



PRESIDENT'S CORNER:

'Fantabulous' convention memories linger

Pleasant memories of the recent joint EDC-MDC Convention still linger with us despite some of the less appealing aspects of the Labor Day convention in Chicago such as the steamy weather and the grueling five-day schedule which some Board and Staff members went through. In our opinion, the most significant aspects of the convention were as follows:

(1) The tremendous impetus given to the JACL Youth Program. Eighty-seven youngsters participated in their own convention. The avid interest shown by both the young people and their parents is encouraging for the future growth of this program.

(2) The "New Perspectives" of the JACL which may lead to a broader base of interest and action by our national organization. Although no formal action was taken, there are indications that perhaps JACL can no longer concern itself with narrow group interests but must broaden its interests and activities to conform with changing conditions in a dynamic world. This problem will be explored more fully at the district level and will be one of the key issues at the Salt Lake City National Convention in '58.

(3) The great amount of interest and enthusiasm generated among convention delegates on JACL problems. The Eastern and Midwest District Council delegates impressed us with their mature outlook, their conscientious devotion to JACL principles, and the ability to work with and understand one another. They made us proud of being Americans of Japanese ancestry and they made us feel both proud and humble of our own role in serving the national organization.

(4) The informal National Board and Staff meetings which enabled us to draw many loose ends together and which set the stage for better working conditions for our devoted and conscientious staff.

(5) The gentle, "low pressure" salesmanship of Kenji Tashiro and his

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\$1.3 MILLION CLAIMS MEASURE SIGNED BY IKE

WASHINGTON.—President Eisenhower signed the last supplemental appropriations bill which was approved by Congress prior to adjournment last week, the Washington Office of the Japanese American Citizens League and the Committee on Japanese American Evacuation Claims was informed.

The bill includes a provision for \$1,376,287.25 for payment of 403 claims authorized by the JACL-COJAEC sponsored Evacuation Claims Act of 1948 and its amendments. Earlier in the session, Congress had approved another appropriations totalling \$2,242,119.77 for 1,648 claimants. This means that 2,051 claimants will receive a total of \$3,618,407.02 in evacuation claims awards by the end of the year.

Checks Due Soon

The Treasury Department will begin sending out government checks immediately, according to the Washington JACL Office. The claimants included in the supplemental appropriations bill are those awarded amounts from May through August 5 of this year.

The supplemental appropriations bill approves the payment of awards made in fiscal 1958 (which began July 1, 1957), an almost unprecedented action. It is the general government procedure to have supplemental appropriations cover only the current or last fiscal year (in this case only those awards made up to July 1, 1957) with additional appropriations for the payment of awards after the start of the fiscal year being carried over until the following session when deficiency and supplemental appropriations for fiscal 1958 are to be considered.

JACL-COJAEC urged both Houses of Congress in the final days of session to accept these supplemental appropriations this year, pointing out that it has been 15 years since these losses which are only now being paid, were sustained and since these evacuee-claimants had already waited too long for the payment of their claims.

August 5 Awardees

The House-Senate conference which compromised on the differences between the bills agreed on on the payment of claims to the August 5 date. The original House bill authorized payment to mid-July 1957 and the Senate bill added payment of \$212,862.12 for 66 additional evacuees who were authorized awards from mid-July to August 5.

FIRST NISEI ANNAPOLIS GRADUATE AT MIDWAY I.

MIDWAY ISLAND.—Lt. (jr) Takeshi Yoshihara, first Nisei to graduate from the United States Naval Academy at Annapolis, is stationed as assistant public works officer here.

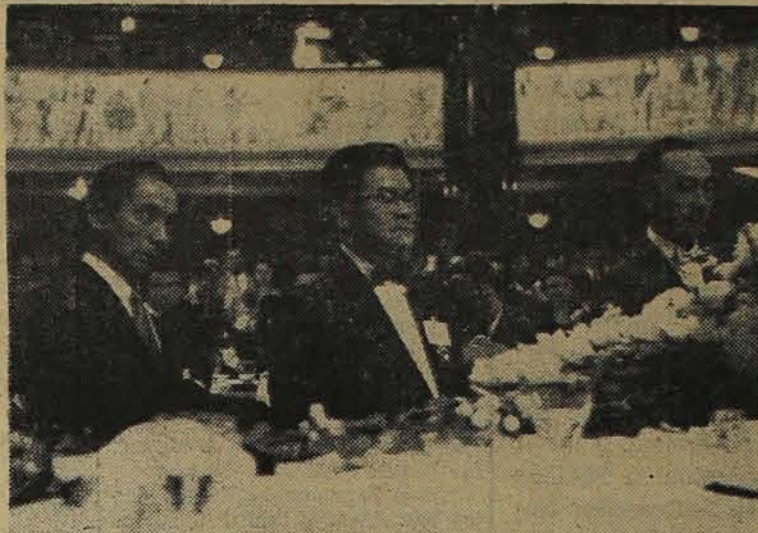
Yoshihara hails from Renton, Wash.

Issei couple married 69 years among longest wedded pair in Islands

HONOLULU.—The Honolulu Star-Bulletin, in search for the longest-married couple in the Islands, placed Mr. and Mrs. Matanoshin Ebsumoto of Kauai on top of the list. The Garden Isle couple were married in Yamaguchi, Japan, in December, 1888, almost 69 years ago.

Husband, 90, and his wife, 87, came to the Islands around 1897; have four children, 17 grandchildren and 19 great-grandchildren.

JACL hails signing of civil rights bill



Close-up of three JACLers being sworn in as officers of the Eastern and Midwest District Council at the recent Chicago convention are (left to right) Sam Kai of New York, 2nd v.c., EDC; Charles Nagao of Seabrook, EDC chmn.; and Kumeo Yoshinari of Chicago, MDC chmn. and convention board chairman. Installation was held in the Grand Ballroom of the Hotel Sheraton.

Senate Interior Committee urges Hawaii statehood without further delaying action

WASHINGTON.—Enactment of legislation to admit the Territory of Hawaii into the Union without further congressional action was urged in a report issued by the Committee on Interior and Insular Affairs.

Sen. Henry M. Jackson (D., Wash.), chairman of the Subcommittee on Territories which conducted public hearings on the bill early this spring, issued the report.

A minority report by Sen. George Malone (R., Nev.), ranking GOP member of the 15-member Committee, was released in conjunction with the Committee report. Senator Malone, a long-standing opponent of statehood, proposed instead commonwealth status, similar to that accorded Puerto Rico, for the Pacific Territory.

Hawaii Statehood legislation this Congress, unlike those of previous Congresses which provided for enabling acts, provides for confirmation of the constitution as adopted and the admission of the new State on the completion of a State election and certain ministerial duties necessary to the tradition.

Committee Convinced

The report stated that "the Committee is convinced that the grant of Statehood will be in the best interests of the people of the entire Nation, as well as the half-million Americans who now reside in the Territory that has been an incorporated part of the United States for 57 years."

"The admission of Hawaii would also constitute a singular achievement in diplomacy," the report said. "What could be a better argument than this to the critical Far Eastern area that the United States is still the land of promise for people of all backgrounds? The Hawaiian Americans of Japanese and other Oriental backgrounds will be the living example that we live by principles of freedom and self-determination for all people. These thoroughly American people of Oriental background can be a catalyst of untold value in understanding is most needed."

In reference to the Japanese population, the Committee report declared: "Before World War II, doubt was voiced in some quarters

whether the inhabitants of Japanese ancestry would be loyal to the United States. The answer was dramatically recorded for all to see. During World War II American citizens of Japanese ancestry (Nisei) in Hawaii formed the all-Nisei 100th Infantry Battalion.

"Later, the 100th was integrated into the 442nd Regimental Combat Team, an all-Nisei outfit composed of volunteers from Hawaii and the mainland of the United States. In

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Active Philadelphia Cler touring U.S. as nat'l youth director for E. & R. Church

SAN FRANCISCO.—Henry Tani, active Philadelphia JACLer and national director of youth work for the Evangelical and Reformed Church, is touring the country attending summer camps and conferences for his church.

He was staying with his mother, Mrs. Akimi Sugawara, 1862 Geary St., while here. He was in Estes Park, Colo., and Portland, Ore., and departed last weekend for Los Angeles before returning to his home in Ridley Park near Philadelphia.

Tani was recently named as one of the delegates to the World Sunday School conference to be held next summer in Tokyo and he and his wife, the former Rose Shigeno of Florin, are expected to leave for Japan next July.

Tani is currently serving on a committee which is planning part of the program for part of the sessions.

He has been serving on an interdenomination youth work committee which prepares Sunday school material for Protestant churches throughout the country.

Early this summer a book he wrote on his field entitled "Ventures in Youth Work" was published by the Christian Education Press of Philadelphia and is gaining recognition as a textbook in church youth activities.

In this book he describes the various kinds of learning procedures in which young people may engage, the elements that make

WASHINGTON.—The Presidential signature last Monday on the first Civil Rights bill enacted by Congress in 82 years was hailed today as a meaningful forward step by the Japanese American Citizens League.

Although the major provisions of the bill are limited to enforcement of voting rights of all citizens, the JACL which has supported civil rights legislation throughout the years pointed out that the new Civil Rights Division in the Department of Justice with a full Assistant Attorney General in charge has no limitations on authority to enforce all existing civil rights of all Americans.

The Washington JACL Office has suggested to the White House that a distinguished attorney be named immediately to the new post of Assistant Attorney General in charge of Civil Rights Division.

The new Assistant Attorney General's first assignment should be to bring law and order to enforce the Supreme Court's public school integration decision, the Washington JACL Office added. Immediate action would help alleviate the present difficulties throughout the South and aid the Negro Americans in their efforts to attend desegregated public schools.

Because under the existing statutes as well as under the Civil Rights law signed on Sept. 9, there are no restrictions on authority and obligation of the Chief Executive to enforce all of the laws of the land and decisions of the Supreme Court, the Washington JACL Office informed the White House in a telegram urging appointment of a new Assistant Attorney General to uphold the supremacy of federal power to protect all citizens in the exercise of

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up, a balanced youth program in the church and the place of the adult in the program.

He gives good clues to better young people's meetings; practical suggestions for meaningful activities, and a comprehensive list of excellent resources—printed, personal, visual and otherwise — to which the youth leader may turn for help.

Tani was high school principal at Tanforan WCCA and Topaz WRA high schools before relocating to St. Louis, where he served as assistant treasurer of the E. & R. national mission board for eight years.

Canada Nisei posts bond to admit Japanese fiancée

VANCOUVER, B.C.—The first Japanese fiancée to enter Canada under the new \$1,000-bond regulation, which went into effect last March, arrived here aboard the Hikawa Maru this week.

Atsuko Watanabe, 27, of Kumamoto is betrothed to Susumu Kawaguchi of Ashcroft, B.C. The two were introduced by correspondence through Kawaguchi's uncle.

Unable to go to Japan to claim his bride because of his own work, Kawaguchi took advantage of the new Canadian immigration regulation which allows entry of a fiancée on a bond of \$1,000 with the provision that a marriage take place within 30 days.

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From the Frying Pan

by Bill Hosokawa
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FOOTNOTE TO HISTORY — Perhaps you've seen it already in the September Reader's Digest. It's Gwen Terasaki's warm, fascinating story, "Bridge to the Sun," about her marriage to Hidenari Terasaki who was a member of the Japanese diplomatic service. Her name was Gwen Harold of Johnson City, Tenn., when she met Terasaki in Washington, and eventually married him.

Even if you've read her story — and you should if you haven't — one part of it needs to be set down here for the records. Her husband, she writes, believed fervently that the moderates of Japan would win out over the military extremists in their internal struggle for dominance. His convictions were well known. Thus it was that Terasaki was sent to Washington in 1941 as first secretary of the embassy to help Ambassador Nomura negotiate a peaceful settlement with America.

But the militarists, who had their representatives in Washington, too, were committed to a collision course. On Oct. 16, 1941, Prince Konoye's cabinet fell and General Tojo took over. Tojo refused to accept Ambassador Nomura's resignation and ordered him to continue peace negotiations and reach some settlement by Nov. 29.

As the deadline approached, with no settlement in sight, the peace faction in the embassy to risk all proposed to go over Tojo's head and ask Roosevelt to cable a peace appeal directly to the Emperor. Terasaki was chosen to approach Dr. E. Stanley Jones, a Methodist leader and friend of Roosevelt, with the proposal. Jones was receptive.

According to Gwen Terasaki's story, Dr. Jones delivered the suggestion personally to Roosevelt on Dec. 3. Roosevelt accepted the suggestion and cabled his message on Dec. 5 to Ambassador Grew in Tokyo for delivery to Hirohito. The message was long. It took time to decode it. It was delivered too late. After the war, when Terasaki was named liaison officer between General MacArthur and Hirohito, he learned what had happened to Roosevelt's message. Mrs. Terasaki writes that the Emperor told her husband that had he received the appeal one day sooner, "he could have and would have stopped the attack on Pearl Harbor."

A NISEI DISCOVERS JAPAN — Dr. Kazuo Miyamoto took his family from Honolulu, Hawaii to Japan in 1937 on a two-year vacation. "I went to Japan to enjoy myself," he says. "I did not intend to find fault with the dusty roads or the primitive sanitary conditions or become inconvenienced by the different way of life prevailing there."

In this state of mind, he poked around the highways and byways, asked questions, absorbed tradition and folklore, and recorded his impressions faithfully in a diary.

Now a book, based on the diary (with a postwar addition) has been published. It's called "A Nisei Discovers Japan" and the Japan Times Press is the publisher.

I suppose basically this is a travelogue. But it is also a series of essays in which Dr. Miyamoto discusses candidly such matters as the beauty of the geisha in Niigata, the gangsters that run the Ginza, his son's trouble after taking a laxative, Tokyo policemen and the high tax on dogs. After seeing bathers at a sulphur hot springs, Dr. Miyamoto is moved to observe: "The rationale is sound as long as the patients' cardio-circulatory-nephritic condition is capable of withstanding the torture."

If you like opinion, hearsay, history and personal observations along with misty mountains and beautiful sunsets, you'll find "A Nisei Discovers Japan" a most interesting volume. Japan, the good doctor asserts, is not centered wholly on the Takarazuka Revue and night clubs, and he certainly makes his point.

Statehood

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connection with this volunteer combat team, the Army called for only 1,500 volunteers from Hawaii. In less than three days, more than 10,000 responded; in a week, more than 15,000 had volunteered. The Army decided to accept 2,500.

War Record Cited

"Between them, the 442nd and the 100th made history without parallel in American military annals. According to the record, they were awarded more medals and combat decorations for their size and length of service in the line than any other United States infantry unit in World War II or any previous war.

"Fighting in Italy and France, the 100th and the 442nd became famed as the Purple Heart Regiment. They were in seven major campaigns, suffering 9,486 casualties, or 314 per cent of their original strength.

"The unit received 18,143 individual decorations and medals and seven Presidential distinguished unit citations.

"The so-called Nisei served with equal distinction with combat intelligence troops in the Pacific war against their ancestral homeland. After the war, thousands of Nisei were called upon to serve in the army of occupation in Japan, contributing in great measure to the success of the occupation and the promotion of democratic principles and general goodwill towards the United States.

"Alien Japanese in Hawaii during World War II taught languages to American servicemen and translated captured enemy documents. They also worked in the Office of Strategic Services and drew maps by which Japan was bombed. And despite rampant rumors to the contrary, not a single case of espionage or sabotage was committed by a resident alien or citizen of Japanese origin before, during, or after the attack on Pearl Harbor."

JACL Office Comments

The Washington JACL Office noted that Mike Masaoka, Washington representative of the Japanese American Citizens League, testified before the Jackson Subcommittee earlier in the year, urging Statehood for Hawaii.

The JACL Office also observed that this Interior and Insular Affairs Committee is the only one in the Senate in which all members represent states in which the organization has chapters. The members are Senators James E. Murray of Montana, Clinton P. Anderson of New Mexico, Jackson Joseph C. O'Mahoney of Wyoming, Alan Bible of Nevada, Richard L. Neuberger of Oregon, John A. Carrol of Colorado, and Frank Church of Idaho, Democrats, and Malone, Arthur V. Watkins of Utah, Henry Dworshak of Idaho, Thomas H. Kuchel of California, Frank A. Barrett of Wyoming, Barry Goldwater of Arizona, and Gordon Allott of Colorado, Republicans.

Strawberry worker downed by crop dusting poison

WATSONVILLE. — Crop dusting poisoning from hand applicators hit 16 workers, including strawberry worker Benjamin Kimura who has been released from the hospital since, in recent weeks here.

Pending safer methods of its use, the local agricultural commissioner has restricted the use of Phosdrin to boom spraying tanks in lettuce fields and other crops.

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TOKYO TOPICS By Tamotsu Murayama

Last Leg of World Trip

The strain of a world tour is very telling. We left Japan on July 18, flew continuously for 54 hours to Rome, then proceeded to London via Paris. The Japanese Boy Scout contingent then camped for a week at Gilwell Park until the International Jamboree week at Sutton Park further north near Birmingham.

The English summer of mud and rain and unseasonal cold added to the strain of the Jubilee jamboree.

On Aug. 13, we moved to Cambridge for another four-day grind; continued until Aug. 25 at Gilwell Park for the wood badge course.

There was never a night that this reporter was unable to sleep before midnight. We had to conduct additional classes for the benefit of Japanese scouts who did not fully understand the conferences presented in English.

Before flying across the Atlantic for the United States, I was a guest of Lord Baden-Powell at Gilwell Park and hoped that once I got to America, I would be able to catch up on needed sleep. But upon arrival at New York City, there waiting for me were Cappy Harada and Mike Masaoka, urging that I waste no time to get ready for the Nisei Businessmen's international convention in Tokyo.

We were taken to the office of Maxwell Rabb at the White House and he assured us that he would speak at the principal convention event. From the look of things, the presence of such notables, including General Bill Marquat and General Joe Swing, will add to the

importance of this first Nisei function in Tokyo.

I had promised to address a Kiwanis group in Chicago and to a Buddhist group there. I agreed to address a group in Seattle and other Pacific Northwest communities. I promised to see some friends in the Rockies. There are friends in Hawaii, too. But all of this is "for next time" since I am being rushed back to Tokyo.

(Murayama addressed a predominantly Issei group in Salt Lake City on Sept. 1 at a meeting chaired by Henry Kasai. He spoke on the "round-the-world" tour and his impressions of the scout jamboree in England.)

(Murayama was in Los Angeles for an overnight stay with the Saburo Kidos, visited the Pacific Citizen office and was scheduled to return home on Sept. 8 by plane from San Francisco after several days with his mother, Mrs. Namiye Matsumura, 1729 Lyon St., and one of his sons who is attending school there.)

Under the circumstances, I must apologize and fly home.

The memories of the jamboree still linger, mixed with the hardships that we have endured since leaving Tokyo two months ago. There is a mixed feeling of gratitude and disappointment as I head for home.

President Eisenhower's People-to-People program will undoubtedly become a popular project with the people of America and Japan. But I lost a golden opportunity to meet many friends at the JACL convention in Chicago.

TOT ball tickets

Tickets for the second annual TOT Ball, Oct. 26 at Fox Hills Country Club, are being sold only by the sponsoring organizations, Nisei Legal Secretaries and Mrs. Pasonas, according to the ball co-chairmen Foo Utsunomiya and Jean Sato.

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VAGARIES
By Larry S. Tajiri

Nisei Problems Ebbing

(Driving eastward from Denver on a well-earned vacation from his drama editor's desk at the Denver Post, Larry Tajiri and his wife Guyo were in Chicago over the Labor Day weekend and were headed for New York, Washington and stopover in Minneapolis before returning to Denver. He writes this week from Washington, D.C.—Editor.)

Washington, D.C.
MIKE MASAOKA was on the phone to an official in the Justice Department. "When can I come in to see you folks about JACL's evacuation claim?" he asked.

This was the first time we'd seen Mike—except for a few minutes in Chicago last week—in several years. He is still the indefatigable worker for the JACL and for Japanese Americans generally.

Mike is in private business now—he has his own public relations firm, and the JACL is one of his accounts—but he is called on continually to represent the Nisei. He has been asked to testify before congressional committees on questions involving Japanese Americans, and he is a ready source of information for editorial writers, TV commentators and the like.

We got to talking with Mike in his office in downtown Washington while the September rain spattered against the windows. We recalled a previous meeting in Washington, on a steaming July morning 14 years ago.

IT WAS A TIME when the fate of the Nisei was a low ebb. Most Japanese Americans in the continental United States were living in barracks homes in the war relocation centers. The Japanese American Regimental Combat Team was in training at Camp Shelby in the red clay, scrub pine hills of Mississippi but its future was undetermined. Mike, who had volunteered for the unit, had come into Washington the night before in answer to a subpoena to testify before the Costello subcommittee of the Dies Committee. The Costello group had been specifically formed—the word was that it was at the instigation of Rep. J. Parnell Thomas, the New Jersey Republican—to investigate the Japanese American relocation situation. For a month the Costello committee had been out in the field, mainly on the west coast, and it was obvious that its purpose was to advance the political ambitions of Rep. John Costello of California and to wreck the War Relocation Authority's plan to resettle the evacuees outside the camps.

The Costello Committee had been trying its case in the newspapers for some weeks, without giving the evacuees or the WRA a chance to present their side of the story. Meanwhile, every manner of phoney scare was giving circulation by Rep. Thomas and by Democratic Rep. Joe Starnes of Mississippi. Thomas intimated that the relocation camps were harboring all manner of subversives, while Starnes appealed to alcoholic Americans with a charge that the Roosevelt administration was lading out a ration of a gallon of whiskey per month to each evacuee. Racist nuts and prejudiced crackpots were allowed to use the committee as a forum, and many newspapers bannered the charge that the residents of the Poston camp, for example, had cached food and supplies out in the Arizona desert for Japanese parachutists.

Behind Costello and Thomas were, of course, the west coast racebaiters, the professional patriots and the profiteers, who had a stake in the continued exclusion of Japanese Americans from the coastal area. There was a desire within Dillon Myer's WRA to ask the army to revoke the exclusion orders. The job of the Costello committee was to create a public attitude in which revocation would be deemed inadvisable. The Costello group—whose purposes were opposed by its minority member, Rep. Herman Eberharter—filled the air with dead cats.

THERE WAS NO deader cat than the charge that JACL was dictating the work of the War Relocation Authority, but the Costello committee leaked information to the Hearst press which provided material for several sensational stories by Ray Richards which intimated that "Japs" were running an agency of the U.S. government. Dies Committee agents had seized the files of the JACL office in Washington and its contents were twisted by Richards, a Hearst trained seal, to serve the purposes of the newspaper chain.

It was into this atmosphere that Mike Masaoka stepped in the buck private khaki of the U.S. infantry. He was to be a votive offering to the Yellow Peril mongers on the west coast. But, in two days of testimony before the often loaded questions of Robert Stripling, the committee counsel, and quizzing by Reps. Karl Mundt, Costello, Thomas and Eberharter, Pvt. Masaoka proved an able and articulate witness—but not for the committee. The committee was disbanded shortly afterward.

The Costello committee succeeded in delaying the return of the evacuees, perhaps, but it proved nothing else. It was symptomatic, however, of a time of crisis and an atmosphere of distrust.

MIKE MASAOKA set the phone back in its cradle. He had arranged a date for a conference over JACL's own evacuation less claims, one of hundreds of claims he is representing in his professional capacity.

"Things have changed a lot in 14 years," said the Nisei who has been called "Washington's most successful lobbyist" by Reader's Digest. "We have no great problems peculiar to the Nisei alone. It's now mostly a mop up on the leftovers of war and mass evacuation."

Cut red tape for Nisei hero

(The Stockton Record writer Scott Matthews tells of the hard fight which preceded the special funeral services conducted at the Stockton Buddhist Church Sept. 3 for a Nisei war hero who was killed 13 years ago in North Africa.)

STOCKTON.—Ted Akaba had a faraway and long ago look in his eyes as he stared out the window and recalled the days gone by—days before Dick Masuda was killed in action in the North African campaign in World War II.

"He was quite a guy. I guess he didn't top five feet, but he was full of fight.

"Dick held a black belt in judo. He was quiet and never looked for trouble, but if someone gave him a bad time, just look out.

"He was plenty smart, that kid. He had lots of interests. Once he wanted to be a lawyer, and then later he got interested in psychology.

"Did you know that he once was in a speech contest with Carol Channing, the Broadway star? He lost that one, but he made a good showing.

"He was an orphan, but he had many friends. He 'adopted' the Hagio family as his own and used to go over there when he wanted a good Japanese dinner.

"It hit us all hard when we learned he was killed. But we're glad they're bringing him home—that's what he would have wanted."

Buddhist Funeral

Akaba, a lifelong friend of the late staff sergeant and a former president of the Stockton Nisei Veterans Club, said a Buddhist funeral will be held for Masuda whose body arrives in Stockton (Aug. 30). The rites tentatively are scheduled for Tuesday.

Then he will be laid to rest with his buddies of the 442nd "Go for Broke" regiment in Golden Gate National cemetery.

The red tape which prevented the return of his body was snipped last month when Rep. John J. McFall of Manteca finally obtained permission for the move from the Department of the Army.

Many local veterans group and friends of the dead soldier joined the Nisei group in petitioning for Masuda's return.

Among these was Superior Judge George Buck, who once employed Masuda as his houseboy and who became very fond of him during his high school days.

No Blood Relatives

Most of the red tape stemmed from the fact that Masuda had no blood relatives. His father, who returned to Japan prior to the war, died, leaving him completely alone in the world.

And when Masuda was killed in North Africa 13 years ago there was no member of the family to ask that his body be brought home.

In 1948, Mr. and Mrs. George Hagio, the "family" which Masuda adopted, inquired if his body could be disinterred and brought home, but learned that only a blood relative could have this done.

Three years later the deadline for returning war dead was reached and there was little hope that Masuda would be brought home. It seemed as though he would lie under the alien skies of Florence, Italy, forever.

His petitioners were persistent.

however, and last month the Department of the Army notified Rep. McFall that "only because of the very special circumstances involved" it would make an exception in this case.

Judge Buck, who wrote Rep. McFall on behalf of the Nisei Veterans' group, said that Masuda came to live with him in 1936 when Masuda was 16 years old.

Chance Remark

"I once remarked to a Japanese grocer that I needed a houseboy. He said he could fix me up and he did. Dick came to live with us and stayed until 1939 when he moved to San Francisco where he went to work and continued his education. He continued to write to us, even when he entered the Army," the jurist remembers.

When he wrote Rep. McFall, Judge Buck explained that while he had "profound regards for laws and rules and regulations," it might be a good idea if rules and regulations could sometimes be come flexible to meet a particular problem and attain a greater good.

Apparently the Congress of the United States agreed with these sentiments—it passed special law 368 which is bringing Masuda home.

Mortuary absorbs cost of funeral

STOCKTON.—The B.C. Wallace Mortuary here won the heartfelt thanks of the local Nisei Veterans Association this past week for its public service to one of its fallen comrades.

The mortuary was in charge of funeral services conducted Sept. 3 for Staff Sgt. Zenichi Masuda at the local Buddhist Church. Remains were returned Aug. 30 from North Africa where he was killed 13 years ago. Military services were conducted at the Golden Gate National Cemetery in San Bruno Sept. 4.

Bill Stamped 'Paid'

Fred Dobana, local NVA president, visited the mortuary later to pay for the funeral, but was handed a statement already marked "paid".

To the surprised Nisei veterans leader, the B.C. Wallace mortuary executive explained that his firm was footing the bill to show its appreciation to the Nisei soldier

who died for the country and because he was impressed by the concern shown by the local Nisei veterans for the welfare of their comrade. He refused to take any money.

Dobana later explained that the U.S. government usually pays funeral expenses for its soldiers. But regulations prevent the government from paying the expenses when a funeral service is conducted enroute to the national cemetery.

Next of Kin Found

The American Flag that was draped over the coffin was presented to Shikagoro Hagio, who represented the late Sgt. Masuda's family.

It was first thought that Sgt. Masuda had no relatives, but recent reports from Japan said that his younger sister is living in Japan, married. The flag and other personal belongings of Sgt. Masuda will be turned over to her later as soon as her domicile becomes known, Dobana said.

Texas would bar Negro GIs wedded to German wives

DALLAS.—State Rep. Joe Pool has asked President Eisenhower to prevent Negro soldiers now serving in Germany from bringing their wives to Texas because of state laws prohibiting interracial marriage.

The Army has recommended that Negroes who have married white girls transfer from the 2nd Armored Division before it moves to Ft. Hood, Tex., from Germany. Recommendation was made to avoid personal embarrassment, an Army spokesman said.

Negro soldiers with white wives are immune from Texas intermarriage laws as long as they reside on a military post.

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NAT'L DIRECTOR'S REPORT

By Masao Satow

Ennervating but Enjoyable

San Francisco

THE JOINT EDC-MDC convention proved to be one of the most glorious, finest spirited, highly provocative, and most enjoyable we have attended—all the way from the initial mixer under Chiye Tomohiro and complete with three cute University of Illinois coed cheer leaders, to the jam packed convention ball with Joe Nakayama in charge. It was also one of the more physically rugged weekends we have experienced, crammed full of meetings, events and discussions; to say nothing of the informal, non-scheduled, after-hour activities which make any convention ennervating; but what would a convention be without these opportunities to get better acquainted!

To have many resources available in personnel is one thing, but to get people to assume responsibilities and coordinate their efforts into a smooth-running gathering that was Chicago's is a real accomplishment. All credit to Convention Chairman Kumeo Yoshinari, Chapter President Frank Sakamoto, ably assisted by two old pros, genial Abe Hagiwara and conscientious Shig Wakamatsu. A great hand to the Chicago Chapter for a wonderful job, done so well one could hardly blame the delegates for getting the impression that this was only a shakedown cruise for undertaking a bigger conclave in the near future.

National President Dr. Roy Nishikawa always gives a good account of himself and adds stature to any gathering. Sincere and articulate, he duly impressed our Eastern and Midwest members that our National leadership is in good hands.

OUR GRATEFUL APPRECIATION to the two outgoing (not "retiring" in any sense) District Council Chairmen, hustling Bill Sasagawa and able Abe Hagiwara for all the time and efforts they have given these past two and a half years in strengthening their respective district councils. Their personal visitations to the chapters have added encouragement and stimulated a spirit of unity most evident at the convention. Their two successors to the National Board, Kumeo Yoshinari and Charles Nagao of Seabrook, have long demonstrated they are qualified to carry on the good work.

Hard working Kay Yamashita and friendly Sachi Izumi combined their talents and forces to present a most delightful luncheon and fashion show. We were impressed with the poise displayed by the girls in the fashion show, and equally impressed with all the smartly dressed women in attendance. Our Nisei women are adding their bit to the total good public relations of our group in this regard.

National Treasurer Aki Hayashi's luncheon toastmastering was one of the highlights of the convention. Now it can be told he read five books on the subject in preparing for this particular assignment. Such conscientious homework should not be dissipated, so we have extracted from him a promise to draft a few pages of suggestions on toastmastering for our Chapter President's Notebook.

THE VARIOUS FORUM and clinic discussions pointed up some of our problems as well as new directions. So interesting were these, it seemed the delegates were just getting loosened up when it was already time to get to the next affair. The younger people's discussion was especially enlightening as it brought together the thinking of teenagers and parents. Lillian Jimura did a fine job in preparing for this as well as in guiding the discussion. Interest in the younger people is definitely a concern of JACL. Our main concern and responsibility is to see they have adequate opportunities to round out their personalities, participate together in meaningful activities, and develop their leadership potentials. In some localities this may be under the name of JACL as Junior JACL groups, while elsewhere it may be under other auspices; but it is our responsibility as older Nisei.

We gave some thought to our national affairs since there were a number of National Board members present. We did some exploration along the inescapable fact that some matters which on the surface have to do with Japan will inevitably affect us. We will continue to work aggressively on the program to eliminate the objectionable term "Jap" in spoken and written word. We recommended that JACL join in on an amicus brief in the case of the NAACP vs. the State of Alabama. Thanks to Aki Hayashi, we now have a draft of a national personnel policy which has been long overdue. We faced the practical problem of getting wider participation of our members in national matters, as well as getting more background information down to our membership.

TOKUZO GORDON demonstrated again that he is the "ichiban shikaisha" when it comes to 1000 Club funfests. The chapters really entered into the spirit of things and uncovered a lot of hidden talent. We might venture to describe the Whing Ding program as a hilarious combination of the cultures of the east and west with Hilo Hattie Joe Kadowaki as the show stopper.

We wish Line Shimidzu and his convention banquet committee could somehow have accommodated every evacuee who resettled in Chicago, to join in our expression of appreciation to Dr. Clarence Pickett and the American Friends Service committee he represents for helping to make democracy meaningful to us in our darkest days. The standing ovation for Dr. Pickett was spontaneous after Mike's introduction of him, as only he can do. Noby Honda who emceed the banquet showed again the great resource of solid JACL leadership Chicago possesses. Johnny Okamoto and Harry Mizuno enhanced Chicago's rep for BTO. Their "Holiday for a Year" project dwarfed any previous efforts at providing the wherewithal for a convention.

To give proper credit to all those who made this convention so memorable and outstanding would be to name the many listed in the attractive program booklet prepared under the efficient editorship of Maudie Nakada. Most of them worked hard, unsung, like George Inouye who was on the job from early morning to late at night. His special chore was "facilities", which is just a fancy name for the thankless headaches of general arrangements.

Thanks, again, Chicago. The full impact of your convention will be felt in the days to come, not only in the East and Midwest Chapters, but also at the National level.



"Shashin Kekkon" (translated as Japanese Picture Bride) proved to be a big hit at the recent EDC-MDC Whing Ding. The pantomime skit staged by Chicago 1000ers (left to right) Abe Hagiwara, Aki Tani and Chiye Tomihiro, was part of the merry-making celebrating the signing of the 2,000th member in the 1000 Club.



THOUSAND CLUB NOTES

By Kenji Tashiro

Whing Ding Memories

(Writer of this month's 1000 Club Notes is Tomo Kosobayashi of the Twin Cities UCL, recently elected 1000 Club chairman for the Midwest District Council, succeeding another Minneapolis Nisei, attorney Charles Tatsuda.)

**BY TOMO KOSOBAYASHI
MDC 1000 Club Chairman
Minneapolis**

For one who attended the second joint EDC-MDC convention in Chicago with the sole intent of being a carefree delegate and then finding himself writing for the Pacific Citizen is certainly a "Cinderella Story".

When ye editor Harry Honda and National 1000 Club Chairman Kenji Tashiro asked that I fill in the 1000ers Corner, I was lost for words in more ways than one.

**'WE CAME, WE SAW
AND MAN, WHAT A TIME'**

Under the capable leadership of past National 1000er Chairman Tokuzo Gordon, the host chapter's committee gave the 200 delegates a night of hilarity that will be long remembered. The noisiest and quietest all joined in to literally raise the roof off Como Inn.

I recall reading Dr. Tom Tamaki's declaration that the EDC aimed to prove their size was no handicap in producing the loudest clamor.



Only available picture of MDC Chairman Tomo Kosobayashi of Minneapolis, writer of this month's 1000 Club column, in the PC files comes fresh from the EDC-MDC Whing Ding at Chicago. Tomo is part of the Twin Cities UCL troupe engaged in "Tanko Bushi"—a Japanese coal miner's dance.

With merry-makers like Tom Hayashi, Aki Hayashi, William Sasagawa, Mike Masaoka and Tom Tamaki, all "big" men, who'd dare to contest their claim. Let's face it, they've really got it.

**OPERATION BREAKTHRU
A SUCCESS**

National Chairman Kenji expressed his desire to surpass the 2,000 member mark at this convention, a mark set by past national chairman Shig Wakamatsu. Before his final words could be said, Chicago's genial and "fantabulous" (thanks Aki for a befitting adjective) threesome of Abe Hagiwara, Gordon and Wakamatsu promptly signed their wives to memberships. Thereafter the tide converged on Kenji like the immortalized Mormon cricket. When the smoke had cleared, the 2,000 mark has been buried deep in Tashiro's receipt book.

Alert committeemen had fireworks on hand for all to celebrate the occasion. As the announcement was made, there was a deafening roar of confetti bombs.

Due credit must be given to EDC's firing-line threesome of Tom and Aki Hayashi—not related, incidentally, and Sasagawa, to Chicago's George Okita, Tom Okabe and others who volunteered their services to "escort" potential members forward with their chairs attached. Our affable president lent a helping hand by personally carrying Chicago's comely Frances Ozoe to the registration desk.

Bob Fuyume of Seabrook had the honor of being chosen 1000er No. 2,000 and was presented with a king-size 2,000 dollar bill.

With the goal attained, the jovial tempo greatly enhanced by the spirit at each table increased as the "dancing girls" and skits were presented. . . . As MC Tokuzo called the roll of chapters, 1000ers unprepared to stage a number were promptly fined as the Kangaroo Court went into session.

Walking off with top talent honors was 1000er Joe Kadowaki of Cleveland. His "Hilo Hattie" number with no sway omitted had everyone in tears and holding their sides. His talent, coupled with eyebrow raising feminine attire, was truly a sight. (His wife, the former Toshi Fujimoto of South Gate,

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**WHING-DING PHOTOS
PROVE BIG SURPRISE**

The fastest film available to the public was used to take the pictures for the Pacific Citizen without aid of flash equipment at the EDC-MDC Whing Ding. Other photographs will be used in the forthcoming PC Holiday Issue.

**Issei JACL leader
honored at public
testimonial fete**

"A modest man does many things without the general public knowing what he has done," commented Saburo Kido in his Shin Nichibei column last Monday after attending the testimonial dinner held last week for Katsuma Mukaeda, one of the vice-presidents of the Downtown Los Angeles JACL.

For his contributions for promoting Japanese culture, Mukaeda was commended by the Society for International Cultural Relations, a semi-governmental Japanese agency, and some 250 friends in Southern California were on hand to toast the naturalized Issei leader.

Mukaeda has been especially active with the local Japan-America Society, has been associated with Claremont College promoting interest in Japanese culture for over 20 years and long active in the L.A. Tokio community.

Chaired JACL-ADC Drive

Kido recalled the days when Mukaeda served as fund drive chairman in Southern California for the JACL-ADC. "It took a lot of courage those days to help the JACL and ADC," Kido commented, "because of the opposition by some of the community leaders."

"When we realize how important the naturalization and immigration law has turned out for Japan and the Japanese, then we must concede that Mukaeda's role was very great because the campaign could not have succeeded without funds."

"Together with Gongoro Nakamura, Mukaeda has been the link between the Issei and Nisei of this area," Kido added.

SEQUOIA:

**ISLANDERS PREPARE LUAU,
PROVIDE ENTERTAINMENT**

A Peninsula Hawaiian group has consented to prepare a lavish luau and provide entertainment for the evening at the Sequoia JACL luau for the entire family on Sunday, Sept. 22, 4 p.m., at a place yet to be announced.

Peter Nakahara, chapter president, pointed out that this was a "chapter first" in the way of social events and urged members to bring their families and friends to help make this the biggest of the year.

Attire, of course, will be aloha shirts, muu-muus or what have you from the islands.

GARDENA VALLEY:

**Dance class social
to charge no admission**

A social will be sponsored by the Gardena Valley JACL dance class tomorrow night, 8 p.m. to midnight, at the Gardena Japanese Community Center; it was announced by chapter president Frank Kuida.

Sam Tanihara, social chairman, said Aaron Gonzales and his combo will play. All CLers and friends are invited. No admission will be charged.

**Motoko Togasaki to wed
in San Francisco rites**

SAN FRANCISCO.—Motoko Togasaki, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Sim Togasaki of Alameda, will be married Sept. 14 to Robert Charles Grabowski of Washington, D.C., at the Community Church of the Brethren.

The bride-to-be is the secretary to Mike Masaoka, Washington JACL Office.

Dentist in Germany

SEATTLE.—Army Lieutenant Fumio Shibata left for Frankfurt, Germany, on Aug. 27 after visiting friends in Seattle. His recent bride, the former Emille Warashima of Spokane, will join him at a later date. He is a June graduate of the Univ. of Washington school of dentistry.

VERY TRULY YOURS:
1957 Holiday Issue
preparations start

We embark on our fifth Holiday Issue this year. Each year, the support which has been given by the chapters in making the Holiday Issue has enabled to keep the Pacific Citizen operating "in the black." Each year, we try to streamline the operation for our chapters and this year is no exception.

A more simplified "order form" is being prepared and will be in the hands of the chapter solicitors by the end of this month.

Editorially, we plan to feature the Japanese American communities of the state of Idaho, which played a large part in keeping National JACL alive with other chapters in the Intermountain District during 1942-44.

Stories of "long time JACLers" are again invited. Chapter reports and photos are welcome and one additional suggestion is a story of the "most valuable" JACLer of the year. A special section on the 1000 Club observing its tenth year is also set.

Chapter publicity chairmen and secretaries might begin to think in terms of the Holiday Issue now. In a few weeks, a reminder will come from our office spelling out the specific details.

There is only three months till our Holiday Issue comes off the press. Not much time, but with everyone's help we will make it and hope you'll be proud of the part that you played.

— Harry K. Honda.

PRESIDENT'S CORNER:

From Front Page cohorts which resulted in the 1000 Club passing the 2,000 mark in cumulative memberships.

(6) And last but not least the outstanding efforts of the host Chicago Chapter under Convention Chairman Kumeo Yoshinari, National Vice-President Shigeo Wakamatsu, District Chairman Abe Hagiwara and Chapter President Dr. Frank Sakamoto. Most delegates thought that the joint district convention was almost equal of a national convention. As National Treasurer Aki Hayashi said, "It was fantabulous." Perhaps our three California districts can hold a similar joint convention in the future.

Who said JACL was dying? We never saw JACL more alive and kicking!

— Dr. Roy Nishikawa.

ORANGE COUNTY:

ENCOURAGE YOUTH TO WORK FOR BETTER AMERICA

BY JUNE MORIMOTO

Another page has been recorded in the annals of the Orange County Japanese American Youths, emerging as a year of enjoyment and success. The third annual installation banquet held last Friday at the Royal Hawaiian restaurant in Anaheim climaxed 1957 and challenged the young members for greater things in 1958.

Festivities began promptly at 6:30 p.m. as toastmaster Bill "Mo" Marumoto extended words of welcome. The pledge of allegiance and invocation followed. Dinner was served to approximately 200.

Highlight of the evening, guest speaker Dr. Sammy Lee was at his usual greatness as he proceeded to tell of his Olympic Game expeditions in Helsinki and Melbourne. An added attraction was the showing of colored and black & white films, narrated by Dr. Lee, of the competition in high diving.

"We Endeavor," banquet theme, was appropos as Dr. Lee closed his speech by encouraging the young people in this area to look forward, always working for a better America.

Among dignitaries present were Orange County Superior Court Judge Robert E. Morrison, prominent businessman William Spurgeon, Jr., and their wives.

As the banquet was held outdoors in an atmosphere of Hawaiian setting, two hula dances were provided by Sharlee Lewis, to the delight of her audience.

Jane Asari, 1956-57 winner of the Blue and White award, an honorary bestowal to a deserving boy or girl who has done more than his share to the betterment of the club, was recognized. The crowd cheered, adding their approval as Mike Ota, outgoing treasurer and incoming vice-president for the JAYs, was named winner for 1957-58.

Equally exciting was the announcement of the 1957-58 winners of the \$300 Inter-Club Council scholarships. Mrs. Sam Morita, chairman of the scholarship fund, introduced last year's girl winner, Jean Enomoto, who in turn announced her successor as Laura Okamoto of Anaheim. In the boy's division, Ernie Nagamatsu of Garden Grove was the surprised winner of the award given to him by Benny Marumoto, 1956-57 winner.

Hiro Shinoda, past president, presented a gift to the O.C. JAYs, after which the impressive installation service began. Yoko Ohara, chairman of the candlelight service, took over as each old officer charged their successor, making official the election of officers held previously. The letters in the club motto, "Service Through Unity" were lit by the incoming officers, who are as follows:

Dave Tamura, pres.; Mike Ota, v.p.; Jane Asari, sec.; Eddie Hatanaka, treas.; Eleanor Yukihiro, p.r.; Nancy Kakuda, hist.; Teddy Ohara, Bob Yoshioka, ath.; Tom Ohara, Jean Yukihiro, soc.; Kay Morimoto, George Mural, Bob Tamura, Roy Takeno, Mary Helen Fukuda, membs.-at-lrg.

The success of the banquet can not be credited to one person, but rather the combined efforts of a host of conscientious young people who did a marvelous job. Overseeing the entire program was chairman Dave Tamura, without whose supervision, the bulwark of the work would not have been accomplished. Others sacrificing time and effort were:

Benny Marumoto, awards; Evelyn Nagamatsu, inv.; Jane Asari, dec.; Yoko Ohara, inst.; Tom Ohara, Tom Marumoto, tickets; "Mo" Marumoto, prog.; Jane Morimoto, pub.

An evaluation of the entire affair was termed as one of the most coordinated efforts ever attempted by the Orange County Japanese American Youths.

Deputy clerk

SALT LAKE CITY.—Hana Shirata, 33, was appointed deputy clerk in the U.S. District Court on Sept. 3. A Univ. of Utah graduate in sociology, the native Utah Nisei was former secretary to Jack Curtime, athletic director and head football coach at Utah.

DETROIT:

Chapter talent appear in semi-pro production of 'Teahouse' at Will-O-Way and Michigan State Fair; critics delighted

BY KAY MIYAYA

"Teahouse of the August Moon" opened with a double-barreled blast here at the Will-O-Way Playhouse, where it opened on Aug. 27 for a three-week run. Will-O-Way is a semi-professional company composed of local talent.

Due to a mixup in booking the Northland Playhouse production opened Aug. 28 for a one-week engagement with a professional cast headed by John Ireland.

William Merrill, director of the Will-O-Way production recruited Japanese talent through the Detroit JACL Chapter.

A number of local JACLers responded with Bebe Horiuchi taking the plum role as Lotus Blossom. Miss Horiuchi is the current historian of the Detroit Chapter and is employed as personnel interviewer with the Detroit Civil Service Commission. While she has made stage appearances as a dancer, having studied with Fujiima Kansuma, one of the leading dance interpreters in the United States, and modern dance at the Univ. of Michigan where she was a 1954 graduate, this is her first acting experience.

Bebe's mother, Mrs. Kenji Horiuchi, signed up as coach and wound up as the Old Woman and costumer of the production as well.

Food Store Proprietor

Frank Ebisuya, proprietor of Kado's Oriental Food Store, reaped rave notices for his portrayal of Oshira, village elder. J. Dorsey Callaghan of the Free Press says, "The role of the ancient artist as played by Frank Ebisuya was a little gem. He endowed it with a sort of fragile strength that has immense appeal." (Ebisuya is perfectly cast and getting an enormous kick out of his first stage appearance.)

Mrs. Betsy Tagami capably fills the role of Higa-Jiga as does Dick Kadoshima his Chief of Agricul-

ture. Kadoshima has had some productions on the West Coast prior to World War 2.

Louis Furukawa is well suited for the role of the wrestler, Hokaikia, as his avocation is judo. He instructs judo at the YMCA and is an adviser for the Detroit Judo Club. While he has made many public appearances in connection with judo, this is his initial acting appearance.

Mrs. Frank Ebisuya, Mrs. Kimiko Campbell, Mrs. Fusako Rychlinski, and Mrs. Toshiko Wanlock add an authentic touch as villagers.

All in all these strict amateurs give a surprisingly professional performance.

The Will-O-Way production of the Teahouse of the August Moon moved to the Michigan State Fair grounds on Aug. 30 through Sept. 8 after which it returned to Will-O-Way for the remainder of the three week run.

State Fair Exhibits

In conjunction with the Michigan State Fair appearance of the Teahouse of the August Moon production in which a number of local JACLers appear, Detroit JACL arranged for ondo numbers and a judo demonstration by members of the Detroit Judo Club. Also on

DETROIT:

Resume flower arrangement classes for fall season

The fall session of the popular flower arrangement class sponsored by the Detroit JACL chapter got underway Sept. 4 at the International Institute. The class meets every Wednesday evening through Dec. 4. Mrs. Millican will again conduct the class assisted by Mrs. Davis.

Interested persons should contact Mrs. Toshi Shimoura, chairman of the class.

exhibit were Japanese articles furnished by Kado's Oriental Food Store.

Walter Miyao and George Nagano are in charge of the State Fair exhibitions. Judo Club members are appearing through the efforts of Louis Furukawa. Mrs. Hifumi Sunamoto has assumed responsibility for the ondo numbers.

Appearing in the ondo are Sachie Anso, Kimie Broderick, Helen Fujiwara, Mitzi Kinoshita, Carolee Matsumoto, Mariko Matsura, Naoko Rudkowski, Satsuki Shiroma, Hifumi Sunamoto, and Sachie Yantus.

DETROIT:

Ondo dancing presented for Club Polka TV fans

Arrangements were completed through the Detroit JACL Chapter for appearance of local members and soldier brides on Club Polka, variety show, Aug. 22, over WX-YZ-TV.

An ondo was performed by Kimie Broderick, Bebe Horiuchi, Joan Kimoto, Mitzi Kinoshita, Mariko Matsura, Naoko Rudkowski, Fumiko Takata and Shizue Yantus.

Then Fumiko Takata did a solo dance. Mrs. Takata was also in charge of choreography while Dick Kadoshima acted as director of the ondo.

This was one of a series of national dance presentations to promote better understanding.

TURLOCK SANSEI SLATED TO APPEAR ON TV SHOW

TURLOCK. — Cathy Okamura, daughter of Mr. & Mrs. George Okamura, is scheduled to appear on King Norman's Show (San Francisco KGO-TV, ch. 7) this Saturday 11 a.m. The Okamuras are Cortez JACLers.

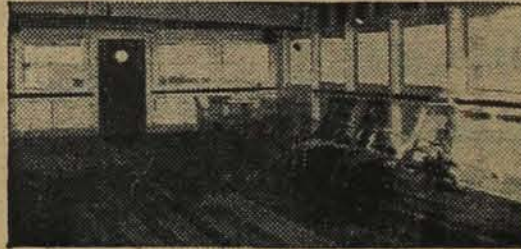
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THE NORTHWEST PICTURE
By Elmer Ogawa

Baloney or Bologna

Seattle

NEVER DID CARE much for baloney, or should it be written bologna? Especially since the army days when we'd get it for Sunday supper every time without fail—as sure as death and taxes.

So we were perhaps a little amused to get a sudden craving for the stuff. Maybe the way people suddenly crave pickles and ice cream? It's a simple matter to gratify such a whim, and what is there to hold us back? No use going into all the sordid details, but now, couple days later, after a drastic change of diet, one is at least able to wobble up to the beat-up portable typewriter for the weekly stint.

GOOD PART OF that army hitch was spent in Panama, and the best part of the Panama duty was at an anti-aircraft position at the mouth of the Chagres River. You know, it's where Morgan and his buccaneers scaled the face of a cliff and miraculously took a Spanish fort that was a masterpiece of military field engineering. (Now that I've gotten this far, can't remember the name of the fort, but anyhow, what I was getting at is this.) We had a battery commander at this dream position. He hated baloney too.

Of course, it would have been an easy matter for him to get his Sunday supper privately, or go down to the officer's club at Fort Sherman. But no. He fixed it so that the entire battery got no baloney rations for Sunday. It made a little more work for the cook but it did a great deal to make what we call a happy outfit. Now this commanding officer's unselfish way of solving the problem, I consider to be in the finest traditions of the service, and that CO was indeed an officer and a gentleman and one of the finest as a leader of men.

Don't know how he swung that deal with the rations, but there were other deals which would make quite a book.

That position was a dream location. It was a part of the camouflage scheme to make the position look like a beach resort. The PX was right near the sandy shore with huge white letters reading "COVE BEACH" on the roof. The roof of the power plant was likewise inscribed "BOATS" and "BAIT". The well kept road through the jungle dead-ended at the mess hall whose white letters on the roof proclaimed the building was devoted to "DINING" and "DANCING". (A half truth, no matter how you look at it!)

The position was spread over three hills overlooking the Caribbean. Atop one of the hills was the battery 15,000-gal. water tank to which water was pumped from a jungle stream. The water from a jungle stream is nothing like the sparkling crystal clear stuff we get from our mountains.

One day the CO assigned me a new job—to start the pump and fill that tank every day, and then according to needs, make up a chlorine slurry to dump in the tank and make the water safe for drinking. There was a certain amount of responsibility, he pointed out. Pull a boo-boo, and a lot of artillery and searchlight men could get awful sick, and that would impair the tactical efficiency of an important military position, to say the least.

So we performed our duties daily and saved the battery from debilitations of amoebic dysentery or whatever the tropical bugs might produce, just as the CO was a good guy and saved us from baloney.

San Francisco wins state ball title

FRESNO.—The newly organized San Francisco Nisei baseball team captured the 1957 California State Nisei Baseball Championship by trouncing the Little Tokio Giants of Los Angeles 8 to 3 on the Fresno High School diamond on Labor Day.

Tooru Mochida was the winning pitcher; and Yosh Kido, the losing pitcher.

In the semi-finals, the Tokyo Giants defeated the Fresno Nisei nine, 6 to 2; while the San Francisco Nisei murdered the Mayhew nine 13-3.

Here are the results of the elimination games played Sunday:

Tokyo Giants defeated Sacramento Valley, 2-0.

Fresno Nisei defeated Lodi, 5-1.

Nisei Trading of Los Angeles defeated Mayhew A.C., 10-6.

San Francisco Nisei defeated Placer JACL, 12-8.

Beehive Golfers to push SLC convention tourney

SALT LAKE CITY.—George Doi, president of the Beehive Golf Club, was the only Nisei to survive the tense pace of the City Parks tournament at Forest Dale recently. In the finals, he had to go an extra hole for a sudden-death playoff to win—sinking a 10 foot birdie putt.

Ten Beehive golfers also participated in the inter-city play with Mile-Hi in Denver, which the hosts won handily.

Next year, the Beehives will entertain Denver during the national JACL convention golf tournament.

FURUKAWA COPS SEATTLE GOLF CHAMPIONSHIP

SEATTLE.—Erv Furukawa, now of Los Angeles, returned to Seattle over the Labor Day holidays to win the annual Northwest Open Golf tournament with rounds of 72-76. The ex-Puget Sound golfer was followed by Kuni Nakamura of Seattle who fired a 76-78. Over 150 participated.

Service station employee burned in gas explosion

SACRAMENTO.—Toshiharu Moriya of 1418-5th St., suffered minor burns on his face, hands and arms when sparks from an electric drill ignited fumes from a nearby pan of gasoline.

The blaze, brought under immediate control upon arrival of firemen, damaged tires and other automotive equipment in a repair shop connected with the service station at 5th and L Streets.

AJINOMOTO PLANS NEW BUILDING IN PARIS

Ajinomoto Co. is planning to build a manufacturing plant in Paris to supply the increasing demand of the European market, it was revealed by Saburoku Suzuki, company board chairman, now visiting Los Angeles enroute around the world.

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Calif., is a beautician.)

"Shashin Kekkon", a pantomime skit by the Chicago chapter ably narrated bilingually by Shig Wakamatsu and Kenji Nakasone, caused another outbreak that brought the house to near hysteria. Aki Tani took the role of the prosperous-looking marriage broker; Chiye Tomihoro mustached and wearing a Daniel Boone hat, the prospective groom; and who'd believe that our outgoing MDC chairman Abe Hagiwara could be such a perfect "picture" of a bride. I would have never believed it was he without advance information.

After four hours of merry-making and horse-play, gifted "Godfrey" Tokuzo strummed his ukulele and sang Shina-no-Yoru. Thank you, Chicago, for the greatest of whing-dings.

SERIOUS NOTE: HAIL TO IDC

To turn to a more serious note I would like to extend to the Inter-mountain District Council my personal congratulations and best wish-

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Recipient of the "Holiday for a Year", as announced by Johnny Okamoto, committee chairman, at the recent EDC-MDC joint convention was H. Bender, 117 N. Cook, Barrington, Ill. A staunch Chicago JACLer, Jack Nakagawa, was the seller.

es for a successful 10th Anniversary celebration for the 1000 Club. Having been first exposed to JACL through its Ogden Chapter in 1943-44, I fully appreciate their tireless efforts and sacrifices to keep our national organization functioning during the dark days.

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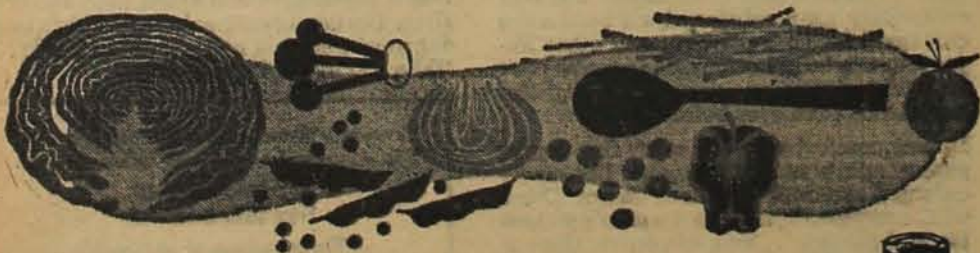
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LOS ANGELES NEWSLETTER
By Henry Mori

Remembered in Kyoto

PHILANTHROPIST Maria Wolsters may not ring a bell in any Nisei circle but to her many Japanese friends in Kyoto she is a well remembered personality.

She has known the people of the Orient for more than 60 years. She recalls the 1905 famine in Japan, the menfolk who returned from the Russo-Japanese war and the disastrous earthquake of 1923.

This week Miss Wolsters, who is 91 years old, received from Consul General Shigeru Nakamura a non-restricted visa which would enable her to stay as long as she wants in Japan. A spokesman at the consul general's office disclosed it was the first time such a visa had been issued from the local consulate.

Miss Wolsters' claims to sea voyages number 38 times across the Atlantic and six times across the Pacific.

BACK IN 1939, Miss Wolsters was ready to visit Japan to see Toshiyuki Takeo, the first Nipponese she befriended in the late 1890s. But the eventual global war prevented her trip. "Last year, he passed away. Now I want very much to go to his grave and pay my respects. His 10 grown children are waiting for my arrival and they will take good care of me," the humanitarian said.

During the 1900 famine in northern Japan, Miss Wolsters was reported to have raised \$1,000 through a program of Oriental entertainment she sponsored in Brookline, Mass. She also assisted in the American drive for funds to aid the Tokyo quake victims in 1923.

She is scheduled to leave on the freighter OSK Havana Maru on Sept. 26.

Unbothered with Father Time, Miss Wolsters says she does not know how long she'll remain in Japan but that she was happy to be granted a no-time-limit visa to "visit all my friends in Kyoto and attend to some important business there."

EVEN THE LAST-MINUTE, poorly organized thing like the 17th annual Nisei Week Festival looked pretty good on Bill Burrud's television show, "Assignment America." Last week, the half-hour show for Southland viewers was one of the best kinds of publicity for the annual celebration in Li'l Tokio.

Burrud gave due credit to Kiyomi and Michi Takata, experienced personalities in the affairs of Nisei Week, and to Roy Hoshizaki, Downtown L. A. JACL chapter member and proprietor of House of Photography, in documenting the highlights of the Festival. The compact 30-minute video program was well edited and pointed to the annual celebration as "one of the best" in Southern California.

WASHINGTON NEWSLETTER: by Mike Masaoka

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Mas Satow, indefatigable National Director, who continues to amaze and inspire all of us with his youthfulness, spirit, and ability to get things done. The administrator who keeps the JACL machinery functioning, the organization would be lost without him at the helm. And conventions wouldn't seem quite the same without his vigorous leadership.

And, of course, all the others—delegates, participants, friends, committeemen and women who helped to make the EDC-MDC Convention such a memorable one.

Spot survey by U.S. gov't of temporary Japanese farm labor program reported

SAN FRANCISCO—An on the spot survey of the Japanese temporary farm workers program was carried out in California late last month jointly by representatives of three federal departments, it was learned here last week.

A special study group including representatives of the U.S. State department, U.S. Labor department and the U.S. immigration service was a week-long study of the situation, it was reported.

Participating in this survey were:

Philip B. Sullivan, labor advisor for the State Department's bureau of Far Eastern affairs; David E. Christian, assistant to the assistant secretary of labor for employment and manpower; and A.D. Sneed of San Pedro, regional special project director for the U.S. immigration service.

The first two came here from Washington, D.C.

Starting out from San Francisco on Aug. 25 on a plane supplied by the immigration service, the group is reported to have visited 12 camps employing some of the 998 Japanese temporary workers here in this state under three-year farm contracts.

In five days, the group is said to have interviewed many persons in these camps and neighboring communities.

Many Camps Visited

Visits were reported to have been made in the following places: Yuba City-Marysville, 3 camps; Salinas, Soledad and San Luis Obispo, 2 each; Kings City, Oxnard and Santa Ana, 1 each.

In view of the recent request of Ambassador Koichiro Asakai to the State Department, asking for an approval of the resumption of the labor contract program as soon as possible, it was believed that the government officials were asked to make this survey as soon as possible.

They were believed to have been instructed to determine how the Japanese farm workers were being received in the various communities and what Japanese workers themselves thought of the program.

They were reported to have conferred with state employment office and labor officials in addition to the workers and employers.

A considerable time was spent with the individual workers in each camp, it was also reported.

L.A. Nisei girl who went east to learn modern dance succeeds in publishing book

NEW YORK—Miss Sanae Kawaguchi, whose children's book "Taro's Festival Day" was recently published by Little, Brown & Co. of Boston, entered the writing field via Martha Graham's dance school and a road company of "Teahouse of the August Moon".

A second children's book, "Insect Concert", written and illustrated by Miss Kawaguchi, 26-year-old Nisei dancer, artist, actress and now on her way to becoming a writer, has been accepted by Little, Brown & Co.

Interviewed at the Lexington hotel's Hawaiian Room, where she is currently a hostess, Miss Kawaguchi appeared dressed in a kimono. She wears her hair combed straight back with a simple bang above her highly arched eyebrows.

Parents in L.A.

From what she says, her family was closely knit. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Sakujiro Kawaguchi, of Los Angeles. Her father is a gardener.

The family never went through relocation camp, but settled in Layton, Utah, before the evacuation deadline. After the war her parents moved back to Los Angeles and she completed her secondary education at Dorsey high school.

Upon graduation she came to New York and enrolled in Martha Graham's school, where Yuriko Kikuchi was one of her instructors. Another girl studying there at the time was Alice Uchida.

Later she painted chinaware for a living and studied at night. She continued her dancing, went to the New School for Social Research, and attended the East Asia Institute to learn Japanese.

Two of her writer friends, who saw her painting of China suggested that she write a book for children. "Taro's Festival Day" was the result.

Writer Friends Assist

The writers, Ronnie Solbert and Jean Merrill, referred her to their

3000 warbrides due

TOKYO—The newspaper Asahi estimates that over 3,000 Japanese war brides will be accompanying their husbands to the United States before the end of the year in view of the recent announcement that U.S. troops will withdraw from Japan.

BUDDHIST 'WHEEL' PLACED ATOP NEW CHURCH STEEPLE WATSONVILLE

—One of the newest symbols of faith is being displayed by one of the world's oldest religions with the installation of the new "Wheel of Law" atop the Watsonville Buddhist Church steeple. The eight-spoke symbol is five feet wide, made of copper, gold-plated and cost nearly \$700.

Vital Statistics

BIRTHS

LOS ANGELES

- AKIYAMA, R.Y. — boy, May 12, Long Beach.
- AOKI, Masayoshi (Emiko Hamada)— boy, June 14.
- ARAO, Motomi (JoDell Yokoe) — girl, June 25.
- ASAMURA, George (Kimiko Tone)— boy, June 29.
- ASAYAMA, Noboru (Kayoko Yanohara) — girl, June 19.
- BENK, William (Elko Ishii) — boy, June 15.
- CARPENTER, Richard (Shizue Hamada) — girl, June 20.
- ENDO, Frank — girl, June 8, Long Beach.
- FUKUYAMA, Sunao (Ethel Nishioka) — girl, June 17.
- HAMANAKA, Kozo (Lucy Hirata) — girl, June 20.
- HAMANO, Kazumi (Ryoko Tabata) — girl, June 15.
- HAMANO, Minoru (Fukiko Tekuma) — girl, June 23.
- HASEGAWA, Hiroshi (Hanji Yamamoto) — boy, June 18.
- HAYASHI, Munekio (Shizuye Morooka) — girl, June 16.
- HIKAWA, Frank (Sue Yamamoto) — boy, June 15.
- HIRAI, Robert (Sue Maruyama) — girl, June 4.
- HIRATA, Kazuo (Shizue Katō) — boy, June 15.
- HONDO, Masaji (Helen Nakayama) — girl, June 8.
- IKEMOTO, Tsutomu (May Osaki) — boy, June 12, Gardena.
- INOUE, Masaru (Tsutaya Nakamura) — boy, June 19.
- ISHIMINE, H. — girl, June 15, Long Beach.
- ISLAS, Joe (Yaeko Tanaka) — boy, May 31.
- ITO, Harry T. (Janet Nakamura) — girl, June 14.
- KATO, Mitsuo (Masako Terakuro) — girl, June 18.
- KAWAI, Yoshio (Fumiko Okumura) — boy, June 3.
- KIKATA, Herbert (Mitsue Tshako) — boy, June 14.
- KOBAYASHI Mitsuji (Clara Kaneshiro) — boy, June 21.
- KODA, Takao (Elko Takamura) — boy, June 17.
- KURIHARA, Ralph (Teruko Mukae) — girl, June 29.
- KUWATA, Kazuo (Takiye Kato) — boy, June 27.
- LAI, Lambert (Joanne Yoshino) — girl, May 31, North Hollywood.
- MAEDA, Herbert (Shirley Kimura) — boy, June 14.
- MARUYAMA, Yasuhiro (Atsuko Yamaguchi) — boy, June 30.
- MASATANI, Herbert (Kimiko Seki) — boy, June 19.
- MATSUDA, Kenji (Nancy Matsumoto) — boy, Aug. 1.
- MAU, Theodore (Barbara Okabe) — boy, June 24.
- MAYER, Robert (Bernice Kawasumi) — boy, June 24.
- MIMAKI, Makoto, (Marie Kubota) — girl, July 1.
- MiyADI, Ai T. (Fusako Yoneda) — boy, June 8.
- MiyAGI, James (Janice Chung) — girl, June 14.
- MIZUTANI, Toshiyuki (Violet Nakamura) — girl, June 15.

SAN LUIS OBISPO

- NAGANO, George — girl Carol, Sept. 1, Morro Bay.

ILLINOIS

- TOKUHISA, Thomas S. (Mary H. Nakamura) — boy, James, Aug. 17, Des Plaines.

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STORIES AND PICTURES OF
LONG TIME CL-ERS

LAST YEAR, we honored some of the old-timers in JACL in our mammoth Holiday Issue. These were the men and women who have been active in JACL for at least 20 years, or JACLers who were outstanding before evacuation and still support the organization, though they relinquished to the younger generation, the more vigorous reins of chapter responsibility.

AS WE start the second half of the year, our attention focuses on the 1957 Holiday Issue — soliciting original short stories, chapter reports that will point out the most unusual or most successful events of the year, holiday greetings from the community and readers and human-interest yarns of old-time JACLers.

WE HOPE this announcement will come to the attention of our JACL chapters across the country in selecting personalities they'd like to see featured in this year's special edition. We'd appreciate hearing from them at this time, indicating who they have in mind.

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WASHINGTON NEWSLETTER

By Mike Masaoka

EDC-MDC Convention

Washington, D.C.

ALTHOUGH THERE'S still much to report on the last congressional session and on the difficult problems developing in the school integration situation throughout the nation, this week we're going to write about the joint Eastern District Council-Midwest District Council Convention held in Chicago over the Labor Day holidays.

It was one of the better conventions that we've attended—and we've attended many, from district to national JACL conventions and others of non-JACL sponsorship through the years.

In many respects, it would have been a credit to even a national convention, thanks to Convention Board Chairman Kumeo Yoshinari and his hard-working associates, especially his associate chairmen Abe Hagiwara and Shig Wakamatsu.

The jam-packed program for official and booster delegates would have tired the best-conditioned conventioneer. Perhaps this body is getting older, but it seems that he's no longer able to stand the pace like he used to, or thinks he did. The spirit was willing enough, but the flesh certainly gave out earlier than anticipated.

CONVENTION HIGHLIGHTS

Every delegate, according to his interests and his taste, has his own version of what constituted the highlights of the Convention. For what they are worth, here's mine.

The Convention Mixer, under the friendly direction of Chiye Tomihiro, got the whole affair under way informally and inspirationally on Friday evening.

The Convention Luncheon was particularly delightful to my way of thinking. First of all, Toastmaster Aki Hayashi of New York City surprised all and sundry with his clever patter and showmanship which put everyone at ease for the kind of JACL "family" event that it was. Of course, Chairman Kay Yamashita is entitled to orchids for the superb job she did in putting it all together.

Dr. Roy Nishikawa—serious, articulate, sincere—gave another one of his messages which have become legend among JACLers and proved anew that he's as eloquent as any Nisei.

The Fashion Show featured many Sansei daughters of our Midwest JACLers, which made us all wonder whether we weren't growing a little older than we're willing to admit. The current crop certainly looks as good as any we can recall.

The Convention Forum, dedicated to the confab theme "New Perspectives", featured Dr. Tom T. Yatabe, beloved "grand dad of the organization" recalling the glorious and proud history of JACL and Dr. Kermit Eby, University of Chicago Professor and long-time friend of the Nisei. Dr. Eby's frank and humorous references were a revelation to those who were interested in what JACL's role should be in the current age of international tensions.

The Thousand Club Whing Ding reverted to its "intimate", fun-making format of previous years, with Tokuzo Gordon holding forth as only he can. Show-stopper, however, was Joe Kadowaki of Cleveland and his Hilo Hattie creations. Cleverest lines, though, went to New York's presentation of "This Is Your Knife" Mike Misoshiru.

The Junior JACL Forum was an eye-opener to many of us—and brought out what we should have known right along: The Sansei are outspoken, frank, and visionary. We won't have to worry about their future.

Another revelation were the chapter clinics. The personal participation and the give-and-take of the clinics were heart-warming, especially when one recalls the audience-cold responses of too many Nisei meetings in the past. JACLers are either learning how to participate more, or they're confident now that they've something to contribute. Either way, it's a gain.

In keeping with tradition, the banquet and ball topped off the Convention in grand style. Lincoln Shimidzu for the banquet and Dr. Joe Nakayama for the ball maintained the high-level pace and spirit of the entire weekend.

Dr. Clarence Pickett, who as executive secretary of the American Friends Service Committee (Quakers) contributed so much to making more worthwhile the entire evacuation experience some 15 years ago, called upon JACL to seek its "New Perspectives" in the international field, particularly with reference to Japan, our ancestral land.

CONVENTION PERSONALITIES

Aside from those already mentioned in passing, some of the personalities at the EDC-MDC included:

Mari Sabusawa Michener, former Secretary to the National Board, still concerned, still charming, was seen visiting with old friends and making new ones.

Larry Tajiri, wartime editor of the "Pacific Citizen", dropped in during the ball. Busy as ever in his new responsibilities with the Denver Post, Larry's visit was a pleasant surprise to all privileged to see him again.

Abe Hagiwara and Bill Sasagawa, outgoing chairmen of their respective district councils—Abe of the Midwest and Bill of the Eastern—ably chaired their last meetings to wind up active, successful bienniums in which both district councils reached peaks of organizational participation. Chicago Abe and Philadelphia Bill are both public relations experts and their professional experience had much to do with the great job they did with the chapters in their jurisdictions.

Kumeo Yoshinari, also of Chicago, an old-timer with pre-war service in JACL in the Pacific Northwest, is the new MDC Chairman. Sincere, conscientious, hard-working, he combines all the qualities that make for leadership in any field. And JACL is fortunate to count him among our leaders.

Charles Nagao of Seabrook is the first from his chapter to be elected District Council Chairman. Another sincere and devoted worker, at home in both the English and Japanese languages, he sparked the Issei citizenship drives in Seabrook which set the national pattern and provided leadership for a community relations program that is the envy of all experts who are aware of the job he has done.

Harry Honda, PC editor, making himself known to JACLers in the East and the Midwest, brought the official publication down to a person-to-person level which ought to result in more readers and more news, both good for the organization.

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Guiding Hands - Present and Future

6500 JAPANESE IMMIGRANTS ENTER U.S. DURING FISCAL YEAR 1957

WASHINGTON.—More than 6,500 immigrants from Japan were admitted into the United States during fiscal year 1957, the State Department informed the Washington Office of the Japanese American Citizens League.

For the period July 1, 1956 to June 30, 1957, 92 quota immigrants and 6,471 nonquota immigrants, for a grand total of 6,563, were admitted from Japan.

That only 92 quota immigrants of the 185 visas annually available under the quota for Japan is explained by the fact that up to half of the annual quota for many years to come is mortgaged because so many Issei and other Japanese aliens in the United States secured adjustments of status from that of temporary or "illegal" entrants to those admitted for permanent residence.

Over 900,000 Admitted

The more than 6,500 from Japan were among the 906,599 immigrants from all nations admitted during the last fiscal year. The year's total is one of the largest in many years, according to Roderic O'Connor, Administrator of Security and Consular Affairs of the Department of State.

Prior to Dec. 24, 1952, when the Walter-McCarran Immigration and Nationality Act became effective, immigrants from Japan were not admitted for permanent residence because of the prohibitions of the Japanese Exclusion Act of 1924. The JACL endorsed Asian provisions of the 1952 statute not only repealed the Exclusion Act features but also extended naturalization privileges to resident alien Japanese for the first time in history.

Shimanouchi elevated to counsellor post in Japanese Embassy at Washington, D.C.

WASHINGTON.—Henry Toshiro Shimanouchi, former San Francisco and Los Angeles resident and newspaperman, has been promoted to the post of counsellor at the Japanese Embassy here, it was learned.

He has been on the embassy staff here since 1954, when he was assigned as first secretary. As counsellor, his rank is below ambassador and two ministers.

Because of his excellent command of the English language he has been serving as press representative for the embassy and has been called upon to serve as interpreter and translator in many important international conferences.

Peace Confab 'Voice'

He attended the Japanese peace conference in San Francisco in 1951 as a member of the Japanese delegation and was then Premier Shigeru Yoshida's English voice in the simultaneous translation feed into the earphones of delegates attending the final parley session.

He also read Premier Nobusuke Kishi's message in English to both houses of Congress during the Japanese chief executive's visit to Washington earlier this year.

Shimanouchi, born in Japan in 1909, was brought to California as an infant. After attending schools in Watsonville, Oakland, Livingston and Fresno, he graduated Occidental College in Los Angeles where he was a member of the debating team.

He served several years as English editor for the Los Angeles Japanese American News managed by his late father, Yoshinobu Shimanouchi, and briefly with the Japanese American News in San Francisco before going to Japan in 1933.

There he was with the Japan Advertiser in Tokyo before joining the staff of the Japanese Cultural society and served for a time in its New York office.

Gripsholm Repatriate

Returning to Japan on an exchange ship he joined the Japanese foreign office. His promotion to the high post of counsellor in the Japanese diplomatic corps is considered phenomenal as he has never taken the stiff diplomatic corps examination.

Most candidates for foreign office careers usually take these tests, some after they acquire their college degree. Promotions come slowly and ordinarily one must be admitted into the service early in their career to gain any important posts. Counsellors at the Japanese embassies are about equal in rank to consul generals, it was reported.

NAVY LOG PRODUCTION TO FEATURE TERU SHIMADA

"The Commander and the Kid", latest production completed for the TV series Navy Log, concerns the Korean war. Teru Shimada is portraying the village elder.

PRESIDENT SIGNS AMENDMENT TO IMMIGRATION ACT

WASHINGTON.—The President signed the Kennedy-Walter family hardship immigration bill into law Wednesday morning at his "summer White House" in Newport, R.I.

Introduced by Sen. John Kennedy (D., Mass.) and a bipartisan group of senators, the bill was amended by the Senate Judiciary Committee to conform to Rep. Francis E. Walter's (D., Pa.) bill then pending before the House.

The Senate passed the bill and the House amended it further in line with Congressman Walter's wishes, which the Senate accepted and sent to the White House prior to adjournment.

The new immigration law includes provisions to reunite separate families, long advocated by the Japanese American Citizens League.

Orphans adopted by citizens may be admitted for a two-year period without regard to number, step-children and legitimated children of citizens are extended non-quota status as are the first, second and third preference immigrants whose petitions were approved prior to July 1, 1957, by the Attorney General.

First preference refers to highly skilled workers needed in the country, second preference to alien parents of citizens and third preference to spouses and unmarried minor children of resident aliens.

Spouses, parents or children of citizens afflicted with tuberculosis may be admitted under certain conditions.

Civil rights—

Continued from Front Page their constitutionally guaranteed civil rights.

The measure passed in the closing hours of Congress was stripped of some of the teeth the Administration wanted in the history-making civil rights act. However, the President hailed it as a good bill because of the protection it gives the voting rights of Negroes in the South.

It passed the House by a vote of 299 to 97 and the Senate 60 to 15 after a 24-hour filibuster by Sen. Strom Thurmond (D., S.C.) failed to muster Southern support for an all-out talkathon.

Assign first Nisei to teach in Watsonville school

WATSONVILLE.—Annette Shirachi, recent San Jose State College graduate, of Watsonville is the first Nisei public school teacher here, having been assigned to the second grade at Radcliff Elementary School. She was a recipient of the American Association of University Women scholarship.

CALENDAR

- Sept. 14 (Saturday) Gardena Valley — Dance Class social, Japanese Comm. Ctr., 8 p.m. Sept. 14-15 East Los Angeles — Big Bear Lodge overnight outing.
- Sept. 17 (Tuesday) Portland — General meeting.
- Sept. 19 (Thursday) Pasadena — General meeting, Presbyterian-Union Church, 7:30 p.m.; Jack Fritz, spkr.
- Sept. 20 (Friday) Venice-Culver — General meeting-talent show, "This Is Your Life—Mike Masaoka," Japanese Community Center.
- Sept. 22 (Sunday) Sequoia—Luau.
- East Los Angeles — Splash party, Baldwin Park C.C.
- Sept. 25 (Wednesday) CCDC — Autumn quarterly session, Kingsburg.
- Sept. 27 (Friday) Twin Cities—General meeting, "This Is Your Life—Mike Masaoka."
- Sept. 28 (Saturday) D.C. — EDC-MDC Convention report.
- East Los Angeles — General meeting, "This Is Your Life — Mike Masaoka."
- Oct. 4-5 Sonoma County — Benefit movie.
- Oct. 5 (Saturday) West Los Angeles — Pre-Holiday Hop, Elk's Hall, 2015 Wilshire Blvd., Santa Monica, 9 p.m.
- Oct. 11 (Friday) Chicago—General meeting.
- Oct. 12 (Saturday) Pasadena—Benefit Japanese movies.
- Oct. 13 (Sunday) Philadelphia—Bazaar.
- Salt Lake City — Auxiliary skatfest, Normandie rink.