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## BY THE BOARD:

Open letter to  
the NC-WN district

By AKIJI YOSHIMURA

**COLUSA.**—As we enter the second year of Meiji (for the benefit of the non-Camp Savage grads, it's another reading of the writer's name in Japanese), we pause a moment to reflect and review our impressions of chapters, events and personalities of '57.

... We took our first bow as district chairman at the 16th annual Goodwill Dinner sponsored by the Placer County chapter. Apparently one of the most enduring and without a doubt the outstanding P-R event of the district, it was an inspiring note on which to make our debut.

**February:** The first quarterly held in the Capitol City officially teed off the year with Mr. Sacramento alias "Bill Matsumoto," the poor man's Mike Todd officiating. Jr. JACLers got an important "shot in the arm" and received the official blessing of our national president, Doc Nishikawa.

**May:** Alameda, the city too often dwarfed (and fogged in) by its neighbors was the site of the second quarterly. The meeting was an impressive demonstration of what can be accomplished by a "small" chapter. We appreciate only too well the tremendous sacrifice in time and money, and we are grateful. We recall now the toastmaster's parting shot: "We hope that you will come again to Alameda, but" and he wisely added, "not too soon."

**August:** Led by an Oyster, who answers to the improbable name of "Hoshito" (Miyamoto), the Monterey Peninsula turned on the hospitality normally reserved for paying guests and tourists. NC-WN delegates were joined by their city cousins of the Southland, Fred Takata and Harry Honda, who were seen sniffing the rarefied atmosphere of the North rather suspiciously. One put a torch to his pipe (with its built-in incinerator) to see if it would burn. Northerners beware that they do not pollute our air along with stealing our water. Although you'd never suspect it by this writing, we were happy to have them and Thousand Kenji Tashiro with us.

No mention of Monterey would be complete without superlatives to describe the sumptuous dinner enjoyed by the District hierarchy at the home of the Torabayashis. We did justice to the repast with our appetites (being careful to use the plural), after which mere words fail us.

**November:** Back to Sacramento for the wind-up and the District Convention. The meet was loaded with JACL brass. George Inagaki, Ken Tashiro and Jack Noda. That one of them dozed during our business session was, we think, a compliment to the 1000 Club Luau of the night before, or something. The inspiring first quarterly and the exciting District confab, both hosted by the Sacramen-

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## S.F. ISSEI BODY ENDORSES NAT'L JACL BLD'G PLAN

**SAN FRANCISCO.**—Construction of a new building by the San Francisco JACL to house the National JACL headquarters and to serve the needs of the growing local chapter is now under study by the local chapter board, it was announced last week.

Jack Kusaba, local chapter president, disclosed that the matter of a new San Francisco JACL building was first considered by the local chapter board last year.

Early this past summer he appointed a special building committee, headed by Hatsuro Aizawa, immediate past president, to conduct a study into the possibilities of securing or constructing a new building.

### Chapter Holds Title

The chapter holds title to the present building at 1759 Sutter St., a converted frame residence structure, being used jointly by the National JACL headquarters and the local Nichi Bei Kai.

The building committee has held a number of preliminary sessions and consulted with Roy Watanabe, Bay Area architect, on this project.

Whether the proposed building will be constructed on the present site or at a new location is not settled as yet, Kusaba reported.

At the Nichi Bei Kai directors' meeting Nov. 21, all those present endorsed the new building project after it had been explained to them by a representative of the San Francisco JACL committee.

### Boosted by Confab

Jack Noda, national 2nd vice-president, is chairman of the National Building project for JACL. Interest in securing a headquarters building for JACL was heightened during the 1956 national convention when it was publicized that proceeds of the convention would be used for this venture.

## DELANO SCHOLAR WINS DISTRICT D.A.R. TITLE IN CITIZENSHIP CONTEST

**DELANO.**—Deanna Honbo, Delano High School senior, is competing with other winners of the Daughters of American Revolution Good Citizenship award for the district title.

She was chosen winner of the award recently at Delano High School. The award is based on dependability, leadership, service and patriotism and is made to a senior each year.

An active participant in school affairs, Deanna is girl's vice-president of the student association. Last year she was the holder of the highest grade point average in her class.

She was Delano High's representative to Girls' State last summer. She has been a member of the California Scholarship Federation for each semester that she has been in high school.

## Foresee problem in government census of 1960 on religious differences of Nisei

**HONOLULU.**—The difference in the religious convictions of young island Japanese and their parents could present a problem for government census statistics in 1960, according to a Univ. of Hawaii sociology professor.

Dr. Bernard L. Hormann said a state of flux has developed in religious identity of Hawaii's Japanese since World War II.

He was one of six speakers at the final session of the 33rd annual meeting of the Hawaiian



**K. Patrick Okura**, past national vice-president of the Japanese American Citizens League, is convention chairman of the Mountain-Plains District Council meeting this weekend at Omaha. The host chapter is also celebrating its 10th anniversary. Okura, staff psychologist at Fr. Flanagan's Boys Home, was Omaha chapter president the first two years after it was chartered.—John Kalina Photo.

## Sacrifice of Nisei during bombing of Pearl Harbor told

**HONOLULU.**—The spirit of sacrifice displayed by men of the Univ. of Hawaii ROTC when bombs rained on Pearl Harbor was symbolized in the recent dedication of a new residence hall for men by the university as part of the Pacific War Memorial series of buildings.

The War Memorial, which already includes the National Cemetery of the Pacific (Punchbowl) and the sunken USS Arizona, will eventually be made of many units all honoring some phase of Hawaii's participation in World War 2.

The U. H. ROTC was rallied to service on Dec. 7, 1941, as the Territorial Guard. A month later, those of Japanese ancestry were deactivated and they wrote to Gen. Delos C. Emmons, commanding the military forces, reaffirming their loyalty to America and offering themselves "for whatever service you may see fit to use us."

The Nisei became known as the Varsity Victory Volunteers. Assigned to the Army Engineers, they served as a labor battalion until the end of 1942 when they were deactivated to permit them to enlist in the 100th infantry.

### Wilson Makabes return

**NEW YORK.**—Mr. and Mrs. Wilson Makabe of Pacer County JACL, who have been touring Europe this past summer, returned Nov. 17 aboard the Maasdam and headed for their home in Auburn, Calif., via Philadelphia.

## IMMIGRATION AUTHORITIES GUILTY OF DISCRIMINATION IN BLOOD TEST RULE

**WASHINGTON.**—United States Immigration authorities were guilty of illegal race discrimination when they gave blood tests to all Chinese seeking to enter this country while not applying the same procedure to whites, the Supreme Court was told last week by attorneys for three Chinese seeking admission.

But Justice Department Attorney John F. Davis said extraordinary care must be taken with Chinese immigrants who, he said, while generally law abiding, have not hesitated to use fraud to gain entrance to the United States.

### Claim U.S. Fathers

With the low Chinese immigration quota, he said, a favorite trick is to claim to be the China-born offspring of an American-Chinese father so that the citizenship of the parent may be claimed—thus, the blood tests of both alleged parent and children to determine parentage.

While Davis admitted that "by and large," the tests were limited to Chinese, the practice was changed in 1955 to include other immigrants, he stated.

So many Chinese declare they were born in the United States but that the certificates were destroyed in the San Francisco fire. Davis said that, if it were true, each Chinese woman in this country must have given birth to 800 children.

Central figures in the case are two brothers and a sister who, then aged 22, 13 and 12, arrived at Ehis Island from Hong Kong in 1952.

Although they were born in China, they asserted their father was an American citizen, Lee Ha. The mother, a permanent resident alien of the United States, it was contended, had come to this country in 1949 to join the father while the children were left behind to finish their schooling.

The children and the alleged parents were given blood tests. One test excluded all three purported offspring. A second test excluded two of them.

### Illegal Entry Plan

A Federal judge in New York declared tests, given only to Chinese were illegal as racially discriminatory. Since the description given by the applicants of their

## ATTORNEY WIRIN GETS PASSPORT TO RED CHINA

Attorney A. L. Wirin probably became the first American to have a passport validated by the State Department since the Korean war for entry into both Communist China and North Korea.

Prominent civil liberties lawyer and Downtown L.A. 1000er, he is counsel for John and Sylvia Powell, who are charged with sedition and whose case is now pending in the San Francisco federal district court.

The passport was issued last week to enable Wirin to interview witnesses and assemble evidence in behalf of his clients' defense.

## Columbia engineering students quit fraternity

**NEW YORK.**—A group of engineering students withdrew last week from the Columbia University chapter of Theta Tau, in protest against the national fraternity's "white members only" membership limitation in its constitution.

The new organization will emphasize the professional aspects of engineering and "strive to develop within its members qualities which foster scientific progress", declared John W. Adams, chapter regent who resigned.

home life with the alleged parents seemed reasonably true, their admission was ordered. This ruling was upset later by a Federal appeals court and the case found its way to the High Court, with Attorneys Benjamin Gim and Edward Ennis representing the applicants.

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**Eke Inouye**, laughter-provoking 1000er of Idaho Falls, will be emcee of the Intermountain District Council convention banquet this weekend at Hotel Rogers. Eke splits infinitives, dangles participles and probably doesn't know an adverb from an adjective, but his colorful language and manner of making his audience feel at ease, makes him a popular master of ceremonies.

## George Inagaki's father dies at 73

Frank Kuniji Inagaki, father of immediate past national president George Inagaki, died Nov. 22 at the Culver City Hospital. He was 73 years old. He had been ill for a long time with cancer.

Funeral services were held Tuesday night at the West Los Angeles Community Church. He is also survived by his widow Yae and two grandchildren.

Well-known among the Japanese "senryu" poetry group, he used the pen name of "Bokuto".

## Prominent Nisei dentist of Bay Area dies, was 57

**SAN FRANCISCO.**—Prominent dentist Dr. Hideki Hayashi, 57, died after a brief illness on Nov. 8. He began his practice with his elder brother Dr. Terry T. Hayashi on Post St. in 1923. For several years after the war, they maintained offices on Geary St. downtown until 1950 when he opened his office in Berkeley.

He is survived by his wife and three daughters, Joan, Ida and Mrs. Kei Nakano of Redwood City, four brothers, Dr. T. T. Ben, Dr. Akio of Sacramento, Dr. Terno of Philadelphia, and sister Mrs. Florence Ishibashi of Chicago.

## Issei Division meets, seek special CL name

**CHICAGO.**—Although Issei have been naturalized and have U.S. citizenship and eligible for membership in the Chicago JACL chapter, the majority prefer to remain as a separate unit, known as the Issei Division, until a proper name has been chosen.

This Issei group held a meeting at the Japanese American Service Committee on Nov. 14, with Tahel Matsunaga presiding. Plans for the future were discussed.

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## From the Frying Pan

by Bill Hosokawa

Denver

**HEARSTLINGS** — With increasing frequency, the by-line of a young writer named Tom Ujemura has been appearing over International News Services stories in papers across the country. Ujemura works for the INS bureau in Chicago. Stories he has written appear almost daily on the INS "budget" which is a list of major news items that editors can expect to receive during the day.

After seeing several unusually well done Ujemura pieces recently, I asked Harvey Kadish, chief of Denver's INS bureau, to find out a little more about Ujemura. Kadish reported back that Tom Ujemura had worked in INS's Chicago offices for six or seven years as a copyboy. Only recently had he been assigned to report and write, and he promptly delighted his bosses by his skill. Ujemura's stories have been appearing frequently on front pages, especially in the Chicago American, a Hearst newspaper. Ujemura, Kadish indicated, was a young man likely to go far with International News.

As happy as Kadish was with Ujemura's work, he was equally high on his own Nisei protege, a young lady named Kay Matsuura. Kay worked for INS in Denver a year ago last summer while studying journalism at the University of Colorado. When she graduated last June, Kadish lost no time in hiring her for the Denver bureau.

This little item is another one to add to your "how times do change file." International News Service is a Hearst enterprise and William Randolph Hearst, who founded a publication empire, was one of the discoverers of the Yellow Peril. It was the International News Service and the Hearst press that beat the anti-Nisei tom-toms during evacuation days and did their best to whip up hatred against Japanese Americans. Now, in addition to its two Nisei staffers, INS has Herb Gordon in its Washington bureau writing U.S. items of special interest to Japanese newspaper clients, and vice versa. (Herb was on the Washington JACL office staff before joining INS.—Ed.)

**SATELLITEM** — When the Russians shot Sputnik II into space with a dog named Laika as a passenger, American talked about the "moongrel" and referred to the satellite as a "putnik," "muttnik," "dognik" and "poochnik." Which brings to mind that the Japanese equivalent for Fido or Rover is the way of a dog's name seems to be Pochi. Could it be a corruption of the American pooch? Or maybe pooch was adapted from Pochi. And again there may be no connection at all.

**PLEADING INNOCENT** — Our Pete, age 9, is at that stage of life when he seems to be in harmless trouble more often than out. For such infractions of ground rules such as tossing his jacket on the sofa, kicking off his shoes in the living room, leaving the newspaper spread out on the floor, etcetera, etcetera, etcetera, he has his named called frequently and sharply by the Authority around the house. Nowadays he's taken to answering by saying: "I didn't do it. What?"

**SLAPPY BOTTOM** — Know how to tell a real, horse-riding, working type cowboy? Look at his backside. His sitter and thighs will be thin, the flesh worn off by long hours and years of hammering in the saddle. Something about a saddle seems to take off the heft whereas an equivalent amount of time in a swivel chair just adds flesh. Just a thought; no offense meant.

**THOUGHTS AT 6 A.M.** — Getting up before the sun these wintry mornings is bad enough, but looking into the mirror to shave before coffee is grim. It would be worth buying an electric razor to avoid having to face myself at the hour of the morning.

## BLOC VOTING IN HAWAII AS SENSED ON MAINLAND UNSEEN BY SAVANT

HONOLULU.—For the 57 years of its Territorial status, Hawaii has been charged with racial bloc voting.

But racial bloc voting in the Mainland sense—of rigorous control over an entire block of voters of a common race—does not occur in Hawaii, says Dr. Andrew W. Lind, Univ. of Hawaii senior sociology professor.

Furthermore, he adds, "... voting exclusively for members of one's own ethnic group (in Hawaii) is so slight as to be inconsequential."

These are among findings reported in September by Dr. Lind in an article on "Racial Bloc Voting in Hawaii" in the publication, "Social Process in Hawaii."

### Source of Accusations

The accusations, he explains, stem from the fact that European immigrant groups on the Mainland have been manipulated as political units by party bosses.

And because more than half the Hawaii residents since annexation have been of Oriental ancestry, the "highly questionable conclusion" is that similar results must follow here as on the Mainland.

Uninformed observers commonly believe that one of the Oriental immigrant groups might function as a single voting bloc and thus control elections or determine the balance of political power, says Dr. Lind, but he adds:

"Nothing, of course, could be further from the truth."

### Distrust

He explains that the concern basically amounts to a distrust of Japanese citizens since they are the only group large enough now to pose any political threat.

Giving weight to this belief is the fact that various ethnic groups are not evenly distributed over the islands.

For example, says Dr. Lind, on the Big Island and Kauai, from which separate county and territorial officials are elected, voters of Japanese ancestry may constitute half the total number of voters and would be situated, if they all agreed, to elect their own candidates.

Presumably the same situation might occur with the Chinese or Filipinos, he says, if they made up a solid bloc subject to tight control.

### Political Suicide

However, Dr. Lind stresses that any inclination toward racial bloc voting here which a candidate might wish to exploit "clearly

stems from the familiar American practice of choosing the familiar when in doubt."

He points out that any politician in Hawaii soon learns "that the surest route to political suicide is an appeal on a racial basis."

"Not only is it impossible for any single racial group to achieve a majority of all the voters in the Territory, but even in districts... where the voters of one ancestry may predominate, a racial appeal would act as a boomerang."

Opponents of other ancestries, he points out, would "immediately seize upon such a serious faux pas and members of his (the candidate's) own ethnic group in the opposition party would make political capital of it."

### Tendency

But because of unfamiliarity with the candidates or their qualifications, he says, a voter may tend to cast his ballot for names which sound most familiar.

"Between names printed on the ballot, all unfamiliar to the voter, in Hawaii the haole may be expected to vote for Smith, the Chinese for Sun, the Japanese for Sato, the Portuguese for Silva and the Filipino for Santiago."

When the voter checks only several candidates on his ballot, it is commonly assumed that failure to vote for all possible candidates is evidence of bloc voting.

"Lack of information is more often the cause," says Dr. Lind.

### Neophytes Profit

But he says it is unquestionable that the political neophyte profits by this weakness.

An ambitious, inexperienced citizen would hardly dare run for office without assurance of support from his own racial community.

On the other hand, he points out, the older, more experienced and politically stronger candidates become identified with civic movements and are compelled to appeal for votes on a community-wide interracial basis. By doing so, these candidates alienate their own racial communities which helped launch their political careers.

### Not One Party

Dr. Lind also emphasized that none of the racial groups in Hawaii belongs exclusively to one political party.

Although, he says, "there is doubtless a somewhat larger number of Japanese persons enrolled as Democrats than as Republicans, just as the reverse is probably true of haoles."

—Honolulu Star-Bulletin

## Soldier bride from Japan studies for second bachelor's degree at Tempe

TEMPE, Ariz.—It was a long road of many turnings that brought Mr. and Mrs. John Knieling to Arizona State. Presently home-owners at 410 W. Parkway Blvd., Tempe, the Knielings were born in countries separated by half the globe, met in another country, and are now some 6,000 miles from where they first met.

It was on a bus traveling along a bumpy road near Tokyo that their paths crossed. Knieling, a native of Baltimore, Md., was then stationed in Japan with the U.S. Navy. Pretty and petite Mizue Maruno, who had come from Formosa to Japan, was returning home from her day's studies at Nihon University in Tokyo.

The bus struck something and stopped with a sudden jolt, sending the passengers in all directions. As she bounced, tiny Mizue found herself staring at a large pair of GI progans.

"They looked like landing barges," she says, recalling that the sight of them startled her into laughter.

### Taught English

The only person on the bus who could answer Knieling's questions about the slight accident, Mizue impressed him greatly by her command of the English language. She was majoring in English literature at the university and had been teaching English to junior high school students.

Shortly after they met, Knieling

left for the United States. The couple corresponded and when he returned to Japan a year later, "He had an armful of presents from the United States," according to Mizue. On the day of her graduation from the university, the next year, he asked her to marry him. It was another year before they were married.

### After 2nd B.A. Degree

From another serviceman's wife in Tokyo, the new Mrs. Knieling first heard of Arizona State. She liked what she heard and, sight unseen, the couple decided on Tempe as their home. They arrived in San Francisco last June and were in Tempe two weeks later.

Now they are both connected with A.S. Knieling works at the physical plant and his wife is busily working for her second bachelor's degree. Taking a special program under the College of Liberal Arts, she is studying Latin American language and economy.

"The time comes when everyone must settle down some place," says Knieling, looking back over 20 years in the navy, which took him all around the world. His wife, who can recall working as a housemaid to get the first money toward higher education, agrees.

### Life's Dream Come True

"It's been my dream to come to the United States to study, ever since I was a little girl in high school," she says.

—Arizona Republic.

## Bits & Bites

On the other side of this page, Denver Post executive news editor Bill Hosokawa wonders if "pooch" is derived from "pochi"—a popular name for a dog among Japanese families, or vice versa... Kiyoshi Yano, Japanese news editor at the Rafu Shimpo and one of our JACL news translators, explains "pochi" means "spotty" in Japanese, and dogs named "Pochi" are spotty in color. Where "pooch" comes from, he couldn't say, but the comparison was most interesting.

A frequent caller at the PC Office in past weeks has been Pat Okura's younger brother Jim, now field representative for the Los Angeles district office of the Social Security Administration. (Pat, of Omaha, is convention chairman of the Mountain - Plains District Council meeting this weekend.) Jim has started an informative series on social security information in the local Japanese vernacular press, thus assuring the community someone who knows Japanese is at the office (Richmond 9-4711, ext. 1101) to render assistance. With many Issei receiving or about to qualify for benefits, the placement of Nisei at the front counter to handle cases deserves mention... George Nakamura, onetime Long Beach chapter president, is doing similar work at the Long Beach office. Other Nisei in the local district office are Lorraine Brannen, Norton Nishioka, George Shimizu and Ken Tome... Tokutaro Slocum, JACL's Washington lobbyist in the early 1930s to gain citizenship for Issei servicemen of the first World War, has been doing the same in Fresno, the last we heard... A thing to remember, Jimmy Okura advises, is the local post office can direct the applicant to the office nearest his home. (We'd appreciate names of other Nisei employed elsewhere able to render similar assistance to the Issei, who often seem at a loss for being unable to express themselves fully in English.)

Fumi Iwatsuki, co-editor of the Chicago JACLer who hails from Wyoming, has severed her connections with the Univ. of Chicago and is now secretary to the associate director of research and development for General American Transportation Corp. ... The Maxwell Rabbs were pleasantly surprised when they were greeted between planes at Midway recently by national JACL board members Dr. Tom Yatabe, Shig Wakamatsu, Kumeo Yoshinari, Esther and Abe Hagiwara. The White House assistant was enroute to Tokyo to address the International Nisei Convention... And one final Chicago item: Richard Kaneko, one of the stalwarts who nursed the Jr. JACL during its pre-organization grind and then elected first vice-president, had to resign for service in the U.S. Army. The "draft" will play tricks like this in our Jr. JACL program.

Judge John Aiso of the Los Angeles Superior Court, in addition to his duties at the bench, has nominated his first two prospective candidates for the 1958 county grand jury. They are publicist Roger C. Johnson of Hollywood and Howard I. Nicholson, Pasadena, retired. The list of 135 names includes many community leaders. The final 19 are determined after two drawings and impaneled by the presiding judge of the criminal division.

Angelenos—and there are many Nisei homeowners who are affected—have been howling over the unprecedented rise in property taxes, the first installment of which is due next week... One source of city taxes being dropped next year, we understand, is the levy on public baths—of which there are only four in the city, one in Lili' Tokyo... We remember the Saturday nights there before the war, playing mah jong with the man-in-charge, who is now one of the Nisei priests of Maryknoll.



## VAGARIES

By Larry S. Tajiri

### Platter Chatter

ONE NIGHT, not too long ago, a New Yorker named Ted Steele heard a voice in an Atlantic City nightclub with Chinese decor called the Bamboo Inn. The voice gave Steele pause. It was full-throated, fresh and vibrant. He peered through the cigaret smoke at the singer, found she was a girl of obvious Oriental ancestry. She was billed at the night club as Teal Joy.

Steele, who had just been commissioned by Bethlehem, a fast-growing label, to take charge of a new series of personality recordings in the popular field, arranged an interview with the girl. He learned she was a Seattle-born Nisei—of Japanese, French and Peruvian ancestry. She took her Chinese-sounding stage name—other Nisei with similar "Chinese" names include Helen Toy (Takahashi) and master of ceremonies Jack Soo (Goro Suzuki)—because she got her start singing in a Chinese night club. Chinese night clubs are something of a fixture on the nocturnal American scene, from Forbidden City and the other neon-lit palaces in San Francisco to a variety of places on the east coast. The China Doll was once one of the brighter Broadway places and a number of Nisei performers, including the Kanazawa troupe, now the second generation of acrobats in American show business, were once featured there. The China Doll is closed now, but a China Doll revue, made up mostly of Chinese performers, is still touring U.S. night spots.

Anyway, Teal Joy recorded for Ted Steele and the result is a fine Bethlehem album, "Miss Teal Joy", which is being released this month. In this, the Seattle girl gives out with a group of standards, such as "Autumn Leaves." She vocalizes with her heart, in the best tradition of torch singing.

Last Sunday (Nov. 24) was the biggest in her career for Teal Joy. She was the guest, coast-to-coast, on the Steve Allen TV show over NBC.

MIYOSHI UMEKI, known as Nancy to GIs, came to the United States two years back after making a reputation as a popular singer in Japan. She won an Arthur Godfrey Talent Scouts audition and has been a guest on numerous occasions on the Godfrey radio and TV programs. Lately she has been singing in and around Hollywood and appearing on a morning TV show.

Miss Umeki's career turns a new page in December when her first motion picture, "Sayonara," is released nationally. In this film she makes her debut as a dramatic actress and impresses with her performance as the Japanese girl who falls in love with and marries Red Buttons in the picture. The Miyoshi-Buttons romance in "Sayonara" provides something of a counterpoint to the love affair between the picture's principals, Marlon Brando and Miiko Taka.

Her portrayal of Mrs. Joe Kelly should help Miss Umeki's career and will probably win her other roles. In behalf of the film she, Buttons and Miss Taka appeared recently on the Perry Como TV show.

Miyoshi Umeki, who sings her songs in Japanese and English—her bilingual rendition of faraway places is an example—is represented in two albums. Her solo album is "Miyoshi Sings", a Mercury recording, while she is represented with the likes of Sarah Vaughan and Patti Page in EmArcy's "Under One Roof." Miss Umeki's role in "Sayonara" is that of Katsumi, and RCA is putting out a record called "The Katsumi Theme" from the film's soundtrack.

ONE OF THE FIRST SINGERS, incidentally, to publicize Japanese versions of popular songs was Karie Shindo, a Los Angeles girl, who sang the sweetly nostalgic "These Foolish Things" in a Humphrey Bogart picture for Columbia called "Tokyo Joe." . . . Japanese versions of "My Blue Heaven" and "The Tennessee Waltz" also have been popular for many years. In fact, nearly every big U.S. song hit now gets the bi-lingual treatment. . . . The late Goro Murata, once a Los Angeles newspaperman, wrote an English version of the lyrics of "Shina No Yoru" and Grace Amemiya, a girl from Hawaii, recorded it some years ago for Nippon Columbia.

LAST TIME WE were in New York, which was several months back, Toshiko (Akiyoshi) was being featured at a night club in Jazz Alley (West 52d Street) called the Hickory House. Toshiko, who learned jazz by getting a job playing the piano at an U.S. Army officers' club in Tokyo, is now considered one of the world's best jazz pianists.

She learned her American jazz mainly from listening to records and had established quite a reputation (she appeared twice with the Tokyo Philharmonic as well) by the time Oscar Peterson, a pretty mean jazz pianist himself, heard her in Tokyo. Peterson got U.S. jazz aficionados interested in the Japanese girl. Meanwhile, a recording she made won her a scholarship to the Berklee School of Music in Boston where she has been learning and composing during the school year and appearing in night clubs and at such soirees as the Newport Jazz Festival in the summer.

Toshiko told Time some weeks back that she would like to go back to Japan eventually.

"The position of the jazz musician there is so low now that I feel a responsibility to do something about it. I'd like to go back and start an orchestra for the movies, and once a month we could present a jazz concert."

Toshiko, who wore a kimono on Saturday nights (at the management's request) during her Hickory House engagement, has made one album. It's called "Toshiko" and the label is Story.

When in Elko . . .  
Stop at the Friendly Stockmen's  
**CAFE - BAR - CASINO**  
Stockmen's, Elko, Nev



When Marlon Brando's new leading lady, Miss Miiko Taka, visited Cincinnati, she was greeted by two University of Cincinnati co-eds. Shown presenting a university souvenir to Miss Taka on her arrival are Evelyn Yamaguchi (left) and Marilyn Matsumoto, both of Cincinnati. Miss Yamaguchi is a junior and Miss Matsumoto is a freshman, both in the university's College of Arts and sciences. Like Miss Taka, they are American-born Miss Taka's first motion picture, "Sayonara," in which she co-stars with Marlon Brando, is expected to be released in December. It is adapted from the novel of the same name by James Michener. (Miss Matsumoto's father, Ken, was a prewar JACL officer.)

## Canadian Nisei leaders challenged by Japanese ambassador to cooperate in bettering friendly relations of nations

TORONTO.—The Nisei in Canada, given the unique and important role of being interpreters for Canada and Japan, appear to have failed in grasping the opportunity.

This and other critical views were levelled in a charitable tone, against the Nisei by Ambassador Toru Hagiwara recently at the residence of Consul and Mrs. Matso Endo during a multi-phased discussion of subjects affecting Japanese Canadians.

The meeting, arranged by Consul Endo for the purpose of acquainting the Japanese diplomatic leader with executives of the National JCCA, heard Hagiwara express his opinions on matters in which Japanese Canadians and the Japanese diplomatic corps could cooperate.

The Nisei and relevant organizations, such as the JCCA, should reappraise its policies in the light of present circumstances, he advised.

### Refuse Advantage

The Issei have now attained the age where it would be inadvisable for them to stand in the forefront. The Nisei, therefore, are by vir-

tue of their unique status in a position to assume the leadership. But indications are that they are still too occupied with enlarging upon their personal requirements to take advantage of such leadership, Hagiwara remarked.

Thus, those Nisei who are now placed in the position of leadership in organizations such as the JCCA should give careful study to adjusting their thinking to the very distant future.

The expansion of trade between Canada and Japan and continually widening interchange of ideas on culture between the two countries made it advisable for the present generation of Japanese Canadians to reappraise their attitude, he said.

### JACL ENDOWMENT FUND

Dr. Roy Nishikawa, national JACL president, this week acknowledged 21 more contributions amounting to \$2,151.22 for the National JACL Endowment Fund. Individuals and organizations, who have donated in appreciation of recent evacuation claims awards, are as follows:

**CALIFORNIA**  
Arroyo Grande — Mitsugi Fukuhara \$65.52; Fresno — Tak Yamaguchi \$139.17; Hayward — Anonymous \$51.57; Livingston — Livingston Church Corporation \$95; Long Beach — Chomatsu Kishiyama \$5; Los Angeles — Mrs. Ushi Gushiken \$130; Kobayakawa Company \$40.75; Jane S. Komatsu \$5; San Juan Bautista — Tadao Yamanishi \$40; Stockton — Asataro Tokunaga \$350; Turlock — K.B. Miyamoto \$79.21; West Los Angeles — Mrs. Shun Tanaka \$50; Wilmington — Keito Hashimoto \$30; Whittier — Shojiro Kawaguchi \$20.  
**ILLINOIS**  
Chicago — Mrs. Suze Toda \$5.  
**OREGON**  
Portland — George K. Sumida \$100; Dr. Abe Oyamada \$120.  
**UTAH**  
Riverton — Masakichi Iwamoto \$40.  
**WASHINGTON**  
Bellevue — George Y. Tamura \$25.  
**HAWAII**  
Honolulu — Kiyochi Koide \$10; Kishin Yamakawa \$50.

### LILY OKURA ACCEPTS CHILDREN CENTER JOB

OMAHA.—Mrs. Lily Okura, secretary to the National JACL Board, has accepted a position as coordinating secretary for the C. Louis Meyer Childrens Center here in the Doctors Bldg., 44th and Farnam Sts.

She leaves her job as secretary to the administrator of Univ. of Nebraska Hospital as of Dec. 1, having been there since June, 1953.

### Whereabouts sought

Grace Thurnberg, 330 W. Olive St., Fresno, is asking the whereabouts of Shungo Furui, who attended Fowler grammar school and graduated in 1912. She is planning a class reunion.

As examples, he pointed to the summer extension studies on Japan which were offered this year by the University of British Columbia. Despite the obvious advantages of enrollment for such studies, not one Nisei attended the lectures. He also noted that the Nisei made themselves singularly significant by being totally absent at other similar courses offered by the same institution.

They are also losing out in the expanding trade pattern between Japan and Canada because they lack fundamental knowledge of subjects concerning the former country. Trading firms in Japan therefore must send their own staff of executives to fill a void which the Nisei are unable to take on.

### Benefits Japan, Canada

Hagiwara suggested strongly that Nisei study matters concerning Japan—traditional as well as current—for their own enlightenment, a course which if followed will be thoroughly advantageous to Canada as well as Japan.

He urged also that those still having dual citizenship revoke the Japanese registration immediately. In this regard he observed that Japan should simplify procedures so that much of the red-tape will be erased.

These and other matters, such as the immigration question, are subjects which could be resolved co-operatively both by Japanese Canadians and by the Japanese diplomatic corps in Canada, Hagiwara said.

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### WEST L. A. LADIES GUILD INSTALLS NEW PRESIDENT

Mrs. Albert Matsuura was installed as new president of the Ladies Guild of the West Los Angeles Buddhist Church at an impressive candlelight ceremony at Imperial Gardens.

U-PAY 'EM WE NEED 'EM

WHY NOT JOIN ONLY 25 SMACKERS

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TAIKUN TASHIRO

Idaho Falls JACLers, hosting the 10th Anniversary celebration of the founding of the 1000 Club and Intermountain District Council, hold a huge \$1000 "bill" for use at the 1000 Club Whing Ding tonight. Left to right are Yuki Harada, George Nukaya, Sadao Morishita, Joe Nishioka, Deto Harada and Elvina Jonak. The greenback was designed by Fred Ochi.

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## POINTING SOUTHWESTWARD

By Fred Takata

### Flu Bug

WELL, THE FLU bug finally caught with some of us here at the Regional Office with Secretary Blanche Shiosaki and yours truly on the casualty list. Managing to keep away from it are the PC staff—editor Honda and circulation manager, Mrs. Miki Fukushima. . . . But the newspaper business is just like show business—and the show must go on, so here we are banging out a few lines to carry on the traditions for PC.

**MOVIE PRODUCER**—It seems that East Los Angeles and Southwest Los Angeles JACL chapters are in the movie industry. Several weeks ago, Capt. Claude V. Bache and some of his graduate students at USC approached us for some background material on the Nisei of Today. We were very happy to loan them our JACL films on the 442nd RCT, relocation and evacuation that we have in our library. We also gave them a lot of reading material so that they could read up on the Nisei story.

That was the last we heard until recently when we heard that ELA and SWLA decided to finance the difference in cost to have the documentary film shot in color. Of course, since they are helping to finance the picture, they will have a copy of the film.

The other day we were quite surprised to find the group shooting right here in Li'l Tokio in front of Modern Food Market. You'll never guess who the star in this particular scene was. It was our own Roy Iketani! Warner Bros. may have Miss Miiko Taka, but JACL has ROY IKETANI.

According to reports, it's going to be quite an interesting film and may prove to be a very efficient PR picture for JACL. We'll keep an eye on it and keep you posted.

**ONE FOR THE BOOKS**—The other day, an Issei gentleman dropped by with a \$1 contribution to Christmas Cheer. He explained that he was attending a citizenship class where one of the projects was to give a speech in English. He chose the topic of "Christmas Cheer and What It Means to the Community". After making his speech, there was an involuntary round-up of contribution from the class after one student asked if he wouldn't take something to Christmas Cheer. All that the smiling old man could say, when the Issei came with the contribution was, "I must give pretty good speech, no?"

**FEPC FOR L.A.**—The City Council committee of public health and welfare held its hearings on FEPC this week. The Rev. Maurice Dawkins, president of the local NAACP branch, and Harvey Schechter of the B'nai B'rith Anti-Defamation League, spoke in favor of the bill while Randolph Van Nostrand, local director of the Merchants and Manufacturers Association, led the opposition.

We were given a few seconds to speak in behalf of the proposed ordinance. J.J. Rodriguez of the CSO (Mexican-American civic group) also spoke in favor. Max Mont of the Jewish Labor Organization, in his rebuttal to the opposition, covered each point with fact and challenged the opposition to take each point with him personally. Mont even suggested making phone calls in the presence of an anti-FEPC man of firms which discriminate to prove his point. Since there were no further comments, the meeting was adjourned and the proposal referred to committee.

**HERE AND THERE**—East L.A. raised approximately \$70 at its Christmas Cheer benefit dance. Southwest L.A. also sponsored a shindig for the same cause this week. The net proceeds have not been determined as yet. . . . Gardena Valley JACL is sponsoring Japanese movies this weekend (Nov. 29-30) at their Japanese Community Center, 2000 Market St. Films are in

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## PC with Membership plan to be studied by PSWDC

Distribution of the Pacific Citizen, official publication of the Japanese American Citizens League, on the basis of JACL membership is to be studied by a special committee of the Pacific Southwest District Council, which favorably accepted a Long Beach-Harbor District JACL resolution at the quarterly session held in Santa Ana.

"PC with Membership", as the plan is called, was proposed for possible action at the 1958 national convention.

In urging all JACLers be given the PC, there were three points in the Long Beach resolution to support the proposal:

(1) "It has been evident that the majority of our members are uninformed about JACL matters outside of our own chapter activities.

(2) "Such chapter activities are known to members largely through chapter news bulletins published periodically at a substantial cost to the treasury, which cost may be eliminated or minimized by a larger circulation of the Pacific Citizen.

(3) "The current circulation of the PC in the Harbor area is confined only to those 1000 Club members and approximately 10 subscribers, making the solicitation of advertising from local businessmen or merchants extremely difficult."

### To Study Feasibility

"For these three reasons," the resolution asked, "the Long Beach-Harbor District chapter requests that the PSWDC appoint a committee to study the feasibility of availing the Pacific Citizen to every JACL member or family of members and that due consideration be given to a nominal rise in membership dues or the possibility of assessing chapter fees to meet the additional cost of publication."

(Records in the PC Office indicate there are close to 50 subscribers in the Long Beach chapter, which scored a record-breaking membership total in the excess of 340 this year.)

Out of the 6,000 subscribers, about three-fourths were JACL members (4,500) including the 1,200 1000 Club members, it was learned from PC editor Harry Honda, who was present at the quarterly session.

Inquiries were made then as to additional cost if the proposal of "PC with Membership" were to be effected. PSWDC delegates were informed that it would range from \$1.50 per year down to a possible

50 cents with JACL subsidy to make up the difference.

Similar inquiries were made privately at the recent EDC-MDC joint convention.

Prior to the 1956 national convention, the Eastern District Council had requested fiscal data from the Pacific Citizen with a view to study the problem of incorporating subscription to the PC with national JACL membership.

### 'JACL Reporter'

The hope of informing JACLers with organizational news through its publication is not untried. Before the war, when the Pacific Citizen was published monthly, each family unit was assessed 50 cents a year for the publication.

The PC then became a weekly in June, 1942, when National Headquarters moved inland from San Francisco to Salt Lake City. Subscription to the PC by the membership then became optional.

However, by 1945, a monthly publication, "JACL Reporter" was authorized by the 1944 national convention for distribution to all JACL members. It was suspended by the 1952 convention.

### Chapter Bulletins

In recent years, the onus of informing members fell upon chapters through their newsletters and bulletins. Several chapters have been outstanding in their publications, and at least one is enjoying advertising income of sufficient quantity to meet its chapter financial quota.

But, in many cases, the opposite holds true, it has been learned.

### BERKELEY:

#### ADMISSION PRICE SET TO RISE BY THE HOUR

A dressy sports dance, "Winter Dreams", is being sponsored by the Berkeley JACL on Dec. 7 at Longfellow School auditorium with plans for the public affair being planned by various young Nisei groups here.

It was announced that admission will be charged at the door and the earlier you come, the cheaper it will be for the prices increase by the hour.

### SANGER JACL SLATES JAPANESE MOVIE BENEFIT

SANGER—Two Japanese movies, "Matashiro Kenkagasa" and "8:13 P.M.", will be shown at the local Japanese Hall this Saturday, 7 p.m., with Sanger JACL as sponsor.

ed. The high cost of publication and postage and lack of adequate assistance has turned the eyes of the staff to view "PC with membership" as the ready-made alternative.

The Pacific Citizen, this past year, has received publications regularly from 16 chapters and from 10 others on an irregular basis. They are as follows:

Regular—San Francisco, Berkeley, Contra Costa County, Southwest L.A., East Los Angeles, Long Beach, Orange County, Hollywood, Venice-Culver, Salt Lake City, Pocatello, Mile-Hi, St. Louis, Chicago, Cleveland, Washington, D.C.

Irregular—Seattle, Monterey Peninsula, Stockton, Livingston-Merced, Fowler, Downtown Los Angeles, San Diego, Milwaukee, Philadelphia, New York.

Circulation of chapter bulletins range from strictly membership to every Japanese American family in the region, which means that as many as a 1,000 issues are mailed at costs borne by the chapter or offset by advertising income.

### SALT LAKE CITY:

#### Auxiliary helps send TB seals in Utah

A call from the Utah Tuberculosis and Health Association to help in sending out the annual Christmas seals prompted the Salt Lake JACL Auxiliary into action last week.

Seven members had stuffed some 6,000 envelopes one night, which more than pleased Mrs. Evelyn S. Van Nalten and George R. Williams, acting UTHA directors. Those who gave of their free time were Mmes. Chiye Aoyama, Amy Doi, Rae Fujimoto, Josie Hachiya, Alice Kasai, Miki Yano and Hats Yoshimoto.

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VERY TRULY YOURS:

PC Holiday Issue  
to praise Idahoans

This is one weekend I wish were in Idaho Falls, getting to know a little better the delegates of the Intermountain District Council, to celebrate the 10th anniversary of the 1000 Club and to get my first whack of that fabulous Idaho hospitality. But with another Holiday Issue in the making here, two or three days away from the desk would be too exasperating upon my return.

But we're doing the next best thing by enjoying the excellent reports the Idaho chapters have submitted in telling the history of Japanese Americans in their respective communities. The "Japanese in Idaho" is another in the series of Holiday Issue devoted to communities.

The series began with Livingston and its Yamato Colony, then the Japanese in Arizona and last year with Fowler. In them are anecdotes worthy of insertion into any Issei story that will be written.

It has always interested this Los Angeles-born reporter to know how the Japanese pioneers fared in the great U.S.A. east of the Pacific Coast ranges. The Issei who emigrated to Idaho, Utah, Montana, Wyoming and Colorado at the turn of the century were associated with the railroads, then quit or got laid off and took to the soil. In reading these histories, you'll note the Idaho Issei did what many California Issei had to do—convert barren wastes into agricultural edens.

The Idaho chapters have done well. The pride they have in telling this story is one that will rub off on the Nisei across this land—for it resembles the struggles and successes their parents knew wherever they were.

And the Nisei of Idaho are doing well today. Because of their number, they are probably more "integrated" than those of us on the West Coast, but at the same time appreciate probably more than their brothers on the West Coast of the validity of "Security Through Unity."

— Harry K. Honda.

MILE-HI:

Mile-Hi's annual meeting Dec. 6 to fele  
two JACL nat'l sponsors, Issei citizens

The annual meeting of the Mile-Hi JACL scheduled Dec. 6, from 5:30 p.m. with a potluck supper, at the Tri-State Buddhist Church, 1947 Lawrence St., Denver, is outstanding by its six features.

Leonard Uchida, chapter president, announced this major chapter event of the year will include the actual presentation of JACL Distinguished Service Scrolls to Dr. Robert L. Stearns and James G. Patton, wartime national JACL sponsors.

National Director Masao W. Satow said these two former national sponsors, who stood by the Nisei during wartime when it was unpopular to do so, would be honored by the Mountain-Plains JACL Convention in Omaha, on Nov. 30.

Unfortunately, neither Dr. Stearns or Patton will be able to attend the Omaha Conference. Dr. Takashi Mayeda, chairman of the first post-war National JACL Convention in Denver in 1946, will act as Master of Ceremonies for the occasion.

Issei Citizens

As a special feature, the Mile-Hi JACL will also honor the newly-naturalized Issei who have become citizens during 1957. In keeping with past tradition, gold-filled lapel pins fashioned in the shape of the American flag will be presented to the Issei by secretaries Martha Uyehara and Rosalie Tokunaga.

The Rev. George Uyemura, who has volunteered and served as interpreter at many of the naturalization examinations in the U.S. District Court, will serve as chairman.

Special guests for the Issei rec-

ognitions program will be John T. Clingan, officer-in-charge of the Denver Immigration and Naturalization office, and Cyril I. Shraiberg, chief naturalization examiner for the Denver I&NS office.

Potluck Supper

Arrangements are being made to hold an informal potluck supper, commencing at 5:30 p.m., in order to make the annual meeting of the Mile-Hi JACL a family affair. Details as to chairman and arrangements will be made later.

In order that the presentation ceremonies and meeting can be held upstairs, the chapter is arranging a children's party downstairs with movies and cartoons.

Following the presentation ceremonies, Uchida will convene the general business meeting. Sarge Terasaki, as chairman of the Nominations Committee will report on 1958 JACL candidates.

Convention reports of the Omaha convention held Nov. 29-30 will be made by delegates Betty Suzuki, John Masunaga, and Bill Kuroki.

Robert M. Horiuchi will report on the Mile-Hi JACL-Harry H. Sakata 1958 Scholarship Award to be made at the Recognitions Dinner to be held Dec. 31 at the Albany Hotel.

Income Tax Debate

With the proposed income tax election for Denver Dec. 17, speakers for and against the proposal will be presented at the meeting. Inasmuch as the proposed Denver income tax will affect non-residents of Denver, Uchida hoped that members in outlying areas will be particularly interested in attending, to learn how the tax will affect them.

SOUTHWEST LOS ANGELES:

Southwest L.A. chapter 'ICBG' again -  
'Ichiban Chapter, By George' with 1,116

Seven, come eleven!

With the 1957 total membership reported as 1,116, Southwest Los Angeles chapter is again I.C.B.G., Ichiban Chapter, By George!

Sure, and luck had nothing to do with SWLA scaling the peak of membership again this year. The success of the whole drive can, in a large measure be credited to George, by George. George Fujita, membership VP, was a "natural" for the job, as he enthusiastically took over the job where Tom Shimazaki left off. Despite a siege of hepatitis, he bounced right back to keep the members "rolling" in.

Much credit must go to the staunch Southwesterners who continued to pound the pavements until we hit I.C.B.G. Their job took nerve, verve and a strong desire to serve.

Take a well-deserved bow, George! In fact, take two, three, four, five!

Take a bow, too, you wonderful Southwesterners who gave up a number of evenings to canvass the district!

And take a bow, too, John Shiokari for bringing several new 1000 Clubbers into the fold. It is mainly because of the 1000 Clubbers that national JACL is able to continue functioning.

Take a bow, again, Tom Shimazaki, for pitching in with experienced leadership when George was ill... bouquets to Ethel Yoshino and Christine Sumi who co-chaired the drive with George, and to Lillian Orida and Grace Oba who kept the files in order, no easy job when you have a mailing list of 1,116!

Take a deep bow, membership drive captains—Arnold Hagiwara, Kay Iizuka, Tom Shimazaki (what would SWLA do without Tom!) John Shiokari and Terumi Yamaguchi.

And a big bouquet to the following Southwesterners who took part in the drive:

Grace Andow, Janice Arakaki, Mary Arikawa, Mary Enomoto, Mary Fujimoto, Min Fujita, Mas Fukuda, Helen Funatsu, Chong Fong, Rose Goto, Dona Hamano, Lillian Hashiba, Tekla Hashimoto,

Rae Kakurai Hamasaki, Jack Hayashi, June Hayashi, Satoshi Hayashi, Sam Hirasawa, Hisashi Horita, Rose Kaneshige, Mas Kataoka, Michi Kodama, Sono Kondo, Risa Kubo, Saye Ma-

tsui.

Mary Matsumura, Monte Minami, Enge Mita, Randy Miyata, Hardy Miyaya, Helen Matsuoka, Steve Mayeno, Shu Miyazaki, Anne Motoyoshi, Charlotte Murata.

Nancy Nagami, Helen Nakagawa, Helen Nakata, Iku Nishikawa, Yo Nodzu, Haruo Okino, Helen Okubo, Ruby Okubo, May Oshita, Hiro Shimamura, Kathy Sugawara, Kathy Sugimoto, Ei Takagi, Carl Tamaki.

Chiyo Tanaka, L.K. Tanji, Sus Toda, Mas Toji, Sam Toji, Hana Uno, Tak Ushiyama, Fumi Ushiyama, Larry Wakimoto, John Yamada, Ken Yamamoto, Min Yasuda, Rose Yonago, and Diane Yumiba.

TWIN CITIES:

Twin Cities elect  
15 board members

The Twin Cities UCL held its first election last week under the recently approved procedure of having a board of governors administer the chapter from the coming year.

Of the 15 board members, eight receiving the most votes are to serve for two-year terms. They are William Hirabayashi, Steve Iwago, Simpei Kuramoto, Norman Kushino, Warren Kyono, Tom Ohno, Yukio Okamoto and Mas Teramoto.

The other seven, serving for a year, are Yuki Akaki, Evelyn Hayashida, Kodo Kawamura, Jim Mizuhata, Andrew Sato, Min Tsuchimochi and Yukio Yamaguchi.

The board will next meet and select the officers. And when the 1959 elections are due, the chapter will then select seven board members, who then serve two year terms.

SANGER:

VOTE GENERAL FUND  
FOR COMMUNITY HALL

A general fund to operate the Sanger community hall was voted into being by the members of the Doshi Kai and Sanger JACL at a combined meeting recently.

The yearly expense of the building is estimated at \$400 with painting expense an additional \$200.

The funds will be collected

By the Board—

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to chapters, were a tribute to the efficient leadership and cooperative effort.

During the year, we filled a number of speaking engagements in the fringe areas of the District. We were delighted and flattered by the reception and compensated by such comments as, "I don't see how I could have been so ignorant about minority groups. Thank you for enlightening us". And yet, we were equally disturbed that such comments were all too typical.

Lest we be accused of ignoring the ladies in this column, we add this thought. We have not been completely oblivious to the "touch of Venus", nor are we unaware of the important role that the ladies play in our chapter and district activities. We are pleased to acknowledge that they provide the smooth functioning backdrop before which we, the males, take our bows. We are grateful especially to our JACL widows (among them, my good spouse) for their patience and understanding, and their devotion to the unenviable role of the neglected wives.

Space will not allow the printing of all of our impressions or the mention of the many JACLers we have met and enjoyed. With the Second Year of Meiji looming hard and fast ahead, we have time only to call upon chapters and members to close ranks for another year of dedicated effort and ungrudging sacrifice.

We face the new year with mixed emotions. Delight by your display of confidence and sobered by the weight of its responsibilities, somehow if we take our Geritol religiously and remember the anniversaries and birthdays, we think we shall be able to survive another year of District JACL. The question is, "Can the district survive?"

Nurserymen

SACRAMENTO.—Tak R. Kato of Sacramento was installed as vice-president of the Superior Chapter of the Calif. Association of Nurserymen here this past week.

Richard Oki of Perkins is secretary.

POCATELLO:

Japan-born housewife and Blackfoot  
farmer cited as October personalities

A charming housewife who was born in Japan and a prospering farmer of nearby Blackfoot are the October personalities featured in the Pocatello JACL Newsletter.

Frank Tominaga's bride, Kimi, who has become an asset to the community as well as the chapter since her arrival in the United States, was born in Fukuoka on Oct. 1, 1930. She was attending Fukuoka Teachers School for a year when her father became ill and had to quit to take over his business of vegetable broker.

There she worked until Frank swept her off her feet and married her. Both are now farming in Pingree and are proud parents of a six-month-old son Ray Kiyoharu. Besides being a wonderful housewife, she finds time to make all her own clothes. She speaks beautiful Japanese and fluent English.

Male Personality

The whole story is not told in the Newsletter about Seiji Endow, the male personality of the month, but it hints of his mighty will "for the way he pulled all his family, his folks and himself through the crisis and trying times after their horrible automobile accident in California."

Seiji, son of Mr. and Mrs. U. Endow then of Idaho Falls, was born on Oct. 5, 1925, attended schools in Tyhee and Pocatello. He attended Idaho State College for a year when Uncle Sam intervened in 1944. After training at Camp

through donations. All persons in the Japanese community will be contacted to support this program, it was reported.

OMAHA READY FOR  
MTN-PLAINS  
DISTRICT MEET

OMAHA.—By hosting the Mountain-Plains JACL District Convention here this weekend, the Omaha JACL celebrates its 10th anniversary. Masao Satow, national director, will be the keynote speaker on the convention.

Other national officers expected to attend are Shigeo Wakamatsu of Chicago, national 1st vice-president; Dr. Thomas T. Yatabe of Chicago, past national president; Mrs. Lily Okura of Omaha, secretary to the board; Abe Hagiwara of Chicago, national chairman of public relations committee; Kumeo Yoshinari of Chicago, Midwest District Council chairman; Robert M. Horiuchi of Denver, Mountain-Plains District Council chairman; and Robert Nakadoi of Omaha, M-PDC central region vice-chairman.

Delegates from Colorado, New Mexico, Wyoming, Montana and Nebraska are expected to register today for the two-day convention at the Sheraton-Fontenelle Hotel.

One of the convention highlights will be the luncheon and tour of Boys Town. National JACL Appreciation Scrolls are to be presented to James L. Paxton, Jr., of Omaha; Msgr. Nicholas H. Wegner, Boys Town; James G. Patton of Denver; and Dr. Robert L. Stearns former president of Univ. of Colorado.

Additional awards to be made on behalf of the Omaha Chapter will be conferred on Mmes. Hal F. Eier and Clifford Hotz of the Omaha YWCA and to Theodore G. Miller of Boys Town.

Convention Theme

Pat Okura, convention chairman and past national 2nd vice-president, said the theme is "Better Americans in a Greater America".

Following Omaha JACLers on the arrangements committee are as follows:

Barbara Lawson, Mrs. Kimi Takeuchi, reg.; Pat Okura, opening ceremony; Lily A. Okura, banquet; Robert Nakadoi, mixer; Mrs. En. Nakadoi, mixer; Mrs. do, booklet adv.; Roy Hirabayashi, transp. and hospitality; Kaz Ikebasa, Boys Town luncheon; Frank Tamai, Sam Tsuji, special events; Mrs. S. Yoden, treas.; Richard Takeuchi, Manuel Matsunami, dance; Cecil Ishii, photo.

CONTRA COSTA COUNTY:

Issei appreciation night  
planned for Dec. 8

An appreciation dinner & movie for Issei parents is being presented by the Contra Costa JACL on Sunday, Dec. 8, 5 p.m. at the Richmond Memorial Youth Center, 3230 Macdonald Ave.

Members of the chapter have been urged to bring an Issei with them to the event. There is no charge.

Contra Costa JACL was formerly the Richmond-El Cerrito JACL. A change in its name was announced during the Northern California-Western Nevada JACL District Council convention in Sacramento earlier this month.



## THE NORTHWEST PICTURE

By Elmer Ogawa

### Anti-Chinese Riots

Seattle

THIS CORNER WAS intrigued by the remarks in the "Bits and Bites" column of the PC on Nov. 15, concerning the forcible evacuation of Chinese from Tacoma, Wash., on November 3, 1885. That incident, an outgrowth of the anti-Chinese agitation which had existed in the West for a number of years, is closely tied in with the events and agitation that went on in Seattle at the time.

For the sake of background, immigration of Chinese laborers had been encouraged since the mid-19th century. There was need for labor to build the railroads of the west, as agricultural hands, and to perform the menial jobs for a western populace clean mad in pursuit of gold, and willing to pay well for laundrymen, cooks and servants.

As the rails completed their major construction; both white and orientals were discharged from their jobs. Some went to the coal mines, the canneries and the sawmills.

The Northern Pacific which had employed 15,000 Chinese, completed its construction in 1883, and the Canadian Pacific helped to deluge the market with surplus labor in 1885.

An economic recession held this area in its grip at the time, so the situation was ripe for agitation and irresponsible action.

THE FIRST OUTBREAK occurred at Rock Springs, Wyoming, which we figure to be on the U.P. line; on Sept. 4, 1885, in which 11 Chinese were murdered and 500 driven away.

People in the Northwest who read the news, applauded rather than condemned this move. On the very next night a group moved in on sleeping Chinese hop pickers at Issaquah, Wash., near Seattle, killed three and drove out the rest, most of whom survived by fording the river at their campsite and then hiding out in the brush. The local culprits were well known—a trial was held—but no convictions.

On Sept. 19, Chinese miners were driven out of Black Diamond, Wash., by their fellow miners, injuring nine of the Chinese.

Elsewhere the agitation was growing. Nearly every small town bordering Puget Sound evacuated its Chinese. Of course, many drifted to the larger centers; Seattle, Tacoma, Portland, as a result of these so-called "peaceful expulsions".

Citizen's meetings were held almost every night, and the socio-economic aspects of the situation were gone into quite thoroughly but there was always the spectre of mob action.

PROMINENT SEATTLEITES tried to level off the destructive influence of mob hysteria. Allowances were made by Judge Roger S. Greene, Chief Justice of the Superior Court of the Territory, and presiding judge of the District Court, in saying at one of these turbulent meetings, "The presence of Chinese is an evil, but the project of driving them out by lawless violence is suicidal."

On November 4, the day after the Tacoma expulsion, Territorial Governor Watson C. Squire issued a proclamation warning all against riot or breach of the peace, or inciting others to riot—under legal penalties.

Judge Thomas Burke, who to this day is idolized by students of Seattle history, stood up before a hostile crowd in the Seattle opera house and made one of his greatest speeches. Although popular with the anti-Chinese crowd, as he was with all Seattleites, he became a dissenter, and alienated many friendships by his stand advocating observance of the law, and denouncing the Tacoma incident. The labor contingent was very actively engaged in this controversy, and he said to them "Where law ends, tyranny begins, and where tyranny reigns, the working man is a slave."

November 6, two days later, is significant for the fact that Governor Squire asked for the help of the regular army. He telegraphed the Secretaries of War and Interior to the effect that it was virtually impossible to protect the Chinese of Seattle without the presence of United States soldiers.

However, Washington was cognizant of the fact that collision between the factions was imminent, and quickly responded with the arrival of 350 soldiers from Fort Vancouver (198 miles) on November 8; and if you ask us, that's paratroop speed for those days.

The moral effect of the Federals was felt in Seattle at once. There was no conflict of any kind between the soldiers and citizens, and while the Federals were here, there were no more peaceful people on earth than the anti-Chinese agitators. On the 17th of November, the troops were withdrawn to their barracks at Vancouver.

More than one Seattle historian has said that the opposition to legal procedure in this crisis was provided by agitators from out of town. Subsequent events, when the shooting started, seem to bear this out.

To Be Continued Next Week

### POINTING SOUTHWESTWARD: by Fred Takata

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color with English sub-titles. Since this is the only annual fund-raising event for the chapter, all JACLers in the Southland are urged to attend. Admission is by donation only . . . H. Okabe of American President Lines informs us a color travel film on Japan narrated in Japanese, besides the ones in English, are now available. Chapters interested in them can contact us here.

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## Handicap system adopted by S.C. Nisei Golf Ass'n

The equitable stroke control procedure—an honor system employed by many golfers belonging to recognized clubs to establish handicaps—was adopted as of Nov. 1 by the So. Calif. Nisei Golf Association.

The system employs the average of the lowest of the last 15 "differentials," score based upon 18-hole play with two or more players over a particular course, which has variations in determining the differential.

The player's handicap rule, announced by SCNGA handicap chairman John Ty Saito this past week, assesses two handicap strokes as penalty for each round not recorded for one month that would apply during an SCNGA-sponsored tournament.

Two handicap penalty strokes also apply if scores are incorrect or incompletely recorded.

### Monthly Score Cards

Each player is expected to submit monthly score cards to their club handicap chairman between the 25th day of the handicap month and the third day of the following month. Play between the 25th and 31st of a month may be reported on the following month.

Delinquent score cards or failure to report shall incur a two-stroke handicap penalty. Those who have not played are to submit "no game" cards or sustain the same penalty.

Temporary handicaps are derived from the best of six rounds with the SCNGA Handicap Board given authority to review.

Decisions of the arbitration committee composed of five handicap chairmen from the affiliated clubs are final.

A secret committee of 12 will be selected quarterly from among the members to observe intentional infractions of handicap rules.

This procedure is already practiced by United States Golf Association. Adoption of these controls is expected to allow top notch Nisei golfers into national golf tournaments, which have been accused of being "anti-Oriental" in the past.

### Peninsula golf

SAN MATEO. — George Hinaga was elected president of the San Mateo Peninsula Fairway golf club. Elichi Adachi is handicap chairman.

### CPA opens office

CHICAGO.—Frank Y. Takahashi, 1000 Clubber, recently held "Open House" at his new accounting office located in the Westminster Bldg. in the Loop recently. Both he and his associate, Seymour Gale, are CPAs.

### CONTRA COSTA COUNTY:

#### Hard-working chairman misses out on big fish

As in previous years, a great deal of time is required to make a fishing derby the success recently enjoyed by Contra Costa County JACL at Frank's Tract in Antioch. Committee chairman Sam Sakai spark-plugged the third annual derby by printing tickets, organizing the committee, securing prizes and starting the contest.

Joe Seriano of Antioch landed a 26.3-lb. fish to win the top \$20 prize and Chester Imai won \$10 with a 25-lb. catch. Winning turkeys were:

Terry Heider, Hayward; Tommy Morodoni, Concord; Harley Umeda, Richmond; Ted Tashiro, Walnut Creek;

#### BILL MATSUMOTO WINS KAGERO'S TURKEY SHOOT

SACRAMENTO.—Putting together scores of 43-46 with a handicap of 19, Bill Matsumoto won the annual turkey shoot of the Kagero Club at Haggins-Oaks Golf Course Nov. 17. Takeo Higashino shot his usual good game of 40-40 to win low gross honors for another turkey.

Kay Haida, Concord; Saburo Yasuda, Richmond; Sam Saito, Richmond; Joe Korematsu, Castro Valley; Mas Takano, Berkeley, and Roy Sakai, Richmond (fish weighed between 18.2 and 23 pounds).

Assisting Sakai, who is also serving his 16th year as president of the California Flower Market in San Francisco, were:

Ted Tashiro, John Yasuda, Tamaki Ninomiya, Sab Fukushima and George Sugihara.

## sPortsCope

FIVE MORE: Dennis Ekimoto, took another firm step towards gaining a berth on the all-CIF high school football team by slashing for five more touchdowns in the opening round of the CIF grid playoffs last week. Ekimoto collected a similar number of six-pointers in the final game of the regular season two weeks ago, thereby amassing ten TDs in two games.

Kenji Yabe of Colorado State College was picked on the second team of the all-Rocky Mountain conference by Associated Press. Oddly enough, the player named on the first team at the center post, was also from Colorado State.

1000 CLUB: Ken Fujii of the University of Nevada's colorful football team joined the ranks of the 1000 Club last week. The leading small college passer, by NCAA statistics, has gained over 1000 yards through the air. Fujii had one of his notable days against the Arizona State of Flagstaff team as he hit for 19 passes for 177 yards, to go over the 1000 yard mark. His record, to date, is 102 completions in 205 attempts. Fujii is described as a modest kid. The Reno Evening Gazette reported that Fujii remarked "oh well, that's fine," when he was told of his passing feat. In addition to his passing, Fujii is a tower of strength on defense, a capable signal caller and a real daring one, compared by the Reno paper as another Frankie Albert, one-time Stanford star.

✓ Dutch Kawasoe's Vale High team will battle Seaside High this weekend for the Oregon A-2 state championship. Vale made the finals on the basis of yardage as Elmira and the Snake River Valley league champs tied 6-6. Vale piled up 276 yards to Elmira's 230 . . . Kawasoe's lads devastated Serra Catholic 25-7 in the quarter-finals; 26-15 over Madras in the first round . . .

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## LOS ANGELES NEWSLETTER

By Henry Mori

## Mukaeda Honored

THE PC EDITOR has assigned us to do an article on Charles Mukaeda for the Holiday number. It seems to be a habit with Honda to pick JACL oldtimers who live "on top of the hill" for us to interview. Last year, it was the Oyama clan (Mrs. Mary Mittler, whose attractive, swimming pool-installed home overlooks the eastern skies of Los Angeles).

"You can see the Santa Catalina Island on a clear day," she'd comment every time we pay a brief visit for one thing or another. We must emphasize that it must be on a very rare, clear day, what with smog always harrasing Los Angeles.

Well, Saturday night when we interviewed Charles, we heard the same comment as we were teetering with the breeze at his beautiful colonial-type abode atop Coronado Terrace. We just have a morbid fear of high places.

"You can see Catalina Island from here on a clear day," he tells us.

We have nothing against rich, expansive homes nestled in steep places as long as our car can make it and the climb is not too far up. But again with the Mukaedatsus we got lost—simply because we "didn't turn right immediately" after we crossed Sunset on Coronado St.

These "Terrace" addresses are fine for the elites but for a bush-leaguer who lives quietly on level ground it's hard on the arteries. When Charles told us on the phone that there's just one way to "get here," otherwise you'll "fall off the cliff" that's when we really got frightened. It really wasn't all that bad if we hadn't gotten lost in the meantime.

Charles is an active member of the Hollywood JACL chapter and was one of the two delegates from Los Angeles when National JACL had its first convention in Seattle in 1930.

We hope we can get up a fairly good thumbnail sketch on what Charles has been doing to date.

But for a real, hearty laugh session have Charles tell you about the time he first attempted to mount a horse at Griffith Park riding academy, courtesy Baron Nishi of Japan during the post-1932 Olympic Games. He'll have you in stitches.

MRS. SU IGAYUE, who operates Su Plumbing and Heating Co. with her husband, was elected auxiliary president of the Associated Plumbers Contractors of Los Angeles. Nee Hatsuye Mizutani, she'll have a lot to do in '58 since Los Angeles will host the state and national convention in May and June. Both Su and his wife have established Nisei "firsts" since Su will serve as president of the Los Angeles chapter of the California Society of Professional Engineers in 1958.

Mrs. Igayue's 60-member auxiliary will plan programs for the women attending the conclaves, one scheduled at the Statler and the other (national) at the Pan Pacific Auditorium.

THIS ASIAN FLU—or its equivalent—has finally hit home, so to speak. Consequently, Dana's second birthday was a quiet one in which he and Bennett had to contend with cake, ice cream and soda pop a week ago Thursday without a single well-wisher.

The casualty list, including Dana's personal bout with the cold, came out like this: Bennett, just recovering from one; his mom, just catching one; his daddy, staggering with one. Auntie Moko, just getting over one; auntie Pulo, had a baby; one of Dana's grandpas came out of the hospital; uncle Mas, too busy with extra night work; uncle Harry, weighed down with worries on the building of a new bowling alley; rest of the relatives, no transportation.

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With three weeks remaining until the 1957 Christmas Cheer drive ends on Dec. 15, chairman Hiro Omura disclosed \$989.61 has been received, representing 49 per cent of the announced \$2,000 goal. Co-operation of Southland churches was expected on "All Church Day" Dec. 8, when boxes to collect canned goods and staples for Christmas Cheer will be placed.

Acknowledged for the week of Nov. 18-23:

## CHRISTMAS CHEER DONATIONS

Nov. 18-23  
\$15 — Nishi Hongwanji Jr. Matrons, Senshin Young Adult Buddhist Association.  
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\$7.50 — Albert D. Bonus (Seattle).  
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Previously Reported \$871.96  
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Current Total \$989.61  
Helen Matsuoaka, Steve Mayeno, Shu Contributions of money, canned goods and staples are being accepted by Christmas Cheer at the JACL Regional Office, 258 E. 1st St., Los Angeles.

## Orange County Nisei ranks as 'pro' in floral designing

GARDEN GROVE.—Mrs. George Ichien, 12211 Cliffwood Dr., holds a rare distinction among the Nisei of Orange County as one of two Nisei members of the Professional Flower Arrangers of Japan.

Mrs. Ichien became a professional flower arranger when she attained her rank of "go-dan" (fifth degree) from the Hyogenha School, having graduated from there in 1941.

"After I hit the third rank," she says, "I had to send pictures of arrangements to the school and also had to do correspondence courses periodically before I could advance."

She is presently conducting two classes a week at Laguna Beach, noted center of Southland fine arts. But her main project, other than taking care of her three children, is making plans for a trip to Japan next June. "I hope to take a group with me and I'd prefer that they were all Caucasians, particularly florists and landscape artists who are interested in Japanese flower arranging," she explains.

"Right now, I'm planning on 20 days in Japan with an optional side trip to Hong Kong. I'd like to fly over and come home by ship so we can bring home our souvenirs and other items."

Mrs. Ichien attended Hiroshima Women's College from 1939 to 1941, then came to the United States. During the war, she was in an internment camp and later spent a year and a half with her husband, a soil and plant chemist and past Orange County JACL president, and currently membership chairman.

Since March, 1952, she has lived in Orange County, where she has taught flower arranging in addition to raising a family and putting a new house in order.

"The main difference between the Occidental flower arranging and Japanese arranging is that the Occidental uses a mass arrangement while the Japanese style emphasizes lines and simplicity," she explains.

"One of the primary things in a Japanese arrangement is the use of twigs and limbs with unusual lines. Sometimes they are rather hard to find, but even dead orange tree limbs can be used if they have the right shape. Of course, they may take a little trimming here and there, but they are very unusual... and available."

## Western YABA confab

The Western Young Adult Buddhist League will hold its annual convention in Los Angeles, Feb. 15-16, with Noboru Ishitani of Hollywood as general chairman. Dr. Ken Yamaguchi of Pasadena is co-chairman, it was announced by the Southern District YABA Council last week.

## VITAL STATISTICS

## WEDDINGS

AHN-KUSUMOTO — Aug. 15, Robert and Penelope, both Los Angeles.  
AMANO-ZENIHIRO — Sept. 15, Takashi and Jean C., both Los Angeles.  
HIJI-IGE — Sept. 21, Frank, Oxnard Betty, Santa Monica.  
ITAMURA-TAKENOCHI — Sept. 14, Aiko, Los Angeles; Gladys, Pasadena.  
KAWANO-SEKIYAMA — Sept. 8, Richard and Joyce, both Los Angeles.  
LEW-SHIMIZU — Sept. 8, Saint and Nancy, both Los Angeles.  
MASHITA-GOTO — Oct. 26, Stanley and Elsie, both Los Angeles.  
NISHIDA-ROMERO — Sept. 1, Kazuo, Santa Monica; Madeline, Lodi.  
OKAZAKI-KATAOKA — Oct. 26, Juan, Ft. Lupton; Kinuye, Los Angeles.  
SAKATANI-YAMASHITA — Oct. 20, Harumi, West Covina; Yoshimi, El Monte.  
SUMI-WADA — Sept. 8, Norimichi, Hawthorne; Nancy, Gardena.  
TANAKA-HANAOKA — Oct. 20, Leonard and Geneva Y., both Los Angeles.  
WATANABE-SAKUDA — Oct. 12, Kinichi and Lily, both San Fernando.  
YOKOYAMA-SHIZUMURA — Sept. 15, Henry and Kimiko, both Los Angeles.

## DEATHS

ARAI, Hannah, 73; Los Angeles, Sept. 20 — (h) Kumata, (s) William, Seido, (d) Yonkeo Nobe, Toyoko Arima, Yukiko Sakai, Umeko Ishida, (s) Suzuki Arimoto.  
FUKUI, Umekichi, 76; Los Angeles, Sept. 22 — (w) Isaye, (s) Shigeru, (d) Fumiko Fujikawa, Shizuko Nakagawa.  
HAMADA, Minezo, 80; Compton, Sept. 20 — (s) Sadatsuka.  
HAMANO, Yoneo, 69; Los Angeles, Oct. 11 — (s) Mango, Kinzo, John S., (d) Shizue Kobayakawa, Tomiye Yonemoto, Namiko Suzuki, Mariko Hennnessy.  
HARADA, Kiichi, 78; Anaheim, Sept. 20 — (w) Rul, (s) Marasu, George I., James T., Kenji, (d) Peggy H., Hi-saye Muramoto, Mary H. Hatakeyama.  
HOSHIKO, Tetsuzo, 72; Los Angeles, Oct. 23 — (w) Tetsuo, (s) Kenneth, (d) Amy Noriyuki, Mable Shibata, Lillian Noriyuki.  
KAMIMURA, Koichiro, 82; Los Angeles, Oct. 4 — (w) Chigi, (s) Noboru, Harry T., Minoru, (d) Niki Tomita, Haruko Motonaga, Seiko Sugita.  
KAWATO, Yuki, 51; Los Angeles, Oct. 7 — (h) Kato, (s) Roy, Jim, (d) Tane-ko Tsuji.  
KUDO, Kaname, 78; Los Angeles, Sept. 17.  
KUDO, Kuranosuke, 75; Los Angeles, Sept. 21.  
MIYAJI, Masaki, 72; Chicago, Oct. 15 — (s) Masanobu, (d) Hideko Sakamoto, Tatsuko Ogino.  
MURAKAMI, Motohei, 77; Los Angeles, Sept. 30 — (s) Sam Y., Akira, Tom, (d) Sherry, Kaz, Yamamoto.  
NAGAI, Torazo, 67; Los Angeles, Oct. 21 — (w) Fumi, (s) Michio, Toru, Osamu.  
NIMOTO, Moichi, 79; Los Angeles, Sept. 16 — (d) Mmes. George Yuan, Ronald Kanegawa, George Iwanaga, Amor Tamayo, Fred Suzuki, 11 grandchildren.  
OKUMURA, Kichimatsu, 76; Cypress, Sept. 21 — (w) Katsue, (d) Kazue Okumura, Michiko Shimamoto, Ritsuko Mori, Setsuko Mori.  
OYAMA, Jinshiro, 73; Los Angeles, Sept. 22 — (w) Mitsuru, (s) Henry M., (d) Ida Koyama, (s) Tome Uye-mura.  
SHIMIZU, Oehika, 53; Long Beach, Sept. 21 — (h) Junjiro, (s) Mike S., Sam I., Pat O., Richard T., Tony M., James I., Warren M., Jerry A., (d) June, Martha K., Shirley M.  
SUZUKI, Soryo, 87; Los Angeles, Sept. 28 (by accident in Kingman, Ariz.) — (w) Tai, (s) Akira, Satoshi, Takashi, (d) Yoshi, (s) Takue Shimatsu, Aiko Izumi, Kaneko Sato.  
TAKAHASHI, Osam, 34; Los Angeles.

Oct. 19 — (w) Betty, (p) Mr. & Mrs. Ayaka, (s) Mary Ogawa, Pauline Hayakawa.  
TAKAHASHI, Yae, 70; Garden Grove, Sept. 17 — (h) Shiro, (s) Takashi, (d) Yoshiko Takahashi, Mitsu Takahashi.  
TAKAKI, Tamotsu, 33; Torrance, Oct. 13 — (p) Mr. & Mrs. Masagoro, (b) Clarence, Tatsumi, Yutaka, Jim, (s) Junko Hayashibara, Yaeo Nomoto, Yoneko Yata.  
TAKU, Sadame; San Jose, Oct. 16 — (s) Hitoshi, (d) Mutsuyo Tsunoda, Yoshiko Arita.  
TANAKA, Fuji, 78; Los Angeles, Oct. 2 — (s) George, (d) Yukiko Fushimi.  
TANAKA, Yaichi, 54; Worland, Wyo., Sept. 23 — (w) Haruko, five daughters.  
YOSHIMURA, Reno, 70; Los Angeles, Sept. 13 — (w) Takeyo, (s) Robert Y.

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## WASHINGTON NEWSLETTER By Mike Masaoka

### Civil Rights Progress

Washington, D.C.

**THIS THANKSGIVING WEEKEND**, Americans have much to be thankful for, especially Americans of Japanese ancestry whose "place" in society now seems secure.

Recent Russian adventures into space have emphasized the great technological advances made by that country. They also emphasize what little progress, if any, is being made by them in the field of human relations.

Here in this country, we can be thankful that in spite of the threat to our national existence posed by the Russian sputniks in the sky, our nation continues to demonstrate its real concern for the civil rights of all its citizens.

Last week, for example, while most of the national interest was spotlighted on military matters, three important items relating to human welfare were, nevertheless, reported.

**CHAIRMAN STANLEY REED** of the newly-named Civil Rights Commission met with the President to discuss the work of his group. It was then announced that the President himself would meet with the six members early in December when the Commission holds its first and organizational meeting.

This participation by the President indicates that he intends that the Commission enjoy his vast personal prestige, as well as the powerful endorsement of the Administration, in the carrying out of what may be very difficult duties.

**FROM THE** Deep South where he was vacationing on his doctor's orders, the President last week appealed for the end to all discrimination in employment because of race, color, or creed.

The President issued his proclamation designating Equal Opportunity Day from the grounds of the Augusta National Golf Club in an area in which the Confederacy was a living reality a hundred years ago and where its citizens still bitterly resent the recent decisions of the United States Supreme Court outlawing segregation in the public schools, public facilities, and interstate transportation.

"One of the ringing pronouncements of our American Declaration (of Independence) is that 'all men are created equal'."

"Today, when our national strength is being tested at every point, this tradition takes on added urgency. Our nation's economy can ill afford to waste the talent and the abilities of any person because of discrimination against him on the basis of his race, his color or his creed. Every citizen who helps to make legal and economic equality a living fact is helping America."

"November 19, the anniversary of the Gettysburg Address, has been designated Equal Opportunity Day. In Lincoln's words, 'it is altogether fitting and proper' that we should use this day to dedicate ourselves to the firm establishment of equal opportunity for all. Let every citizen of the United States, whether an employer or employee, farmer or business man, join in the effort to abolish all artificial discrimination which hinders the right of each American to advance in accordance with his merits as a human being and his capacity for productive work."

**W. WILSON WHITE**, now Assistant Attorney General in charge of the Department of Justice's Office of Legal Counsel, was named as the first head of the new Civil Rights Division, as authorized by the Civil Rights Act approved by the last session of Congress prior to its adjournment.

Since he is already an Assistant Attorney General who will be shifted to this new assignment, it is believed that he will not have to be confirmed by the Senate, thus bypassing a difficult and possibly embarrassing confirmation battle in the Senate Judiciary Committee, whose chairman, Mississippi Democrat James O. Eastland, as an outspoken foe of all civil rights legislation.

Aside from the fact that his Office of Legal Counsel probably drafted the legal memoranda and the various proclamations and orders relating to the Little Rock school integration matter, this 51-year old Philadelphia lawyer who graduated from Harvard College and then the University of Pennsylvania School of Law had no special experience in the field of Negro or race relations generally.

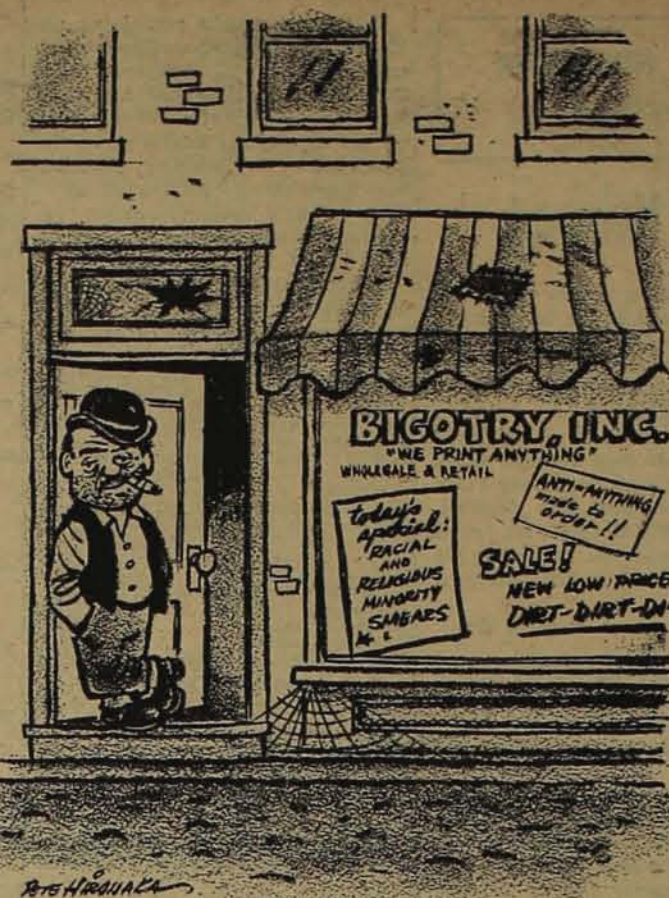
The new Civil Rights Division which Mr. White will head up as an Assistant Attorney General is expected to be made up in part of lawyers now in the Civil Rights Section of the Department's Criminal Division. This section has administered the few, and relatively ineffectual, criminal civil rights statutes remaining on the books from the Reconstruction Days that followed the Civil War.

In addition, the new Division will have powers to bring civil suits for the protection of voting rights, the feature of the Civil Rights Act passed by the last Congress. Until this legislation was enacted, only private persons had the right to bring such suits. Now, the Department may seek an injunction against any one who tries to prevent a citizen from voting on the ground of race or color.

This new Division will also have broad responsibilities for the handling of such emergency situations as the Little Rock school integration crisis and in implementing the decisions of the federal courts relating to the rights and privileges of all citizens which are threatened or denied because of racial and skin-color considerations.

**THESE EVENTS** in this nation serve to remind us that, slowly but surely, we are progressing toward the democratic dream of equality of opportunity and human dignity for all, regardless of the accidents of race, color, or creed. That we are making these efforts at a time when too many people in too many nations are too concerned with scientific achievements even at the expense of human liberty is a tribute to our way of life.

We can be thankful that we are Americans in this year of our Lord 1957.



### Still Open for Business

## WHITE HOUSE ASSISTANT RABB SEES JAPAN AS PACESETTER IN FAR EAST

**DENVER**—Japan is the economic pacesetter, the greatest industrial power of the Far East, Maxwell M. Rabb, secretary of President Eisenhower's cabinet, said here last week.

Rabb, who has just returned from a short trip to Japan, was in the Mile High City to speak at the installation of Rabbi Samuel Adelman as rabbi of the BMH Synagogue.

"If Japan's vast industrial power is ever taken over by the Communists, it would mean defeat for us in the Far East," Rabb said. During his nine-day visit in Japan, Rabb had an hour-long audience with Emperor Hirohito.

#### Meets Emperor

"I was very much impressed by him; he showed great concern that the present good relations between our countries continue," Rabb said.

Rabb also had the privilege of throwing out the first baseball for the Japanese World Series.

"They're very good at baseball, except they lack our players inherent power," he said.

"And the snacks served the fans aren't hotdogs but raw fish, octopus and rice wrapped in seaweed."

#### Conference Speaker

Rabb visited Japan to speak at the International Nisei Businessmen's conference, but he also took a whirlwind tour of the island's industries.

He also addressed the national JACL convention in 1956 at San Francisco.

## SUPREME COURT RULES ON UNION DISCRIMINATION DURING PACT NEGOTIATION

**WASHINGTON**—The United States Supreme Court ruled on Nov. 18 that an all-white union cannot discriminate against Negro workers in negotiating agreements with an employer or in protecting job rights.

The unanimous opinion held illegal any "discriminatory" actions taken against members of a bargaining unit because of race or other grounds.

The decision came on appeal of an all-Negro local of the Brotherhood of Railway and Steamship Clerks, employees of the Texas and New Orleans Railroad at Houston, contending that the railroad "abolished" some 45 jobs held by Negroes and that in most cases similar jobs were subsequently given to white union members.

Rabb is the first man to ever hold the position of secretary to the cabinet. He started the job in October, 1953, on a temporary basis to see if the idea would work, and has served in the job since.

As secretary of the cabinet, Rabb prepares the agenda for meetings, holds preliminary meetings on subjects to be presented to the cabinet, briefs Ike on what will happen, and sees that decisions made by the cabinet are carried out.

"Before this post was created, cabinet meetings were rather haphazard and poorly organized," Rabb explained.

Rabb was in Denver over the weekend and returned to Washington, D. C. Monday—to attend a cabinet meeting.

## Blood Test -

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The three Chinese are free on bond pending deportation which, in turn, awaits the outcome of the Supreme Court action.

(Ennis is legal counsel to the Washington JACL Office, while Gim is the younger brother of Mrs. Jun Kurumada of Salt Lake City. Ennis is a long time 1000er and Gim is a member of the New York JACL.)

The Justice Department outlined an ingenious plan which has been used by some Chinese to enter this country illegally. Since the Reds took over mainland China, the plan now appears in Nationalist areas and Hong Kong. A male American-Chinese returns to China to visit his wife who has remained there, since the laws make it difficult for her to enter this country.

Returning to the United States the husband reports to authorities that he has, during his stay, fathered the highest possible number of offspring. This creates "immigration slots" or openings for the stated number to enter as children of an American father.

These "slots" are then sold through brokers to Chinese who are eager to come here.

#### School board

**STOCKTON**—Mrs. Marie Yamada is currently serving on the three member Terminous school board following her appointment as trustee to replace Everett E. Hansor who resigned.

Her appointment was confirmed by the San Joaquin County Board of Education last month.

## Another \$½ million in claims approved in month of October

(JACL News Service)

**WASHINGTON**—More than half a million dollars were awarded in October to 101 claimants under the Evacuation Claims Act, the Japanese Claims Section of the Department of Justice informed the Washington Office of the Japanese American Citizens League.

The total of \$562,879.51 was awarded last month.

The two largest awards, one for \$42,000 and the other for \$40,000, were made to claimants now residing in Los Angeles. The smallest award for \$35 was made to a claimant residing in Chicago. There were 16 awards for \$10,000 or more.

October awardees included residents of California, Arizona, Illinois, Minnesota, Oregon, Florida, Washington, Nevada, New York, Colorado, and Michigan, as well as Kumamoto Ken, Japan.

Three non-profit organizations were also given awards: Christian Laymen Church of Berkeley, Higashi Hongwanji Mission of Los Angeles, and Taisho Young Men's Association, Inc. of Sacramento, all in California.

## 'Safer Driving' theme of high school essay contest

**REEDLEY**—Dr. Akira Tajiri is the local representative for the Vision Conservation Institute's high school and essay contest which will include a five county area over which Dr. George Nishio, Fresno and Chowchilla optometrist is chairman.

The contest is open to all California high school students. First, second and third place winners will receive scholarships of \$200, \$100 and \$50 respectively and each will be rewarded a personal certificate and plaque for his school.

The theme of the contest is "Safer Driving Through Better Vision—Help Save Lives." Preliminary judging will be held Dec. 13.

## CALENDAR

Nov. 29-30

IDC — Biennial convention & 10th Anniversary 1000 Club celebration, Idaho Falls. JACL hosts, Rogers Hotel; Dr. Roy Nishikawa, keynote speaker. Mt-PDC — District convention, Omaha JACL hosts; Sheraton-Fontenelle Hotel.

Long Beach — Invitational Basketball Tournament, L.B. City College, 1st game Friday, 2 p.m.; award dance, Saturday, 10 p.m., Community Hall.

Nov. 29-Dec. 1

Mile-Hi — Mtn. Plains Bowling Tournament, Bowl-Mor, Denver.

Nov. 30 (Saturday)

Gresham - Troutdale — "Holiday in Rhythm" semi-formal dance, Columbia A.C., SW 11th & Morrison Sts., Portland.

Dec. 4 (Wednesday)

San Luis Valley — Meeting; Mas Satow, spkr.

Dec. 5 (Thursday)

Arkansas Valley — Meeting; Mas Satow, spkr.

Dec. 6 (Friday)

Mile-Hi — Annual Meeting, Tri-State Buddhist Church, 5:30 p.m. — potluck supper; 8 p.m. — business.

Dec. 7 (Saturday)

CCDC — District bowling tournament, Visalia Bowl.

Berkeley — "Winter Dreams" dance, Longfellow School aud.

East Los Angeles — Issei Appreciation Night, Tenrikyo Hall, 7:30 p.m.; Elji Tanabe, m.c.

Dec. 8 (Sunday)

CCDC — District convention, Hacienda Motel, Fresno.

Contra Costa County — Issei Appreciation Night, Richmond Memorial Youth Center, 3230 Macdonald Ave., 5 p.m.

D.C. — Christmas Party, Homewood Rec. Ctr., Kensington, Md.

Dec. 11 (Wednesday)

San Francisco — Auxiliary Christmas Party, Booker T. Washington Center, 8 p.m.

Dec. 13-14

PNWDC — District convention, Seattle JACL hosts.

Dec. 13 (Friday)

East Los Angeles — Election Meeting, Tenrikyo Hall.

Dec. 14 (Saturday)

Sonoma County — Christmas Party, Chicago — Christmas Social.

Seattle — Installation Dinner, Roosevelt Hotel (in conj. with PNDC convention).

Pasadena — Christmas Potluck and Cabinet Installation.

Southwest L.A. — "Teahouse of Southwest Moon," stag-stagette informal, Park Manor Ballroom, 8 p.m.

Dec. 21 (Saturday)

D.C. — Christmas party.

Long Beach — Christmas party (tent.)

Dec. 22 (Sunday)

Berkeley — Christmas Party.

Dec. 23 (Monday)

Salinas — Christmas Party.

Dec. 31 (Tuesday)

Monterey — New Year's Eve dance.

San Francisco — New Year's Eve dance.

Sheraton-Palace Hotel.

Long Beach — New Year's Eve dance.

Wilton Hotel.