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PRESIDENT'S CORNER:

Intermountain District Convention highlights

National Director Mas Satow had often told us the Intermountain District conventions were especially "ennervating." This is a gross understatement. The trouble was, we arrived in a state of enervation because of poor flight conditions. And as the convention wore on, so did we.

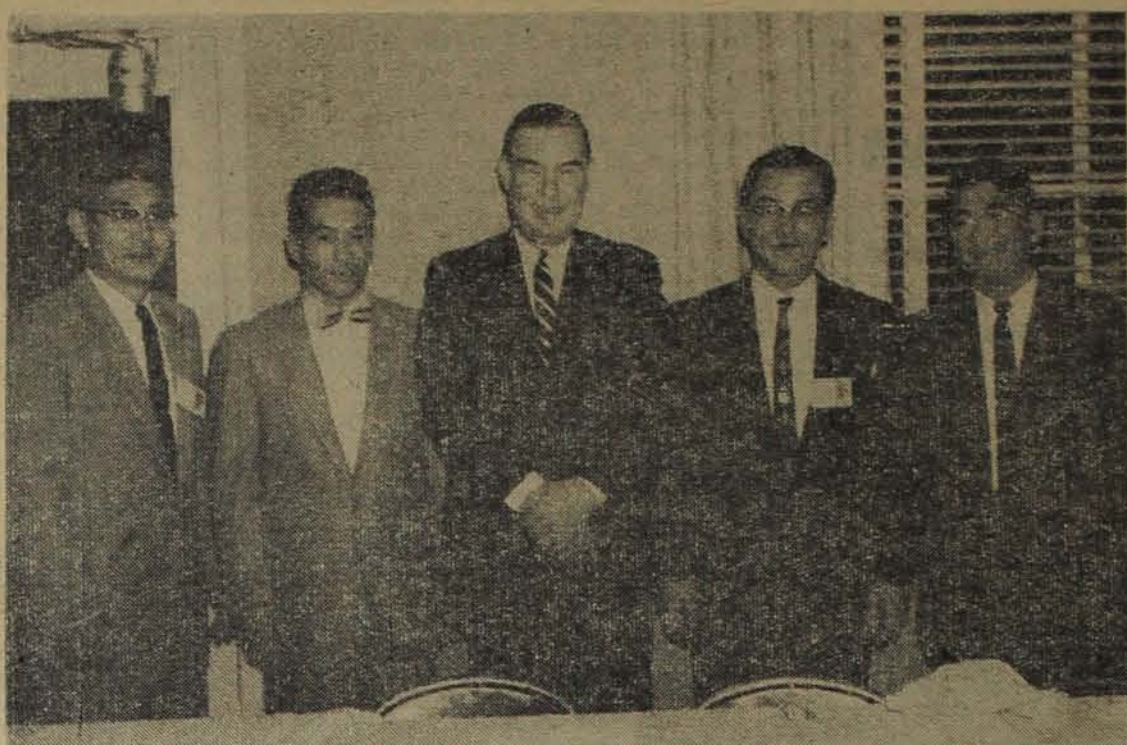
However, this was more than compensated by the open, country friendliness, hospitality and high spirits of the members of the IDC. The weather was cold and crisp, but the hearts of these good people are really warm.

The IDC convention was extremely helpful and beneficial not only to all chapter delegates but to the national officers present. It always gives us a boost in morale to find so many enthusiastic and generous JACLers.

Although the details of the convention are noted elsewhere, we feel that the following features should be noted:

1. A resolution by the IDC to support and promote the youth program.
2. A resolution by the IDC to increase national membership fees to allow all JACL members to receive the Pacific Citizen.
3. A resolution by the IDC to support the Committee on Japanese American Evacuation Claims in their campaign to raise funds for the National JACL Endowment Fund.
4. Election of Salt Lake attorney Mas Yano as the new district council chairman, succeeding capable George Sugai.
5. Presentation by Kenji Tashiro of new 10-year and life membership pins to several loyal JACLers.
6. Friendliness and hospitality of Acting Mayor Foote of Idaho Falls and Governor Smylie of Idaho. These men are as democratic as your next door neighbor and they typify the open, friendly spirit of this great section of our country.
7. Mike Masaoka's presentation of the Japan-America affairs problem and his usual brilliant speech at the banquet.
8. Progress report on the National Convention (Aug. 22-25, 1958) by Ru-

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Honored guests of the Intermountain District Council convention hosted by Idaho Falls JACL over the Thanksgiving weekend are (left to right) National 1000 Club Chairman Kenji Tashiro of Orosi, Calif.; Joe Nishioka, convention chairman and Ida-

ho Falls chapter president; Gov. Robert E. Smylie of Idaho, National JACL President Dr. Roy Nishikawa of Los Angeles; and Washington JACL Representative Mike Masaoka. — Fred Ochi Photo.

Idaho governor urges Nisei help rid intolerance, 1000ers celebrate

IDAHO FALLS.—District council conventions are gaining in stature, achievement and comradeship, judging from the comments made by tired but happy delegates to the Intermountain District Council here this past weekend.

The IDC affair over the Thanksgiving weekend was unique in that the 10th anniversary of the founding of the 1000 Club at its birthplace—an IDC convention hosted by Idaho Falls in 1947—was a special occasion.

Judging from the amount of business transacted at the business sessions, the banquets, dances and dignitaries present, it was a miniature version of a national convocation.

Idaho Governor

Gov. Robert E. Smylie, in his Saturday banquet address, urged the Intermountain area Nisei to help stamp out injustices and intolerance wherever it may be found.

"I know that your organization will join with all of us in an endeavor to stamp out injustice and intolerance wherever we find it in order to make certain the gates of opportunity and enterprise swing open wide for all of our people regardless of race or creed or color," the Idaho chief executive said.

"Joined together in a crusade for simple justice for all peoples, we can keep this America of ours a beacon of freedom for the oppressed and down-trodden everywhere. Working as one, we will keep America productive, strong and free."

Not Troubled

"Fortunately, in Idaho we have not been troubled by some of the more miserable by-products of discrimination and injustice based on differences in race and creed."

"Our legal discriminations

'Get well' message dispatched to Ike

(JACL News Service)

WASHINGTON. — The Japanese American Citizens League sent a telegram Nov. 27 to President Dwight D. Eisenhower at the White House wishing him a speedy and complete recovery.

against land ownership and voting have all been wiped off the books.

"There was a time many years ago when intolerance was preached in public in Idaho, but happily that day is gone. Wiser counsels have long since prevailed and we manage in our mountain stronghold of freedom and initiative to be as remarkably true to the American dream as any state in the nation," the governor declared.

He praised the outstanding war record of the Nisei, noting that they proved convincingly Americanism and patriotism are "a matter of the heart and mind, not of race or creed."

Mas Yano Elected

Mas Yano, Salt Lake attorney and past first vice-chairman, was

elected chairman of the Intermountain District Council. Other officers elected were Joe Nishioka of Idaho Falls, 1st v.c.; Kiyoshi Sakota, Yellowstone, 2nd v.c.; and George Iseri, Snake River, treas. The secretary is to be appointed by the new IDC chairman. George Sugai of Snake River was the outgoing IDC chairman.

IDC delegates also approved a district-wide queen contest to reign at the 15th Biennial convention at Salt Lake City, a national oratorical and essay contest. Plans for the convention were disclosed by general chairman Rupert Hachiya, co-chairman Ichiro Doi and Mrs. Alice Kasai.

Speaking at the morning session Saturday at convention headquar-

MASAOKA KEYNOTE SPEAKER FOR CENTRAL CALIFORNIA CONVENTION

FRESNO.—Mike Masaoka, Washington JACL representative, will be the keynote speaker at the eighth annual Central California JACL District Council convention this Sunday at the Hacienda Motel.

The year-end affair also serves a kick-off for the new year with installation of 1958 district council and chapter officers in a mass swearing-in ceremony, which will be conducted by Congressman B.F. Sisk, 12th District.

Tom Nagamatsu of Sanger-Del Rey JACL and CCDC chairman will preside at the business session beginning at 9:30 a.m. Convention Chairman Kaz Komoto will extend greetings. Reports from Dr. Roy Nishikawa, national president, and Masaoka are scheduled for the afternoon.

The meeting will adjourn by 4 p.m. for the fashion show being prepared by Mrs. Kikuo Taira and Mrs. Jin Ishikawa. The banquet at 6:30 will climax the all-day event with Masaoka as speaker.

Banquet Plans

CCDC's annual convention banquet is notable by the presence of civic dignitaries from all the communities in which JACL chapters are situated. Fresno Mayor Cal Evans will extend the greetings of the host city at the banquet after colors are posted by the Sierra Nisei VFW Post 8489. The Rev.

Norio Osaki of the Fresno Congregational Church will deliver the invocation.

Dr. Sumio Kubo of Fresno, toastmaster, will introduce the special guests and dignitaries. Among the special awards to be made are for Chapter of the Year by Kenji Tashiro, national 1000 Club chairman, and for bowling and golf tournaments by Mas Satow, national director, of San Francisco. Past president pins to 1957 officers will be made by Jack Noda of Denair, national 2nd vice-president.

For dinner entertainment, vocalist Helen Aloojian and violinist Stanley Griffin with Martha Cardell as accompanist have been scheduled.

Also assisting Komoto on the convention committee are Jin Ishikawa, speaker; Kiichi Tange, gen. arr.; Paul Kawasaki, regis.; Fumio Ikeda, banq.; Harry Kubo, reception; Tak Naito, programs; Tosh Sadahira, bowling; Dr. James Ikemiya, golf; Tom Shirakawa, entertainment; and George Abe, finance.

NORTH FRESNO HALL PLANS ANNOUNCED

FRESNO. — A \$25,000 Japanese community hall in North Fresno was announced by Takashi Mori, building fund chairman.

U.S. ADMITS 6,000 IMMIGRANTS FROM JAPAN IN 1956-57

(JACL News Service)

WASHINGTON.—More than 6,000 immigrants for permanent residence were admitted into the United States from Japan during fiscal year 1957 which ended this June 30, the Immigration and Naturalization Service of the Department of Justice informed the Washington Office of the Japanese American Citizens League.

The total for the period July 1, 1956, to June 30, 1957, was 6,354 individual admissions for permanent residence from Japan, the largest of any of the so-called Asian countries. Some 23,102 Asians from all countries in this area were admitted in this same period.

Of the Japanese total, 159 were quota immigrants and 6,195 were non-quota immigrants. Some 5,003 of the non-quota immigrants were the wives of United States citizens, 168 were husbands of United States citizens, 442 were children of United States citizens, including adopted and adoptive orphans, two were spouses of natives of Western Hemisphere countries, two were former citizens of the United States, and 541 were so-called refugees.

The Washington JACL office estimated that since the effective date of the Immigration and Nationality (Walter-McCarran) Act, December 23, 1952, more than 40,000 Japanese immigrants have been admitted for permanent residence, even though Japan's annual quota is only 185. The JACL sponsored most of the Asian provisions of the Walter-McCarran Act providing naturalization and immigration privileges to Asians generally and to Japanese in particular. The JACL also was instrumental in amending the Refugee Relief Act of 1953 to include "refugees" from Asia, including Japan.

A grand total of 326,867 immigrants from all parts of the world were admitted in fiscal 1957. There were 97,178 quota immigrants, 229,689 were non-quota immigrants, 21,794 were wives of citizens, 5,767 were husbands of citizens, 4,798 were children of citizens, 111,344 were natives of Western Hemisphere countries, 2,144 were spouses and children of Western Hemisphere natives, 58 were former citizens, and 82,444 were refugees. Also included were 403 ministers, their spouses and children. In this latter category were 32 from Japan.

Total immigration from European countries was 185,115; from Asia, 23,102; from North America, 106,942; from South America, 9,002; from Africa, 1,673; from Australia and New Zealand, 756; from all other countries, 277.

53 DENVER AREA JAPANESE NATURALIZED

DENVER.—A special survey of records at the U.S. District Court here recently shows 53 Japanese aliens have been naturalized as U.S. citizens this year, the Mile-Hi JACL announced last week.

The list includes 28 Issei, 20 soldier brides and five children, three of whom were adopted Japanese orphans.

The newly-naturalized citizens are being invited to the Mile-Hi JACL annual meeting being held tonight at the Tri-State Buddhist Church, where after the potluck supper, new Americans will be honored by the chapter.

As at previous Issei citizen recognition ceremonies, the chapter will present them with a gold-filled lapel pin fashioned in the form of the American flag.

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From the Frying Pan

by Bill Hosokawa

Denver

COLONY CULTURE — Gontran de Poncins, the Frenchman who wrote such a fascinating account of Eskimo life in "Kabloona," has just authored another book called "From a Chinese City." Oddly enough the city of which he writes is not in China, but in Viet-Nam which used to be called French Indo-China before post-war Asiatic nationalism swept away colonialism.

De Poncins has an amazing eye for detail and he writes with enormous perspicacity about Chinese habits and customs. This volume is well worth your reading. But what makes it notably here at this time is an observation in his foreword about the character of Cholon, the city of which he writes. He says:

"One of the curious phenomena of the modern world is the fact that local color and old customs are beginning to disappear in certain countries, though they survive intact in a 'colony,' often a remote one, which, whether out of nostalgia or deep-rooted fidelity to the mother country, has stubbornly conserved them. And so for Cholon. Cholon is one of those cultural islands which, despite the changes that have taken place all about them, have maintained their old ways wonderfully intact. The Chinese community that founded it almost 200 years ago has retired within itself and, except for business dealings, is utterly indifferent to the rest of the world . . ."

This same phenomena has been discovered in the remote mountain villages of Tennessee and West Virginia where old English customs, ballads and colloquialisms have been preserved by the descendants of the first settlers from the British Isles. And, in somewhat similar fashion, the prowar Li'l Tokyos of the west coast states were islands of late 19th Century Japanese culture.

During the first 40 years of this century Japan was in a state of dynamic change. External influences were not only welcomed, but actively sought after and the character of the nation was rapidly modernized. But the homesick immigrants who settled in the United States were little aware of the change going on in the old country. Beset by nostalgia, they clung proudly to the traditions they had known. And like the Chinese of Cholon, they retained characteristics of the homeland much more faithfully than the homelander themselves.

That phase of the Li'l Tokyos ended abruptly with war and the evacuation (although some of the culture was carefully fostered in the relocation centers). Today, what remains of the Li'l Tokyos is an odd amalgam of cultures so developed that it has an unusual uniqueness if not authenticity. At least it's interesting, and an observer like de Poncins could have a lot of fun with us.

The pre-war Li'l Tokyos must have appeared quaint to visitors from the old country. In many ways they were more Japanese in outlook than Japan itself. And the Issei who visited the homeland after an absence of two or three decades often found themselves like Ura-shima Taro, the Japanese Rip Van Winkle, who returned after a long, pleasurable interlude to a strange and inhospitable land where nothing was as it had been.

All this leads to conjecture about the nature of Nisei-Sansei culture 15 or 20 years hence. For those of us who have drifted away from Issei contacts, the "Japanese influence" grows progressively more remote. This trend is sure to be accelerated even though, out of curiosity if nothing more, certain of us are likely to study such matters as Japanese art and architecture which are influencing American art and architecture. There are few islands among the peaks and plains of the great American heartland.



TOKYO TOPICS

By Tamotsu Murayama

Nisei Leaders Found

TOKYO.—Among the many capable leaders uncovered by the recent International Nisei Convention is 48-year-old Kaiser Yoshio Tanaka, president of the Aloha Club here. He is well-known among the Nisei from Hawaii.

When Kaiser was announced as the new manager of the Hanshin Tigers, the Japanese sports writers were in high praise of the selection, all reporting that he is a reliable Nisei and that his personality would reflect on the Hanshin club.

The Asahi, with its several million circulation, praised him in their "personality" column as a sincere Nisei. It was the first time this widely-circulated newspaper carried a personality sketch of a Nisei. As one of the best ball players Hawaii as ever produced and one of the early pros in the game here, he is working as a civilian attached to the U.S. Armed Forces in Japan at the present time and will take the managerial reins in January.

Long Awaited

Sources close to the Tigers have said the Tanaka appointment is expected to provide the managerial talent the club has long sought. With better management, the Tigers might have won the Central League pennant this year, they added.

Tanaka is a Univ. of Hawaii graduate, class of '30, was player-coach in the Island semi-pro circuit before joining the Osaka Pros.

one of the first to be organized in Japan. As a battery mate of Bozo Wakabayashi, they were the sparkers in the Japanese pro league in those early years. Bozo, another Hawaiian Nisei, was the biggest name in the Tokyo Big Six collegiate baseball league and pitched Hosei University through a series for the championship. If ever a Japan Hall of Fame for baseball is established, Bozo is a leading candidate.

Bozo is sitting pretty as vice-president for Pepsi-Cola in Tokyo. Another prominent Hawaiian Nisei with Pepsi-Cola is Etsuo Higa, president.

Another Nisei leader is Tom Shinichi Oshidari of Stockton. We knew Tom as a sportsman, musician and radioman for many years. We knew him as a long time friend, but unaware of his postwar accomplishments. He is president of the National Broadcasting Corp. of Japan, handling, radio-TV and press public relations on a large scale and doing an impressive job. His business is in the half-million dollar class.

Even among his close friends, they were unaware of the wonderful job he has been doing for the general welfare of Nisei in Japan. While he has lost in American citizenship, he is more American in heart and tremendously interested in U.S.-Japan relations. He has a fine studio at the Kyobunkan Bldg. on the Ginza.

MINNESOTA GOVERNOR HEADS TRADE GROUP, CITIES U.S. STAKE IN JAPAN

TOKYO.—Minnesota's young governor Orville L. Freeman headed a private Minnesota trade delegation on a 19-day tour of the Far East earlier last month and declared for the United Press:

"It is plainly evident that the United States has a great stake in as well as a responsibility toward Japan and its people."

"Japan being one of the free nations of the world is at present one of our greatest sources of strength in Asia," the 39-year-old governor stated. "Because of its position and productive capabilities, it is also one of the foremost leaders in free Asia."

"Since arriving here, I have been most impressed by the great energy and drive of the Japanese people."

"... The last contact I had with the Japanese left me with a bitter taste," recalling his days at Bouganville in 1943. "For years I have harbored a degree of animosity. Today I can say that I have malice toward none."

U.S. Must Understand

Sizing up Japan's teeming population of 90 million living in an area about the size of Montana, Gov. Freeman noted, "In order for this country to survive, it must export. As a result, Japan's foreign policy must be determined in the light of its economy since Japan must trade or perish."

The United States must understand this problem, he urged. "If we enact more severe quotas on Japanese products and if we increase instead of decrease our tariffs to a point where it would not be feasible for them to market or to buy in the United States, their greater supplier and buyer, they will have no alternative but to look to the Soviet-dominated economies," he continued.

And "if the energy and know-how of these 90 million people were suddenly to become at the disposal of the Soviet's, we would have lost our fight for the Far East," he felt.

In another light, the Minnesota governor commented that "if the U.S. deprives the people and government of Japan of their hope for economic cooperation from the West, we would give the anti-American element an extremely effective weapon."

The Minnesota group visited Japan, Korea, Formosa, Hong Kong, and Manila since coming here Nov. 2. On returning Nov. 21 for home, Gov. Freeman said, "I think we had a very successful trip."

Confusion among Nisei on U.S.-Japan affairs draws comment from Tokyo writer

SAN FRANCISCO.—Noting the confusion among the Nisei as to what their stand should be on relations between the United States and Japan with respect to cultural ties, trade, immigration, etc., Jobo Nakamura of Tokyo this past week offered this rule of thumb: What is good for U.S.A. is good for the Nisei.

Nakamura, who contributes frequently to the Hokubei Mainichi, in his column here last week suggested the role of the Nisei "is to interpret to the American people the culture which is Japanese. Vice versa, we can interpret to the Japanese people the culture which is America."

The Sacramento Nisei has been employed as a laboratory technician at the U.S. Army Medical Center since 1953. A writer by avocation, he has written for the Pacific Citizen and sold a travel article to the Holiday magazine.

Last October, he was married to Kazuko Hashimoto of Tokyo and they live at 1529 Yoyogi-Tomigaya, Shibuya-ku, Tokyo. His APO address is 406th Medical General Laboratory, APO 343, San Francisco.

On Integration

Now that Nakamura has resided in Japan for four years, with other Americans, he has been drawn to conclude that "integration is the desirable thing, but people just do what comes naturally."

Expressing his view on segregation Continued on Page 7

PC Letter Box

U.S.-JAPAN RELATIONS

Dear Editor: ... Let me add my shekels to the issue on "International Relations" as was raised by good ole Kango Kunitsugu (PC, Oct. 4).

Due to the dynamic nature of our present society we are constantly faced with the problem of yesterday's decisions becoming obsolete. A case in point is the policy statement on international relations which I heartily agreed with in 1954. At the time such a statement was in keeping with the world situation, our political temperament, the recent achievements of the JACL, etc.

Prime Minister Kishi hadn't visited this country; Japan was not yet a member of the United Nations; U.S. troops were still spending millions each month in Japan. These are but a few events that were not in existence to influence our thinking. Of course, none of these are mentioned as points for argument. They represent change.

Can't Hide Face

We can't hide from the fact that while we Nisei, on the whole, are enjoying the pursuits of our own liberties granted to us by birth, we cannot completely deny nor ignore the situation that exists in Japan today. Surely, we cannot turn our shoulders from the problems of the people of Japan. Nor can we close our eyes to what the Japanese people themselves feel and think about the average Nisei. As we become insensitive to the needs of others and concern ourselves with our own problems, there develops an in-grownness that may in time destroy the very things we stand for.

As we banter the theme, "New Horizons", we are challenged to broaden our vision and gain a new perspective. If this requires a change in policy then let's face it with courage. In the light of our motto, "for better Americans in a greater America", it is feasible to think that our betterness and the greatness of our country must someday stand the test of approval by the world community.

Goodwill Projects

The house organ for the JACL is replete with stories of chapter picnics, carnivals, fashion shows and the like. A wholesale effort is being made to sponsor Jr. JACL chapters among youngsters who must someday take our places.

What are we doing to foster goodwill between the cities of Pasadena and Kobe; San Francisco and Yokohama; Fresno and Osaka? What chapter has a program to interpret Japanese culture to civic groups, service clubs, PTAs and the total community? What chapter has adopted a Japanese community to send regular CARE parcels to? How do we let the people of Japan know that we care about their problems? How much goodwill do we build among our American brothers with our "hands off" policy?

These and other questions demand a change in vision... a new perspective that will make us better Americans for a greater America.

...I'm not proposing a turnabout in our policy. I'm not sold on going all-out to make JACL the spokesman for Japan. On the other hand, I would plead for nothing more than taking a good look at what we are and what we stand for. I'm not sure there is a middle road. I, for one, am concerned for the future of JACL.

ERNEST UNO.

Puyallup Valley JACL.

(The writer, who was YMCA secretary in Ventura and active with the Ventura County JACL, has since transferred to Tacoma... This question of U.S.-Japan affairs will be one of the topics to be aired in the forthcoming Holiday Issue. It is our opinion that this question will be among the more widely discussed at the 1958 national convention.—Ed.)

KIMONOS MADE IN NYLON

TOKYO.—Kimonos are being produced in nylon here this fall for the first time in Japanese history along with traditional silk and cotton models.



VAGARIES

By Larry S. Tajiri

Adviser on Music

"THERE ARE ANY number of popular Japanese songs in the public domain which would make the 'Hit Parade' over here if the orchestrations were transposed for Occidental instrumentations," Tak Shindo said the other day.

Tak, a round-faced Nisei, has been described as having "a shock of unruly hair and eyes which reflect the deep intensity of his love of music."

Tak, well-grounded in musicology, has made a career for himself as a musical director in television as well as the leader of a Nisei jazz orchestra (he has been musical director for CBS on such top TV shows as 'Suspense' and 'Gunsmoke'). But he always has had a love of Japanese music. Recently, because of Hollywood current preoccupation with things Japanese, Tak's interest has been paying off for him.

Way back, about a decade ago, Tak worked on music for a Humphrey Bogart movie with a Japanese background for Columbia Pictures, called "Tokyo Joe", and he has been called upon occasionally to help frame musical settings for Oriental movie sequences. During the past year, however, he has done music for 20th Century Fox's "Stopover Tokyo", and his latest chore has been that of musical technical adviser to Composer-Conductor Franz Waxman and the Warner Brothers studio orchestra in the recording of the score for the Marlon Brando-Miiko Taka film from James Michener's love story, "Sayonara".

In fact, it's said in Hollywood that Shindo probably has been involved in the scoring of 90 per cent of the films with Asian backgrounds which Hollywood has made since the war. Of them all, Shindo, noted the other day, "Sayonara" is the most significant.

"I believe this picture will do more to bring about the western world's understanding of Japanese culture than anything that has come off the screen," he said. "And an important part of this will come from the music, which we have adapted for Oriental ears."

Warner Brothers is currently circulating publicity on Shindo which notes he is a graduate of Los Angeles State College, and has taken post-graduate courses at both USC and UCLA, specializing in music of the Far East.

Shindo is described as particularly adept at Japanese instrumental notation. Since the Japanese scale is slightly different in pitch and considerably different in key treatment, exceptional skill in re-tuning it for each key is required in order to blend it with modern Occidental music for orchestration.

"I particularly enjoy working on a modern music score into which I can inject a feeling for a film's Oriental background," Shindo said. "This was the problem posed by 'Sayonara'."

"Among the unique Oriental instruments we used in 'Sayonara'," Shindo declared, "are a koto, which has 13 strings and has been one of the most popular Japanese instruments since it was brought to Japan from China in the 12th century, and a samisen, or three-stringed lute, which found its way from Okinawa to Japan in the 16th century."

Shindo has blended both koto and samisen into the studio's orchestration. In addition, he directed a chorus of 38, including 20 Japanese (four men and 16 girls) to provide an Oriental flavor to the choral background.

Shindo has helped Waxman incorporate 11 popular Japanese songs into the score of "Sayonara" which also features a new song, called "Sayonara" after the title, which was written by Irving Berlin. Actually, "Sayonara" was one of the songs which Berlin wrote for Joshua Logan when the latter was trying to make a Broadway musical out of "Sayonara" before the film version was made. Among the Japanese songs in the score are a swing version of "Tanko Bushi", which is also known as the "Coal Miners' Song", and "To Ryan Se", a Japanese folk melody.

THE JAPANESE AMERICAN community in San Francisco is pictured as an outpost of Oriental modes and manners by Christopher Rand, former San Francisco newspaperman, in his knowledgeable article, "Aspects of a Meeting Place", in the Nov. 16 and 23 issues of New Yorker magazine. Rand notes the integration of the Japanese American community, in particular, but comments that the cultural meeting of East and West "is troublesome at best." . . . The Nov. 23rd issue also contains a short story, "The Good News," by Mitsu Yamamoto who may be the first writer of Japanese ancestry to get a byline in this estimable journal . . . "Long After Love", the dramatization of a novel by Japan's Yukio Mishima, is being prepared for off-Broadway production in New York shortly . . . James Edmiston, author of "Home Again", the novel of a Japanese American family and mass evacuation, is the co-scripter on the current Paramount release, "Devil's Hairpin", with star Cornell Wilde. The latter is a film about sports car racing. Edmiston still has hopes that "Home Again", for which a movie script has been written, will be filmed.

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Bandits slug Issei, attempt to rob Nat'l JACL quarters

SAN FRANCISCO.—A gang of two men who "looked like Japanese" made an abortive attempt to burglarize Nichibei Kai office at 1759 Sutter St., early Nov. 27, and its caretaker-secretary, Kyuhei Sato, 68, was injured slightly in the ensuing scuffle.

National JACL Headquarters is situated on the second floor of the Sutter St. building.

Sato, who has self-cooking and sleeping quarters on the first floor of the building, was rudely awakened by loud ringing of the door bell about 4 a.m.

When he opened the door he found a man about 35 years of age, wearing a dark brown suit, who gave Sato a sharp push trying to force himself into the building. Sato gave him a judo foot-kick and pushed him down the steps.

The second assailant came out of the darkness and grabbed him from behind twisting his arms. The man pushed him down the steps and Sato received a big gash on his forehead above his right eye.

While Sato was lying on the sidewalk holding his bloody forehead the two men went inside the building and ran upstairs where the National JACL offices are located. Finding all the doors locked they came downstairs and looked around the Nichibei Kai offices on the first floor. Finding nothing, apparently, they fled down Sutter and turned left on Buchanan St.

All this time neither one of the men spoke any word, Sato said. Sato was treated at Central Emergency Hospital.

Mrs. Chizu Satow, wife of National Director Mas Satow who flew to Omaha for the Mountain Plains JACL district convention, told investigating officers that nothing was missing from the JACL offices.

Caretaker-secretary Sato said that the door-bell ringing had been going on for several nights in the past.

Jr. JACL group sets \$300 scholarship

CHICAGO. — To encourage outstanding high school graduates for a higher education, the Chicago Jr. JACL is trying to establish a scholarship fund of \$300 to be given each year in June.

The scholarships will be awarded on the basis of character, excellence in scholarship, qualities of leadership and financial need, Earle Nakane, Jr. JACL president here explained.

In order to raise the money for this scholarship, the Chicago Jr. JACL is dependent to a large extent upon donations received from friends and others interested in the betterment of youth. Contributions should be forwarded to the Junior JACL, Chicago Chapter, 1200 N. Clark, Chicago.

Stockton Cler named to new county post

STOCKTON.—The recently created post of coordinator of volunteer services at the San Joaquin General Hospital has been given to Mrs. Marie DeCarli, former school teacher whose fight for the job of postmaster of the city of Stockton led to a rift in county Republican party ranks earlier this year.

Mrs. DeCarli was selected from among the three persons who took a county civil service examination for the job set up by the board of supervisors at the county budget hearings last summer.

Mrs. DeCarli is a member of the Stockton JACL and a former vice-president of the chapter.

CHICAGO LEGIONNAIRES QUALIFY FOR NAT'L AWARD

CHICAGO. — Chicago Nisei Post 1183 qualified for a special national American Legion citation by achieving 100 per cent in membership by Nov. 11, reported commander Harry Yamamoto. The post is also planning to have its 10th anniversary celebration after the 1958 Nisei Veterans Reunion in Los Angeles.

OBNOXIOUS TERM IN 'FUZZ YOUNG' TEXTBOOK STORY TO BE DELETED

DELANO.—The obnoxious term, "Jap," appearing in the chapter called "Fuzz Young Story" in a textbook being used by elementary schools of California, will be stricken off the book.

This assurance was contained in a letter written by Jay Davis Conner, ex-official secretary to the State Curriculum Commission, to Norman E. Hefner, superintendent of the Delano Elementary School District.

The use of the racial slur appearing in the Firelight Book came to public attention when a little Nisei pupil at the Delano Elementary School refused to go to school one morning earlier this year because he didn't like to read the chapter assigned for that day, "Fuzz Young Story."

Sansei Irked

The boy, Roy Nakagama, told his mother tearfully that this chapter contained the term, "Jap," mentioned several times throughout the chapter. Although the story itself has to do with wartime hero-

ism of an American soldier, the term, "Jap," to the childish mind of Roy was most obnoxious and derogatory.

The issue was taken up later by the Japanese American Citizens League with its anti-discrimination program, after appearance of this Delano incident in the Hoku-bei Mainichi.

The JACL has been assured that the term will be deleted.

The letter from Conner to Superintendent Hefner dated Nov. 6, said:

"Dear Mr. Hefner: I thought you might be interested to know that arrangements have been completed with the publishers of The Firelight Book and the author of the 'Fuzz Young' story to substitute the word Japanese wherever the word 'Jap' now appears. The requested correction will, therefore, be made and will appear in the next and all subsequent printing of the above-named book for distribution and use in public elementary schools of California."

STATEWIDE GARDENERS FEDERATION DISCUSSED AT RECENT SAN JOSE PARLEY

SAN JOSE.—Formation of a statewide gardeners federation was thoroughly discussed at their first convention here on the Nov. 16-17 weekend. Some 150 delegates from northern and southern California attended a series of meetings and other events arranged by the host San Jose chapter and the No. Calif. Gardeners Association.

While the statewide plan was widely endorsed, some feeling was expressed that the two currently existing southern groups, the So. Calif. Gardeners' Federation and the So. Calif. Gardeners Council, should get together instead of operating in the same territory, before a statewide federation is organized.

These two groups were widely apart last year over the gardener licensing bill then before the state legislature. The federation was against the measure, along with the Northern California group, but the council supported the measure.

Both Southland groups were represented at the convention. Paul Koga of Gardena is president of the 15-chapter federation with a membership of 2,000 maintenance gardeners. Ken Dyo of Pasadena represented the council.

Long Beach to Host

Bids for the 1958 convention were made by Los Angeles and Long Beach. The L.A. bid was withdrawn when a letter of invitation from the city of Long Beach was read in support of the latter bid.

It was noted that while Long Beach is not affiliated with the So. Calif. Gardeners' Federation, it was given unanimous support.

The 10-chapter No. Calif. Gardeners Association is headed by Don Kikuchi of San Jose. Mas Hamamura is president of the host San Jose chapter.

The organization is composed of Issei and Nisei and will remain predominantly so, but it shall be possible for others to join in the future. There were several non-Japanese attending the convention here.

Organization Since 1955

Until the Maloney Bill relating to regulation of maintenance gardeners was introduced into the state legislature in late 1955, Issei and Nisei gardeners were largely operating individually.

In Southern California, some gar-

Author stopover

CHICAGO.—Mrs. Gwen Terasaki, author of "Bridge to the Sun", was honored at an informal reception last Saturday at the McCormick YWCA by the Chicago JACL. She was accompanied by her daughter, Mrs. Mari Miller, enroute home.

LODI SECRETARY PICKED 'MISS BUSSEI' IN N.C.

SACRAMENTO. — Irene Omaye, 19-year-old secretary of the Lodi Chamber of Commerce, was named Miss Bussei of 1957 by the Northern California Young Buddhist League.

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CHICAGO CORNER

By Smoky H. Sakurada

PC Holiday Greelings

Chicago

BY THE TIME this column is in the paper, we shall have wound up solicitations for the 1957 Holiday Issue, but before calling it adieu—we must acknowledge those who have been supporting us year after year. . . . Through the mails came greetings from 1000er Lester G. Katsura, now living in suburban Northbrook; Tom and Sam Seno of Seno Realty; 1000ers Dr. Joe M. Nakayama, Dr. George T. Hirata, Arthur T. Okumura of Edgewater Real Estate; George Naritoku of Sun Garden Flower Shop in Evanston; and an Issei leader Bunji Takano. . . . By telephone, greetings came from Masaru Odoi, a 1000er, of ABC TV-Radio; Kiyo Okawa, who shoots pictures for the local chapter, of Album Photo; Richard Yamada and Ken Yoshihara of Business Service Associates; Roy Nakama the printer, Willie (brother of Harvey) Aki the part-time watch repairman, attorney Thomas M. Hiura who is also on the local chapter board, 1000er Charlie M. Hiura and Eizo Nishi, and Issei leader. . . . Harvey Aki saw Fred Lichtenstein and Sam Himoto of Universal Pen and Jewel Shop and active Legionnaire Joe K. Sagami for their insertion of holiday best wishes.

Across the famed old water tower, we met Benjamin Joe, Jr., of Old Cathay Restaurant, the other evening and he told of his recent visit to Japan to see his relatives there. He has many Nisei friends in Chicago and it is good to know that Chinese Americans are pitching with us. . . . Our thanks, too, go to Dr. T. T. Yatabe and George Kita, whom we met on the street, for their 1957 greetings.

Thanks to Harvey Aki, the list of one-line name and address greetings has grown to 30 this year. In a couple of years, we hope this will grow to the proportions the holiday ads from Chicago have been in past years.

CHICAGO CHATTER—When Mrs. Gwen Terasaki, author of "Bridge to the Sun", visited with Chicago JACLers last weekend at Tokyo Sukiyaki and McCormick YWCA, she told of the interest shown by Paramount Studios to make her recent best-seller into a movie. She had requested suggestions for the movie. They may be forwarded to her home, 1317 N. Baxter Road, Johnson City, Tennessee.

— LAST-MINUTE CHAPTER NOTICES —

• Christmas parties are the vogue in late December and the PC Calendar on the back page shows at least 14 chapters have scheduled them. Some of the latest details reaching our desk are from:

OAKLAND: A family potluck Christmas party is being planned for Dec. 15 at San Antonio Park Clubhouse, 1701 E. 15th St. Both Jr. and Sr. CLers are combining their talent to insure another successful party. Santa will make his merry appearance and all the tots will love him for he brings them a pre-Holiday treat.

SALINAS VALLEY: The annual Christmas dinner party will be held on Monday, Dec. 23, from 5:30 p.m., at Lincoln Ave. Presbyterian Church. Harvey Kitamura will be in charge, assisted by Grace Tanda (chmn.), Mae Sakasegawa, Ruth Noda, Ioris Yamamoto, Aiko Kimura, Chiyeko Inouye, dinner; Harry Sakasegawa, entertainment; Icky Miyayaga (chmn.), Sumi Iwashige, Karen Kitamura, Shiro Hayashi, Loren Kitamura, gift; Tom Tom Miyayaga, tree; Harry Shirachi, table. In the brief meeting to be presided by Ken Sato, president, the results of the election for 1958 officers will be announced during the dinner.

• Chapter fishing derbies are becoming another pastime that seems to sustain itself throughout the year. The latest report comes from:

BERKELEY: The calm weather of Nov. 24 attracted many anglers with 40 checking in with their catches by 5 p.m. A big band of appreciation must go to Jack Imada and Harry Nakamoto, co-chairmen, for a job well done. While figures are not complete, the derby netted some \$300 with the top \$100 prize going to Kitty Hirai of Alameda. H. Heider won the derby with his 28 lb.-2 oz. catch with prizes going down to 16th place, a 14 lb.-12 oz. bass by H. Luck.

• One field that attracts the youth is sports—and while this might be more appropriate in a sports column—the emphasis to help the youth to help themselves is an important phase of the Jr. JACL program. A Southern California chapter, which has done wonders with the youth in their area, reports on their first basketball tournament held last weekend. A run-down of that comes from:

LONG BEACH: A spectacular one-hand jump shot from 20 feet out in the closing seconds of the final game hit the rim as the gun sounded, bounced straight in the air, and came down through the hoop giving the Orange County JAYs a one point victory over the Gardena Jr. YBAs and the championship of the first Long Beach Invitational Basketball Tournament. Dave Tamura, the unanimous selection for the Most Inspirational Player Award, took the ball with less than four seconds left and elected to gamble on a play and worked it to a position where he could take the shot that won the game.

The third place trophy donated by the local Nikkeijin Kai went to the Valiants of Venice, who were sponsored by the Downtown LA chapter.

Due to the ineligibility of a player, the WLA Jesters who were the pre-tournament favorites, were eliminated from the championship race.

Game 1 - Orange County Jays bye.

Game 2 - Although the powerful Jesters heavily defeated Pasadena 55-31, Pasadena scored a surprising number of points against the Jesters, a team with more years and playing experience over the Pasadena team.

Game 3 - Gardena defeated Southwest Los Angeles 38-23. Not to be overlooked is the tremendous comeback of the South-

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True to the fashion of the Order of the Tie and Garter, Speed Nakaya is putting the scissor to the beautiful four-in-hand tie of Sampei Sakaguchi at the 10th anniversary of the founding of the 1000 Club at Idaho Falls.



'1000' CLUB NOTES

SAN FRANCISCO—National JACL Headquarters this past week acknowledged 12 new and renewal memberships in the 1000 Club during the last half of November, making a total of 45 for the month. Total current members in good standing as of Nov. 30 was 1,187.

NINTH YEAR
Chicago — Dr. Thomas T. Yatabe.
SEVENTH YEAR
Downtown L.A. — Mrs. Merljane F. Yokoe.
SIXTH YEAR
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FIFTH YEAR
San Francisco — William Hoshiyama.
THIRD YEAR
Southwest L.A. — Dr. Ryo Muneakata.
Cleveland — Paul K. Ohmura.
Downtown L.A. — Mrs. Saku Shirakawa.
SECOND YEAR
Cleveland — Thomas Imori.
FIRST YEAR
Cleveland — Mrs. Takeyo Imori.
Clovis — James K. Miyamoto, Herbert Yoshida.

Twin Cities to urge MDC push for PC with Membership

Inclusion of the Pacific Citizen in the National JACL membership dues has been proposed by the Twin Cities UCL, which unanimously adopted a resolution at its Oct. 25 general meeting because "dissemination of information to every member is vital to maintain a growing and active organization".

The resolution pointed out the Pacific Citizen is the official publication of the Japanese American Citizens League and a main source of information concerning Americans of Japanese ancestry.

It also noted members of other national organizations receive their official publication on payment of dues, while it was optional with JACLers. The resolution declared less than 25 percent of the membership subscribes.

Action by MDC

Henry Makino, chapter president, has forwarded copies of the resolution to the other seven member chapters of the Midwest District Council, which is expected to take action on the resolution at its next meeting on Memorial Day weekend at Cleveland.

The Twin Cities resolution also asks the proposal to "have the national membership dues increased to include the Pacific Citizen for each member or family unit" be placed on the agenda for the 1958 national convention to be held in Salt Lake City.

The increase in membership is not meant to mean that the present cost of \$3 to JACL members should be added to the national membership dues of \$2, Makino explained, but "rather a nominal charge to assure each member or family unit would receive a copy of the Pacific Citizen".

Sufficient Reason

"That less than 25 per cent of the membership subscribes to the Pacific Citizen is sufficient reason to start doing something about it."

VENICE-CULVER:

Who'll be Santa Claus at Christmas party?

An interesting Indian ceremonial will be featured at the Venice-Culver JACL Christmas buffet party on Sunday, Dec. 15, 5 p.m. at the Venice Gakuen.

The ritual will be part of the program for the evening and will be staged by the Culver-Palms "Y" Indian Guide Club, a father-son group, and explained by Pete Furuya, the club tally keeper. Japanese numbers are also planned.

The buffet is being prepared by the chapter ladies and Indian Guide Club mothers. The appearance of Santa Claus with gifts for children will be the climax. As in past years, a prominent JACLer (identity a secret as yet) will enact the Santa role.

he declared.

(As of the July 25, 1957, recapitulation prepared by the PC business office, there were 5,400 subscribers and two-thirds being members or approximately 3,600 JACLers taking the PC.—Editor.)

"The cost of such a program," Makino added, "may be high, but we feel that the added cost and work is more than justified when the result will be a better informed membership. This is so essential to maintain an active and growing organization and to obtain greater Nisei and Sansei support. We feel that the future of JACL is jeopardized because of this lack of internal communication to its membership."

(The Pacific Southwest District Council, at its fall quarterly meeting Nov. 10, acted favorably on a resolution proposing PC with membership and a special committee is being formed to determine how best this plan can be presented at the national convention for its adoption.)

Dr. Roy Nishikawa, while national treasurer, discussed aspects of this issue in the 1955 PC Holiday Issue wherein it was proposed the national membership be raised with a free subscription to the PC.

He pointed out the proponent as well as opponent views. The proponents maintain that every member, as a matter of keeping abreast of the developments within his organization, should read the PC. It would make for better informed and more loyal members which, in turn, strengthens the national organization and makes for easier membership renewals for local chapters in subsequent years. The opponents point out difficulties such as, what to do with many members in one family living at the same address who do not need more than one paper. They also raise the prospects that higher costs would discourage many younger members from joining.

Frank Chuman, in his "By the Board" report in the Sept. 6 issue of the Pacific Citizen, cited the advantages of PC with membership plan.

"Many outstanding writers, such as Bill Hosokawa and Larry Tajiri, with their brilliant writings and observations make it possible for readers to obtain an interpretation of news and events as they are happening," Chuman wrote.

"Reports from Congress by Mike Masaoka and his staff and the special reports by our National Director Mas Satow and our regional directors bring the problems of our national and local organization into focus.

"Local chapter activities are ready by other chapter officers for possible adaptation.

"Problems concerning the civil rights of Japanese and other mi-

nority groups and cooperation of local community organizations with the JACL on a common front for the preservation of civil rights for all persons are reported to our members.

"In this way, through the medium of the Pacific Citizen," Chuman concludes, "the members by being more enlightened will themselves reaffirm their support to the JACL which cannot help but result in a closer knit organization."

GARDENA VALLEY:

Dance class group sponsors Dec. 7 social

Students of the beginner and advance dance classes sponsored by Gardena Valley JACL will have a pre-Christmas social at the Japanese Community Center, 2000 Market St., Gardena, tomorrow night from 8 o'clock, according to Sam Tanihara, chairman.

Music is being furnished by Aaron Gonzales and his combo. Chapter members and friends are invited.

DETROIT:

Sunday afternoon party with Yule theme set

The children's Christmas party sponsored each year by the Detroit JACL will be held at International Institute on Dec. 22, between 2 and 4 p.m., according to chairman Mariko Matsura and Nob Okubo.

Gifts, entertainment and a surprise visit by Santa Claus are being arranged by the committee, composed of Fay Doi, Yori Kagawa, Ruby Kizaka, Miyuki Kunimatsu and Pearl Matsumoto.



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VERY TRULY YOURS:

A point on PC with Membership.

When the time comes to discuss "PC with Membership" at the next meeting, several questions are likely to be raised as to how the PC should be distributed when more than one in a family are JACL members. Already suggested is a package deal for families — something like a reduced membership rate for a couple joining with one copy going to the family unit.

Now, if the additional cost is nominal, we might offer the suggestion already in practice by families where more than one member is a 1000er. The second 1000er in a family sends the complimentary copy to another person — some civic official, neighbor or prospective JACLER — or to some institution like a church, school library, etc.

With the prospect that many couples are still going to renew their JACL memberships the second copy might be given as a "gift" to a Jr. JACLER, who isn't getting a copy at home each week.

The Jr. JACL movement has come to the fore this past year and it could be a tremendous boost to their morale to see they are presented a copy.

— Harry K. Honda.

PRESIDENT'S CORNER:

From the Front Page pert Hachiya, Henry and Alice Kasai, Ichiro Doi, and other Salt Lakers.

9. We were privileged to appear on KID-TV with Mike to tell the JACL story to an estimated 300,000 people. We were also privileged to have tea with Miss Idaho and Miss Idaho Falls, two beautiful and charming ladies. This alone made our trip worthwhile.

10. One of the really heartwarming incidents about the 1000 Club affair was the sending of a telegram expressing regrets on his absence to Callahan Inagaki. Hundreds of delegates joined in sending their best to this pioneer leader.

11. Last but not least, convention chairman Joe Nishioka and his assistants, such as Eke Inouye, Sud Morishita, George Nukaya, Yoshiko and Fred Ochi, and many others really put on a most successful and enjoyable convention.

— Dr. Roy Nishikawa.



Receiving the 10-year 1000 Club pin at the 10th anniversary celebration of the founding of the 1000 Club are (left to right) Mrs. Rae Fujimoto, Joe Saito, Mike Masaoka, Deto Harada, Joe Nishioka, Sud Morishita (standing behind Kenji Tashiro, who is at the micro-

phone), Dr. Roy Nishikawa, Sam Yamasaki, Speed Nukaya and Ken Uchida. Also visible is the huge three-tiered birthday cake for the 1000 Club in front of Dr. Nishikawa. The specially-designed pin has been presented to 10-Year and Life 1000ers—Photo by Fred Ochi.

MILE-HI:

Candidates screened for annual Sakata Memorial Scholarship Plaque and Award

A preliminary screening of candidates to find the most outstanding Nisei high school graduate of 1957 of the metropolitan Denver area began last week as the Harry H. Sakata Memorial Scholarship Award Committee convened with Robert M. Horiuchi as chairman. Winner will be awarded a memorial plaque and a cash award at the Mile-Hi JACL Recognition Banquet to be held at Albany Hotel on New Year's eve, Dec. 31.

Horiuchi revealed at least five candidates were being considered and was hopeful more prospects might apply.

The award is made to the outstanding Nisei high school graduate each year, who, in the opinion of the judges, has the greatest potential of making the most significant contribution to the community

in the future. Applicants are limited to Nisei high school graduates in the metropolitan Denver area, including the suburbs, Brighton, Boulder and nearby communities.

Since Sakata was active in youth activities and a strong supporter of JACL, the award was named in his memory. The Sakata family makes available the cash award to the winner.

Other candidates may apply by giving their names, addresses and accomplishments to Chairman Horiuchi, 1480 S. Cherry St., Denver 22, on or before Dec. 10.

Candidates are screened by the committee and final judging will be determined by a three-man panel representing the state and local school system and the Nisei community. On the scholarship committee are Mary Funakoshi, sec.; James Okizaki, Haruko Kobayashi, Tak Terasaki, Larry Tajiri, Buddy Uchida, John Masunaga, Mary Sakata, John Sakayama, Seiji Horiuchi and Min Yasui.

SONOMA COUNTY:

Auxiliary announces Yule party details

The Sonoma County JACL Auxiliary will again stage its annual community Christmas party at the local Memorial Hall on Dec. 14, 7:30 p.m. An open invitation to the community, especially the youngsters, has been extended by Auxiliary president Margarette Murakami.

The local JACL chapter will be in charge of the general arrangements including the decorating of the Christmas tree, which has been donated by Rue Uyeda.

The evening's program will begin with singing of the Christmas carols followed by the annual Kid-dies Talent Revue under the direction of Pat Shimizu and Sachiko Noguchi. Games follow with Shiz Kawaoka and Suzy Hirooka in charge. Santa Claus will make his appearance with gifts for each youngster present. Delicious holiday refreshments will be served by a committee headed by Florence Kawaoka and Jean Miyano.

This being the final event for the year for the Sonoma County JACL Chapter and the Auxiliary, a large crowd of 300 persons is anticipated, according to Mrs. Murakami. There will be no admission charge; however, parents are asked to bring a gift not exceeding 50 cents for each child attending the affair.

GILROY JACL RECEIVES MEMORIAL DONATION

GILROY.—In memory of his two sons, Masaharu and Nobuyuki, who perished while digging for clams off Moss Landing, Kamachi Iwanaga of San Martin made a \$100 memorial donation to the Gilroy JACL, it was reported this past week.

SAN FRANCISCO:

Sheraton-Palace chosen for chapter's Dec. 31 hop

The annual New Year's Eve dance of the San Francisco JACL will again be at Sheraton-Palace hotel, it was announced this past week.

After several years at the Gold Room of the Palace, the gala annual event was shifted last year to the Surf Club at the beach.

The local chapter committee said that the shift back was being made by popular demand.

Jimmy Blas's orchestra which supplied the music for the dance a year ago has again been secured for the New Year's party.

IDC convention —

Continued from Front Page
ters in Hotel Rogers here, Dr. Roy Nishikawa, national president, hoped the next few years would see all of the 85 chapters with a Jr. JACL or youth chapters.

Youth Groups

Development of a youth program is a major objective, Dr. Nishikawa declared in the keynote speech Friday. "We will try to instill in the youth such qualities as leadership, scholarship, interest in social welfare and, in general, make our youth better Americans in a greater America," he said.

"We will continue our program in public relations and public education. We expect to further our program in civil rights, equality in housing, fair employment practices and the translation of legal equalities into practical realities," he continued as he primed his address on the convention theme, "Focus on the Future".

Message to Ike

George Sugai read a telegram which the convention dispatched to President Eisenhower wishing him a speedy recovery. "We note with thanksgiving that you are on the way to complete recovery; at a time when the free world and our nation are faced with our greatest threat to survival, we especially need your inspired leadership."

Kenji Tashiro, national 1000 Club chairman, spoke at the Whing Ding, credited the JACL and its 1000ers with elevating the status of Americans of Japanese ancestry "from that of a suspect and hated group to one of trust and wide community acceptance".

Specially-designed 1000 Club pins to 10-Year and Life members were presented to Tashiro to those qualified who were present. Charlie Hirai, chapter 1000 Club chairman, was in charge of the hi-jinks at the White Elephant, which was also the site of the Sayonara Ball. Another convention sidelight that proved popular was the fashion show and presence of Miss Idaho and Miss Idaho Falls.

Masaoka Praises IDC

Mike Masaoka, first IDC chairman 20 years ago, and now Washington JACL representative also praised the role the IDC at the banquet. (See Washington News-

EDEN TOWNSHIP:

Baby JACL dance review for party

Preparations are now underway for the Eden Township JACL's ninth annual Christmas party with the announcement this week of committee members to assist in the arrangements for the program.

Mrs. Masako Minami, chairman, will be assisted by:

Mrs. June Yoshioka, hostess; Mrs. Alyce Fujii, talent; Mrs. Michi Nurusu, Mrs. Setzu Shimizu, costumes; Mrs. Takiko Shinoda, Mrs. Miya Yoshida, gifts; Mrs. Mary Iyemura, Mrs. Kozu Hironaka, refr.; Mrs. Hamako Nishida, inv.; and Mrs. Machi Tomotoshi, amp.

Children will present a varied talent program, highlighted by a "Baby JACL Dance Revue" directed by George Minami, Jr.

The Christmas party will be held Saturday, Dec. 14, 7:30 p.m., at Ashland School multipurpose room on East 14th St. and 165th Ave., San Leandro.

Santa Claus will distribute gifts at this event. Refreshments will be served.

Children between 6 to 12 have been urged to participate in the singing of Christmas carols for this program. Rehearsals are being held Friday, Dec. 6, from 7 p.m., it was announced.

letter, page 8.)

Other highlights of the convention are noted in the President's Corner, starting on the front page of this issue.

Masaoka, in his address concluding the two-day affair, said that "in spite of certain wartime experiences, America and Americans have been very good to Japanese Americans. Perhaps now the time has come when Americans of Japanese ancestry can make a contribution to their country."

The Idaho Statesman in Boise editorially noted Sunday that the convention is "of much significance for all Americans because it recalls and refurbishes the record of the sufferings and the heroism and the steadfast fidelity of a strong and resolute element of our citizenship that was unhappily called upon to bear an unwarranted burden in the stress and strain of the second World War period."

"... What other functions (JACL) may have, and they likely are numerous and valuable, it can have none of greater importance than that which it fulfills so admirably in keeping these invaluable memories green." The memories, of course, refer to evacuation and the glorious war record.

The Idaho Falls Post-Register, in its editorial Friday welcoming the JACL convention, took the opportunity to recall the Nisei war record, the achievement of Japanese Americans in the area by saying: "They not only have proved their dedication in war, but on the community level as well."

It was the first IDC convention, hosted by the Idaho Falls chapter since 1947.



THE NORTHWEST PICTURE

By Elmer Ogawa

Anti-Chinese Riots

Seattle

TO CONTINUE WITH the story of the Chinese riots in Seattle, after the return of the Federal troops to Vancouver, 15 of the most rabid agitators were indicted under the Ku Klux Act, for conspiracy to deprive the Chinese of equal protection under the laws. The trial lasted until Jan. 16, 1886, and all the 15 were acquitted.

The situation appeared to be close to settlement. Chinese were no longer employed in mills, mines, factories or on the railroads in King County, and the household servant, laborer groups had been greatly reduced, employment-wise. However, agitators were only awaiting a chance to imitate Tacoma's tactics of forcible exclusion. They met in secret and waited.

This chance came as the steamer Queen of the Pacific was in port, and due to sail for San Francisco on Feb. 7. A meeting was held in what is now the present skid row area, on Feb. 6. The Tacoma resolutions were endorsed and the Committee of Fifteen with hundreds of helpers, went into action. Following the same pattern, terrified Chinese were questioned at their doors about cubic air and other sanitary regulations, while helpers brushed past to load the occupants' belongings on wagons, topping off the load with the occupants themselves.

The chief of police was working with the exclusionists. Sheriff McGraw and his deputies could accomplish little. The ringing of the fire bell mobilized Seattle's three military units, the Home Guards, the Seattle Rifles (exclusive in its membership) and the Company D of the Territorial National Guard.

By the afternoon of the 7th, 350 Chinese were herded to the waterfront, entirely surrounded by an immense crowd.

Captain Alexander of the Queen demanded that fares be paid in advance. The resulting delay allowed Judge Roger S. Greene explained in a kindly and simple interpretation that of habeas corpus for the 350 Chinese. The crowd went on making collections to raise the evacuation fares. An appeal to the Commanding General at Vancouver brought the reply that only the President could order out Federal troops.

EARLY ON THE morning of Feb. 8, Sheriff McGraw and militiamen escorted the Chinese to the courtroom where Judge Greene explained in a kindly and simple interpretation that most of the people of Seattle wanted the Chinese to go, but that those who wished to stay would have full protection of the law. A roll call by name produced only 16 who would remain, so back to the dock they all went.

When 196 were aboard, Captain Alexander announced that he could not legally take any more. This left over a hundred among those on the dock whose fare had been paid. It was agreed to send them on the next ship which was soon to arrive, and in the meantime the Chinese were to be returned to their homes temporarily.

Of the situation at the time, Seattle historian Clarence B. Bagley who had been living here since 1861, wrote in his History of Seattle: "Never before had the city been so full of strangers. It seemed that every idle man and hard character from San Diego to Victoria had drifted here. Many of the participants in the Tacoma outrage were here adding to the discord. It was the consensus of opinion that no act of violence would have been committed but for the incendiary talk of these agitators and criminals from abroad."

The Chinatown of 1886 adjoined the present skidroad area, and as the Chinese were being escorted back from the dock by the Home Guard, they were intercepted at the skid road corner of First and Main by a howling mob which demanded to know where they were going and tried to turn the column. In the push through, the Guards attempted to defend themselves with the butts of their rifles. When it appeared to be certain they would be overpowered, a few shots were fired, and five of the mob were wounded, one of them a ringleader named Stewart.

Stewart, a large and powerful man attempted to rise and rally his mob, but that group seeing the Guardsmen meant business, retreated. The Seattle Rifles and Company D came on the double and formed a hollow square around the terrorized Chinese lying in the street. Each moment of hesitation added to the demoralization of the mob which could have easily overpowered the thin ranks were they willing to make the sacrifice.

Stewart died the next day. He was a new arrival from Mason County who had come to Seattle to "see the Chinamen driven out." A Canadian by birth, he never renounced his citizenship in that country.

President Cleveland sent the Army which kept the city under martial law until Feb. 22, and remained on for several months until danger of further trouble subsided.

In the meantime 110 more Chinese left on the next steamer, the George W. Elder, and of the remaining fifty odd, all but a handful later departed by train and other steamers. The evacuation was virtually complete.

A thoughtful reader might point out several lessons to be learned from this chapter in Seattle history. Another is that after "evacuation" comes resettlement, for the census of 1890 reports 359 Chinese living in Seattle.

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Vale Hi wins third
Ore. state grid title

VALE, Ore.—The slightly fabulous Vale High Vikings grabbed the Oregon A-2 state football championship here last Saturday by toppling Seaside 13-6.

It was Vale's third state title in the last four years and ran Dutck Kawasoe's four-year coaching record at the eastern Oregon school to 41 wins, two losses and one tie.

After the game, the Nisei mentor said, "We haven't been a spectacular ball club this year, except on defense." And how right he was as the Vale line checked the Seaside backs most of the afternoon, except for the lone 88-yard TD jaunt by Steve Pickard, who broke Bobby Grayson's prep scoring record made in 1931, by scoring his 35th of the season for a total of 210 pts.

LOIS YUT OF SEATTLE
QUALIFIES FOR NAT'L'S

SEATTLE.—Lois Yut, 1957 National J A C L Bowling Tournament women's all-events champion, qualified for the Western Washington women's team headed for the national match play finals in Minneapolis, which start on Jan. 10.

She finished with 137.30 Peterson points, five pins behind leader Bev Lavine.

50 keglers participate
in Sequoia CL meet

REDWOOD CITY.—With some 50 members participating in the Sequoia J A C L bowling tournament Nov. 23 at San Carlos Bowl, it was regarded as one of the most successful affairs to date. Hide Kashima won top honors in the men's singles with a 667. Nine pins behind for second spot was Richard Namba at 658.

Other high scores were Min Okamura 611, Aki Nakano 603 and Hip Honda 601.

Among the women bowlers, June Kawakami, Sr. Tri-Ville member, gathered a 582 to win, followed by Mrs. Polly Madsen at 563 and Mrs. Sayo Togami, 540. Other division winners were:

MIXED DOUBLES

June Kawakami-Shig Tachibana 1191,
Sayo Togami-Gunji Togami 1168, Susie Sasagawa-Jay Sasagawa 1165.

MEN'S DOUBLES

Tony Yamada-Mich Takahashi 1253,
Shig Tachibana-Niro Morita 1177, Dave Nakamura-Hid Kashima 1170.

N.C. NAU CAGE

PRESIDENT ELECTED

SAN FRANCISCO.—Nine team managers forming the No. Calif. Nisei Athletic Union basketball league elected John Yasumoto of the S.F. Protos as president. Iwao Kawakami of the Nichibei Times is secretary-treasurer. In the league are Sebastopol YBA, Protos, San Jose Zebras, S.F. Troop 58, Marysville YBA, Placer YBA, Sacramento Stags, Berkeley Nissei and Oakland YBA.

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Probably the highest team series registered by a Nisei womens group was scored by the Holiday Bowl girls with their 3,022 (scratch) on games of 1030-1030-962 in the So. Calif. Travel League at Arcadia Bowl this week. Scores ran this way: Dusty Mizunoue 606, Beverly Wong 618, Mary Matsumura 525, Kayko Matsumoto 550, Judy Seki 723.

Ken Fujii, who was rated among the top passers in small colleges in the nation, was named to the second All-Far Western conference team of the San Francisco Examiner. This past week United Press named him to the second team of the Little All-Coast selections.

Fujii was quarterback for the University of Nevada which could manage to win only one game during the past season. The Nisei signal-caller is a senior.

Ken Ishimaru, center for the Edison High School team in Stockton, was named to the second team of the All-Central Area stars by the Stockton Record.

Ishimaru is the only Nisei to make any of the three teams selected from the schools within the Stockton-Lodi-Turlock area.

A fisherman's dream, that is what happened to Fred Tayama of Los Angeles on his last visit to Hawaii.

The popular proprietor of Tayama Wholesale Flowers was visiting in Hawaii the second week of November.

He decided to go fishing and he sailed out of Kona on the Malia, skippered by Henry Chee. They went after big game fish and that's what Tayama got.

As they say in fishing parlance, a blue marlin took Tayama's bait, hook, line and sinker, and then a 75 minute fight started between

Tayama, strapped to a seat, and a big blue marlin jumping and fighting for his life.

Seven times, Tayama brought the marlin up to the Malia to be gaffed and seven times the game fish headed for the deep. The last 15 minutes of the fight, Tayama doesn't remember. He was numbed out from the struggle and he was all for cutting the marlin loose.

But, Tayama won out and a 619 pound blue marlin, measuring 13 feet long and 60 inches around, was brought to gaff.

At that time, Nov. 9, the 619 pound blue marlin was second only to the world record 796 pounder.

However, on Nov. 16 Dale Scott of Los Angeles fishing off the Malia latched on a bigger one for a new world standard of 911 pounds. Scott's blue marlin measured 13 feet four inches long and 76 inches around the girth.

But, Tayama is the proud possessor of a big fish that didn't get away.

Phil Ito, 14, fullback for the Sebastopol Pop Warner League Bob Cats, has been nominated for a position on the P.W.L. All-America team, his coach Gerv Hansen, announced.

Ito a speedy open-field runner, scored 103 of the Bob Cats 110 points in their seven games this season. The 115 pound ball carrier is a freshman at Anahy High School and though too small for the varsity, hopes to make the Fresh-Soph team next season.

Ito's average per carry was 14 yards and this plus his excellent defensive playing made him the backbone of the team. Players nominated for the All-America team are chosen not only for football ability but for character and scholastic ability.

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LOS ANGELES NEWSLETTER

By Henry Mori

Turkey Leftovers

HOW WAS YOUR Thanksgiving day?

Somehow the old lust of the holiday spirit has been lacking of late. Sure, we're thankful. High taxes, but plenty of things to eat; old car but still holding up; a suburban home in a quiet neighborhood; and two kids to give us ulcers when they "demand" better things in life, like an electric train, new scooter, more toy cars and more space to romp in. The grass in our backyard stays forever green, thanks to a lot of new-brand fertilizer; plenty of fruit from the avocado tree; and a peaceful den to work on our stamps if ever we get the time and energy.

But the spirit of waiting for that turkey feast and the anticipation of digging into that pumpkin pie for dessert seems empty. Everything is taken for matter-of-fact. When we were kids we had our turkey roasted at a restaurant. That was the Issei style in homes where no oven was available, or it was just too much trouble to dress one for the oven.

Buying a turkey in the days of our childhood was in itself a ritual. They may have been plentiful but we certainly didn't have it but once a year. Today, you get turkey dinner even at a lunch counter if you like it.

We still remember those thrilling holidays of the roaring 1920s when we'd go to one L'il Tokio restaurant days in advance to ask if it was all possible to get a bird roasted, then take the turkey and pick it up on the eve of Thanksgiving day.

And when any of the trimmings—like gravy or cranberry sauce or even stalks of celery—was missing we'd made a mad dash, mind you, on a streetcar, to fetch it before the dinner table was set.

It's been reported that price of turkey this season was the lowest in 22 years but for the life of me it was just as hard to budget one for the family.

Before we yank out our crying towel, seriously, how was your Thanksgiving day?

THIS WEEK we'd like to take our hat off to George Izumi, owner of Grace Pastry Shoppe on Jefferson Blvd., who has retired as president of the Master Bakers Retail Association. The outgoing head of the organization was toasted by the entire group as having been the "inspiring leader" to spearhead the association's activities for one full year during the dinner-dance installation of new officers.

It was quite an unusual sight to see George, presiding as during World War II, has consented to speak at the 1958 Nisei sent.

George literally put the association "on the map" so to speak. He is the lone Nisei member which makes it more unique. George no doubt has done a lot in building goodwill between persons of Japanese ancestry and the community at large but in this case, strangely enough, no one ever looks at George as a Nisei.

"The guy's just a terrific baker," is the way one member described George. And that's about the size of the whole situation.

GEN. MARK CLARK, onetime commander of the Fifth Army under which the 442nd Combat Infantry Team fought **BY THE TIME**, this column is in the paper, we shall have Veterans Reunion to be hosted by the Los Angeles ex-servicemen's committee.

The acceptance of Clark as guest speaker was announced by Soichi Fukui, one of the committee members in charge of the July 26-Aug. 1 conclave. Clark was unable to appear at the first reunion held in Hawaii five years ago.

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west team in the second half (half-time score was Gardena 22, Southwest 4).

Game 4 - Valiants 30, Long Beach Mighty Atoms 29. The final game of opening night resulted in the fighting Valiants of Venice upsetting the host team by a one-point margin. Although a tough game for the losers, it was a welcomed change for the Valiants, for according to their coach, they had been on the losing side by one or two points in past games.

Game 5 - Although the WLA Jesters defeated O. C. JAYS 54-40 in the first semi-final game, the JAYS were advanced to the finals due to use of an ineligible player by the Jesters.

Game 6 - In the other semi-final game Gardena outclassed the still fighting Valiants, 40-31. Kik Yamamoto, who scored 20 points in this game, led his team to the finals.

Game 7 - The underdog O.C. JAYS fought an uphill battle against Gardena throughout the entire contest. They were trailing by one point until the last four seconds of the game when Dave Tamura dumped in the winning basket.

Following the finals, an awards dance was held and the trophies were awarded by representatives of some of the organizations who donated the awards. The crowd was held in suspense prior to the announcement of the most coveted award, the Sportsmanship trophy. Tournament officials had a difficult time in making their final selection of Gardena over the highly regarded teams from Southwest Los Angeles and Pasadena.

Team captains and tournament officials determined the winners of the all-star awards as well as members of a second team. Those named were:

All-star team - Paul Kim, Long Beach; John Kurokawa, Jesters; Richard Nishimoto, Gardena; Kik Yamamoto, Gardena; Shoji Yasuda, Jesters.

Second team - Archie Horii, Gardena; Dave Kakita, Long Beach; Ron Kiino, Jesters; Tom Marumoto, O. D. JAYS; Ken Matsuda, Valiants; and Frank Miyoshi, Valiants.

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Nisei singers opine
rock & roll just as
popular in Japan

HONOLULU.—Japanese teenagers like their music just the way American youngsters do—especially rock 'n' roll. Two successful Hawaiian entertainers back from Japan for a brief rest say the current craze is matched only by the number of Elvis Presley fans, including one Japanese copy of Elvis.

The top 10 songs in America and Japan are similar.

Jimmy Shigeta, 26-year-old baritone now back in Tokyo with Toho Co., said teenagers are "very hep" on American music. The same opinion was expressed by Gladys Omoto, who adopted the stage name of Gladys Kalani when she switched to singing and dancing Hawaiian songs.

Jimmy, who made his nightclub singing debut as Guy Brion in Hollywood, doesn't think calypso will catch on in Japan, since it depends upon lyrics, which in calypso contain much American jargon. "But even if the words in rock 'n' roll songs aren't understood, the melody is nice to dance to," he explained.

Japanese teenagers are fabulous fans and considerate, he said, although he admits his shirts have been ruined because of their enthusiasm.

Gladys will leave for Hong Kong sometime this month with new material—yep, rock 'n' roll and calypso songs.

SAN JOSE:

Orchestra, locale named
for dance on New Year's

Terrace Gardens of the Hawaiian Gardens here and Beverly Brown and her Mello-Airs have been secured as two of the attractions to feature the second annual New Year's Day dance sponsored by the San Jose JACL Wednesday, Jan. 1, from 9 p.m.

Miss Brown, an East San Jose resident, and her band was named by the committee to accommodate the general request of the younger set for something smooth and the seniors and dance class students for variations including some Latin numbers, according to Henry Uyeda, chairman.

U.S.-Japan —

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tion and self-segregation in the last column, "Foggy, Foggy Dew", Nakamura has painted the scenes of Tokyo life indulged by Americans as "cultural islands." "Many Americans and Europeans live in self-segregated areas in Yokohama and Kobe. There is a sizeable Chinatown in Yokohama," he reported.

He doesn't blame the Issei too much for their celebrating all the Japanese holidays in America, "because we Americans in Japan observe more rigidly American holidays and taken enormous pride in our cultural strides". Some of the American traditions that are observed include Thanksgiving, Halloween and Independence Day.

Self-Segregation

The writer recalled the post-evacuation era when Nisei were "extremely critical with ourselves for living in and maintaining self-segregated communities . . . looking back now on our Issei and Nisei communities, we needn't have been too critical with ourselves".

As there are Nisei who assimilate readily in to the total society of America, there are Americans in Japan who "go native" and immerse themselves in Japanese culture, Nakamura continues. "They become such bilingual experts that they put Nisei to shame. As an example, some of their translations of Japanese literature are a tremendous contribution to Japanese-American cultural relations. The Nisei shortcoming, methinks, is they bend over backward to prove their American identity and look askance at their Japanese heritage".

VITAL STATISTICS

BIRTHS

LOS ANGELES
ABE, Lewis (Deana Hanafusa) — boy Robert, July 13, Gardena.
BROWN, Henry G. (Teruko Nakajima) — girl Billian, July 3.
FUKUSHIMA, Samuel (Kiyomi Okamoto) — boy Douglas, July 3.
HAMAI, Joe K. (Kazuyo Kitada) — girl Sharon, July 8.
HARADA, Henry (Michiko Kuroiwa) — boy Michael Y., July 6.
HASHIMA, Noboru (Teruko Hiraoka) — boy Don, Sept. 14.
HASHIMOTO, Hiroyuki (Edna Ito) — girl Doreen, July 6, Canoga Park.
HASHIMOTO, Toshio (Emiko Kusumoto) — girl Ann L., July 6.
HAZAMA, Isamu (Emiko Yoshiwara) — boy July 10, San Gabriel.
HIGA, Miyoshi (Elsie Miyamoto) — boy Eric, July 1.
HIGA, Sadao (Agnes Sadoyama) — boy Calvin, July 10.
HONDA, Asao (Yoshiko Hirano) — girl Marcia, July 8.
INUZUKA, Tsuneo (Yesuko Hirose) — boy Ronald Ty, July 5.
IYOYA, Nicholas (Rhoda Nishimura) — boy Martin, July 8, Long Beach.
JOKO, Kazuo (Lily Murakami) — girl Debra, July 7, Venice.
KANESHIRO, Takeo (Sadae Iha) — boy Keith, July 8.
KATO, Yoshio (Yachiyo Fujimori) — boy David, July 10.
KNEWBOW, Samuel (Chiyoko Asawa) — boy Alan, July 5, Norwalk.
KOBAYASHI, G.H. — girl, Aug. 22, Artesia.
KUSUMI, Kei (Sumiko Shigezane) — boy Glenn, July 2.
MATSUSHITA, Kiyoharu (May Sako) — girl, July 7, North Hollywood.
MCNAMEE, Robert (Kiyoko Arai) — boy Patrick, July 5, Buena Park.
MURAKAMI, Hajime (Fusako Fukushima) — boy Terry, June 23.
NAKASONE, Ronald (Yasuko Teruya) — boy Ronald, July 14.
NAKAWAKI, Tad (Kazuko Taketa) — girl Elaine, July 11.
NISHIDA, Masahiro (Akiko Matsuda) — boy, July 11.
NISHIMOTO, Hiroshi (Shizuye Sugano) — girl Barbara Y., July 7.
OTSUKI, Isamu — girl, Aug. 20, Long Beach.
OZAWA, Kei (Tazuko Yamamoto) — girl Susan, July 26.
SAKAGUCHI, Noboru (Ayako Takamine) — girl Gail, July 6.
SHIBATA, Frank S (Sumiko Ushiyama)

EAST LOS ANGELES:

Election meeting

The East Los Angeles JACL will conduct its annual election meeting next Friday, Dec. 13, 7:30 p.m., at Tenrikyo Hall, it was announced by Roy Yamadera, chapter president.

FIRST ISSEI NATURALIZED

IN HAWAII SUCCUMBS
HONOLULU.—Mrs. Shizuto Nishi, 56, first person of Japanese ancestry to become naturalized an American citizen in Hawaii since the enactment of the 1952 Immigration and Nationality Act died on Nov. 19. She was on the International Institute staff for many years before her health failed.

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SUZUKI, Toshi (Emiko Honda) — boy Stanley T., July 5.
TATSUNO, Walter N. (Midori Kawano) — boy Walter, July 3.
URUSHIMA, Shozo S. (Tomiko Yamada) — girl, June 23.
WONG, Richard (Grace Watanabe) — boy, July 13.
YADA, Charles (Eiko Nagata) — boy David, July 11.
YAMADA, Kitao (Kiyomi Oba) — boy William, July 5, Pasadena.
YAMASHIRO, Tamotsu (Sophie Horiochi) — girl Lori, July 4.
YAMASHITA, Akira (Miyoko Nishioka) — boy, July 6, Pasadena.
YAMASHITA, Yeige (Toshiye Okamoto) — boy Ace, July 3.

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WASHINGTON NEWSLETTER

By Mike Masaoka

IDC Convention

Washington, D.C.

LAST WEEKEND'S NINTH Biennial Intermountain District Council Convention in Idaho Falls lived up to expectations, with JACL enthusiasm running as high as ever in the IDC tradition. Since National President Dr. Roy Nishikawa and Thousand Club Chairman Kenji Tashiro will report on the Convention proper, this Newsletter will devote itself to other aspects of the conclave and the IDC.

Though the Convention was billed as the tenth anniversary of the founding of the Thousand Club, which it was, it also marked the 20th anniversary of the organization of the IDC. It was over Thanksgiving weekend 1938 that now Lt. Col. Walter T. Tsukamoto, then national JACL president, attended a meeting of the so-called Intermountain Nisei Convention in Idaho Falls and challenged the Nisei in Utah and Idaho to organize JACL chapters.

Two years later in 1940, in nearby Pocatello, an organizing meeting was held, with the newly established chapters in Salt Lake City (now expanded into the Salt Lake City and Mt. Olympus chapters) and Ogden (now Ben Lomond) and South-eastern Idaho (since expanded into the Pocatello, Idaho Falls, and Yellowstone chapters) in attendance. The first IDC officers elected were Mike Masaoka, then of Salt Lake City, chairman; Yukio Inouye of Idaho Falls, first vice chairman; Jiro Tamaki, then of Ogden, second vice chairman; Bill Yamauchi, of Pocatello, recording secretary; Tomiko Kimura, then of Salt Lake City, corresponding secretary; Joe Kurumada, then of Salt Lake City, treasurer; George Shiozawa of Pocatello, chairman of Credentials and Membership Committee; Tatsu Koga of Ogden, chairman of Ways and Means Committee; and Shigeki Ushio, then of Salt Lake City, publicity chairman.

FOLLOWING THE suspension of JACL chapters on the west coast because of evacuation in 1942, the IDC undertook to help finance the JACL organization when funds were badly needed to carry out the necessary program to assure the evacuees in relocation camps humane treatment, to inform the public at large of the loyalty of Americans of Japanese ancestry, to encourage the use of Nisei in the armed forces, to resettle evacuees out of the camps and into "normal" communities, and to provide educational opportunities to evacuee students outside the WRA centers.

It can be stated categorically that without the financial assistance of the IDC chapters during wartime the JACL might well have folded up and the lot and life of those of Japanese ancestry in this country jeopardized. Conversely, much credit for what the JACL was able to accomplish is due to the IDC.

THE IDC CONCEIVED JACL's slogan "For Better Americans In A Greater America" and the Japanese American Creed was written by one of its members. So also were the words for the JACL Hymn.

And, ten years ago, in Idaho Falls, at an emergency meeting of the National JACL Board, then national president Hito Okada proposed the idea of the Thousand Club as a means to augment financial support for JACL's then unfinished legislative objectives—naturalization and immigration opportunities for those of the Japanese race, prevention of the deportation of alien Japanese who during the war contributed to allied victory by interpreting and translating documents, drawing maps, and engaging in espionage and counter-espionage against the then Japanese enemy, payment of claims for personal property losses suffered as a consequence of evacuation, and the like. George Callahan Inagaki was named first chairman of this special organization within an organization which has become the financial backbone of JACL.

DURING THE PAST biennium, George Sugai of the Snake River chapter, as chairman, carried on the IDC tradition of enthusiasm for JACL. He was assisted by Mas Yano of the Salt Lake City chapter and Tom Miyazaki of the Yellowstone chapter as first and second vice chairmen, respectively; Henry Suyehira of the Boise Valley chapter, treasurer; Massie Saito of the Snake River chapter, secretary; and Sud Morishita of the Idaho Falls chapter, Thousand Club chairman.

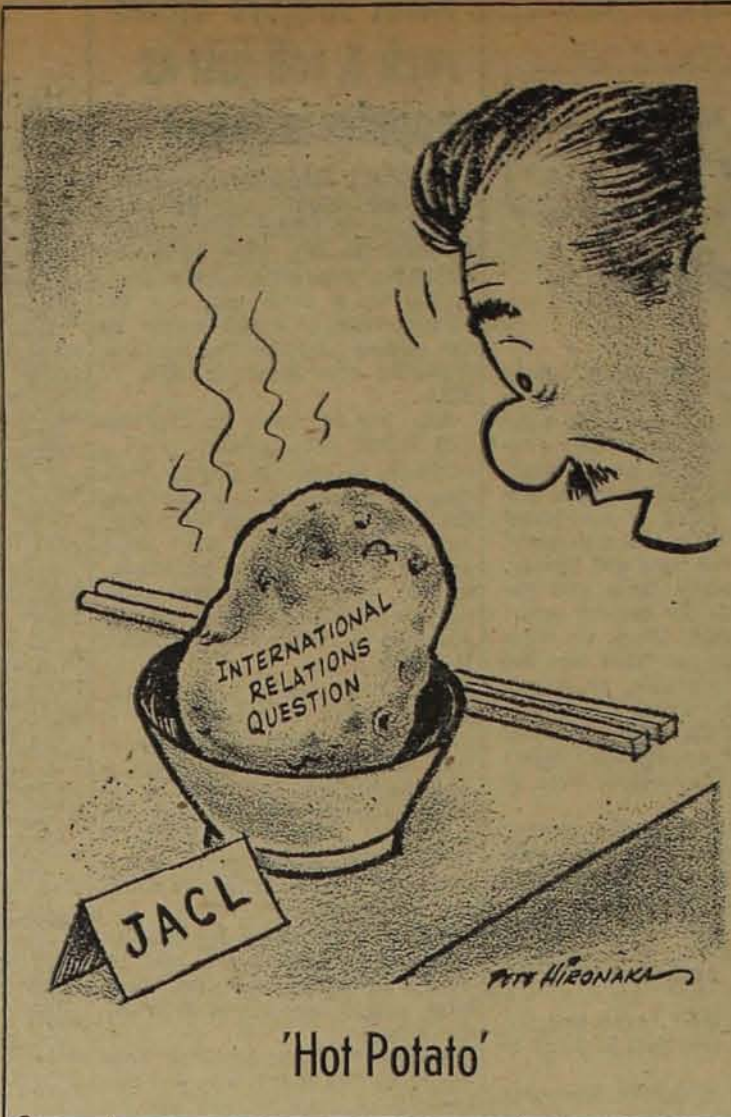
The new IDC officers will have the added responsibility of not only administering the district program but also of joining the Salt Lake City chapter in hosting the next National JACL Convention which will be held next August in the Utah capital. If they measure up to the now historic standards of JACLism which has been the hallmark of IDC officers, they will more than live up to their responsibilities.

SINCE CONVENTIONS are only as successful as the working operatives, great credit must go to the outstanding convention committees which gave spirit and meaning to the Ninth Biennial District Convention, which appropriately enough, had as its theme "Focus on the Future".

Space will permit only the listing of the chairmen of the various committees, but the thanks of all those in attendance go to the committee members and others who contributed to another outstanding IDC meeting.

Joe Nishioka doubled in brass as host chapter president and convention general chairman, with Yukio Eke Inouye serving as master of ceremonies and Margaret Yamasaki as corresponding secretary.

Misa Haga was chairman of the Registration Committee, Shoji Nukaya of the Reservations Committee, Sally Yamasaki of the Reception Committee, Tak Haga of the Transportation Committee, Joe Nishioka of the Program Committee, Eli Kobayashi of the Finance Committee, Margaret Hasegawa and George Tokta of the Social Committee, George Nukaya and Sam Yamasaki of the Souvenir Program Committee, Kay Tokita of the Bowling Tournament Committee, Hid Hasegawa of the Facilities Committee, Sam Yamasaki of the IDC Meetings Committee, Tucker Morishita and Sam Sakaguchi of the Banquet and Orchestra Committee, Sud Morishita of the Speakers Committee, Ruth Morishita of the Special Events Committee, Charley Hirai of the Thousand Club Committee, Eke Inouye of the Advertising Committee, Fred Ochi of the Photographers Committee, and Yoshi Ochi of the Publicity Committee.



'Hot Potato'

JACLERS SERVE ON ADVISORY BODY TO CHECK ON ANTI-DISCRIMINATION

TACOMA.—When the Pierce County Advisory Council for the Washington State Board Against Discrimination held its third meeting here on Nov. 21, Tom Takemura, Puyallup Valley JACL president, and Bob Mizukami, chapter delegate, were invited to serve on the board of trustees.

Also serving on the council is Ernest Uno, YMCA youth secretary.

In order that members of the advisory council might be better acquainted with the role of the Nisei on the American scene and the purpose, size and function of JACL, Takemura distributed copies of the Pacific Citizen to those in attendance and made available the 1954 PC Holiday Issue which contains the final report of the Anti-Discrimination Committee, legislative arm of National JACL.

Anti-Bias Law

Advisory councils were formed recently in several selected communities throughout the state of Washington as a result of the state legislature's enactment of a civil rights law, which declares practices of discrimination against any person in the state because of race, creed, color or national origin are a matter of state concern.

The right to be free from discrimination because of race, creed, color or national origin is recognized to be a civil right, the Washington State Board Against Discrimination chairman, Sidney Gerber, said in explaining the law.

The right includes (1) the right to obtain and hold employment without discrimination; (2) the right to the full enjoyment of any of the accommodations, advantages, facilities or privileges or any place of public resort, accommodations, assemblage or amusement; and (3) the right to secure publicly assisted housing without discrimination.

Publicly-assisted housing is regarded as any building or structure which is used or occupied or intended to be used or occupied as the home or sleeping place of one or more persons which is financed by a loan, the repayment of which is guaranteed or insured by the state or federal government, such as FHA or GI insured loans.

Council Functions

The advisory council's principal function is that of a "listening post" to ferret out any acts which violate the state law and to channel such information to the State board.

To effectively campaign against discrimination, the advisory coun-

cil has set up various subcommittees dealing with specific fields such as housing, public accommodations, public education, etc. Each subcommittee studies the situation in their particular area and makes regular report of their findings to the council.

While the state board is a governmental agency with a meager budget, the advisory council is composed of citizens. City Councilwoman Clara Goering is chairman of the Pierce County group.

Not Covered by Law

It should be added that the state anti-discrimination law does not cover employers who do not hire eight or more persons, domestic service workers, private institutions, private clubs, religious, sectarian or fraternal organizations unless such groups permit public use of their facilities.

Any person in the state of Washington who, because of race, creed, color or national origin, has been (1) refused a job, promotion, membership in a labor union, or dismissed from a job; (2) refused services or denied the full enjoyment of services in places of public accommodations; or (3) refused a chance to buy, rent or build a house or rent an apartment, is expected to go to any office of the State Board Against Discrimination, it was urged.

Offices are located in Seattle at 1319 Second Ave., in Spokane at 1005 W. 3rd St., and in Olympia at the National Bank of Commerce Bldg.

CANADIAN NISEI DANCER SIGNED FOR N.Y. ROLE

TORONTO.—David Toguri, Canadian Nisei who has appeared in "South Pacific" at the Cleveland Music Festival last summer, has been selected for a Broadway musical role in "Captain's Paradise" being directed by Jose Ferrer.

A student of Volkoff Studio of Dancing here, he is one of the three Japanese Canadians to hit the big-time in show business. The other two are Naomi Kimura with the Winnipeg Ballet and Bob Ito with National Ballet.

San Luis Valley Cler named to Farm Bureau

DENVER.—Roy Inouye, prominent San Luis Valley and Mountain Plains District JACLer, was elected one of the state directors of the Colorado Farm Bureau, which held its state convention here.

FEPC HEARINGS ON LOS ANGELES ORDINANCE HELD

A proposal that a fair employment practices commission be established in Los Angeles was considered Nov. 26 by the health and welfare committee of the Los Angeles City Council in a public hearing. Fred Takata, Southern California JACL regional director appeared before the committee, urging its passage.

Also appearing before City Councilman Edward Roybal, committee chairman, in favor of an ordinance making it illegal for any employer, employment agency or labor organization to require of any applicant for employment or membership, information concerning race, color, religion or national origin, were representatives from the Mexican community's Community Service Organization, Anti-Defamation League of the B'nai B'rith and the local branch of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People.

Transportation Firms

Max Mont, secretary of the Committee for Equal Employment Opportunity, pointed out that local transportation firms have different policies concerning hiring of minority groups.

"There are two transportation companies in Los Angeles and you only have to use your eyes to see they have different employment practices," Mont told the committee. "One hires several hundred members of minority groups, while the other has not a single minority member driving."

He referred to the L.A. Transit Lines, which hires Negroes as well as several Nisei motorman-conductors, and Metropolitan Coach which does not.

A spokesman for the Small Businessmen's Association opposed application of FEPC to businesses with less than 50 employees. The proposed bill would apply to employers of five or more persons and he said small businessmen could not afford to hire attorneys to represent them before the proposed commission.

Another citizen, David Nutting of Los Angeles, felt "Los Angeles is living evidence that people can get along without an FEP commission". Since the commission would work without compensation, he thought only biased or prejudiced persons would serve on it.

Roybal said his committee would decide later whether or not to recommend its passage by the Council.

CALENDAR

- 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.
 - Sonoma County — Christmas Party, Sebastopol Memorial Hall, 7:30 p.m.
 - Eden Township — Christmas Party, Ashland School, San Leandro, 7:30 p.m.
- Dec. 15 (Sunday)
 - Venice Culver — Christmas Party-Buffer, Venice Gakuen, 5 p.m.
 - Oakland — Christmas Party, San Antonio Clubhouse, 1701 E. 19th St.
- Dec. 21 (Saturday)
 - Sequoia — Christmas Party, Palo Alto Buddhist Hall.
 - D.C. — Christmas party.
 - Long Beach — Christmas party (tent).
- Dec. 22 (Sunday)
 - Detroit — Christmas Party, International Institute, 3 p.m.
 - Berkeley — Christmas Party.
- Dec. 23 (Monday)
 - Salinas Valley — Christmas Party, Lincoln Ave. Presbyterian Church, 5:30 p.m.