T., Pasadena, to Sgt. Melvin L. (USMC), Kamuela, Hawaii.
TAKATSUGI — PUTABA — Shiyoko, Watsonville, to Rev. Hiroshi, Tacoma.
TAMURA — NAKAKIHARA — Janet, Oxnard, to John, Los Angeles.
TSUJI-HARA — Yashio, Sanger to Hiroshi, Dinuba.

MARRIAGE LICENCES

ASABA-NAMBA — Larry Y., 24; Marian N., 22, both Seattle.
FUKUMITSU-YANO — Bill and Rose, both San Francisco.
FURUNO-BAGHETTI — Masaki, San Francisco; Mary, Berkeley.
HEATHMAN-NAKASHIMA — Ronald, 26; Naomi, 25, both Seattle.
HUEY-TOSHIYUKI — Harry, 23; Barbara Joy, 22, both Fresno.
KAGAMI — MATSUHARA — Hisashi, Los Angeles; Akiko, San Francisco.
KAWABATA-HIGAKE — Toshiro, 30; Hayward; Setsuko, 28, Alameda.
KAWAKAMI-FUKUDA — Henry and Tomiko, both San Francisco.
KUNITAKE-TAKEUCHI — Kazuo and Tsuyako, both Sacramento.
MASUMOTO-KUMAZAWA — Kanji, 28; Gladys, 22, both Seattle.
MIYOSHI-SAIKI — Masaru, Norwalk; Yasuko, San Francisco.
OSADA-SHIDAWARA — William and Louise, both San Francisco.
SHINTANI-HAMADA — Harumi, 36; Oakland; Kiyu, 32, San Francisco.
SUGURO-DATY — Takeshi and Carol, both Seattle.
NAGASAWA-OKI — Masaru, 25, San Mateo; Ruth Sachiko, 22, Berkeley.
TSUKAMOTO-KODAMA — Toshi and Masako, both San Jose.

DEATHS

ETO, Mitsy, 82; Saticoy, Mar. 11 — (s) Tomio, Nobuo.
GOTO, Mokichi, 82; Los Angeles, Apr. 24 — (w) Setsume, (s) George.
HASHIMOTO, Chojiro, 78; Los Angeles Mar. 10.
HATA, Iroha, 57; Los Angeles, Mar. 12 — (s) Shiochi, Frank.
HORII, Shigematsu, 79; Keenesburg Colo., May 1 — (s) Shigeru, Sumiji.
IDEISHI, Asa, 48; West Los Angeles May 6 — (h) Shigeo, (s) Hajime, Kei, Mitsuru, (d) Yasuko.
KONO, Yuichi, 75; Los Angeles, Mar. 22.
MIRAGI, Genyei, 74; Los Angeles, Apr. 5 — (w) Fusa (d) Mrs. Kikuno Nakamura.
MIYAMOTO, Francine, 7; Los Angeles, Apr. 26 — (p) Mr. & Mrs. Kay, (b) Michael, Darryl.
MIYAMOTO, Toyotaro, 82; Gardena, Apr. 7 — (w) Isono, (s) Morito, Tamotsu, Mituo.
MORIMOTO, Shohichi, 67; Venice, Apr. 14 — (w) Soma, (s) Masaharu, Hiroshi, (d) Mmes. Hisako Horiuchi, Yoshiko Otsuka, Shuko Yoneyama.
NAKAMURA, Tosuke, 78; Santa Ana Mar. 22 — (w) Masa, (s) Sachio, Kiyu hi.
NAKATA, Taminosuke, 89; Seattle, Apr. 9.
NEBUTA, Mrs. Aki; Littleton, Colo. Mar. 30.
OHYE, Frank M., 52; Los Angeles, May 6 — (s) George, Kay, (b) Henry, (s) Mmes. May Suzuki, Dorothy Ishizaki, Ruth Batista, Anna Grant.
OKAZAKI, Sawataro, 87; Los Angeles Mar. 21 — (w) Masayo, (s) Haruo Sawaji, Harumi, (d) Aiko.
OKAZAKI, Shigematsu, 79; Portland Mar. 18 — (w) Shimo, (s) Hifumi Tak.
ONO, Teichi; Chicago, Apr. 16 — (w) Eiko, 2 sons, daughter.
SAKAMOTO, Masakichi, 80; Los Angeles, Apr. 13 — (w) Fuji, (s) James M., Don K., Joe Y., (d) Kimiye, Kiyoko.
SHIBATA, Kenichi; Fresno, Apr. 8 (fun.).
SHIGEMOTO, Janet, 7; Berkeley, Apr. 5 — (p) Mr. & Mrs. Takeo, (b) Jimmy, Sam, Isamu, (s) Eiko.
SHIMAMURA, Saiji, 79; Los Angeles Mar. 11 — (w) Mineyo, (s) Terumitsu, Hiroshi, Satoshi, Yasuo, (d) Mmes. Misako Endo, Tomiko Hirakawa.
SHIMO, Mitsuko, 24; Los Angeles Mar. 22 — (h) Cedrick, (s) Roddy.
SUZUKI, Kin, 82; Los Angeles, Apr. 24 — (h) Ajiro.
TAKAHASHI, Torakichi, 78; Whittier, Mar. 12 — (w) Hana, (s) Masao, (d) Mmes. Takiyo Tanamachi, Aiko Saito.
TAKAI, Seito, 67; Sacramento, Apr. 14 — (w) Mutsu, (s) Roy T.
TAKASE, Gensaku, 72; Chicago, Feb. 25.
TAKASUGI, Shimo, 79; Los Angeles Mar. 22 — (d) Mmes. Sadako Yokota, Misao Yokotake, (gs) Takeshi.
TAMAKI, Naye, 62; Los Angeles, Apr. 17 — (h) Iho, (s) Carl T. (s) Mmes. Yone Nishimura, Nobu Okamoto, Rose Ueno.
TAMURA, Wataru, 46; Los Angeles, Apr. 20 — (w) Tomiko, (s) Eugene, (d) Joan, (b) Inaki.
TANIGAWA, Heishiro, 72; Minneapolis (formerly Farlier, Calif.), Feb. 24 —

(w) Kazu, (s) George, (d) Mmes. Ayako Wake, Masami Tsuchiya, Lillian Tanaka, Michie Fujiki.
TOKE, Tomi, 56; Los Angeles, Mar. 5 — (s) Hatsuo, Charlie, (d) Mmes. Theima Toshimi, Mitsuko Yamate Kinuko Yamataki, Kimiko Kishiyama.
TOMITA, Kengo, 76; Los Angeles, Apr. 19 — (s) Yasuyuki, (d) Mrs. Masako Miyata.
UMEZU, Ann, 2; Sacramento, Apr. 11 — (d) Mr. & Mrs. Yasuo, (b) Albert, Walter, (s) Mimi.
UYEDA, Roy T., 24; Los Angeles, Mar. 19 — (b) Masato, Masatsugu, (s) Mrs. Fumiko Iwanaga.
UYENO, Hana, 59; Los Angeles, May 6 — (h) Taicho, (s) Tatsuyo.
WATANABE, Tsuneya, 71; Los Angeles, May 5 — (s) Minoru, (d) Dorothy, Mmes. Mitsuko Nakano, Mary Wada, Satsuyo Tanaka, Masayo Sato.
YAMADA, Chosaburo, 76; Los Angeles, Mar. 18 — (w) Chiyo, (s) Easter Yoshio, (d) Mrs. Mariko Matsuyama.
YAMAGAWA, Kitaro, 64; Los Angeles, Apr. 1 — (w) Hana, (s) Kenji, Joe (d) Kiyu Tanaka, Shoko, Mrs. Midori Endo.
YAMAGUCHI, Seihan, 70; San Francisco (formerly of Tacoma), Mar. 27 — five children.

Murayama —

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"directives".

In every respect, the formation of the new federation is significant. It offers JTO an opportunity to think things over. The future of Japanese education may be determined by the new group otherwise.

OVERSEAS JAPANESE FRIENDSHIP MEETING

A three-day "Welcome Rally" was held in Tokyo May 2-4 inviting visiting Japanese to what was called the Overseas Japanese Friendship Meeting. In spite of the extensive publicity, the results were more than disappointing. A handful of Japanese from America did attend.

Over 170 members of both the upper and lower houses of the Diet permitted the use of their names as sponsors of the rally—a fine gesture to welcome overseas Japanese if motives were genuine and honorable. But in reality, this Socialist party stunt was part of a scheme by vote-seeking politicians.

What came of this meeting were two silly resolutions: (1) to introduce a bill in the Diet to educate the Nisei in America and South America, and (2) to present a bill in the Diet to establish a corporation or an organization to control and guide Japanese newspapers outside of Japan.

It is clear these politicians do not understand Nisei and Sansei are citizens of their native land and that the Japanese government has nothing to do with their education, and that it is not their business to control the Japanese press

Heart Ass'n grant

DENVER.—Dr. Jerry K. Aikawa was one of three Univ. of Colorado Medical Center scientists recently awarded a share of the \$16,800 research grant of the American Heart Association Foundation to carry on studies in heart and blood vessel conditions.

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The Japanese language radio program hosted by Matao Uwate, Downtown L.A., 1000er, runs for three hours on Sundays, 8:30-9:30 a.m. over KALI (1430 kc), and 8-10 p.m. on KBLA (1490 kc). His Monday, Wednesday, Friday evening shows have been discontinued because of the change in station policy. He has also initiated a half-hour Japanese classic music program with English announcements.

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WASHINGTON NEWSLETTER

By Mike Masaoka

School Integration

Washington

Three years ago today (May 17, 1954), the Supreme Court of the United States handed down one of its greatest decisions insofar as human rights and democratic precepts are concerned, by nullifying the 60-year-old fiction that "separate but equal facilities" in educational opportunities for white and other students, especially the Negro, in various parts of the country, particularly the Deep South, constituted equality of treatment and consideration.

On that day, in a decision in which JACL participated as amicus curiae, the nation's highest tribunal ruled unanimously that race segregation in the public schools was unconstitutional, thereby reversing the famous 1896 opinion of the same court in Plessy vs. Ferguson that segregation was legal so long as equal facilities were provided both races.

Chief Justice Earl Warren, speaking for the Court, declared: "To separate (Negro students) from others of similar age qualifications solely because of their race generates a feeling of inferiority as to their status in the community that may affect their hearts and minds in a way unlikely ever to be undone. . . . In the field of public education, the doctrine of 'separate but equal' has no place. Separate educational facilities are inherently unequal."

Though the decision sealed the doom for segregated schools in 17 states and the District of Columbia, doomsday itself is still in the distant future in most of the 3,000 school district in the 11 states of the old Confederacy. In five states — Maryland, Kentucky, West Virginia, Missouri, and Oklahoma — and in the District of Columbia, desegregation is either under way or an accomplished fact.

As we recall, early reaction to the decision was surprisingly calm, even in the Deep South. Public comments were generally restrained. Newspapers viewed the decision as inevitable and there were many expressions of confidence that this tremendous social change could be tolerated — if accomplished gradually. After all, it was pointed out, almost three quarters of a century had been spent in developing separate educational systems for the two races; all that went into these systems for so long could not be overturned overnight by a simple court edict.

But this attitude of tolerance appeared to change about a year later when the Supreme Court implemented its earlier decision with instructions as to how integration should be achieved. This ruling charged Federal District Court judges to demand "prompt and reasonable start" toward desegregation, considering both the difficulties of the local situation and the "good faith" of the processes of compliance.

The reaction in Dixie was immediate. It was defiance, that grew into outright resistance in a matter of months. There was talk of abolishing public schools. Pupil assignment laws were devised. White "citizens councils" were organized and the Klu Klux Klan was revived. The Old Confederacy was again in rebellion.

There was actual violence in a few places — notably Clinton, Tenn., and Sturgis, Ky., where National Guardsmen were called to keep order. Also, the whole segregation question was inflamed and such occurrences as the Montgomery, Ala., bus boycott by Negroes were tied to the school integration problem.

Today, though much has been done, three years after the historic decision, much more remains to be done. In several of the states in the heart of the Confederacy, there is still talk of abandoning public schools. Virginia is one of the leaders in the anti-segregation movement. Others are still trying to circumvent the Court's decision by various schemes, such as pupil assignment.

Three Southern States, however, have made timid and scattered efforts toward partial segregation. They are Texas, Arkansas, and Tennessee.

Because there are so few children of "Japanese" or "mixed" couples in the public schools of the Deep South, no reliable reports are available as to their treatment, though most information received thus far indicates spotty reactions.

Most of these states have statutes requiring the separation of white and all other races, including Mongolian, Oriental, Malayan, Chinese and Japanese are the various terms applied that would cover "Japanese" children, in the public schools.

What has happened is that in most states the non-Negro children, especially the Chinese and the Japanese, have been allowed to attend the white schools, so-called. After the Supreme Court decision, however, in some jurisdictions, in order that it could not be charged that only Negro children were segregated, all non-white children were ordered to attend Negro schools. This has resulted in the parents of non-white children sending their children to private schools, usually operated by some religious denomination where "Oriental" children are accepted as "whites."

What is happening in the Deep South to the children of "Japanese" or "mixed" couples is a grim reminder of what the parents of the 442nd Regimental Combat Team in training in Camp Shelby, Mississippi, who had their children with them in that area, experienced in 1943-44.

Their children could not go to the white schools; the parents did not want them to go to the Negro schools. The result was that a third school system for the children of the Nisei volunteers had to be established.

Not because "Japanese" children are also forced to suffer the indignities and humiliation, not to mention the lower educational standards, of segregated school systems, but because in our America today all children, without regard to race, color, creed, or national origin, are entitled to the same educational opportunities, all of us, including the JACL, have a special concern to see to it that racial segregation in public schools — in the South as well as elsewhere in the nation — is eliminated immediately.

The older Nisei and our Issei parents can remember when segregation of "Japanese" pupils in California and other west coast states was not an uncommon practice. So, out of our own legacy, we have a special concern in this matter of immediate racial integration in the public schools of our land.



Co-chairmen of the forthcoming May 18-19 PSWDC biennial convention at Disneyland are Roy Yamadera (left) and Fred Takata, past East L.A. chapter president.

RACIAL BATTLE LOOMS IN DENTAL HYGIENIST ASSOCIATION PROPOSAL

SAN FRANCISCO.—A racial battle is shaping up within the American Dental Hygienists Association over a proposal that everyone but Negroes be designated as Caucasian for the purpose of membership, according to the San Francisco Examiner.

The fight against the Texas move is being led by Mrs. March K. Fong, Richmond-born Chinese American, president of the national association and a member of the Alameda County Board of Education.

The trouble started, Mrs. Fong said, when she went to the convention of the Texas association last January, after learning that it was being pressured by the Texas Dental Association to exclude from membership all but Caucasians, a rule aimed at Negroes.

Mrs. Fong said officials of the Texas group were surprised to find that their national president

was of Chinese descent and embarrassed to find that their bar against non-Caucasians would include her and numerous other non-Negroes.

Against her wishes, she said, the proposed change in the Texas association constitution was amended to the extent of defining Caucasians as anyone except Negroes.

Earlier this month the board of directors of the national association voted 9-6 to permit the Texas group to make this constitutional change.

Subsequently Mrs. Fong ruled that the board of directors had no such power, that Texas could not make such a change without a nationwide membership vote.

Mrs. Fong, a 1943 graduate of the University of California who lives at 4263 St. Andrews Rd., Oakland, is the wife of Dr. Chester C. Fong, a Hayward dentist.

Actually, Mrs. Fong is "Dr. Fong" but uses the "Mrs." to lessen confusion in her family, having been conferred her Ph.D. in dental health by Stanford in 1954. She also has her M.A. in education from Mills College in 1947.

As a member of the Alameda County board of education, she won her post last year with a 30,000 plurality.

Sansei elected jr. high school prexy in Minnesota

MINNEAPOLIS.—Eighth grader Dave Hosokawa, son of the Robert Hosokawas (PC columnist Bill's younger brother), of St. Louis Park was recently elected student council president of Park Jr. High School for the coming year. The school has an enrollment of 1,600, including four Sansei.

Dave's campaign motto was "Join the Posse. Vote for Hosse." The opposition rumored that some of Dave's campaign posters were prepared professionally by colleagues of his dad, who is employed by a local newspaper.

Of interest is the fact that three Sansei are eighth-graders. Proving that they respect no color lines, George Matsumoto was campaign artist for Ron Trugman.

Little Alfred Ono is presently head of the Elliot Elementary School student council. He is son of the George Onos, also of St. Louis Park, and formerly of Sacramento.

JAPANESE SOUNDTRACK ON ROSE PARADE FILM EYED

A Japanese sound track is being considered on the official Tournament of Roses films for Pasadena's new sister city of Mishima, Japan, it was revealed at the initial meeting of the citizens' committee appointed by Mayor Seth Miller to establish close ties between the two cities. Pasadena JACL president Harris Ozawa is a member of the committee.

SOUTHWEST L.A. HEARS TALK ON INVESTMENTS

Clifford Y. Tanaka, first licensed Nisei investment broker since the war, was guest speaker at the Southwest L.A. JACL general meeting Wednesday. He spoke on "Building a Nest Egg".

Rep. O'Hara honored on 75th birthday in Chicago

CHICAGO.—Rep. Barratt O'Hara, in recognition of his many years of devoted public service on the occasion of his 75th birthday Apr. 25, was honored with citations from many civic groups at the Morrison Hotel.

Harold Gordon, Gladys Ishida and Maudie Nakada attended on behalf of the local JACL chapter. Rep. O'Hara has been especially helpful in promoting the interests of minority groups including the Japanese Americans.

Att'y Mitsumori to head Li'l Tokio Optimists

Attorney James Mitsumori will be installed as new president of the Japanese American Optimists of Los Angeles in early June, succeeding Willie Funakoshi.

The Univ. of Michigan law school graduate and 442nd veteran was one-time assistant U.S. attorney general in Southern California before returning to private practice.

San Francisco Optimists name Kobuchi new head

SAN FRANCISCO.—Tom Kobuchi will succeed George "Clem" Oyama as president of the Japanese American Optimist Club here.

Other officers elected were Yuji Imai, George Hiura, v.p.; Hara Aizawa, sec.-treas.; Mas Oishi, sgt.-at-arms; Roy Watanabe, Frank Ogawa, Hank Kimura, bd. of dir. Frank Dobashi, Joe Kubokawa and Tosh Nakano will remain on the board for another year.

Tatsuno to serve third term as youth work head

SAN JOSE.—Dave M. Tatsuno, local Nisei businessman, has been reappointed for a third term as chairman of the San Jose YMCA youth work committee, Thomas L. Mitchell, "Y" board president, announced.

The youth work committee sets policies for YMCA work in San Jose and Santa Clara valley.

Vice.-Pres. Nixon meets on problem of job discrimination

CHICAGO.—In behalf of the President's Committee on Government Contracts, Vice-President Richard Nixon met with leaders of principal agencies active in intergroup relations in the Chicago area on April 30 to exchange views on problems affecting job discrimination in firms receiving government contracts.

Approximately 30 organizations received personal invitations to attend. The Chicago JACL was represented by Dr. Frank Sakamoto, president, and Shig Wakamatsu, National JACL 1st vice-president. Two other Nisei representatives were in attendance, Richard H. Yamada, chairman, and Abe Hagiwara, board member, of the Japanese American Service Committee.

Former Chicagoan John Yoshino, liaison officer of the President's Committee, accompanied the Vice-President to Chicago. The Committee announced the creation of a regional office in Chicago, the first in the country.

Yoshino, prominent in JACL activities for many years, urged the local and national JACL leaders to carefully study the program of the President's Committee on Government Contracts.

The government negotiates over \$6 million contracts each year with firms and industries throughout the nation. It is intended that the principle of equal job opportunity is to be practiced, but it was pointed out that violations exist. Yoshino requested that any job discrimination experienced by Nisei in firms receiving government contracts be reported immediately to the President's Committee in Washington, D.C. or to him personally.

CBS-Hollywood appoints Shindo music director

Tak Shindo, local Nisei musician, has been named music director at CBS-Hollywood on a permanent basis. As his first major job, the 34-year-old Nisei has been working on the radio show, "Suspense", which will be aired starting this Sunday.

One of three music directors here, CBS explained Shindo will have the responsibility of providing appropriate background music, cueing, directing and at times some writing. He was appointed on high recommendations from Ricki Marino, director at CBS, who worked with him on many previous shows.

CALENDAR

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- May 18 (Saturday)
- Detroit — "Caribbean Fantasy" dance, St. Andrew's Society Hall, 431 E. Congress.
- Sequoia — Sr. Tri-Villes "99 Ways" dance, Palo Alto Buddhist Hall.
- East Los Angeles — Emerald Ball, Elk's Lodge, 423 N. Los Angeles, Anaheim.
- May 18-19
- PSWDC — District convention, Anaheim Elk's Lodge on May 18; Disneyland Hotel on May 19. East L.A. JACL hosts.
- May 19 (Sunday)
- NC-WNDC — Spring quarterly meeting, Alameda JACL hosts; Hotel Alameda — business, 1 p.m.; banquet, 6 p.m.; dance, 8 p.m. to be shown.
- Livingston-Merced — Community picnic, Haganan Park.
- Gresham-Troutdale — Community picnic, Viking Park.
- May 23 (Thursday)
- San Diego — Issei Recognition dinner, Miyako Cafe, 7 p.m.
- May 24 (Friday)
- Twin Cities — Gen'l meeting, JA Center, 8 p.m.; Leroy Griffith, spkr.; "MacKenzie Valley of Canada."
- Sequoia — Career Workshop, Palo Alto Buddhist Church, 7:30 p.m.; "This Is Your Life" — Mike Masaoka.
- May 25 (Saturday)
- Mile-Hi — NCCC Graduates Dance, AAUW Hall, 1400 Josephine St., 9 p.m.
- D.C. — Meeting, YWCA, 8 p.m.; "FBI" Herbert Moxie, spkr.
- May 26 (Sunday)
- Portland — Japanese movies, Nichiren Hall, "This Is Your Life," added attraction.
- San Francisco — JACL Olympics, Kezar Stadium; 9 a.m.-weigh-in; 10 a.m. — Heats; 1 p.m. — Opening Ceremonies and Finals.
- May 27 (Monday)
- Tulare County — General meeting
- May 30 (Thursday)
- Salt Lake City — Memorial Services, City Cemetery War Memorial.
- June 1 (Saturday)
- Livingston-Merced — Yamato Colony 50th Ann'y Picture Night; "This Is Your Life" TV kine.
- Salt Lake City — Graduates Dance, Police Gun Clubhouse (tent).
- June 2 (Saturday)
- Southwest L.A. — Square Dance, USC YWCA, 7:30 p.m.