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BY THE BOARD:

Team work pushes EDC-MDC confab

CHICAGO. — The second joint Eastern and Midwest District Convention scheduled over the Labor Day week-end here is beginning to take on all the significance and glamor of a national JACL convention. Not only will delegates from all chapters east of the Mississippi be attending, but majority of our National Board members will be present.

JACL chapters in this part of the country came into existence some 12 years ago as a "grass root" movement to do something about the problems and issues affecting persons of Japanese ancestry growing out of wartime evacuation and relocation. Many of the issues and rallying points which held these chapters together have now been resolved. In recent years the chapters have been scrambling for a "new program." The 14th Biennial Convention in San Francisco paved the way for chapters to develop new emphasis, hopefully, around the theme "Changing Perspectives."

The joint EDC - MDC Convention will pick up this theme for a closer study by presenting a forum. Its purpose is to stimulate Nisei to broaden their perspectives in relation to his own community, the nation and the world. More important is to learn practical ways to resolve some of the local problems and issues.

The Convention program itself is designed to reach and attract new people to JACL. Such events as the fashion show, Jr. JACL Forum, convention mixer and the convention ball will be opened to the public. Delegates, however, will be expected to attend the council sessions. The traditional Thousand Club Whing-Ding will be limited to Thousand Clubbers and guests.

The Convention Board is headed by a tireless and devoted JACLer, Kumeo Yoshinari. He is backed by hundreds of loyal Chicago chapter members who are preparing the Convention. Behind Chicago chapter are hundreds of Midwest chapter members and

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Fred Takata, 31, succeeds as JACL regional director of the Pacific Southwest district office in Los Angeles. He was former East Los Angeles JACL president and more recently co-chaired the PSWDC convention at Anaheim-Disneyland.

200 WELL-WISHERS TO LONG REMEMBER TATS' TESTIMONIAL

BY HARRY HONDA

Two hundred well-wishers from the community-at-large were on hand to swell Tats Kushida's reservoir of good will and his larder at home at a testimonial banquet last week that has Li'l Toki tongues still wagging (not at the unsparing amount of pork & beans but because of the humorous vein in which it was conducted by mirthful m.c. Frank Chuman).

(Lest we be accused of breaking some basic rules of journalism, we hasten to add that Kushida is resigning from his position as JACL regional director and Pacific Citizen business manager tomorrow to enter private business. Fred Takata, past East Los Angeles JACL president, is succeeding him.)

There have been testimonial dinners in the community in the past, solemn and dignified, but often quickly forgotten. Tat's will be long remembered as the merriest, though not one drop of spirit flowed.

About 40 Issei elders in attendance were probably witnessing for

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DR. HIURA WINS STATE INDIVIDUAL BRIDGE TITLE

Dr. George Hiura of Palo Alto won the California state individual championship of the 23rd annual Western and National Bridge Tournament last week as Bridge Week play continued at the Ambassador Hotel.

The favored ex-Chicagoan edged Mrs. F. M. Harris of El Paso, another favorite, by 321½ points to 321.

(Dr. Hiura, graduate of U.C. dental school, practiced for many years before evacuation in Sebastopol and was in Chicago for 12 years.)

Nisei co-ed chosen for Ghana-Nigeria summer tour

OAKLAND. — Kikuko Kawasaki, daughter of the Rev. and Mrs. Z. Kawasaki of Visalia, has been selected as alternate for the World University Service seminar in Ghana and tour of Nigeria this summer.

Graduating this summer from Mills College, she has been awarded the college trustee fellowship in education for master's degree work. During her undergraduate years at Mills, she was active with the World University Service on campus.

SENATE APPROVES AMENDED APPROPRIATIONS BILL FOR PAYMENT OF EVACUATION CLAIMS; IN HOUSE-SENATE CONFAB

WASHINGTON.—The Senate passed an amended supplemental appropriations bill that includes an item of \$2,424,119.77 for payment of certain evacuation claims awards, the Washington Office of the Japanese American Citizens League and the Committee on Japanese American Evacuation Claims announced today.

The House approved version of the supplemental appropriations bill provided for \$1,654,158.93 to pay awards authorized from August 1956 to February 1957. The Senate Appropriations Committee added the sum of \$769,960.84 to pay awards made by the Dept. of Justice from March through April this year.

The bill is now in conference, where House and Senate conferees are expected to iron out differences in the figures approved by their respective chambers, though the Washington JACL and COJAEAC Office has been assured that the appropriations for evacuation claims awards will be approved by the conference without change. Other items in the bill are subject to compromise.

The Washington JACL-COJAEAC Office this week releases the names of evacuee claimants who were given awards during the months of February and March and whose names have been submitted to the Congress for payment this year, and whose names are included in the supplemental appropriations bill just passed by the Senate.

Awardees for these two months whose names are not listed may contact the Washington JACL Office, Suite 1217, Hurley-Wright

Bldg., 18th and Pennsylvania Ave. Northwest, Washington 6, D.C. The Washington Office, as a public service, will check the appropriate government agencies to determine the reasons for the failure to submit such names for payment.

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JUDGE ALSO OFFERS TO SERVE AS DEFENSE COUNSEL FOR CPL. GIRARD

Municipal Judge John F. Aiso last week offered to return to temporary active duty in the Army to serve as defense counsel for Army Specialist 3rd Class William S. Girard, the 21-year-old soldier charged with manslaughter in Japan.

The Burbank-born Nisei dispatched a letter to President Eisenhower suggesting that he be recalled to active duty as a lieutenant colonel in the Judge Advocate General's Department to aid in the GI's defense.

Judge Aiso, who alternates his 1000 Club membership between the Downtown Los Angeles and Hollywood JACL chapters, wrote:

"I view with sincere regret the fact that the trial of U.S. Army Sp3c William S. Girard has become such a widely publicized international issue.

"Now that it has become such, however, I feel that everyone should contribute of his thought and time to bring the matter to a just and amicable conclusion, which neither compromises the legal birthright or the individual American citizen-soldier involved, nor surrenders the sovereignty and dignity of the United States, nor jeopardizes the friendly relations between the United States and postwar Japan, so vital in our defense against Communist aggression in the Far East."

(Girard is being charged with "inflicting bodily injury resulting in the death" of Mrs. Naka Sakai, 46, last January while she

was scavenging for empty shell casings on the Somagahara firing range north of Tokyo.)

Aiso noted that Brig. Gen. Charles L. Decker, JAGD, is being sent as an observer as provided under the security agreement between the two nations but was concerned over language difficulties of the Japanese judges.

"I am somewhat alarmed at the further report that the chief Japanese defense counsel Itsuro Hayashi does not speak English and will have to confer with Girard through an interpreter.

"As an American judge of Japanese ancestry, presently holding a commission as lieutenant colonel, I feel that in this situation I am in a position to make my modest contribution if, Mr. President, you see fit to order me to participate as a defense counsel.

"As a result of my family background and my studies in a Japanese university," the letter said, "I possess a bilingual working knowledge of English and Japanese, especially in the legal field, which I have found most useful in explaining the system of California courts to the many Japanese judges who have visited our city."

A municipal judge since 1953, the 48-year-old jurist spoke of his offer at Ft. MacArthur where he was attending a week-end legal training school as a part of his Army Reserve duties.

Judge Aiso explained that he studied law at Chuo University in Tokyo in 1936 to 1937 and was familiar with Japanese law.

N.Y.'s 2,500 Japanese

NEW YORK.—The 1957-58 New York City Guide and Almanac, published by the New York University Press and currently distributed by the Daily News, reports there are "some 2,500 Japanese in the city". The community is "widely dispersed, with the area around Broadway and 110th St. the largest single colony."

Coit Tower muralist to exhibit in New York

NEW YORK. — Japan-born but American educated artist Takezo Terada, 49, is showing his collection of 30 oils and watercolors at the American Buddhist Academy, June 21-27, on his way to California School of Fine Arts where he will teach.

Terada came to the United States at the age of 14 with his parents and graduated Chico (Calif.) High School. An American Legion scholarship launched him on his art career at Univ. of California and later at the fine arts school. In 1933-34, he was commissioned to paint a mural on San Francisco's Coit Memorial Tower.

Silversmith Osaki judge for state fair display

SACRAMENTO.—Harry A. Osaki of Pasadena, noted Nisei silversmith, was named to the judges' panel for ceramics, enameling, metalwork jewelry and textiles to be exhibited Aug. 28-Sept. 8 at the California State Fair here.

Winner of many State Fair awards, Osaki last year created the silver chalice as a gift from National JACL to President Eisenhower.

NSSO president

NEW YORK.—Kathleen Kozuma, an education major at Hunter College and formerly of Los Angeles, succeeds Eleanor Waka as president of the Nisei Sino Service Organization.

Administrative funds for claims approved

WASHINGTON.—Congress approved and sent to the President appropriations for the Justice Department administrative expenses for the 1958 fiscal year (beginning July 1, 1957), the Washington Office of the Japanese American Citizens League learned last week.

Included in the annual budget appropriations was a sum of \$220,000 for the administrative expenses of the Japanese Claims Section, which handles the evacuation claims and the renunciant programs.

This sum of \$220,000 is \$10,000 more than was appropriated last year for this same section. The additional sum was needed because of the speed-up program which envisions completion of the administrative determinations of evacuation claims by the end of calendar year 1958.

Oscar Hammerstein, II, in plea for half American orphans in Far East

PHILADELPHIA.—An American magazine called illegitimate American-Japanese youngsters "human danger spots" and editorially asked for Congressional action to facilitate entry of the youngsters to the United States for adoption.

The article is in the June issue of the Bucks County Traveler, published in Doylestown, Pa.

In the article entitled: "America's Forgotten Children," author Oscar Hammerstein II said no one knows exactly how many youngsters are still in Japan, Korea and Okinawa. He said the lowest estimate is 4,000 which he considers inaccurate.

Hammerstein wrote: "Today,

not one half-American orphan can be brought into the United States as the law now stands.

"The former Immigration bill has expired... and the President's special parole has expired."

Hammerstein pointed out that while there is much pending legislation in Congress, "months pass by and the children are not allowed to enter."

"Yet, of all the refugees being admitted into our country, these orphans are the most innocent."

Hammerstein made it clear that there were more American families wanting to adopt the youngsters than children set for adoption.

However, he said current legislation makes these American families and the children wait long months, and even years.

He concluded: "It cannot enhance our American prestige for the peoples of Asia to see half American children growing up in their lands as low-caste citizens, displaced and forgotten by their father's people."

NISEI NAMED TO PEACH MARKETING ADVISORY BOARD

SACRAMENTO.—George K. Uyeda of Stockton was named to the 21-man advisory board for the marketing order for canning and freezing cling peaches by state agricultural director W. C. Jacobsen recently.

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From the Frying Pan

by Bill Hosokawa

Denver, Colo.

FLEDGLING DEPARTURE — The summer job is tradition as American as Horatio Alger. Youngsters freed from academic confinement seek profitable outlets for their energy, and our economy is such that they can find work without too much difficulty. Perhaps it was necessity, but the Nisei took to this custom. Some of them, back in the days before child labor laws, were going off in the summer to do men's work at the tender age of 12; 14 was a good average for leaving home to labor for two and a half months in the fields and canneries.

This year our Mike, now going on 17, figured it was time for him to seek out employment while working himself into shape for the coming football season. So, with three buddies, he headed for Wyoming to spend the next ten weeks on the power end of a shovel. The work will be good for him. So will the experience. And the money he'll bring home should pay for half year of college if not more.

Last weekend we watched him drive off, proud of his fledgling's departure and yet with a twinge of parental concern. I thought back, too, over the years to the first time I left home and I could understand a little of what my own folks must have felt.

It might be considerably more lonesome at home now if there weren't three other youngsters doing their own best to fill the void left by Mike's departure. On top of this, we've discovered that during the last few months Mike was out of the house so much of the time we hardly miss him any more. So far the most serious aspect of his departure is that he took the family's only decent opener. It's loss has crippled the culinary efforts of those who are left.

CELLULOID PROPAGANDA — If you've bemoaned the lousy quality of movies lately, give thanks you're not in Red China. Communist China's ministry of culture, we hear from Hongkong, has forced the film industry to kowtow so profoundly to the demands of propaganda that Chinese movies are no longer fun.

Shanghai theaters, which used to pack 'em in, now report an average of 40 per cent attendance at cinemas even without competition from TV. And some of the worst Chinese films have an audience of 9 per cent of house capacity. All of which goes to show that you can't force people to buy propaganda in place of entertainment, even in a police state.

NO PETS — For the first time in more months than I can remember, our household is without pets. Rusty, the Husky with the wanderlust, was taken to the Dumb Friends' League some weeks ago to be placed in a new home. He, simple soul, couldn't adapt himself to city living. He had an overpowering urge to run off, and an unfortunate capacity for being seized by the dogcatcher. The cost of bailing him out of the pound was more than we could stand.

Then, last Sunday we took the Easter duckling out to a country place. They were rapidly becoming too loud and too unaromatic for backyard existence. At their new home they'll have the run of a barnyard and two-acre pasture. Even though they'll probably wind up in the deep-freeze eventually, they'll have a lot more fun or the time being.

FLAWLESS — Nisei who used to wince at the deplorable command of English exhibited by Japanese consular and diplomatic officials should be cheered by the new ambassador to Washington, Koichiro Asakai. Press dispatches say he speaks the Queen's English flawlessly since he studied at Edinburgh University and served in London. His wife, Takako, attended Trinity College in Washington from 1930-33 and is reported to speak English with an American accent. Interesting combination.

Claimants listed

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February Awardees

Those authorized awards last February are:

Mataichi Nakamura; Hachirozaemon Honda; Sakujiro Moriyama; Fumi Marumoto; Shigeru Hamana; Munekazu Kimura; Kimi Ooka; Frank Ryoichi Iwata; Koma Minamide; Hidetaro Yano; Yoshio Shiroishi; Sadataro Kuramoto; Pismo-Oceano Vegetable Exchange; Shiro Nakamura; San Luis Obispo Buddhist Church; Sotoku Inmaru; Jui Iwaida; Taneve Yamasaki; Shin Kadonada; Frank O. Houston, guardian of the estate of Yoshiko Kikushima; Suzue Takahashi; Kimiye Shintani; Kosaburo Omori; Eisaku Kawaguchi; Meiji George Nakamura; Ohie Matsuda; George S. Mukuno; Gisauro Abe; Joseph Ito;

Hiroko Oyama, guardian of the estate of Sakayo Chakuno; Yukiko Tamahana; Charlie Masuo Hura; Masame Kanagaki; Richard H. Abe; Yeizaburo Abe; Minoru Omura; Joseph Iwasuke Rikimaru; Katsuyo Wada Oekawa; Kyo Suzuki; George M. Tanaka; Kiyonosuke Akutsu; Kamekichi Kirita; Masami Uyeda; Misao Arase; Fred F. Fujii; Kazumi Kajioaka; George T. Nakaji; Masae Yamamoto; Tokutaro Takahashi; William Torakichi Sato; Tome Kawakami and Ruth Iseda, Administrators of the estate of Kinji Kawakami; Miyoko Sakomoto; Shichiji Nakazawa; Saburo Kitamura; Toru Ikeda; Masao Umeda;

Shigeru Umeda; Jimmy Masuichi Yamashita; Masao Yamada; Kenji Kasai; Oxnard Honganji Buddhist Church Goji Kai; Vacaville Buddhist Church; Noboru Takaki; Kazuko Okada; Kingi Okada; Hitoshi Araki; Jean Nobuo Miyano; Minoru Toki; Seitaro Sakita; Toshiharu Okada; Yonemi Kubota; Fusakichi Tsukahara; Tatsuo Nakaji; Minoru Aoyama; Hisako Murata; Kosaburo Arita; Masazo Furuya; Fred Y. Hirasuna; Hatsuji Hisamoto; Yasukichi Kawashiri; Chiyeko Sakai; Daisuke Hohri; Takeo Takeuchi; Kawashimo Buddhist Church; Frank Tsunegusu Kawasaki; Ko Kambe; Yajiro Ohgitani; Henry T. Tanimura; Takezo Umeda; Hiroshi Aisawa; Ichizo Sano; Kimiyo Sasaki; Shigenobu Kuramoto; First Evangelical and Reformed Church; First Evangelical and Reformed Church Women's Guild; Shichigiro Masuyuki; Takaichi Yamaguchi; Keiji Kuwahara; Akira Kashiki DAC; Yoshio Kashiki; Toki Takeuchi;

Naka Uyeda; Japanese American Community Corp. of Madera; Hirotaka Ichiyasu; Shizuko Namba; Iikichi Okiyama; Tsumae Higashi; Iso Inuyama; Hiroshi Goshio; Hama Hamashita; Haruyo Sekiguchi; Lawrence Hisami Sutow; Toshizo Hosokawa; Toyoko Nozaka; Torao Hidaka; Tsuyoka Kuratomi; Rokuro Hanaoka; Teru Suzuki; Juichi Fujimori; Kenzo Soyama; El Centro Buddhist Church; Kichiyo Nakagawa; Tatsuno Fujimi; Mosaku Shigamatsu; Yasaburo Tanase; Mitsugi Noji; Tokichi Morimoto; Sei Ida; Mitsuko Fukuhara; Motochiro Itatani; Kunihiko Tanaka;

The Japanese Church of Christ of San Francisco; Mineo Takao; Shigeo Takeda; Frank Masakazu Hyodo; Takenobu Toma; Kaichi Seko; Reisen Saito; Matsuyo Masuoka; Misako K. Ichikawa; Masako Kitaoka; Fred Masaru Ito; Toyono Miyata; Placer Buddhist Church; Buddhist Church of Florin; Seitaro Kawahara.

March Awardees

Those granted awards last March are:

Kumashige Itahara; Sakayo Kawamoto; Yukino Kodama; Dick Fujii; Shigeichi Hamada; Misao Nakane; Toku Nakahara; Harue Kimura; Jinshiro Tani; Ryokichi Hashimoto; Fujii Nakaji; Kazuyo Morita; Takiji Kinoshita; Toku Eto; Hisao Ohi; Matahei Kawaguchi; Taneichi Ota; Toyono Ryo-

no; Ryotaro Terada; Kojiro Kawachi; Munee Miyagawa; Kotoe Kawaguchi; Katsu Yoshikawa; Kamezo Seko; Tomojiro Inouye; Tazozo Ichikawa; Shuichi Sasaki; Teiichi Matsuda; Sangoro Miki; Toraiichi Shimizu;

Yuji Yamasaki; Chester Chuji Fujino; Momota Okura; Magozaemon Morishita; Hachijiro Shioji; Masumi Mizote; Keinosuke Tanaka; Bokuhei Takeuchi; Naoshi Nakamura; Isaburo Hori; Jingo Hayamizu; Masako Ohi; Hatsuko Nasu; Sho Tsujimoto; Kima Hata; Minoru Yoshikawa; Tamanosuki Nomachi; Hideo Mochizuki; Kuichi Izumi; Kichihei Ishikawa; Tanzo Toyofuku; Petaluma Sunday School;

Tasuke Hara; Kikuyoshi Ikuma; Eddie Jitsuo Kawaoka; American Nichiren Mission, Inc.; Matsumi Miyagishima; Morio Kurima; Hakuta Fujioka; Itoku Miyagi; Sae Ikeya; Shizue Mayemura; Toyokichi Setoguchi; Sei Nishimoto; Yu-ki Inouye; Hisako Katsuda; Konosuke Wada; Hajime Nagasaki; Elzo Hanaki; Sugako Nakata; Hisako Sasao; Takeo H. Momita; Sadako Hachiki; Ryoza Yamashina; Tomizo Yamamoto;

Shigeru Jerry Endo; Tamotsu T. Ariza; Seiji Yamashita; Hajimu Urano; Tatsuko Urano; Rev. Kakumin Fujinaga; Densuke Tanouye; Ryuh Nodaka; Ikken K. Momii; Buichi Umeda; Fujiko Kodama; Doris Furuhashi; Frank Furuhashi; Fumiko Shibata; Hikoichi Shimamoto; Soto Mission of San Francisco; Kokugo Gakuen of Winters; Tadakazu Kato; Henry K. Yoshimine; Toshitaro Ishikawa; Masako Sasaki;

Uneme Matsuno; Florin Japanese Methodist Church; Japanese Hospital of Los Angeles; Hide Yasutake; Kanai Takahashi; Cecil Shizu Jumura, executor of the estate of Fred I. Jumura; Grace Toshiko Wakayama; Shika Huyen Yasaki; Sechiko Shirokawa; Margaret Matsunaga; Shigezo Maekawa; Kiyochi Koide; Kikako Tani; Kumao Tanaka; Setsuichi Masukane; Tokuji Sato; Tome Komatsu; Shinsuke Nakano; Zenichi

Yamasaki; Kazuo Sakahara; Mitsuko Shinoda; Fred Taiichi Asato; Fumiko Mikami; Fusajiro Yoshida; Naka Higashida; Ototaro Numamoto; Y. Jyo; Guzei Nishii;

Norimichi Seki; Tsuruzo Hasegawa; Masao Takahashi; Mitsuzo Uyeda; Yasuzo Matsumura; Masako Sumida; Masami Abe; Masuno Katsumoto; Seiso Bitow; Mayhew Baptist Church; George Y. Okasaki; Soshichi Jimbo; Masu Yoshimura; Kin Uyeno; Mincru Tsuno; Matahichi Iseri; Shochi Shioda; Frank Shigeru Aoki; Yoshisuke Uyeno; Masao Nagaishi; Masao R. Nakamura; Misao Yoshitomi; Fred Masaji Matsumoto; Nobutaro Yamamoto; Bunichi William Momono; James Kazumi Morishita;

Joe Nishimura; Joe K. Morimoto; Alice Misao Yamamoto; Abe Watanabe; Toyotaro Okamoto; Thomas Tohru Ogawa; Tetsuaburo Hachiya; May Suzuki; Harriet Asayo Murakami and May K. Shimazu; Yoshio Ebisu; Tomoji Sonoda; Toyoyori Hara; Manno-suke Shiraishi; S. Frank Sakurai; Lydia Y. Sakurai; Shotaro Hikida.

Claimants who have already received payment of their evacuation claims, of course, are not included in any of these lists.

This particular release relates only to those authorized awards in February and March of this year. Names of those authorized awards last August, September, October, November, December, and January have already been published. Names of awardees for last April will be carried in a subsequent release.

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Japan Society president

NEW YORK.—The Japan Society here announced the re-election of John D. Rockefeller, III, as its president for the coming year. Yonei Arai is vice-president. The non-profit, non-political group was founded by Americans and Japanese in 1907, interested in furthering cultural relations between U.S. and Japan.



VAGARIES

By Larry S. Tajiri

Old friends call

Denver

There's a pleasant anticipatory ring to the phone these summer days. Most any call can announce an old friend coming through Denver, and this past week started off with a call and quick visit from the Kuroiwas, Teiko and Mickey, enroute home to San Francisco after a vacation to New York, Niagara and Detroit.

Teiko, of course, was one of the remarkable people the JACL had during the often tempestuous days of World War II. With announcement of the coastal evacuation of Nisei and Issei in 1942 she went to Salt Lake City to open up national headquarters in that city. After the evacuation she returned to San Francisco to open the JACL's office in that city, and she saw the JACL through some of its most trying periods.

Teiko and Mickey now live in San Francisco, where their leisure hours are spent in making all the furniture for their home. Those who know Teiko's competence in dealing with facts, figures and people will not be too surprised to hear her discuss furniture finishes with the same knowledgeability.

Later in the week another call brought over Ruth Hashimoto of Albuquerque, whose job (civil service) had brought her to Pueblo for a special meeting. Lots of "remember when" talk again, particularly of people in San Jose and Albuquerque, where Ruth has been one of the most devoted of JACL people.

And finally, as the week rounded out, another call, and it brought the slow, gentle voice of George Kurata and bridged more than a decade of time.

We knew George when we were in grammar school. Now he was back from Korea and Japan, with a long stay in Europe prior to that.

The last time we had seen him he had come back from Europe, and the time previous he was just home from Alaska.

George was born with itching feet, and apparently descended from a long line of wanderers. His father, in his youth, was a trader to the African coast. When he lost his money in his business ventures, he came, via Europe, to the United States, where he began to raise his family. But when George was still a boy, his father left for Mexico, and because his papers were not in order, he was not permitted to return.

George heard off and on that his father was in Central America or Mexico, and the year he was sixteen he decided to go search for him. He had a Star automobile, cut out the back end to install a huge trunk, and then went south. The trip was a fruitless one, until one day in Tia Juana, right on the border, a Japanese told him there was a Kurata running a small grocery store. George went in, saw an old man who appeared to be Chinese.

"I took one look and then started back out again," he relates. "Then something made me stop. I turned and said, 'Papa.' The man looked at me, and then said, 'Tadaoka.'" His father, when George last saw him, had had a luxuriant head of black hair and a wide, full moustache. This man was bald as a billiard ball, with no moustache. But they had recognized each other. (The father, now 85, lives today in Japan.)

Now George was in Denver, but the two-hour visit hardly brought us up to date on the years between. He had, for one thing, acquired a family in Japan, wife Miki and a couple of doll-faced babies, the younger barely two months old.

After the war and a stint in Europe with the armed forces, George had decided to remain in Europe, where he worked for the UN's International Relief Organization, which maintained a number of refugee camps.

After ten years altogether in Europe, George went to the Far East, still an UN employee, where he assisted in the Korean rehabilitation program, which was designed to restore industrial plants. Now back home again, he plans to settle down in Oakland and become a permanent, stay-at-home citizen.

As we were saying, there's a nice sound to the ring of the telephone, and we plan to keep our telephone bills paid. You never know who is coming in next.

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Honor students of Salt Lake City vying for the 1957 Pvt. Ben Frank Masaoka Memorial Scholarship are being congratulated by Shig Kanegae (left), SLC Jr. Committee chairman, and Alyce Watanabe, chairman of the graduates dance. Students are (left to right) Anna Miyake, Michi Sanada (who was selected the 1957 Salt Lake Chapter candidate), and Emiko Tokunaga, Terry Honda and Kumiko Iwamoto (not present) were also applicants for this scholarship.

Masaoka Scholarship candidates feled at Salt Lake City graduates dance

SALT LAKE CITY.—The exotic theme, "Stairways to the Stars", led 1957 graduates to an enchanting evening high above the skyline of the silhouetted skyscrapers, wafting clouds, and into the glittering stars that hung just overhead from out of the dark azure ripples of the low night sky.

Five girls with scholastic and outstanding leadership abilities, nominated from the chapter for the Masaoka Scholarship, were honored during the evening. They were Michiko Sanada, Kumiko Iwamoto, Terry Honda, Anna Miyake of West High; and Emiko Tokunaga of South High. All graduates present were introduced by the Jr. Committee Chmn. Shig Kanegae, and presented a gift in behalf of the chapter by president Ichiro Doi.

Hard working committee members of the lavish decorations, headed by Iwao Nagasawa, included Jr. YBA members Herb Matsuno, Judy Komatsu and Michi Sanada. Refreshments were

equally lavish with variations of open-face sandwiches, cream puff, and punch, were prepared and served by Pat Mitarai, Masako Sonoda, Jane Kanegae, Naomi Terashima and Elsie Yamada.

Alyce Watanabe, general chairman of the graduation dance, was warmly applauded for the successful event. Others assisting on the committee were Tomoko Yano, Jean Konishi and Rupert Hachiya.

Orange County clubs set for Buena Park carnival

BUENA PARK. — The Orange County Inter - Club Council, of which the JACL and JAYs are members, will hold its third annual judo tournament-carnival on Saturday, June 22, starting from 11 a.m. at the Recreation Park.

Funds go toward the council scholarships. Last year, two worth \$250 each were awarded to local Nisei students.

William Marumoto of Santa Ana is general chairman.

Brush painting show on TV successful

SAN FRANCISCO. — "Japanese Brush Painting" is a solid hit with local TV fans who first witnessed Takahiko Mikami's show on May 28 over KQED-TV, local educational station.

As part of the "do it yourself" portion of the week's fare, the Japanese artist used a Japanese brush to draw simple lines, circles, fish and trees. Viewers were told they could obtain a kit, which contained a brush, sumi, suzuri and paper for \$3 by writing to the station.

Within four days, the entire \$400 supply of kits the station had on hand were sold with requests for another 100 sets unfilled. And there were none available that weekend in San Francisco stores.

The station had requested Japan Air Lines to fly in another 1,000 kits in time for Mikami's second show last week.

"The response is terrific—far more than we had anticipated," said Will Maruyama, who is producing the show with director Robert Hagopian. (Maruyama is a member of the San Francisco JACL board of governors).

Detroit student cited

as outstanding citizen

DETROIT.—Rumiko Sakow, junior in pre-nursing at Cass Technical High School, was among 126 students honored as outstanding citizens at the first annual Youth Award Luncheon, sponsored by the Police Dept., board of education, parochial schools and Chrysler Corp. She was active on the Police Youth Council to help combat juvenile delinquency.

Daughter of the Rev. and Mrs. Shawshe Sakow, active CLers, she is also secretary of the JACL-sponsored Teen Club.

Richmond community picnic to be held Aug. 11

RICHMOND.—Sei Kami and Jiggs Fujii of Richmond-El Cerrito JACL were announced as co-chairmen of the local Japanese community picnic to be held Aug. 11 at Marsh Creek Springs.

In process of formation are committees for races, games and prizes.

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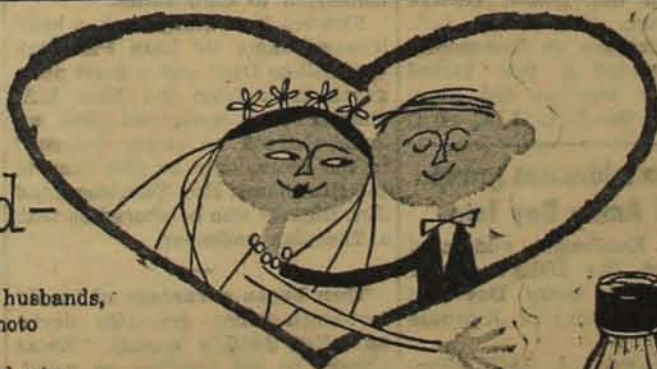
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NAT'L DIRECTOR'S REPORT

By Masao Satow

Lest We Forget

San Francisco

Seventy-two Nisei war dead lay interred in the hallowed grounds of the Golden Gate Military Cemetery at San Bruno. It was our high privilege on Memorial Day to participate in the simple but impressive services in their honor at the invitation of the two San Francisco Nisei veterans groups, the Golden Gate Post of the VFW and the Townsend Harris American Legion Post.

During the registration period in the relocation camps early in 1943, we had occasion to speak by telephone with Colonel Scober, executive assistant to the then Assistant Secretary of War John J. McCloy. At the time the Colonel assured us that the Army was absolutely convinced of the loyalty of Americans of Japanese ancestry, and the performance of the proposed Japanese American combat team would be, in his words, "the lever to lift public opinion to this same view".

It was with this spirit and dedication that our boys took to "go for broke". How well they accomplished this mission is a matter of record written brilliantly and indelibly with their blood on the pages of history.

National JACL's postwar program was predicated upon and dedicated to the theme of our 1946 first postwar National Convention in Denver: "That their sacrifices may not have been in vain". Though relatively few in numbers and without proper financial resources, we went to the Congress of the United States with this irrefutable record of loyalty, tested in the crucible of a world war waged against the land of our parents, to achieve whatever progress we enjoy today.

"KUSHIDA CHEER" PROJECT

We felt the good representative turnout which gave Tats Kushida a rousing sendoff into private life was as much a tribute to JACL as it was a warm and friendly expression of appreciation to Tats for his devoted services. The affair was a happy combination of levity and more sober moments. Tats will miss working closely with our great bunch of JACLers.

We spent several hours getting better acquainted with Fred Takata in connection with our attendance at the "Kushida Cheer" dinner and we came away confident that we have a good, enthusiastic successor. Fred comes on the staff with a background in business, and the valuable grass roots JACL experience at the chapter level. No doubt he may have picked up a few administrative pointers during his Army stint with SHAEF.

OUR NUMBERS GROWING

We are now about two-thirds of the way toward equalling, if not surpassing, the National membership high, albeit abnormal, of 18,000 members on the eve of evacuation. Ever since we came on the National staff we have set our sights on this, and each year we get a little closer. Thanks to the Berkeley, Chicago, Clovis, Cortez, Long Beach, Marysville, Mid-Columbia, Reno, St. Louis, San Jose, and Selma Chapters, for keeping our hopes high by turning in more members than last year these past several weeks.

It's still a close race for largest membership honors with San Francisco still leading with 880, (S.F. Newsletter reports 983), Chicago boasting 823, and Southwest Los Angeles hitting 815.

On the 1000 Club front, the month of May brought in a record 200 memberships and renewals, with two very active Chicago JACLers, Dr. Frank Sakamoto and Kats Okuno, becoming "lifers".

We look forward to welcoming officially the newly organized Imperial Valley Chapter, Credit Tak Momita for sparking the efforts in this area, the home of one of the original chapters forming our National organization, but to which not too many have returned postwar.

CHAPTERS FOLLOW THROUGH

We note a number of chapters have done commendable follow up work locally on our national campaign against objectionable films on TV. These include Arizona, Chicago, Seattle, Twin Cities, San Diego, Mile-Hi, Long Beach, Washington D.C., Idaho Falls and San Francisco, and a special word for Central California district chairman Tom Nagamatsu. Our special appreciation to station KMGM-TV of Minneapolis for cancelling altogether a scheduled showing of "Betrayal From The East" after a conference with Twin Cities Chapter President Henry Makino and J. L. Sandstrom of the Mayor's Council on Human Relations.

Plaudits to the San Diego Chapter for an exceptionally fine job of producing 25 percent of the letters to the California Board of Education Curriculum Committee, backing up our stand on the **Firelight Reader**. Salinas and San Francisco also came through in fine fashion.

CUM LAUDE

A record number of 22 candidates nominated by their respective chapters for the Pvt. Ben Frank Masaoka Memorial Scholarship this year leads us to explore the possibility of giving several supplemental scholarships. The outstanding records and achievements of these young people are most impressive, and the judges will be hard put to determine one winner.

National Headquarters is in receipt of an Award of Excellence as a "client" for San Francisco artist Hisashi Tani. The S.F. Art Directors Exhibition of Advertising liked his novel pin wheel symbolizing of "Changing Perspectives" theme of our National Biennial last year. Actually, JACL was only an innocent bystander, but we accept the award on behalf of the National Convention Board which challenged Hisashi's creative ability and originality. It is most satisfying to see Nisei in various fields complementing our united efforts to win recognition for all of us.



Tats Kushida (left), retiring regional director of the JACL Office in Los Angeles, is being congratulated by Mas Satow, national JACL director, after being conferred the JACL ruby pin in recognition of sacrifice and outstanding service to the organization.



SOU'WESTER

By Tats Kushida

Postscript

(Ed. note: Although the Sou'wester's "Swan Song" appeared in last week's issue, we have prevailed upon him for a postscript to describe in his own words details of his testimonial dinner last week.)

A diabolically conceived and maliciously executed conspiracy failed to ruffle the dignity of the office of regional director although it darn near did.

To the apparent enjoyment and glee of some 200 well-wishers attending our testimonial banquet last Friday, the conspirators in charge of the affair saw to it that we were unmercifully harassed and abused for over two hours.

Bosseteer of this machination was Callahan Ingagi who, with malice aforethought, even inveigled our spouse into cahoots with them.

Emcee Studs Chuman began by announcing that dinner music was being provided by a guest musician. Before we knew it, we were staring at our own violin that the missus had artfully concealed in the trunk of our car. We then recalled how earlier George Inagaki had asked us for the car keys to get something she had forgotten in the car, and when we offered to go after whatever it was he had frantically mumbled something and practically grabbed the keys out of our pocket.

To play our rusty fiddle we wouldn't do for a 1000 Club whinging, but here, supposedly a guest of honor, moreover lacking our 86-proof pre-meal spiritual blessing although Maryknoll's Father Clement had given an invocation, we were to give a command performance. Which we did with a vengeance to the regret of 400 pained eardrums.

Somewhat unnerved by the ordeal, and not knowing what fiendish scheme would unfold next, it was difficult to urge the chinameshi down our gullet. George Thomas, exec. dir. of the L.A. County Conference on Community Relations, tossed a few verbal bouquets our way as did Kenji Ito, prez of the L.A. J. C. of C.

Kunitsugu addresses group at Racial Amity Day fete

Kango Kunitsugu addressed members of the Baha'i Center here on Racial Amity Day last Sunday with a story of Japanese Americans.

The Southwest L.A. JACL chapter president told of the history and progress of Issei-Nisei in the United States and spoke at the annual meeting which promotes human understanding.

who complimented our discerning judgment when in our youth we had decided to give up the violin.

We were further taken aback when the two large packages presented us from the Pacific Southwest District Council by its chairman, Dave Sidecough Yokozeki, neither exploded nor contained a gag, but were bonafide gifts — a set of beautiful imported dinnerware and a silver flatware set. On occasions, we had asked George T. Aratani, boss of American Commercial, Inc., to provide his Narumi fine chinaware to help out JACL drawings, etc., which he always obligingly did, never dreaming we'd ever be on the receiving end.

Our being labelled with a fantastic eating prowess has a vague and nebulous origin as do all myths, but the evening's plotters were viciously intent on setting the theme of the dinner around our alleged feats of gluttony, and there was no stopping them.

First in the parade was a gourmet's delight from Cal-Western's Harry Fujita, who lost three sales scrounging around to make up a "Care" package containing rare and expensive imported edibles such as fried grasshoppers and baby bees, the latter a maggotty thing, roasted caterpillar, eel aspic, smoked octopus, candied lily bulbs and rattlesnake meat.

Cautioning against an enforced fasting during our first year in the life insurance business, Chuman supplied us with a garter girdle "to take up the slack", a non-stretch deal that he'd purloined out of wife Ruby's dresser.

A topper was a pair of live rabbits Inagaki produced from a box "guaranteed to multiply fast enough" to keep us fed, and pulled out a third one to prove his point. Even Doc Nishikawa got into the act with unflattering references to our very personal habit of snoring, even equipping our wife with a clothespin to curb same. Flowers from Hollywood, a hand lettered name tie from Pasadena (per Mikko Dyo) and a guest autograph book from the East L.A. chapter were thoughtful gifts we acknowledged as sanity returned to the room, only to give way to the ELA hams, Roy Yamadera and Jim Higashi who belabored us with a Thespian endeavor.

Then began a cascade of breakfast-lunch-dinner groceries devised after JACL's annual "Xmas Cheer" to aid families on relief. The Machiavellians of the Downtown L.A. chapter had secretly asked everyone to bring a food contribution to the "Kushida Cheer" project. Among the items

CENTRAL CALIF DISTRICT CONFAB SET FOR DEC. 8

FRESNO.—The Central California JACL District Council convention has been set for Sunday, Dec. 8, with Kaz Komoto of Parlier as general chairman.

Selection of the date and committee chairmen for the convention were made at the recent general meeting of the district council leaders here.

Sports activities at the convention will be bowling, to be handled by Tulare County JACL, and golf, with Dr. James Ikemiya of Reedley in charge.

A fashion show is also planned for the convention. The Fresno chapter will handle this event with Mrs. Kikuo Taira in charge.

Other assignments were made to Reedley, printing of program, invitations and tickets; Sanger, general arrangements; Delano, registration; Clovis, banquet; Fowler, entertainment, and Parlier, reception.

In other business at the district meeting, James Matsumura requested surveys on Junior JACL organizations be submitted to him within the next two weeks.

Representatives attending the district event also heard reports on the Firelight reader, CCDC quota and the National JACL's television report.

The next meeting of the district council tentatively was set for July 10 at Dinuba.

DC CLers to fete grads at picnic

WASHINGTON.—All local area graduates from college down to grade school will be honored guests of the Washington, D.C., JACL annual picnic June 23 at Glenmount Recreation Center at Wheaton, Md., according to general chairman Ira Shimasaki.

A full program starting from 5 p.m. promises to be another eventful affair for the chapter, starting with food handled by Nasuo Hashiguchi and Sab Kitagawa, games coordinated by Yoko Sumida and Carol Hayakawa and "a little gift from the chapter" to all graduates.

Close to 200 attended a similar party last year, it was recalled,

bellowed out by barker Frank Suzukida as he reached into a huge boxful of packaged food were cans with switched labels, a small sack of rice (this guy was serious), two fresh mackerel with daikon, a 25 lb. banana squash, three katsu-bushi that turned out to be blackened overripe bananas, an odoriferous lei of dried anchovies (manufactured by W. Funakoshi Co.) and several cans of what "should give an insurance man the drive and feeling to get up and go" — pork and beans.

Pamela, our 15 year oldster, was embarrassed at first, protesting, "we aren't that poor to need all that food" until she caught on to the gag.

Our near-nine Beverly, who was tickled to get the bunnies, chortled all the way home, "Daddy won all the prizes".

In all sincerity, we're deeply grateful to the wonderful JACLers, many of them from distant chapters like San Diego, Arizona and Santa Barbara who attended the dinner, to the civic dignitaries, to the Issei leaders for many of whom this kind of horseplay was a "first", to boss Satow and local JACL board members, to our new boss, pres. Bob Murphy of Cal-Western who was good enough to come down from Sacramento, and to all the others who shared this memorable moment with us. We personally enjoyed every bit of it notwithstanding being the brunt of gag after gag — our turn will come in time.

Thanks, too, to the San Diego and Long Beach-Harbor District chapters for their gifts, and to the many who wired messages from distant points.

Final note — FOR SALE: cheap, one scratchy violin.

VERY TRULY YOURS:

The American Nisei and the Girard case

International matters and JACL are isolated issues unless welfare of persons of Japanese ancestry in this country are directly involved, so deemed JACLers at their last national convention.

Nevertheless, there have been a number of Nisei who feel as Americans of Japanese ancestry that the time has come when they should express themselves on problems that face the United States and Japan. They feel they have a legitimate right and duty to help maintain cordial relations between the two countries since national interests of the U.S. require Japan remain a free democracy as well as stabilize the peace of the Pacific.

The now-famous Girard case has been front-paged in the daily press for nearly a month. How does the average Nisei feel? Many of them have never visited Japan, are mixed up, non-committal and seek light.

Last week, one of its most distinguished Nisei, Judge John Aiso of Los Angeles, volunteered his services as a reserve officer in the Army Judge Advocate General's Dept. to defend the Illinois soldier. To this, the average Nisei can take heart.

A person qualified by his personal background, by his studies in a Japanese university and by his knowledge of law (U.S. military and Japanese), is leading the way for other Nisei, who might contribute to the understanding of this delicate question.

Hence, it is clear that Nisei who are in a position to promote understanding should speak at this time. Good public relations with the Japanese (which can determine the degree of Nisei acceptance in the U.S.) is at stake. Already, there are some who feel that no amount of good will anywhere in the world is worth the sacrifices on any American's right.

—Harry K. Honda

BY THE BOARD:

From Front Page their officers who are promoting this event. So with team work and net work, so typical of JACL functions of JACLers throughout this part of the United States, the joint EDC-MDC Convention is assured of a huge success come this Labor Day weekend.

—Abe Hagiwara
MDC Chairman

Salinas Valley CL to honor graduates

SALINAS.—Local prep and college graduates are to be honored at the Salinas Valley JACL community picnic this Sunday, June 16, at the Sheriff's Posse Grounds here, it was announced by Lefty Miyana, general chairman.

He will be assisted by Charles Tanda, Dr. Harry Kita, Harry Sakasegawa, George Tanimura and Henry Tanda who are preparing the steak barbecue. Kiyo Hirano and Mickey Miyana head the entertainment committee.

Local graduates are:
Univ of California — Yuri Ikeda, Hartnell College — Margaret Kato, Doris Kitamura, Robert Ichikawa, Bill Urabe, Rosie Manetsuka.
Salinas High — Norman Ikeda, Beatrice Tanda, Joan Miura, Phyllis Fujimura, Elyse Iwamoto, Jr. High — Jim Sakasegawa, Allan Terakawa, Jimmy Shiratsuki, Pat Abe.

The chapter's recent efforts to rebeautify Yamato Cemetery took four weekends to accomplish were regarded as a success. The "new look" was possible by personal efforts and contributions of JACLers and former Salinas Valley residents. James Abe headed the cemetery committee.

The chapter also entertained Issei at a successful movie benefit last May 28.

Fowler barbecue

FOWLER.—Over 200 feasted at the annual Fowler JACL barbecue party at the local city park June 1, according to George Taniguchi and Frank Kimura, co-chairmen.

PHILADELPHIA JACL TOPS LAST YEAR'S MEMBERSHIP

PHILADELPHIA.—Bettering their 1956 membership total by at least three, the local JACL chapter reported it has 141 members for 1957 and currently leads among four chapters making up the Eastern District Council.

The 1000 Club membership here is presently at 24, one less than last year. Chapters are currently vying for a special \$50 prize going to the EDC chapter with the largest number of 1000ers as of Aug. 1, 1957.

Fowler JACL to join five groups in community booth at next Fresno Dist. Fair.

FOWLER.—The Fowler JACL will join with five other local organizations for the community booth at the Fresno District Fair this fall. Frank Sakohira was named as general chairman for the community booth by the local Chamber of Commerce recently.

Kay Hiyama was named as the JACL representative to the booth committee. Ray Nishima and Yukio Fukiage were chosen co-chairmen for the vegetables and plums which the chapter will collect and exhibit. Harry Hiraoka was named display chairman.

JACLER CONVALESCING AT HOME FOLLOWING SURGERY ONTARIO.—Snake River JACLER Tom Iseri is convalescing at home following surgery recently at the Holy Rosary Hospital here.

Long Beach JACL nears '57 quota of 400 members; to honor grad tomorrow

LONG BEACH.—Grand total of memberships in the Long Beach-Harbor District JACL has reached the unprecedented high of 335, it was reported by membership chairman George Iseri.

The campaign is still on to reach its quota of 400—which would double the 1956 total of 201.

The 1000 Club count also struck a new high with its 25 renewals and 4 new members. An 1000 Club luau last Sunday honored retiring regional director Tats Kushida and his wife May.

Among the non-Nisei 1000ers are Dr. Gordon Warner, Long Beach State College professor and local kendo club adviser; dentist Dr. Raymond L. Lin; and Glenn Black, "Landscape" magazine publisher and TV show coordinator.

Showing of "This Is Your Life—Mike Masaoka" at the first general meeting last month attracted nearly 100 members and friends at Harbor Community Hall. Hach Yasumura, 2nd v.p. in charge of the meeting, said it was the biggest turnout at a general meeting. Tats Kushida spoke.

Tomizo Joe, chapter president, conducted the business meeting which included reports from Allan Kobata, Shallen Kuramoto, Peggy Tanaka, Fred Ikeguchi, Frances Ishii, Dr. John Kashiwabara and Harry Kitahata.

Hisashi Horita has been engaged to teach an 8-weeks course in bridge starting from Thursday,

June 20, 8 p.m., at the local community center, 1766 Seabright Ave.

Tomorrow night, the chapter is honoring graduating seniors at the "Look for the Silver Lining" dance at the community hall. Frances Ishii, general chairman, said the party was open to the public. Being honored are:

Banning High — Patty Ishikawa, Kimiko Kikuchi, Jeanne Fujita, Shigeko Odama, Alice Yakura, Michiko Yamashita, Masako Sato, Lloyd Nakatani, Ted Mochidome, Scottie Nizawa, Robert Kunishima, Mits Shimabukuro, Warren Shimizu, Ken Terada, George Yoshisako

Jordan High — Roger Kobata, L.B. Polytechnic — Nancy Omata, Millie Fujii, George Ichikawa, Mas Tanaka, Kenny Nakagawa, Atsumi Ono, Richard Morikawa, Michi Kataoka, Ken Saito, Richard Matsui, Janice Kim, Yachiyo Suzuki, Mike Nakashima.

San Pedro High — Ralph Shishido, Marie Tanaka, Willie Oyama, Richard Oyama, Douglas Inouye, Mary Kamiya, Hisako Watanabe, Clark Okano. Wilson High — Akira Endo, Paul Yasutake, Wesley Oyama.

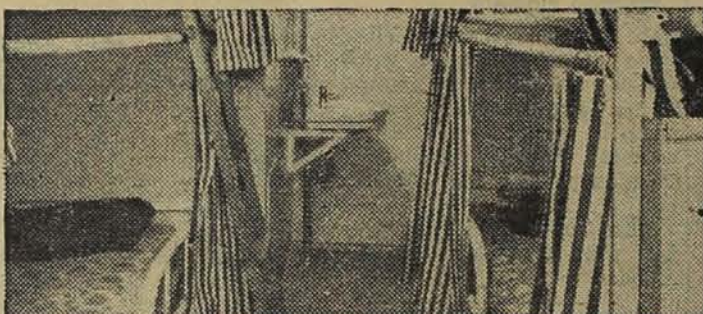
Twin Cities picnic

ST. PAUL.—Jeri Tsurusaki and Jim Kurata, co-chairmen of the Twin Cities community picnic to be held June 23 at Phalen Park, announced the following committeemen:

Jack Takato, gen. arr.; Jim Kurata, site; Simpy Kuramoto, games; Howard Nomura, prizes; Ronnie Oshima, Kodo Kawamura, sports; Jeri Tsurusaki, purchase; H. Hangai, fin.; Mas Teramoto, ann.; Evelyn Hayashida, Fumio Hangai, pub.; Min Yoshida, poster; Authorized Pen & Pencil Shop (Mas Teramoto), Giftland (Les Abe), Kurata's Barber Shop, Oriental Gift Shop (J. Akamatsu), donations.

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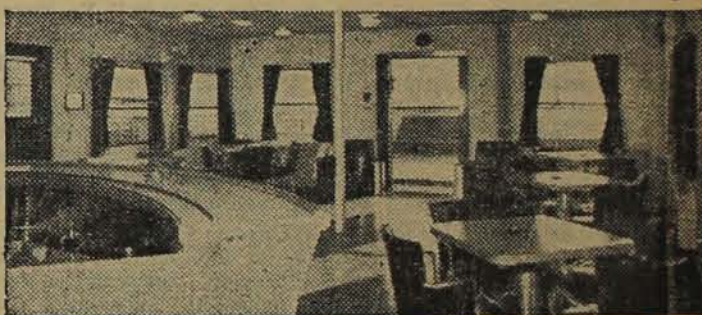
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THE NORTHWEST PICTURE

By Elmer Ogawa

On father's day

Seattle

Unusual as it is for the fellow in this corner to be looking so far ahead, next Sunday will be Father's Day. It seems that naming one day out of the 365 for father came as an afterthought when everyone found out what a success Mother's Day got to be, and it's a mighty happy event when the old man comes in for his day on the throne.

When we reflect that most Nisei are fathers and even a few are grandfathers, it would be interesting to compile a group of reports from Nisei and Sansei on how they picture their dads, and thereby get a collective slant on how the viewpoints of the heritage have changed.

My own Pop passed out of the picture during War I when I was an eleven year old, so the few recollections that we select are necessarily from perspective of a juvenile.

A wee small youngster is to this day impressed with what happened one day when riding on the trolley car with his mother; and then turning around suddenly to see Pop on the seat behind. Years later, upon reading the works of a learned sociologist, I became aware that persons involved in those early day mixed marriages were so consistently the butt of insulting and embarrassing remarks when appearing in public, that they avoided appearing together. Was this a matter of getting on the same trolley at different corners and then pretending not to be together? Could be, when one recalls that the parents so seldom appeared in public.

But we kids always went around a lot with dad, and yours truly being the eldest had a four year start on the second, and seven years on the third.

The wonders of the Alaska Yukon Pacific Exposition on the U. of W. campus in 1909 can be easily recalled; the impressive Forestry Building, and the circular pond at the head of the midway which to this day is known as "Frosh Pond."

When too young to know what it was all about, we started going to ball games with Pop. We took the cable car to Dugdale Park, 12th and Yesler, paid the admission and watched the professional Seattle team play, no less. At other times it was to Woodland Park or other playfields to watch a local or visiting Japanese team play. Yours truly tried to take in the entire scene at each event, but was advised by Pop, the thing to do was to watch the ball.

One day father came home and said that there was a movie downtown that I his son had to see. Actually it was a documentary film of a lizard that could thrust its tongue out the length of its body, and flick a caterpillar or insect from a plant just like that: an outstanding bit of movie photography in the day of the nickelodeon.

When we got to the "Class A" theatre, that was its name, Pop evidently put just a nickel across the counter, because the cashier said, "You'll have to pay for the boy, Charlie." Pop said, "This is for HIM! I saw the show already." Ya wanta see the show twice, we found out, ya gotta pay twice.

We went on business trips too. Such was a trip to Bellingham, 99 miles away, and my first train ride. We stayed at the best hotel in town for the first couple of days, and then moved to more modest accommodations as time wore on. During the visit, we enjoyed a trip to Lummi Island where some Issei were packing salmon in brine, and had first opportunity to view the full operation of a salmon canery.

Other trips were by the Sound Flyer to Tacoma to see the beauties of Pt. Defiance Park and its zoo. We also went to Fife, Kent and Auburn to visit greenhouses. This was the time of one of the smaller ventures, to promote the importation and growing of calla lilies. It didn't turn out so well, because people across the ocean sent inferior bulbs.

Ah, but the trips that were made for enjoyment only—to visit the Western Washington Fair at Puyallup, which today is big time. But anyhow, THAT DAY, which must have been about 1913 or before, because we remember the date as one concerning the prohibition of potable products in this state—Dad and I had had a long dusty day viewing all the exhibits, the side shows, rides, and I was stuffed full of hot dogs, pop, and the fluff candy.

We crossed the tracks of the railroad preparatory to catching the train home. Pop said: "Wait here, I'll come right back—there's another man I want to see." And I watched him as he re-crossed the tracks, the heat waves sending up their eerie aberrations across the face of a red brick building on the corner—on the building the illustration of a foamy schooner, labelled "5 cents". Into the swinging doors went Pop: bless his dehydrated gullet.



Reedley JACL broke a two-year domination of San Francisco JACL Olympics by Southern California aggregations at the 1957 meeting at Kezar. Helping in the cause were these lads (left to right), hurdler Hideo Sakamoto, sprinter-weightman Larry Iwasaki and sprint-hurdles man Ken Sakata. This trio and Lloyd Takahashi formed the 880 relay team which set a new time of 1:34.9s.

MICHIGAN STATE GRANTS SCHOLARSHIP TO NISEI

DETROIT.—George Kobayashi of Capac High School won a scholarship to Michigan State University. The son of Mr. and Mrs. Minoru Kobayashi, Capac, was outstanding in athletics, his football uniform number being retired and starring in basketball and baseball.

The young athlete also served as class president for three terms and was active in school drama.

Women golfers

SAN FRANCISCO.—Mrs. Misa Sumida scored a 302 low gross to win the 54-hole spring tournament of the Royal Dots, only Nisei women golf group here, over three courses: Hillview, Sonoma and Pasatiempo. She is a 17-handicapper.

Shizu Fujiwara took low average net with 370-50-220 or 73 per round.

TANIMOTO NAMED TO ALL-CITY TENNIS TEAM

Tetsu Tanimoto of Wilson High, city champions, was selected by coaches to the Los Angeles All-City tennis team as a member of the fourth doubles squad.

LAND 247-LB. BASS FOR SPORTS FISHING RECORD

SAN DIEGO.—James Kawaoka, 527 N. Virgil St., Los Angeles, landed a 247-lb. California black sea bass last weekend for what was written down as a world's record by fishing boat operators.

It was the biggest ever taken with a 20-pound test, or lighter, line. Kawaoka took 1 hr. and 12 min. to bring his big one to boat off the Coronado Islands.

Previous record was a 148-lb. black bass caught in the same area on Dec. 15, 1954.

Placer Jr. JACL competes in summer baseball loop

LOOMIS.—Wayne Hironaka, who finished a championship season with Sierra College, is pitching the Placer Jr. JACL nine to what can become a Foothill League title this summer.

In the first two games, Placer Jr. JACL won 5-3 over Hagginswood and 13-2 over Auburn. Six teams make up the division in which the Nisei group is competing.

CATHAY POST AUXILIARY

DENVER.—Mrs. Helen Nakashima was elected president of the Cathay Post 185 Auxiliary recently.

GENE MATSUO SET FOR WIMBLEDON TENNIS MATCHES

SAN FRANCISCO.—For the first time in its history England's famous tennis tournament at Wimbledon starting June 26 will see participation of a Japanese American net player.

He is Gene Matsuo, 20-year-old son of Yuji Matsuo of 2095 Bush St. in San Francisco, now serving with the U.S. Army in Germany.

Gene has been selected by the Los Angeles Tennis Association to represent the group at Wimbledon. He is a protege of Pancho Gonzales, well known American tennis star of Mexican ancestry. Gene's mother lives in Los Angeles.

Writing to his father in San Francisco recently, Gene said that "playing in these European tournaments are tough, but fun; actually, however, it isn't any tougher than the ones in Southern California."

After Wimbledon, Gene, according to his letter will participate in a couple of German championships and then a couple of military tournaments in the United States.

Nisei 3rd-sacker earns

L.A. All City honors

Kunio Kawakami, 17-year-old third sacker for Roosevelt High School, was named to the All-City first team this week by the Helm's Athletic Foundation board of baseball.

Only last week, the husky (5 ft. 8 in., 170 lbs.) lad was selected to the All-Eastern team. He ended his prep season with a .436 batting average. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Hisao Kawakami, 3129 E. 3rd St.

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LOS ANGELES NEWSLETTER

By Henry Mori

A Game Fellow

The committee which masterminded that testimonial banquet for retiring So. Calif. JACL regional director Tats Kushida last Friday really had a well organized program.

There wasn't a moment lost in keeping up the spirited dinner which attracted more than 200 at San Kwo Low's third floor banquet hall. Kushida was paid tribute for his work of the last decade like no other JACLer in recent years. He was lauded, feted and at most (for humor sake) put through some fun-making ordeals but the game fellow took everything in stride.

The whole evening's theme was Food, an item which Kushida has been known to consume in great quantity wherever and whenever possible. The man who sits next to him at any dinner table runs the risk of "starving" lest he calls on the waiter for separate portions for himself.

The testimonial to Kushida indeed was sincere and spontaneous and there were many who expressed deep regret that night on the loss to the organization of a hardworking guy who accomplished so much during the trying period of the last decade.

Our personal association with Tats outside of JACL matters has also been one of great enjoyment. Kushida has promised many of his JACL friends that he will continue to give his utmost interest in the league as soon as he has settled down to the routine of selling insurance.

George "The Horse" Yoshinaga, the man who refers us as a "man who works down the street" is going into broadcasting of Nisei sports roundup once a week Sunday on Matao Uwate's Radio Li'l Tokyo. (KBLA, 1490 kc., 9:25-9:30 p.m.—Ed.)

This means we'll have to dust off our old radio, replace some tubes and see if we can hear the station.

Yoshinaga, who is the sports columnist for Saburo Kido's Shin Nichi Bei, is among the few Nisei journalists conducting a daily column besides publisher Kido.

Yoshinaga has a very refreshing and colorful way of putting sports words together and for our money if his announcing is as entertaining as his column, it should be worth a listen.

It'll be a first Nisei mikseide affair on sports but on another radio station, Kats Kunitzugu of Southwest L.A. JACL does a weekly chore delving on things of interest to women. She has been for some years.

You would think that the older one would have more interest in crayons but it seems in our family, Bennett's getting the collective interest: paper money! Better make that paper play money!

He just exchanged a set of Popeye Crayons for a wad of make-believe greenbacks with Dana, his brother. On a share and share alike basis we urged Bennett to release some of his "currency" to the younger one but he steadfastly refused. "You give him some of yours, daddy!" We had to tell him that when you get like daddy you just don't accumulate that sort of bundle—not even in dollar bills (long enough).



CHICAGO CORNER

By Smoky H. Sakurada

Rip-snorlin' time

Chicago

Convention time is nearing for EDC-MDC JACLers and in the good old 1000 Club tradition, plans call for a bang-up, rip-snorlin' whing ding at the Como Inn on Saturday, Aug. 31, 6:30 p.m. With an old hand like Tokuzo Gordon at the helm, it should top all others in hilarity and good fellowship.

Total price of dinner will be \$6, including the spirits. Chapters are being asked to organize a skit or gag. So that the committee in charge can plan accordingly, 1000ers are being asked to turn in reservations to the Midwest JACL Office, 1200 N. Clark St., Chicago 10, as soon as possible. Tokuzo adds: "Your check in advance will help us meet the advance guaranty. If your plans change, your money will of course be refunded".

CHICAGOAN TO ATTEND ILLINOIS BOYS STATE

Gene Kunitomi, son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Kunitomi, 2053 N. Sheffield, will be sponsored by the First Aero Wing Post 836 to the 1957 Illinois Boys' State June 23-30 at Springfield's state fair grounds. The Lane Tech High junior is master sergeant in the school ROTC.

The Boys' State program was originated in Illinois in 1934 and adopted by the national organization of the American Legion operating in 48 states. Purpose is to teach youth of today constructive attitudes toward the American form of government.

CHERRY BLOSSOM FESTIVAL: Japanese food, imported items and homemade gifts are to be featured at the Cherry Blossom Festival sponsored by the Christian Fellowship Church, 912 W. Sheridan Rd., on June 29. . . A courtship that began when they were pen pals at 13 will culminate with a June wedding for Kathy Takata, 19, of Honolulu, and Richard Andrews, also 19, of Abingdon, Ill. The six-year correspondence netted some 600 letters, they said. . . Kenji Nakane, who recently returned from a Japan visit, will address the June meeting of the Cosmo Club, local soldier bride group. Nakane is executive director of the Japanese American Service Committee.

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VITAL STATISTICS

BIRTHS

LOS ANGELES
SHISHIDO, Tohoru (Tomiko Takayama) — boy Wayne R., Apr. 2, Sun Valley.
TAKAHASHI, George S. (Aiko Ogo-mori) — girl Carolyn Keiko, Mar. 28.
TAKEUCHI, Noboru (Atsuko Mochizuki) — boy Todd Iwao, Apr. 6.
TANIGUCHI, Jack K. (Chiye Hashimoto) — boy John Kaoru, Mar. 30, West Covina.
TANIGUCHI, Jack T. (Sueno Kawai) — girl Jill Sadako, Mar. 31.
TAWA, Ken T. (Yasuko Ishibashi) — girl Audrey Machiko, Mar. 15.
TERAMOTO, Wallace Y. (Elaine Nakagishi) — boy Dean Tamotsu, Mar. 28.
TSUGE, Joe (Pauline Yamane) — boy Michael Hiroyuki, Apr. 7, Gardena.
TSUCHIYAMA, Minoru (Sonoko Hiji-kata) — boy Terrence K., Apr. 13, Whittier.
TSUKAMOTO, Percy H. (Chiyeo Abe) — boy Mark V., Apr. 9.
WASHINGTON, Curtis (Mieko Kaneko) — girl Frances Akemi, Apr. 7, Compton.
WATANABE, Akihiro (Marian F. Maruyama) — boy Dean Akio, Mar. 29.
WATARI, Joe M. (Sumiye Yoshida) — boy Alan Tadashi, Mar. 26.
WHANG, Joseph (Mae H. Takamine) — girl Vanessa M., Mar. 18.
YAMADA, Goro (Yoko Kinoshita) — girl Grace Mariko, Mar. 28.
YAMAGATA, Sadao (Toyoko Nagasaki) — boy Sho Donald, Apr. 15.
YAMAGUCHI, Thomas I. (Violet Ike-mi) — girl Teri Fujiko, Apr. 6.
YAMASHIRO, Haruo (Takako Sugita) — girl Nancy, Apr. 5.
YAMAGUCHI, Irving (Grace Ishizaka) — girl Gail Shimako, Apr. 6.
YOSHITAKE, James I. (Haruko Hosozawa) — boy James Yoichi, Apr. 6, Monterey Park.

SALINAS

HIGASHI, George (Janice Kitamura) — boy Gary G., May 17.
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SAITO, Mas (Barbara Osajima) — girl Donna Emiko, Elmhurst.

WEDDINGS

ABE-SAKURABA — May 25, Yoshio (formerly of Portland, Ore.) and Kay

S.F. 'Summer Informal'

SAN FRANCISCO.—Dick Bailey's orchestra will play at the San Francisco JACL "Summer Informal", June 22, at the Surf Club, according to chairman Elsie Uye-da. Dancing starts at 9 p.m.

Bids are available from chapter members at \$4 per couple for members; \$5 for non-members. Lucy Adachi heads the ticket committee.

SPELLING BEE CHAMP

DETROIT.—Carol Itami, fifth-grade champ at Irving Elementary School in the recent Detroit News metropolitan spelling bee, was awarded a dictionary, lapel pin and pencil. She is the daughter of JACLers Mr. and Mrs. Shig Itami.

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DEATHS

AKAKI, Naka: St. Paul, Minn. (formerly Modesto, Calif.), May 24 — (H) Harry, (S) Yuki, Sadao, (d) Hatsume, Mrs. Tsugime Takemoto (St. Louis, Mo.), 6 grandchildren.
AKIYAMA, Nancy N., 32: Westminster May 22 — (H) Joe, (S) Wayne, Dale, (d) Caroline, (p) Mr. & Mrs. Tokichi Hasegawa, (b) Arao, (S) Mrs. Tamaye Hirose.
AOKI, Toyoki, 83: Torrance, May 18 — (w) Tatsu, (S) Jack, (d) Mrs. Atsuko Yasutake.
ASAI, Mrs. Kame, 81: New York, May 26 — (S) Capt. Sim, Capt. George (USA), Ken, Joe, Woodrow, (d) Mrs. Kazu Warner (Ithaca), Mrs. Lilyan Babroff (Miami, Fla.), Mrs. Hannah Culver, Mrs. Mary Kawachi.
HANDA, Itaro, 78: Los Angeles, May 13 — (S) Henry S.
IKEMURA, Tsuru, 75: Los Angeles, May 19 — (S) Tsutomu, Maruo, (d) Mmes. Toshiko Miyamoto, Terry Endo.
KANEMAKI, Toyokichi, 78: Los Angeles, May 21 — (w) Riki, (S) Shigeru, (d) Yasuko, Yoshiko, Kimiko.
KAWAMOTO, Iwamatsu, 80: Long Beach, May 12 — (w) Asae, (S) Kenneth, Ralph, Ray, Albert, Tomio, Mutsuo Ryo, (d) Alleen, Mrs. Sally Tsujimoto.
KOSUGI, Riyo, 59: Los Angeles, May 15 — (d) Rosie.
KOZUKI Yukino, 69: Los Angeles, May 13 — (S) Masaru, Satoru, John K., Bob M., (d) Mmes. Matsue M. Hirata, Nancy T. Ota, and 11 grandchildren.
KUBOTSU, Jutaro, 60: Bakersfield, May 11 — (w) Shikano, (S) Kiyoshi, (d) Teruko, Mmes. Yoshiye Hasegawa, Masae Sakamoto.
MOMOSE, Senzaburo, 72: New York, May 20 — (w) Elizabeth.
NAKASONO, Yoshiko, 39: Los Angeles May 10 — (H) Takeo, (S) Mikio, Yasuo, (d) Grace.
NAKASUJI, Kenneth, 6: Los Angeles, May 21 — (p) Paul S. & Mary C., (b) Paul.
NISHIMURA, Tomizo, 72: Watsonville, May 14.
SAIMOTO, Kataro, 68: Los Angeles, May 24.
SATA, Naosada, 74: Los Angeles, May 14 — (w) Tsuru, (S) Yasuo, Hironobu, (d) Mrs. Michiko Ito.
SUMIDA, Jinjuro, 67: Los Angeles, May 15 — (S) Kazuji, Minoru, Tadatsu, (d) Mrs. Fuji Oishi.
YAMADA, Susan Y., 2 mos.: Los Angeles, May 18 — (p) Kiyoshi & Barbara.
YOKOTA, Tsugio, 71: Los Angeles, May 15 — (w) Chiyono, (S) Victor T.

Nisei biochemist

George M. Kunitake, candidate for a Ph.D. degree in biochemistry and nutrition at Univ. of Southern California, is writing his dissertation on the dark fixation of carbon dioxide in leaves of higher plants. The Los Angeles-born Nisei has been a research assistant at the L.A. County General Hospital after graduating from UCLA in 1951.

WHEREABOUTS SOUGHT
OF LONG BEACH RESIDENT

The evacuation claims field office, 219 W. 7th St., Los Angeles, is seeking the whereabouts of Harris Masaharu Shioya, formerly living at 1435 Cowles St., Long Beach, so that the office can process his claim.

PIANO RECITAL

SACRAMENTO.—Junior pupils of Kay Sadanaga-Kishaba are to be presented in a piano recital June 16, 2:30 p.m., at the Parkview Presbyterian Church social hall, 727 T St.

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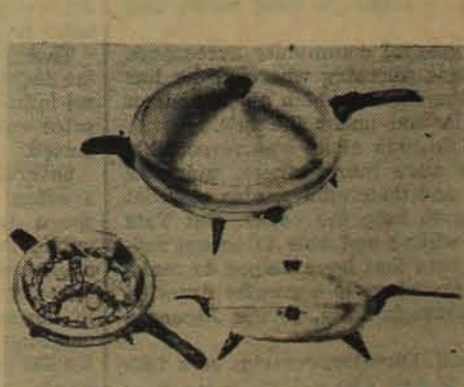
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Meeting chairman will be Cal Kitazumi, assisted by Kaz Watanabe, evening toastmaster; Kei Hori, table topics; and Jerry Enomoto, master evaluator. Group seeks additional members.

New officers are Yone Satoda, pres.; Steve Doi, treas.; and Kaz Watanabe, sec.

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WASHINGTON NEWSLETTER

By Mike Masaoka

Tribute to Tats

Washington

Last Friday evening in Los Angeles, a public testimonial banquet was held in honor of Tats Kushida, who is retiring tomorrow (June 15) after more than a decade of dedicated service to the Japanese American Citizens League as a regional representative.

MOST DEDICATED PERSON

Ten year in a man's life is a long time indeed, particularly when it comes in his thirties when he needs to take care of his family, build a home, and establish his business or profession. These are considered man's most productive years.

And when these years came immediately following World War II, when young Americans of Japanese ancestry were particularly busy in re-establishing their home and businesses after the harsh experiences of evacuation and relocation, only the most dedicated of persons were willing to devote themselves to the public, rather than to private, personal service.

Tats Kushida was such a man.

While most other young men his age were busy in re-establishing themselves and their families, Tats gave this important segment of his life to helping others instead of himself. That his wife and family of two daughters suffered as a consequence, while Tats worked at the job of making this country more secure for all persons of Japanese ancestry, is a facet of public life that few who are not themselves similarly engaged can appreciate.

CHALLENGE OF MIDWEST AREA

Tats first joined the National JACL staff in the spring of 1946 as its Midwest regional representative. The several chapters which had just been established in Illinois, Wisconsin, Ohio, Minnesota, and Missouri had to be nurtured and the then organized Midwest District Council had to be activated into a growing organization.

Americans of Japanese ancestry were then on the move, and the responsibilities of resettlement and adjustment were major problems for every person of Japanese ancestry in every community. In midwestern United States, where the people had little or no previous contact with persons of Japanese ancestry, this was a most challenging task in public education and relations.

At the same time, the great campaign, initiated at the first post-war National JACL Convention in Denver the same year, for equality in naturalization and immigration privileges, for the payment of evacuation claims, and for the elimination of anti-Japanese and discriminatory laws, had just begun. Community organizations had to be rallied to the support of these fundamental American objectives and urged to actively participate in their realization. The five states in the Midwest District Council had more congressmen in Washington than all of the west coast and intermountain states put together, and so their endorsement was vital to the success of the legislative program.

'SOLD' JACL IN PACIFIC SOUTHWEST AREA

Two years after he was appointed to head up the Midwest Office, he was transferred to Los Angeles to be the Pacific Southwest Regional JACL Representative, the position from which he retires tomorrow. In this area, and particularly in Los Angeles County, more persons of Japanese ancestry by far are congregated than in any similar region in this nation.

In 1949, the relocation movement back to Southern California from the War Relocation Centers and from temporary resettlement points in the Rockies, the Midwest, the South, and the East had not yet been completed, so the difficult problems of housing, employment, and community relations became Tats' responsibilities.

JACL chapters had to be reactivated after the temporary suspensions caused by evacuation, and the spirit of JACL had to be "sold" to the Japanese American communities in the southland, an area that had not been too active in its support of this organization prior to World War II.

Moreover, the final drive for congressional enactment of legislation extending the privilege of naturalization to the Issei pioneers of America and the repeal of the Japanese Exclusion Act of 1924 was on, with its complications, complexities, and confusions.

FULL-TIME RESPONSIBILITY ACCEPTED

That the Midwest District Council and the chapters therein are among the most active in the National Organization, that the Pacific Southwest District Council and its chapters comprise the second largest district council in the nation, and that generally the Japanese American community is aware of JACL's achievements and organization are a tribute to Tats' ability and work.

But a greater tribute is the general community acceptance enjoyed by all persons of Japanese ancestry wherever he has worked and by the equality and the dignity which all persons of Japanese ancestry enjoy today in and under the law.

This is not to say that Tats Kushida alone was responsible for these good things, for there were many others, many of whom volunteered their services and their efforts, also at great personal sacrifice to themselves, to help the cause. But Tats was among those few who were willing and able to accept full-time responsibility for these projects that have helped to make the Japanese American a better American in a greater America and who has brought security, through unity, to the Japanese American community.

Only Mas Satow, National JACL Director, remains as a full-time staff member of that gallant few who a little more than ten years ago joined in the task of making America more meaningful to so many other Americans, and particularly to Japanese Americans.

SUCCESS AND HAPPINESS, TATS!

As Tats Kushida takes up his new responsibilities to himself, to his family, and to his profession as a life underwriter, we who have worked with him and all the thousands who have benefited from his efforts for the public good, join in wishing him well—success and happiness which he so richly deserves.



OVER 3,000 JAPANESE IMMIGRANTS ADMITTED TO U.S. IN SIX MONTHS

WASHINGTON.—Over 3,000 Japanese immigrants were admitted from July-December, 1956, for permanent residence in the United States, the Washington Office of the Japanese American Citizens League was advised this week by the Immigration and Naturalization Service.

A total of 3,587 Japanese aliens were admitted into the United States for permanent residence from July 1 to December 31, 1956, according to the statistics made available to the JACL office.

Of this total, 82 were so-called quota immigrants, and 3,261 were non-quota immigrants. Of the non-quota immigrants, 2,527 were the wives of United States citizens; 89 were husbands of United States citizens; 220 were children of United States citizens; two were spouses

and children of Western Hemisphere natives; two were former American citizens who had recovered their citizenship; 18 were ministers, their spouses, and children; and 403 were so-called refugees.

This total was admitted under the provisions of the Immigration and Nationality (Walter-McCarran) Act of 1952, which in addition to an annual quota of 185 for Japan contains many non-quota privileges for Japan immigrants.

Immigrants admitted from all countries totalled 184,957 for this same half-year period, of which 46,561 were quota immigrants and 138,396 were non-quota immigrants.

All of the Asian countries contributed 12,714 immigrants to the world-wide total, of which 1,683 were quota and 11,031 were non-quota.

DR. NISHIKAWA ADDRESSES NURSES ON PROBLEMS OF JAPANESE AMERICANS

PASADENA.—Dr. Roy Nishikawa, national JACL president, of Los Angeles appeared with a panel of speakers on "Problems of Minority Groups" for a group of nurses at St. Luke's Hospital here on June 6.

He presented the Issei - Nisei story from the time of first immigrants over 60 years ago, through the war years and present day and told of the struggles and hardships in organizing JACL.

Other speakers, Dr. James Kirk of Loyola University, Henrietta Villaescusa of Community Service Organization; and Pimo Strongheart of Indian Center, explained to the nurses the background of Negro, Mexican and American Indian life. Mrs. Faye Wilson, instructor at LACC, was moderator.

Students to be deported held for auto thefts

SAN FRANCISCO.—Two Japanese in this country on student visas. Frank A. Inami, 26, and Ichitaro Nishihara, 23, have been sentenced for auto thefts and will probably be deported to Japan before completing their 90-day jail terms.

Both were held since May 2 on charges of grand theft (a felony) but were permitted to change to their original pleas of "not guilty" to "guilty" on a more lenient charge of petty theft (a misdemeanor), when they expressed their desire to return to Japan.

Inami had been attending San Diego State College before coming here to work in a candy factory.

Kushida -

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the first time humor-infested honors trying to capsize Tat's poise. To JACLers familiar with 1000 Club whing dings, it was like lapping up nectar of the gods.

Rather than repeating some of the perpetrations against Tat's self-restraint, it is suggested a full account be read in his special "Sou 'Wester'" column inside.

If a discriminating moment can be plucked from the Friday fiasco at San Kwo Low, we would have to choose Tats Kushida being conferred the JACL ruby pin and his wife May being honored with the JACL sapphire pin—emblematic of long years of sacrifice and loyalty to the national organization.

National JACL also presented him with a gold wrist watch and severance pay. Dr. Roy Nishikawa, national JACL president of Los Angeles and Mas Satow, national director, here from San Francisco did the honors.

With the serious aspects as well as the Chinese banquet dismissed, the ensuing two hours of gags and giggles savored the testimonial with quick dispatch.

Readers of Kushida's column know well of his epicurean intake. His successor, Fred Takata, won't play "second fiddle" to Tats in this department as East L.A. CLers sitting next to him at the dinner can testify. (Oh yes, Fred can't play "second fiddle" since Tats is offering to sell his fiddle after his unannounced debut.)

OVER 50 SERVING ON POCATELLO PICNIC GROUP

POCATELLO.—Over 50 committeemen are assisting Kunio Yamada, Roy Morimoto and Kenji Akiyama, co-chairmen of the Pocatello JACL community picnic, being held this Sunday at Bilyeu Ranch.

The chapter has decided to call the day "Hiram Bilyeu Day" to honor this tall man with a wide grin and extended hand who has been a staunch friend of JACLers in the past years.

Chief assistants include Harry Watanabe, George Shiozawa, Bill Yamauchi, Jun Shiosaki and Novo Kato.

Sanger lass wins state Elk's youth competition

FRESNO.—Peggy Sasajima, 18, Sanger Union High student body president, won the statewide Elk's Lodge youth leadership contest after first winning the Fresno County and East Central District awards.

Eugene Heil of Stockton, state youth activities vice - chairman, made the presentation last week at the Fresno Lodge 439 meeting.

CALENDAR

June 14 (Friday)
Philadelphia — Regular meeting.
Orange County — Dinner meeting, Kono Hawaii, Anaheim; 7:30 p.m.; Clifford Tanaka, spkr.
Boise Valley — Graduates dance, IOOF Hall, Caldwell.
June 15 (Saturday)
Long Beach — Graduates dance, Harbor Comm. Center, 8:30 p.m.
Santa Maria Valley — Graduates dance, Chicago — Graduates dance, Sheridan Plaza Hotel.
June 16 (Sunday)
Salinas — Community picnic, Sheriff's Posse Grounds.
Pocatello — JACL picnic, Bilyeu Ranch.
San Francisco — Community picnic, Speedway Meadows, Golden Gate Park.
Berkeley — Community picnic, Tilden Park.
June 20 (Thursday)
New York — Installation banquet (tent.)
June 22 (Saturday)
Orange County — Carnival, Buena Park Recreation Park, 11 a.m.-11 p.m.
Cortez — Graduates' outing, Lake Yosemite.
San Francisco — "Spring Informal" dance, Surf Club, Dick Baily's orch.
June 23 (Sunday)
D.C. — Graduates' picnic, Glenmount Recreation Center, Wheaton, Md., 5 p.m.
Yellowstone — JACL picnic, Rexburg, Twin Cities — Community picnic, Phalen Park, St. Paul.
June 29 (Saturday)
Berkeley — Graduates Prom, Jefferson School.
June 30 (Sunday)
Los Angeles — Nisei Relays, Rancho Cienega.
Cleveland — Community picnic, Weiland's Lake.
July 3 (Wednesday)
CCDC — 3rd Quarterly session (tent.)
July 4 (Thursday)
San Diego — Community picnic, Silver Strand State Park.
July 7 (Sunday)
Sonoma County — Community picnic, Doran State Park, Bodens Bay.
July 10 (Wednesday)
CCDC — Summer quarterly meeting, Dinuba.