



The Japanese American Citizens League (JACL) is a national organization that represents the interests of Japanese Americans in the United States. It was founded in 1947 and has since then been working to promote the civil rights and welfare of Japanese Americans. The JACL is composed of local chapters across the country, each of which works to address the specific needs and concerns of the Japanese American community in that area.

One of the JACL's primary goals is to ensure that Japanese Americans have equal access to the same opportunities and resources as other Americans. This includes working to eliminate discrimination in housing, employment, and education. The JACL also advocates for the preservation of Japanese American history and culture, and for the recognition of the contributions that Japanese Americans have made to the United States.

In addition to its advocacy work, the JACL also provides a variety of services to its members and the broader Japanese American community. These services include legal assistance, financial counseling, and social and cultural programs. The JACL also works to foster a sense of community and solidarity among Japanese Americans, and to promote understanding and respect between Japanese Americans and other Americans.

The JACL's commitment to the civil rights and welfare of Japanese Americans is a testament to its enduring dedication to the principles of justice and equality. Through its advocacy, services, and community-building efforts, the JACL continues to play a vital role in the lives of Japanese Americans in the United States.

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Focus on the Future

BY DR. ROY NISHIKAWA

(This article is the text of the keynote address made by National JACL President Dr. Roy Nishikawa before delegates at the Intermountain District Council convention on Nov. 29 at Idaho Falls. It is published because the Pacific Citizen feels it particularly timely and of interest to all JACL members.—Editor.)

Mr. Chairman, Mr. Mayor, Honored Guests and Friends:

JACL is now at the crossroads. More than ever before—as your district convention theme suggests—we must “Focus on the Future.” But before looking into the future with all its uncertainties, we must first reexamine the past. As Edmund Burke has said, “A people will never look forward to posterity who never looked backward to their ancestors.”

And this general idea is in keeping with the “Past Is Prologue” theme selected by your 1958 National Convention committee. Because your JACL is at the crossroads and because many people are wondering about the future of JACL, the 1958 Convention may be one of the most significant ever held by your national organization.

Before focusing on the future, let us briefly review the past history of the JACL, assess the current position of our organization, and then speculate as to JACL's future. As most of you know, National JACL in prewar years was more or less a social organization. It was loosely organized; it was lacking in finances; and its members, for the most part, were young and inexperienced.

With Pearl Harbor, however, the National JACL was forced to grow up in a hurry and the Kidos, Inagakis, Masaokas, Satows and many others who furnished the leadership changed the National JACL almost overnight into a mature, fighting organization. The rest is history. When we were in concentration camps, American style, who among us dared to dream that one day JACL would help to accomplish the goals of citizenship for our alien parents, compensation for evacuation losses, and a first class standing as American citizens? Your National JACL not only dared to dream these dreams but set up the machinery to bring all of these things about.

Tribute to Intermountain Nisei

From the most suspected, feared, and hated group in America during the war years, we have literally lifted ourselves by our bootstraps and have become today among the most accepted and respected of minority groups. This is a tribute not only to the American way of life which encompasses within its framework the ability to recognize and redress wrongs committed against a helpless minority, but this is also a tribute to the thousands of Nisei GIs who first paved the way for the reacceptance of Americans of Japanese ancestry into the mainstream of American life. This is also a tribute to the work and program of your National JACL and certainly it is a personal tribute to the brilliant work of your Washington Representative, Mike Masaoka. And last but not least, this is a tribute to all of those loyal and understanding friends and supporters of the JACL who stood by during the difficult war years and during the post-war years of readjustment. And speaking of supporters, no other district gave so unstintingly of their support as the Intermountain District Council. Without the support of the IDC during the war years when all of our other chapters were behind barbed wires, it is likely that National JACL would have gone out of existence.

Today, we live in a prosperous period. Economists tell us that the last few years have been the most prosperous years in the history of the United States. Today, you and I live without fear, we are not lacking in opportunities. We generally can find a job for which we are trained. We are accepted and respected. We have, as the saying goes, “never had it so good.” Our first National JACL slogan, “Security Through Unity” seems to be an accomplished fact.

Is JACL's Work Through?

Now that we live in an atmosphere of easy acceptance and easy tolerance, is JACL's work all through? Has the time come when JACL can revert back to a purely social organization? Do we just rest upon our laurels? No. In the first place, no victory is won forever. In the realm of public relations and education, for example, there is a constant need for repetitive effort. You never quite reach that stage where you can say, “There, the job is done—we can forget it now.”

In the second place, conditions change rapidly. We may enjoy the best of acceptance and respect today and tomorrow find less favorable acceptance because of some international or economic crisis. We enjoy prosperous and favorable times, and we would like to see it go on and on—this is human nature—but no tree grows to the sky forever. As the recent severe drop in the stock market indicates, we live on a two-way street. For every action there must be an opposite reaction.

The true test of Nisei American acceptance will come when jobs and money are hard to come by. And when there are great political or social upheavals.

I do not mean to be unduly pessimistic but it is human nature to believe that whatever condition happens to be current—be they economic, political or social—it is so easy to believe that they will last forever. This is an illusion. There will always be dynamic changes in this dynamic world. It is too easy to become smug and complacent during good times—so difficult to prepare now for the storms that may come in the future.

As long as we are physically identifiable as being Oriental in feature, there will be some segments of the American public who will jump to conclusions about us, who will make of us racial stereotypes, who will readily believe the worst possible things about us, and who will—despite our American minds and hearts—link us with the country of our ancestors.

Work in Public Relations, Education

Since it is unlikely that we will ever quite escape our heredity, I believe we owe it to ourselves and to our children to continue our work in public relations and education. This, I believe, is one of the main functions of JACL in the future. Another important function

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FOCUS ON THE FUTURE

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for JACL would be in the leadership and citizenship training of our youth. The JACL and community leaders of the future must come from our youth and hence it is incumbent upon us to help them in every way we can. Personally, this youth project has been kind of a pet project of mine—wherever I have gone—in Northern California, Central California, Southern California, at the joint Eastern-Midwest convention—I have pushed and pleaded for this program. The movement has gained ground rapidly. We now have about a dozen youth groups affiliated with their parent JACL chapters. It is my earnest hope that eventually all 85 of our chapters will have this type of activity. I hope to discuss this in more detail at your business meetings.

Another function of JACL is in the field of civil rights: there remains the problem of obtaining equality in housing; there are problems of Fair Employment Practices; there remains the general problem of converting our hard won legal equalities into practical realities—not only for ourselves but for all men.

Currently, still another field is receiving much attention: in pre-war years we used to hear much about how the American of Japanese ancestry could serve both America and Japan as bridge across the Pacific. Our heredity and our training, we were told, had certain advantages which made us the logical people to promote greater understanding and goodwill between America and Japan.

But when World War II broke out, all such ideas were shoved into the background and the Nisei leaned over backward in proving their Americanism. They came out of the relocation centers, marched off to war, and their brilliant military record under the American flag proved conclusively their loyalty and devotion to the United States. But the war induced fear of being linked with Japan and things Japanese still lingers. In fact we have a few Nisei and Sansei who try to escape their heredity by disclaiming all things Japanese. There are a few of these people who claim to be so well integrated that they refuse to eat rice!

U. S.-Japan Goodwill

Now time has turned full circle, once more we are hearing talk that the Nisei through their unique heritage and their training can contribute much toward international harmony by acting as ambassadors of goodwill and understanding between America and the Far East. World leaders such as our own President Eisenhower and Vice President Nixon and Prime Minister Kishi of Japan have suggested that the Americans of Japanese ancestry can, if they so desire, express interest and concern on these matters of international importance. At this time I am not suggesting that JACL should embark upon this broad concept of creating and helping to preserve international good will. Our Washington Representative, Mike Masaoka will have much to say about this at your business meetings. But this idea seems to be growing and no doubt will receive much attention at the 1958 convention. I mention this now because this too, is an important aspect of JACL's focus on the future.

As I travel around to our various district councils all over the country I cannot help but notice the restlessness among some of our local chapters. There is increased talk of difficulties in fund raising, of membership apathy; there is increased talk of a desire for a solid and worthwhile program. So many of our local chapters are so used to the strong National leadership provided while we were engaged in legislative matters, that now some of them are bewildered and at a loss as to how best they can serve their local communities and their national organization.

Let us be frank about this. The pendulum has now swung away from the heavy emphasis on a National JACL program and it has swung over and now emphasizes the growing importance of the local chapter program. Never before has the local chapter had so much time and energy to develop its own resources and programs and activities. By the same token, never before has local chapter leadership, imagination and initiative been more necessary. National JACL can offer only limited help in local areas. For each chapter has different interests, problems, and potentials. These are best known to local leaders. Therefore, local chapter leaders must take the initiative in seeing to it that their chapter will grow and develop and progress. Because the local chapters are the backbone of the National JACL, this is one of the most important aspects in JACL's future.

Basic Concept in Service

There is one thing that is sure. If we can keep in mind JACL's twin slogans, "Security Through Unity" and "Better Americans in a Greater America;" and if we can fortify ourselves with those qualities such as faith, vision, perseverance and courage—qualities which helped us so much in wartime; and further, if we can avoid the dangers of smugness and apathy, I have every confidence that JACL can become even greater in the future than it has been in the past!

Underlying all of our thinking, there is one concept which, it seems to me, is basic. This concept is that of service. We in JACL must continue to render service to our members, our community, our country and to our fellow men. The greatest intellectual of this generation, Albert Einstein, has said in this regard:

"Strange is our situation here upon earth, each of us comes for a short visit, not knowing why, yet sometimes seeming to divine a purpose. From the standpoint of daily life however, there is one thing we know, that man is here for the sake of other men."

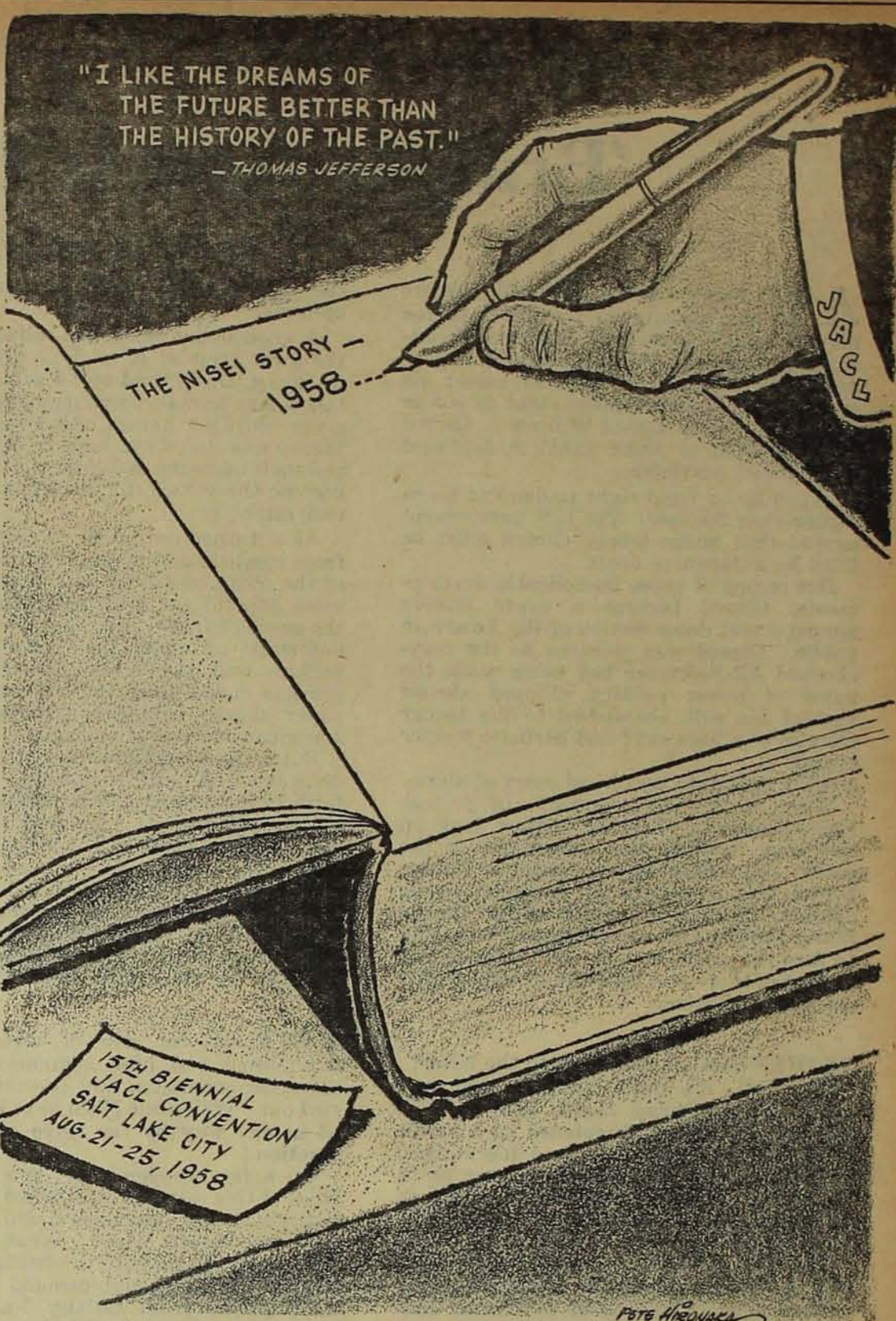
A greater than Einstein, the greatest and wisest Teacher of all, Jesus of Nazareth, taught that man does not live by bread alone. That he who would save his life, shall lose it. That he who would lose his life, shall thereby save it. To lose one's life in the service of his fellow men—there are few concepts more basic, more challenging or more magnificent than this!

And if service is our primary purpose, I cannot foresee in our lifetime when we can say with finality that JACL's work is all through. As your National President, one of the common questions asked of me is, when will JACL come to an end?

I do not know, but I can say this with assurance: JACL's work will come to an end when enough of its members decide that the JACL is no longer performing worthwhile services and therefore will no longer support it.

In a very real sense then, the future of the organization belongs in your hands and in the hands of thousands of others like you throughout the country. Will you help JACL in its growth and development by giving generously of your time, your interest, your efforts and your money? Or will you help it towards creeping oblivion by your apathy, your complacency and your smugness? When you come right down to it, the future is of your own creation!

The choice is yours. The challenge is yours.



'PAST IS PROLOGUE'

WASHINGTON NEWSLETTER:

'What Is Past Is Prologue'

By MIKE MASAOKA

"What Is Past Is Prologue" is the ancient truth inscribed on the frieze of the Archives Building in Washington, D. C.—that bomb-proof depository of all the country's basic documents and records, including the originals of both the Declaration of Independence and the Federal Constitution, twin charters of the faith that has made and kept us a free and ever-growing nation.

As the age of space dawns with our national survival threatened as never before, it is indeed reassuring that we may look back with pride on a history that has proved again and again that our American way of life—with all its shortcomings—has been able to meet and overcome every challenge to our system of government and our ideals as a people.

But, it will surely not be enough if in the coming years we rely upon the achievements and the operations of the past—no matter how glorious—to provide the life and death answers to the grave questions of this new era, which has superseded so dramatically the short-lived atomic age that began at Hiroshima just 12 years ago.

Out of our experiences, we must chart the destiny of our country with pragmatism, courage, meaningfulness, and vision

attuned to the demands of science and statesmanship of the highest order—for this is part and parcel of the past that has enabled us to progress this far as mankind's "best hope", and provides us with the unique opportunity to advance successfully into the dawning interplanetary epoch.

At Fateful Crossroads

In a real though smaller sense the Japanese American Citizens League—insofar as persons of Japanese ancestry in the United States are concerned—has arrived at the same kind of fateful crossroads in existence as that which confronts and confounds our nation.

It is most appropriate, therefore, that the host Salt Lake City chapter has selected "Past Is Prologue" as the theme for the forthcoming biennial National JACL Convention late this summer.

JACL's past—devoted to its twin objectives "Security through Unity" and "For Better Americans In A Greater America"—is a record of service to those of a particular American nationality unparalleled in the annals of minority organizations.

It is the future, not the past, however, that concerns thoughtful JACL members; it is the next ten years, not the past

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Maybe Nisei Have Flopped as 'Bridges Across the Pacific'

BY BILL HOSOKAWA

A FEW months ago a relatively obscure incident threatened to turn into the most devastating blow to Japanese-American relations since Pearl Harbor. The Japanese government, anxious to assert its sovereignty, insisted on the right to try an American soldier named William S. Girard for the death of Naka Sakai, a Japanese scrap metal scavenger.

Japan had a legal right to demand jurisdiction over the case. The U.S. government agreed that under treaty Girard must be tried by a Japanese court.

But in one of those inexplicable developments, Girard became a *cause celebre* among a vast cross-section of the American public. Girard was pictured as the rosy-cheeked All-American boy being made the pawn of power politics, shipped abroad against his will, abandoned to the tender mercies of a backward and barbaric former enemy.

quickly grew into hysterical roars of alarm.

What started as a murmur of protest among politicians with unerring instinct took up the issue, keening like hounds hot on the scent. All reason was in danger of fleeing before this onslaught of outraged public opinion. It took a decision of the United States Supreme Court, summoned hurriedly to face the crisis, to quiet the outcries and even then there was bold talk of impeaching the learned justices.

WHAT does all this mean to the Nisei?

Well, it's quite unlikely that any Nisei in the United States had his life, property or liberty threatened as a result of the Girard hysteria. And it's equally improbable that any Nisei was spat on in the public streets, sneered at, taunted, or called a dirty yellow-bellied Jap for the same reason.

Yet this incident demonstrated vividly how quickly the climate of American public opinion can change. And that is of considerable importance to the Nisei who as a group have had first-hand experience with

the vagaries and power of that force of opinion.

A good many years ago, about the time the first crop of Nisei was growing into maturity, there used to be a good deal of talk about how these youngsters would become "bridges across the Pacific." The theory was that with their roots in America and their ancestry in Japan, the Nisei would become the vehicle for better trans-Pacific understanding.

As it turned out, most of this talk came from idealists and do-gooders on both sides of the ocean, and Issei who understandably were hopeful for both their children and the cause of friendship. These dreams could not stand up under the realism of power politics and hot steel. Their shattered remains ended up in the desolation of tarpaper shacks behind the barbed wire of American concentration camps.

But if the Nisei flopped as bridges, it was demonstrated more than amply that their faith in their country was justified. Today, their acceptance as Americans is complete and their position in their native land is secure.

And it hasn't hurt the Nisei at all that Japan has developed into our strongest and probably most reliable friend in Asia.

Yet there are some tantalizing questions posed by the experience of the Girard case.

LET'S say, for sake of argument, that Girard had been sentenced to death after his conviction and the sentence carried out. Would the Nisei have been affected in any way by the wave of American reaction?

On a far broader issue, how would the Nisei in this country be affected if Nippon's Leftists should gain control and take Japan into the Soviet orbit? What if a Red-dominated Japan, with the backing of Communist China, should demand the return of Formosa from Chiang Kai-shek and support the demand with force?

What if hard times should hit the United

States and Japan should flood this country with goods competing against domestic products? What if a Leftist Japanese government should follow up economic expansion in Latin American with inroads on Latin politics?

These are hypothetical questions and they don't have to be answered. But it is not impossible that some day they might become very pertinent questions indeed.

Questions like these must be in the back of Nisei minds today when they debate in groups as well as in private their role in future Japanese American relations. They ask whether they should gather up the remnants of parental dreams and seek once more to become bridges across the Pacific?

A more practical question is, "Do they have a responsibility as Americans with more than average interest in Japan to speak up in an effort to mould informed public opinion?" But if they do this, can they avoid the stigma of apologist?

Is it the prudent course to disclaim all interest in things Japanese? On the other hand, is it possible in view of our physical appearance to avoid being connected with Japan? Do Americans of other national origins either want or expect the Nisei to speak up on Japanese-related matters that affect the United States?

What should be our position as individuals?

What should be the policy of the Japanese American Citizens League which, in many important quarters, has come to be regarded as the spokesman for all Nisei?

These are some of the questions that come to mind on the eve of what promises to be a portentous year. The answers do not come easily. In the final analysis, each Nisei will have to make his own decisions. Meanwhile, I hope this small item will provoke discussion. The airing of many views may not make the problem clearer, but the solution should be more valid.

Five alternatives suggested for JACL's future

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decade, that must be planned and implemented at Salt Lake City if JACL is to remain a going organization.

The political, economic, and social realities of the day have almost completely silenced those few who—from the sidelines and without belonging—suggest that the time has arrived when there no longer exists a need for JACL, that the Nisei are so well integrated and accepted that no special service group is required to keep watch and ward over their welfare.

On the other hand, there appears to be about five alternatives that are most readily apparent to many members, none of which are mutually exclusive or inclusive.

Fraternal Type Group

There are those who argue that, with its major legislative objectives accomplished and most of the problems relating to the group resolved more or less satisfactorily, the time has come when the JACL should revert to its original conception—a fraternal-type of organization catering pretty much to its own members.

With a limited program, there would be no need for maintaining a Washington and regional offices; perhaps even national headquarters should be drastically curtailed. Thus, financing would not be a major and perennial drag. And, since membership would be restricted to those endorsing fraternal activities, numbers would not be particularly important and "controversy" would be kept at an absolute minimum.

Community Services

There are also those who envisage

JACL's future as one confined largely to servicing the local community and in promoting local public relations, as it were.

This element recognizes the need for some "specialized" agency to help take care of the increasing problems of the aging Issei and Nisei; of combatting racial discriminations in housing, employment, cemetery availability, and the like; of sponsoring group activities and programs; and encouraging more favorable attention to and acceptance of the community society.

A semi-fraternal, federation-type of liaison would keep the various chapters joined in a more or less cooperative exchange of ideas and practices.

Political Action

Then, there are those who would have JACL develop into what might be described as a general "civil rights" organization, with its major emphasis on the continuing struggle of so many Americans for more equal treatment and opportunity.

This segment would have the JACL become more active in the forefront of municipal, state, and national efforts to eliminate all racial discrimination, segregation, and humiliation.

They see the "fight" that they would have JACL actively join in leadership as one in which, rightly, all Nisei should participate—for the rights of all Americans are not secure until the rights of every American is secured.

They visualize the JACL as a political action organization primarily in which mass membership is vital.

'Watchdog' Role

Perhaps the majority thinking at present envisions JACL's role primarily as "fire prevention and fighting", with "watchdog" overtones.

Under this concept, local chapters and district councils might well develop community service programs, and the national continue its "cooperation" in civil rights movements. But, the principal objective would be to keep close scrutiny over international and national trends and to try to prevent any outbreak of bigotry and prejudice against persons of Japanese ancestry in the United States which would jeopardize the current welcome acceptance of the group.

At the same time, contact would be maintained with the many influential individuals and organizations, private and public, which have been developed over the years, in order that they might be prepared to again help the minority should hate and hysteria once more be directed against them.

Basically, those who subscribe to this alternative feel that the effective and influential organization that has been built up since World War II with so much sacrifice, effort, and money should not be wasted away, especially in such a troubled world as today.

U.S. - Japan 'Bridge'

Finally, there are those who believe that the JACL and the Nisei have come of age and should take advantage of the opportunity currently available to them to assume some leadership in the so-called United States - Japan affairs.

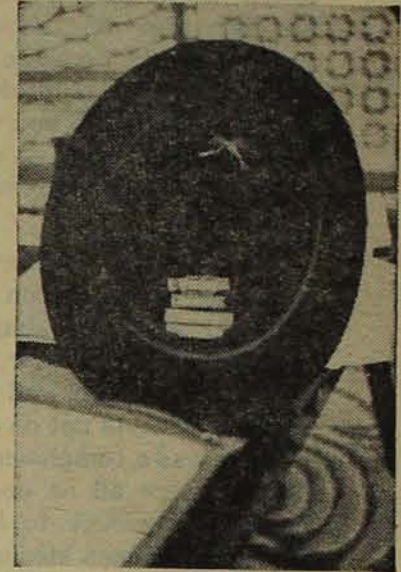
Those who advocate this alternative

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The comely "maidens" are members of the Idaho Falls 1000 Club, which hosted the 10th Anniversary of the Founding of the 1000 Club over the Thanksgiving holidays. They provide special entertainment for the IDC whing-ding. The "musume-sans" are Charlie Hirai, Deto Harada, Sam Sakaguchi and Tak Haga. With back to the camera is Misa Haga, offering a bit of assistance in order that dancers won't get too far out of step. —Fred Ochi Photo

10th Anniversary Founding of JACL 1000 Club



The derby, which has been passed on from 1000 Club chairman to 1000 Club chairman, as a badge of office is viewed as its seldom seen — the undersides. Four strips of Scotch tape paste down type-written labels of derby-wearers: George Inagaki, Tokuzo Gordon, Shig Wakamatsu and Ken Tashiro, current derby steward.

Whing-Dings To the Rescue

Not more than 10 years ago, it was only an idea perking in the mind of one of our all-time great JACLers, the then national president Hito Okada of Salt Lake City.

At a time when financial problems were plaguing the Japanese American Citizens League, Hito first voiced the idea of the 1000 Club, that is—1,000 members each donating \$25 a year, as a possible answer to the need for a definite source of income for national headquarters, since its annual budget was around \$25,000.

It happened during the National JACL Board meeting being held in Idaho Falls in conjunction with the Intermountain District Council convention in the autumn of 1947.

The records show the following 12 met on Nov. 30, 1947, at Idaho Falls to organize the 1000 Club: George Inagaki, J. Watanabe, William Enomoto, Mas Satow, Yoshiye Togasaki, Mike Masaoka, Edson Fujii, Saburo Kido, Joe Saito, Ken Uchida, George Mochizuki and Hito Okada.

Within the past two years, that original goal of a thousand members contributing \$25 a year has been achieved and last month when the IDC staged its convention in Idaho Falls, the 1000 Club celebrated its 10th anniversary in a manner that will not be forgotten by those who participated.

Enthusiasm Spreads

George Inagaki of Los Angeles,

immediate past national JACL president, was then serving as national 1st vice-president and took the assignment to develop the idea by the 1948 national convention in Salt Lake City.

In securing reaction to such a group, George — who is called "Callahan" — was encouraged with his first report on the 1000 Club at the 1948 convention. He had 150 members for a start.

Callahan recalls the first whing-ding sprang rather "extemporaneously" among the members who had signed up and were attending the convention. Not having been scheduled on the convention program, the about sixty 1000ers took advantage of the first free dinner period and gave the club a grand and hilarious launching at the Dawn Noodle House.

Order of Tie and Garter

The "Order of Tie and Garter" was officially adopted at this affair when Joe Grant Masaoka was found to be wearing garters, these being promptly auctioned off to the highest bidder, and followed by the auctioning of Callahan's bow tie (and the only one in the crowd) back to him for something like ten times its original cost.

Men were fined for bringing their wives; pure unadulterated corn and gentle ribbing of national and regional "big shots" were the order of the day. There was never any need for elaborate entertainment and everybody loved it.

It prescribed the tone of whing-dings that have become such a

memorable evening at subsequent national and district council conventions. It helped to jell the spirit of the 1000 Club and those attending went back to their respective chapters, pledging to push the idea locally.

Callahan was installed as the first national 1000 Club chairman, a post which he ably served for four years and eventually recognized to be an integral position on the National JACL Board.

Knight Emblem

Somewhere along the years, it was decided to make the knight the emblem of the noble purpose of the organization and in the Chicago 1950 convention, Harry Sabusawa and "Tokuzo" Gordon took turns parading in the hotel lobby and various functions drumming up more members.

"Tokuzo" recalled the Chicago convention whing-ding without trouble. Doc Yatabe, who is affably called the "grandfather" of JACL, belied that label by appearing in a huge diaper and baby bonnet that brought the house down. Fred Tayama had been complaining for years that he had never had the privilege of kissing a queen, and since a wish of such a fervent member could not be dismissed, the custom of auctioning the queen's favor to the highest bidder was initiated, and Fred, of course, was not to be outbid. The attendance of some 100 just burst the seam of the second-floor room of the Chinatown restaurant which was the scene of the antics.

In 1952, with "Tokuzo" voted as national 1000 Club chairman at San Francisco, the "members only" rule at whing-dings was eliminated to allow the 1000ers the privilege of bringing his or her spouse or date. While the crowd increased, there was still the sense of intimacy and participation of the first whing-ding. Corney barbershop ditties ribbing vulnerable members, the auctions and skits all blended into a hilarious affair.

First Goal Achieved

Meantime, the serious job of enrolling additional members continued. It was during the regime of Shig Wakamatsu, next national 1000 club maestro, that the 1,000th Thousander was signed up at the 1954 convention whing-ding at Los Angeles. The tremendous effort of Inagaki-Gordon days paid handsomely with the original goal achieved.

The fact that a thousand members were signed up only heightened the challenge that met the group when it first convened in 1947. Shig proclaimed the campaign to secure another 1,000 members with his "Operations Breakthrough."

By the 1956 convention, again in San Francisco, the bid to nail "Operations Breakthrough" down was well on its way. The whing-dings, which were fertile arenas to increase the roll, were becoming a "must" for all conventioners. There were 450, almost double of any previous affair, at the huge

Surf Club by the sea for the 1956 whing-ding.

Charm Broken

The very weight of numbers seemed to have finally shattered the charm that embraced the convention whing-dings of the past. Somehow, there was the feeling among those who had come for the first time with the attitude, "We have been hearing about these fabulous 1000 Club whing-dings—okay—show us!"

The sense of intimacy and participation was missing. The room was so large that the audience was entirely too far from the stage (and this was the first affair where a stage was necessary), it was recalled. There was no letting of the hair down. Most of the ribs and skits, which would have rolled them in the aisles at previous parties, fell flat.

At this point, it should be mentioned that the charm of 1000 Club whing-dings has been recaptured in the affairs staged at district council convention. The joint Eastern-Midwest, Pacific Southwest and Northern California-Western Nevada district convention whing-dings held earlier this year, and undoubtedly the Intermountain, Mountain-Plains and Pacific Northwest parties coming up (as of this writing) are cases in point. Probably the first district-wide whing-ding was the party hosted by Arizona JACL atop the Hotel Westward Ho in Phoenix at the 1953 PSWDC Convention.

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National Director's Report on Mountain-Plains Journey

By MASAO SATOW

The Mountain Plains District Council Convention in Omaha, bringing together the chapters in our most geographically widespread area, was a nice cozy family affair, allowing for much informality and opportunities for delegates to get really acquainted with each other. This mixer feeling started with the square dancing which followed the opening ceremony, and both convention nights the delegates were reluctant to call it quits even in the wee hours. The presence of National VP Shig Wakamatsu, former National President Doc Yatabe, MDC Chairman Kameo Yoshinari, and National Public Relations Chairman Abe Hagiwara, — all of Chicago, added considerable enthusiasm and interest as well as national prestige and stature.

The Omaha Chapter did a wonderful job in going all out under the direction of Convention Chairman Pat Okura and President Manuel Matsunami. Monsignor Nicholas Wegner was most gracious in opening up the facilities of Boys Town, and the management of the Sheraton-Fontenelle could not do enough for us. A most appreciated gesture was a complimentary suite for the national people, but we were all so occupied during the convention, we hardly did justice to it. For the gourmets there were famous Nebraska steaks for three successive meals — T-bone, then filet at the Boys Town luncheon, and prime rib at the convention banquet, with maki-zushi and tempura as refreshments at the social mixer.

The fine publicity in The Omaha Herald, and the TV shots for the local news hour indicated the prestige which the Omaha Chapter has built up during these past ten years for JACL, and also the on-the-ball contacts of Lily Okura, our National Board Secretary.

COLORADO CHAPTERS

Though cooked up at the last minute, our visits to the Colorado chapters were surprisingly well attended. We thought we might meet informally only with the cabinet officers of the Arkansas Valley Chapter, but who should walk into a room set up for a banquet for 50 but Mayor Bortman of Rocky Ford, the Editor of the Rocky Ford Gazette, and a couple of judges. We were pleased to install newly elected President John Maruyama and his cabinet at this affair set up by now ex-prexy Ugi Harada.

From an overnight stay in the old mining town of Pueblo a short plane hop took us to Alamosa in southwestern Colorado. San Luis Valley Chapter President Roy Fujii took care of us between disposing of his Colorado russets. G-2 boys will remember him as coach of the Ft. Snelling basketball team. We had a good dinner meeting with a nice sprinkling of non Nisei neighbors who make up a substantial percentage of the chapter membership. The ten below weather necessitated a "dai nishiki" after meeting to tank up on anti-freeze, where we were joined by Seiji Horiuchi of Brighton who was in the area on official business as President of the Colorado State Junior Chamber of Commerce. We noted the San Luis Valley Courier posts the individual scores of everyone participating in the JACL bowling league.

Mile Hi President Buddy Uchida and lively wife Dot, along with Chapter Secretary Martha Uyehara escorted us to Ft. Lupton for a family potluck dinner. President Frank Yamaguchi ably presided over the election meeting bilingually where Sam Okumoto was elected to succeed him.

The Ft. Lupton group reciprocated the following evening with a good representation to the Mile Hi potluck dinner and meeting to honor former National JACL sponsors Mr. James Patton and Dr. Robert Stearns. Making arrangements for feeding 200 people via potluck is no mean task, especially with only a few days notice, but Bea Iwasaki and Michi Terasaki proved equal to the task. Ex-Mt. Plains DC Chairman Bob Horiuchi presented our sapphire pin to that grand old man of Denver, Mr. Z. Kanegae. Before the evening was over, Mr. Kanegae gave us nine more 1000 Club memberships and four National Supporting memberships from Issei which he had solicited.

In Denver we also conferred with Tak Terasaki, newly elected Mt. Plains area Chairman, sorted through ten years accumulation of files of our former Denver Regional Office, and visited with the Larry Tajiris, thanks to Michi Terasaki. A friendly visit upon Bill Hosokawa meant an interview and a good writeup for JACL in the Denver Post. We wound up our visit to the Mile Hi City by showing our face at the Mile Hi Golf Dinner Dance upon Doc Takashi Mayeda's insistence, and pulled out of Denver just in time to miss a nice snowstorm.

LONG JACL DAY

The Central California DC Convention in Fresno last Dec. 8 turned out to be one of those 20-hour JACL days, but we had very select and interesting company on our foggy drive to and from with such JACL stalwarts as Akiyo Yoshimura, NC-WN DC Chairman, past Chairman Yas Abiko, NC-WN Legislative Chairman Pete Nakahara, and former NC Regional Director Joe Masaoka. This representative Northern California group met with PSW DC Legislative Chairman Kango Kunitsugu, So. Cal. Regional Director Fred Takata, Prexy Roy Nishikawa, Mike Masaoka and representatives of the CC DC on state legislative matters. We also managed to sandwich in some discussion about plans for a National Hq. building under VP Jack Noda's chairmanship, and also met with Dr. Beatty of Fresno State to talk over the coming hour long TV program to be put on by the CC DC on December 21st.

The CC gals put on a superb fashion show with a new note of masculine fashions modelled by such JACL personalities as Dr. Akira Tajiri, Tom Shirakawa, Bob Kanagawa, and George Abe, newly elected CC DC Chairman, who succeeds hard working, conscientious Tom Nagamatsu. The convention banquet was unavoidably long, but toastmaster Dr. Sumio Kubo kept it moving right along and interesting with a nice sense of humor. The CC DC chapters mass installation is always impressive, but this was made especially so with United States Congressman B.F. Sisk doing the honors. The many civic officials who accompany the chapter delegations is a real tribute to the manner in which these JACLers have become a part of their respective communities through their chapter programs as well as individual efforts as good citizens.

Last weekend found us in Seattle for the Pacific Northwest meeting, the Seattle Chapter installation, and a meeting with Fred Takagi and his 1958 National JACL Bowling Tournament Committee. Golly, when do we make the membership certificates for the 16 new 1000 Clubbers that came in this past week!

The National Director's Report is a regular feature of the Pacific Citizen throughout the year, being published on alternating weeks. Its appearance in the Holiday Issue is in accordance with the schedule.—Editor.

Japan-America relations too 'artificial' now

BY TAMOTSU MURAYAMA

TOKYO — U.S.-Japan relations are still "artificial"—no matter what kind of explanation might be handed. Japan's trade with the United States is about 80 per cent of the entire Japanese picture. Japan buys more from America than she can sell to her partner across the Pacific.

What Japan buys from the United States are the vitally needed commodities: food products, cotton, iron, petroleum and other material which cannot be neglected for her national survival. And what Japan sells to America are mostly finished products on a very small scale; nevertheless, some Americans can make a lot of noise and have organized campaigns against Japanese products.

The Japanese are not able to understand why the Americans make so much hullabaloo against Japan-made goods when the Japanese are trying to maintain the best possible relations with America. On the other hand, there have been anti-American incidents in Japan on a small scale, mostly advanced by the Socialists and the Communists here.

The outcome is that American business does not want Japan trade to live in the United States. It appears foolish on the face of it all—because of Japan's heavy import of American material and light export of Japanese goods to America. Of course, one does not say that Americans are selfish in this respect as they have their own reasons to restrict Japanese goods. This is the "artificial" situation which has always created misunderstanding and differences. We find this sort of "artificial" situation in the fields of politics and diplomacy, too.

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When the Japanese American Citizens League was organized almost 30 years ago, its first task was to be recognized by the Issei—then organize a large number of Nisei to protect Nisei interests and promote their welfare in America. Simultaneously, it struggled to present Japan's picture to Americans. At least, it tried many ways by including a Japan Night show, art exhibits, etc. in their programs.

And in time, JACL naturally changed or grew and also affected numerous aspects of Nisei activities in America. The fundamental philosophy of JACL might have also changed had the leader then interpreted the problems of improving the welfare of Nisei differently. A dream that Nisei can contribute for the betterment of U.S.-Japan relations was also held. It was successful to some extent, but it did fail in many instances.

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What can JACL do in the future? I don't know. This reporter had never expected JACL would do as much as it has for the welfare of persons of Japanese ancestry in America. By the same token, JACL might be able to contribute much to U.S.-Japanese relations in the future.

The aspect of JACL helping U.S.-Japanese relations cannot be overemphasized, however, but some accomplishments in improving the situation are possible. Still, misunderstanding must be avoided. Some may suggest that "blood is thicker than water," but in the case of the JACL—it is very different as this writer sees it. JACL must move with caution for the time being until the Nisei can really solidify its position in America.

L'I TOKIO C. OF C. ELECTS NISEI HEAD

A predominantly Issei-supported group, the So. Calif. Japanese Chamber of Commerce elected its first Nisei president in January by naming attorney Kenji Ito, formerly of Seattle.

'Where Do We Go from Here?'

Year of Decision Predicted in '58 as Japan-America Relations Brew Big Question for JACL and Nisei in General

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The year 1958 will be another year of decision for the JACL. It may not be as momentous a one as the year 1942, when in a week-long morning-noon-and-night emergency conference called in Salt Lake City in November, the JACL made seven resolutions that significantly affected the lives of all Japanese Americans in the years to follow. But when the JACL convenes again for its 15th Biennial national meeting in the same city next year, its decisions may have just as far-reaching an effect on our lives as did the decisions arrived at that convention 16 years ago.

The controversy that today is being waged at the district council level over whether or not JACL should participate in Japan-America relations has become a major issue; but I believe the essence of the argument goes much further than that. The question actually being asked is: "Where do we go from here?"

In this slogan-happy era, the JACL has created its share, such as "New Horizons" and "Changing Perspectives" for the delegates to mull over during the past two national conventions. Meant to express our search for new directions, for a new concept of the role JACL is to play in our lives, the slogans have only pointed out the vacuum in our national program created by the successful attainment of our major goals, such as naturalization for our parents, compensation for losses sustained in the evacuation and others of a nature that was quite tangible to the members. With the major legislative goals already history, the JACL needs new goals, for it is obvious that if JACL is unable to find or formulate a new goal that will generate the same sense of purpose that our major legislative goals did in the past decade, the organization will in all probability become nothing more than a hail-fellow-well-met type of fraternal organization.

Glimmer on Horizon

The past two national conventions produced nothing that could be called "New Horizons" or "Changing Perspectives," although the keynote and banquet speeches at the 1956 convention provided a glimmer on the horizon. Theme for the coming national convention is, "The Past is Prologue," which is, depending on how you look at it, a purposeful statement which shows a desire to roll up our sleeves and get down to brass tacks or an amorphous statement of intentions which may disappear into thin air with the last trainload of homebound conventioners. In view of the glimmer on the horizon sighted in 1956, the theme is more likely to be an advance signpost, indicating that a change in national policy is imminent, particularly in the field of foreign relations.

Now the \$64,000 question is this: If an enlargement in the scope of national policy into the international arena is proposed, would it be a proper substitute for the sense of direction for which we are searching? Can a change of direction in this area be considered an answer to the lack of a sense of direction?

In order to analyze fully the

problem of JACL's role in the area of Japan-America relations (and this is precisely the area in international relations that the JACL is being urged to enter more actively), let us take a brief look into the history of JACL's stand toward Japan.

Past JACL Attitudes

The JACL was organized in the 1920s for the primary purpose of making Nisei better Americans. We must remember that the great majority of Nisei were then mere children and under the influence of their parents who had strong emotional ties with Japan because the law forbade them American citizenship. To integrate the Nisei out of their somewhat insulated lives into the greater stream of American life was JACL's original purpose.

As the JACL slowly grew in strength and experience with the maturing years of its membership, discriminatory laws and practices that comprised the main reason for the Nisei's ghetto-like existence became its major target. Realizing that it was not so much the Nisei needing education in becoming better Americans but the general public needing to be sold on the idea that the Nisei are Americans, the JACL took on the responsibility of becoming the legislative and general public relations arm of the Japanese Americans.

Throughout its early history right up to December 7, 1941, the JACL scrupulously confined its activities to matters that concerned Japanese Americans, refraining from getting involved in any situation that had any taint of international relations.

'Clean' Wartime Record

And because of its "clean" record, the JACL was the only Japanese organization allowed to function by the government during the war years. And during the war years, its stature grew in Washington, D.C., as the JACL, under the driving force of Mike Masaoka, combed the halls of Congress to fight for the rights of Japanese Americans in relocation camps. The bloodsoaked combat record of the Nisei in our armed forces played the pivotal part in the general American public's acceptance of Japanese Americans after the war. The JACL had urged that the draft be reopened to Nisei, and when the Nisei responded, the JACL carried the ball from there, making sure that the general American public would come to acknowledge the injustice that had been perpetrated on a segment of the population.

And it must be admitted that in this role, the JACL was often "A prophet not without honour, save in his own country, and in his own house."

No just and fair-minded person would, I think, question the fact that in the crucial decade, the 1940s, JACL met the challenge which was hurled its way and met it magnificently. Now in the waning years of the decade which followed, however, the JACL finds itself wondering if it has not worked and succeeded itself almost out of existence. It finds itself at a crossroad, pondering the question "Where do we go from here?"

Serious Thought Asked

The question merits serious thought by members and non-members alike, because whether they like it or not, the JACL has come to be recognized as the "official spokesman" for the Nisei as a whole.

Expansion into the field of Japan-America relations is one direction that JACL could take in its search for "New Horizons." In fact, JACL Washington representative Mike Masaoka relates that because Nisei have their ancestry in Japan, many U.S. government agencies and officials in Washington keep referring to that office for opinion and advice about Japan.

Many competent public figures have stated that the Nisei have matured enough today so that they need no longer hesitate to express their opinions about Japan and the United States. Some have gone so far as to state that it is almost a duty for the Nisei to speak out and express their opinions in this area, because the Nisei, they feel, are the logical ones to form a bridge of understanding and amity across the Pacific between the two nations. Nisei can play a key role in seeing that Japan will remain an ally of the Western world, they argue, for the welfare of the United States is tied up with that of Japan and vice-versa.

Cultural-Social Amity

With the exception of hardcore isolationists, there should not be too much disagreement with the idea of the Nisei playing an active part in bettering relations between the two nations. Particularly can there be little objection to the idea of Nisei helping to strengthen cultural and social understanding, because the two nations have much to give each other in these respects.

It has also been the opinion of many people that the ups and downs of U.S.-Japan relations has a direct bearing on the welfare of the Nisei in the United States. In order to preserve the present "good climate" of opinion on Nisei, these people contend, the JACL can legitimately concern itself with trying to see to it that Japan remains an ally of the Western Powers.

In the name then of helping Japanese-American amity and of helping Japan remain an ally of the United States, just how deeply can JACL become involved?

Economic-Political Aspect

One of the fears that many JACLers have about the matter is the apprehension that the organization will become involved in the political and commercial aspects of the situation.

Others feel that involvement in inter-Japan-America matters need not involve the political or economic aspect. It must be pointed out, however, that international politics being what they are at the present time, amity and friendship are still based pretty much on military and economic considerations. The United States, for instance, looks upon Japan as a military base to ward off the Communist advance; Japan looks toward the United States as an economic outlet for their products so that the nation won't starve.

If the JACL wants to be a

really effective medium for trying to keep Japan out of the Communist orbit, can it in all good conscience decline to give a helping hand to her in her economic dilemma? Of course the JACL can issue strong statements advising Japan to remain a Western ally, but statements will mean little to Japan unless they are backed up by action. How shall JACL act, for instance, if there is strong pressure to raise tariffs on Japanese goods here? Japan needs the American market, but if tariffs become prohibitive, trade with Red China is going to appear more and more attractive. Will JACL then lend its prestige and persuasive powers to speak out for lower tariffs? If JACL does, it will be involved in the economic and political aspects of Japan-America relations; if not, JACL's influence in this area of international relations would be less than negligible.

Take another example. South Carolina law requires Japanese textiles to be identified as such, whereas no such requirements are made of textiles from other foreign countries. JACL can conceivably reason that this is discrimination against the Japanese, and if American attitudes toward Japan and things Japanese have a direct bearing on how well the Nisei are accepted here, then it is JACL's duty to see that such laws are rescinded.

Impression by Others

A point to be reckoned with in any active involvement on the part of JACL in matters more directly related to Japan than to Japanese Americans is the impression the general American public will get about Nisei and the JACL from the latter's actions. How will the general American public interpret JACL testimony on behalf of Japanese textiles, except to feel that JACL has a close connection with Japan? For while it is true that the Nisei might have matured enough to express their opinions on Japan without fear, has the general American public also matured enough to disassociate the Nisei from the Japanese and judge any actions the Nisei may take in the light of this disassociation, with complete confidence that to the Nisei, America will always come first?

The very fact that we suspect American attitude toward Japan to have a direct bearing on how well the Nisei will be accepted here makes it obvious to me at least that the JACL still has a big public relations job ahead on the home front. If the attitude toward the Nisei is to be determined by the ups and downs of U. S.-Japan relations, the Nisei are in a tormenting position, for who knows which way the wind will blow tomorrow? One incident may be enough to change today's friend into tomorrow's foe.

From a purely organizational viewpoint, a step into international relations may also tend to further widen the gap that seem evident today between the national JACL and local chapters. Will the local chapters feel as closely interested in U. S.-Japan relations as national JACL—or will they come to feel

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that they exist with no more purpose than to produce better socials and banquets in order to retain the members' interest in JACL in order that national JACL will have the money and organizational strength to help make Japan a bulwark of the Western powers?

Alternatives Suggested

JACL's involvement in international relations need not be an all-out thing, of course. There are several alternatives; going into it all the way or staying out of it completely; then there is the difficult middle-of-the-road course of going into it just so far and no farther. This will demand a high degree of skill in tight rope walking, and the statement of policy will have to be worded with extreme care so that the line of demarcation between the JACL demarcation between what the JACL can and cannot do is drawn as clearly as such lines can be drawn.

There is still another alternative. Nisei who are sincerely interested in actively seeing to it that Japan remain outside the Communist orbit may form another organization outside of JACL for that purpose. One such committee is tentatively being organized by Mike Masaoka and Saburo Kido, although the Ad Hoc Committee on Japan-America Affairs will not be pushed until results of the 1958 JACL national convention are in.

I am personally inclined to think that the latter choice is the better one. The JACL has attained the position of prestige it has today and has accomplished as much as it has precisely because it has been first and foremost an organization devoted to the betterment of Japanese American welfare. It has been effective because its primary identification has been with the problems of Americans of Japanese ancestry. To risk this identification for any questionable influence it may be able to wield in the area of U. S.-Japan relations is foolhardy. Times have changed and the Nisei may be basking in the sunshine today, but we have no guarantee that times may not change again and we will need an organization like the JACL which has always been identified strictly with the Nisei.

Where DO we go from here?

Need for JACL Exists

As our national president has often pointed out, JACL has an ongoing program which, while not as spectacular or specific as some which have occupied our interests in the past, is nevertheless just as vital and necessary. Our concern

Wise Course Will Come

In recent months, the issue of U.S.-Japan Affairs and JACL has had lively company — pro and con. At the 1954 JACL national convention, it was resolved that unless the welfare of persons of Japanese ancestry in America was "directly involved," the organization would "refrain from participating or intervening in any matters relating to the international relations of this (U.S.) government, including those with Japan."

However, the renaissance of a New Japan and overtures to keep her as a nation cordial to the United States and other free countries have affected Japanese Americans as well as other Americans.

The question now arises whether Japanese Americans, through its national organization, should assist in a positive manner. Those in favor claim the Nisei have this responsibility to help its mother country, the United States, in fostering friendlier relations between the two nations. Those in opposition maintain international relations is beyond the founding principles of the organization.

"Which way does JACL go from here?" The answer has not been formed. This article is but one phase of the question. We are certain that in the months to come, wider discussion and study by all of those concerned, a wise course of action will evolve. — Editor.

with JACL's role in international relations should not overwhelm our interest in other areas in which JACL can play an effective role. The Nisei have arrived at a point where any discrimination that remains—such as in housing and in certain jobs—is not a problem which is peculiar to Nisei alone but one which is shared with other minorities. We need an organization like the JACL which will always be alert to the danger of bigotry and prejudice raising their heads again, not only against the Nisei, but against other minorities, an organization which can coordinate our efforts to perfect the workings of democracy in our nation with similar efforts being made by other organizations, an organization which will take the lead in bettering community relations between Nisei and Americans of other ancestries.

When we are at a crossroad, it is only natural to look back and wonder if we can turn back the clock. It is only natural, too, to feel on the other hand that it is time for a change, maybe even change for the sake of change.

Grave and serious consideration of the issues and principles involved in charting our future course is called for at our next convention. Difficult as it may be to keep discussions from deteriorating into a conflict of personalities, the JACL must avoid this pitfall to arrive at decisions which will be worthy of its past and of its future.

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By MIKE MASAOKA

WASHINGTON — December 24 marks the fifth anniversary of the effective date of the Immigration and Nationality (Walter-McCarran) Act of 1952, under which more than 30,000 resident alien Japanese have become naturalized citizens of the United States and more than 40,000 Japanese nationals have been admitted into this country for permanent residence.

This is the legislation that revoked federal policy since 1789 that denied on a racial basis naturalization privileges to Japanese and others of Asian ancestry and also repealed the Japanese and other Oriental Exclusion Acts of 1924.

Looking back at the controversy that raged, and still rages, over this statute, it becomes more evident with every passing year that, had not the Congress enacted this measure over the President's veto, our Issei parents would still be aliens in the land of their adoption and the Japanese would be barred from entry into this nation. Moreover, the more than 500 laws on the federal, state, and local law books that sanctioned discrimination against those of Japanese ancestry, including native-born citizens, that were nullified by the naturalization provisions of the Walter-McCarran Act, would still be circumscribing the lives and opportunities of those of Japanese ancestry in the United States.

In retrospect too, in spite of the dire consequences predicted in the flow of immigration should the bill become law, almost every passing year shows that more immigrants than ever before, since the passage of the basic 1924 statute, are entering this country for permanent residence.

Many of the inequities that remained from the 1924 and subsequent laws that do not do violence to the national origins formula and which encourage the retention of the family unit were incorporated into an amendment sponsored by Congressman Francis E. Walter, co-author of the 1952 Act, and was approved by the last session of this Congress. All in all, this Walter-McCarran Act remains as the biggest Christmas gift that persons of Japanese ancestry as a group in this country have ever received.

Helen Momita Memorial

This past year witnessed Little Rock and other demonstrations of man's inhumanity toward man, including housing discriminations on the west coast against such as Willie Mays, now of the San Fran-

cisco Giants, late of New York.

But even in this troubled year 1957 was an incident that renews our faith in the Christmas spirit of "goodwill toward men."

Helen Momita was killed in an automobile accident last October in which her husband Harry was seriously injured. During Harry's long convalescence, his friends and neighbors, including Mayor Edward H. Rademacher, took turns in operating the Momita drug store.

This heartwarming story of democracy in action gained newspaper and magazine headlines in the United States as well as throughout the free world as Calipatria's—in California's Imperial Valley near the Mexican border—answer to Little Rock and the Soviet protestations of brotherhood.

Then, the townspeople decided to contribute to some memorial for Helen, who to many symbolized the American housewife who was always willing to lend a helping hand to a needy neighbor. Harry, a naturalized citizen, as was his late wife, suggested that a flagpole be erected as a memorial—a flagpole 184 feet high, or high enough to reach from Calipatria's street level, which is the "lowest" in the Western Hemisphere to sea level.

In the Helen Momita Memorial story is an epic of community comradeship and neighborliness, as well as love of country and devotion to our flag seldom if ever matched in the history of our nation. It is a drama that should be told by television and the motion picture as an example of America in its finest hour, for the Momitas were Buddhists who only a few years ago were enemy aliens evacuated from their homes and associations simply because of their race.

Vice President Richard M. Nixon recognized the glory in the inci-

dent and sent Calipatria an American flag that had flown over the United States Capitol building here in Washington to crown the flagpole.

The story, however, is not yet completed.

The flagpole will cost some \$3500. And, although the townspeople and others in the Imperial Valley area have contributed hundreds of dollars, much more remains to be raised if this democratic dream is to become reality.

There are many worthy drives and campaigns locally and nationally which rightly solicit our contributions and invite our donations. But few can match in spirit and idealism the Helen Momita Memorial, which will reach the lowest community in this hemisphere, 184 feet upward to sea level, pointing to the blue of the heavens which epitomizes loyalty and brotherhood.

So, if any reader or JACL chapter wishes to help erect a monument to the democratic way, and to the living Yuletide spirit which is seen so seldom in these materialistic, commercial days, contributions may be sent to Mayor H. Rademacher, Calipatria, California, for the Helen Momita Memorial Fund.

Merry Christmas and a Happy, Healthy, and Prosperous 1958 which will see a just peace secured in our times, when all men shall be free from fear and humiliation.

LOS ANGELES TO HOST 1959 KEG CLASSIC

The National JACL bowling tournament in 1959 will be hosted by the So. Calif. Nisei Bowling Association at Los Angeles. (The 1958 tournament will be held at Seattle, Mar. 3-8.) To preserve the spirit of the tournament, at least four members of each team must be Nisei or a charter member of the tournament by having participated in any previous national tournament through 1955.

5,000 IMMIGRANTS FROM JAPAN ADMITTED

There were 5,225 immigrants from Japan, mostly brides of returning American servicemen, admitted into the United States during the fiscal year 1956, the State Department announced.

JACL Policy Statement

As citizens of the United States, JACL members share with other Americans the hope that Japan will remain a steadfast ally in the Pacific, that Japan will become an even more potent partner in the community of free nations, that Japan will develop into a truly democratic bastion in Asia.

At the same time, JACL envisions its primary responsibility as one to its own membership, of continuing to promote the welfare of persons of Japanese ancestry in the United States as provided in the National (JACL) Constitution and in the conviction that such activities make "for better Americans in a greater America."

Accordingly, as an organization, JACL will refrain from participating or intervening in any matters relating to the

As an organization, most of whose members are Americans of Japanese ancestry, the Japanese American Citizens League hails the present era of goodwill existing between the United States of America and Japan.

international relations of this government, including those with Japan, except and unless the welfare of persons of Japanese ancestry in the United States is directly involved, when such representations shall be through appropriate channels.

JACL does recognize, however, that many of its members have a special interest and competence in Japanese-American relations. JACL urges such members to freely demonstrate their special concerns by participating as individuals in programs and projects that are calculated to improve Japanese-American relations.

Moreover, JACL believes that its members have a legitimate interest in the so-called cultural heritage of Japan, the ancestral land of most of its members, and that efforts to explain this cultural heritage is a worthy contribution to the culture of this nation.

Adopted Sept. 4, 1954, at fourth session of the 13th biennial National JACL Council at Los Angeles, Calif.: 74 ayes, 13 chapters absent.

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contend that, since the general public and government acceptance of the nationality group in this country depends largely upon the general public and government recognition of New Japan as an ally, JACL should do everything possible to promote friendship and understanding between Japan and the United States.

They would, of course, make their representatives as Americans who, by the accident of their ancestry, are expected to—and do—have a special concern in this particular field of international relations.

They would caution that there are many unknown dangers and implications in such an attitude, but feel that in their own self-interest as Americans, and as their best possible contribution to the United States, they ought to make the effort to encourage continued and increased amity between the land of their citizenship and the country of their ancestry. They look upon the potential perils as a calculated risk that they are willing to take for their United States homeland and in their own enlightened self-interest as Americans.

To charges that most Nisei do not know Japan and, therefore, are not in a position to serve as a "bridge" between the two lands, it is suggested that perhaps the Nisei should study the language, the culture, and the problems of Japan, for too few Americans compared to those who "know" Europe "know" Japan. Such studies would not only make the Nisei more conscious of their heritage but better Americans for having studied things Japanese. Besides, it is pointed out, even if the Nisei cannot "interpret" Japan to their fellow Americans, they certainly are in a position to explain America and American ways to the Japanese, too few of whom appreciate and understand our motives and our aspirations for Japan and the Far East.

To those who ridicule any JACL effort to try to improve Japan-United

States relations, the answer is given that at least this segment of Americans owe it to their country to try to achieve lasting partnership between the two Pacific powers which ought to be natural allies. And that JACL has been partially successful in certain immigration and other matters is advanced as an indication of what might be accomplished if concentrated effort were directed to this end.

The fundamental ideal behind those who make this proposal is that, as American of Japanese ancestry, the attempt as Americans to maintain and increase the current cordial relationships between the United States and Japan can be their greatest and most significant contributions to the land of their citizenship—and the one most reasonably expected by most of their fellow Americans.

The Next Decade

These are not the only alternatives that are possible for JACL, but it is believed they do suggest the main possibilities. Also, although only a few of the more obvious reactions for each of the alternatives are listed, it is assumed that they will call to mind other and perhaps more valid reasons.

The purpose of this newsletter at this time is not to urge an answer, but simply to help prepare chapters and members for a discussion and a determination of JACL's future role at the forthcoming biennial national convention in Salt Lake City, Utah, this summer, and to remind all officers and delegates that, ten years hence, it is hoped that they can look back on this decade with the same sense of satisfaction and pride that current members may recall the 1946 postwar biennial national convention in Denver, when the JACL was launched on its most significant and constructive tenth of a century.

If "Past Is Prologue" and the delegates to the 1958 Convention live up to JACL tradition, 1958-1968 should be even more eventful and worthwhile than 1946-1956, when legal discrimination against persons of Japanese ancestry was eliminated for most practical purposes.

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By FRED TAKATA

A good many years ago, well, maybe not that long ago—there came into this world in Oakland, California, a bouncing young baby fellow, who by destiny was to become Mr. East Los Angeles—ROY YAMADERA. Even though he still has that same baby face, and the same amount of hair, as the day he appeared in this mixed up world, he was one of the main reasons why the ELA Chapter has become the chapter that it is today.

As a youngster Roy went to Japan for five years to learn how to use the chopsticks and get use to that rice diet. Sometimes we wonder if that protruding waist line that he sports around today, is not due to his childhood habits! (Or is it his youth!)

After returning to the City of the Angels, Roy attended Stevenson Junior High and graduated

from Roosevelt High School, where he was elected president of the Japanese Club for two consecutive years. Roy recalls the days when his club presented the school with a \$3,000 Japanese Garden, with waterfalls, teahouse and all, but doesn't know what became of it during the war years. He told how hard his club had worked to raise funds for this project, which wasn't exactly "hay" in those days.

First JACL Card

Roy often speaks of his first JACL membership card, which cost him the tremendous amount of \$1 in 1930. So, you can see this guy has really been around for some time. He even helped Scotty Tsuchiya, past Regional Director, to set up the Regional Office here in 1945, when the office was then located in the VIMCAR Building.

Roy hesitantly gave us some of the names of active JACLers in

those days, who are still in there pitching for us, such as Sam Furuta, Shig Hashii, Danar Abe, Kay Sugahara, and Ty Saito. So you can see that there isn't too much room for some of us to say, that we've been working too hard, when these loyal JACLers have been giving their all these past years. We of the National organization, are greatly indebted to hard working JACLers, like these hard working individuals.

In the earlier years when the Miyako Hotel was known as the exclusive Argonaut Hotel, and when you could buy a steak dinner for twenty-five cents, the first Nisei Week Festival was held, under the sponsorship of the Los Angeles JACL Chapter, the only chapter in Los Angeles in those days.

Roy tells how he participated in the ondo parade composed of only 50 ondoists, compared to over 600 that participate in this annual affair today. In his "Hey Day", this young gentleman was quite a hustler, as he's done everything from

singing and playing in a band, to directing talent shows. Yes, indeed, this happy fellow is really a natural born HAM! We in the 1000 Club really enjoy his get-up and go during our whing-dings.

Recruiter A-1

Recently, Roy was instrumental in setting up the past PSWDC Convention at Disneyland earlier this year. It was one of the most successful and finest conventions that the District has had the opportunity to host. The success of the convention was due to Roy's ability to organize and recruit the help of the ELA members, which is so essential to a successful meeting such as this. All of us that had the good fortune to attend, really had a bang up time!

One of the things that make this man everyone's friend is that he's a good one for taking a ribbing (we hope?). Many of the East Los Angeles members have found that this person is a modest young man, who puts his chapter before anything else, and always gives credit to the cabinet, rather

than receive personal credit for work he has personally rendered.

It's no wonder that Roy has served continuously on the ELA cabinet since 1953, and is now serving out his term as chapter president in 1957. He is now giving advanced warning that the ELA Chapter will go for broke next year, when the chapter will celebrate its tenth anniversary. He feels that the chapter with its new blood, will go for a record shattering year in 1958. So, PSWDC, keep an eye on this chapter!

We are sure that the past presidents of ELA are grateful to this one man for his guiding hand in help, advice, and experience in carrying out a successful program for the chapter.

He doesn't limit his help to the ELA Chapter alone however, but also gives advice on the love-life of the chapter members. Yep, the members have become to know Roy Yamadera, as DAD! So, "DAD", for all you've done for us, can we all wish you many more JACLing years to come!

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Nisei niche in New York far greater than meets the eye of its millions

By MARTHA KAIHATSU

The story of Nisei in New York is one about individuals who are doing what they want to do, living where they want to live. It is a story about people in a surprisingly diversified range of jobs, professions and businesses, with "success" measured in terms of personal satisfaction, and the contribution of the individual to others.

In a world that will never be entirely free of racial discrimination, New York offers an equal opportunity for participation. The Nisei in New York have used this freedom with scope and characteristic diligence.

It is with regret that this article does not go into the family lives, or to the wives, without whom many of these successful careers would not have been possible and also to those wives who are active in community service, in Parent Teacher organizations, committees on education, Girl and Boy Scouts and on and on.

Communications

When anybody thinks about New York, he thinks about the field of communications, a completely term which covers TV, radio, the publishing world, advertising, public relations and the commercial arts, and the Nisei are in just about every kind of work that is offered in this field.

Dick Akagi, the well-known CLEP from Chicago, Salt Lake City and Tacoma, is on Look Magazine's promotion staff, specializing in sports, and at this writing is in the middle of Look's All America Football Team promotion.

Chris Ishii, remembered well for his Little Nebo in Santa Anita, is an important director at UPA's New York office, directing the famed Bert and Harry Piel Beer TV commercial animated film series. Right now, he is working on a new "Near-Sighted Mr. Magoo" movie. Recently Chris has had a push up into a managerial position as one of the board of four managers who direct activities and set policies for the New York office. Chris has been presented many awards by the Art Director's Club of New York for his outstanding work.

Mary Suzuki continues her fashion drawing of distinctive quality and flair that appear with regularity in Vogue, Harper's Bazaar, Glamour and other fashion magazines.

Mary Date, a decorating editor on Living for Young Homemakers, meets the challenge of designing interiors with taste and charm for the young marrieds' pocket-book.

Art Directors

Neil Fujita, art director at Columbia Records, is generally acknowledged by his colleagues as a pacesetter and as a stickler for maintaining the high quality standard of graphic design of record album covers. His own work is sometimes seen on Columbia

ABOUT MARTHA

Everything Martha Kaihatsu, formerly of Hollywood, writes as director of advertising and public relations for Knoll Associates is translated into French, Spanish and German as well, so we hear. She is also doing promotion and PR work for allied firms of Knoll Textiles, Knoll Internationals and Knoll-Drake Products. She has also edited the "Knoll Index of Contemporary Design," used in design schools and universities as a textbook on furniture design.—Ed.



Linda Kinoshita, Haute Couture

record album covers, and often on the covers and pages of Fortune magazine. Neil's Art Director's Club awards are multiple.

Ray Komai is an art director of Architectural Forum, the leading architectural trade book published by Time, Inc.

Byron Goto is an art director at ABC-TV and his work is seen in the Reporter magazine. A serious painter, Byron has had his first one man show recently here, and his paintings have been included in the American Show at the Whitney Museum.

Toshima Kojima is an Art Director at BBD&O, and Hiro Wakabayashi is a photographer with Richard Avedon.

Kiyoko Hosoura, formerly of Los Angeles, is on the editorial staff of Woman's Day; Alice Uchiyama, formerly of Pasadena, is on the Glamour promotion art staff; Carol Kageyama, from Santa Maria, is librarian of graphic materials for Conde Naste Publications, which publishes Vogue, Glamour and House & Garden. Sam Nakagawa is an economic consultant at Business Week. Bill Yamaguchi is at Time-Life.

In the field of fashion photography, Victor Tanaka is an assistant to Vogue's John Rawlings and Michi Kageyama, a native New Yorker, is a fashion coordinator at William Ward Studio.

Individual Enterprises

Everybody knows Joe Oyama and of his success with the Oriental Food Shop on the upper West Side near Columbia University. In New York where competition is keener, Joe applied imaginative merchandising, creating among other marketable innovations—"Sukiyaki" baskets that included all of the exotic ingredients plus the recipe—which creates not just a try at cooking a new dish, but an occasion. He eventually attracted editors of Gourmet magazine, the food editors of Vogue, Harper's Bazaar, the New York Times, the noted Clementine Padelford of the New York Herald Tribune, and many others, so that the fame of his Oriental Food Shop brought most of his customers in from every part of New York and the United States. His continued enterprise is rewarded as he will open a new larger food shop of super market type in January, 1958, just a few blocks from the original store. The new store will carry items of other Asian cuisine, besides Japanese and Chinese, although the theme will remain Japanese. The interior trimmings of the new store are being built and shipped by special order from Japan.

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ly. All of their transport is done by air freight, on precise schedules as their principal produce is perishable and activity is hectic. They are also involved in a direct-mail business and in a Hawaiian party service. Their products are often seen in the shopping columns of House Beautiful, House & Garden and others. Most of their products are used for sales promotion purposes and the next orchid that you receive at a movie premiere or super-market opening may well have come from Orchids of Hawaii.

Fashion Designer

It takes a certain kind of courage and heightened determination for a young woman in New York to open a studio and hang the shingle "Linda Kinoshita, Haute Couture." Fashion design being the most competitive of all, Linda has sought and with success to find her niche in a field where she would vie for recognition among the fashion "greats," the late Christian Dior, Coco Chanel, Schiaparelli and others. Linda is well qualified. She was with Charles James, who is considered the designer's designer because of the purity of his approach; she then went to Paris, and to Japan. When she opened her studio (salon) just two years ago, she had but two clients, Mrs. William Paley and Mrs. John Hay Whitney, two of the ten best dressed women in America, who are still her clients and for whom she designs suits to ball gowns. Her distinguished clientele now include Mrs. Kate Roosevelt and Hope Skillman. Linda is also responsible for many of the designs of the "Dynasty" collection of lounge and street wear, including modified kimono, dresses, evening coats. They are made of Chinese silks, manufac-

tured in Hong Kong, and sold in women's specialty stores throughout the United States.

Linda Kinoshita is formerly of Los Angeles and was at the Manzanar Relocation Center. Her hobby is collecting Japanese antiques. Her success has been acknowledged by Eugene Shepard, fashion editor of the New York Herald Tribune, who coined the term "The New Look" for Dior some ten years ago, and by Constant Woodworth and many other writers in the field.

Unusual Jobs

Yoshio Fukuyama, formerly of Los Angeles, has had a varied career within the realm of the ministry. He is now research director for the Board of Home Missions of the Congregational and Christian Churches. His job is administrative and covers the United States. It is his job to study church programs, and to do this, he travels a great deal. He is concerned with church activity in relation to the community. His conclusions sometimes results in an added new wing to the church, or an extension of the program to include another activity, the recommendation to the national board for an increase in budget, or the establishment of a church where none existed before, to meet the needs of a new community. He likes to think of his job as being primarily concerned with urban sociology. Ten years ago, as a member of the staff of Foreign Missions, Yoshio was sent to Ankara, Turkey, as a missionary for three years.

Roy Kurahara, formerly of Sacramento, is the director of group work at the Manhattanville Community Center, Inc., in the upper West Side and as such he is responsible for the program and activities of 40 staff members, full-time and part-time. He is also a teacher of the Science of Social work with juvenile gangs was re-Columbia University. Roy and his staff work for crime prevention, getting to the broken home and to the unhappy child before trouble with law. His program is ambitious and his administrative functions cover such areas as case work, psychiatry, group therapy, community organization programs and day care. His outstanding work with juvenile gangs was recently brought to national attention in an article in Pageant, "If You Can't Like 'Em," March, 1956. He is currently involved with a housing project for low and middle income families in that area, and often in his work, he finds it necessary to confer with the Rev. S. Gary Oniki.

Shozo Gary Oniki, from Los Angeles, is associate executive director of the Morningside Community Center, Inc., the largest community center in Harlem. He is a minister of social service of the Church of the Master. Within the supervisory range of Shozo's activities are a day-care center, group work center, two summer camps, a mental hygiene clinic, adult education and various other community activities. At the time he was interviewed, Shozo was busy putting on jazz concerts to raise money for the center which has a projected new building beside an active interest in the abovementioned housing project. It seems that the minister today, no longer just preaches on Sunday although Shozo is called upon to do so from time to time, and often he is invited to sit on panels to discuss social problems in his area, both on TV and radio.

In the field of education, Dr. Teru Hayashi is a full professor of zoology at Columbia University, and Masako Hashizume of

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By YURI L. HIROTO

ARDEN VILLAGE is situated in the northwest corner of El Monte, next to Temple City and Arcadia. After living here for four years, we feel very fortunate to be residents of such a community. Almost all are ex-GI families for this was a GI tract built in 1950. Two more sections were since added.

With the added influx of youngsters, the Charles E. Gidley Elementary School started half-day sessions. The new Rio Vista School is nearing completion and will provide kindergarten through fifth grade classes for two-thirds of the Village, thus relieving Gidley School.

It is always gratifying to me to find many Nisei names among those active in PTA and service groups for I strongly feel that active community participation is the easiest way to break down barriers of discrimination and non-acceptance by other groups. Each person must be judged on his individual merits.

Good works seem to follow one about. When I arrived at the Monterey Park real estate office, completely unaware that I was in one of the most restricted areas in the San Gabriel Valley, I was surprised to find that one of the agents recognized my Past PTA President's pin with the acorn and the Honorary Life Membership Oak Leaf I had just received from Elysian Council, Tenth District, California Congress of Parent-Teachers.

Deciding that anyone so interested in PTA would indeed be an asset in any community, he took it upon himself to find a suitable home for us—restrictions or no. After having spent weeks of being turned down for racial reasons at all the GI tracts going up in the Valley, this was a refreshing change.

During escrow proceedings, the first home we liked in West Covina was denied us for racial reasons. I like to think that all this was meant to be thus, for our present home is but a few minutes away from Will's metallurgical job with a plastics concern here in El Monte and we are fortunate that he has a wonderful boss now. We did have to sign a paper promising never to reveal through whom we had bought this home, however.

We moved in the last Saturday of October, 1953. When I registered the children at Gidley School Monday morning, Mr. John Garner, the Principal, kidded me about not seeing my PTA pins. Tuesday morning, I received a call from the PTA President, Mrs. Nelson, to a courtesy seat on the Association Board meeting the next evening. Upon the insistence of Will who admonished that I should be courteous enough to accept the invitation, I went. That evening they created the Honorary Life Membership chairmanship for me, and I have served ever since in various capacities. I guess, however, I shall spend the rest of my life trying to deserve my HLM.

BECAUSE our neighbor directly across the street from us, Pat Wilkes, had gone to school with Tosh Asano of Monrovia-Duarte High sports fame, she broke the ice as far as the children were concerned by inviting them to play with Bobby and Johnny. "Mommy, I'm not a Jap, am I?" they would ask me. Having never been faced with this problem before, they were heartbroken. When I told them to answer proudly, "I am an American with a Japanese face and my Daddy and Uncles all served with the United States Army and overseas, too," the problem dissolved. They seldom need to defend their patriotism anymore.

It has always surprised me that hardly anyone else is aware of the wonderful war record of the Nisei GI's and the heroic rescue of Texas Battalion by the 442nd

Infantry! Needless to say, I tell them whenever the opportunity arises. The Nisei need to be articulate for when Caucasian friends are made aware of the discriminations, they try to help.

Arden Villagers are justly proud of the wonderful neighborliness that abounds. I was never so gratefully aware of this as when twenty-four of them joined to give a beautifully appointed baby shower just before Shirley Dean arrived twenty-six months ago.

Having grown up in the influences of the Los Angeles Japanese Christian Church and the youth work of Rev. "Chuck" Severns there, it was easy to join the local Disciples of Christ, the El Monte First Christian Church, following membership in the Cypress Park Church in Northeast Los Angeles. We can proudly claim that the children and I have had perfect attendance records since. Our oldest child, born in the Fort Leavenworth Station Hospital, is secretary of her Christian Youth Fellowship group and has attended many Pasadena-San Gabriel Valley District CYF activities. She is in the Glee Club and GRA of Rosemead High School where she is now a Sophomore. Reine and Gwendolyn are sopranos in the Junior Choir at church and in Girl Scouting. Patrick is now a first grader with a flair for art and football; while Chuckie and Shir-

ley Dean are pre-schoolers. As a Deaconess, I serve on the Official Church Board and am Benevolence Chairman of the Christian Women's Fellowship.

Throughout the nation, the CWF will be studying Japan as their Missionary Lesson for the next six months.

Most of the local-ites have white collar jobs, are skilled technicians and engineers, or are self-employed. A spot-check of twenty-one families showed an average of three children per family. Community response to local charity appeals has given Arden Village a high rating. The Gidley Youth Center built by volunteer help is nearing completion and youth groups abound. I have written the Arden Village column for the El Monte Herald for a year and a half.

Having been spared the turmoil of relocation center life by a last-minute permit to join Will at Fort Leavenworth, neither of us has lived in an entirely Japanese community. When I hear of the problems in various predominantly Japanese areas, we feel fortunate to be Arden Villagers.

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POWELL, Wyo. — An array of gridiron honors that would dazzle any sportsman fell upon Eddie Kawano, native-son of Powell, who was picked all-Wyoming halfback for two years and set a new record for making the most points in high school football this year.

Halfback Ed Kawano, a 10-second sprinter during track season, was given his most rewarding moment at the close of the 1957 season by his coach Harold Hand last month when he officially presented him with his game jersey—No. 20, which is now retired in his honor and never to be worn again in the Powell football wars.

So much has happened to the 165-lb., 5 ft. 9 in. scatback, it seems difficult to pinpoint the start. Dr. Minol Ota, Lovell veterinarian and active Northern Wyoming JACler, probably suggests the best way—by telling he was born on Feb. 20, 1940, the youngest child of Mr. and Mrs. Y. Kawano, who are pioneer farmers of the area, having settled here about 40 years ago.

Ed has three sisters and eight brothers, one having died while serving in World War II. All are graduates of Powell High School. During his senior year, Ed was student body president of the school, which has an attendance of 800. Aside from his achievements in sports, Ed has lettered for four years in track, three years in basketball and is regarded as an outstanding forward by local writers and fans, awarded the outstanding batter trophy last summer in American Jr. Legion baseball and an all-state star as utility man.

His most notable success in sports is in football, having been selected all-conference and all-state halfback two years in a row and lugged the ball for 1,489 yards for an average of 9.4 yards per carry—more yardage than the total amount gained by all opponents against Powell, 1,269 yards. He scored 186 points in 12 games to set a new Wyoming prep mark. His coach says Kawano is a modest

youth and gives credit to his blocking teammates which helped morale.

Stan Takeuchi

What is seldom reported during the season is the outstanding play of linemen and Stan Takeuchi, a guard, has been one of the vital cogs that kept the Powell Panthers rolling over their Big Horn Basin opposition the past years.

Stan, who was selected all-state guard on the second team by Associated Press and United Press boards and first string all-conference guard this year, is the eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. Kiyoshi Takeuchi. He has two younger brothers at Powell High.

Stan was born on Oct. 1, 1940, in Turlock, Calif., weighs 150 lbs. and stands at 5 ft. 10 in. The family relocated to Powell from Amache WRA Center in 1943.

Like teammate Kawano, Stan participated and starred in the same sports; he is a two-year letterman in basketball at guard, all-state utility man in American Jr. Legion baseball this summer and holder of the outstanding batter trophy and Jr. Legion all-state tournament record for the most hits.

The day Ed's number "20" was retired at the Powell Roundtable Club banquet on Nov. 21, it was the major three-column item of the day for the Powell Tribune.

The banquet honored the class A state football champs—Powell High—and their mothers. (Stan's mother was in the Northern Wyoming JACL. Ed's elder brother and sister were also members in the chapter here.) It was Powell High's first state football championship. Coach Hand cited several reasons for the success of this year's season. Individual ability was a big factor, he said, as evidenced by seven members of the team picked on the all-conference team. This ability was also evidenced on the bench with excellent reserve strength.

"We had 18 seniors (both Kawano and Takeuchi are seniors) that led us to this championship," Hand declared. "They naturally cannot leave any of their ability behind, but they will leave their leadership and desire with our future ball clubs."

Takeuchi was presented the Dr. W. R. Lee Trophy for the season's outstanding performance in blocking.

Kawano's latest honors was the "Top Back" of the 1957 prep season as determined by four coaches and four UP writers, headed by Univ. of Wyoming coach Bob Devaney. Commenting on the candidates selected—a top back and top lineman of the state—Coach Devaney said, "There were some

fine high school players in Wyoming this fall. We're interested in many of the boys mentioned in the voting and I hope they are interested in coming to Wyoming."

Wearing the colors of Orange and Black for four years, Kawano piled up a record of 363 points in his four years; 12 points as a freshman, 54 in his sophomore year, 108 to continue his scoring spree in the junior year, and then 186 points this year.

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A live-wire program chairman, Yoichi Nakase, vice-president of the Downtown Los Angeles chapter, obtained outstanding programs that could possibly be followed by other chapters throughout the country in planning programs of interest to a large variety of members.

The Downtown chapter, of course, still holds on to its distinction of being the only luncheon club among the chapters; its membership largely composed of members with businesses in the L.A. Tokyo area.

Of the monthly programs, three are remembered as particularly superior.

In September, Lt. Edward J. Bliss of the Los Angeles County Public Defender's Office talked of his 25 years experience in that office. Lt. Bliss was probably the first public defender in the country and has worked for many years to promote the idea of having such an office in the major cities of the nation. His outstanding work has won him national recognition including being a principal subject on the "This Is Your Life" TV program two months before he appeared before the Downtown group. He and his work was the subject of a Reader's Digest article in the September issue just off the press when he spoke to the Nisei group. His program was outstanding because of his varied and heartwarming experiences in his work. Since he averages about 350 lectures a year, he was a practiced and capable speaker who held his audience's rapt attention.

Sound Show

The Pacific Telephone Company in Los Angeles, as part of its public relations work, has prepared a lecture demonstration program "Adventure in Sound." This lecture includes a history of sound reproduction, from tinny old gramophones to stereophonic binaural reproductions. The audience's enthusiasm has induced several other chapters in this area to plan on this program for their own members.

Downtown members still talk about the train that came into the station with such realism that they could feel the steam.

With the present focus on science education or its lack thereof in this country, the December meeting "Previews of Progress" by the General Motors Corporation was most timely. This lecture demonstration has been shown at various high schools all over the country. This highly popular program was negotiated from June and the earliest booking available was grabbed. The program was educational and entertaining, and the lecturer had a wonderful sense of humor.

Peripatetic Yoichi, when questioned how he finds these programs, answered that he hears about them from friends in service clubs in many cities (he's a roving salesman for American Commercial, Inc.) and gets the ones that he hears are particularly good.

Note to Yoichi: Did you notice that the Four Roses film started out by saying "Past is Prologue"?

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**Sadako
Hawkins'
Day**

(With Apologies to Al Capp)

BY BERRY SUZUKIDA

Chicago JACLer Feature Writer

ONCE upon a time there lived in Sashimi Valley a wealthy rancher named Chosaburo Hawkins. Now, Chosaburo was a public-spirited citizen and champion of all worthy causes. Abundantly endowed with everything a man could desire—a loving spouse, devoted children, and friends galore, he appeared the picture of contentment.

But Chosaburo was not the happy person he seemed to be. He was deeply concerned about his unmarried daughter, Sadako, who had the sweetest of dispositions but possessed a face only a mother could love. Men would take one look at her and beat a hasty retreat.

Each passing year left its mark on Sadako—more wrinkles, grey hairs, and unbecoming bulges. Good old Chosaburo redoubled his search for a son-in-law. Finally, one memorable morning he conceived the idea of proclaiming "Sadako Hawkins' Day," namely, to wit:

"On November—, any single man in Sashimi Valley captured by a pursuing maiden shall be taken to the nearest preacher who will place the couple in double harness for the rest of their days.

History relates that Sadako succeeded in snagging a husband and lived happily ever after.

PARENTS everywhere confront the problem of finding suitable matrimonial partners for their offspring. Chosaburo Hawkins' strategy of declaring open season on bachelors probably won't work outside the comic strips but it points up the sad plight of single women ready, willing and available to march down the aisle. However, the taboos of modern society prevent them from taking the initiative.

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EVIDENCES OF MATURITY

Detroit JACL Assumes Greater Responsibilities

By KAY MIYAYA

DETROIT — Greater than usual attendance at the installation of the 1957 Detroit JACL cabinet, evidencing the growing maturity of the chapter, heralded a year of expanding public relations and greater responsibilities.

Yoshio Kasai headed the 1957 cabinet installed by MDC chairman Abe Hagiwara at the Northwood Inn dinner-dance on February 2.

This a year of wider participation in public affairs was climaxed in the "Japan Night" stage show presented by the chapter at the Detroit Photographic Show, Nov. 9, at the Masonic Temple. This gigantic effort involving some 80 people was the hit of the four-day show.

Roy Kaneko and his committee produced a two-hour program touching on various aspects of Japanese culture, beginning with a color film on the "Kimono" and ending with a fashion show of both traditional Japanese kimonos and western style creations in Japanese materials.

Interspersed were demonstrations on Japanese flower arrangement by Mrs. Teruko Milligan; the intricate Japanese tea ceremony in simplified form by Mmes. Keiko Beasley, Kaname Fujishige, Ichiko Horiuchi, Catherine Ishioka and Miyoko Yamauchi and narrated by Ed Shinno; and judo exhibitions by Louis Furukawa, Howard Moy, Min Oyama, Pearl Shuszinski, Carmen Vega and Billy Wolfgram.

Introduction to the Koto was performed by Mrs. Kim Malecki and to various types of Japanese dances by ten tiny tots in the "Yugi," directed by Mrs. Toshi Shimoura; "Ondo" by 15 dancers directed by Dick Kadoshima and the "Odori" by Mrs. Fumi Takata.

The Fashion Show was directed by Mrs. Helen Fujiwara and commented by Mrs. Miyoko O'Neill. Set by Toshi Sakow.

Teahouse Performances

Chapter president Yoshio Kasai ably emceed the proceedings.

Other special public appearances included the appearance of a number of JACLers, recruited through the chapter, in the Will-O-Way Playhouse production of

the "Teahouse of the August Moon," which ran for three weeks. Not only the players but the Japanese community as well benefited from this enlarging contact.

Bebe Horiuchi walked away with the plum role of Lotus Blossom. Other JACLers appearing were Kimiko Campbell, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Ebisuya, Louis Furukawa, Mrs. Ichiko Horiuchi, Dick Kadoshima, Betsy Tagami and Toshio Wanilock.

The Detroit JACL ondo group directed by Dick Kadoshima made its TV debut this year on the Club Polka variety show over WXYZ-TV on Aug. 22.

The girls appearing were Kimie Bracke, Bebe Horiuchi, Joan Kimoto, Mitzi Kinoshita, Mariko Matsura, Naoka Rutkowski, Fumi Takata, and Shizue Yantus.

Old World Market

Another major public relations as well as a fund raising project was the International Institute Old World Market held on Nov. 21-24. Volunteers manned the chapter booth which sold goods from Japan. Mrs. Kay Nakahara and Charles Yata headed this important event.

Again as a public relations project, the chapter prepared a sukiyaki dinner for the March 24 meeting of the International Institute Supper Club. Mariko Matsura was assisted by Elyse Miyao, Kay Nakahara, Aiko Nanjo, Nobu Nanjo, Janice Ouchi and Helen Sugiyama.

The chapter sent representatives to the International Institute's annual Folk Ball in February. Mrs. Mariko Matsura and Walter Miyao from the JACL cabinet worked on the Folk Ball Committee. Pres. Yoshio Kasai and Mrs. Kasai headed the list of JACLers attending the ball.

Walter Miyao, member-at-large in this year's cabinet and a council member of the International Institute, was one of the four speakers at the Annual Meeting of the International Institute. He traced the history of the Japanese in America up to their arrival in Detroit.

Classes Sponsored

In response to membership re-

lations, the chapter continued sponsorship of the English class under Mrs. Kenji Horiuchi, Marion Miyaya, George Nagano and Walter Shamie; flower arrangement class under Toshi Shimoura; dance class under Mae Migawa, Sud Kimoto and Tom Shibuyama; discussion group under Kenneth Miyoshi and the Teen Club under Roy Kaneko and Pearl Matsumoto.

Filling community-wide relations the chapter sponsored a spring dance, "Caribbean Fantasy," chaired by Mae Miyagawa and Chiyo Togasaki.

A well prepared, highly successful Mother's Day program and buffet supper was sponsored jointly with the Teen Club. Chairmen Aiko Nanjo was assisted by Yoshiko Inouye, Rumiko Sakow and Chiyo Tokasaki.

The chapter participated in the annual Community Picnic in charge of Eddie Matsui and is co-sponsoring with the other clubs of the community a New Year's Eve Dance to be held in the Colonial Ballroom of the Detroit Leland Hotel, chaired by Ray Higo and George Nagano.

Wives of Servicemen

The problems of the newest members of the community, the Japanese wives of servicemen, were discussed when Miss Eleanor Lee, staff member of the International Institute addressed the cabinet in April, and means for better understanding and assistance were explored.

Mrs. Kenji Horiuchi and Mrs. Roy Sugimoto are serving on the International Institute Committee for the Interest of Japanese Wives of Americans, composed of civic leaders, professionals and laymen.

Ending this report in a serious note, the full weight of community responsibility came with the announcement of the Taizo Kokubo Memorial Educational Loan Fund by the Detroit JACL (see details in separate article) calling for a measure of responsibility not yet experienced by the chapter.

Wallace Kagawa was named chairman of a special loan fund committee to handle applications to the Fund, which is to be administered by the acting President of the Detroit JACL, Dr. and Mrs. Kenji Horiuchi under the terms of the bequest.

Others on the loan fund committee are Judge Theodore R. Bohn, Mrs. Catherine Ishioka, Kenneth Miyoshi and Mrs. Toshi Shimoura. Current president Yoshio Kasai and treasurer Frank Watanabe also serve.

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Shearson, Hammill & Co., members of the New York and Pacific Coast stock exchanges, have announced the appointment of Y. Clifford Tanaka as Western Research Representative for the firm's New York research staff. His offices will remain at 520 South Grand Avenue in Los Angeles.

Tanaka has been engaged in the securities industry since 1946. Beginning as an analyst in New York City, he became active in the brokerage field in 1947. The Downtown L.A. 1000 Club member holds a master's degree in business administration from New York University. He attended both New York University and UCLA for his undergraduate work.

Tanaka's daily market letters and his financial column is read by thousands of persons in the Japanese community.

He is a resident of South Pasadena.

Akio Hayashi elected

SLO Chapter president

SAN LUIS OBISPO — Aiko Hayashi was elected 1958 president of the San Luis Obispo JACL on Dec. 8, when members and their families assembled at Pismo Beach Veterans Memorial Hall for a chicken barbecue.

The dinner was prepared outdoors by chefs Hilo Fuchiwaki and Bob Shigenaka. Also the food committee were Mits Sanbonmatsu, Sab Ikeda, Nami Sanbonmatsu and Margery Eto. The Mexican-style beans, prepared by Mexican nationals, were donated by Mack Tabata.

Other officers elected were Sab Ikeda, 1st v.p.; Mary Nagano, 2nd v.p.; Ken Kobara, treas.; Harry Fukuhara, cor. sec.; Fusa Yamaguchi, rec. sec.; and Ben Fuchiwaki, memb.-at-large.

Four events mark

Monterey Auxiliary

social calendar

MONTEREY — The Monterey JACL Auxiliary, under co-presidents Mmes. Shiz Torabayashi and Margaret Satow have concluded another memorable year of activities for 1957, of which four are outstanding in the view of its members.

In March, which is Red Cross drive month throughout the nation, the Auxiliary participated in the campaign in conjunction with the JACL chapter. Eleven members made a door-to-door canvass and met their quota.

Servicemen from this area will find surprise packages from Santa at Christmas time. Auxiliary members worked with enthusiasm to prepare home-made candy. "We hope it will be enjoyed," one Auxiliary member said, "as much as we enjoyed making it."

Invitation to tea at the enchanting Carmel Valley home of Robert Stanton proved a major social event of the year for Auxiliary members and their friends. Mrs. Stanton is party editor of the Home Beautiful magazine.

Upon arrival, the members were shown the gardens and home by the hostess. Before tea was served to a group of 75, she presented many new ideas on table setting.

The Auxiliary participated in the Monterey Peninsula USO table setting exhibition by entering a Japanese creation. The show was held at the Fort Ord Soldiers Club. By taking part in the exhibition, the group is helping to cement civilian-military relationships here.

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Seabrook C. L. Anticipates Big Year Again

SEABROOK—With Charles T. Nagao as the new Chairman of the Eastern District Council, and Mrs. Josie Ikeda at the helm of the local chapter, the Seabrook JACL looks forward to another year of great stride and significance.

Nagao, who was elected for the next biennium at the EDC-MDC convention held in Chicago last September, has been outstanding in JACL work for many years and succeeded Bill Sasagawa of Philadelphia at the post.

Mrs. Ikeda's association with the League also dates back to the days before evacuation and her qualifications make her one of the few women leaders presently serving as chapter presidents.

Another active local member serving on the EDC cabinet is Miss Irene Aoki who was elected corresponding secretary. She also holds the position of recording secretary in the local chapter.

Community Welfare

Outstanding contribution made by the Seabrook Chapter during the year of 1957 has been the payment in full of the \$1,800 pledge to the Bridgeton Hospital building fund. The three-year project was completed with the presentation of the final check at the installation banquet in April. The Seabrook JACL will be credited for the ENT room in the new hospital plan.

Chow Mein Dinner

Another major activity was the undertaking of the huge annual Chow Mein dinner held during the month of March. With Dick Kuni-shima as chairman, the fund-raising event attracted nearly a thousand people from all parts of South Jersey. Japanese music and dancing added gaiety to the atmosphere.

Graduates Honored

The JACL took part in the Bridgeton High School commencement exercises in June by being the donor of a \$25 Savings Bond to the senior chosen most outstanding in citizenship. Smaller awards were likewise given to a boy and girl eighth grader at the Seabrook Grammar school.

The high school and grade school were later entertained at a dinner party by the local chapter.

Community picnic

The entire community turned out for the JACL-sponsored picnic at Parvin State Park in April. The annual outing featured numerous contests for both young and old and climaxed with a huge drawing of prizes.

Confab delegates

Local members attending the MDC-EDC convention in Chicago over the Labor Day holidays were Mrs. Ikeda, John and Robert Fuyume, Charles Nagao, Laye Ikeda and Irene Aoki.

Holiday Socials

Social highlight each winter is the New Year's Eve dance when CLers get together for the last time to swing out the old and welcome the new. According to Chairman James Nakao, this year's dance will feature the music of Ken-Janney's orchestra.

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FOWLER — The Fowler chapter of the Japanese American Citizens League entered its sixth year in 1957 with Frank Sakohira as president with Mikio Uchiyama as president-elect.

The Fowler chapter constitution provides the first vice-president shall be the "president-elect" and take over the presidency the following year.

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Fund Drive

Activities for the year began in January with the chapter assisting in the registration of aliens and filing of alien address reports.

Mas Tsuboi, selected as 1957 membership chairman, was assisted by the board members to sign over 110 members in February. Another major project was the Fowler JACL fund drive which covered expenditures for community activities and meeting the national JACL quota. Some of the activities included the community picnic, track meet, chapter scholarship, Fresno District Fair display, guest speakers, travel pool, chapter dues for the Central California District Council, chapter news bulletin and cabinet functions.

Interesting guest speakers appearing at Fowler meetings were John Harness of Selma, who spoke in March, on his adventures of the "African Safari" and augmented by films; and Frances Gil, former Fowler High and Fresno State College graduate, who spoke last month on her recent tour of Europe.

"This Is Your Life—Mike Masakoka" was shown to the chapter in April.

Scholarship Winner

Guadalupe Ramirez won the Fowler JACL scholarship in June. Hideo Kikuta was scholarship chairman.

Fowler JACL was represented at the San Francisco JACL Olympics with Tom Sano, Tad Nakamura, Shigeo Tokubo and George Sakamoto on the Reedley JACL team which won the statewide JACL track meet by a narrow margin over San Francisco and Los Angeles.

Over 200 JACLers and members of their family enjoyed the chapter community picnic at Fowler City Park in June. Frank Kimura and George Taniguchi were picnic co-chairmen.

Again assisting the Fowler community in displaying their agricultural products at the Fresno District Fair in mid-October, the JACL here won five first-place ribbons, four seconds and five thirds in the vegetable division and nine firsts, one second and six thirds-places in the plums division.

Being anticipated as the year draws to an end is the traditional Christmas party for the children.

One chapter project that will prove popular in the years to come was the purchase of a large American flag to be displayed at suitable public functions by any community organization.

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By HARRY HONDA

... the best-laid schemes
o' mice an' men gang aft
agley,
An' led'e us naught
but grief an' pain
For promised joy!

—Robert Burns
"To a Mouse"

● This was to be a year—after having put away four previous Holiday Issues—things were going to be systematic and organized. For conservation of energy and quality in output, one might phrase it... But the Scot romantic had words for 1957's Holiday Issue, as quoted above... After entertaining such fine hopes of "best-laid schemes" in midyear that we had finally systematized a method for publishing a big edition as this—things went awry. There was a change in staff personnel: Tats Kushida resigned and Fred Takata is taking over without so much of a shake-down cruise. Our faithful assistant left town: Brother Theophane is in Kansas City for sorely needed (or is it anti-sorely?) treatment for his paining back. A vital cog in the setup offgear temporarily; though Blanche Shiosaki of the JACL Regional Office is back at her desk, she couldn't shake off a mean virus that stalled the system for a week during the most hectic part of the schedule... And "grief an' pain" came, too. A transit strike interferes; it didn't quite upset the procedure, but PC circulation manager Miki Fukushima was inconvenienced. An old movie on TV interrupts; when a local channel billed "Air Force", business manager Fred lost a day in soliciting greetings to resume his role as regional JACL director at a most critical time.

● But, we see "promised joy" for after the 1957 edition is off the press—we shall heave a sigh of relief, sleep regular hours and eat our suppers at home... There is one compensation that seems hard to find elsewhere in JACL work that is as evident as a PC Holiday Issue. We see a band of intrepid workers gathering goodwill of merchants and support of members from across the country. We see the talent of chapter people unfold in the pages through their reports, stories and other ways... Take this particular issue for instance.

● Finest cover to ever grace the Pacific Citizen Holiday Issue is the 1957 design created by Hisashi Tani, already famous for his JACL pin wheel devised for the 1956 San Francisco convention. A commercial artist by profession, he was president of the San Francisco Artists Club last year and has been a consistent winner in Western advertising art competitions... If you multiply the number of rows of tiny faces up and across—you'll be surprised at the count—as if each represented a member in good standing in the 1000 Club at the present time in commemorating the 10th anniversary of the founding of the organization, which has become a financial backbone for JACL... Our heartiest thanks Hisashi. It more than makes up for the hours of sleep I've missed for a week... This is the first time, incidentally, that we have ventured to ask someone outside of Los Angeles to design a cover. Considering we handled it by one or two letters, and possibly some gentle reminders from Daisy Uyeda in San Francisco, the last-minute arrival was well worth the waiting.

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By Way of Introduction . . .

They say the Shoshones, who roamed the country in and around what is Yellowstone National Park today, had a phrase for "See the sun coming down the mountain"—Ee-dah-how—as a morning rally cry. As the first white man heard it, probably the great explorers Lewis and Clark, the territory of what is now the State of Idaho, got its name. As states go, it is fairly young—having been admitted in 1890—but by the 1900 census, there were close to 1,300 Japanese among 161,000.

From the competent reports gathered by our Idaho JACL correspondents, who surely labored to sift the stories from their Issei parents for this year's Holiday Issue feature, the first colony of Japanese in Idaho was associated with the railroads.

With railroads and irrigation making inroads into Idaho that was predominantly a mining state, farming soon became its major industry by the 1900s. With this as a backdrop, we are most happy to introduce the stories of the Japanese in Idaho for the first time. With Idaho economy firmly grounded in agriculture, the Issei began to appear in great numbers at three centers—Pocatello, Idaho Falls and Rexburg—about this time. The Issei in this region identified the area as "Toai," Eastern Idaho, the three cities served by the Oregon Short Railway (now the Union Pacific) along the Snake River.

The story of the Japanese in Idaho is by no means complete as the account of the group in Boise Valley in western Idaho has not been taken into consideration. This much can be said, however, the Issei pioneers of "Toai" moved west in subsequent years to make it another great potato country. There is a fabulous story in the contribution of the Japanese Issei to a great Yankee staple—potatoes. Most notable personality would be George Shima, the "Potato King" of Stockton. It would encompass the growers in eastern Oregon and Colorado as well.

We are personally indebted to Ronald Yokota of Pocatello, Mrs. Yoshiko Ochi of Idaho Falls, Miye Hikida and John Sakota of Yellowstone JACL chapters for gathering the stories and pictures, which one day will illuminate the pages of our Great Issei Story.

—Editor

. . . in Idaho Falls

BY YOSHIKO OCHI

Conversations with the Issei living in the Idaho Falls area indicate that the earliest Japanese arriving in any great numbers and settling in this locality was in 1903.

Tamejiro Yamasaki (father of A. Yamasaki, and grandfather of Katsuki and Sam Yamasaki), Henry Kasai's father, Roy Kumazo Shikashio (Yoshiko Ochi is a daughter), Unotaro Fujii, Kanichi Sakabu, and Masanori Akimoto (father of Mrs. Henry Kodani of Los Angeles and Mrs. Bill Kajikawa of Tempe) are the persons whose names were remembered.

These pioneers were followed in 1904 by I. Nishioka, Hideo Takashi, Hidekichi Takahashi, Kichigoro Taniguchi, Sunichi Suzuki, and a Mr. Oguma. Yoichi Miyake arrived in 1905, and Seiji Haga (Tak Haka's father) arrived in 1908. Messrs. Sasaki, Tokushige, and Kozai arrived in 1905. The first birth in the area of a Nisei was probably that of Tamayo Kano, followed by Fuji Inouye, Minoru Harada, and Yukio Inouye.

Sugar Beet Farming

The first record of agricultural activity in the area was in the Shelley vicinity where three Issei, Kojiro Inouye, Roy Shikashio, and K. Kusaba rented a 40-acre farm from Woodhouse Moore.

The success of the venture encouraged them to secure a lease in 1904 from the late Heber Austin to farm 93 acres of irrigated land east of Idaho Falls. The sugar beets yielded 18.6 ton per acre.

In 1905 Inouye, Kusaba, and Shikashio leased 800 acres on a share-crop basis from the Utah Idaho Sugar Company to raise sugar beets. This was one of the largest sugar beet operations at that time and the company was in its infancy.

First Spud Growers

In 1905 Nishioka, Fujii and Taniguchi started farming independently in the St. Leon area. The Nishioka-Konishi partnership in 1906

was the beginning of potato raising among the Japanese. They raised 30 acres of potatoes in addition to 130 acres of sugar beets. In 1908 the first steam tractor operations were begun at Roberts where they leased 1000 acres. It was here that the first steam tractor operations were begun. In 1918 the Yamasakis farmed land with their first Ferguson tractor.

And 1906 seems to be the be-
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Forerunners of Nisei heritage—the Shiratoris, Tanagis and Tera-zawas—had established themselves as laborers on the Austin ranch near Rexburg in 1905. Under the leadership of these three, other Japanese were encouraged to work with them in this area which extends from the Sand Dunes on the north to the tumbling Snake River on the south. A thriving sugar beet industry necessitated more workers, so that 150 Japanese had settled themselves in the valley in the early days.

As the years wore on, the bulk of the workers left the ranch, but the remaining 30 became permanent settlers and were farming on their own. It may be interesting to note that the first Japanese woman to come to this valley was the wife of Kikutaro Asano. Her younger sister, Mrs. Fuku Abe, is

Blackfoot and Pocatello, located in the southeastern part of Idaho, comprise the Pocatello JACL Chapter. Twenty-five miles separate these two cities. Blackfoot dates back to 1907 and Pocatello to 1882; however, the region has a history dating back to 1810 when trappers first came into this area. Fort Hall, an important trading post in the Old West, mid-point between the two cities, was erected in 1834.

In 1872 the narrow gauge Utah and Northern railroad reached Pocatello from Ogden, Utah. Ten years later, the Oregon Short Line was built. These two roads crossed at Pocatello—named after a chief of a local Indian tribe—and established it as a rail center. It was this rail center that brought the first Japanese.

Railroading Issei

One of the earliest was K. Shiosaki, who worked on the Mackay branch in 1900. In 1901 S. Inukai opened an employment office in Pocatello to accommodate 80 to 90 railroad workers who were employed in the shops as mechanics, machinists and laborers. Issei workers came in droves and by 1911, over 400 Japanese workers were in this area. Most of these men were in their late teens and early twenties.

K. Ochiai, acting as an interpreter, accompanied the group from Japan to their destination. K. Shiosaki and M. Ohta became section foremen in their areas, which was quite an accomplishment in those days.

Between the years 1903 and 1906, early Issei railroaders in Blackfoot were F. Shikashio, J. Konishi, D. Tominaga, K. Maruji, I. Nii, S. Hanaoka and T. Kumagae.

Ousted By Strike

A railroad strike was called by Walter Chrysler, now president of Chrysler Motor, and by April 1913, the strike was ended in favor of the company. All Japanese workers were replaced except Sam Nishisaki and Tom Ogata, who remained until their retirement.

Subsequently the former railroaders relocated or started farming. Many went to Utah to work in the copper and coal mines. Others stayed on as laborers on farms or started farming themselves.

Farming was exceptionally hard work in the early days of the Old West. All work was done by hand with the aid of horses. The men tilled the fields from early morning until late at night. After work was done for the day, the horses

still had to be fed, watered and bedded down for the night. A bushel of grain was so cheap that it could not buy a loaf of bread.

First Issei Farmers

It was some 47 years ago that K. Okamura and Ben Akagi came to this area and established themselves as the first Japanese farmers in Pocatello. The TMY Gardens started a few years later.

In 1912, S. Kato started farming in the Wapello and Thomas area. He was one of the first Issei to raise sugar beets in this part of Idaho. Mr. Tanabe started farming the Groveland area in 1916. The Utah-Idaho Sugar Company soon constructed a factory in Blackfoot. Thus the Japanese farmers started raising sugar beets on a large scale. A Mr. Nishida became field supervisor for the company. Mrs. Nishida, Mrs. Takashi, Mrs. G. Shintani and Mrs. Yamasaki were the first Issei women to come to this region.

Role of Newspaper

Agricultural potentials were publicized through the Rocky Mountain Shimpo by Mr. Hanaki and soon it attracted a number of farmers. Notable in the Pocatello area were R. Morimoto, Ben Akagi, K. Yokota, W. Sumida, K. Goto, S. Kato, F. Yoshimoto, K. Nosaka, Y. Tanabe, T. Hashimoto, K. Kubota and others; in the Blackfoot area were Kasabe, Hiraga, Yamamoto and Andow.

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The Japanese in Idaho

. . . as told in Pocatello

BY RONALD YOKOTA

Probably few areas remain in the United States where traces of the Old West and modern America are intertwined so closely as in Idaho. The spirit of pioneers who came in the early 1800s was rekindled in the early 1900s when the first Japanese came. These Issei were true pioneers, having come with little or no knowledge of the customs of the land besides their barrier of language. They married and raised their families. Their children (the Nisei) today are an integral part of Idaho society. As this shall be a general history of the Japanese in this area, the story rightfully belongs to the Issei and it is to them that this is dedicated.

Blackfoot and Pocatello, located in the southeastern part of Idaho, comprise the Pocatello JACL Chapter. Twenty-five miles separate these two cities. Blackfoot dates back to 1907 and Pocatello to 1882; however, the region has a history dating back to 1810 when trappers first came into this area. Fort Hall, an important trading post in the Old West, mid-point between the two cities, was erected in 1834.

In 1872 the narrow gauge Utah and Northern railroad reached Pocatello from Ogden, Utah. Ten years later, the Oregon Short Line was built. These two roads crossed at Pocatello—named after a chief of a local Indian tribe—and established it as a rail center. It was this rail center that brought the first Japanese.

Railroading Issei

One of the earliest was K. Shiosaki, who worked on the Mackay branch in 1900. In 1901 S. Inukai opened an employment office in Pocatello to accommodate 80 to 90 railroad workers who were employed in the shops as mechanics, machinists and laborers. Issei workers came in droves and by 1911, over 400 Japanese workers were in this area. Most of these men were in their late teens and early twenties.

K. Ochiai, acting as an interpreter, accompanied the group from Japan to their destination. K. Shiosaki and M. Ohta became section foremen in their areas, which was quite an accomplishment in those days.

Between the years 1903 and 1906, early Issei railroaders in Blackfoot were F. Shikashio, J. Konishi, D. Tominaga, K. Maruji, I. Nii, S. Hanaoka and T. Kumagae.

Ousted By Strike

A railroad strike was called by Walter Chrysler, now president of Chrysler Motor, and by April 1913, the strike was ended in favor of the company. All Japanese workers were replaced except Sam Nishisaki and Tom Ogata, who remained until their retirement.

Subsequently the former railroaders relocated or started farming. Many went to Utah to work in the copper and coal mines. Others stayed on as laborers on farms or started farming themselves.

Farming was exceptionally hard work in the early days of the Old West. All work was done by hand with the aid of horses. The men tilled the fields from early morning until late at night. After work was done for the day, the horses

still had to be fed, watered and bedded down for the night. A bushel of grain was so cheap that it could not buy a loaf of bread.

First Issei Farmers

It was some 47 years ago that K. Okamura and Ben Akagi came to this area and established themselves as the first Japanese farmers in Pocatello. The TMY Gardens started a few years later.

In 1912, S. Kato started farming in the Wapello and Thomas area. He was one of the first Issei to raise sugar beets in this part of Idaho. Mr. Tanabe started farming the Groveland area in 1916. The Utah-Idaho Sugar Company soon constructed a factory in Blackfoot. Thus the Japanese farmers started raising sugar beets on a large scale. A Mr. Nishida became field supervisor for the company. Mrs. Nishida, Mrs. Takashi, Mrs. G. Shintani and Mrs. Yamasaki were the first Issei women to come to this region.

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. . . up Yellowstone way

BY JOHN SAKOTA

presently residing in nearby Sugar City.

The importance of organization was realized in the minds of these pioneers. With Rokunosuke Tera-zawa as their president, they organized the first Japanese Association around 1910.

Their greatest impediment in integrating themselves among the Caucasians was the language. For example, Zenzo Miura relates this story about going to the grocery store to purchase some eggs. As he entered the store, no eggs were visible where he might lead the clerk to what he wanted. As a last resort, he took a piece of white paper and rolled it into a ball and dropped it cackling like a hen. The clerk readily understood and gave him the eggs.

The everyday life of these pio-

neers is full of such humorous incidents which manifest the courage they had to established themselves here.

Successful Farmers

The inherent ability to work with the soil can be exemplified by the success of the farmers now residing in this area; such as, the Fujimotos, Hanamis, Hikidas, Miyasakis, Sakotas, Ugakis and Yamasakis. There are others who started here and moved to other communities where they are now successfully engaged as farmers.

Frank S. Manabe, now retired, was among those instrumental in raising seed potatoes and making it a paying crop. Later, he raised potatoes commercially, thus enabling it to become a basic crop for most of the Japanese farmers.
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ABOVE PHOTO

Scene in the photograph on the top of this page is of the Snake River as it flows near Idaho Falls.

Yellowstone JACL owes life to responsible Nisei farmers

REXBURG—The geography of the Yellowstone JACL area provides an individual to reap greater opportunities in the field of agriculture. Thus, the majority of Nisei has followed the footsteps of their fathers and is sticking to farming.

While the war periods depleted the source of help needed to carry on the operations, the Nisei who were left behind to tend farms did a superb job, producing much-needed food commodities for the war effort. They not only kept the farms in order, but a young JACL chapter was kept alive by these devoted farmers who also were family men. The men, as well as the chapter which was only in its second year of JACL when World War II broke, survived the grim period and are prospering today.

This, then, is the start of the Nisei story in southeastern Idaho. These are the individuals who are making their contribution to the welfare of persons of Japanese ancestry.

Three Sakota Brothers

The three brothers, Kiyoshi, Kazuo and John Sakota, operate one of the largest surface-irrigated farms in this community. Their 1,010 acres produce wheat, grains, alfalfa hay, and the famed Idaho potato. Cooperative utilization of their resources, machinery, labor, and their individual aptitude as farmers, manifests farming can be a successful business, even during these times when the margin of profit is narrow.

Their operation is unique in that approximately 650 acres are irrigated by the sprinkling method, which has not been tried on such a large scale. Their 27,720 feet of pipe-line manned by two huge pumps drilled 415 feet and 340 feet respectively, supply the water to these lines. This network of pipes adequately supplies the plants with moisture and the entire 650 acres is covered within the period of eight-day intervals throughout the growing season of the crop.

The bulk of the work is done by these three boys and their families. A little outside help is used during the irrigating period and the harvesting of the crops.

Profitable Farming

With the use of modern machinery and good management, the Sakota brothers are able to operate with the minimum of outside labor, a secret to profitable farming. They have gathered in their bumper crops of 250 acres of potatoes, 100 acres of alfalfa hay, 200 acres of wheat and 400 acres of mixed feed grain.

Not only are they successful in their farming, but they are also ardent supporters of the local JACL. This is indicative by their activity. Kiyoshi has been chapter president three or four times since it was organized.

Kazuo has been leading the athletic program for a number of years. John, who is now chapter president, has also held other positions in the chapter. Their wives also served in various capacities as officers and committee members in furthering the JACL program. The operation of their business and the devotion to duty in the progress of the chapter is an inspiration to all and it behooves others to put their shoulder to the wheel.

Four Hanami Brothers

Stomie, Yoshimi, Takeshi and Yutaka Hanami combine efforts to operate their 700 acres. Their selection of crops is quite similar to those of the Sakotas since the climatic and soil condition limits them to the choice of crops.

Their basic crop is the famed Idaho potato. They were the first to harvest their potatoes by the bulk system which eliminated

many hours in their harvesting. Their farming is supplemented by a beef project which gives a good rounded out program.

They contribute unselfishly of their service to the betterment of JACL; Stomie, as one of the early leaders, and others having contributed their share in service as cabinet holders since birth of the organization.

The Hikida Brothers

Fuji and Toego Hikida operate their 360 acres of rich sandy loam soil which is adapted for the highest quality potatoes. They have mastered the art of raising high quality potatoes so that their yield per acre has been of the highest.

Fuji was the first chapter president after the Toai Nisei Club joined the JACL and since then has occupied several cabinet offices. Presently he is official delegate of this chapter. His wife is also a faithful member of the organization as well as taking part in church and civic functions. She has held many responsible positions in our local chapter.

Toego has been involved in the chapter through its athletic program and served in that line of work for many years, and unselfishly devoting his time to special committee assignments. His wife is the present social chairman, making all meetings entertaining and educational for a good and healthy organization.

The Miyasakis

Kiyoshi, Tateshi, Hiroshi and Katsumi Miyasaki maintain their livelihood on 500 acres, Tateshi having a few dairy cows to supplement his farming program. The others confine their source of income to potatoes, grain, and alfalfa hay. Tommy independently operates a poultry farm with his family.

The Miyasakis, too, have contributed their efforts to Yellowstone JACL. Each has held various cabinet posts during the years, Hiroshi stepping a notch higher by being elected treasurer of the Intermountain District Council.

Poultryman Tommy was featured in an American Hatchery News article by Ambrose Brownell, executive director of the American Poultry Hatchery Federation, several years ago when he was sitting in the audience while Tommy was telling his story of building a 2,000 hen commercial egg farming operation before the Idaho Poultry Hatchery Association assembled at the Univ. of Idaho campus.

What touched the writer as Tommy was speaking was the whisper from a man sitting next to him: "You know Tommy is blind?" Today, Tommy has 8,000 chickens on his Sugar City farm.

Chapter President

Very few people have found time or the ability to undertake what Tommy has in church and other organizations. In the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints, Tommy is the Sunday School Superintendent besides doing ward teaching. He is a member of the town board in Sugar City also.

Tommy is the first Japanese-American commander of an American Legion Post in the State of Idaho, the position he holds currently in Palisade Post 64. In the JACL, he was one of the vice-chairmen of the Intermountain District Council in the last biennium and is the newly-elected president of the Yellowstone JACL for 1958.

Mary, Tommy's wife, is the newly-elected corresponding secretary, in addition to having held various positions in the organization of the Yellowstone JACL. She has seen to it that her children have become active participants in various organizations such as the scouting program.

Her daughter, Donna, is the outstanding baton twirler in the area as well as having won top ratings in her division in other states. Donna is only 7 years of age. The Miyasakis have three children.

Ugaki and Fujimoto

Yoshihisa Ugaki operates a farm with his wife and two children. On 260 acres, besides the usual potatoes, grain and hay as basic crops, he also grows sugar beets as one of his cash crops. This crop which was popular during the farming days of our parents is very sparsely accepted as a cash crop by farmers today. He and his wife are actively engaged in the progress of the chapter. Both have held responsible cabinet positions.

Mataki Fujimoto, one of the active Issei JACLers, operates 200 acres just south of Rexburg. He has centered his interest to grain and livestock. His children are active in various school functions.

Not only are Mr. Fujimoto and his wife faithful JACL supporters but, also, leaders in Issei organizations which have assisted much toward the mutual participation in functions that concern both Issei and Nisei.

The Three Yamasakis

The Yamasaki brothers, Haruo, Toshi and Gene, the area's outstanding diversified farmers, operate 180 acres of rich irrigated farm just north of Sugar City, with a dairy herd of beautiful Guernsey cows. Theirs is a perfect sample of team work with their father who has had many years' experience in operating a farm. They pioneered in the method of irrigating potatoes with syphon tubes over 15 years ago.

They particularly stress the importance in maintaining the content of organic matter by crop rotation with legume and grass hay crops for their cows and spreading barnyard fertilizer in crop land. They claim that the organic matter helps the soil to keep its moisture, provides plants their food and helps roots to penetrate into the soil.

Haruo, the eldest, operates the farm with his brother Gene. Toshi is presently away studying at the University of Utah. Haruo, the outstanding Nisei of the community has contributed much to improve the social life in this area. He is the recipient of an award for outstanding ten-year service to the local JACL. He is now serving as treasurer. Haruo is also a family loving man and enjoying harmony in his family with his wife, Yaeko, and two children.

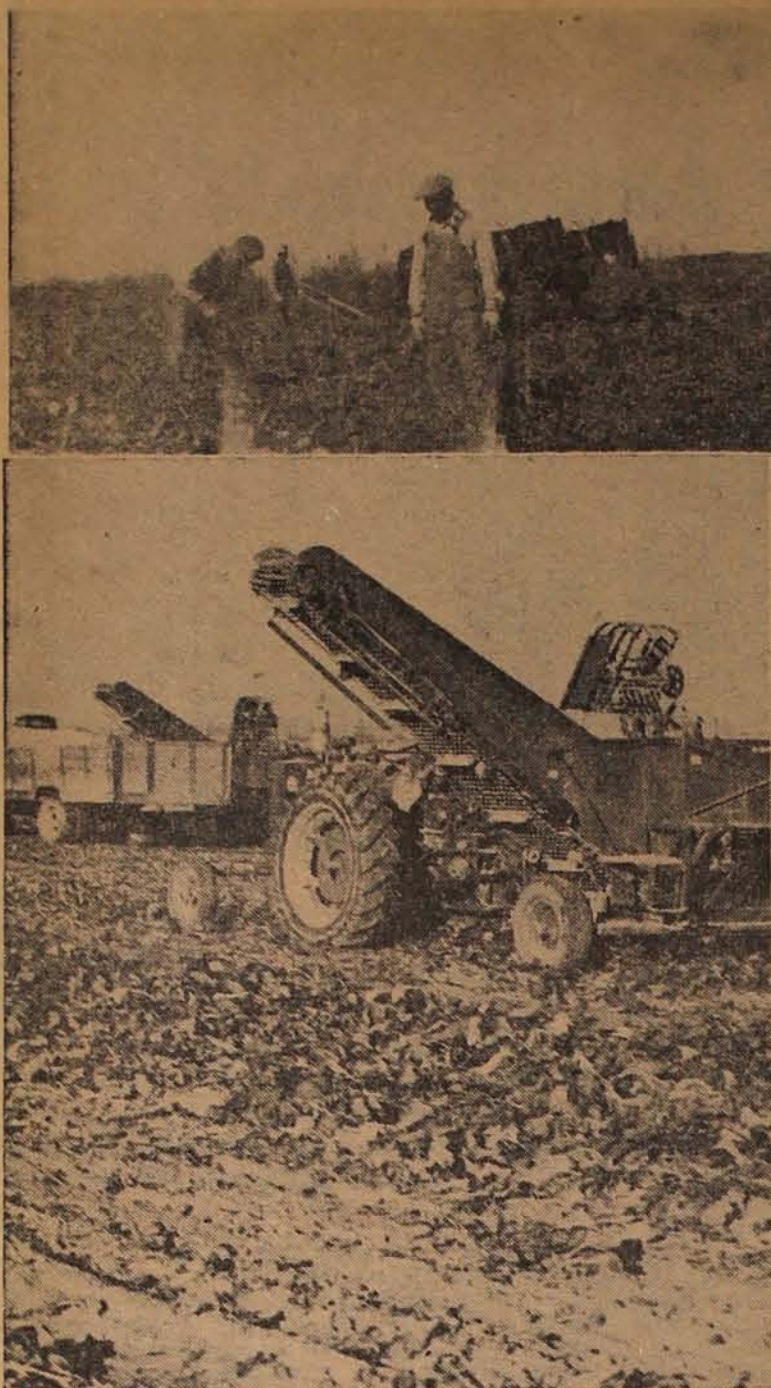
Outstanding Fujimoto

Recognized this past summer as the Outstanding Farmer of the Burton - Union - Independence area in Madison County by the Soil Conservation Service, Masayoshi Fujimoto operates 120 acres, 20 of which was reclaimed from sagebrush last year and with potatoes successfully being produced there.

Other parts of his farm were reclaimed from what was slough and willows, some stretching 15 and 20 feet tall. He raises alfalfa hay, grain and spuds on a seven-year crop rotation plan. His wife, Kiyoko, and two children do their share. A livestock program of 30 head of cattle, including 10 milking cows, is also conducted.

Mas has been farming since 1937, save for five years in the U.S. Army when his uncle ran the farm. He has found time to participate in the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints, where he is an elder doing ward teaching, secretary of the Elders Quorum and a Sunday School teacher. He was vice-commander last year of the local American Legion Palisade Post 64. His wife also has an

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SUGAR BEET HARVEST

Top photo shows how sugar beets were harvested in the days when Issei were farming in Idaho. One row is turned over by a horse-drawn digger and the men follow topping by hand. Bottom photo shows the modern beet harvester, which can dig and top one or two rows in one operation. A truck (as seen in left portion of picture) follows along side the harvester until loaded.



IDAHO POTATO HARVEST

Top photo shows the horse-drawn potato digger in operation as in yesteryears. The modern potato harvester, as shown in the lower photo, digs and loads in one operation.

The point of the story . .

Without a doubt, no story of the Japanese in Idaho would be complete without recounting the few years Ben Kuroki, the Nebraska Nisei airman who won fame for heroism during World War II, had spent while publishing his newspaper, the Blackfoot Daily Tribune. On the inside of an Issei citizenship program leaflet distributed by the Pocatello JACL in 1954, we find this literary gem.—Editor.

I saw him collapse atop a hay stack because of heart trouble, heard the doc say he wouldn't last five more years.

But he was a farmer, the hard-working kind who never knew when to quit. As he put it, he couldn't afford to give up; he had 10 kids and a wife to clothe and feed.

However, the day came when they had to move him off the farm. Hardening of the arteries was getting the best of him, and once more the doc pronounced the maximum: two years to go.

But Sam was too tough to die. Five, 10 and 15 years later he was still going strong. Slightly emaciated, of course. And a good wind storm would have blown him away, he was so thin. But he lived to see four sons go off to war and a few grandchildren crop up along the way . . .

There wasn't anything unusual about Sam. He wasn't any different than any other person except his skin was yellow, his eyes slanted and his status 'alien.' Which is not the point of the story.

The point of the story is that Sam was recently given a chance to become a citizen of these United States and he made the best of it. He was "excluded" for almost 60 years of his life here, and he could have been bitter for that. He was 80 years old, and you might say he has some reason to stay home and forget about citizenship. But he didn't, and that's the point of the story.

Sam went before the Federal judge, scared stiff he would not make the grade. He even wanted the judge to know he had a very bad heart so the judge wouldn't ask him too many questions. But the judge just laughed; and Sam laughed.

I was never so pleased in my life to hear that Sam was a citizen. Even if his old ticker gives out now, he'll die as an American and not as an alien. He did me proud, so to speak. And you can understand why . . . he is my old man.

— BEN KUROKI

. . . up Yellowstone Way

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Bulk of the farmers were on a diversified cropping system except two who specialized in truck farming. They were Joe Kusaka and S. Nagata, who supplied fresh vegetables to the local grocery stores.

But there were some pioneering Issei engaged in other businesses. The first permanently established store was operated by T. Jeto handling Japanese goods, followed by T. Numoto in Rexburg, Idaho. The first successful cafe established in St. Anthony was in 1930 by Harry Hosoda. There were others prior to that in Rexburg but they were short-lived. Other Issei devoted themselves to positions with the railroads.

Educating the Children

While busy with the day-to-day problem of earning a livelihood for their family, the Issei did not neglect the education of their growing children. They wanted the Nisei to be taught the customs and culture of Japan. With Mr. Riyujin as president of the organization, they constructed a school and called it the Toai Gakuen.

The first bell rang out in the summer of 1925 and Momojiro Kobayashi was the instructor with classes ranging from the first grade to high school. (Reluctant as we were about going to Japanese school then, we are certainly grateful now for the wisdom they had shown.)

Kobayashi Sensei felt the need of organizing a group for the young people several years later, so the Toai Nisei Club was founded in 1933 with Joe Niki as the first president. It was primarily for the young men, to develop leadership through sports and hobbies. Sadamu Hanaoka and Kobayashi were advisers.

Three years later, a club for the young ladies, the Joshi Seinen, was organized with Mrs. Haruto Hosoda and Mrs. Yasuyo Yamasaki as advisers. The two clubs were consolidated on Jan. 21, 1940, as the Toai Nisei Club, which then became the Yellowstone Chapter of the Intermountain JACL District Council on Mar. 2, 1941. Fuji Hikiida was the first chapter president. It was Hiroshi Miyasaki

who chose the name of Yellowstone JACL. The original chapter membership was 45.

The Community Today

The Japanese American population in the Yellowstone JACL area consists of 120 persons at the present time. The families reside in the communities of Rexburg, Sugar City, Wilford, Teton and St. Anthony—all within a few miles of each other. They are active in church work, PTA, civic clubs and bowling leagues in their respective localities, besides their main line of farming.

Of the 120 persons of Japanese ancestry in this valley today, 41 Nisei served in the U.S. armed forces since the outbreak of World War II.

What the Issei pioneers have accomplished, though hardly sensational in itself, collectively has impressed the community at large so that the Nisei who has profited now hold a responsibility to keep it that way by being like their parents: men of integrity, of honesty, and showing respect and loyalty toward their elders. These are priceless contributions to the Nisei, and to those that follow in their footsteps, cherished guideposts.

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ginning of vegetable raising in the valley. Hirose Umetaro raised cabbage in small quantity that year. Diversified farming in the area about 1910. At that time Japanese in the valley were raising approximately 1,115 acres in hay and grain; 445 acres in potatoes and a limited acreage in garden vegetables.

Association by 1907

A Japanese association was established in 1907 with a man by the name of Shuichi Suzuki at the head. At that time there were some commercial establishments in the city of Idaho Falls (then called Eagle Rock). There were no pavements; and the horse and buggy was seen in the busier sections of town. A fish market was operated by Mr. Taniguchi. Mr. Morishita (Sadao Morishita's father) had a barber shop. There was a noodle parlor, a pool hall, and cafe in addition.

The first Japanese association had a membership of 56. At the height of its membership there were as many as 350. This was in the early 20s. It seems that the cold winters and seasonal work discouraged all but the most durable; for others went to California or other warmer climes.

The earliest high school graduates in the area were those who studied under the tutelage of the venerable J. S. Best, principal at the old Central School. These were Henry Kasai (now of Salt Lake City), Cisco Nojima Kihara (now of Stockton) Kimi Nojima Yamaguchi (New Jersey), and Josie Nojima Ikeda (Seabrook Farms), and Ruth Akimoto Kodani (Los Angeles).

In 1912, through the efforts of the late W.L. Shattuck, it became possible for Japanese to own land. In 1920 the Alien Land Law was

passed and land ownership became impossible for non-citizens until 1955 when through the efforts of the JACL and the Payette area Nisei the law was repealed. During the short period of eight years, there were a number of new land owners. Seitaro Hori, S. Sato, N. Kuwana, Roy Shikashio, Kojiro Inouye, S. Miyake, S. Haga, K. Mayeda, and Gohachi Saito purchased the first irrigated farms in the valley.

In 1940 Japanese owned 1,396 acres and rented 3,462 acres of irrigated farm land. At the present time, Nisei and Issei own and operate about 10,000 acres in the valley. Of course, the soil seems to be the first love of the Japanese here; however, there are a few persons otherwise engaged.

Katsumi Nukaya owns and operates Katz Pharmacy, Tak Haga just recently acquired one of Idaho Falls' larger trailer courts, Ada and Bill Kishiyama own Ada's Cafe, Fred Ochi runs a commercial art studio and sign shop, Mits Kuwana is a magazine distributor, Hid Hasegawa is a dental technician and owns his own laboratory, Leo Morishita is the manager of a super market.

The Atomic Energy Commission's activities on the Arco desert have brought three chemists and an accountant. These are Dr. Stanley Yamamura Hawaii, Howard Watanabe (Utah), Ted Watanabe (Washington), and Leo Hosoda (formerly of Pocatello).

School Building

It is interesting to note that the first Japanese language school was purchased in 1924. It was on a piece of ground just a block north of the present city hall. In 1926 it was sold when property on First Street was purchased for a larger school.

Shortly after World War II this property was given to the JACL.

It has since been remodeled extensively to provide for a caretaker's apartment on the second floor, an office, ladies' and men's rooms, kitchen, in addition to a large assembly hall.

Japanese in the area, besides pioneering in the sugar beet and potato industry, have helped to build such enterprises as the Bonnevill Hotel, a potato grower's cooperative, the Sacred Heart Hospital, YMCA Building. The native rock for the Wildlife Exhibit Building at Sportsman's Park was hauled by JACL members and they helped to build it.

Civic Minded Nisei

Rural residence precludes many Nisei from joining civic and fraternal organizations which hold their meetings in the city. However many are active in their Farm Bureau, Joe Nishioka and Hid Hasegawa are active in the Junior Chamber of Commerce. Fred Ochi belongs to the Kiwanis Club and serves on the Board of Directors; he was a charter member of the Toastmasters Club. His wife, Yoshiko is secretary-treasurer of the Kiwanianes, has served on the Executive Board of League of Women Voters, and is a past president of Toastmistress Club.

George Tokita, Takeo Haga, and Fred Ochi serve on the Official Board of their Methodist Church.

Sam Sakaguchi is Commander of the American Legion Bonneville Post. The Chamber of Commerce membership list includes Frank Yamasaki, Ada and Bill Kishiyama, and Fred Ochi.

Many Nisei names are seen on P-TA organization lists as officers or heads of committees. Motoko Watanabe has been a president of her P-TA group.

Nisei Acceptance

Although during the war it cannot be said there was no unpleasantness because of their racial origin, the Nisei in Idaho Falls have received wide acceptance and have been generally well respected. This can be attributed to a long-time public relations program which was probably begun in 1903 when our fathers first came to the valley.

Before the war Nisei were invited to speak before Kiwanis, Rotary, Lions and other civic and fraternal organizations telling their story at a time when, even though Japanese-American relationships were strained, they had not reached a point where individual opinions were colored by war hysteria. Every opportunity was taken to explain the situation of the Nisei.

It is our belief that this has been a great factor in the friendliness of the whole community towards Nisei and Nisei problems. This is indicative of the tremendous importance of a public relations program by all the Nisei organizations at all times—it is too late when a crisis emerges.



One of the annual projects of Idaho Falls JACL is the construction of floats for their big city parade. Posing in front of their entry named "Peace" with the symbol of a dove perched high in front of white crosses are (left to right) Charlie Hirai, Eke Inouye, Martha Nishioka, Sadao Morishita, Joe Nishioka, Ky Nii (glasses), Jack Hirao, Mrs. Fred Ochi and Fred Ochi.

Idaho Falls Japanese Americans

THREE IDAHO FALLS PIONEERS



I. NISHIOKA



A. YAMASAKI



ROY K. SHIKASHIO

Issei Past the Age of 50, Study for U.S. Citizenship

POCATELLO. — It was happening all over the United States and at various meeting places. Students were going to school. Not unusual you say?

Perhaps, but many of these "students" showed signs of weariness, greying hair and they were speaking Japanese intermingled with broken English. Their age—50 to 80 and more.

These were the Issei; the year 1953. The Walter-McCarran Immigration and Nationality Act was just brand new. The Issei were eagerly stepping out and learning to become naturalized citizens under this new act.

Here at the Pocatello JACL, the Issei faithfully pursued the course for five wintry months. Each intent on learning U.S. history, government, etc.—stuff that we Nisei have almost forgotten.

Nisei Teachers

It was tough but each "student" studied and studied and studied some more. With such able Nisei instructors as Sumi Kanomata, Harry Watanabe and Novo Kato, the Issei met weekly alternating between Blackfoot and Pocatello. Classes were held at Blackfoot High School and the Alamo Jr. High.

A huge banquet followed the completion of the course. All 42 "students" received Training Certificates in a special ceremony—a job well done.

Subsequently the following received their American citizenship: Takuji Akiyama, Jun Endow, Yori Endow, Shige Goto, Sadanobu Inashima, Suyu Inashima, Tsugio Inouye, Katsumi Kanow, H. Y. Kawamura, Kotaro Kawamura, Toki Kawamura, Kiyo Kasai, Hanako Kijiki, Jiutaro Konishi, Kaneko Konishi, Thomas M. Kumagae, Kinsaku Maruji, Haruye Nagano, Kiuta Nakamura, Tsugi Nakamura, Shioichi Nakashima, Masako Ochiai, Miyoshi Okamura, Masaku Sakurada, Fukutaro F. Shikashio, Miyoshi Shikashio, Itsu Shiosaki, Tomiko Tanabe, Tori Taniyama, Isotaro Yamada, Misako Yamada, Hatsu Yamamoto, Tom Yamamoto, Sugi Yokota, and Isamu Wakamatsu.

Yellowstone Nisei

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active role in the Legion Auxiliary.

Non-Farming Nisei

Mike Kamachi, a cafe operator in St. Anthony, was born in Baldi, Washington. When residing in Sumner, Washington, he evacuated to Hunt, Idaho in 1941. Later, he took up residence in Idaho Falls, where he married Chizuko Ueda in 1945. Mike and Chizuko have three children.

Together they began to operate the Star Cafe in the spring of 1950. Their success and ambitiousness are proved further as they undertook to operate the lunch counter at the Crown Bowl in St. Anthony this year. Mike was in the Junior Chamber of Commerce, Lions Club, and at present is active in the Chamber of Commerce of his town. He and his wife are both supporters of Yellowstone JACL.

Kazuo Hikida began his life in Rexberg. After high school, Kaz spent a few years in the service, being discharged in the spring of 1946. That fall he entered the Trade & Industrial School at Idaho State College in Pocatello, where he received his certificate as a carpenter and has set up his own business. He has successfully established himself as a contractor in Sugar City with his wife, Miye, and their son. Kaz is vice-president of the Yellowstone JACL and Miye is the corresponding secretary. He has found interest in the American Legion and in the church.

Others in different occupations are Harry Ikeda, who is a boiler tender at one of the local mills, and Haruto Hosoda, assistant technician at the Madison Memorial Hospital.

From Yellowstone JACL comes the following list of 19 new citizens: Mr. and Mrs. Shuji Abe, Mataka Fujimoto, Mrs. Asa Hanami (deceased), Mr. and Mrs. Tohichi Hikida, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Hosoda, Harry Ikeda, Mrs. Asa Kamachi, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Manabe, Mrs. Yoshiye Ogawa, Mr. and Mrs. Kisaburo Sakota, Mr. and Mrs. Gisaku Ugaki, Mr. and Mrs. Jinroku Yamasaki.



FIRST NEW CITIZEN

Through 50 years' association with the Caucasians, the Issei learned to love this land, its freedom and its opportunities. Thus, the desire to become a part of America, to be a citizen ripened in their hearts. Finally, in the spring of 1953, it became a reality for Harry Hosoda (above), who successfully passed his examination in English, the first Japanese to become an American citizen in the state of Idaho. In the fall of 1953, the remainder of the Issei of Idaho Japanese was naturalized, thus climaxing a dream of all Nisei that they are all now 100% Americans.

What Nisei in Boise Valley Are Doing Lately

BOISE. — A scrap book containing items and pictures of the past two years highlighting the personalities and activities of the Boise Valley JACL shows sports and civic affairs have made the newspapers rather consistently.

A new Nisei football coach was signed at Middleton High this past September. He is George Nakano, College of Idaho product, of Ocean-side, Calif. Judo has taken hold with community support. Mas Yamashita is the head instructor. And chapter-sponsored Pony League baseball team won the Nampa title under the careful eye of mentor Dyke Itami, ex-Fife (Wash.) Nippon star.

Mike Nishitani, an Idaho Boy Stater, was master counselor of the Caldwell Order of DeMolay Chapter this past year. Calvin Tanabe, of Ontario, was sophomore class president at the College of Idaho.

Graduation parties in June and annual community picnics continued to be popular summer activities.

Bowling Popular

Bowling is a great sport in these parts. Harry Kaneshige of Caldwell chalked up the first 300 in Boise since 1941 while warming up for a tournament in late 1955. The chapter conducts annual tournaments with participants coming from many Intermountain areas.

Both Boise Valley and Snake River Valley chapters, which were part of the original group when it was organized in 1939, introduced JACL and Japanese culture over Boise's television station one evening last year.

An active Boise Valley JACler, Jamie T. Shintani, is active in veteran affairs, having been named to the national civil service and employment committee of the Veterans of Foreign Wars.

Active Nisei Leader

As reported in last year's PC Holiday Issue, one of the most illustrious Nisei here is George

Ishihara, who was a charter member of the Seattle Progressive Citizens League when it was founded in 1921. He was active in JACL in the Seattle area until evacuation and moved here, and is still advising the local chapter. His leadership in conducting the Courier League sports activities in Seattle is also recalled.

Mrs. Masa Kora of Parma served as district treasurer of the Town and County YWCA.

Nisei serve on the Southwestern Idaho Onion Growers association with Harry Kawahara of Caldwell as one of the new directors this year. Kay Watanabe of Caldwell was elected state director of the Caldwell Junior Chamber of Commerce this year. Steve Sako is chief farm labor consultant at the Caldwell ESA.

Shirley Yamashita, a Sears-Roebuck office employee, made the society pages several times showing off new fashions. Miss Sue Hosoda was installed this year as

a member of the National Secretaries Association at Boise.

Issei History Bit

A little bit of Issei history is noted in the scrapbook as National JACL Director Mas Satow, in his Apr. 19, 1957 report writes they first came into Boise Valley as railroad workers and soon settled down to cultivate the soil made fertile by abundant water.

Yoshio Takahashi was awarded the highest recognition granted by the Boy Scouts—the Silver Beaver this past year for his long years of voluntary service. He is the third Nisei in America to be so honored. He is now Ore-Ida council commissioner.

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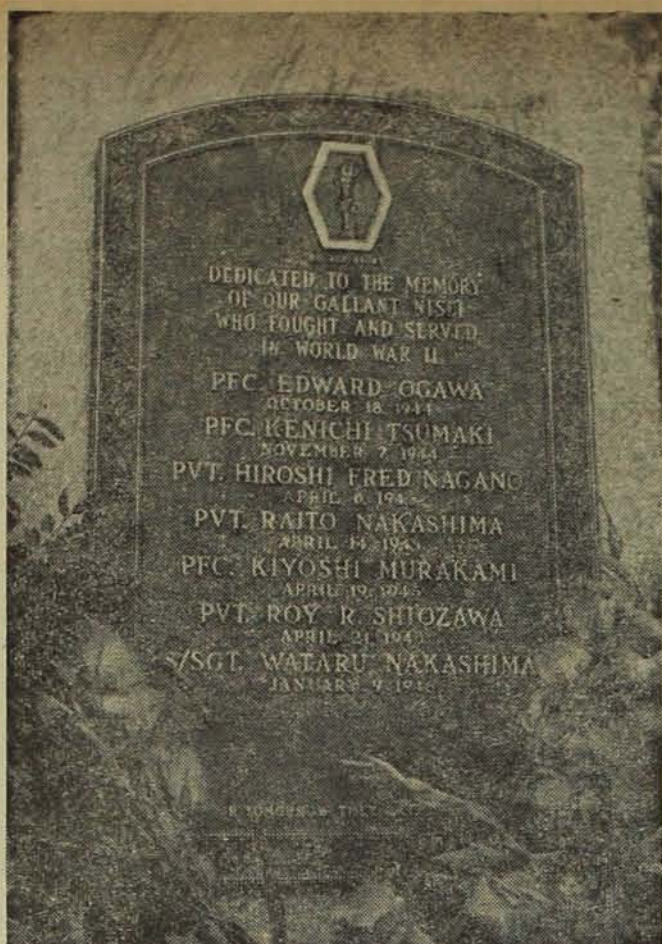
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Erected by the Pocatello JACL, a monument honors the seven members who gave their lives during World War II. While the entire Japanese population of the Pocatello-Blackfoot area is approximately 200, over 80 were called to service, giving this region a very high percentage.

... as told in Pocatello

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and K. Wakasugi; pool hall and barber shop by R. Yokota, and K. Mune; Ban Shoten by T. Sonoda; cleaners by C. Kanomata; the Savoy Cafe, Palm Cafe and noodle parlors by Okawa and Noritake.

In 1924, Dr. T. Kihara opened a dental office and R. Hanaki started the Idaho Photo Studio. A restaurant was operated by Mr. and Mrs. T. Kawai in Blackfoot from 1931 to 1935. The latest Issei to start a flourishing business is R. Ochiai, who opened an import and export goods store in Blackfoot.

Chuo Nikkai Formed

The Central Japanese Association of Idaho was organized in 1918 and functioned as a link with their mother country and as a guardian of their welfare until World War II.

It was the center of all Japanese activities and the first elected officers were president S. Inukai; vice-president, G. Shintani; secretary, T. Yanase; and treasurer, T. Sonoda.

In October, 1919, the present Pocatello Japanese Hall was purchased entirely by donations from the Christian Science Church. This was also a year of great progress and spirit as the first Japanese picnic was held in the vicinity of the present Kraft Cheese plant.

With full spirit, a huge crowd gathered, coming in their horse and buggies. In succeeding years, the affair continued to be a huge success and has been an annual affair ever since.

Language School

The Issei had great foresight and understanding. It was this characteristic that originated a Japanese language school in 1932. Practically every family was enrolling their children. Looking back over the years, many realize the importance of such a school and a few realize they should have

studied harder. The Issei, despite their language barrier and strange surroundings, were qualified good will ambassadors. Their sincerity, honesty, hard work and cheerfulness, firmly laid the foundation for acceptance by the Caucasians. They made it a comparatively easy task for the Nisei to follow.

As it will be noted, they are in step with the rest of modern America. While farming is the main cog in the life of the Idaho Nisei, others are finding success in business and professional life.

The story of the Idaho Nisei begins during the Depression of the early 1930s, when many of them were attending school about the same time, the Pocatello Seinen Club was organized for the young Nisei and it was later reorganized as the Pocatello Nisei League, which was the predecessor to the Pocatello JACL, being chartered in the fall of 1941.

Baseball was a major sport and the Pocatello Nippons were a tough Nisei team in the prewar years. They competed against other Nisei and Caucasian nines. Tournaments attracted fans and players from near and far. The Tokyo Giants made regular trips through here then, stopping to play a local all-star team.

During the winters, basketball found keen support from the Nisei and Issei parents as well.

The chapter was just a year old when World War II came. It survived the problems that came with the war, being the only organization composed of Japanese ancestry to remain during the war years.

Military Beckons

While few Nisei went to service before Pearl Harbor, over 80 subsequently served in the U. S. armed forces. Seven of them paid the supreme sacrifice, which percentage-wise might be the largest of any JACL chapter. It is not hard to understand why the Pocatello JACL has a special interest in observing Nisei Soldier Memorial Day services each October.

It might be said that the sweat of the Issei and the blood of the Nisei have rightfully won the Japanese Americans a place in the community and American way of life.

The Nisei farmers, having learned well from their parents and given the advantage of schooling, have proven themselves by having better than average farms

and crops. They are progressive and modern individuals compared to better Caucasian farmers. The Nisei farmers have purchased new homes, the latest in farm equipment, and farm with the latest methods. They are agriculturists in the true sense of the word.

Many of the Nisei belong to farm organizations. Many are taking opportunities of the Homesteading Act and pioneering on recently opened desert lands, where nothing but sagebrush grew. Modern machinery has made it easier for them and has led to extensive farming, doubling and many times tripling what their parents had farmed.

Among the progressing farmers are George Shiozawa, Bill Yamauchi, K. and Ike Kawamura, H. Y. and William Kawamura, George Sato, Harvey and Guy Yamashita, Ace and Roy Morimoto; Mike, Jiro and Kunio Yamada, Terry Taki, Takahara, T. Kumagae; Sam, Frank, Jack and Joe Tomiaga.

Other farmers are Tak, T. J. and Tsugi Nakamura, Bingo Bros., Matsuura Bros., Masa Tsukamoto, Bill Yoden, Yozo and Ken Ugaki, Ken and Kiyo Maruji, Kaz and Seiji Endow, Charles Shikashio, Ken Sato, Todd Honda, John Yamagata, Dave Aoyagi, Shig and Tsuneo Nisee, Nagano Bros., Satoru Konma, Tak Konishi and Ken Akiyama, and Jack Hirai.

Non-Farming Nisei

Some Issei and many Nisei have gone into business and professional fields and have been more than readily accepted. They are actively participating in various civic organizations, community affairs and politics. Dr. J. T. Kihara is a successful dentist and associated with many organizations. Mrs. Mary Kasai Suenaga owns and manages the busy Kasai Dance Studios.

Bobby Endo is a pharmacist at Maag Drug; Sam Yokota, office manager in charge of IBM at Associated Foods Stores; Joe Sase, office manager at Challenge Creamery; Ronnie Yokota, administrative assistant with the U.S. Army Reserves; Sumi Kanomata, secretary to the District School superintendent; Pamela Taniyama, secretary at Farmers Insurance; Merrie Yokota, IBM operator at AFS; and Steve Sato owns and operates "Sato Signs" shop.

Jim and Bobs Auto Service is owned and operated by James Takata and Bob Takigawa; Yellowstone Motor Company owned and operated by Novo Kato, Ted Kunitugu and Joe Ota; Roy Hanaki owns and operates the Idaho Photo Studio and is also official photographer for the Idaho State College yearbook.

Bowling Managers

Tom Morimoto is manager of the King Pin Bowl; Joe Sato is manager of the Tough Guy Lanes; Sanji Tsukamoto is assistant main-

tenance mechanic at Tough Guy Lanes. These two bowling alleys are owned by a JACL member and 1000 clubber L. F. Nelson. Sho Higashi is foreman at Williamson Body and Equipment Company.

Mrs. Ida Hanaki is stock manager for Fargo's, one of Pocatello's leading department stores. Mrs. Yori Endow, stock clerk for Hughes Ladies Apparel; S. Inashima, owner and manager of Dearborn Hotel; and Mr. and Mrs. Ike Kawamura are owners and managers of Pinecrest Motel.

In Blackfoot, Jim and Aiko Shikashio own and operate Jim's Phillips 66 Service Station and Aiko also sells Japanese novelties. Jet Cleaners is operated by Jun, Mike and Mickey Shiosaki; Mary Yoden is a secretary at the Bingham County Soil Conservation Service office; Mae Endow is a registered nurse and works part time at the Bingham Memorial Hospital. Hero Shiosaki is shop foreman at Modern Motor Body Shop; and Mimi Akiyama is employed by Dr. Walter Hage as a receptionist.

The Nisei Teachers

In the field of education, Mrs. Cisco Kihara, an outstanding Nisei personality, was an instructor in pharmacy at ISC for many years. She is presently on the College of Pacific faculty. The first Nisei teachers in the Pocatello public schools were Mrs. Reiko Nakashima and Mrs. Frances Yamada. They were followed by Mits Nakashima, Mrs. Sanaye Yamauchi, Cyril and Jane Okamoto.

These teachers have proven to be very popular with the youngsters and many are the parents who have especially requested their child be taught by a Nisei teacher. This is a high compliment to the Nisei teachers of this area. These teachers not only work hard all day but are active in the various organizations related to the teaching field.

Nisei Organizations

All of these Nisei, outstanding in their chosen field, are a credit to the community. They do justice to their parents who were hard workers and admired by their fellow men.

Existing Japanese organizations include the Buddhist Association; Christian Association; Pocatello JACL Chapter and the Jacyln's, a ladies auxiliary of the local chapter.

The Pocatello JACL Chapter has been a very active and growing unit. During the trying times of WW II, it aided financially to its fullest extent to sustain National JACL Headquarters. The leadership, aims and purposes of the JACL is showing in all the Nisei and Issei of this community. Its members have contributed physically and spiritually to the growth of this region.



NISEI ACTIVE IN CIVIC AFFAIRS

Mike Shiosaki (second from left) of Pocatello JACL is one of the active Nisei in Idaho civic affairs. He is with fellow members of the Blackfoot Chamber of Commerce during a membership drive.

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Helping to guide the Sonoma County JACL to even greater heights this past year are the 1957 cabinet members (from left): Sam Miyano, pres.; George Hamamoto, rec. sec.; Jim Murakami, 1st v.p.; Fred Yokoyama, 2nd v.p.; Beth Yamaoka, cor. sec.; Jim Miyano, treas.; Greg Hamamoto, hist.; and Ed Ohki, 1000 Club chairman. —Bill Hamamoto Photo

TWO NOTABLE ACCOMPLISHMENTS

SEBASTOPOL.—The Sonoma County JACL Chapter has been able to add two notable accomplishments to its history during 1957. First, for the sixth consecutive year, the chapter exceeded its previous year membership record by signing up 294 members. Considering the limited potential membership in this area this, in itself, is an outstanding achievement.

The second accomplishment was the number and varied type of activities which were planned throughout the year. While this may not be remarkable to those chapters located in metropolitan areas, it is quite a feat for a rural chapter whose membership is spread over a county wide area.

In addition to the various events that were planned, regular business meetings were conducted on the first Friday of each month. The many affairs sponsored by the chapter were coordinated with the functions planned by our Women's Auxiliary and the local JACL Bowling League. It was indeed

a very busy year for Sonoma County JACLers.

Early Installation

Losing no time, the local chapter opened the year of 1957 with its annual installation and potluck dinner at the local Memorial Hall on Saturday, Jan. 5, with Johnny Hirooka as chairman. The installation rites were conducted by Frank Oda at which time Sam Miyano, chapter president; Margarette Murakami, auxiliary president and their staff of officers were installed.

Annual award for Outstanding Community Service was presented to George Miyano and the Outstanding JACL Member Award was given to Johnny Hirooka at this dinner. Other special recognition awards were presented to Malcolm Melville and Lloyd Ellis.

Immediately following the installation, the 1957 membership campaign got under way. Co-chaired by Sam Miyano, Jim Murakami, John Arishita and Fred Yokohama, the membership drive was planned with utmost care in order that no prospective member would be overlooked.

JACLers, whose efforts enabled the chapter to reach another record breaking year by conducting a house to house canvass, included Lloyd Ellis, Tom Furusho, Tak Kameoka, Ed Ohki, Anne Ohki, Beth Yamaoka, Harry Masuoka, George Kawaoka, Bill Hamamoto, Jim Miyano, George Hamamoto, Yo Ono, Rue Uyeda, Johnny Hirooka, Henry Shimizu, George Miyano, Raymond Morita and Yoshio Sugioka.

Sonoma Bowlers

For the first time local bowlers participated in the 11th Annual National JACL Bowling Tournament in Albany on March 5-10. While no trophies nor prize money was brought home, the bowlers all agreed it was a grand experience to participate in such a large tournament and to compete against bowlers from all parts of the nation.

A perch derby was next on the calendar when some 30 fishermen participated in this event at Salmon Creek on March 17 with Jim Miyano as chairman. The youngsters especially enjoyed this derby.

The one Big Night for all male JACLers took place next on April 6 when a "Stag Nite" was held at the Cotati Legion Hall with Johnny Hirooka and George Hamamoto in charge. With over 100 members present for a grand evening, this affair has become an annual event for the male members of the chapter.

FEPC Speaker

Fred Sheen, area director of the FEPC, spoke to the membership at the May meeting regarding the California Assembly Bill 2000, which was before the state Senate Labor Committee at that time. The history of this legislation and the possible outcome was of interest to the membership present.

On June 1 the annual Bowling League Award and Installation dinner was held at the Green Mill Inn. The championship team trophy was captured by Pisenti Motors after having defeated the Empire Drug team by one pin in the playoffs. Team sponsors were guests at the dinner which was emceed by Johnny Hirooka, bowling league president.

This was followed with a skating party on June 17 at the Santa Rosa Rink for all school graduates of this area. Many of timers left the rink with bruises and aches but a grand time was had by all. Pat Shimizu, assisted by the local Y.B.A., was in charge of arrangements.

At the July meeting funds were

voted for the 4-H premium prizes to be awarded at the Sonoma County Fair in Santa Rosa.

400 at Picnic

The annual community picnic was the next big event which took place on July 7 at Doran Park on Bodega Bay. Jim Murakami, Sam Miyano, Kanemi Ono, Tak Kameoka, Jim Miyano, Johnny Arishita and Fred Yokoyama, assisted by the Women's Auxiliary, staged this most successful chapter outing. Some 400 persons were in attendance and ice cream was furnished by the chapter.

On August 23 a well attended dinner was held by the chapter honoring Thomas C. Yoneda, the chapter's nominee, and winner of the 1957 Pvt. Ben Frank Masaoka Scholarship held at the Green Mill Inn. The award was presented by Mas Satow, National Director, in behalf of the scholarship committee, to Tom.

Guests included Mr. and Mrs. Karl Yoneda, parents of the youth; Mr. and Mrs. Mas Satow and Mr. and Mrs. Henry Knight, principal of Petaluma High School. Margarette Murakami, Ed Ohki and Sam Miyano arranged the dinner.

1000 Club Party

The 1000 Club Splash and Wienie Roast at the Ives Memorial Park in Sebastopol held on Sept. 7 attracted a large crowd of over 150 members and their families. The warm weather was ideal for the swimming which was enjoyed by all. Ed Ohki, chapter 1000 Club chairman, assisted by his committee of George Hamamoto, Pat Shi-

mizu, Beth Yamaoka and Margarette Murakami were responsible for this successful 1000 Club affair.

The winter bowling season began in September with eight teams bowling each Wednesday night at the Santa Rosa Bowl. The women for the first time are bowling in the Santa Rosa Powder Puff League.

Under the capable chairmanship of Tak Kameoka, the annual Japanese benefit movie was held on October 4 and 5 at the local Memorial Hall. Community support of JACL and its program was manifested by a most generous response. Kameoka was assisted by George Yokoyama, Iwazo Hamamoto, Kanemi Ono, Jim Miyano, George Hamamoto, Ed Ohki, Roy Yamamoto, Rue Uyeda, Jim Murakami and Beth Yamaoka.

Chapter Keg Tourney

On Oct. 19 and 20, the third annual Sonoma County JACL Bowling Tournament took place at the Santa Rosa Bowl with John Hirooka in charge. ABC Emblem of San Francisco captured the team event. There were 14 teams and 70 single and double entries participating in the tournament.

Each year since the reactivation of the Sonoma County JACL Chapter Nisei Memorial Day has been observed. This year's Memorial Day services were held on Saturday evening, Oct. 26 at the local Buddhist Church. The church was filled to capacity and was ably chaired by Jim Miyano. Tak Kameoka and Jim Murakami as-

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Yuletide party for children liveliest Auxiliary event

SEBASTOPOL.—Perhaps by far, the most outstanding event staged by the Women's Auxiliary of the Sonoma County Chapter is the community Christmas Party which was staged on Dec. 14 at the local Memorial Hall.

A huge Christmas tree for the holiday spirit sets the stage for this affair. Christmas carols sung around the tree followed by a children's talent show and games for all ages occupied the evening. The evening is climaxed with the appearance of Santa Claus with gifts for all and the serving of delicious holiday tid-bits.

This is the third year that this affair has been held and each year new ideas have been injected to make it more appealing to the children.

The Auxiliary began the year with a joint installation with the chapter. Those installed on Jan. 5 led by Margarette Murakami as president were: Suzy Hirooka, v.p.; Chiyoko Miyano, rec. sec.; Alyce Sugiyama, cor. sec.; Mickey Tsujihara, treas.; Florence Kawaoka and Jean Miyano, co-social chairmen. The Auxiliary arranged the food requirements for this dinner and installation.

On July 7 the Auxiliary members

assisted the chapter by staging the various games at the community picnic.

To raise funds for our activities, a sukiyaki cook book sale was conducted. The sale was climaxed on Aug. 17 with a family sukiyaki dinner held at the local Memorial Hall. There were 70 members and their families to enjoy the dinner, which was capably prepared under the direction of Florence Kawaoka and Jean Miyano.

'Ampan' Sold

To add further to the treasury, refreshments were sold at the chapter's benefit movie held on Oct. 4 and 5. One of our members, Faye Uyeda, made "ampan," which sold like hot cakes. Suzy Hirooka was responsible for this successful fund raising venture.

During the year at least two Auxiliary members visited the Oak Knoll Hospital distributing magazines, books and newspapers for the patients each month.

The year of 1957 brings to a close the third year of existence of the local women's group. Under the capable leadership of Margarette Murakami, we have enjoyed the cordial and social atmosphere that exists among its Auxiliary members.

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The five smiling women, who were installed as 1957 Sonoma County JACL Auxiliary officers earlier this year, are (left to right) Florence Kawaoka, Jean Miyano (social co-chairmen), Margarette Murakami (pres.), Chiyoko Miyano (rec. sec.), and Suzy Hirooka, (v.p.). —Bill Hamamoto Photo

Two who helped mold Sonoma County JACL the past twenty years

BY FRANK ODA

SEBASTOPOL—The Sonoma County JACL Chapter through this Holiday Issue honors two of its members who have served the JACL unstintingly, giving much of their time and effort during the past 20 years.

Both of these old-timers have been very devoted to the JACL movement since their high school days when they joined the local chapter as associate members.

Younger of the two being honored to Kanemi Ono, Kan as he is known in the community had his JACL beginnings in 1933. By 1936 he was elected social co-chairman. In rapid succession during the



KANEMI ONO

years following Kan served the local group as its secretary, treasurer and vice-president.

Following the war Kan was among those instrumental in the reactivation of the local chapter. In the Sebastopol area Kan became a very familiar face on the countless A.D.C. fund drives as well as the annual membership solicitations.

Chapter President

In 1953 Kan served as the chapter treasurer and two years later assumed the position of chapter president. It was under his tenure of office that the 25th anniversary of the JACL was observed by hosting the Northern California-Western Nevada District Council Convention in Sebastopol. It was also during his term of office that the chapter took second place in the district council chapter of the year contest.

Throughout his 20 years Kan has served as chairman for various events planned by the chapter. Kan's firm conviction in JACL is so deep-rooted that while he may not serve as a chapter officer he is always available when needed. This faithful old-timer has contributed much toward making the chapter what it is today.

Kanemi is a product of the local Analy High School. While attend-

ing school, he achieved considerable fame as an athlete. His pole vault record of 12 ft., 9½ in. still remains unbroken in the North Bay League after some 22 years. Kan is married to the former Dorothy Kobuke of this city. They have eight children consisting of five girls and three boys, ranging in age from 13 years to 2 months. When confronted with the PC questionnaire regarding the children and their ages he grinningly commented his family was a Junior JACL in the making.

Apple Orchardist

Ono is engaged in raising apples for which this area is known and his one hope is that some day profits from his apples will allow him to become a life member of the 1000 Club.

The Onos reside at 1025 Gold Ridge Road, Sebastopol.

Besides his JACL activities he is a member of the Board of Directors of the local Buddhist Church. In addition during the summer months he coaches the Sebastopol Little Baseball League.

Kanemi's devotion to JACL has played a tremendous part in making the local JACL chapter so active—a priceless asset for any JACL group.

Second Old-Timer

James Toshio Miyano is the second of our old-timers to be honored. His 20 years of service to the JACL has not faded one bit since the day he joined the group in 1933. This loyal and active member of the Sonoma County chapter is a poultry farmer by occupation.

Jim is assisted in the operation of his farm located at 3090 Skillman Lane, Petaluma, by his charming wife, the former Jean Nobuso of Florin. Jean is also active in the JACL, having served in several capacities in the JACL Women's Auxiliary as well as a Chapter board member.

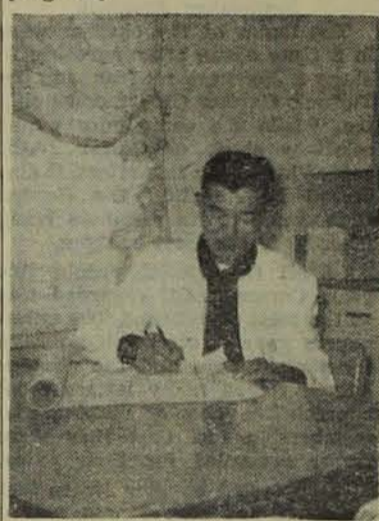
Jim attended the local schools and graduated from Petaluma High School. During his prep days, like Kanemi, he gained quite a reputation in sports. He played football during his four years at Petaluma High. His name graced the local sport pages many times during this period for his spectacular plays as a fullback. Jim's participation in this sport was among the first for a Nisei in this area.

Issei Didn't Understand

Considerable comment by the Issei was created by Jim playing this sport for they couldn't see a person getting battered, bruised and coming home after a game with a limping leg or a black eye.

During the years from 1933 through 1941 Jim served as the social chairman, recording and corresponding secretary, treasurer and vice-president of the local chapter.

Following his return from Amache Relocation Center, he was among those who initiated the impetus toward reactivation of the local chapter. Upon reorganization of the JACL here, Jim spent countless hours on numerous fund drives to support the national legislative program.



JIM MIYANO

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In 1949 Jim served as the chapter president and in 1951 as Vice-Chairman of the N.C.-W.N. District Council. It was also during this period that he served as board member of the Cal-Neva Credit Union.

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Jim has served the JACL long and well. His efforts and active participation in the JACL at a considerable personal sacrifice was acknowledged in 1955 when he was presented the JACL sapphire pin for his long time service.

Besides the many hours he has given to the JACL, Jim has maintained membership in the 1000 Club for the past four years.

Not the type of person who wants to let the other guy do it, Jim managed to keep active in the chapter by serving as its treasurer in 1956 and 1957.

In addition to Jim's active role in the JACL, he is associated with the local Buddhist church as a board member and the Petaluma Sportsman Club.

When Jim is not occupied with JACL matters, you will find him at his favorite hobby of either bass, perch or salmon fishing. His garage resembles a sports shop with his collection of tackles, reels, boats and outboard motors. In addition he enjoys deer hunting in the fall. The number of guns that line his garage walls would put any arsenal to shame.

Both Saluted

Truly great JACLers, chapter members salute these two old-timers Kanemi and Jim for their outstanding contributions made to the Sonoma County Chapter. Their efforts have done much to mold the history of this organization.

SALT LAKE'S COVER ARTIST

— Miki Kobayashi —

SALT LAKE CITY. — Cover artist for the Pacific Citizen depicting this city as hosts to the 15th biennial convention of the Japanese American Citizens League is Miyaki Kobayashi, 23-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Naoki Kobayashi, 160 E. 21st South.

Eldest of four children all born and raised here, "Miki" as she is called, is an active Salt Lake JACLer. Her mother, Sakae, was born in Berkeley, Calif. Her father was among the first Issei to be naturalized here. So, Miki, mother and father are steady supporters of the chapter.

Miki is West High School and University of Utah graduate. She

majoring in commercial art with Bachelor of Fine Arts degree. She has also studied oil painting and watercolor under Sherman Martin, George Dibbles, and Prof. Alvin Gittens. Since graduation, she has been employed by the Utah Bank Note Co. in their Art Dept. doing all their letterhead design, printing, and lithographing art work.

The family being devout Buddhists, Miki has been serving for the past four years as a full time Sunday school teacher. Her hobbies are drawing (of course), sewing and bowling.

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Nisei community good will fostered by Cortez JACLers

TURLOCK — Due concern for continued good will enjoyed by a JACL chapter in its community is seen in the joint sessions of old and new cabinet officers. The Cortez JACL began 1957 with such a special meeting. Heading the new cabinet was Hiro Asai, president, assisted by:

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One avenue of maintaining cordial relations in the community was seen in the annual chapter striped bass derby with net proceeds being shared with other service and youth groups. The chapter made donations to the Ballico Girl Scouts, Vincent District 4-H Club, Cortez Young Peoples Club, Gratton Boy Scouts, Denair Boy Scouts, Turlock Fire Department (for its toy repair project) and Turlock Fire Department Resuscitator Fund.

February Activities

February activities were varied, as the chapter held its general meeting, installation dinner at Modesto's Hotel Covell, and members participated in community functions such as the Ballico Fire Dept. rabbit drive, and many fund campaigns.

Awards to the winners of the chapter's private fishing derby were made at the general meeting to Seio Masuda, Windy Kajioka and Shin Sugiura. The Zellerbach Paper Co. furnished the evening's entertainment.

Jack Noda, national 2nd vice-president and member of Cortez JACL, installed the 1957 officers. Herbert Paul was the guest speaker. The chapter also assisted in the Boy Scout Troop 32 court of honor. The troop is co-sponsored by the chapter and American Legion Post 668.

There were seven causes remembered in the February fund drives. They were the March of Dimes, Red Cross, Cancer Society, Delhi Fire Dept., community picnic and American Museum of Immigration.

March Activities

March began with a snow out-

ing at Pinecrest. It was well-attended with many youngsters using their parents as draft animals for pulling sleds and tobaggans up the hills until wind and muscle could stand no more.

The chapter's Civil Defense representative met with other organizational CD personnel and the school board to plan a quick evacuation of the area in case of emergency.

Spring activities for the chapter-sponsored Scout Troop 32 began with a camporee. Chapter representatives accompanied them to enjoy the dubious pleasures of uncomfortable sleeping and half-cooked or burnt chow. There were no casualties.

The women of the chapter entertained over 100 Girl Scouts and their leaders from six troops of Merced County at Castle Air Force Base, where Japanese dances were rendered by children of Cortez JACLers. Also on display at this successful affair were Japanese dolls and art pieces.

Haruka Ishihara and Ilene Narita, both of Livingston High School, were sponsored by the chapter to attend the Asilomar Conference on International Relations under auspices of the American Friends Service Committee.

April Activities

The JACL-sponsored community picnic at Hagaman Park is becoming popular more than ever with more and more Caucasian families joining the festivities. This year's picnic was best remembered for its abundance of gate prizes for the older folks and awards for the youngsters.

The chapter accepted a charter for a Cub Scout pack, which has attracted many of the chapter mothers to take an active role in this minor league version of scouting.

There was a joint social with the Livingston-Merced JACL in April. Several members also donated blood to the local blood bank, of which the chapter is a participant.

May Activities

The chapter commemorated its 10th anniversary with a potluck dinner at Ballico Veterans Hall. Highlight was the attendance of some 70 Caucasian leaders of the surrounding area, enjoying an

evening of Japanese food and entertainment.

The chapter was represented by three members at the regular quarterly session of the district council at Alameda.

Summer Activities

An outing was held at Lake Yosemite in June to honor local graduates. The day was spent in swimming, boating, fishing, plain sleeping and the main activity of the day: EATING.

A bridge class for the younger group was started.

The chapter received flowering cherry tree seeds from the "Friends of the World."

July ushered in a full schedule of programs for Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts. The Cub Scouts held a family picnic with many chapter member families participating. The Boy Scouts spent a week at Camp McBride in the Pinecrest country with chapter representatives again taking a beating.

A citizens board of the Ballico Elementary School was organized in July with Albert Morimoto, Ernest Yoshida and Hiro Asai representing the chapter.

September Program

The ladies of the chapter were in a tizzy again after agreeing to stage a Japanese program for the Turlock Garden Club membership tea. While the community public relations stock of Cortez JACL soared higher by this effort, it also served to entertain the Garden Club, some of its members being married to the local bankers.

Of all the special events this year, Cortez JACL regarded this as the most significant. The newspapers gave it complete coverage for several days and the chapter later received many letters from appreciative people, making the membership feel that they were amply rewarded for their pains.

Kimono-clad chapter ladies had presented Japanese dances, served tea and rice cakes, demonstrated flower arrangement, and displayed Japanese art and dwarf trees (bonsai).

Incidentally, the chapter was flooded with requests from other organizations to repeat the program and was forced to turn them down.

Fall Program

For October, the chapter held a business meeting and social night. Hiro Asai and Bill Noda were named district council convention delegates.

Harry Kajioka and Howard Taniguchi took charge of the annual bass derby in November. Sports shop owners and other merchants

CHAPTER AIDS IN HUNGARIAN RELIEF

The Snake River Valley JACL, which expected to turn in 40 bags at the outset, tripled its count last February when it sent 2,288 lbs. of clothing for Hungarian refugees. George Mita and Paul Saito were co-chairmen of the drive.

TWO CHAPTERS CHANGE THEIR NAMES THIS YEAR

Two chapters in the No. Calif.-West. Nev. District Council changed their names this year. Southern Alameda County is now known as Fremont JACL and Richmond-El Cerrito is Contra Costa County JACL.

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who helped with registration and boosting the derby were invited to the pre-derby barbecue for a night of heavy eating and relaxing. As usual, the derby was a great success with participants coming from as far south as Los Angeles.

The Cortez JACL presented a trophy to the Central District Council meeting of the Yosemite Area for its Boy Scout Troop of the Year competition. Judges will include prominent citizens in youth work and Cortez JACLers. The large perpetual trophy can be retired by any troop winning it three times. A small trophy will be

given each year.

December Finale

A general meeting in December with election of 1958 officers closes the year. There will also be the Christmas party for chapter member families and friends.

Thus ends 1957—an ordinary sort of a year, but still when all things are listed as in this report, Cortez JACL has had a busy year and a well-meaning one.

There were 120 members in the chapter, including four Caucasians. It represents every Japanese American family in the Cortez area.

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CORTEZ JACL CHAPTER

Caring for aged important, some Nisei will be looking for same pretty soon

By HENRY MORI

You would say that among the many active JACLers of the past whose leadership still plays a prominent role in perpetuating the work of the League today, the name of Charles Kamayatsu of Hollywood JACL can hardly be omitted. He owns and operates a fountain grill on north Main St. where civic dignitaries, including Mayor Norris Poulson, are his patrons.

Kamayatsu was one of the two delegates from Los Angeles attending the first biennial national JACL convention back in 1930 at Seattle. He modestly says it was because he was "on his vacation" and local members who were too busy to go asked Charles to be their representative. The other delegate was Suma Sugi, who, by the way, was the first Nisei woman lobbyist to ever represent persons of Japanese ancestry in Washington in the late 1920s.

Charles is chuck full of humor. But he can get very serious on the subject of Nisei past and the future or the old age problems of the Issei, which he candidly points out as a very near Nisei problem.

Born in Oakland

From what we've gathered by the Kamayatsu interview, he's the oldest of five children (four sons and a daughter) of Mr. and Mrs. Hiyochi Kamayatsu of Oakland. He lost his father several years ago but his mother is still living. It was just after the 1906 San Francisco Fire that the Kamayatsu family decided to make their home in Los Angeles.

Thumbing through some of his old albums of memories, "Chaz" admits the fact that when he was a child, the "center" of so-called Li'l Tokio was somewhere in the vicinity of 5th and Olive Sts. There was also a strong cluster of Japanese along Jackson and Hewitt Sts.

Means of making a livelihood for Issei those days were limited, according to Kamayatsu, whose father was a tailor. "It may sound a little strange but in those days one of the leading occupation among the Issei was tailoring," Charles quipped. "Everybody was making suits for somebody else, it seems." Either they were tailors, or just plain laborers, farmhands, houseboys or janitors — mainly due to their language difficulty in the new country.

Skating in Street

The horse-and-wagon days still remain vivid in Kamayatsu's mind. With great gusto, he would tell about the first days when Central Ave., between Jackson and First Sts.,—scene of many ondo parades and dances before the war—was paved with asphalt.

"It was actually open one day but some of us boys got together, blocked both ends of the street with several of those movable wood guard rails which were already neatly stacked away on the side and spent all day skating from one end of the street to the other. It took a full day before someone got wise to our antics of closing the street that it had been open to public and we were just being coy in keeping it closed," he chuckled. But then boys will be boys.

Boy Scout Troop 106

Charles recalls somewhat with pride the formation of the first



Charles Kamayatsu (right) and Suma Sugi, Los Angeles delegates to the 1930 National JACL Convention, are enroute to the Seattle meeting. This was taken while riding the ferry in San Francisco Bay.

all-Nisei Boy Scout Troop 106 in 1918 under the late Kohei Shimano, a Japanese language tutor, as their scoutmaster. He mentioned John Ando, an active prewar JACLer, as one of the scout executives then. He also referred to a Fred Shimizu as being the first YMCA Japanese secretary, emphasizing too the great work done by National JACL director Masao Satow who, before the war, was serving as YMCA executive secretary with offices in Li'l Tokio.

Kamayatsu was a charter member of the Oliver Club, established on Nov. 21, 1917, by the late Miss Nellie Grace Oliver. The day must have been of great significance to Charles since he picked that date in 1935 to marry Yuki Kuwahara of San Francisco.

1930 Convention

What were some of the things accomplished at that first biennial national convention in Seattle? Some 100 delegates and boosters had congregated for a five-day meeting held at the Brownstone Hotel, owned by a Japanese financier.

"They had as one of their main speakers, a man by the name of Furuya, a president of a Japanese bank," recalls Kamayatsu. "We were slowly feeling the pinch of depression in those uncertain months of the 1930s but it wasn't until the late summer of 1932 just after the Olympic Games in Los Angeles that things began to sag and struggle for existence became pronounced."

Much of the discussion centered around the economic problems faced by the Issei and the growing second generation Japanese, what with depression and great amount of racial discrimination in employment plaguing the minority groups.

On the convention itself, Charles gave much credit to Bob Okazaki, now of motion pictures. "He prepared most of the confab pamphlets and had them printed in time for the conclave. He did a lot of leg work to make everything just so for the delegates. He was certainly one of the key men in

making the confab a great success."

Humorous Experiences

Charles has a very sparkling way of telling humorous experiences in his life. Probably one of his most fabulous adventures in business is that one in which he, as one of the shareholders of Sun Produce Co., went into the miniature golf course enterprise in East Los Angeles where Tenrikyo Hall stands today.

Sun Produce, back in 1932, was the kingpin of the vegetable brokers industry and had at that time expanded with 14 retail stores in southern California. It was just before the chain markets choked them out of business that Charles and several others decided to "ride with the fad" by opening up a picturesque miniature golf course with all the decorative Oriental trimmings possible: Fujiyama, gold fish in the pond, red-painted torii gates, and Japanese fir trees to lend an atmosphere of old Japan.

The way Kamayatsu tells it, you'd think what happened later was one big joke.

Miniature Golf

"... So in the summer of 1932, just after the 10th Olympiad, we had this place going. We had crowds waiting in long lines to play. I think it was two-bits around the link but people still came. Those were hard times when one could get a gallon of gas for 12 or 13 cents and a quarter was a lot of money..."

"But as the first days of cool September came and rains fell on the ground we were faced with an unforeseen predicament: the velvet felt which we had covered the playing course began to shrink. Then, more rain; then more shrinkage. We had to cut strips of felt to fit the gap but later it was just futile. And when the player found out the balls just 'didn't act right' at our course, they didn't come back anymore. It took a peculiar hop that even I couldn't explain," he laughed.

This backfire, however, netted him one new Ford (1932 vintage), although his boss had chided Charles for not waiting until he could afford a Cadillac and a pile of new golf sticks.

Doesn't Look Comic

Kamayatsu is quite the modest and quiet type of a personality when one first meets him. But he really beams and can deliver a hilarious story when the opportune

moment in remembering some funny incident.

He has one gem—which must be told only by him in his own animated way to do it justice. We could not help but burst into a roar when he related his first horseback ride at Griffith Park, when Baron Nishi of Japan was here for the Olympics. It was then that the Baron showed keen interest in the Nisei and said the future of U. S.-Japan goodwill rested on the participation of Japanese Americans in the athletic field—like in the equestrian sports.

He used to sell Wear Ever products to Issei and many newly-wed Nisei couples in San Francisco just prior to World War II, and admitted frankly, (we agreed with him) that you just can't seem to sell to one who can't see or feel—like life insurance—with any profitable results. This introduces his adventure in selling.

Pots & Pans Salesman

He made a top salesman in the nation rating one year with Wear Ever. "One of best group customers were the farmers during their off-harvest season. We would explain our products to them in simple Japanese—about our speed in the language—and they would agree that Wear Ever was the best thing in the world."

"I would give them this sales pitch that cooking rice is not merely washing it in cold water; resting the palm of your hand to determine the water level; turning on the gas high until it started to bubble over, then bringing the flame down until it was cooked, just by your instinct. It's more scientific today than that—"

"... And then they would flock around me and say, 'so da, so da,' and up goes my sales in Wear Ever."

He attributed some of his selling success to the days when he used to bark, "Lookie, lookie, this cupid doll for just one thin dime at the lucky numbers wheel!" at Ocean Park. But Kamayatsu knows better that it's much more easier to sell a nationally known brand of merchandise than hawking for peon pocket money from gambling-bent chance-takers.

Wife in Photo

We put one more question to Kamayatsu on this somewhat lengthy interview, which had already consumed most of the evening. Did anything exciting hap-

pen to you at that first biennial national convention?

He said he was unaware at that time but he was actually taking the picture of his future wife, whom he had married five years later after a blind date he had at a Los Angeles social.

Charles had been assigned as social chairman for one of the local JACL functions one summer or two after the Seattle gathering. At the last minute, he discovered he was without a date for the dance. And girls were not exactly plentiful those days. It was then that Ken Matsumoto, who became elected national JACL vice-president, picked Yuki Kuwahara to be Charles' "blind date."

"I had a faint recollection that I had met Yuki before at the Seattle national conclave. I told her so that night at the social. But she thought I was 'giving her the line' so in order to prove my point I took the snapshot of her together with others, like Saburo Kido, at that convention, the next time I saw her."

"Well, you know the rest..."

Present Views

What is his thinking on the present setup of JACL?

Not discounting the great legislative progress the organization had made in the last decade under the leadership of Mike Masaoka, Kamayatsu lamented somewhat on the sudden "letdown" shown by various groups. "We have too many boosters and not enough supporters," is the way he put it. "It just doesn't seem fair or right to forget about the Issei after they get citizenship, not more than making them just associate members of a chapter and letting them be."

Charles is all for the idea of chapter-sponsored programs to entertain the naturalized Issei and making all of them feel needed. "After all, when we went out on fund drives to pass legislation most of the support came from the Issei. We should include them in our overall program whenever we can. We owe that much to them, at least."

One of the immediate projects the JACL can get warm to, Charles said, is the caring of the aged. He doesn't necessarily think in terms of building institutions for them but feels at least a program should be directed in their behalf so that when the time does come and the need is there, they could be well provided.

On an institutional basis, he thinks JACL can well afford to build a nestegg for the future to provide some kind of a service for the aged. "Believe me, some of us in 10 years may find ourselves in such spot seeking aid of a community organization. It would be comforting to know that if some misfortune does happen, an organization like the JACL would be in a position to help."

Although not the JACL, the Kamayatsus believe in the program itself so strongly that they have turned over some property in Morro Bay to the Japanese Methodist Retreat group so that aged Issei ministers may find haven in the peaceful surrounding of a home near the sea if they so desire. "Who knows... some day we may be out that way in planning for our retirement years," Kamayatsu said.



Saburo Kido (in center) is easily recognized in this old picture from the Charles Kamayatsu collection of fading photographs. To his right is Yuki Kuwahara of San Francisco, now Mrs. Kamayatsu. Charles had taken this at the convention outing in Seattle.

Oldest Existing Japanese Cemetery in U.S. Restored as Chapter Project in Salinas

SALINAS — Worth of a chapter to its community can be exemplified in various ways. Circumstances that present Salinas Valley JACL in an unusual light this year were its extensive restoration and continued care of Yamato Cemetery, recognized as the only exclusive Japanese-American burial ground now in existence and operation.

Yamato Cemetery, established in 1908, required many hours of work and expenditure. By May, it was full restored to its rightful place in the community. Over \$5,000 was spent on the project. Some of the funds were donated from former Salinas Valley residents residing out of state.

It is expected that the JACL chapter will continue to provide future care and management as one of its major projects each year. The Yamato Cemetery Board is headed by James Abe, chairman; Elizo Teraji, Y. Ichikawa, J. Iwashige, Y. K. Yamashita, George Tanimura, Dr. Harry Kita, Oscar Tani and Tom Miyana — all active JACLers.

Activities this past year were headed by Ken Sato, president; Harvey Kitamura, 1st v.p.; Elizo Teraji, 2nd v.p.; John Terakawa, rec. sec.; Mrs. Frank Oshita, cor. sec.; Craig Yama, treas.; James Tanda, del.; Tom Miyana, alt. del.; and Bob Yamamoto, pub.

The installation dinner-dance was held on Jan. 26 at the Hotel Cominos with over 150 members and guests enjoying the delightful evening. Salinas Mayor Andrus swore in the officers. Dr. A. Hirschberg, prominent Board of Education member, was the principal banquet speaker. James Tanda was dinner-dance chairman, assisted by Harry Shirachi, Dr. Har-

ry Kita, Ickey Miyana and Tom Miyana.

Chapter Blood Bank

The dinner-dance also served as a kick-off for the annual membership drive, which was waged on a door-to-door basis here under direction of James Tanda and Ken Sato. Assisting in the successful drive were Harry Shirachi, John Terakawa, Rev. S. Kanow, Frank Oshita, Sid Shiratsuki, Mike Sasaki, Lloyd Urabe, Ickey Miyana and Oscar Itani.

The blood bank is one of the on-going projects that the chapter has regarded keenly since its establishment four years ago. Members are constantly replenishing their blood bank so that it can be used readily for their families in case of emergency. For the present, Rev. S. Kanow, blood bank chairman, reports over 25 pints are recorded for Salinas Valley JACL.

The winter quarterly session of the NC-WNDC held in Sacramento in February was attended by J. Tanda, K. Sato and T. Miyana.

On Memorial Day, the chapter sponsored two services, one at the Garden of Memories and the other at the Yamato Cemetery. Both services were chaired by chapter president Ken Sato with Rev. Kanow of the Presbyterian Church and Rev. Fujimura of the Buddhist Church officiating.

During May, the chapter sent letters of protest to the California State Dept. of Education against the use of the word, "Jap," in a supplementary textbook, The Fire-light Reader, used in the sixth grade. Women members Mmes. Shigeri Shiratsuki, Tony Itani, Helen Kitaji, Ken Sato and S. Kanow were on the letter committee.

Graduates Feted

Practically every Japanese

family in the valley attended the June steak barbecue in honor of 1957 graduates at the Sheriff's Posse Ground, making it the chapter's outstanding outdoor event of the year. Tom "Lefty" Miyana was chairman; Charles Tanda, the chief chef.

A Japanese movie benefit on June 8 at the spacious Filipino Community Hall proved to be a financial success as well as an entertaining evening for members and friends. Committeemen were

Ken Sato, chairman; James Tanda, tickets; John Terakawa, finance; Kiyo Hirano, clean-up and arrangement.

A large contingent of delegates attended the district council summer quarterly session at the neighboring city of Monterey on Aug. 11. The chapter was officially represented by its delegates James Tanda and Tom Miyana. Six members participating in the NC-WNDC golf tournament at Del Monte were Harry Shirachi, Lloyd

Urabe, James Abe, Ken Sato, Bob Yamamoto and Kiyo Hirano. The chapter team was comprised of Urabe, Yamamoto and Sato.

Hospital Visitation

To make the holiday season as enjoyable as possible to the patients in the County Hospital, the women of the chapter have made plans to join with the Community Volunteer Service groups and make monetary contributions. Mrs. Frank Oshita is in charge.

The last social event on this year's calendar will be the annual family potluck supper and Christmas party on Dec. 23. Santa Claus will make his appearance, distributing gifts to the youngsters. Harvey Kitamura will be chairman of this party.

50th Anniversary of Yamato Colony Held

LIVINGSTON — Celebration of the golden jubilee of the founding of the Yamato Colony on May 11 at the local Japanese Community Hall was the chief attraction of the Livingston-Merced JACL this year.

The Yamato Colony was founded by newspaper publisher and San Francisco community leader K. Abiko and some of his friends in 1907. The colony of young Japanese immigrants pioneered in establishing a Christian community here to till the sandy and barren wastes. Today, it ranks as one of the green spots of Central California.

About 150 attended the Golden Anniversary dinner that was chaired by Kazuo Masuda.

Original Colony

The Yamato Colony was founded on Jan. 14, 1907, and is so noted in the office of the Merced County Recorder. The original group was composed of 22 men, four women and four children. Of this group, the following are still living: K. Tsuchiya, Y. Yamoto, Norman Kishi, Roy Kishi, all of Livingston; K. Naka of Osaka, Mrs. Mary Naka Takeyama of Los Angeles and Mrs. Rose Naka Takahashi of

Lafayette, Calif.

After dinner was served by members of the Grace Methodist Church women's society, the pioneers were entertained by grandchildren of the first settlers of Yamato Colony. Barbara Kishi, Carolyn Kishi, Jane Minabe, Fay Minabe, Judy Kishi, Cynthia Kishi and Kathryn Kiriara performed a series of dances.

Showing of old pictures depicting the life of the early settlers proved most memorable. Norman Kishi, who came here as a small boy after the great San Francisco fire, explained the pictures as they were screened, pointing out various homes, people, their farm equipment and animals.

Special Recognition

Two Issei pioneers who have lived in Livingston since 1907—Yusaku Yamoto and Kenji Tsuchiya—were paid special recognition. Other pioneer families who attended the dinner from other cities were introduced. They were Mrs. Haru Aki of Chicago, daughter of another first settler S. Okuy; Mrs. H. Furuhashi and her sons Fred, Tom and William Hoshiyama, all of San Francisco. The Hoshiyama family came to

Livingston soon after the founding of the colony.

William Yasuo Abiko, son of the founder of the Yamato Colony, prominent JACL leader and publisher of the San Francisco Nichi-Bei Times, extended words of congratulation at the dinner. Japanese Vice Consul Shoji Okamura at San Francisco also congratulated the Issei on their accomplishments at Livingston.

A letter from Mr. Naka of Osaka was also read. He described the hardships and success of the earlier years. He felt that much of the success of the colony was due to the spirit and cooperation given by their Caucasian neighbors.

Chapter Officials

Frank Shoji was installed as 1957 president by Buddy Iwata, 1000 Club life member and member of the executive board of the Northern California-Western Nevada District Council.

Serving with Shoji were Walter Morimoto, v. p.; Leonard Kinoshita, treas.; Midori Shiba, cor. sec.; Joyce Kimura, rec. sec.; Joyce Kashiwase, hist.; Tom Nakashima, pub.; Tetsu Miramoto, Tex Kinoshita and Mrs. Dee Yoshida, area representatives.

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KICHI HARADA

By HISAYE YAMAMOTO DESOTO

WHEN THEY found the frail little Japanese woman, she had been sleeping on the subways for many nights and her mind was not very clear as to why she was doing anything. She was living in fear, that was clear. She knew her name, Kichi Harada, and she knew she was an artist, a painter, who had made her way as an instructor in this school and that, and then war had broken out between the country she was born in and the country she was living in, and suddenly it seemed as though no one had any use for her any more.

Her husband, also an artist, had died sometime before, either before the war or internment — anyway, she was quite alone, homeless, friendless, penniless, so perhaps it was natural that she should take trembling refuge underground in the anonymity of the New York City subway system.

The Catholic Workers, who try — although it is not easy, even for them — to see Christ in the offscouring of the earth, saw Christ in Kichi Harada and brought her to their House of Hospitality, then located on Mott Street, to live with a "family" of

twenty to thirty others whose suffering included drinking, mental illness or physical handicaps, or a combination of all three. And Kichi Harada was not easy to live with. Somewhere in her background there apparently had been aristocrats. She found it hard to accept her new family and new surroundings, and she was not one to be reticent about her likes and dislikes. Also, she said she required a certain amount of light and air and space, so she was given a room of her own upstairs, although this meant less space for the rest of the family. After awhile, it seemed as though she had been with them always.

The war was still on, however, so naturally it was often talked about, and sometimes the talk touched Kichi Harada in a very painful way. New members of the family might blurt out a blunt opinion, or maybe an old member who had come back to the house with too much to drink. At such times, Kichi Harada, the way she was, would be forced to argue in a shrill voice, "That is not true!"

Once Kichi Harada planned on a very joyful day. She was not a Catholic, but Dorothy Day, the head of the family, had given her a feast day of her own, so she gratefully decided on a celebration. She went out and bought several kinds of meats and vegetables to prepare a Japanese dinner

for the entire household. When she got back from shopping, she laid her various parcels on a table in the kitchen. While she was gone for a moment, a woman who had been drinking began taking exception to Japanese, with reference to Kichi Harada in particular. The woman climaxed her tirade by making her arm an angry broom with which to sweep all Japanese from the face of the earth, and all the food Kichi had brought home spilled to the floor, victims of the war.

Hastily, Dorothy Day and others in the kitchen picked up the groceries and washed the vegetables. When Kichi Harada came back, everything was neatly laid out in platters, ready for her to cook.

JUST HOW MANY years Kichi was with the family there, I don't know. Several, I suppose. When I went there, she had died a few years before. She never did become a Catholic, although when she was dying and hospital authorities asked her religion, she answered, "None, although I guess I'm closer to being a Catholic than anything else." She could not be buried in a Catholic cemetery, so the Catholic Workers buried her in a pauper's grave somewhere in New York City, not far from the sentinel tanks of Standard Oil of New Jersey.

Once Dorothy Day showed me a Christmas card the dead woman

had painted. "To Dorothy Day," it said, in English, and there was some Japanese calligraphy which I, alas, could not make out. There was the crude, black outline of Mt. Fuji, a few brilliant green pines, and the reddest sun either rising or setting over the mountain. Perhaps Kichi was only using in a hurry the few colors she had available, or perhaps she was this quick, bold, bright spirit that the picture indicated.

"What might I not have been," goes the lament, "if permitted."

ABOUT HISAYE

Hisaye Yamamoto DeSoto, a regular contributor to the Pacific Citizen, has been writing short stories for various national publications. Her Christmas story here is reprinted from the Southwest Los Angeles JACL Chapter literary supplement, "Margin," which made its debut last month.—Ed.

ALL TIME MEMBERSHIP RECORD ESTABLISHED

SALT LAKE CITY.—As early March, the Salt Lake JACL enrolled 400 members to establish an all-time membership mark.

Upon Seeing an Etching

*A line in ebony starkness curved on the white page,
Turned right and left and shivered a while
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Growth of San Francisco Aux'y in 4th Year Told

SAN FRANCISCO—Each year, the San Francisco JACL Women's Auxiliary gains strength in membership and activities. As in the past, 1957 — the fourth year of service — saw a full calendar of events under the leadership of Yo Hironaka, president; Elsie Uyeda, vice-president; Jane Omura, recording secretary; Georgia Tanaka, corresponding secretary; Dori Horiuchi, treasurer; Bessie Sonoda, publicity; and Sumi Haramaki, service.

Without question, the Auxiliary highlight was the fashion show-luncheon in the beautiful Peacock Court of the Mark Hopkins Hotel in October. With the theme of "Changing Face of Fashion" presented by The White House, a capacity crowd which seemed to come from every community of Northern California witnessed the five professional and 11 lovely Nisei models striding down the runways.

The Nisei models performed with professional aplomb and received spontaneous applause from the audience for their flair in exhibiting the latest winter fashions as well as their showmanship.

The chemise look played a dominant role in the artistic creations of Oleg Cassini, Suzy Perette, Malcolm Charles and Mr. Mort that were part of the unprecedented total of 55 costumes that were displayed.

Special Projects

Some of the special projects for

the year were the Easter Seal drive for Crippled Children, a tuberculosis survey in the Western Addition area and visits to the Laguna Honda Home for the Aged. The Auxiliary also lent its active support to various chapter functions throughout the year, but scheduled monthly parties or meetings of their own.

Elsie Uyeda chaired the February get-together mixer. Sumi Utsumi headed a successful Japanese cooking class in March. Mrs. K. Yamate was instructor with 75 members and friends attending. Mrs. Yo Hironaka headed the Easter Seal drive, TB survey and the fashion show-luncheon.

Sumi Haramaki took charge of the two visits to Laguna Honda Home in May and November. Chiz Satow and Grace Yonezu were in charge of the house tour-luncheon in July, including visits to the home of the Frank Ogawas in Oakland and of Dr. Yoshiye Togsaki in Lafayette.

Because of the success of the first Japanese cooking demonstrations, another was held in September with Mrs. Hisako Komine of Tokyo (nee Elaine Oki of Sacramento) explaining the dishes that were prepared. Bessie Sonoda and Helen Masuda co-chaired.

Elsie Uyeda and Jane Omura were in charge of an Auxiliary fund-raising dance in November. Thelma Takeda and Miyuki Aoyama are in charge of the Christmas party this month.

MIDORI

By DEN MOREY

"MIDORI'S JUST a sweet kid," Tadao said. "Why, Hana, I'm old enough to be her ol' man."

"Sure, if you were a father at 13," I said.

Tadao began to laugh. But I couldn't laugh away my hurt that easily. Men could be such gullible creatures when it concerns girls; especially if they're young and pretty. And it's these "sweet kids" that one hears so much these days of breaking up marriages.

"Don't laugh. I'm serious," I said.

Tadao's laughing ceased abruptly. "I'm serious too," he said. "But then what do you expect me to do? Ostracize her as if she were a fugitive from a leper colony?"

"That wouldn't be a bad idea." "I just can't understand you, Hana. Don't you appreciate having Midori around? I thought you liked her a lot. After all, I was only trying to be nice to her because she's your friend."

Yes, I was very fond of Midori. I first met her — rather bumped into her four months ago while I was returning home from the grocery store. Although Midori, who had been orphaned at 10, was 17 and I was pushing 30, I soon discovered that we could agree on almost anything. She would always become interested in my thoughts and doings. Thus, in a short time we had become fast friends.

However, little had I realized when I opened my home to Midori

that this agreeable girl would in a few months be threatening my marriage. But that was happening. Actually, one doesn't have to see to know — to feel. Even then, I tried to evade the truth, tried so hard to make myself believe that I might be mistaken.

If I had an iota of doubt till now, I know I had been wrong. The whole pattern had cleared as I talked with my sister, Helen, and her husband, Bob, earlier in the evening.

"You mean Tad took Midori home?" Helen snickered.

"Yes," I nodded. "He's probably late cuz he stopped for a few games of bowling. He said that..."

"Bowling!" Listen to that sister of mine, Bob. A story like that and she falls for it. Even if you can't see...

How could my own sister have thought me so simple-minded? But must I shame myself even more by admitting that my best girl friend and my husband were carrying on a love affair with my knowledge? No, I couldn't do that. I said, "You're mistaken about Tad. After all, I should know my husband better than either of you."

"So you know Tad better than us. But do you know Midori? Bob, what were the words you used to describe her... not just plain beautiful but a girl of enticing beauty."

"You know I didn't mean the way it sounds," Bob protested.

"Honest, Hana. Besides, no matter how Midori tries — well, you know,

Tad isn't that kind of guy." Bob tried hard to undo the damage committed by his wife but he failed miserably.

"Oh, don't try to be so canny, Bob," Helen taunted. "Sure, the truth hurts, but I'm her sister..."

If I had thought a few moments ago that I could pull a fast one by acting nonchalant, I knew I wasn't fooling anyone — especially myself. How could I keep up a brave front when everything seemed to be tearing inside me. Fighting back the tears, I screamed, "The whole thing is rotten and — and I don't care to discuss it no more."

But Helen was insistent. "Just because you can't see doesn't mean that any one else can't," she said.

"Why don't you let her alone?" Bob said.

"Alright, but mark my word, Hana, you better get rid of Midori or one of these days you'll be minus a husband."

"Helen, that's just about enough from you," Bob demanded.

"But — but," Helen began to sputter. Then came a sharp contact of flesh and Helen yelled, "Quit hitting me. What d'ya think you're doing?"

A few moments later, after a hurried goodbye, they left, banging the door behind them.

I don't know how long I had sat sobbing before light sleep overtook me. It was a few minutes after the clock struck midnight that Tad entered the house. He stuttered, "Why — why — how come you're still up, Hana?"

"Why shouldn't I be up? Besides Bob and Helen were here."

"Oh! Then Tad came up to me and pecked my forehead with his lips."

So smooth... I thought. As though nothing had happened — was happening. As though I didn't know what was going on between Midori and him. Well, I could play, too! I swallowed the bitter taste in my mouth and said, "Did you enjoy bowling?"

"Huh? Oh — bowling. Yeah, it was fun. Played with Sam and Frank. Good player that Frank Nakada. Hit over 200. Want me to do something before I hit the sack?"

"No, why?"

"Nothing... Just thought I'd ask. After all it's past midnight and you're still —"

"So it's after midnight. Anything wrong with that?"

"No... nothing is wrong — that is, well, you don't seem anxious to go to bed." Then quickly and sarcastically, he added, "Now what have I done wrong, Hana?"

Done? What does he take me for? Some Dummy? I thought. However, I said, "Why are you supposed to have done something wrong?"

"No! But the way you look at me. The way you act toward me as though you're hiding something..."

I shrugged my shoulders. I said, "You should know."

Good! I had Tadao worrying. But that wasn't half enough. Not when I wanted to hurt him as much as he was hurting me. However, it turned out to be a dud. Tad wasn't anxious to discuss it any further. He just yawned and said, "So I should know. Have it your own way. I'm going to bed."

Going to bed! I felt the blood

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rush to my face. My body shook. I screamed, "You think I don't know. Why you—you and Midori!" "Midori and me. What about us. What're you talking about?" "Don't play coy with me. You're not talking to some foolish teenager. Remember, this is Hana—your wife."

"You can't mean that—why—why that's silly."

"Don't I?"

That was when Tadao had said, "Midori's just a sweet kid."

AND NOW I heard Tadao repeat. "Remember, I was just trying to be nice only because she's your friend."

It was not what he actually said, but how he said it that jolted my thinking. When a woman has known her man most of her life and has been married to him for eight years, she could judge his thoughts by relying mostly on the comments and the manner of his speech. Thus, the finality of my conclusion. And with that thought came the horrible shame—shame that I had attacked Tadao half-cocked. Somehow I kept comparing myself with a boxer who had entered the ring seeing an easy victory, suddenly finding himself faced with a formidable foe and a losing battle—hopelessly muddled, unable to control himself or even think. Tears began to stream down my cheeks. I stumbled into Tadao's waiting arms.

For a long time, Tadao held me in his arms murmuring. Now, he cupped my chin with his hand and turned my face up and kissed my trembling lips. I knew with that kiss he was trying to assure me that I had been wrong about him, that I didn't have to worry and that he loved me as always.

Next, he took my hand and gently played it against his chin and forehead. "Feel those wrinkles, Hana," he said. Then he chuckled and added, "Your old man isn't as young as you think he is."

Two days later, I found Midori at the front door pressing the buzzer. She came inside the house with the rustle of her dress. "Hi, Hana," she said.

Till now I had always looked forward to being with this exciting and energetic young girl. But not today, when the events of two evenings ago were fresh in my mind. Maybe I could believe Tadao innocent of trying to break our marriage but I couldn't believe the same of this girl. Not any more . . . To come in the guise of a friend and play on my loneliness when all the time . . . And now she asked, "Isn't Tad home today?"

I felt my body twitch. I said, "What do you want of my husband?"

"My husband?" Something wrong, Hana?

Playing innocent. Thinks she's deceiving me, I thought. "What do you want with my husband?" I demanded.

Midori's voice had lost its usual pleasant pitch. "I don't want him for anything," she said. I just asked because I thought he may be home."

"He's not home and he won't be all day."

"Okay. Why shout at me?"

"Don't act so darn innocent, Midori. You—you—you better leave. Now! And don't come back, ever!" Even as those bitter words were spilling through my lips, I couldn't believe that I was actually saying them. It seemed like a dream. If I could only wake up and . . .

"You don't mean that, Hana. Not Tad and I. How silly." She came close to me pleading. "How could you ever believe such a . . ."

I elbowed her in the ribs. "You trying to deny it?"

"Deny it? But why should I? There isn't a word of truth."

I don't want to hear about it any more," I screamed. "Just leave and let us alone. Please!"

I heard Midori breaking into a sob; then, she was gone, slamming the door behind her.

When Tadao returned home that night I didn't tell him about

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Nisei Pioneer U. S. Chick-Sexing Industry

By SUE KUNITOMI EMBREY

A hit-and-miss idea which originated with Chinese farmers in China to separate their baby chicks into pullets and cockerels, and first introduced into the United States to offset the losses of the depression of the 1930s, has grown into a multi-million dollar business with many California Nisei among its pioneers.

In 1935, four Nisei from the United States went to Japan and entered the International School in Nagoya to learn chick-sexing. They were George Hayashi, Benny Ishikura, Kik Saiki and Clyde Goto. After a year's study, they all returned to the United States to practice the only known method of chick-sexing which, up until this time, was exclusively practiced in Japan. Of the four, Kik Saiki and Benny Ishikura are still sexors.

Soon thereafter, chick-sexing experts were brought from Japan to demonstrate their method in the United States. Their hurried instructions proved unsatisfactory and an unfavorable attitude developed. The hatchery owners were naturally suspicious and felt that the chicks were being mistreated.

Many of the chicks died and the hatcheries were left with losses.

Tedious Hours

Also, as the industry was still in its beginning, there was a real dearth of chick-sexors. Many of them worked 20 to 30 hours at a stretch and then drove several hundred miles to another town and another hatchery to complete their job, often without sleep.

During the winter months, with snow and ice on the highways, the hazards were many and the pay was low. Each sexor was paid by piece-work and speed and accuracy were important requirements. Gradually, each sexor was able to increase his speed from approximately 600 chicks per hour to 1,000 or more with 90 per cent accuracy. A top salary of \$1,000 per season was a great deal of money in the 1930s, for a season of four to five months.

The sexors usually invested their earnings in a new automobile, as it was expected that they would drive up to 40,000 miles in one season. There were others, though, who squandered what they had saved and returned to Los Angeles without a penny.

Worked in Window

One of the first to travel to the Midwest as a chick-sexor was CLYDE GOTO, now a sporting good shop proprietor in L'il Tokyo. In 1936, he went to Green Bay, Wis. to work in one of the hatcheries. He stated that he was such a novelty he was put in the window of the hatchery to do his work.

When asked about the reaction of the townspeople to an Oriental in their midst, Clyde replied, "Never had any trouble, any bad experiences. But I finally complained about being put in the window of the hatchery to do my work. After all, I was an employee there and I didn't want to be considered a freak."

Soon after the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor, Clyde decided to leave for Wisconsin. He left in January of 1942 instead of waiting until March. He telephoned the family he usually roomed with and asked their permission to stay with them again. They told him to come along.

When he arrived in Fond du Lac and word got around that he had returned, the Mayor and Chief of

Police called and offered their services in the event he should have any trouble. He had no unpleasant experiences and remembers vividly that the father of seven Navy men, killed when a U.S. destroyer was sunk in the Pacific, came over and spoke to him.

Goodwill Ambassadors

It is certainly worth mentioning that the chick-sexors who traveled to the Midwest prior to World War II were not only pioneers in the chick-sexing industry, but were goodwill ambassadors for the Japanese population from the West Coast. They paved the way in many States, making relocation and resettlement easier.

According to Clyde, when a chick-sexor was engaged to work in some of the Southern States, like Tennessee, people came from mountain towns for miles around to see what a Japanese looked like. They were a novelty, and to the credit of all of them, they were pleasant and hard-working, respected and highly regarded by all non-Japanese who had their first contact with them.

One of the first students of a chick-sexing school, opened in 1936 by S. JOHN NITTA, was FRANK SHODA. Frank went to New Mexico for the first two years and did not encounter any

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MIDORI

(From Preceding Page)

Midori's visit. Neither did he suspect anything. I complimented myself for recovering from a half-day of crying.

Days slipped into weeks. Neither Tad nor I said any more about Midori or the incidents that had led to her banishment from our home. However, we both knew that something had happened to our marriage. The funny part was we just couldn't get to the root of our difference. Maybe we tried too hard to forget the past—like Tadao, working more hours at the office; and my taking up knitting. Whatever the reason our marriage is not unlike a flesh wound: It may heal but it might leave a scar.

Now a month had gone since I had sent Midori away. Still I couldn't forget her and missed the good times we had together especially now that Tadao was working late for the Christmas rush. Tonight Tadao was unusually late. And he hadn't phoned me as he always did whenever he was to be delayed. Reluctantly, but more worried, I picked up the phone and dialed his office.

"May I speak to Tadao Sano," I said to the telephone operator at the other end. "I'm his wife."

"But I thought you called—Let see . . . about two hours ago."

"No, not me!! Why should you have thought so?"

"That's funny," the operator said. "Well, it was a feminine voice. Wanted to talk to him. And two minutes later, he dashed out. Isn't your name Dolly—or something like that. I heard a name like that mentioned just before I connected—"

"Dolly, Midori," I said to myself. I banged the receiver into its cradle. Everything became clear. Those late working hours . . . those bowling games . . . And I had believed him—trusted him. Hana, haven't you been a prize dope to have thought that a breach in your marriage would eventually solve itself—that Midori's presence once in your life would be forgotten like a bad dream? And all the time you thought so, Tadao was probably seeing Midori. Why he was as much to blame as she was, if not more. But then again, could I really blame Tadao? How can you disregard the facts: Midori, young and beautiful, a flower at its peak. And me, going on 30! Oh—if I could learn to hate Tadao much as I loved him. I tore at my hair and flung myself onto the cold bed.

"Hana, Hana," Tadao was yelling as he shook me awake. Then he said, "Midori's blind, Hana. Midori's blind."

"Blind?" That word jolted me awake. Suddenly I found myself in hysterical laughter with no reason at all.

Tadao shook me again. "Hana, didn't you hear me, Midori's blind."

I found my voice. "Blind? Midori. But that couldn't be possible. How can a girl—"

"Well, it's not only possible but it's true. I just left her at the hospital."

"What happened to her eyes? What was wrong with her eyes?"

"The nurse said she had cataract." Was operated but failed.

"Then she must have known."

"Yeah. The nurse said even the doctors had warned how hopeless her case was, but she wouldn't admit defeat. This afternoon, they removed the patches. Only then she gave the nurse permission to call me."

And then I knew! And with that knowledge: shame—cold, frightening shame. Midori had clung to us—rather to my friendship—not because of my husband (as I had accused her without visible proof) but only because she thought I knew.

It's been tough for me to be born blind, but when one has a pair of good eyes and then suddenly—puff . . . How terribly frightening it must be.

Ten minutes later, Tadao and I left the house on the way to the hospital . . . and Midori.

Membership drive, Nisei Olympics Speaker Club Head S.F. activities

SAN FRANCISCO — For the second consecutive year, the San Francisco chapter successfully topped the 1,000 mark in its membership drive. Eighty energetic workers, divided into 10 teams of eight, under the leadership of Dick Nishi, chapter membership vice-president, were responsible.

At the end of the canvass, the membership teams were honored at an appreciation dinner. Individual awards went to Yo Hironaka, the top solicitor, and the team captained by Sam Sato.

A most constructive sustaining project was started this year with the chapter-sponsored Speakers Club. Board members Yone Satoda and Mo Noguchi were the two who organized the group, the first of its kind under JACL banners. Its purpose is to help improve the public speaking ability of members. It is not a club for expert speakers, but on the contrary, the "unaccustomed to public speaking" members compose the group. They have an opportunity to practice before friends and improve under a situation where errors and slips do not

prove embarrassing. They help each other by comradeship and friendly advice.

Large Olympic Turnout

The chapter hosted its fifth annual Nisei Olympics at Kezar Stadium. Over 150 athletes from over 15 chapters throughout Northern, Central and Southern California participated. It is one event in which many members have actively cooperated to insure its success.

Evidence of this support is noted by the large number of members who come out each year to help stage the Nisei Olympics. This year, over 60 men and 20 women assisted Jack Kusaba and Sam Sato, track meet co-chairmen.

The year began with installation of 1958 board members at William & Mary's Catering by National JACL Director Mas Satow. The officers were:

Jack Kusaba	President
Dick Nishi	Vice-President
Yone Satoda	Vice-President
Harry Makita	Vice-President
Sam Sato	Treasurer
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'56 Chapter of Year

For its outstanding service to JACL and to the community during 1956, San Francisco won the "Chapter of the Year" award at the winter quarterly session of the Northern California-Western Nevada District Council at Sacramento.

Over 90 attended the dance class series starting in March after Yone Satoda chaired a get-acquainted mixer as a starter. Dance class co-chairmen were Mickey Aoyama and Wil Maruyama. Another March event was the snow trip to Soda Springs, enjoyed by a hardy group of 25.

Six teams participated in the chapter-sponsored Industrial basketball league managed by Ki Tanamachi, Cal Kitazumi and Mike Yoshimine.

"This Is Your Life—Mike Masa-

oka," the TV kinie, was shown with a Japanese movie in May before 250, including many Issei members. On Memorial Day, the chapter participated in services held at Golden Gate National Cemetery at San Bruno and at the Japanese cemetery at Colma.

Summer Activities

Being remembered are the gay summer socials and picnics — the June Informal dance at Surf Club, the annual picnic at Golden Gate Park and the chapter 1000 Club whing-ding at Morton's Warm Spring, chaired by Hats Aizawa, assisted by Sam Sato, Ki Tanamachi, and Yone Satoda.

A change of pace for the summer was the first chapter bowling tournament in August at Downtown Bowl. Trophies and cash prizes were awarded. Teiji Okuda was tourney director.

In September, there was sport night with indoor games on tap at Buddhist Gym. And a series of bridge classes was started by Dr. William Hiura an instructor, Dr.

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National JACL Bowling Tournament Records

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MEN'S SINGLES:

1947	Dr. Jun Kurumada, SLC	601
1948	Harley Kusumoto, Chicago	676
1949	Larry Mekata, Honolulu	651
1950	Gene Sato, Pocatello	646
1951	Shun Nakayama, Denver	692
1952	Dr. Jun Kurumada, SLC	696
1953	Henri Takahashi, S. F.	691
1954	Ed Eda, Chicago	630
1955	George Inai, S. F.	630
1956	John Kasano, San Jose	670
1955	Bob Shiba, Salt Lake City	665
1957	Yulene Takai, Sacramento	654

MEN'S DOUBLES:

1947	Shorty Tanaka-Harley Kusumoto, Chicago	1095
1948	Mush Matsumoto-Tak Fujiwara, Chicago	1191
1949	Dick Ikeda-Tats Nagase, S. F.	1196
1950	George Kobo-George Yasukochi, L. A.	1179
1951	Shozo Hiraizumi-Ken Takeno, S. L. C.	1181
1952	George Inai-Kayo Hayakawa, S. F.	1174
**1953	George Gee-Henri Takahashi, S. F.	1269
1954	Rocky Yamanaka-Art Omori, Chicago	1249
1955	Lawrence Fujimoto-Horace Iwanaka, Hawaii	1186
1956	Gish Endo-Fuzzy Shimada, San Francisco	1256
1957	Charles Sonoda (S.L.C.)-Shozo Hiraizumi (L.A.)	1224

MEN'S TEAM:

1947	Los Angeles JACL All Stars	2826
	Paul Ishizawa, Tad Yamada, Tok Ishizawa, Nob Ishizawa, Bowman Chung	
1948	Okada Insurance, S.L.C.	2849
	Tad Sako, Sho Hiraizumi, Maki Kaizumi, Dr. Jun Kurumada, George Kishida	
1949	Robertson's Nursery, L.A.	2808
	George Kobo, George Takeuchi, Yo Nomura, Kaz Katayama, Geo. Yasukochi	
1950	Towata Flowers, Alameda	2899
	Dick Ikeda, Tad Sako, Chy Kawakami, Gish Endo, Fuzzy Shimada	
1951	Sequoia Nursery, Redwood City	2792
	Dick Ikeda, Tad Sako, Chy Kawakami, Gish Endo, Fuzzy Shimada	
1952	Marigold Arcade, Chicago	2823
	Shig Nabeta, Bob Miyakawa, George Kasai, Sock Kojima, Tak Nabeta	
1953	Sequoia Nursery, Redwood City	2912
	Dick Ikeda, Gish Endo, Chy Kawakami, Tad Sako, Fuzzy Shimada	
**1954	Marigold Arcade, Chicago	2922
	Tom Hashimoto, Tome Fujii, Watts Uchida, Bob Miyakawa, Sock Kojima	
1955	Coffee Strawberries, Sacramento	2842
	Jim Matsui, Joe Hom, Gil Ishisaka, Tsuto Hironaka, Dubby Tsugawa	
1956	Gayway Bowl, Caldwell, Ida.	2843
	Shig Nishimoto, George Saito, Tony Miyasako, George Vaughan, Bill Nishioka	
1957	Standard Produce, Salt Lake City	2754
	Speedy Shiba, Choppy Umamoto, George Sakashita, Bob Shiba, Harry Imamura	

MEN'S ALL-EVENTS:

1947	Shig Hironaka, Ontario	1719
1948	Shorty Tanaka, Chicago	1786
1949	Harley Kusumoto, L. A.	1779
1950	Dick Ikeda, S. F.	1809
1951	Shun Nakayama, Denver	1777
1952	Ken Yee, Sacramento	1837
**1953	Henri Takahashi, S. F.	1902
1954	Rocky Yamanaka	1834
1955	Ko Arihara, Long Beach	1789
1956	Fuzzy Shimada, San Francisco	1880
1957	Yulene Takai, Sacramento	1815

It seems about time to look at the records of the National JACL Bowling Tournament, which have been held annually since 1947. With the 12th annual tourney due next spring, March 3-8, in Seattle, those who are intending to trek to the Northwest are already making plans to attend.

The spread provided by a Holiday Issue enables the Pacific Citizen to publish the complete set of records for the first time. All the performances are scratch (no handicap) efforts so far as the official events for men and women are concerned.

Since 1950, the tournament has been conducted under the "moral sanction" clause of the American Bowling Congress and Women's International Bowling Congress. No other sporting event involving the Nisei has attained this prestige that is national in scope.

The part JACL played in making membership in ABC available to all Nisei bowlers has been long recognized. JACL began the tournament in 1947 with the hope of eliminating the "white male only" membership restriction.

Today, the cream of Japanese American bowlers are participating in the top-notch bowling tournaments sponsored by ABC and WIBC, such as the national single matches and team championships.

WOMEN'S SINGLES:

1947	Betty Kurokawa, Salt Lake City	526
1948	Amy Konishi, Denver	510
1949	Masa Ikebuchi, Salt Lake City	533
1950	Maxine Kato, Ogden	551
1951	Chuckie Watanabe, L. A.	546
1952	Aiko Fujimoto, L. A.	551
1953	Chiyo Tashima, L. A.	588
1954	Yo Shigehara, Chicago	581
1955	Emi Murotsune, San Jose	563
1956	Lois Yut, Seattle	565
**1957	Sumi Sasaki, Richmond	603

WOMEN'S DOUBLES:

1947	Rosa Higashi-Eiko Watanabe, Denver	1030
1948	Amy Konishi-Helen Murasaki, Denver	993
1949	Julia Wong-Mickey Tsuruta, L. A.	974
1950	Iris Weinfurter-Toshi Mizuno, L. A.	1033
1951	Yoyo Konishi-Fumi Lee, Seattle	989
1952	Lois Yut-Kazie Yokoyama, Seattle	975
1953	June Jue-Chiyo Tashima, L. A.	1061
1954	June Jue-Chiyo Tashima, L. A.	1022
1955	June Jue-Chiyo Tashima, L. A.	1108
1956	Mary Matsumura-Mas Fujii, Los Angeles	1092
**1957	Maxie Kato (Ogden)-Rosa Mayeda (Denver)	1130

WOMEN'S ALL-EVENTS:

1947	Rosa Higashi, Denver	1396
1948	Amy Konishi, Denver	1501
1949	Julia Wong, L. A.	1594
1950	June Jue, L. A.	1585
1951	Chiyo Tashima, L. A.	1504
1952	Chiyo Tashima, L. A.	1544
1953	Chiyo Tashima, L. A.	1668
1954	Yo Shigehara, Chicago	1635
**1955	Chiyo Tashima, Los Angeles	1747
1956	Dotty Andrade, Hawaii	1665
1957	Lois Yut, Seattle	1667

WOMEN'S TEAM:

1947	Denver	2267
	Amy Konishi, Lillian Goto, Masako Kojima, Eiko Watanabe, Rosa Higashi	
1948	Salt Lake All Stars	2162
	Mieko Kusaba, Chiyo Arita, Judy Haramoto, Lyllienne Kurisaki, Maxine Kato	
1949	Los Angeles All Stars	2387
	Yas Yasukochi, Mickey Tsuruta, Nobie Watanabe, Rhoda Kobo, Julia Wong	
1950	Seattle All Stars	2458
	Yoyo Konishi, Miye Ishikawa, Sue Lew, Jean Terao, Fumi Yoshida	
1951	Stonehurst Nursery, Berkeley	2238
	Terry Umene, Nobu Asami, Ayako Kawamoto, Edy Kawakami, Asako Kawamoto	
1952	Main Bowl, Seattle	2332
	Miye Ishikawa, Kazie Yokoyama, Carol Doty, Fudge Sakanishi, Lois Yut	
1953	Tashima Bros., L. A.	2517
	June Jue, Mary Matsumura, Chuckie Watanabe, Mas Fujii, Chiyo Tashima	
1954	Marigold Arcade, Chicago	2492
	Toshi Inahara, Molly Sakamoto, Bessie Miyata, Flora Morita, Lucy Sato	
1955	Tashima Bros., L. A.	2376
	June Jue, Mary Matsumura, Mas Fujii, Chuckie Seki, Chiyo Tashima	
1956	Tashima Bros., L. A.	2523
	Mari Matsuzawa, Betty Daly, Mary Matsumura, Chuckie Seki, Mas Fujii	
**1957	Tashima Bros., L. A.	2560
	Sets Nishida, Mari Matsuzawa, Mary Matsumura, Mas Fujii, Chiyo Tashima	

SPECIAL EVENTS

MIXED DOUBLES:

1947	Grace Ota (SLC)-Shorty Tanaka (Chicago)	1064
1948	Amy Konishi-Sam Kawanishi, Denver	1080
1949	Julia Wong-Stanley Wong, L. A.	1051
1950	Yoyo Konishi-Tak Shibuya, Seattle	1083
**1951	Marge Miyakawa-Pluto Shimamura, L. A.	1192
1952	Julia Wong-Dixon Ikeda, S. F.	1133
1953	Inez Kama (Honolulu)-George Kobo (L.A.)	1067
1954	June Jue-Easy Fujimoto, L. A.	1110
1955	Chiyo Tashima (L.A.)-George Inai (S.F.)	1174
1956	Lois Itano-Roy Kubosumi, Boise Valley	1127
1957	Nobu Asami (Berk.)-Fuzzy Shimada (S.F.)	1139

MEN'S 6-GAME SWEEPER:

1949	Frank Sehara, Denver	(7 games) 1384
1950	Clarence Matsumoto, Honolulu	(8 games) 1568
1951	Taki Taketomo, L. A.	(5 games) 1081
1952	Tats Nagase, S. F.	1296
**1953	Fuzzy Shimada, S. F.	1300
1954	Shig Nabeta, Chicago	1261
1955	Angel Kageyama, Sacramento	1246
1956	Taki Taketomo, L. A.	1205
1957	Rich Namba, San Carlos	1220

WOMEN'S 4-GAME SWEEPER:

1953	June Jue, L. A.	736
1954	Chiyo Tashima, L. A.	730
1955	Chiyo Tashima, L. A.	753
1956	Mickey Oyama, Seattle	770
**1957	Judy Seki, L. A.	814

RAGTIME DOUBLES (Handicap Included):

1952	Hy Sechi-Frank Ota, L. A.	1265
**1953	George Gee-Fuzzy Shimada, S. F.	1418
1954	Eda Yamauchi-Shig Nabeta, Chicago	1308
1955	Hit Ohara-Mas Nakashima, L. A.	1313
1956	Not Recorded	
1957	Sus Ioka-Tad Takagiri, L. A.	1274

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Philadelphia celebrates 10th milestone; community at large served by chapter

By WARREN H. WATANABE

PHILADELPHIA — With the active support of a large proportion of the Japanese population within its area, the Philadelphia Chapter in 1957, its tenth anniversary year, continued its vigorous growth.

Leadership of the Chapter was provided by a Board of Governors consisting of: N. Richard Horikawa, Dr. Eichi K. Koiwai, Yosuke W. Nakano, Jack K. Ozawa, and Warren H. Watanabe, chairman, ably supported by Martin Barol, secretary, and Mrs. Mary I. Watanabe, treasurer. Also sitting on the executive board were S. Sim Endo and William M. Marutani, past chairmen; Dr. H. Tom Tamaki, EDC and local 1000 Club chairman; K. William Sasagawa, EDC chairman; Mrs. Susan Sasagawa, EDC publicity director; Mary Toda, EDC corresponding secretary; and Sho Maruyama, representative to the International Institute.

At six meetings scattered all throughout the year, the board discussed local and national policies; prepared a revised chapter con-

stitution based on a draft made by William Marutani and his committee and to be presented to the general membership next year; planned the chapter's activities for the year; and developed means of making the program financially possible.

New Membership Peak

Membership reached a five-year peak with 147, distributed about two-thirds Nisei and one-third Issei. Four war brides were also welcomed into chapter ranks. Thousand Club membership, with 28, was the highest in the chapter's history.

Chapter activities began on February 23, with a special Tenth Anniversary Installation dinner held at International Institute. Dinner chairman was S. Sim Endo, and the toastmaster, K. William Sasagawa. Installation of officers was carried out by Akira Hayashi of New York, National JACL treasurer, and the major address was presented by Mike Masaoka. Other speakers were John Carlton of Radio-TV Station WFIL and Elizabeth Campbell, executive di-

rector of International Institute.

In April the regular business meeting was followed by a program arranged by Y. W. Nakano. A particularly fascinating illustrated lecture on the architecture and art of Philadelphia was presented by Carolyn Pitts, lecturer in art for the Department of Education of the famed Philadelphia Museum of Art. Refreshments consisted of very happily received Japanese food, provided by Issei members and friends.

Hot Summer Season

The June meeting came on a warm evening; nevertheless, a sizeable number were present for the business meeting and the program organized by Jack Ozawa. The group enjoyed a filming of "This Is Your Life, Mike Masaoka," and climaxed the evening with instructions in Latin-American dances by James Farny. For the more sedate, a color film: "Holiday in Philadelphia" was shown.

July was the month of the annual picnic, held as in previous years on the grounds of the

Friends Central School. N. Richard Horikawa organized and directed a varied program of games and special events. Nearly 200 attended in spite of soaring temperatures, but found the picnic grounds sheltered and pleasant. The coolest concession (arms up to elbow in a Coca-Cola cooler) was pre-empted by the board chairman. Interestingly enough, a rapid survey of picnic lunches showed these to consist uniformly of Japanese food.

Co-chairmen Allen Okamoto and Garry Oye chose a new location for the August outing, and found their judgment warmly supported by the 105 adults and children who attended. This was at Camp Hilltop, one of a group of YMCA camps near Downingtown, Pa., which provided a highly popular swimming pool and a secluded, private picnic area.

Major Activity

October saw the major effort of the year in a bazaar, ably organized by Dr. Eichi Koiwai, assisted by Mrs. Chiyo Koiwai and a large number of chapter members whose names, if listed, would read as an honor roll of the active, alert members of the Japanese community.

Issei members and other supporters stocked and staffed the central attraction, which featured sushi, noodles, and other Japanese food. Other booths provided turkey sandwiches, hot dogs, soda pop, apples, and vegetables. Japanese groceries and objects of Japanese art, including scrolls, ceramics, lacquer and metal-ware were sold. Special events included bingo, turkey raffle, cake sale, and grab bags for children.

Financially, the bazaar was the most successful in the chapter's history; socially, it provided a meeting place for numerous war brides, students from Japan, as well as members of the chapter and their many friends.

Christmas Potluck

The final meeting of the year, in December, is scheduled to be the occasion of the annual Christmas party and potluck dinner, and will be directed by Mrs. Aya Hayasaka and Mrs. Emi Horikawa. At this time a new Board of Governors will be elected from a list of able nominees, and the affairs of the chapter will then be turned over to them.

Throughout the year various members of the chapter continued their active participation in affairs at the District Council and

National levels. Dr. H. Tom Tamaki, in addition to being EDC 1000 Club chairman, served on the National Endowment Board. K. William Sasagawa continued as the Chairman of the Eastern District Council, and colled in April a combined meeting of the cabinets of the New York, Seabrook, Washington, and Philadelphia chapters at the Penn Sherwood Hotel here. The four chapters sent a total of 26 to this meeting, at which time problems of local and national policy received major attention.

EDC - MDC Confab

The local chapter participated also in the combined EDC-MDC Convention held in September in Chicago, and sent as its official delegate S. Sim Endo. Others who attended were K. William Sasagawa, Dr. H. Tom Tamaki, S. John Nitta, and Herbert Nishino. At that time the chairmanship of the EDC passed into the able hands of Charles Nagao of Seabrook, with Philadelphia members Jack Ozawa as vice-chairman and William Marutani as the EDC 1000 Club chairman.

During the year one important trend in the outlook of the Philadelphia chapter was continued and strengthened. This is the widening of its activities and services to cover not only its membership but also the entire local Japanese community.

It is estimated that there are between 400 and 500 Japanese in the Philadelphia area, of which about 300 to 350 are eligible for JACL membership. The actual membership is thus about nearly half of this number.

The chapter newsletter is, however, distributed to about 250 addresses, and all meetings and activities are opened to the entire community.

This broadening of JACL interests has resulted in profit both to the members and to their friends; certainly, it is an important factor in our continued increase in membership.

San Francisco

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Tok Hedani, Yas Abiko and Yone Satoda as assistants.

Yori Wada chaired the October political rally before the municipal elections with the newly-formed Nisei Voters League of San Francisco. The chapter also conducted its first annual JACL golf tournament at Sonoma Golf Course. Mits Kojimoto was tourney leader.

After nominations for 1958 board vacancies were made at a pre-Thanksgiving function, turkeys were given away to lucky door prize winners. Chapter program chairman Yone Satoda took over the folk-dancing, assisted by Virginia Sato, Mary Negi, Alice Nishi, Kathy Reyes, Sam Sato, Kix Tanamachi, Daisy Uyeda and Tom Hoshiyama.

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Youth Program Attracts Long Beach Fervor

Concentrated Membership Drive Nets New High

BY SUE JOE

There's no doubt about it—the pride and joy of our Long Beach-Harbor District JACL for the year 1957 has been our youth program—and we'll go so far as to challenge any chapter to match it!

Periodically someone would suggest, "Let's do something for our young people," but somehow the good intentions never materialized.

This year, the same suggestion was again made, but the appointment of a seven-member chapter Youth Commission opened new horizons of activity for members and non-JACLers alike in the Harbor community.

Commissioners Named

Chapter prexy Tomizo Joe named as commissioners, Dr. John Kashiwabara (athletic director), George Iseri (baseball), Mary Okita (girls' sports) and Sue Joe (club director), Mas Narita, Hachiro Yasumura and Frances Okura.

With popular medic, "Doc" Kashiwabara at the helm, the Youth Commission was off to a flying start within the first month of their appointment.

JACL Olympics Entered

Ted Abo, Dickie Hada, Toshio Kimura and Richard Kakita, were sponsored by the local chapter as participants in the San Francisco JACL Nisei Olympics and the local lads returned home with their full share of awards and medals.

By June, the Stephen's Junior High School gymnasium had been reserved two nights weekly for indoor sports for interested teenage boys and girls.

Nisei Relays Team

That same month, the Nisei Relays in Los Angeles again attracted local sprinters, and Dave Iwata and Walt Shioji were added to the group who had previously made the trek to Frisco. Ray Sugiyama, a top athlete at the Long Beach State College, assisted in

this event by serving as special coach.

Baseball Most Popular

Baseball, however, was to become the featured sport in the commission's recreational program. The legendary pre-war San Pedro "Skippers" ball team had instilled a keen interest in the "All American" sport within the hearts of all Harbor residents, and this interest was transferred to the younger generation.

George Iseri, whose own ball-playing history belies his youth, called a trial meet to determine the number of interested boys within the age range of 8 to 12 years.

The result was the formation of the "Lil Atoms" who were entered in the second round of the Midget League of the Long Beach Kid Baseball Association.

Second Team Formed

So numerous was the response that a second team, the "Yankees," was formed for 12 and 13 year olds who joined the roster of the Oil Field League.

A few of the older youths played in Los Angeles with their NAU league, and the "youngest set" were promised league play in '58.

Tri-weekly practice sessions in addition to league games were conducted for all the boys throughout the summer at the Silverado Playground.

Old Pros Assist

Parental interest and support played a major role in the successful outcome of the project. Old "pros" Bill Hara, Yuki Tatsumi, Shig Kadota, Harry Nishimura, Kaz Takade, Koo Ito, John Oda and George Matsushita, wholeheartedly gave of their time and "know-how" to assist the youngsters.

Mary Okita served as coordinating secretary and further assistance was received by Nakako

Takeuchi, Tomi and Ben Yamada and Frank Manaka.

Became Champs

Both the "Lil Atoms" and the "Yankees" emerged champs in respective leagues and entered the play-offs. Two thirteen-year olds, Masaaki Oda and Dana Takeuchi, were named as their group's all-stars.

The season concluded with the entire community eagerly planning improvements for next year's baseball season.

Group activity was initiated with the formation of two girls' clubs, one on the junior high school level and the other in the high school bracket. The former group was temporarily discontinued due to conflicting activities of other youth organizations.

The high school group, however, paved the way to the formation of what is now officially recognized as the Harbor Hi-Co. This story, however, can be better told by one of the more than 80 members of the high school and college-age organization sponsored by the local chapter.

The myriad youth activities brought forth a financial problem, but this obstacle was readily overcome with community-wide fund-raising. The all-out effort of "Operation Youth" was rewarded with nearly \$700 in a special treasury set aside for the exclusive use of youth groups. Part of this sum has been returned to the chapter treasury and the balance will assure an even better youth program in 1958.

Membership Drive Success

Even before the youth program was under way, chapter members rallied to a six-week concentrated membership drive under the able leadership of second vep George Iseri, whose name may be familiar to many Northwest CLers.

For the first time in the history of the Long Beach-Harbor chapter, an all-time high of more than 350 members were signed up.

General membership was not alone in achieving a record. Dr. David Miura single-handedly boosted the chapter's "1000 Club" list to an unprecedented total of 27 active members.

Two More "Firsts"

The support of our membership made possible two more chapter "firsts"—we reached our national quota—and more—a surplus of some \$200 being credited to our past deficit.

District council sessions were faithfully attended by chapter delegates and boosters. And the election of Mas "Old Faithful" Narita as the PSWDC's first vice-chairman was a moment of great pride to all Harborites. He also heads the special committee designated by the district to study the complex problem of quota distribution among chapters.

"P.C. With Membership"

Long Beach introduced a resolution requesting a study be made to bring the Pacific Citizen into the homes of all members. The PSWDC approved the recommendation and named Sue Joe of our local chapter to head the committee.

National headquarter directives were followed up locally, and chapter members assisted in such projects as the selection of talented Akira Endo as our candidate for the Ben Masaoka Memorial Scholarship; letters of protest were sent to southland TV stations regarding the showing of objectionable movies; a community-wide drive to encourage Pacific Citizen circulation was launched; and personal efforts were made to stimulate support for activities sponsored by other nearby chapters.

Tried—and Succeeded

It's a mighty good feeling to know you've tried your best. And it's an even more wonderful feeling to have succeeded in the attempt.

Not unlike many other organizations, the Long Beach-Harbor Dis-

trict JACL chapter had resumed its postwar role in the community in a precarious "see-saw" manner of activity—quipped one chapter member, "One year, we're up—next year, we're down."

We can proudly boast that this has been one of our best "up" years!

But we were not without our share of headaches. After two consecutive years under the capable leadership of past president Easy Fujimoto, the chapter was without a cabinet at the beginning of 1957, and there were rumblings of taking the easier road to extinction.

Kushida Helps

With the prodding of past regional director, Tats Kushida, and the personal efforts of National JACL president, Dr. Roy Nishikawa, the chapter held a "kick-off" meeting on March 29. More than 30 local community leaders in attendance unanimously elected to keep the chapter in activity and pledged their support.

The man who called this significant meeting was Tomizo Joe, upon whom the unclaimed office of presidency was literally thrust (without the consent of Mrs. Joe, it might be added).

A pre-war Terminal Islander, "Blow" (as he is often called by his cohorts), was a newcomer to JACL circles and his sole qualification for the presidency was his sincere belief in serving the people in his community. He assembled an all-star cabinet to head up the reactivation program of the chapter.

Cabinet

Dr. David Miura, George Iseri and Hachiro Yasumura, first, second and third vice-presidents, respectively; Sharlin Kuramoto, recording secretary; Peggy Tanaka, corresponding secretary; Allan Kobata, treasurer; Jim Okita, auditor; Mas Narita, delegate; Sue Joe, publicity and bulletin, with Marlene Hada and Sumi Fujimoto; Fred Ikeguchi, George Shiroishi, Momota Okura and Mr. Toma, advisors.

The "kick-off" meet concluded with three major objectives for 1957: 1) to be of service to chapter members and the community; 2) to establish a youth program; and 3) to fulfill chapter obligations.

Objectives No. 2 and No. 3 have already been answered; point No. 1 was met in the following manner:

Point No. 1

At the conclusion of our delayed membership drive in May, a general meeting (Hachiro Yasumura, chairman) featuring Mike Masaoka's TV film and a family "fun nite," drew more than 100 persons. While this statement may not raise eyebrows, it is nothing short of a miracle since general meetings had hitherto been held on an average of once every six months with attendance ranging from three to 30.

A capacity crowd joined the chapter in honoring local high school and college graduates at the annual Graduation Dance (Frances Ishii, chairman).

Both the Bridge Class (Frances Ishii) and the Dance Class (Dorothy Matsushita) were successfully conducted with requests for more in '58.

Renunciants Aided

In July, the special meeting of renunciants was held (Tomizo Joe and Joe Seko) after committee members had carefully made personal contacts for attendees. National legal counsel Frank Chuman and attorney Fred Okrand offered complete information to some 35 renunciants as to the procedure of clearing their citizenship status.

Southland's gala Nisei Week Festival again saw a Harbor entry emerge the victorious winner as the local JACL candidate Mitzi Miya was hailed the new queen (Helene Tanigawa, chairman). Locally, Queen Mitzi was attended by princesses Joyce Miyagawa and Yuki Morikawa who were selected

by representatives of seven community organizations.

Community Carnival

The major activity in the Harbor district is the annual community carnival (Allan Kobata, chairman). For over a decade, JACL has guided this important fund raising event in behalf of the local Harbor Japanese Community Center. This year's two-day affair grossed an all-time high of over \$5,000, half of which proceeds were turned over to maintain the center and the remainder being retained by the 14 participating clubs and organizations.

On October 19, the chapter hosted a general meeting dinner, followed by the "Queen's Ball" in honor of Miss Miya (Dr. David Miura, chairman). Another "first," as a six-year "no social" dormancy was definitely revived. Special guests Dr. and Mrs. Roy Nishikawa, Fred Takata, festival princesses Jean Takahashi and Sumi Takemura were on hand to preview an enlightening and entertaining film depicting the local JACL's mammoth youth program. The occasion was further marked with an "elevator stampede" as guests and hosts traveled vertically for liquid refreshments located eight floors below.

Basketball Tourney

An invitational basketball tournament (Dr. John Kashiwabara, chairman) was held during the Thanksgiving weekend with the local Hi-Co as co-sponsors. Offered as a possible annual event, seven JACL chapters joined Long Beach with their entries.

The chapter houseorgan, the "TIDE-INGS" (Sue Joe, Marlene Hada, Sumi Fujimoto), regularly informed the membership of all JACL activities.

Missing claimants were personally contacted notifying them of their evacuation claims status; the chapter participated in the Shonien fund drive; we are represented on the Community Center board; the local bowling league and Kendo club received our support as did the annual community picnic and the Harbor Buddhist Church.

Two More Events

At this writing, two more events are on the calendar—a Christmas party (Ruby Mio, chairman) for all children of the Harbor area and a gala New Year's Eve dinner-dance (Sets Kawauchi, chairman) to culminate a most eventful year.

While this lengthy summary may be interesting reading material to none save loyal Harborites, it is presented here as more than a mere reflection of our multi-activities. It may even be considered a protest—made in behalf of the many active participants who were directly responsible for our fruitful efforts—that the current president (and our better half), Mr. T. Joe, refrain from making anymore misleading statements as he did at the initial March meeting which went something like: "Due to our late start, we will be unable to have a full schedule of activities, but will merely try to meet our three major objectives."

Dr. David Miura, "Blow's" 1957 right-hand man and the incoming prexy, has a 12-month year ahead of him. Now, we'll know what a "full schedule of activities" will be like.

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BASKETBALL MENTOR KAJIKAWA RETIRES

Niseidom's only big time college basketball coach in the United States, Bill Kajikawa of Arizona State at Tempe, retired at the close of the 1956-57 season. However, he remains to head the required physical education program for men. His overall record after nine seasons was 86 wins and 135 losses.

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New Yorkers No Longer Need to Feel Apologetic

NEW YORK—For a JACL chapter which for several years had earned the dubious distinction of being described by its EDC critics as "the smallest local chapter in the smallest JACL district council in the largest city in the United States," New York Chapter bounded back during 1957 with a resurgence.

No longer do its members need to feel apologetic. The "success" story can be attributed to one word: leadership.

During the latter half of 1956, old-timers felt that a shot in the arm was mandatory to keep the chapter going. A new constitution was drafted by a Constitution Committee (Aki Hayashi, chairman, with Thomas T. Hayashi, Woodrow Asai, Joe Imai, and Sam Kai), and was officially adopted on November 9, 1956.

Reasons for Change

The new constitution provided for two principal changes: a "board" system to replace the old "cabinet" system, and a fiscal year to operate from June 1. The purpose was to give the chapter greater continuity and momentum.

After an election meeting in December, the newly created "board" members were sworn in by EDC Chairman William K. Sasagawa on Jan. 4, 1957. These were William Sakayama, Francis Sogi, Benji Hara, Fujio Saito, Marion Glaeser, Mary Sprung, Betty Miyahara, Thomas T. Hayashi, Woodrow W. Asai, Sam Kai, Shig Tasaka, and Joe Imai, who was named chairman.

Featured speaker at the installation dinner was Dr. George Toga-saki of the Japan International Christian University of Tokyo. It was an auspicious start for the new year, and a packed house was the visible proof.

To conform with the new constitution and the new fiscal year, another election took place on May 23. Mike Masaoka reported on the national program and made comments to accompany a showing of the kinescope, "This is Your Life, Mike Masaoka."

Second Installation Fete

At the second installation dinner on June 20, Roger Baldwin of ACLU fame brought challenge and inspiration. The new board included William Sakayama, Chairman, Marion Glaeser, Benji Hara, and Fujio Saito, to serve until June 1958. Elected for a two-year term to serve until June 1959 were Marie Kurihara, Yaye Toga-saki, Joe Imai, and Kenji Nogaki. Co-opted members are Ricki Suzuki, Midori Shimamoto, Masao Makita, and Sam Kai.

Meeting highlights in 1957 included a talk on netsuke, by Murray Sprung, attorney of New York and Tokyo, with a display of his valuable collection; in March, a thought-provoking discussion of Zen Buddhism by Dr. Daisetsu Suzuki; April, a double feature; an illuminating presentation of the national program by Aki Hayashi, and Bill Sakayama's unusual colored slides of off-the-beaten-track views of Japanese life.

The picnic at Sunken Meadows State Park out on Long Island in August was handicapped by all-day inclement weather, but four carloads of die-hards frolicked on the wet sand.

1000 Club Increase

Credit goes to Aki Hayashi for a notable achievement — New York's Operation Breakthru in the 1000 Club membership drive. In 1956 the chapter was fairly complacent with its steady list of 11 old-faithfuls. Then, mindful of the 10th Anniversary of the founding of the 1000 Club, and goaded by other EDC chapters, New York accepted the challenge and easily won the EDC contest to sign up the most members prior to the EDC-MDC convention in Chicago.

We say "easily" but, of course, it wasn't easy. It took planning, persistence, and hard work, but New York is gratified to realize that our 44 1000 Clubbers represent a 400 per cent increase.

The chapter general membership also shows an increase over the 1956 total of 107 members. The

current total is 117.

Matsudaira Incident

New York chapter made headlines nationally when it spearheaded a general protest to Dr. Koto Matsudaira, Japanese Ambassador to the United Nations, on

his "acceptance" of the word "Jap" as televised on Night Beat, an interview program conducted by John Wingate.

The incident occurred on June 7, but its significance and impact were felt when on July 3, on the

same TV program, Dr. Earl Reynolds, the American anthropologist who had spent three years in Japan studying the effects of atomic radiation on Japanese children, was asked if he found the word "Jap" offensive and replied

affirmatively. The battle was joined, and a controversial issue became alive.

Subsequently, a five-man JACL delegation met with Dr. Matsudaira. It was headed by Mike (To Next Page)

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NEW YORK CLers IN BIG YEAR

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Masaoka, included Bill Sakayama, Shosuke Sasaki, Sam Ishikawa, and Aki Hayashi, National JACL Treasurer. There was an amicable clarification and understanding.

EDC-MDC Convention

Over the Labor Day weekend a large delegation of New York JACLers, led by Kenji as official delegate, attended the second joint EDC-MDC convention in Chicago. A memorable, enjoyable convention it was, and every New Yorker participated actively during the long business sessions and in the social activities.

A notable contribution was the New York skit, "This is Your Knife, Mike Misoshiru," presented at the 1000 Club Whing-Ding. Two parodies, "Tokuzo" and "1000 Club Toast," composed by our Dick Akagi, were rendered by the entire delegation. New York captured two posts in the EDC election: Tomio Enochy is the new ADC treasurer, and Sam Kai, 2nd vice-chairman.

Revived at the convention was a national committee on a topic of concern to the local chapter: the need to combat discrimination and derogatory references in print, such as the word "Jap," and the recent resurgence of anti-Nisei films. The committee is to receive a new name, but its purpose is clear. Thomas T. Hayashi is chairman, and Shosuke Sasaki vice-chairman.

Another budding group springs

from the recently expressed interest of several members in pursuing some kind of fairly serious study of aspects of Japanese culture. Some feel that the Nisei would like to fill their lack of knowledge about things Japanese—language, calligraphy, history, literature, art, economics.

We don't know yet what shape this may take, but a small earnest committee is exploring the depth of the interest and feasible experiments to meet it.

As New Yorkers look back over the year, we feel justifiably proud of our accomplishments, and hopeful that they provide a sound foundation for a bright future. Our planning has been fruitful, our activities valuable, and our contributions to the national program significant. Happy New Year, to one and all!

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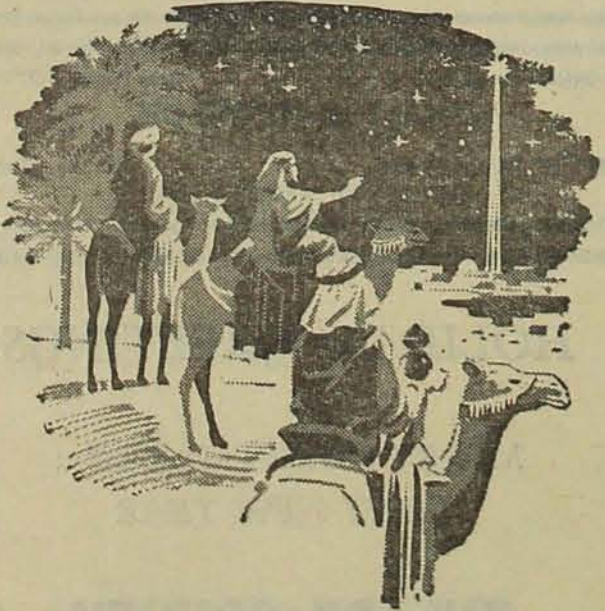
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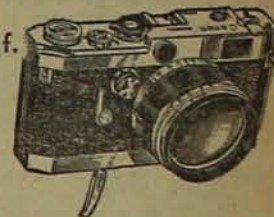
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T-JAYs Pride of Tulare County

By JAMES N. MATSUMURA

Tulare County JACL is proud of its many accomplishments during 1957 (our fiscal year extends from November to October). We are particularly proud of some chapter "firsts"—notably the formation of a Junior JACL, with a nucleus of some of the most alert and active young people in this area.

The election of officers by the T JAYs (Tulare County Japanese American Youths) was held on November 24 this year, with the following results:

Hiroshi Uota, Visalia	President
Alan Fujiwara, Dinuba	Vice-Pres.
Aiko Nii, Dinuba	Rec. sec.
Miyoko Uota, Visalia	Cor. sec.
Mutsuo Shinoda, Cutler	Treas.
Judy Imoto, Lindsay	Publicity
Seiko Kawasaki, Visalia	Historian
Roger Hanada, Cutler	Athletic director
Gilbert Hara, Dinuba	Parliamentarian

The election culminated days of research and anticipation, stimulated by the appearance of "Mr. 1000 Club," Kenji Tashiro and his attractive wife Ethel plus Tom "Mr. CCDC" Nagamatsu at the organizational meeting on September 18 in Dinuba. Both JACL leaders spoke inspiringly about the need for a JAY group in this area. Mr. and Mrs. Tashiro were appointed advisors by the chapter. In commenting on the Juniors, I can't help but admire their mode of thinking and enjoy hearing their young spontaneous laughter. We are hoping for big things from the T JAYs!

Balance Fun and Work

As for the adult chapter mem-



TULARE JR. JACL

Hiroshi Uota, now a freshman at Fresno State, is president of the newly-organized Tulare County Jr. JACL.

bers, we managed to mix a lot of fun with work and came out with one of the most successful years we've ever had. The fishing derby-outing, for instance, on September 21 was the first one we have ever tried, and it was a tremendous success.

Most successful for the youngsters, that is. Little Donna Jean Mayeda, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Hiro Mayeda, walked off with the grand prize. Ginger Fukushima

won in the 12 years-and-under class. Hiro, incidentally, was chairman of the outing.

Mike Imoto, 1000 Club chairman, took the adult division honors. A micrometer was necessary to see that his 8-inch trout was a full 8 inches. You see, the next place winner had one 7 14/16 inches long! Despite all the finagling, the 150 persons who turned out for this event enjoyed every minute of the proceedings.

Bowling Popular

The TC JACL bowling association, now entering its fifth year, is the chapter's oldest project. We have some 50 active bowlers who bowl regularly every Tuesday night at the Visalia Bowl. Tosh Sadahiro, our league secretary, is now serving his seventh year as secretary-treasurer for the bowling association.

Our chapter assumed the responsibilities for chairing the CCDC bowling tournament, and Tosh Sadahiro, Gene Shimaji and I were in charge.

Footnote to the CCDC convention: Mrs. Janis Imoto and Mrs. Ossie Tsuboi were appointed to the fashion show committee.

Our membership drive was over by March, with membership increased from 150 to 160 members. The 1000 Club, through the efforts of its chairman Mike Imoto, was boosted to a membership total of 15, an increase of five members. The successful membership drive, plus a benefit movie in March, enabled TC JACL to meet its quota, \$543, highest in the Central California District Council.

Sapphire Pin Winners

It is quite fitting, therefore, that we have two JACLers in the coveted circle of Sapphire Pin recipients. Tom Shimasaki, a 1954 awardee, received his citation at the 1954 national convention in Los Angeles.

This year, the same award has been bestowed upon Kenji Tashiro at the CCDC convention on December 8. Kenji, as everyone knows,

is national 1000 Club chairman and an indefatigable JACL stalwart in these parts.

More Awards

Speaking of awards, TC JACL awarded two other citations at the CCDC convention. Hiroshi Mayeda was awarded the Japanese American Creed scroll for his diligent and conscientious service to the chapter and on the district and national levels, too. Mrs. Marjorie Bussinger received a similar award in behalf of her late husband George for his part in educating the public to the part Nisei played in the war effort and welcoming back the Japanese Americans to participate in community activities.

1957 Cabinet

Eight officers of TC JACL, along with more than 100 chapter officers from Central California, were installed at the CCDC convention on December 2 last year. Sworn in with myself were the following people from Tulare County:

Bob Ishida	Secretary
Harry Nii	Treasurer
Aki Fukushima	District chairman
Harry Morofuji	District chairman
Gene Shimaji	District chairman
Joe Tsuboi	District chairman
Jim Hatakeda	Publicity chairman

Major Objectives Met

Upon looking back on our year, we note with interest that of the five major objectives we set up for ourselves at the January meeting, we successfully met all but one. That one failure was the creation of a women's auxiliary. However, we hope to fulfill this objective in 1958 under the capable hands of Hiroshi Mayeda, who is chairman of this committee.

Other Activities

Along with our major projects, we conducted or sponsored numerous other activities, not the least of which was honoring 37 new citizens at the Veterans Memorial Building in Visalia on November 30 last year. Tom Shimasaki did the honors as toastmaster. Joe Grant Masaoka was guest speaker.

With Joe Tsuboi as chairman, we held a county-wide talent show on November 9. The show, originally set for October 19, was postponed because of the flu epidemic. The talent show with its many performers coupled with Japanese travelogue films made for an interesting and enjoyable evening. The wonderful Lindsay district women who made and served the refreshments were certainly to be congratulated. Lindsay district perhaps could be considered as one of the most cooperative JACL communities in the Central California area!

JACL Olympics

The chapter also sent four athletes—Jerry Matsumoto, Jim Aiki, Don Takemoto and Gilbert Hara—to the San Francisco JACL Olympics. Of the four, we had three ribbon winners. It was encouraging indeed to the chapter to see these fellows do so well against the competition they faced. TC JACL takes its hat off to Jack Kusaba and his committee for the swell job they did in conducting the Olympics.

Immigration Museum Aided

Literature for the American Museum of Immigration was folded and mailed at the May 27 meeting. At the same time, the chapter considered likely candidates for the Pvt. Ben Frank Masaoka Memorial Scholarship.

Mutsuo Shinoda, or Muto as he is known around the Cutler-Orosi area—was nominated. Shinoda is a remarkable student. Not only was he graduated from grade school with honors, but he received all A's throughout the four years in Orosi High. He received many awards upon graduation, plus a scholarship to the College of Sequoias.

1958 Cabinet

The chapter closed its fiscal year with election of officers for 1958, with myself, James E. Mat-

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House-to House Canvass Guides Berkeley JACLers

BY YURI YAMASHITA

BERKELEY. — Continuous efforts to bring about closer ties with the local community gave special impetus to Berkeley Chapter's activities during 1957 under the leadership of conscientious, hard-working president Jiro Nakaso.

The program for the year was planned in January with this objective in mind, and further augmented by an informal community survey on needs and desires conducted during the door-to-door membership drive chaired by vice-president Ko Ijichi in February.

To keep the local community more closely informed of the chapter's program, its monthly newsletter mailings were extended in many instances to all Berkeley Japanese American families in addition to the membership, adding Japanese translations whenever possible. With very limited mechanical facilities, editor-in-chief Allan Asakawa, workshop chairman Nobu Uratsu, and mailing chairman Daisy Uyeda, and their respective assistants, cooperated in this activity.

Better acquaintance with civic affairs was encouraged. Kathleen Date did a commendable job of representing the Berkeley JACL on the citywide A.C.T.I.O.N. committee on urban redevelopment, calling attention to the direct concern of such matters to Japanese American residents. Board member Bill Fujita prevailed upon City Councilman Jack Kent to present an informative talk at the chapter's meeting in May.

Berkeley Nisei and Issei citizens were urged to register for the city elections in April, and Japanese American residents were encouraged to avail themselves of the free polio shot program conducted by the city in the spring.

An intensely interested Issei audience participated in the July meeting of the chapter devoted to information on Social Security and drawing up of wills. The program was arranged and moderated by Tokuya Kako, and co-sponsored by the Eastbay Gardeners Association. Nisei speakers Hisake Yoshii of the Oakland Social Security office and Attorney Mas Yone-mura both gave their talks in Japanese for the benefit of the Issei present as a prelude to the informal question and answer period which followed.

Other programs to interest the Issei included two Japanese movie nights, chaired by Chiyo Sumimoto and Jiro Nakaso respectively, the first in April and the second in November. In the early part of the year, alien address report assistance was rendered by Masuji Fujii, Tokuya Kako, Ko Ijichi and

Jiro Nakaso.

Family-type programs conducted by the chapter numbered two successful events. The pot-luck supper in May under the chairmanship of Nobu Uratsu proved to be very tasty (the Japanese food), laugh-provoking (cartoon movies for the kiddies), educational (city official's presentation, interpreted into Japanese by Tokuya Kako), and picturesque (color travelogue film on Japan), and thoroughly enjoyed by the whole family.

The June picnic, chaired by Toke Ariyoshi, was this year expanded into a communitywide event, with cooperation from the local Japanese church groups. Food, games and races, baseball, entertainment, door prizes, visiting with old and new friends—were the order of the day.

As a highlight of the picnic, special tribute was paid to young and old fathers in honor of Father's Day.

For the sports-minded, Berkeley Chapter scheduled a striped bass derby in November under the chairmanship of Jack Imada, assisted by Harry Nakamoto. Berkeley Chapter also co-sponsored the National JACL Bowling Convention in March, with chapter member Mo Katow serving as convention chairman, and Masuji Fujii serving as chapter representative on the planning committee.

Push Youth Projects

The Berkeley JACL made particular efforts during the past year to program events and activities for the children of its membership and the younger generation, as it was felt that a need might be filled in arranging community-wide functions for these young people.

In the spring an April Fool's Dance was held for junior high students, chaired by Tosh Sano, assisted by Tayeko Inouye. The chapter sponsored a baseball team in the Optimist Club's Little League for boys under 12 years of age, with Tosh Sano as coach.

In May, the chapter sent ten boys to participate in the S.F. JACL Olympics again with Tosh Sano coaching. In June a graduates party was held for those completing senior high school as well as those finishing junior high schools in Berkeley. Mrs. Beatrice Kono served as chairman, advising a committee of representative high and junior high students.

A Kid's Fishing Derby in September brought out many budding Izaak Walton devotees, with prizes awarded for the biggest, littlest and mostest, with Jack Imada as chairman. In October, imagination was brought into play as the kiddies masqueraded in costumes for a fun-filled Halloween Party, ar-

ranged by chairman Daisy Uyeda, co-chairman Lucy Ijichi, with games led by Kay Yamamoto.

For December, a teen-age Christmas dance is being planned with Paul Yamamoto as chairman.

In the meanwhile, a committee headed by Frank Yamasaki is studying plans for a new chapter building to replace the former Nihonjinkai property received some years ago but which must be torn down in 1958. It is envisioned that such a building might fill a useful need in the community, and perhaps serve to commemorate the pioneering spirit of the Issei, the courageous sacrifices of the Nisei soldiers, and the bright future ahead for the coming generation.

President Jiro Nakaso expressed hope that the efforts made by the chapter this year can help increase community participation in the

organization's activities, and thus strengthen the JACL's role in the local community.

The 1957 Board of the Berkeley Chapter included: president, Jiro Nakaso (professional gardener with an art education); vice-president, Ko Ijichi (bacteriologist, federal government); treasurer, Akira Nakamura (real estate and insurance); corresponding secretary, Daisy Uyeda (micro-biologist, State of California); recording secretary, Yuri Yamashita (secretary); 1,000 Club chairman, Toke Ariyoshi (investments); newsletter editor and public relations chairman, Allan Asakawa (AA Enterprise and vernacular newspaper columnist); Bill Fujita (accountant and investment counselor); Jack Imada (TV shop owner); Shigeru Jio (insurance); Issei-Nisei relations chairman, Tokuya Kako (im-

port business); Kenneth Kono (insurance); sports chairman, Tosh Sano (Co-Op worker and type-writer technician); Chiyo Sumimoto (housewife, nursery business); past president, Ben Fukutome (C.P.A.); and past president Paul Yamamoto (accountant).

Other committee chairmen included: chairman, Board of Trustees, Masuji Fujii (insurance); building committee chairman, Frank Yamasaki (real estate); chapter newsletter workshop chairman, Nobu Uratsu (head nurse of medical ward, Herrick Memorial Hospital); chapter representative on Berkeley A.C.T.I.O.N. Committee, Kathleen Date (housewife, and president of Women's Architectural League of East Bay), National JACL Bowling Convention Chairman, Mo Katow (Shell Development photographer).

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sumura, reelected president. On my new cabinet are:

Doug Yamada, Orosi; Frank Nii, Dinuba; James Morioka, Visalia; and Sam Imoto, Lindsay; vice-presidents (designed as district representatives); Harry Nii, treasurer; Bob Ishida, recording secretary; Joe Tsuboi, corresponding secretary; Jim Hatakeda, publicity chairman; Mike Imoto, 1000 Club chairman; Aki Fukushima, activities chairman, with Nori Ogata and Ed Nagata, committeemen; Hiroshi Mayeda and Harry Morofuji, delegates-at-large.

Wind-up Meeting

The wind-up meeting for the chapter was held again in Visalia on November 18. CCDC convention tickets were distributed, holiday ads to be solicited for the Pacific Citizen were assigned (our drive was again successful enough for a \$30 greetings ad from the

chapter to be paid for by commissions) and promises to meet for toasts at the Hacienda at the CCDC convention were made.

All in all, Tulare County chapter members really did a fine job. The courtesies given to district representatives, committeemen and officers were certainly heart-warming.

Publicity Done Well

I can't say enough for Jim Hatakeda, our publicity chairman. Many were the times on short notice that he was asked to take care of chapter publicity. It was his duty to see that the chapter had at least one plug in the P.C. every month, a duty he has fulfilled well.

My thanks to all you wonderful people for helping me maintain the high ideals set by the Shimasakis, Iwatas, Nagatas, Tashiros (both Yeki and Kenji), Imotos, Kawanos, Mayedas and other past TC JACL presidents. Your aid has made my work a pleasant one.

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TUCK AND HIS FIVE SONS

What Happens with a Convention Romance

By SAM ISHIKAWA

What happens to JACL convention romances? Do JACL leaders "die" or "fade away"? Can a JACL leader ever adjust himself to a normal family life? These are questions which gradually begin to plague us who have spent a number of active years in the JACL.

Of course, there is no set rule or law on the behavior of homo JACLiens, but most of us have been led to believe that an active JACLer never can be happy as an "average" Joe with his family. Admittedly, there are those who claim this can be done. But these advocates tell us the only way to do it is by breaking the "JACL habit." And that the only way to break the "habit" is to do as with cigarettes and alcohol, that is, to break away completely and to put JACL completely out of our conscious and subconscious minds.

I don't know whether the "habit" can be broken in this manner, but there are a great number of old time JACLers who have tried it and seem to have succeeded—at least we haven't heard from them in a long time.

What interests us more than these people who make a flash in the JACL pan and retire are those who faithfully keep up their interest in the organization and yet lead more-or-less what we Americans have been taught to believe as a "normal family life."

Meets Tuck Nogaki

My observations of JACL life had almost led me to believe that a normal family life for an active JACLer was next to impossible until I went to a JACL Chapter meeting in New York about two years ago. Here I met Takeo Nogaki, formerly of Seattle, whom I had known as a part of JACL history, but not in person. After hearing about his work and family, I came to the conclusion that Tuck's, as his close friends call him, life was about close as we can come to an active JACLer continuing his interest in the organization and yet lead a normal family life.

In order to get more facts about Tuck's doings, I asked Kenji Nogaki, an extremely active New York JACLer and a younger brother of Tuck's, to write up a few notes for me.

Kenji, in doing so, did such an exceptional job in writing up these notes that I am going to pass them to you without much change. It gives us an insight into the early Nisei community in Seattle and a vivid description of an active JACLer keeping up his interest in the JACL, and yet manage to adjust himself into a larger community and raise a family. This story will be especially interesting to many of Tuck's friends throughout the country who may have lost track of him through the years.

Joined League in '28

Kenji begins: "Well, to start off—mukashi, mukashi, o-mukashi, along about 1928, Tuck joined the Seattle Progressive Citizens' League (predecessor to JACL) and the company of such venerables as his two older sisters, Kito and Kenko; Shig Ozawa, who was the oldest Nisei in that neck of the woods; Clarence T. (General) Arai, the first Nisei to enter the practice of law in Seattle, the first Nisei to crack the race barrier in the ROTC at the University of Washington and better remembered by some of us younger fellows who are now in the middle and late 40s as the erstwhile scoutmaster of the first Nisei Boy Scout troop in Seattle; the late Jimmy Sakamoto, who edited the "Japanese American Courier," the only all-English newspaper available to the Nisei; George Ishihara, who was then the "czar of Nisei sports," much of which was encouraged by the league sponsored by Jimmie called the Japanese American Courier League; Ralph Ochi, who, I believe, is still in the

photography business in Seattle; and a whole host of others whom I can't recall at this moment, but all who were true pioneers in the work now being carried on by the many JACL chapters.

"In 1933, Tuck was elected vice-president of the Seattle JACL Chapter; in 1934, as president; and served his second term in 1935. He attended the 1936 National JACL Convention in San Francisco as the president of the Seattle Chapter and as its official delegate. Tuck served as board delegate in 1937, and 1938 found him attending the National Convention in Los Angeles.

Boy Meets Girl

"It was at this Los Angeles convention that he met Florence Matsumoto, the younger sister of Ken Matsumoto of Los Angeles who served a number of years as national JACL vice-president. As a result of their per-chance meeting at the convention, Florence and Tuck were married in March of 1939 in Los Angeles.

"During the same year, the Seattle Chapter again elected him their president, and re-elected him in 1940. In 1941, for his past achievements, Tuck was a nominee for the 'Nisei of the Year,' and received the Yamagata Achievement Award. Although he has not been too active since then as an officer, he has been consistently a member of the JACL. More recently, Tuck has taken upon himself to work on a new movement in the New York Chapter to create sub-divisions in outlying areas such as Long Island and New Jersey. He is heading the movement in New Jersey.

"Tuck now resides in West En-

glewood, N. J., from where he commutes daily to his work at the R. H. Miller Company in New York City. He joined this firm in 1943 as a junior accountant, became assistant traffic manager two years later, and since 1949, he has been their traffic manager.

The Five Sons

"Florence and Tuck are parents of five robust sons: Rodger, Warren, Bryan, Douglas and Randall.

"Number one son—Rodger, is president of his senior class, and is Bergenfield High's first string guard. Rodger is active in Scouting and since last February he has been an Eagle Scout. In 1954, he was one of four Scouts from the Bergen County Council, which boasts of over 14,000 members, chosen to represent that group at the World Jamboree of Scouting in Montreal, Canada. Tuck's number one son is also a proud member of the Order of the Arrow, an honorary group in Scouting.

"Number two son—Warren, who has outgrown his older brother by some six inches, also turned out for varsity football as a sophomore last year, but was plagued by injuries and didn't quite make his letter. At the beginning of this season he was assigned a starting berth as center on offense and safety man on defense, but was dogged with injuries again and later by the Asian flu. His chances for making his letter this year looked slim, but he has been able to play almost the entire game for the past two week ends and hopes to make it this year, and for certainty next year. Warren is treasurer of the Hi-Y and for the past two years has been a member of the Bergenfield School Band,

which is considered to be one of the outstanding high school bands in the country. He, also, is active in Scouting and like his older brother, a member of the Order of the Arrow.

"Number three son—Bryan, is hoping to turn out for varsity football next year, but has been content to be on the managerial staff for the frosh team this year. Like Warren, he is a member of the Bergenfield School Band and hopes to emulate his older brothers in Scouting in which he is up as a nominee for the Order of the Arrow.

"Number four son—Douglas, and number five son—Randall, so far are able to match their older brothers only in making noise, showing a healthy appetite and keeping their mother busy. But undoubtedly, we shall be hearing more about them soon.

Active in Church

"Besides keeping house for this formidable and tireless brood, Florence, somehow or other, finds time to be active in various church work and in Scouting for which she has had her share of Den Mother work, which, as any woman who has been saddled with it knows is a lot of work. She and Tuck are charter members of the Church of the Good Shepherd of Bergenfield, where Tuck has been president of the Men's Society in 1950, chairman of the Methodist Men's Society of Bergen County in 1951 and lay leader in 1953. Besides all this, Tuck has found time to be a Mason since 1948 and has been a Line Officer in that organization for the past six years."

After reading Kenji's "notes," I couldn't help but feel that life would be complete with a baby girl! Tuck's story is only at mid-passage, but it serves as an evidence in life that a JACLer can adjust to, maybe, not an "average," but a full family life. I, also, have a strange premonition that we still may be reading in the future about Tuck becoming a JACL chapter president. He's that sort of a guy.

Chick-Sexing

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unpleasantness there. He was in Missouri soon after Pearl Harbor and was stopped by the Highway Patrol and questioned for an hour or so. Frank spent most of his time during and after the war chick-sexing in Ohio. He left the industry in 1947 to settle down in Los Angeles with his family. He is presently employed as a retail clerk.

18-Year Service

Another old-timer is JOE MITSUHASHI, who learned chick-sexing in Fresno and originally went to Wisconsin and worked his territory there. He was in the industry for about 18 years, resigning in 1954. He recalled the "rough times" in the winter when he traveled about 20,000 miles in one season and commented that his present way of living is quite a contrast to what he had experienced. He is presently co-owner of a bar.

Until recently, the vent method of chick-sexing, developed by Dr. Kiyoshi Masui of Tokyo University in Japan, was the only method of sexing chicks. It was hailed as a boon to the poultry industry since it enabled poultrymen to save millions of dollars in feed expenses each year. Hatcherymen usually sell their pullets at a higher price than their cockerels, which bring in only a few cents apiece, or might even be purposely destroyed.

In 1951, a chick-sexing instrument designed by a Japanese engineer was introduced to the industry. It is an optical instrument with which the sexer can view the chick's ovaries or testes by inserting a tube-like viewer into the chick's vent. The instrument is believed to be highly desirable for the small hatchery owner who cannot hire a full-time sexer, but who can sex his own chicks with accuracy. Many sexers who have learned the vent

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method are also using the instrument in their work.

JACL Personality

DR. ROY NISHIKAWA, a practicing optometrist in Los Angeles, and President of the National JACL, was a chick-sexor from 1937 to 1944. Dr. Nishikawa was interested in developing some chemical to distinguish the sex of the chicks and did research on it at USC.

When "squeezing" the chick to determine its sex, the chick discharges a fluid. Research was conducted to determine whether the pullet's fluid would react differently than the cockerel's fluid, when mixed with various chemicals. After six months, the research was abandoned for lack of definite results.

However, it was Dr. Nishikawa's prediction that with so much scientific research being conducted, some method of determining sex with chemicals would be found that would be much more practical and faster than the manipulation of the chick's vent.

Over 250 Nisei

In recent years, one of the problems faced by the Nisei chick-sexor has been the importation of Japanese sexors from Japan. Unfortunately, many Nisei have been accused of price-cutting in this field. But the protests of independent sexors have been heard and it is believed that this problem will be lessened in the next few years.

At the present time, there are many women in the industry and more than 250 Nisei chick-sexors who are considered specialists in

this agricultural field. With the Atlantic Coast states fast becoming leaders in the poultry industry, the demand for chick-sexors is growing. For the young man or

woman in a hurry to build up stakes, or to save for a college education, the industry has many advantages. It is a foregone conclusion that

the Nisei will play an important role in chick-sexing for many more years to come, just as they have been the pioneers more than 20 years ago.

Sonoma's Notable Accomplishments

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sisted in the arrangements for the tribute to the Nisei war dead.

On Nov. 24 a stripper derby took place at Nelson's Fishing Resort in Napa with Rue Uyeda as chairman and assisted by George Kawaoka and Jim Miyano. Many prizes were given and profits from this event were donated to various charitable organizations of this county.

December, and the end of a very busy year for the Sonoma County Chapter, scheduled the election of 1958 officers and participation with the Auxiliary on Dec. 14 in its community Christmas Party.

Business Meetings

The business meetings presided by Sam Miyano touched on many problems which arose during the year. The Fuzz Young Story appearing in the Firelight Reader used in the public schools; FEPC; and the very controversial local proposed county building code were

among the chief topics.

Our chapter was well represented at the four N.C.-W.N. District Council meetings held during the year. The bowling league has sent one or more teams to all tournaments held in Northern California. As a good neighbor policy, some 24 anglers participated in the Cortez JACL Fishing Derby held at Frank's Tract on Nov. 10.

The successful year that was concluded by the Sonoma County Chapter may be attributed to the wise leadership and guidance rendered by our most capable chapter president Sam Miyano.

Miyano, being no stranger to the local JACL scene, was able to assume the chapter's program without interruption. Through his leadership, assisted by his efficient cabinet, Sonoma County Chapter had one of the most active years in the history of its organization and perhaps one of the most active chapters in the N.C.-W.N. District Council.

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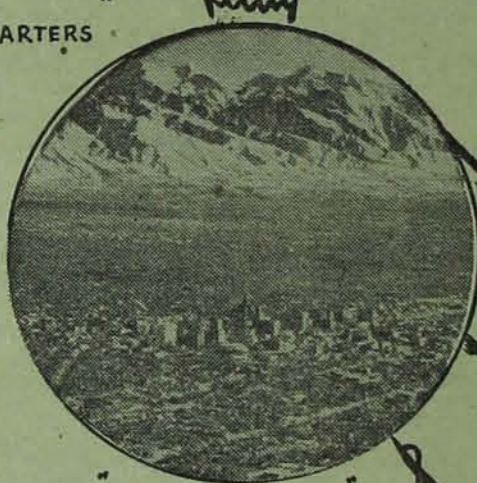
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Chapter Fulfills 1957 Activities with Eye on '58 Nat'l Convention Preparations

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SALT LAKE CITY—With thoughts of the 1958 National JACL Convention being held here, the Salt Lake Chapter dusted off the "know-how" they had acquired by hosting the 1948 convention and made plans for it.

At the same time, it kept a full calendar of events this past year and were engaged in enough "special events" to meet the varied demands that are inevitable in a record chapter membership of a near 400.

Equally significant was the fact that the 1957 cabinet, headed by Ichiro Doi, was kept intact for the coming year.

Rather than listing the chapter events, which are somewhat patterned alike year after year at this point, the miscellaneous activities in which the Salt Lake Chapter were engaged seem more inviting.

The chapter joined with the local NAACP branch in commemorating the third anniversary of the U. S. Supreme Court ruling on school segregation. It spent a day cleaning up Japanese gravesites at the cemetery.

Several trophies were donated to the local sports program: a perpetual trophy to the regular JACL Bowling League, three small cups for the summer bowling league winning team, to the Beehive Golf Club.

The chapter supported clinical psychologist Steve Abe, doing his study of Nisei personality for his doctorate at the University of Utah, as some members took the special test prepared by him. Tamotsu Murayama, on his homeward journey from the 1957 Boy Scout Jamboree in England, addressed the Japanese community here in September. And many members enjoyed the Mt. Olympus JACL summer dance at the Avalon Ballroom on June 17.

Individual Raves

There were JACLers who achieved honors on their own merit.

Keiko Nakahara, star of the University of Utah production, "Teahouse of the August Moon," was bestowed a bouquet of flowers at intermission time by the chapter. There were other JACLers participating in minor roles.

Mrs. Kazuno Waki and John Mizuno repeated as winners in the Utah State Fair competition. Artist John won honorable mention

in the professional oil modern section and a second place ribbon for his "Night Fall," professional water color modern entry. Mrs. Waki, a new citizen member, won a trophy in the senior division Hobbies section for her Ming trays.

Jim Aoki, son of Mr. and Mrs. James Aoki, was elected student body president of South High School. Janice Yano, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Mitsuru Yano, was elected vice president of Lincoln Junior High School. Her mother, Miki, is the Auxiliary chairman.

Joint Meeting

National JACL Director Mas Satow of San Francisco, who came here for the Intermountain District Council meeting on Jan. 27, spoke to a joint meeting of the Salt Lake-Mt. Olympus chapters, with the latter group hosting at the LDS Mexican Ward. The chapter also maintained a registration desk at Colonial Hotel to aid Issei during the month to file their annual address report.

A vigorous membership campaign was also started in January with a goal of 400 to be solicited by four five-man teams. Captains were Rupert Hachiya, Midori Watanuki, Chick Terashima and Shig Kanegae.

Justice J. Allan Crockett of the Utah Supreme Court was the main speaker at the fifth New Citizen's dinner on Feb. 28. Eighteen naturalized Issei citizens were honored. Rupert Hachiya was chairman. Jack Griffin, newly-appointed officer in charge of the local immigration office, was introduced.

Civil Rights Bill

Chapter board members were on record at its Feb. 7 meeting to support the anti-discrimination bill (HB 87), authored by Rep. Adam M. Duncan, joining other civic, labor and religious groups. The bill died in committee.

At the membership victory dance on Mar. 2, Sam Watanuki, membership chairman, reported the team captained by Rupert Hachiya won the contest of signing the most members. Prior to the dance, the chapter voted to host the 1958 National JACL Convention.

A talent show—"Shower of Stars"—on Apr. 28 was emceed by Hito Okada, 1946-50 national JACL president, starring 23 members including two Japanese playlets, a can-can number staged by prominent male members of the chapter, and Japanese dances. The extravaganza netted the chapter about \$800 for the convention fund.

Memorial Rites

Presentation of flowering cherry trees at the YWCA in honor of Florence Pierce, retiring from active service as executive director, on May 26 portrayed the appreciation of the Japanese American community through the chapter for her work with the group. Mrs. Alice Kasai was chairman.

The annual Memorial Day services were held at the base of the Nisei War Memorial monument on May 30 under chairmanship of Kay Nakashima. As in past years, the clergy from local Japanese churches participated in the rites.

Graduates from local high schools and colleges were guests at the "Stairway to the Stars" dance held at the YWCA on June 1. Alyce Watanabe was chairman. Henry Kasai was chosen as chapter representative to the Utah Association of the United Nations, after it voted to join.

Convention Chairman

Rupert Hachiya was selected as chairman of the 1958 national convention board at the July chapter board meeting. Michiko Sanada was sponsored as the chapter candidate for the annual Pvt. Ben Frank Masaoka Memorial Scholarship.

Convention board members met on Aug. 3 at the home of Seiko and Grace Kasai, setting the dates of Aug. 22-25, 1958, for the 15th Biennial. Mas Satow was present to explain the groundwork that would have to be done.

The next day, a good number of delegates attended the IDC meeting being hosted by Mt. Olympus JACL at Andy's Smorgasboard.

A successful hamburger fry at Lindsay Gardens on Aug. 11 under the sponsorship of the chapter Auxiliary began with games for both young and old, ending with chow and dancing to Jim Konishi's records. Committeemen in charge were Amy and Ichiro Doi, Josie and Rupert Hachiya, Maurea Terashima, Alice Kasai, Tomi Murakoshi and Lily Sekino.

Convention Theme

After naming Ichiro Doi, chapter president, as vice chairman of the 1958 national convention in September, the board selected "Past Is Prologue" as the theme at its October meeting.

Prof. Elmer Smith of the Univ. of Utah, and active JACLer here, discussed the Home Rule issue on the municipal ballot at the Oct. 19 general meeting at the Japanese Church of Christ. Bishop Shogo Aoyagi interpreted the talk for the benefit of Issei members.

A Gold Star Mother laid a wreath at the Nisei War Memorial monument in the chapter's annual observance of Nisei Soldier Memorial Day on Oct. 27. Services were conducted by the three local Japanese churches with Shig Kanegae as chairman.

November Dance

The 1958 corps of chapter and Auxiliary officers were sworn into office at the Nov. 2 installation dance at the Police Gun Club. Past

Calling from Salt Lake

To Fellow JACLers:

With the appearance of the Pacific Citizen Holiday Issue and approach of the New Year, we are reminded with each passing day of the coming National Convention in Salt Lake City.

The honor of hosting the next convention makes us feel proud in the part we can have in the continuing progress of the JACL, but at the same time we are aware of the responsibilities that it places upon us.

As in the case of political leaders who must go to "grass root" levels to determine the trend of public opinion, so must the JACL through our conventions feel the pulse of the individual chapters and their members to enable us to maintain a vigorous group where each can contribute the substance of his conviction and thought.

Although the convention theme "Past is Prologue" contains the word "past" — we must be mindful that our membership must not bask in the light of past accomplishments but to use the know-how, the experiences we have gained to the best possible advantage. What we have attained can serve as a guide to what we can do in the future.

We cannot emphasize enough the importance of each JACLer to this, the Fifteenth Biennial Convention. The speed of changing world conditions demands that we be always alert to evaluate these changes as they affect our people. Without your participation in the National Council sessions the convention would have no real meaning.

You have our assurance that the utmost will be done to stage a convention that will be enjoyable and worthwhile.

We'll be seeing you!

—RUPERT HACHIYA

Six Years of Steady Aid in Chapter Work Recognized



SUE KANEKO
1956 Pin Recipient

SALT LAKE CITY — A popular choice for the award of "most valuable JACLer" for 1956, Sue Kaneko is considered one of the more reliable and able members of the Salt Lake City chapter. Her tireless devotion to the tedious chapter work has helped to compile an enviable achievement record. The activities and offices she has held since she first joined the chapter in 1950, since her return from Japan, are as follows:

1952—historian; 1953—corresponding secretary; 1954-55-56—executive assistant to the chapter president; 1954-55—Memorial Day Service Chairman; 1955-56—Membership Drive chairman; 1956—Auxiliary secretary; 1957—board member and appointed secretary to the National Convention chairman, Rupert Hachiya.

national president Okada read the oath of office.

Officers are Ichiro Doi, pres.; Isamu Watanuki, 1st v. p.; Shig Kanegae, 2nd v. p.; Tomo Yano, cor. sec.; Midori Watanuki, rec. sec.; Grace Kasai, treas.; Grace Iida, hist. for the chapter. Auxiliary officers are Miki Yano, chmn.; Rae Fujimoto, v. c.; and Josie Hachiya, sec.-treas.

Mas Yano, IDC vice-chairman, presented the chapter recognition pins to Jeanne Konishi and George Yoshimoto. Rose Kanzaki was chairman of the dance.

The year closes with each chapter member getting a copy of this Holiday issue, a membership roster, activity and financial reports.

In addition to JACL activities, Sue has found time to act as an official scorer for Little League Baseball in 1956-57, and now she is serving as secretary for the Little League Football squad of District 3. She has also served as Den Mother for three years in her son Bert's Cub Scout pack.

She is employed as a field underwriter and secretary by the Salt Lake Service Office of the Great American Insurance Group of New York. Her boss, Roy Donaldson, the Utah agent, says, "She is 'the Boss' of our firm. We would be lost without her." She is a member of the Insurance Women's Association of Salt Lake City, and served as recording secretary and co-chairman of "Bosses Night" in 1955-56.

Sue is also an active member and supporter of the Japanese Church of Christ, where she acted as toastmistress for their Oriental Night Festival this year, she has written plays and coached many numbers in previous years. Her hobby is dancing.

She resides at 202 I Street with her son and parents, Mr. & Mrs. B. Y. Kaneko. At the first dinner held for the newly naturalized citizens, Sue had the unique pleasure of watching both her parents and son being honored. Naturalization for her son was made possible by special act of Congress (a bill introduced by Rep. Bosone of Utah) which provided for China-born Bert to join his mother for residence in the U.S. Sue comes from an eminent family of five children. Her brother, Dr. Thomas Kaneko in metallurgy of Cincinnati, was recently honored and naturalized in Buffalo, N.Y. Another brother, Robert, is an electronics engineer at Long Beach, Calif., for North American Aviation. Sister Katherine is married to Dr. George Asahina, M.D., radiologist at Toledo, Ohio. Another sister, Margaret, is Mrs. Harry Okubo, member of the Mt. Olympus chapter.

For her unselfish loyalty to the cause of JACL and for her many community activities, the Salt Lake Chapter takes this belated opportunity to commend and thank Sue Kaneko—and proudly present her as the recipient of the 1956 Recognition Pin.

—Rupert Hachiya

CONVENTION BOARD WHO'S WHO

Salt Lake JACLers serving under general chairman Rupert Hachiya as members of the 15th Biennial JACL Convention Board were announced this week as follows:

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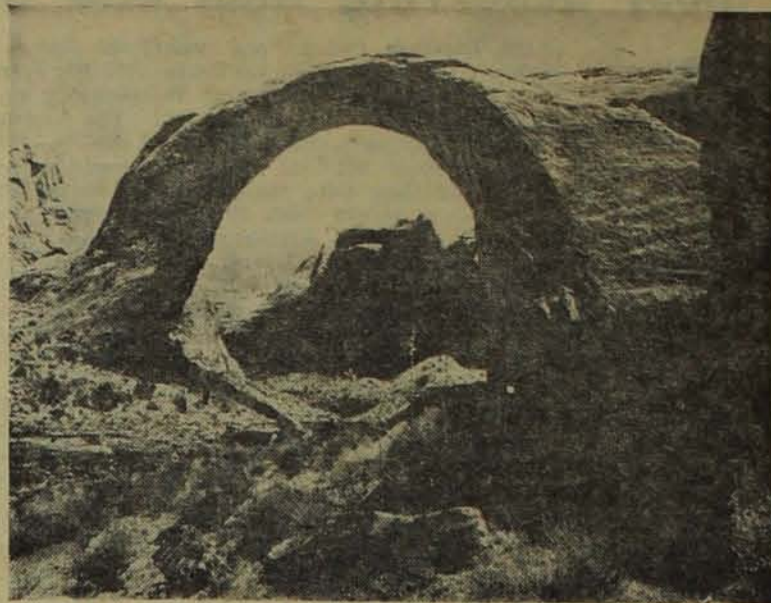
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Sayonara Ball—Shiz Sakai
Opening Ceremony—Mas Yano
Mixer—Midori Watanuki, Skip Tabata
Official Luncheon—Frances Takeno
Sunday Outing—Howell Ujifusa
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Junior Forum—Miki Yano
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General Arrangements—George Yoshimoto
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Convention for Entire Family

15th Biennial JACL Confab in Salt Lake City Next August is Vacation Suggestion

By ALICE KASAI

SALT LAKE CITY — Those planning to attend the National JACL Convention here next August 22-25, will find in the Intermountain area all that a family vacationeer could ask in the way of scenic and historic attractions. With snow capped peaks of the Rocky Mountains overlooking the Great Salt Lake Valley, nature has formed an ideal vacationland. Historical in its meaning to the progress of the West, Utah still retains its ties to the past, for there remain many interesting marks of the early settlers and haunts of the native Ute Indians.

Delegates coming from the North must certainly see Wyoming's famous Yellowstone National Park with its Old Faithful geyser and myriads of natural wonders. There one finds nature in the rough with native bears roaming freely among many other interesting and rare animals, fowls and fishes.

Those traveling from the East and South must not miss the peerless Grand Canyon and Zion's National Parks of southern Utah, where nature has carved temples, bridges, thrones, altars, and precipices of great panoramic beauty.

Cool Retreats

Entrances to the valley are surrounded by six canyons within minutes of downtown Salt Lake City. In hot August weather, one can find cool retreat, such as will be enjoyed when JACLers spend all day Sunday in one of the ski

resorts, and dancing under the stars in the refreshing evening canyon breeze.

Trout fishing is the sport of all these hill streams and lakes, and trout dinner outdoors is just out of this world.

For those preferring a salty dip in the world's saltiest sea, — it will be a novelty not to be able to sink as the salt content of 27 percent keeps everything and everybody buoyant. Naturally, there are fresh water plunges too, for the swimming enthusiasts.

Utah Attractions

For the leisure vacationers attending as boosters, they can go out boating, yachting, cruising, water skiing, etc., as you please. And again, for those who find time to wind into the hills, a unique tunnel entrance will lead you to the world famous Utah Copper Mine at Bingham Canyon, where you can gaze upon the world's largest open mine pit.

The Convention Headquarters will be Hotel Utah, corner of Main and East Temple Street, located in the heart of downtown Salt Lake City. It was the headquarters ten years ago for the Tenth National Biennial.

Salt Lake City is a sample of 20th Century modernism, encompassed by an aura of yesteryear's hospitality, courtesy, freshness of a country, with the cleanest, widest streets in the world. Delegates will not fail to note the restfulness of the spacious atmosphere in the

midst of their hectic, business sessions or in meeting the hundreds of delegates from coast to coast.

Full Convention Slate

The convention itself has to offer you five days of packed events, beginning with the National Board party on Thursday night, hostessed by the ladies of the Auxiliary.

There will be golf and bridge tournaments with national champion participants vying for new laurels. The first Council session will begin on Friday, which is also packed with Oratorical Contest, Pioneer Night, Opening Ceremony, and a Get-Acquainted Mixer.

An Official Luncheon atop the Hotel Utah Roof Garden, Junior Forum, Thousand Club Party, and a Social by the Juniors on Saturday are all being planned. Sunday, you may attend the church of your faith and then settle for an all-day outing in the canyons where we will take the convention picture, eat trout dinners, and dance under the stars. What more could one ask!

However, it is still capped by the last day's event of the events, the Recognition Dinner, at which time some national celebrity will be the guest of honor, and climaxed with the traditional Sayonara Ball.

Value of Confabs

Best of all, of course, is the knowing, that through such meetings of minds and activities, we are continuing to grow in stature

as a recognized minority voice, protecting our interests through proper representation, promoting good citizenship through 88 chapter channels everywhere in the country, protesting acts of discriminations, participating with other community groups in facing the total minority issues in America, performing multitude of personal services, and still growing and maturing.

Each and every delegate will be called upon to give his best and serious thoughts in order to perpetuate and promote the highest ideals for the common good and welfare of the whole.

Along with fun and fellowship, convention time must mean rededication by every JACLer to help chart the course of their future.

To Prepare Youth

As Convention Chairman Rupert Hachiya has said in emphasizing the convention theme "Past Is Prologue."

"Now we stand at a crossroad, or a transitional stage, in deciding the kinds of programming for the fulfillment of goals yet to be attained. We are mindful that the Saneis will eventually assume leadership. Our job as Nisei parents is to make them aware of their heritage so that youth may carry on proudly and adequately."

Our National President Dr. Roy Nishikawa has said,

"Now is the time to take measures to safeguard the gains that

we have made and to develop further the leadership qualities of our members. This is the challenge for the future! Victories do not remain won forever. The price of freedom and justice is eternal vigilance and unremitting efforts. The opportunities for service are limited only by our imagination and by our willingness to work. Each member by his own interest, enthusiasm, and support contributes to the worth, growth, and development of his chapter. By strengthening his chapter he improves his community and thereby helps to create a better society and a better world."

Ask Peace and Prosperity

Mike Masaoka has said,

" — to the end that there may be peace and prosperity in a democratic partnership of free nations in the Pacific, as well as throughout the free world. In this way, we further the twin objectives that have always guided our organization: 'Security through Unity' and 'Better Americans in a Greater America.' "

Other members will have other ideas and concepts. Thus Convention time is the time for channeling the contributions of every delegate.

The Salt Lake Chapter and the fifteenth Biennial Convention Board offer the best of facilities and activities for a Convention that will be never forgotten! Do plan to attend — as "This Is The Place" next August 22-25, 1958.

Salt Lake Chapter confers recognition pin to most deserving man and woman

Fem nominee: Jeanne Konishi

SALT LAKE CITY—This year, Salt Lake JACL decided to recognize two, a man and a woman, to be considered the most valuable JACLers of 1957. The manner of selection deviated from the previous years when all board members cast their votes, with the individual receiving the most votes being chosen, but this year, the selections were left to the committee of previous pin recipients, Ichiro Doi, Alice Kasai, and Sue Kaneko.

The woman honored this year was Jeanne Konishi, long recognized for her willing and conscientious assistance at all times. She has made herself available for just any kind of a job, from putting out Ditto work, washing dishes, to spreading cheer with her wit and humor. Her sense of sportsmanship has won for her many friends, not only in JACL, but among her Sonen-kai group of the Buddhist church, and her associates at Journey Advertising, where she has been employed for past several years and where she is now regarded as almost indispensable.

Jeanne finds her job interesting. For instance, she has a special job preparing TV commercials by being the "hand that pours the milk, dips ice cream cone, butters the toast, prepares and sets up foods used for a large dairy sponsoring an hour and a half show."

Born in Salt Lake LDS Hospital, July 20, 1920, Jeanne moved to Tintic Junction, Utah, when only 1½ years old. She is the oldest of the Jinsaburo Matsumiya family of five children. One of her sisters, Fumi, is married to Tom Kida of San Diego, another prominent JACLer. Baby sister Jo is now employed as dietician at St. Luke's Hospital in Chicago.

After graduating from high school, the family moved back to Salt Lake where Jeanne attended

LDS Business College and was immediately employed by the State of Utah during the war years. It was then that she met Jim Konishi from Ft. Lupton, Colorado, who was stationed at Fort Douglas, Utah and they were married in 1943. Jim served with the air forces in Panama, during which time their only son, Larry, was born in 1947. Now ten years old, Larry is in the fifth grade at Hillcrest School in Murray.

Husband Jim is a radio-TV technician and has been with the Freed Motor Co. for the past ten years.

Jeanne first joined JACL in 1953, and served as recording secretary in 1954-55. During 1956-57, she did an outstanding job as publicity chairman. She served as chairman for the annual inaugural dinner dance in 1955, for selection of the Pvt. Ben Frank Masaoka scholarship contestants in 1956, and co-chaired the successful "Shower of Stars" this spring, that raised about \$850 for the National Convention operating fund. She has accepted to serve as editor of the Convention Souvenir Booklet, which will mean more work, but definitely, in the coming year.

Man of year: George Yoshimoto

SALT LAKE CITY—Invariably in every active and progressive chapter, there are always a select few, who through their loyal and untiring efforts, form the very backbone of the organization. JACLer George Yoshimoto is just such a member.

George was born Jan. 31, 1917, in Kemmerer, Wyoming.

He received his education there, graduating from Kemmerer High School. He married the former Hatsuko Honda of Idaho Falls in 1939. They have two talented daughters, Carol and Diane, who tap danced at the last National Convention ten years ago in Salt

Lake City. They now reside at 1199 So. Fourth East, where they operate a dry cleaning shop.

The Yoshimotos moved to Salt Lake in 1939 and immediately joined the JACL. George has served on the board under every administration since his initial membership. He began his real work during the war years by serving on a committee to aid the Relocation Centers. Then came the Nisei Victory Committee (USO), and the countless nights of calling door-to-door for chapter and national fund raising.

He has held the offices of treasurer and historian, chairmanship of various committees such as the New Citizen's Dinner, Financial Drive ADC, National JACL Credit Union, which he has served since its beginning.

Probably his most gratifying work was that of serving as treasurer of the tenth biennial National Convention in 1948. He claims counting of all the coins and currency gave him ulcers so he has asked for a different kind of a job for '58. He has been assigned general arrangements.

Perhaps George Yoshimoto's most memorable event took place last month when he was presented with the JACL Chapter Recognition Pin by his board members, and was planted a congratulatory kiss from last year's recipient, Sue Kaneko. For his outstanding sportsmanship and cooperative "let George do it" attitude, he has fully earned the recognition.

The Yoshimotos are all active supporters of the Japanese Church of Christ. He has held numerous offices and positions for the church as well as JACL. During the reactivation of the Boy Scout Troop 84, he served as troop Committeeman.

These are but few of his many activities in the JACL, his church, and community. The Salt Lake Chapter is proud to salute George Yoshimoto as one of its faithful old timers.—Ichiro Doi.

MONTHLY ACTIVITIES KEEP AUXILIARY BUSY

SALT LAKE CITY—The women of the Salt Lake JACL chapter had a busy year, managing to schedule a specific program each month except for July and voted the current chairman, Mrs. Miki Yano, to continue the pace for the coming year.

Two of the outstanding events were staged in the spring when the Auxiliary, with the Salt Lake Chapter, co-produced the Shower of Stars Extravaganza in April and presented a cherry tree at the YWCA in May.

Laurels go to, Maurea Terashima and Jeanne Konishi for co-chairing the amateur talent show, of which the profits are to be used to underwrite the 1958 National JACL Convention here.

The cherry tree ceremonies on May 26 were in honor of Miss Florence Pierce, who retired as local YWCA executive director. Auxiliary members Josie Hachiya, Chiye Aoyama, Tomoko Yano, Grace Kasai, Alice Kasai, Sue Kaneko and Midori Watanuki presented a Japanese dance they had learned the

month before for the Shower of Stars.

Luncheon Installation

The year of activities began with a luncheon meeting Feb. 3 honoring the new officers: Mmes. Miki Yano, Jeanne Konishi and Tomi Murakoshi. Hostesses were the outgoing officers, Mrs. Tomoko Yano, Mrs. Midori Watanuki and Sue Kaneko.

On Mar. 11, a representative from the Blue Cross-Blue Shield spoke at the business meeting held at Neighborhood House. Hostesses were Mrs. Midori Watanuki, Mary Shiozaki and Kiyo Oshiro.

A baby shower for Mrs. Marge Nishikawa and Mrs. Mary Nakai was held on June 7 with Mmes. Betty Gikui, Helen Kurumada, Tomoko Yano and Miki Yano as hostesses.

Successful Outing

Without an activity in July, the hamburger fry on Aug. 11 at Lindsay Gardens proved to be a most successful affair. On the committee were Amy Doi, Maurea Terashima, Chiye Aoyama, Tomi Murakoshi, Lily Sekino, Josie Hachiya and Alice Kasai.

The annual Husbands & Wives dinner was held at the new home of Mr. and Mrs. James Konishi on Sept. 6. Hosting were Doris Matsura, Conni Okuda, Shiz Sakai, Chick Terashima, Lessie Yamamoto, Sumi Kanzaki and Jeanne Konishi.

The Auxiliary spent an evening roller skating on Oct. 12 at Normandie Rink and two weeks later met at the home of Sue Kaneko to hold its election meeting. Mrs. Miki Yano was re-elected chairman, and assisting her will be Mrs. Rae Fujimoto, vice chairman, and Mrs. Josie Hachiya, secretary-treasurer.

The year closed with official installation of Auxiliary officers on Nov. 2 by past national president JACL Hito Okada and a luncheon for new officers on Dec. 15 to be followed by exchange of Christmas gifts.



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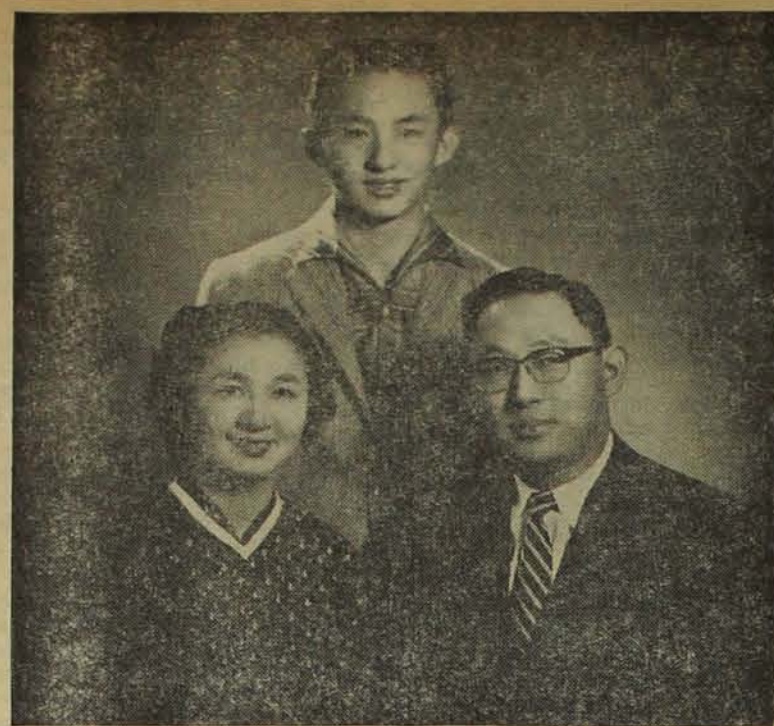
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RECORDING SECRETARY AGAIN AFTER 20 YEARS

SALT LAKE CITY—Way back in 1938 or thereabouts, when Mike Masaoka was the brash young president of Salt Lake City JACL, a charming charter member of that chapter who had barely attained her majority held the post of recording secretary. Tomoko Watanuki, as she was known then, is again a recording secretary 20 years later; however, Mrs. Mas Yano, as she is known now, will be keeping minutes for the National Convention Board in the countless meetings it will be holding in preparation for the 15th Biennial National Convention to be held in Utah's capital city next year.

At the same time, Mrs. Yano will be taking on the responsibilities of the corresponding secretary next year for the chapter which she helped found in 1935. The double responsibility will probably be taking up much of her leisure time, perhaps even leaving her less hours for the painting hobby which she has taken up in earnest in recent years, but being a secretary by profession, Mrs. Yano will quite likely dispatch her job with the efficiency she displays in her work.

She has been working as secretary for the United States Civil Service Commission for the past year and before that has held similar positions with the VA hospital and the U. S. Army and Air Force at Fort Douglas, Utah.

Born in Tooele, Utah, the daughter of the late Mitsugoro Watanuki and Mrs. Ume Watanuki, Tomoko was graduated with the high honors from Jordan High School, the youngest student in the class of '34. She did a year's post graduate work there and was attending the Charette School of Fashion when the war broke out in 1941. She left Salt Lake City during the war years, but maintained her JACL membership with Mt. Olympus while she lived in Provo, Utah.

She has since returned to Salt Lake City when her husband opened his law offices there. Both she and her husband are active in JACL, Mas being vice chairman of the Intermountain District Council for the past four years, and staunch supporter of the 1000 Club for as many years.

Mrs. Yano was chairman of the Salt Lake JACL women's auxiliary last year and had also served as its secretary the year before. She has been an active and interested

member of the Salt Lake JACL Board for the past three years.

She is also active in the Salt Lake County Bar Wives and was treasurer of that organization last year.

"Participation in JACL," Mrs. Yano believes, "affords the best way of becoming a better citizen, for it certainly increases the sense of responsibility upon us for the betterment of the community and points out the part that each of us must work and strive for, however small the part."

The Yanos are parents of one boy, handsome, 14-year-old Kent T. Yano. The family resides at 1525 Evergreen Lane.

Incidentally, Mrs. Yano's interest in art is a serious one. She took instruction at the Art Barn summer school in 1955 and has been taking private lessons from Roy Morrissey this year.

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SANTA BARBARA JACL CHAPTER

I Was a 'Honolulu Rose'

By SEIKO OSHITA

RECENTLY I saw the movie, "Joe Butterfly," which dealt in part with the American Occupation Army's search for "Tokyo Rose" in Japan after the war. It took me back to the summer of 1945 when I worked for the Office of War Information in Honolulu, Hawaii, and was a "Honolulu Rose."

Actually there were two Nisei girls who announced in Japanese on the programs which were originated in Hawaii and beamed via the O.W.I.'s radio station, KRHO, to the South Pacific and Japan. They had the honor of being our wartime "Honolulu Roses," but

both were American citizens doing their duty toward the war effort and being well paid for it.

My case was different for I was a national of Japan, an "enemy alien," and like "Tokyo Rose" was helping the "enemy" to win the war. I had been hired some time after V-E Day, late in May, as a clerk on a war-service appointment by Bradford Smith, chief of the Central Pacific Operations of O.W.I. The O.W.I. had special permission to employ Japanese nationals to work as language specialists.

Mr. Smith, author, scholar, teacher, was collecting material for a book on the Japanese in

ABOUT SEIKO

Mrs. Seiko Oshita, now of Chicago, was the former Seiko Ogai, who has been a contributor to past PC Holiday Issues and resident of Honolulu. — Ed.

America, and had held a territory-wide essay contest which I, being just out of college, had won. He had once taught English at St. Paul's University (Rikkyo Daigaku) in Japan, an Episcopalian college from which our own minister had graduated, and I was an Episcopalian. We became friends, and

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Mt. Olympus JACLers Satisfied With 1957

MURRAY, Utah. — Members of the Mount Olympus JACL look back upon 1957 as another satisfying chapter to be placed in their history as the term came to a close at the installation of new officers in November.

Reminiscing over the events of the past year found the installation dinner and ceremonies to be the first. A delicious chicken dinner was served to approximately 60 members and guests at Harmon's Cafe in Sugarhouse after which Phil Hansen, past city judge from Murray and a personal friend of several of our members, presided over the installation ceremony. New cabinet members sworn in at this time were:

President George Tamura
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At a later date the following positions were also filled:

Publicity Mrs. Ida Tateoka
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During the course of the year, the resignations of Mrs. Mabel Okubo, rec. sec., and Sam Saito, sgt. of arms, were filled by Mrs. Yoshie Fujii and Mr. Kay Harada, respectively.

Old and New Ideas

New ideas and old were the topic of discussion at a dinner honoring the 1956 and 1957 cabinet members on Dec. 3 at Bratten's Seafood Grotto. This annual dinner serves a dual purpose as the strings of the past year are tied to the strings of the new, and cabinet members who devote much time and effort to the organization are feted by the chapter.

In January, a joint meeting between the Mt. Olympus and Salt Lake Chapters was held. Mas Satow, national director, was the speaker for this meeting. Following the business meeting the social portion of the evening found members enjoying themselves with charades, dancing and refreshments.

Parents of the chapter members were honored at the annual "Parents' Appreciation Night" on Feb. 22 at the Meadowbrook Golf Club. Over 120 people were in attendance for this entertaining event made possible by the efforts of the various committees. Chairmen were Kiyoshi Nishida and Jim Ushio. Toastmaster for the evening was Jim Ushio. Highlighting the evening's entertainment was a film showing of pictures out of the past of many of the Issei during their "younger days" soon after their arrival to the United States.

Boys' & Girls' Meetings

March and April were the months for the Boys' and Girls' meetings respectively and an air of competition and secrecy surround the planning of these meetings.

In March the male members tipped their hats to the feminine members and hosted a memorable evening of dinner-dancing in the atmosphere of a night club in the Caribbean Islands. Co-chairmen for this successful social were Ken Tamura, Shoji Sugaya, Tommy Seo and Yukio Isaki.

The girls reciprocated on April 13 by staging a "turnabout" at the Garden Room of the Temple Square Hotel. The fellows were treated to a delicious turkey dinner after which a unique musical program was presented and the evening ended with ballroom dancing. The month of April found still another social on the calendar as members and their children joined together at a roller skating party at the Normandie Skating Rink.

Spring Season Dance

"One last fling before the spring work begins" seemed to be the thought of the club members, who are predominately farmers, — so plans for the spring dance, "In The Mood," were underway. The Avalon Ballroom, which was beautifully decorated captured the spirit of the dancers as they put into practice the many new steps

they had learned during the winter. Dorothy Mukai and Ted Isaki were in charge of this event.

The summer months had many outings in store. Among them were the annual fishing derby at Strawberry Reservoir, Lagoon night, and the Storm Mountain picnic. At the fishing derby on July 27, anglers from Mt. Olympus and surrounding areas participated and the winners were Kimi Kojima, 1st place; Mrs. Tadehara, 2nd place. Kaz Kuwahara and Russ Kano were in charge. A fishing contest for the season was also sponsored and the winners were: Lake Division—(1) Tak Kojima, (2) Kimi Kojima, (3) Kaz Kuwahara; Stream Division—(1) C Iwata and (2) George Fujii.

The chapter's "Lagoon Night" was held on July 8. Picnic food was supplied by the feminine members and following the dinner at North Terrace the crowd busied themselves with the various activities offered by the club and the concession spots.

Annual Canyon Party

As has been the tradition in the past years, the annual canyon outing proved to be one of the most successful events of the year. Almost 100 people were on hand to enjoy the delicious food prepared by the ladies of the chapter. Baseball, volleyball and horseshoes were attractions for those present.

On August 4 the Intermountain District Council held its quarterly meeting, hosted by this chapter. In attendance at this important meeting were delegates from Yellowstone, Idaho Falls, Pocatello, Boise Valley, Ogden, Salt Lake and Mt. Olympus chapters. Also present was Mas Satow, national director. Luncheon and dinner were served to delegates and highlighting the evening's entertainment was the appearance of a nationally known TV and movie star, Miss Miyoshi Umeki. Following the meeting and the dinner the delegation was invited by Jim Schulze to the "Red Chimney" for an evening of dancing.

"September Spree" was the theme for the meeting sponsored by the unmarried members on Sept. 21. After a short business meeting, members participated in ballroom dancing and were entertained with dance demonstrations by the Tony de Carlo studio during intermission.

1958 Elections

October was "election month" and the following persons were given a vote of confidence by the members and elected to serve for the following year:

President Lou Nakagawa
1st Vice Pres. Dorothy Mukai
2nd Vice Pres. Ted Isaki
Corres. Sec. Mary Sugaya
Rec. Sec. Kimi Kojima
Treasurer Joe Sueoka
Soc. Chairmen Ken Tamura
and Yo Nodzu
Directors Jim Ushio
and Min Matsumori

Publicity Tomi Tamura
Historian Lillian Sueoka
Sgt. at Arms Shoji Sugaya

Following the regular monthly meeting in October a Halloween party complete with spook alley, ghosts, goblins and games was enjoyed.

Through the years, it has been the custom for the Mt. Olympus chapter to have a general monthly meeting with the exception of the three summer months when outdoor activities are scheduled. Prior to these monthly meetings, board meetings are always scheduled in order to prepare for the general meeting.

Aside from these meetings and the aforementioned socials, Mt. Olympus has further stimulated its members by sponsoring a regular mixed bowling league, and ballroom dancing lessons for beginners, intermediate and advanced students.

The chapter also assisted Steve Abe in his research to study the personality of the Nisei.

The year came to a close at the installation dinner held at the Tower House restaurant on Nov. 8. New officers were installed by Mas Yano, 1st vice-chairman of the IDC. Members were satisfied that another successful year had gone by and confident that the

I WAS A HONOLULU ROSE

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I went to work for him. He realized that I had only been in Japan for the first three months of my life, and my being an "enemy alien" was more a matter of bad timing on the part of my parents than anything for which I could be held responsible.

Besides, my only brother was serving in Europe with the 442nd Infantry Regiment, had been decorated with the Bronze Star for participating in the rescue of the Lost Texas Battalion at Biffontaine, and I also wanted to help win the war for my adopted country against my native country. I had no feeling of divided loyalties; I did not know Japan at all and had been educated in Hawaii.

My slight knowledge of Japanese came in very handy as I worked in the leaflet department and matched Japanese to English and filed all the pretty leaflets which our artist Frances Baker drew so appealingly for homesick Japanese soldiers. Each morning I dusted the desks and each afternoon I made coffee, clerking in between times.

"Seiko, we'd like some doughnuts to go with the coffee."

It was my task to walk down the streets behind the O.W.I. offices and find the small Japanese store in the Kakaako district

which sold pastries. And this was war effort, too.

Somehow I got a reputation in my department for finding things like Joe Butterfly and Sakini after me. It became Seiko the Scavenger for anything from a head of lettuce to orchids. My father grew the lettuce in our victory garden, the orchids in our hothouse. In wartime Hawaii, goods were hard to get especially for mainland people without any connections or local friends. I hunted in the small shops I knew and patronized all the time. Once there was a request for copies of "Stars and Stripes" with a special article on O.W.I. My sister who worked at Tripler Army Hospital obliged by digging into the hospital waste baskets for them.

There must have been almost a hundred employees at O.W.I. that summer, mostly experts from the mainland United States, rounded out by experts hired in Hawaii. All were experts—engineering experts, writing experts, announcing experts, language experts. I felt very humble working with all of the geniuses, who taught me many new skills.

"Would you like to receive radiophoto transmissions?"

The leaflet gang taught me to receive radiophoto transmissions every afternoon from San Fran-

cisco, although I could never send transmissions, not getting the hang of the zero beat. It was fascinating work for me, and of course, it relieved one of the men from having to hole up for an hour in the hot dark room. I learned to develop and print photographs.

There was the radio engineer who warned me, "If you touch these wires you'll be burned to a crisp in a minute." He was going to teach me about radio.

I kept a safe distance, until one day I saw him running his fingers over the same wires as though he were playing on a harp, and didn't even suffer a slight burn.

"We keep top-secret stuff in here. We don't allow the Japanese translators to come wandering in here," I was told. So what was I doing there, myself?

We never told anyone — Mr. Smith and I—that I was not an American citizen. That was our secret. By summer there was no doubt left that America was winning the war. Perhaps I could in my small way bring a quicker end to the war and stop the needless bloodshed, do the greatest good for the greatest number. Often our leaflets were humane with instructions to civilians being bombed in the B-29 raids. We put out a leaflet newspaper for

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Pasadena Clers work hard, play hard

By MACK YAMAGUCHI

PASADENA — The year 1957 saw Harris Ozawa, re-elected president of the Pasadena JACL chapter, and his cabinet members continuing to offer their facilities and assistance at the beck 'n' call of the community here. As hard as they worked, play didn't take a back seat either as there were several rollicking fun and frolic affairs.

The national campaign sponsored by the Japanese American Citizens League this year to eliminate anti-Nisei movies that impugn the loyalty of Japanese Americans from television had a "local" angle earlier this year.

A Pasadena automobile dealer was on the receiving end of a strongly-worded letter of objection on Mar. 4, after he had sponsored the showing of "Betrayal from the East" on a Los Angeles TV station. Both station manager and the dealer later assured such films would not be shown.

General Meetings

"Everybody welcome" meetings featured a variety of interesting speakers this year. On Mar. 21, Dr. Ryojin Kinoshita of City of Hope Medical Center spoke on cancer; on April 18, John Naka demonstrated "bonsai" (Japanese dwarf trees), and on Sept. 21, Los Angeles County Probation Officer Jack Fitz discussed crime and delinquency.

A special appeal to assist in packing used clothing for overseas needy found JACLers spending April 9 at the American Friends Service Committee warehouse here.

The chapter also helped two local Japanese churches — the Buddhist and Presbyterian-Union — by manning a white elephant auction booth at their respective bazaars.

For the youth of the community, the chapter held a Thanksgiving theme dance at the Japanese Community Center, 64 W. Del Mar.

Chapter Kicks

While the serious side of chapter activities included the house-to-house membership canvass in early March with Rei Osaki (wife of noted silversmith Harry Osaki) and Eiko Matsui (chapter secretary who has provided the summary of this year's events), attendance at district council affairs and monthly board meetings, all-out effort is noted also in the chapter socials.

There were the hilarious 1000 Club luau at Tom Ito's with his

coming term would uphold the tradition and be equally as gratifying to the members of the Mt. Olympus JACL.

flower bedecked pool enhanced by strumming ukes and hula dancers on Sept. 8; joint steak bake with East Los Angeles JACL at Oak Grove Park with the Pasadena Benchwarmers taking on the ELA Feather Merchants in a softball game and winning by a narrow margin as a July 7 finale; and installation dinner-dance on Feb. 23 at Carpenters Santa Anita.

A summer sidelight was the

tour of Pabst brewery on Aug. 15 with a color movie on Japan, refreshments and impromptu entertainment winding up an interesting evening. Another movie which made a nation-wide tour — "This Is Your Life—Mike Masaoka"—came here in May.

Last week, the chapter held its annual Christmas potluck affair, followed by election of officers for the coming year.

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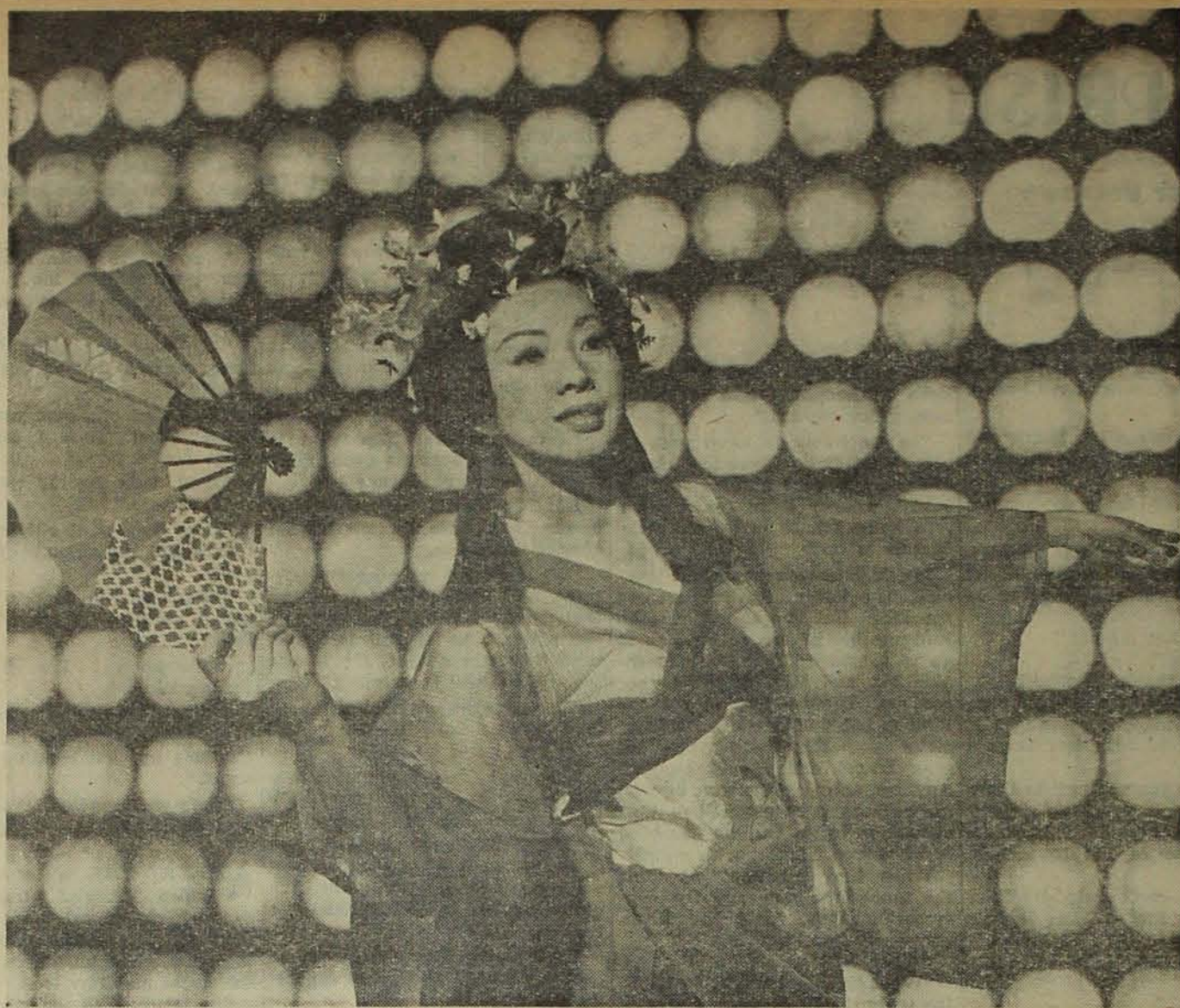
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Miiko Taka portrays Japan's leading dancer in Warner Bros.' "Sayonara", starring Marlon Brando. The production is based on James A. Michener's celebrated novel, directed by Joshua Logan in wide-screen and color principally on location in Japan.

Miiko, until a year ago, was working for a Los Angeles travel agency. In recent weeks, she has been making personal appearance tours across the country.

Hollywood's Hub-bub High on Nipponese Themes

By LARRY TAJIRI

AT A TIME when some of Hollywood's "hate the Japanese" movies are still showing on television—despite the efforts of the JACL to discourage stations from telecasting the films—the motion picture industry itself has changed its attitude and is in the midst of a cycle of pictures presenting persons of Japanese ancestry in a sympathetic manner.

During the past month, for example, three pictures with Japanese backgrounds have been released. All were filmed in Japan in widescreen and color and exploit to full advantage the colorful Japanese backgrounds. Foremost is Warner Brothers' "Sayonara," a faithful transcription of James Michener's telling of a Japanese-American love affair, with the climax changed to assure a happy ending. RKO's "Escapade in Japan," meanwhile, is a charming film of two young fugitives, one of Japanese and the other of American ancestry, who lead the police a merry chase through Nara and Kyoto. The third, "Stopover Tokyo," originally was a J. P. Marquand suspense story involving Mr. Moto but literature's famous Japanese detective has been replaced by another Japanese character who is killed in film (guess it wouldn't have done to kill Mr. Moto since writer Marquand may want to use the character again sometime).

'Oscar' Nominee?

Although all three of these pictures were filmed on location in Japan, thus denying Hollywood's players of Japanese ancestry a

chance at many of the Japanese roles, each features a Nisei personality. Miiko Taka, a Los Angeles girl who was a travel agency clerk only a year ago, emerges as a full-fledged movie star in "Sayonara," playing the feminine lead opposite Marlon Brando. Miss Taka, incidentally, does an effective job, responding to the direction of Joshua Logan and at least one nationally-syndicated writer has included her name among Oscar possibilities. Brando, of course, is almost certain of an Oscar nomination as the prejudiced Air Force major from the American south who falls in love with a Japanese girl.

In "Escapade in Japan," Los Angeles-born Nakagawa has one of the two leading roles as the young boy who leads 7-year old Jon Provost (new star of TV's "Lassie" series) on a romp across the Japanese countryside. Young Master Nakagawa, who is probably all of ten years old, acts like a veteran.

Reiko Oyama, San Francisco-born daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Wesley Oyama, makes her movie debut in an appealing debut in an appealing role in "Stopover Tokyo," playing the role of the daughter of the Japanese detective who is killed by anti-American agents in Japan. Young Miss Oyama is being considered for other film assignments by 20th Century Fox, producers of "Stopover Tokyo."

Comeback of Hayakawa

Incidentally, one of the most remarkable facts of the year's film-

making is that Sessue Hayakawa, a star for 40 years of motion picture history, makes yet another comeback in Columbia's "Bridge on the River Kwai," the picture which is now the favorite to sweep most of the year's picture awards. Hayakawa plays the Japanese commandant of a Burma POW camp who attempts to use his Allied prisoners to build an important bridge across a Burmese river. Alec Guinness, the ranking officer among the prisoners, William Holden as American sailor and Jack Hawkins are the stars of "Bridge" which also opened this month.

In contrast to Hollywood's past disregard for Japanese sensibilities, Sam Spiegel, producer of "Bridge on the River Kwai," took a print to Japan last month to show to Japanese governmental authorities who apparently have approved the film, although it shows scenes of brutalities visited upon the POWs by the Japanese militarists. It was in conjunction with "Bridge" that Hayakawa, once one of Hollywood's reigning stars (he commanded \$5,000 a week from Famous Players-Lasky 40 years ago,) was brought back to Hollywood.

Hayakawa's performance is a remarkable one, in that there are probably only a handful of performers remaining in the movie business who were acting when Hayakawa made his Hollywood debut back in 1914. The role of the prison camp commandant, of course, is nothing new to Hayakawa who had a similar role in "Three Came Home," a story of

American civilians in a Japanese POW camp in southeast Asia, which was made in 1950.

THE PAST year has been a remarkable one regarding Japanese American relations in Hollywood. "Sayonara," which argues for the right of an American soldier to love a Japanese girl whatever the U. S. authorities may think, was produced by Warner Brothers which, during the World War II period, made "Across the Pacific" and "Air Force," two of the bitterest of the anti-Japanese films. RKO, makers of "Escapade in Japan," produced "Betrayal from the East" and "Clay Pigeon," in which Japanese Americans were pictured as traitors, while 20th Century Fox, filers of "Little Tokyo, U.S.A.," a drama of Japanese American espionage, was responsible for "Stopover Tokyo."

Hollywood's Japanese cycle is in full flower. Paramount has purchased Gwen Terasaki's moving, sensitive reminiscence of a Japanese American romance, "Bridge to the Sun," which has received wide circularization through a Readers Digest adaptation. Mrs. Terasaki, of course, was a Johnson City, Tenn., girl who married a Japanese embassy official in Washington and went off with him, after Pearl Harbor, to share her husband's destiny in wartime Japan. Her choice for the role of Terry Terasaki, and the actor who is being sought for the part, is Yul Brynner, one of the screen's outstanding personalities.

"Bridge to the Sun," which will

be filmed in both the United States and Japan, probably will go into production shortly.

Nacirema Latest

Meanwhile, production is proceeding on two Japanese-American films. One is "Dateline Tokyo," a project of Nacirema Productions (the Nisei-financed company who has produced "Sierra Strangers," "Hot Rod Girl," "Undersea Girl" and similar films) which is in work at the California studios. "Dateline Tokyo," which involves a Japanese American romance, stars Michi Kobi (she was Michiko Okamoto of Sacramento) in her first important movie role as Sumi and features Teru Shimada in an important role. A score or more of Nisei and Issei performers will be used in the picture which concerns a GI who gets into trouble in Japan (shades of the Girard case).

The other film-in-production is 20th Century Fox's "Townsend Harris Story," a Buddy Adler production which is now in work at Ito, a tiny Japanese fishing village. John Wayne, one of the movies' top leading men is playing Harris, the first American diplomatic official to arrive in Japan after Commodore Perry's black ships opened the port of Shimoda more than a century ago. The role of Okichi, the beautiful geisha whom legend credits with having been Harris' love, has gone to Eiko Ando, a former Tokyo chorus girl. Most of Japan's leading actresses were tested for the part, but did not know sufficient English. The actress who would have met the requirements of Director John Huston is Miiko Taka, but Miss Taka was busily engaged in a 39-city tour of American cities on behalf of "Sayonara" at the time 20th Century Fox inquired for her services. Warners, incidentally, is so pleased with Miiko's poise and personality that they are planning to send her on a European tour sometime after the holidays, and a Japanese trip also is a possibility.

Twentieth Century Fox already is counting on "The Townsend Harris Story," teaming one of the screen's leading box office stars, Wayne, with one of its top directors, Huston, as one of the outstanding pictures of the year to come.

And also indicative of a changed attitude was Jerry Wald's "No Down Payment" for 20th Century Fox in which Aki Aleong played a Nisei war veteran who is denied the right to buy a home in a housing development in the Los Angeles area but finally gets the house when his would-be neighbors decide to stand up and fight for his right to buy a house. It is to be hoped that this lesson from "No Down Payment" is not lost on the residents of similar housing areas in California.

Future Productions

Hollywood's interest in Japan probably will not diminish in the months to come. A number of other projects are being discussed. One is the "Will Adams Story," which MGM's Jack Cummings would like to make, and which involves the fabulous adventures of the 16th century Englishman who was shipwrecked on Japanese shores. Another is a musical, which Roger Edens proposes to make in the summer, also for MGM, which is about a "reverse Nisei," a girl of American parents born in Japan, who falls in love with a member of the Los Angeles Dodgers who are touring Nippon. Hollywood producers also have discussed a number of other pictures, several involving cooperation with Daiei and Toho, two of Japan's biggest studios.

The picturization of Japan and the Japanese, through such films as "Sayonara," should do much to dispel the deleterious effect of the wartime anti-Japanese movies, many of which were directed against Americans of Japanese ancestry as well.

SURPRISE

Author Unknown

(Translated from the Japanese by Take and Allan Beekman)

MRS. YUKIYE MORITA, a pleased smile on her beautiful face, picked up a thick sealed letter that had been delivered this morning. Somehow she felt that a thing of great interest was concealed in this envelope. When she opened it a white paper, folded in four, appeared.

Evening of the 26th.

Mrs. Morita:

Please find enclosed two tickets to "Surprise," the comedy now playing at the Modern Theater. Please be sure to go with your husband. It's very amusing. After the show something surprising may occur.

A Friend.

Although a skillful attempt had been made to disguise the handwriting, Mrs. Morita knew exactly whose it was. Among her friends there was only one person who delighted in such mischief. It could be no other than that Madam Yuriko Ikeda. As for that lady writer's jokes they were always done elaborately. But that kind was heartily welcome—and Mrs. Morita smiled as she stroked her cheek with the tickets.

Towards evening, when Mr. Zenzo Morita came home from work at the machine factory she

had completely finished her toilet and had on her best clothes; to him this surely must have been a surprise.

"Come on, come on, hurry and get ready. We're going to the show tonight."

"How come? Is it somebody's birthday?"

"How silly!" She was in high spirits. "Somebody's birthday! You know Yuriko—she's given us two tickets."

"Where? Let me see."

"Here! See!"

"By Jove, that's splendid!"

But as Mr. Morita glanced over the letter he made a queer face.

"Say, this is not Miss Ikeda's writing."

"What are you saying! Is there anyone else who would do a thing like this? In these hard times she even went so far as to include tickets."

"I simply can't help thinking someone has forged Miss Ikeda's handwriting."

"Who?"

"Someone."

"What for?"

"I don't know what for."

"There you are. It must be Yuriko. I once told her I really wanted to see this show—weren't

you there beside me?"

"I suppose so. But I hate to have it thought I was indirectly asking for tickets."

"Is she likely to have such an idea—that girl? Come on! Hurry and change your clothes and get ready. Dinner is in ten minutes . . . since I hate to go after the curtain is up."

Mr. Morita was somewhat troubled. The letter somehow seemed spurious. But it was not easy to find another person so kind as to go to considerable expense to enable Mr. and Mrs. Morita to see a show. Besides was it not the famous habit of Madam Ikeda to make something surprising of even trivial and absurd things? Anyhow, astute as he was, he well knew from past experience that opposition to his wife on this kind of issue was fraught with danger.

When they sat down at table she immediately opened the conversation thus, "It's the Ikeda way—for sure!"

"What is?"

"What is!—today's incident. It's truly the Ikeda way. I phoned now—thinking of first making sure and expressing our thanks. Then they said she had left on a trip this morning and wouldn't

return for four or five days—it's the Ikeda way through and through. She'll pretend she knows nothing of it, and when we meet someday she means to laugh a lot. I know that for sure."

"But—"

"My, something's wrong with you tonight!"

"Why?"

"Why?—because you're very strange. That's all right. If you're in doubt like this you needn't go. I'll go alone."

"I'll go, too."

"There you are! You want to go, too. They say it's good, don't they? The current show—"

But Mr. Morita, who was busy eating, had time for no further answer than this.

"What do you suppose the surprise is? I wonder if it means that when we come home and look there won't be a dish left, and that the sweets that are in the tea cabinet will be missing."

"You're always talking about food. You're truly a gourmand."

"No, I'm just joking."

"Oh, yes! They say that before Yuriko writes a novel she actually tries out the plot. Isn't that odd?"

"But if it takes the kind of form it has taken this time and she always sends tickets that's fine. It's really not bad to be surprised like this."

"Oh, my!" She finally burst out laughing, "Oh, that is expecting too much!"

But, as a matter of fact, Mr. Morita's immediate interest was a desire for another serving of apple pie.

"This pie is delicious."

"Otomi made it."

"Hmm! That maid is a treasure. She talks little and works hard, even if one searched throughout Tokyo there are few like her."

"Yes, you're quite right. So I take good care of her."

"As for pie I can't eat those you make."

"My, how you talk! The last time, wasn't it two extra servings?"

"Was that one that you made? Fine! Fine! Then I take back what I said now."

"Well, let's go. If we dawdle we'll be late."

When they went out to the entrance hall she again spoke pleasantly.

"What do you suppose the so-called surprise incident will be, dear?"

"Who knows? It's what Miss Ikeda will do."

"Otomi, dear," she called to the maid, "we'll return late. You needn't wait up. I'll lock up for the night."

"Very well, madam. Please have a pleasant time. Good night."

AFTER THE automobile in which Mr. and Mrs. Morita were riding turned the corner of the street the expression of Otomi, the maid, changed. There was not the usual maidlike look.

She returned to the kitchen and lit a candle.

For pleasure she only read detective stories. There flashed through Otomi's head her life until now—she had worked and worked and yet was as poor as ever. Her old man, a drunkard, had long ago borrowed her ten yen a month pay in advance and none of it reached Otomi's hands.

All that really came into Otomi's hands were the small tips she received from the mistress on New Year's and at Bon, the Buddhist festival for the dead. So when she had received a day off a short time ago, and fifty sen as pocket money, she had seen a movie at Asakusa, the theatrical district, and when she had bought a photograph of an actor the money was all gone.

But this misery, too, would come to an end tonight. Before twelve o'clock tonight Otomi, maid of the Morita household, would become owner of one thousand yen, cash. And with that money, like the daughters of the peers she had seen in the movies, she could indulge in luxury to her heart's content.

One day the preceding week, Madam Yuriko Ikeda, the lady writer, had visited Mrs. Morita and, when they were having dinner together the Mistress said, at the table, "By the way, Yuriko! Have you seen the comedy called, 'Surprise'? It's reputed to be very amusing."

Otomi, who was serving, did not miss overhearing this. The next day, when she went to clean the mistress' room, she had sought out a letter of Madam Ikeda and studied the handwriting. She also secretly checked that Madam Ikeda was to leave Tokyo on the twenty-seventh to go to the country for four or five days. Therefore it was in no way surprising that today such a thing as an anonymous letter with the tickets to "Surprise" had fallen into Mrs. Morita's hands.

Otomi, grinning and holding the candle, went around to the rear entrance. She raised the curtain and shined the light three times on the glass door. Her heart beat fast as she waited for an answer. Then the door quietly opened and there entered a fierce-eyed, extremely villainish-looking man.

"It went well, didn't it?"

"Yes, don't you think I'm clever? The two of them won't return until twelve o'clock."

Otomi led the man to the study and snapped on the lights.

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(From Preceding Page)

"Go ahead and don't worry. Anyway it's safe."

The man, without so much as an answer, cast his eyes on the safe in the corner. It seemed fairly difficult, but in the bag he carried were all the tools necessary to open the safe.

Saying, "Fine," he attempted to cross the room to approach the safe. Otomi placed herself before it, blocking the way, and put out her hand.

"Hand it over—the money you promised."

"Don't get excited," Tsumakichi Esaka said from the corner of his mouth. "I ain't got my hands on nothing yet, have I? In the first place—is that thing in here or not?"

"I guaranteed that. It's in there all right. So put up my share. I don't trust you if you talk about giving it to me afterwards."

"Oh, yeah, if you don't trust me I can't trust you either. When the paper in the safe gets into my hands, then the money will go into your pocket."

But Tsumakichi, villain though he was, was startled. Otomi confronted him with a pistol. Moreover, with the fixed mind of a woman, she seemed ready to fire at any moment. Whether a girl fires or a child fires there is no difference in the fearfulness of a pistol.

Otomi had known the whereabouts of the revolver Mr. Morita had brought home from abroad and tonight she had concealed it in the breastfold of her kimono.

"Oh, shut up! The paper is in the safe but it has to be exchanged for one thousand yen. Well, hurry up and get to work. One false move and boom!"

Otomi gave the command in the same tone in which she ordered potatoes at the greengrocer's. She was good in a situation like this because she always read detective stories. But the only thing that worried her was that she did not know whether the pistol actually contained bullets or not.

Tsumakichi took the work tools out of the bag and went about opening the safe. Behind him stood Otomi. Working with a pistol pointed at him was not very pleasant.

"Aren't you going to make five or six thousand yen from that paper? A thousand yen tip is a cheap thing. If you don't give—"

"I ain't said I won't give it to you. You don't have to distrust me that much. It's expecting too much—such a thing as taking the money before doing the work."

"But something we often hear is that there are cases when if we don't watch out we end by getting

nothing." And so saying, Otomi took a better grip on the pistol.

At this point there was no other way than to obey the woman's orders until he got the paper into his hands. Tsumakichi made up his mind to this and hurried the work.

Safes, no matter how well made, were easy for Tsumakichi, who was originally a workman for a safe manufacturing firm and who had spent many years specializing in opening safes and repairing out of order locks. He skillfully used various tools and got on with the work. The spacious residence was silent as the grave, the only sounds were the faint sounds that rose when Tsumakichi put a tool on the floor.

With a clunk the safe opened. Like a dog discovering pork, after fasting for days, Tsumakichi, with both hands, grasped and pulled out the paper.

"That, that's it. Well what about the one thousand yen you promised?"

Mr. Morita had the head of a genius when it came to machinery. About ten years previously, while studying abroad in Europe and America he had begun research on motors, and as the result of years of effort he had perfected an ideal automobile motor.

When this rumor once got into the newspapers rival companies began to worry. To make someone pay a fancy price for this paper, valued at from ten thousand to twenty thousand yen, would be easy.

Tsumakichi, thrusting that precious paper into his pocket, now stood up. When he finished putting the tools into the bag he started to walk towards the exit.

"Hey, wait! Where's the one thousand yen?" Otomi had the pistol pointed at the man's breast. Her white finger was on the trigger.

"I thought it would be like this. I bet you hate to part with the thousand yen, but you can't get away with this. Well, hurry up, put up the money. It's already past eleven o'clock. They'll return at twelve o'clock. If they catch you doing a thing like this it will be your hard luck. No one will believe it even if you say I was the one who brought you. I've been in this house three years and I'm greatly trusted. Hurry, put up the one thousand yen you promised."

At this moment Tsumakichi's mind was working furiously. Is there not, somehow, a means of escape? I can't bear to throw away money this way. Until now it has been necessary to humor this woman, but now it has reached the point where I have no

use for her. Nothing could be so foolish as to turn over the whole advance payment of a thousand yen which cost so much trouble to get.

If only the room were dark—but the room was bright as midday, and the time was passing swiftly. Right before his eyes Otomi, pale-faced, was pointing the pistol at him.

He made up his mind. With a click of the tongue he took out his purse and put a bundle of ten yen bills on the table top. Otomi slowly approached the table, picked up the bundle of bills and put them in her apron pocket.

"Well, go home," she said, smiling.

Tsumakichi's regret for the bundle of bills he had just given was beyond endurance. And thinking that if there were a chance he would spring at her he walked towards the exit door.

Suddenly his gaze fell on the electric switch. As soon as his hand touched it the room became pitch black. Otomi, taken by surprise, unconsciously pulled the trigger of the pistol. The wall was struck and in the darkness the smoke and dust arose.

Thereafter, in the pitch darkness, a desperate struggle continued.

"VERY AMUSING, wasn't it? I've never laughed that much. It was really comical when that old man ran about yelling Surprise, Surprise."

"Yes, as a comedy, it was first rate."

"It won't be good if you don't thank Yuriko."

"Of course I'm thankful. But if she does this sort of thing two or more times I'll feel more thankful."

"You expect too much. But it was really amusing—tonight. When it was discovered that that lively young man had a mere ten yen savings—his face, it was too funny for anything. That actor is really good."

"The actress, Hatsue Ichikawa, has also become remarkably good lately."

"Didn't everything, from beginning to end, go surprisingly well tonight?"

"Surprisingly—that reminds me—but nothing surprising has happened, has it?"

"I guess not. That nothing has happened could be the surprise, couldn't it?"

"Ha, ha, ha! That's probably it."

Mr. and Mrs. Morita were yawningly engaged in conversation of this sort while returning in the automobile. Even so, to be on the safe side, Mr. Morita led the way into the house.

"There's something strange," said Mrs. Morita, and halted in the entrance hall.

"It's your imagination." And he opened the dining room door.

"Look, nothing in particular has changed, has it? Follow me."

"Let's go to your room. That's the most—oh! What's happened?"

Mr. Morita, who had opened the study door and turned on the light, had let out a cry and stepped back two or three paces. Otomi, stained with blood, had fallen before the opened safe. The furniture and wall were covered with blood and nearby lay the pistol. The outstretched right hand, on the floor, clutched the aforementioned paper.

Mr. Morita put his ear to the blood covered breast. Mrs. Morita, her voice quivering, was phoning the doctor. But it was useless.

Otomi already had departed for eternity to that other world.

"Otomi died to save that paper. She died for our sake," the wife said, sobbing. "Truly what splendid intentions she had. She guarded that paper for our sake, even to the sacrifice of her life. Oh, to the end of my days I will never forget Otomi who died with that paper clutched in her hand. Never, never will I forget her."

"A futile thing has been done," Mr. Morita said.

"What?" She lifted her tear wet face.

"Well, Uh— He was evidently perplexed. "To tell the truth, I turned that paper over to a certain company a week ago. And this? This is a first draft for something. How did a thing like this happen to be in the safe, I wonder?"

TWIN CITIES UCL CHANGES OVER TO RULE BY BD. OF GOVERNORS

By HENRY MAKINO

ST. PAUL-MINNEAPOLIS.—While 1957 passes as another record year for the Twin Cities United Citizens League with a new high in chapter membership, most significant was the constitutional change in the selection of a governing body.

The membership last May approved an amendment that establishes a 15-man board, effective with the 1958 term. Board members are to be elected for two years, which in turn will elect its officers.

However the tenure of office for the 1958 board will be determined by popular vote, allow the eight receiving the most votes to serve the full two-year term and the remaining seven to sit for a year. "Thereafter, the members elected to the executive board shall number seven or eight as the case may be and will serve two-year terms," the UCL constitution stipulates.

This election procedure has been adopted by many other JACL chapters as well as the NC-WNDC.

Under the leadership of Tom Ohno, membership chairman, Twin Cities surpassed last year's mark with a new high of 204 JACLers.

In step with the National JACL program of eliminating the telecasting of anti-Nisei films, the UCL called on the four television stations locally and was assured of their cooperation in not showing such objectionable films.

UCL participation in community activities were varied and well-attended. The annual Japanese American community picnic, co-sponsored with the Japanese American Community Center, attracted over 300 last June at Lake Phalen Park in St. Paul. Jim Kurata and Jeri Tsurusaki were picnic co-chairmen.

In July, many UCLers joined the Japanese American community in its first venture on stage. A play written by Henry Omachi, "Rainfall Moon," was presented at Lake Harriet Pavilion during Minneapolis' Aquatennial Week. Under the direction of Chester Fujino, the troupe gave a sketch of a "very untypical day in a typical Japanese village." As part of the program there were some children dances, the "Tanko Bushi"—the Coal Miner's Dance, a classical dance by Mrs. Sus Hirota and excerpts from "The Mikado" sung by students from Edina High School.

The steak fry in August brought 120 hungry meat-eaters to the Lake Harriet picnic grounds. Warren Kyono and Nob Hangai, co-chairmen, made sure everyone had their fill. Rounding out August activities was the UCL golf tournament at Gross Golf Course. George Sakai of Mankato walked home with the trophy. Credit Frank Fujimoto, chairman, for another successful activity.

Henry K. Makino served as 1957 chapter president.

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Monterey Peninsula JACL Ends '57 as Record Year

MONTEREY — The year 1957 will long be remembered by members of the Monterey Peninsula chapter as one of the most active years in the chapter's history. Led by genial "Oyster" Miyamoto, who was assisted by a staff of efficient officers, the membership attained was the largest ever, and the well-rounded variety of programs kept the members busy throughout the entire year.

The all-out membership drive which was concluded by the end of February netted us 208 members, the largest number in chapter history.

Its success was celebrated on February 22 with the annual installation dinner, held at the Mark Thomas Inn. Despite adverse weather conditions, a goodly number of people were on hand to see the installation of the following 1957 officers, conducted by one of the real "old timers," Dr. Harry Kita of Salinas:

H. "Oyster" Miyamoto President
 Kel Nakamura Vice-Pres.
 Ishio Enokida Exec. Sec.
 Mas Yokogawa Treas.
 Junko Watanabe Rec. Sec.
 Paul Ichijui and
 Yoshio Satow Publicity
 Elsie Katahira Historian
 George Kodama 1000 Club Chairman
 Mush Higashi and
 Jim Tabata Social Chairmen
 Paul Ichijui, Clifford Nakajima and
 Tad Ogawa Official delegates
 John Ishizuka Inst. Representative
 Kay Nobusada Scout Representative

Board members installed with the officers were George Esaki, Kaz Oki, Yo Tabata, James Takigawa, Mike Sanda, Ken Sato and Ky Miyamoto, Monterey district;

Haruo Esaki, Henry Nishi, Bill Sumida, Frank Tanaka and Barton Yoshida, New Monterey district; Mickey Ichijui, Archie Miyamoto, Jim Uyeda, Pacific Grove-Carmel district; Bob Nakamura, Jack Ninomiya, George Saiki, Kaz Sugano, Aki Sugimoto, Ray Suzuki, Henry Tanaka and Bill Yokota, Seaside district.

Women's Auxiliary officers were also installed at this dinner.

August Busiest Month

By far the busiest month on the crowded calendar of Monterey JACL this year was August in which we hosted the third quarterly NC-WNDC meeting at the Mark Thomas Inn. Activities started with a dance the night before, followed by a golf tournament Sunday morning, a boat ride in the afternoon and topped off by a capacity crowd banquet in the evening. Dr. Karel Vit of the Army Language School spoke on his life behind the Iron Curtain.

Paul Ichijui was general chairman of arrangements for the district council meeting. He was aided by Aki Sugimoto, golf chairman; Mush Higashi and Jim Uyeda, dance chairmen; Jim Tabata, banquet chairman; Yoshio Satow, boat ride chairman; and Viola Uyeda and Ishio Enokida, registration.

With scarcely a pause for breath, the chapter enjoyed its annual barbecue at Pfeiffer State Park, Big Sur, in the same month. A large crowd of members and friends enjoyed a delicious chicken

barbecue.

"Shower of Stars"

October 12, date of the "Shower of Stars" talent show will be long remembered and talked about for the rest of the year. Some 50 members and a few outside talent participated in the show, doing everything from a can can dance to the selection of a "Miss Monterey" beauty contest winner. The show was a smashing success, and there is talk of making it an annual affair. George Esaki was in charge.

Success Breeds Success

Hard on the heels of the talent show was the annual pre-Thanksgiving potluck dinner in November. It turned out to be the most successful potluck ever held, with an attendance of nearly 200 diners. Four turkeys were given away during the evening. After a delightful Chinese dinner, the evening was spent in playing games.

Ambrosia for Meeting

One of the most unusual chapter activities was a wine-tasting party held after the May meeting. The party was arranged through the courtesy of Gallo Sales Co. A warm feeling prevailed, and the party was certainly enjoyed by everyone!

Hall Improved

The JACL Hall also underwent some improvement this year, as members painted the interior walls in March, and Auxiliary members put up bamboo drapes in June. Speaking of the Auxiliary, mem-

bers saw one of the busiest years they have ever had. They assisted the Red Cross in its annual drive in March, held a tea at the home of Mrs. Robert Stanton, party editor of House Beautiful magazine, in April, held their annual mother-daughter luncheon at the Los Laureles Lodge, Carmel Valley, in May besides assisting at all of the other activities held by the chapter.

Social Side

Traditionally for the past 20 years or so, the Monterey chapter began the year with a New Year's Day dance. To attract more dance lovers, however, the date was moved up to New Year's Eve with the result that Monterey had one of the most successful and best dances ever.

Community relations were not neglected either. The chapter-sponsored Boy Scout Troop 47 took part in the city-wide collection of used clothing and household articles. Scoutmaster Mike Sanda led the local Scout delegation to the national jamboree at Valley Forge.

Also as in years past, the chapter headed the organization of the annual community picnic in June.

Blue Cross Plan

Other items of interest would include the opening of the Blue Cross hospitalization plan to all members as well as the hosting of a NCWDC board meeting in July, followed by a delightful barbecue at the home of Mr. and Mrs. William Torabayashi.

Business meetings are conducted every third Wednesday of each month by the Monterey chapter. The chapter bulletin, the "Newsletter," is published each month to keep the membership informed of the latest chapter news.



OYSTER MIYAMOTO
Monterey CL Leader

The chapter was also well represented at district meetings. "Oyster" Miyamoto, George Kodama and Paul Ichijui attended the first quarterly meeting at Sacramento. The same delegates, plus Mush Higashi, Clifford Nakajima, Shiz Torabayashi, Junko Watanabe, Margaret and Yoshio Satow, attended the second quarterly meet at Alameda. The third quarterly meeting was held at Monterey.

End of Busy Year

At the end of a busy and successful year Monterey chapter members look forward to the announcement of their new cabinet for 1958, and the annual New Year's Eve dance on December 31. Aki Sugimoto and Yoshio Satow, co-chairmen, promise a good time for all.

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Central California	76	18	94
Pacific Southwest	327	322	649
Intermountain	57	56	113
Mountain-Plains	64	84	148
Midwest	214	112	326
Eastern	99	23	122
	1,186	804	1,990*

(*—In addition to this figure are about 50 deceased or inactive members on file.)

Intermountain District

Boise Valley

Hamada, Harry	1
Inouye, Kay	4
Takahashi, Yoshio	8
Yamada, Manabu	8

Idaho Falls

Brownell, Albert	4
Haga, Takeo	4
HARADA, DETO	LIFE
Harper, Edward S.	6
Hirai, Charley	6
Honda, Masayuki	3
Inouye, Yukio Eke	7
Kobayashi, Eli K.	1
Kuwana, Todd	3
MORISHITA, SADA O	LIFE
NISHIOKA, JOSEPH	LIFE
NUKAYA, GEORGE	LIFE
Ochi, Fred I.	5
Tokita, Kay	5
YAMASAKI, FRANK K.	LIFE
Yamasaki, Sam	3

Mt. Olympus

Inouye, Yukus	5
MITARAI, HENRY	10
Ushio, Jim	3

Ogden (Ben Lomond)

Kato, Toyse	3
Miya, Minoru	3
Nozaki, Bill K.	3
Uchida, Ken	9
Yamada, Tomio	3

Pocatello

Kato, Novo	1
Kawamura, Akira Ike	4
Shiosaki, Hero	3
Tominaga, Frank	2
Yamauchi, William	5

Salt Lake

FUJIMOTO, MRS. RAE S.	10
KASAI, MRS. ALICE	10
Kasai, Henry	5
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Snake River Valley

Fair, Edward J.	2
Hashimoto, Tom	1
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Iseri, Thomas T.	9
Kido, Hiro	4
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Ogami, Frank	1
Russell, Lloyd	1
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Saito, Mrs. Nellie	1
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Saito, Paul Y.	6
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Vaughn, George	1
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Wakasugi, Mrs. Mary	2
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Hikida, Fuji T.	4
Kamachi, Mike A.	3
Miyasaki, Hiroshi	6
Miyasaki, Tommy H.	3
Sakota, Kiyoshi	3
Yamasaki Haruo	4

Central California

Clovis

Miyamoto, James K.	1
Yamamoto, Tokuo	1
Yoshida, Herbert	1

Delano

Azuma, Sam	4
Kawasaki, Paul	3
Kawasaki, Tom	3
Nagatani, Edward	2
Nagatani, George	2
Nagatani, Dr. James	4
Nakagama, Bill	1
Yonaki, Sadawo	3

Fowler

Hiyama, Kazuo	1
Miyake, Dr. George	5
Uchiyama, Mikio	1

Fresno

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Inouye, Fred	2
Ishikawa, Jin	4
Jitsumyo, Akira	2
Kubo, Dr. Sumio	2
Oji, Dr. Chester	2
Sakamoto, S.	2
Suda, Dr. George	6
Taira, Dr. Kikuo	4
Takaoka, George	1

Kingsburg

Ando, Mats	4
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Parlier

Doi, Noboru Jerry	4
Iseki, Harry	3
Kakutani, Sadao	2
Kashiki, John	2
Katsura, Ted	4
Kawate, Kaz	3
Kimoto, Ralph	4
KOGA, BEN	LIFE
Komoto, Kaz	4
Kozuki, James	5
Kubo, Harry	3
Kumataka, Byrd	4
Kuroda, Miss Mae	3
Migaki, Richard	4
MIYAKAWA, NORMAN	LIFE
Miyakawa, Tomio	4
Nagare, Fred	1
Nakata, Harry	1
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Okamura, Robert I.	4
Osumi, Kengo	4
Ota, Ronald K.	4
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Mayeda, Hiroshi	2
Nagata, Ed	2
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Massaging the scalp of National 1000 Club chairman Kenji Tashiro at the recent EDC-MDC Whing-Ding after a liberal splash of "V.O. Shampoo" is Bill Sasagawa of Philadelphia. Avers Kenji after the wash—his hair was as soft as baby's hair, but the ingredients for the shampoo are tough on the pocketbook.

Mountain-Plains District

Arkansas Valley

None Active.

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Furukawa, J. T.	1
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Hoshijima, Kazuichi	1
Hoshijima, Nakao	1
Hosokawa, William K.	6
Iguchi, Masakuni	1
Imatani, James	7
Iritani, Shikano	1
Joryo, J. N.	1
Kanegaye, J. Zensuke	4
Kasa, Takeo	1
Kawano, Dr. Tomio	4
Kumagai, Ikuji	1
Masunaga, George Y.	4
Matoba, Harry G.	2
Mayeda, Dr. Takashi	3
Menda, Mrs. Hatsuko	1
Miyamoto, Dr. K. K.	1
Mizoue, Kakuzo	1
Nagahisa, Chotaro	1
Nakasugi, Minejiro	1
Nonaka, Teizo	1
Ohashi, George	8
Oka, Mrs. Tatsuno	1
Omiya, D. S.	1
Otsuki, H. M.	1
Ozamoto, Dr. Isamu	1
Ozawa, Shigetaro	1
Sakata, Mrs. Mary T.	5
SHIYOMURA, MRS. BESSIE	LIFE
Yamamoto, John	2
Yebisu, Hisao	2

CCDC Miscellaneous

MOCHIZUKI, GEORGE	11
(Madera)	11

Suyehiro, Moroku	1
Takamine, Fusakichi	1
Takeshita, Yotaro	1
Tashiro, Mike H.	2
Terasaki, Yutaka	2
Teshima, Uhachi	1
Tsutsui, Mrs. Kino	1
Uyeno, Mrs. Ichiyo	1
Yamada, Tom	1
Yamaguchi, Rikizo F.	1
Yashiro, Shiobe	1

Fort Lupton

Hisamoto, Jackie	2
Ida, Harry	3
Koshio, Floyd	3
Murata, Lee	4
Sugihara, Tom	2
Tsuhara, Jack	3
Uno, Hirato	1
Uyemura, Dr. George	2
Uyemura, Mrs. Margie	2
Yamaguchi, Frank	2

Omaha

Nakadoi, Mrs. Bob	6
Nakadoi, Bob	8
Okura, Patrick	7
Okura, Mrs. Lily	5
Tamai, Frank F.	4

San Luis Valley

Enomoto, Shirow	2
Hayashida, Charles	6
Inouye, Roy	9
Kunugi, George	2
Mizokami, Mike	4
Ono, Kichigoro	2
Sumida, Harry	4
Tanaka, Morris	2
Yoshida, Clarence	5

Mtn.-Pl. Miscellaneous

Hashimoto, Mrs. S. Ruth (Alb) ..	2
Matsubara, Charles Saburo (Alb) ..	6
Shiroma, Mrs. Eureka S. (Fla.) ..	2

Whing Dings to the Rescue

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Some chapters have similarly staged their own whing-dings to sign up new members in pursuit of "Operations Breakthrough."

Another Milestone

Kenji Tashiro was jubilant in Chicago, scene of the joint EDC-MDC whing-ding last September, when the campaign designed by Shig Wakamatsu in 1954 as "Operations Breakthrough" ground to a halt amid popping of noisemakers and flying serpentine (just like greeting New Year's but without "Auld Lang Syne") when the 2,000th member was named.

(As of Nov. 20, Headquarters notes there were 1,186 active members as compared with 1,990 which would include 804 whose membership has expired. The overall total of 1,990 excludes 50 inactive or deceased members.)

Life Members

Kenji, current national 1000 club chairman, was in Idaho Falls over the Thanksgiving holidays to celebrate the 10th Anniversary whing-ding, which honored their 37 Life members and seven 10-year members.

Life membership was something which Callahan, as national chairman, devised in late 1952 when JACL finances were very low. Starting with his own example, he prevailed upon seven others to contribute \$250 each for Life membership. It has resulted in a reserve, which is always available in the event there is need for immediate funds.

(Headquarters, as of Nov. 22, reports the present Life membership reserve, is about \$6,000. As prepaid 1000 Club memberships, \$25 of a Life Membership is placed in the current checking account and the balance in the reserve. Each year, another \$25 is withdrawn. On Life Memberships, no credit is made for previous years. Since these are not solicited, outside of the first few that Callahan made, each one is purely voluntary and wholly unexpected.)

There are some, now, who are able to afford Life membership, but who feel that \$250 is too low a figure and prefer to join on a year-to-year basis because JACL will eventually benefit more from their support in this manner. While

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"V.O. Shampoos" are becoming a favorite whing-ding tonsorial specialty as Bill Sasagawa of Philadelphia begins his ministrations on Mike Masaoka. Young ladies screaming with a howl are Frances Ozoe (left) and Mrs. Shizue Sakada, both of Chicago.

Pacific Southwest District

Arizona		Orange County	
Cox, Simpson Z.	5	Enomoto, Tommy	1
Inoshita, Ben	2	Ishii, Charles	6
Inoshita, Masaji	5	Ishii, Joe	6
Inoshita, Tom	1	Ishii, Kyutaro	4
Kadomoto, Tom	4	Kanegae, Asajiro	2
Ozasa, James	1	Kanagae, Elden	3
Takiguchi, Minoru	3	Kanagae, Henry	6
Tanaka, Shigeru	9	Kanno, Jim	2
Coachella Valley		Santa Barbara	
Matsuishi, Robert	4	Hide, Mike	2
Sakamoto, Ben	4	Hirashima, Tom	9
Seto, Masao	4	Kakimoto, Ikey	7
Shibata, George K.	5	Lee, Harold	3
Downtown L. A.		Santa Maria Valley	
Aiso, Judge John F.	5	Ito, Frank K.	8
Akita, Miss Annabelle H.	3	Minami, H. Y.	2
Aratani, George T.	9	Shimizu, Harold Y.	9
Chuman, Frank F.	9	Southwest L. A.	
Clement, Father	1	Asawa, Charles	4
Fujita, Harry M.	5	Asawa, Mrs. Michi	4
Fukui, Hitoshi	5	Fujita, George	1
Fukui, Soichi	4	Hirata, George	1
Funakoshi, Willie M.	9	Horita, Hisashi	1
Furuta, George E.	7	Ishida, Dr. Hiraku	3
Hada, Sam (San Marcos Texas)	1	Iura, Dr. Toru	3
Hara, Dr. James H.	4	Kataoka, Masamichi	3
Hashimoto, Mrs. Haru	3	Kitagawa, Miss Lois	1
Hashimoto, Koroku	4	Kohno, Fred	2
Honda, Harry K.	5	Kunitsugu, Kango	1
Iino, Sho	8	Makita, Dr. Victor	3
Ikuta, Dr. Shunji K.	2	Masaoka, Hank I.	4
Iwasaki, Ernest K.	4	Masuko, Dr. Shig J.	3
Kawa, Taro	6	Miura, Koichi Ken	1
Kawasaki, Mrs. Tamako	1	Miyashiro, Sam S.	3
Kawasaki, Yasujiro	3	Munekata, Dr. Ryo	3
KIDO, SABURO	LIFE	Nagamoto, Dr. Kenneth K.	3
Kiyono, Mrs. Tomoe	2	Nakano, Miss Viola	5
Kiyono, Tsukasa	2	Naruse, Matsushi	3
Kusayanagi, Takejiro	2	Nishikawa, George S.	1
Maehara, Tsutomu	3	NISHIKAWA, DR. ROY M.	10
Matsumoto, Kazuma	2	Nishimura, John Y.	3
Mayekawa, Shigeo	1	Nomura, Tak	1
McKibbin, David	4	Oi, Matsunosuke	3
Mitsumori, Nisuke	3	Ono, George S.	9
Miyatake, Archie	2	Ota, Fred	8
Miyatake, Bobby	2	Sakaguchi, Dr. Bo T.	2
Miyatake, Toyo	2	Sakata, Tsugimaro	1
Monji, David M.	2	Shimazaki, Tom T.	2
Mukaeda, Katsuma	1	Shiokari, John	1
Murayama, Ben K.	2	Tamaki, Carl M.	3
Murayama, Henry H.	5	Tanouye, Al S.	6
Nagamoto, Dr. George Y.	4	Tarumoto, Dr. George S.	9
Nakatani, Noriyuki	3	TAYAMA, FRED M.	LIFE
Nii, Robert Isao	2	Pasadena	
Nitake, David Y.	6	Abe, Dr. Joe	2
Nobe, Seichi	4	Deguchi, Yoneo	7
Ogata, Seiji	3	Dyo, Ken	9
Oguchi, Seichi	4	Dyo, Sei	2
Okumoto, Ted	3	Dyo, Tsutomu	8
Omatsu, Frank K.	1	Goya, Paul	5
Saito, John Ty	9	Ito, Mrs. Mary K.	4
Sasaki, Masami	3	ITO, TOM T.	LIFE
Sayano, George K.	3	Iwasaki, Tetsuo F.	7
Sekiyama, Dr. Isami	3	Karasawa, Richard Y.	1
Shimada, Teru	2	Kishi, Takashi	4
Shiosaki, Miss Blanche	3	Matsui, Miss Eiko	2
Shirakawa, Mrs. Saku	3	Mikuriya, Miss Mary M.	5
Sugino, Dr. Arthur	3	Monma, Miss Kay	3
Sumi, Toraichi	4	Oishi, Jiro	4
Takagaki, Lynn N.	3	Ozawa, Harris H.	3
Takata, Fred T.	2	Shimoda, Miss Rose	1
Takata, Giichi	3	Takata, Al S.	5
Takeda, Shigeji	6	Takei, Harry S.	2
Tanaka, Yasuo Clifford	6	Takekoshi, Takewo	2
Uchima, Kei	4	Tamura, Butch Y.	8
Ushijima, Jerry S.	1	Tsuchiyama, Mich	2
(Las Vegas, Nev.)	1	Ueda, Ronald	1
East Los Angeles		Yamaguchi, Dr. Ken	1
Fujioka, Anson T.	3	Yusa, Dr. Earl M.	2
Hieshima, Dr. Asaichi	1	Yusa, Miss Mary K.	1
Higashi, Jim	3	San Diego	
Inadomi, Yosh	9	Asakawa, Hachisaku	2
Kawakami, Miss Ritsuko	4	Asakawa, Moto	3
Mittwer, Mrs. Mary	4	Esaki, Ainosuke	3
Nomi, George R.	2	Fujii, Louis K.	1
Obi, Dr. Robert T.	4	Funaki, T.	1
Okamoto, Frank	1	Hamaguchi, Jack	2
Ukita, Charles T.	3	Hara, Dr. Shigeru	3
UTSUNOMIYA, KEN	10	Honda, Henri	2
Wada, Dr. George	2	Hoshi, Paul	3
Watanabe, George	2	Ikemura, Tsutomu H.	7
Yamadera, Roy M.	1	Imoto, Tadasu	2
Yuguchi, Cy S.	3	Ito, Martin L.	4
Gardena Valley		Koba, Masanori	2
Ishida, Frank Junzo	3	Kodama, George Y.	4
Ishida, Henry J.	5	Morimoto, Mas	1
KOBATA, GEORGE	LIFE	Mukai, Tom	3
Kobata, Joe H.	9	Muraoka, Saburo	3
Komae, Ryo	5	Muto, George S.	5
Kuida, Kameichi	3	Nakamura, Hiomi	3
Kushida, Tats	7	Nakamura, Minoru	1
Minami, Kazuo	8	Nakashima, Shig	4
Minami, Sam	3	Obayashi, Alfred Y.	8
Ono, Dr. Richard K.	2	Owashi, Joseph	8
Osaka, Kenji	7	San Fernando	
Satow, Mrs. Fumi	2	Imai, Mrs. Michi	1
Satow, Hideo	9	Imai, Tamotsu Tom	1
Shinoda, Paul	8	Uyehara, Isamu	4
Shiozaki, Ronald I.	5	Yokomizo, Sus	8
Yonemura, Frank M.	3	San Luis Obispo	
Hollywood		Eto, Masaji	6
Abe, Danar	4	Eto, Tameji	4
Ishitani, Noboru	5	Santa Barbara	
Ito, Arthur T.	9	Hide, Mike	2
Izumo, Hideo	1	Hirashima, Tom	9
Kamayatsu, Charles K.	4	Kakimoto, Ikey	7
Kato, Robert	2	Lee, Harold	3
Kawakami, Paul	1	Santa Maria Valley	
Sato, Kenneth T.	3	Ito, Frank K.	8
Suzuki, Mike	3	Minami, H. Y.	2
Yanamoto, Miss Miwako	4	Shimizu, Harold Y.	9
Long Beach		Southwest L. A.	
Fujimoto, Easy	3	Asawa, Charles	4
Fukumoto, Elliott, Hajime	1	Asawa, Mrs. Michi	4
Hirashima, Frank	2	Fujita, George	1
Ikeguchi, Fred	6	Hirata, George	1
Inouye, John	1	Horita, Hisashi	1
Ishida, Dr. Itaru	2	Ishida, Dr. Hiraku	3
Ishii, Miss Frances	1	Iura, Dr. Toru	3
Ishii, Frank T.	2	Kataoka, Masamichi	3
Izumi, Dr. Katsumi	1	Kitagawa, Miss Lois	1
Joe, Tomizo	2	Kohno, Fred	2
Kashiwabara, Dr. John E.	2	Kunitsugu, Kango	1
Kitahata, Harry	1	Makita, Dr. Victor	3
Kobata, Allan T.	2	Masaoka, Hank I.	4
Kumashiro, Dr. Richard	1	Masuko, Dr. Shig J.	3
Kuroda, Dr. John	2	Miura, Koichi Ken	1
Lee, Mrs. Lilly	1	Miyashiro, Sam S.	3
Lin, Dr. Raymond Lee	1	Munekata, Dr. Ryo	3
Mio, George	3	Nagamoto, Dr. Kenneth K.	3
Miura, Mrs. Barbara	2	Nakano, Miss Viola	5
Miura, Dr. David M.	2	Naruse, Matsushi	3
Okita, Jim Toshio	1	Nishikawa, George S.	1
Okura, Momota James	1	NISHIKAWA, DR. ROY M.	10
Shiroishi, George Y.	2	Nishimura, John Y.	3
Takeshita, Dr. Masao	2	Nomura, Tak	1
Warner, Gordon	1	Oi, Matsunosuke	3
Orange County		Ono, George S.	9
Enomoto, Tommy	1	Ota, Fred	8
Ishii, Charles	6	Sakaguchi, Dr. Bo T.	2
Ishii, Joe	6	Sakata, Tsugimaro	1
Ishii, Kyutaro	4	Shimazaki, Tom T.	2
Kanegae, Asajiro	2	Shiokari, John	1
Kanagae, Elden	3	Tamaki, Carl M.	3
Kanagae, Henry	6	Tanouye, Al S.	6
Kanno, Jim	2	Tarumoto, Dr. George S.	9
Kanno, George	3	TAYAMA, FRED M.	LIFE
Kobayashi, Dr. Fred I.	1	Whing Dings to the Rescue	
Kobayashi, James K.	3	(From Preceding Page)	
Kobayashi, Harry H.	7	convention, it jumped to 746.	
Matsukane, Mrs. Kiku	3	With the beginning of the 1954-	
Nagamatsu, Frank	2	55 fiscal year, beginning with	
Nagamatsu, Paul S.	3	Oct. 1, 1954, 1000 Club member-	
Nerio, Miss Sumiye	1	ships were being credited to chap-	
Nitta, Hitoshi	5	ter financial quotas. At the end	
Nitta, Minoru	3	of 1955, the current count hit 970	
Nitta, Mitsuo	3	and then as a result of the 1956	
Nitta, Sam	3	campaign and convention, the fig-	
Ochiai, Dr. Tadashi	3	ure surpassed its original goal	
Okuda, Bill	3	with 1,162.	
Okuda, Jim S.	2	On November 1, the 1000 Club	
Tadokoro, John M.	2	had its best record with a current	
Takenaga, T.	2	membership of 1,197.	
Tamura, Stephen K.	2	It is important to remember that	
Uyesugi, Ken	5	the period of 1946-53, when 1000	
Pasadena		Club growth was slow, the nation-	
Abe, Dr. Joe	2	al legislative and JACL-ADC	
Deguchi, Yoneo	7	campaigns were in full swing with	
Dyo, Ken	9	many loyal JACLers making sub-	
Dyo, Sei	2	stantial contributions to the ADC	
Dyo, Tsutomu	8	fund drives and were not in a po-	
Goya, Paul	5	sition to donate both to ADC and	
Ito, Mrs. Mary K.	4	the 1000 Club.	
ITO, TOM T.	LIFE	In Retrospect	
Iwasaki, Tetsuo F.	7	Mas Satow, national JACL di-	
Karasawa, Richard Y.	1	rector, recently stated that the	
Kishi, Takashi	4	"most obvious contribution" 1000-	
Matsui, Miss Eiko	2	ers have made to the national or-	
Mikuriya, Miss Mary M.	5	ganization "is to supplement our	
Monma, Miss Kay	3	income from membership and to	
Oishi, Jiro	4	(To Next Page)	
Ozawa, Harris H.	3		
Shimoda, Miss Rose	1		
Takata, Al S.	5		
Takei, Harry S.	2		
Takekoshi, Takewo	2		
Tamura, Butch Y.	8		
Tsuchiyama, Mich	2		
Ueda, Ronald	1		
Yamaguchi, Dr. Ken	1		
Yusa, Dr. Earl M.	2		
Yusa, Miss Mary K.	1		

One Thousand

Owashi, Leo	4	Uba, Dr. Katsumi	3
Segawa, Ben	1	Ueno, Tatsuya	1
Tanaka, Bert	1	Wada, Jack M.	3
Taniguchi, Take	1	WATANABE, DR. TOM	LIFE
Umekubo, Dr. Peter	3	Yamaguchi, Terumi	2
Yasuda, George	1	Yamamoto, Jimmie S.	2
Yoshihara, Hideo	3	Yata, Tut	5

San Fernando

Imai, Mrs. Michi	1
Imai, Tamotsu Tom	1
Uyehara, Isamu	4
Yokomizo, Sus	8

San Luis Obispo

Eto, Masaji	6
Eto, Tameji	4

Santa Barbara

Hide, Mike	2
Hirashima, Tom	9
Kakimoto, Ikey	7
Lee, Harold	3

Santa Maria Valley

Ito, Frank K.	8
Minami, H. Y.	2
Shimizu, Harold Y.	9

Southwest L. A.

Asawa, Charles	4
Asawa, Mrs. Michi	4
Fujita, George	1
Hirata, George	1
Horita, Hisashi	1
Ishida, Dr. Hiraku	3
Iura, Dr. Toru	3
Kataoka, Masamichi	3
Kitagawa, Miss Lois	1
Kohno, Fred	2
Kunitsugu, Kango	1
Makita, Dr. Victor	3
Masaoka, Hank I.	4
Masuko, Dr. Shig J.	3
Miura, Koichi Ken	1
Miyashiro, Sam S.	3
Munekata, Dr. Ryo	3
Nagamoto, Dr. Kenneth K.	3
Nakano, Miss Viola	5
Naruse, Matsushi	3
Nishikawa, George S.	1
NISHIKAWA, DR. ROY M.	10
Nishimura, John Y.	3
Nomura, Tak	1
Oi, Matsunosuke	3
Ono, George S.	9
Ota, Fred	8
Sakaguchi, Dr. Bo T.	2
Sakata, Tsugimaro	1
Shimazaki, Tom T.	2
Shiokari, John	1
Tamaki, Carl M.	3
Tanouye, Al S.	6
Tarumoto, Dr. George S.	9
TAYAMA, FRED M.	LIFE

Venice-Culver

Fukuhara, James	2
Imazu, Eddie Y.	4
INAGAKI, GEORGE	LIFE
INAGAKI, MRS. YUKIE	LIFE
Inouye, Dr. Mitsuo	2
Isoda, George T.	2
Kado, Ryoze F.	2
Kanimoto, Mrs. Toki	4
Masaoka, A. Ike	5
Mikawa, George S.	9
Moriguchi, Fred M.	4
Nakaji, Steve	1
Ryono, Dr. Robert	2
Saito, Paul	2
Shishino, Dr. Takao	2
Wakamatsu, Mary	5

Ventura County

Hirata, Willis	2
Taketa, Dr. Tom	2
Yoshimoto, Dr. Mitsuru	2

West Los Angeles

Abe, Dr. Tom	2
Akashi, David	2
Goka, Robert K.	2
Ishioka, Riichi	1
Iwamoto, Robert	2
Kamiya, Ichiro	4
Kishi, Frank	1
Kitsuse, James	2
Komai, Sho	2
Minato, Joe	2
Nakano, Fred C.	2
Naramura, Hiroshi	2
Nishimoto, Ben	2
Nishimoto, Jim	2
Nishizawa, Mits	1
Ohno, Akira	2
Okamoto, George	2
Okinaga, Richard	2
SONODA, DR. KIYOSHI	LIFE
SONODA, MRS. KIYOSHI	LIFE
Uchida, Elmer	2
Uyeda, Joe	1
Yamaguchi, Toshikazu	1
PSWDC Miscellaneous	
Imoto, Uichi (Vista)	1
Iwaki, Shunjo (Vista)	1
Kawano, John (San Luis Rey)	1
Momita, Tak (Calipatria)	3
Sugino, Kenneth (San Luis Rey)	1
Uchimura, Izumi (Fallbrook)	1
Yoshimura, John Y.	9
(San Luis Rey)	1

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this viewpoint is deeply appreciated, JACL Headquarters also acknowledges the \$6,000 "nest egg" for possible emergencies.

Spectacular Growth

The growth of the 1000 Club is most apparent in the following figures provided by JACL Headquarters. On January 1, 1948, there were 12 members. By the end of the year, it had grown to 205. Those who joined at the 1948 Salt Lake convention were credited with the entire year of 1949, so that there were 2092 on January 1, 1950.

During the next four years (1950-1-2-3), the average number of current members in good standing averaged around 250 with the highest number during this period at 294. In the latter part of 1953 with impetus of various district council conventions and close of the JACL Anti-Discrimination Committee, the number swelled to 404.

Chapter Quota Credited

The current count stood at 685 when JACL held its 1954 convention in Los Angeles. After that

convention, it jumped to 746.

With the beginning of the 1954-55 fiscal year, beginning with Oct. 1, 1954, 1000 Club memberships were being credited to chapter financial quotas. At the end of 1955, the current count hit 970 and then as a result of



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place our finances on a stable basis."

"Up to the time the 1000 Club idea really began to take hold, the bulk of JACL's income was regular chapter memberships, with the membership money coming in during the first half of the year and then tapering off," he recalled. "So, we were quite uncertain as to what to expect during the latter months of the year in contributing income."

"The 1000 Club membership, being upon a fiscal basis, assures us a certain amount of anticipated income every month throughout the year. As for supplementing the regular membership income, during the past several years the total amount from 1000 Club membership has just about matched the income from our regular membership dues."

This means that less than 10 per cent of the JACL membership is contributing about half of the income to support the organization.

Loyalty Demonstrated

Regarded as a demonstration of concern and loyalty of JACLers who believe enough in the organization and its program to give this extra financial support, it was revealed by Satow that with the remittances were notes of encouragement.

A 1000er sending in his 10th year membership penned: "We commend you for the wonderful work you and your staff are doing, and we extend our best wishes to you all."

Many JACLers who give generously of their time and are most active in the on-going program are 1000 Club members. At the same time, some for one reason or another find themselves unable to give their time and effort as actively as they would like and the 1000 Club affords an opportunity

to express their support and encouragement.

There is no doubt that the \$10 down and \$5 per quarter basis installed several years ago has also resulted in boosting the number of 1000 Club supporters.

Voluntary Organization

Membership in the 1000 Club, since its inception, has always been a voluntary one. Renewals have never been insisted since it is realized that there are circumstances which do not allow members to be as generous as they had originally intended to be.

It is interesting to note that from time to time, Headquarters had received checks from members whose memberships have lapsed to make up for several previous years during which they did not renew their membership.

It is regrettable, too, that credit by naming names cannot be made here of the hundreds of chapter and district council 1000 Club chairmen who helped the organization grow during the past 10 years. They bore the burden of popularizing the movement and making it what it is today.

And not forgotten are the countless hours spent by the national director, Mas Satow, who often sacrificed his Sundays, holidays and evening hours lettering the membership certificates, as his contribution to the club. To date, the number of letters which he has drawn in Old English Text with his trusty Speedball pen must run into the ten thousand figure.

In a span of 10 years, the 1000 Club has become an integral part of the JACL picture. Those who participated in its development will readily tell of the satisfaction they know, but the greatest thrill must certainly dwell in the mind of the man who fathered the 1000 Club — Hito Okada, a Portland transplant in Salt Lake City. He envisioned the importance of such a club that has kept JACL strong and active.



Thousands attired in their loud Aloha shirts at the recent NC-WNDC convention luau at Sacramento's Lanai Restaurant are learning the "hukilau". The men's skirts are fashioned by Sunday comic sections cut in strips.

HAPPY HOLIDAYS

Ye Knights and Ladies
of the Order

KEN and ETHEL TASHIRO

National 1000 Club



No. Calif. - West Nevada District

Alameda

Imura, Haruo	3
Togasaki, Sim	9
Uchiyama, Archie	1
Ushijima, George	3
Yoshimura, George	1

Berkeley

Fujii, Masuji	7
Kako, Tokuya	4
Kono, Kenneth	2
Kosakura, Albert	4
Nakamura, Tadashi	2
Takahashi, Dr. Henry	3
Yamasaki, Frank	1
YAMASHITA, YURI	10
Yonemura, Mas	2

Contra Costa

Adachi, Tosh	4
Honda, Jun	4
Maida, Meriko	3
Mayeda, Minoru	4
Nabeta, Tosh	4
Ninomiya, Tamaki	4
Oda, Dr. Thomas	2
Oishi, Joe	3
Oshima, Heizo	4
Sakai, Roy	4
Sakai, Sam	4
Sugihara, George Jiro	3
Togasaki, Dr. Yoshiye	9
Uratsu, Marvin	3

Cortez

Kajioka, Nobuhiro	5
Kamiya, Mark	3
Kuwahara, Sam	5
Mattson, Joe	1
Miyamoto, Ken C.	4
Morimoto, Albert	2
Nishihara, Joe	4
Noda, Jack	3
Noda, William M.	2
Sugiura, Chiyeiko	4
Taniguchi, Howard	1
Yamamoto, Kiyoshi	2
Yoshida, Ernest	5
Yuge, George	5

Eden Township

Fujii, Kenji	5
Hatakeda, Tom	3
Kitayama, Tom	1
Sakai, Tetsuma	4
Shinoda, Minoru	6
Shinoda, Mosaburo	4
Yoshida, Sho	2
Yoshioka, Giichi	9

Florin

None active

Fremont

Shikano, Kazuo	5
Hatanaka, George	3
Kagehiro, Mitsuo	4
Matsuoka, George	4
Murata, Matsukiyo	2
Takahashi, Bob	5

Gilroy

None active

Livingston-Merced

Andow, Eric	3
Hashimoto, Fred M.	2
IWATA, BUDDY	LIFE
Kajiwaru, Buichi	3
Kishi, Norman	3
Koda, William	3
Kuniyoshi, Yo	3
Maeda, Samuel	3
Masuda, Kazuo	3
Minabe, Kenji	3
Miyake, Hatsuho	2
Morimoto, Tets	3
Ohki, Robert	3
Okahara, Roy	3
Shoji, Frank	3
Suzuki, Frank	7
Tanji, Taro	2
Winton, Gordon H. Jr.	2
Yoshida, Lester Koe	3
Yoshino, William	2

Marysville

Baker, Mrs. Shizue N.	2
Inouye, George H.	3
Kodama, Robert	1
NAKAMURA, FRANK	LIFE
Nakao, George	1
Nishita, Dan	3
Oji, Arthur N.	3
Oji, Mas	9
Okamoto, George	4
Okimoto, Frank	1
Sasaki, John K.	3
Teesdale, Thomas H.	2
Tsuji, Bill Z.	7
Yoshimura, Akiji	9

Monterey Peninsula

Ichiuji, Mickey N.	2
Kodama, George	2
Miyamoto, Hoshito	3
Nobusada, Kay	1
Oka, Kaz	1
Sato, Kenneth H.	5
Uyeda, Minoru C.	5

Oakland

Baba, Mrs. Take	3
Fujii, Katsumi	4



The derby, which has been passed on from 1000 Club chairman to 1000 Club chairman, as a badge of office is viewed as its seldom seen—the undersides. Four strips of Scotch tape paste down typewritten labels of derby-wearers: George Inagaki, Tokuzo Gordon, Shig Wakamatsu and Ken Tashiro, current derby steward.

Ishizu, Dr. Charles	6
Noji, Oliver	3
Nomura, Fred S.	6
Ohara, Jitsuo Jerry	1
Utsumi, Kinji	4

Placer County

Itow, George	2
Makabe, George	5
Makabe, Wilson	6

Reno

Aoyama, Fred	6
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Sacramento

Fujii, Harry	2
Fujii, Masuto	1
Fujii, Toko	4
Fujiwara, George	1
Fukushima, Tom	1
Hamatani, Kay	1
Hara, Harry	1
Harada, Dr. Yoshizo	1
Hayashi, Akio	3
Hayashi, Ed	1
Higashino, Roy	1
Hironaka, Yoshito	1
Ikedo, Kihei	4
Imai, Kiyoshi	1
Ishimoto, Sam	1
Itano, Dean	2
Itano, Masao	1
Ito, Yasushi	3
Kato, Wesley	2
Kitade, Roy	1
Kozono, Ardevan Kiyoshi	1
Kubo, Dr. James J.	2
Masaki, Akito	2
Masaki, Harry Kuichi	1
Masaki, Percy T.	2
Matsumoto, William	4
Matsunami, Joe	8
Miyai, Arthur	1
Miyamoto, Sumio	3
Miyao, Martin	1
Mizutani, Ginji	5
Murakami, Katsuro	4
Ninomiya, Jimmy	1
Nishijima, Kanji	3
Nishimi, Masao	1
Nishimi, Ralph	1
Nishimi, Toshihiko	1
Oda, Ping	1
Okada, Eugene	2
Oshima, Coffee	3
Osuga, Peter	3
Sakuma, Mamoru	3
Sasabuchi, Tim	1
Sato, Dr. Alwin	3
Seto, Dr. Masa	1
Shirai, Noboru	3
Sugiyama, Dr. Henry	3
Takahashi, Dr. George	3
Taketa, Henry	6
Takeuchi, Takeo	2
Tambara, George	3
Tsuda, Dr. Kiyoshi	3
Tsuda, Masaki	1
Tsugawa, Wataru	4
Watanabe, Kumago	1
Yamamoto, Charley	1
Yoshimura, Frank	2

San Benito County

Kamimoto, Kay	5
Nishita, Frank	2
Shingai, Joe	3
Teshima, John	1

San Francisco

Abe, Victor	4
Abiko, Yasuo	7
Adachi, Lucy	3
Aizawa, Hatsuro	4
Enomoto, Jerry	4
Enomoto, Sadakusu	1
Fugita, June	8
Fujisada, Takafusa	2
Furuta, Mrs. Yo	2
Hamamoto, Mary K.	3
Hayakawa, Kayo	1
Hedani, Dr. Tokuji	7
Hideshima, Shichisaburo	4
Hironaka, David	4
Hirose, Jack	4
Hirota, Dr. Carl	4
Honnam, Sumi	4
Hori, Kei	4
Horio, Dr. Shigeru	7
Hoshiyama, Fred	5
Hunt, Miss Dixie	3
Inai, George	3
Ino, Kunisaku	2
Ino, Mrs. Kunisaku	1
Ishizaki, Ken	3
Kasai, Kenji	4
Kimura, William T.	4
Koda, Keisaburo	4
Kubokawa, Joseph	2
Kumamoto, Yukio	4
Kuroiwa, Mrs. Teiko	7
Kusaba, Jack S.	2
Kusano, Tak	7
Masaoka, Joe G.	8
Minamoto, Mary	6
Nishi, Dick	7
Nita, Noel P.	1
NONAKA, FRANK M.	LIFE
Okamoto, Takeo	3
Reves, Katherine K.	4
Satoda, Yone	2
Satow, Mrs. Chiz	8
SATOW, MASAO	10
Sugawara, Akimi	3
Sumida, Marshall	4
Takahashi, Henri	1
Takeda, Miss Thelma	2
Tanamachi, Kiyoshi	1
Tani, Hisashi	3
Togasaki, Dr. Kazue	9
Tsuchiya, Scotty	3
Utsumi, Takeo	2
Uyeda, Daisy	4
Uyeda, Miss Elsie	1
Uyeda, John N.	6
Uyeda, Miss Kaye C.	4
Yasuda, Shotaro	2
Yonezu, Charles	2
Yoshimura, Miss Shizuko	1

San Jose

Hirabayashi, James	4
Ishikawa, Dr. Tokio	6
Kanemoto, Wayne	1
Katayama, Yoshio	7
Matsumura, Phil	2
Sakauye, Eiichi	1
Taku, Karl	9
Tatsuno, Dave	7

San Mateo

Sutow, George	2
Sutow, Miss Tomiko	2

Sequoia

BABA, DR. GEORGE	LIFE
Enomoto, John T.	5
Enomoto, Mrs. Roz	1
ENOMOTO, WILLIAM	10
Inouye, Hirotsuke	9
Kitasoe, Richard	4
Oku, Masao	9
Rikimaru, J. I.	3

Sonoma County

Ellis, Lloyd	2
Hamamoto, Iwazo	2
Miyano, James	4
Oda, Frank K.	3
Ohki, Edwin	2
Ono, Kanemi	2
Yamamoto, Eiichi Roy	4
Yokoyama, George Y.	1

Stockton

Agari, Yoichi	3
Baba, George	3
Baba, Mits	2
Dobana, Fred	3
Hayashino, Harry	3
Higashi, Henry M.	3
Hisaka, Art	2
Inamasu, Frank	2
Ishimaru, Shokichi	3
Itaya, Sam M.	3
Komure, Ray	3
Kunimori, Kumakichi Walter	3
Kusama, Henry	3
Matsumoto, Jack	4
Okamoto, Tom Tsutomu	3
Omachi, Joseph	3
Tabushi, Mrs. Masuye	3
Tsunekawa, Lou S.	3
Ueda, Kazuo	3

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One Thousand Club Honor Roll

1957 Honor Roll

The list of names embracing these pages streamered by "One Thousand Club Honor Roll" speaks for itself for they are JACLers who have done something concrete — by going that "extra mile" (to borrow a well-put phrase from past national 1000 Club chairman Shig Wakamatsu of Chicago) — for their convictions that National JACL has a continuing and important role to play in our society.

In the past year, the response was overwhelming with over 1,100 members in good standing.

As all 1000ers already know, the basic proposition for the 1000 Club operated on the principle that if a thousand JACLers contributed \$25 a year toward maintenance of National and Regional JACL offices, it would assure the life of the organization.

As for the list, it is alphabetically arranged by chapters and districts. The number after their names indicates the years in which they have been members. Those who have paid a lump sum of \$250 have been classified as "LIFE" members. While over 2,000 JACLers have been in the 1000 Club during the past decade, only those who are in good standing as of Dec. 6, 1957, are listed in the 1957 Honor Roll.

Midwest District

Chicago

Akashi, Jiro	1	Nishimura, Mrs. Dorothy	2
Aki, Harvey N.	7	Nobe, Dr. Mutsumi	2
Akimoto, Ned	1	Noda, Frank	2
Amimoto, Dr. Min	4	Nojima, George	2
Chida, George	3	Noma, Tosh	3
Cox, Clifford B.	2	Nomiya, Fred	2
Doi, Frank	2	Nomura, Richard M.	2
Domoto, Mo	2	Odoi, Masaru	2
GORDON, HAROLD	LIFE	Okabe, Thomas S.	3
Gordon, Mrs. Peej	1	Okamoto, John M.	1
Goya, Tachio	2	Okita, George T.	4
Hagio, Roland	2	OKUNO, KATS	LIFE
Hagiwara, Abraham	5	Omori, Dr. Harry	3
Hagiwara, Mrs. Esther	1	Omori, Mrs. Sue	4
Hasegawa, Dr. Susumu	4	Ota, Jack	4
Hayano, Miki	2	Ozoe, Miss Frances	1
Higashiuchi, Jake K.	1	Sadataki, Miss Helen	1
Hirata, Dr. George T.	2	SAKAMOTO, DR. FRANK	LIFE
Hiratsuka, Frank Sr.	2	Sakamoto, Mrs. Frank	2
Hiura, Masuo C.	3	Sakurada, Hirao S.	8
Honda, Noboru	8	Sato, Paul T.	3
Hori, Earle H.	2	Shibayama, Yuzo	3
Ichiyasu, Harry	4	Shima, Dr. Arthur T.	3
Ikegami, George	3	Shimidzu, Lincoln	4
Ikegami, Ray	3	Shimizu, Miss Michie	4
Ishida, Miss Gladys	2	Shimizu, Sumi	4
Ito, Kiyoshi	3	Sugai, Charles	1
Iwata, Roy	3	Sunahara, Kay	2
Izui, Dr. Victor	4	Suski, Louise	2
Joichi, Max	3	Suzuki, Harry	3
Karikomi, Henry	1	Suzukida, Berry	2
Katsura, Lester	4	Tada, Miss Tomoe	1
Kawachi, Ted	2	Tajiri, Tom	2
Kawaguchi, Yoshikazu	4	Takahashi, Frank Y.	2
Kawasaki, Corky	3	Takahashi, Frank Y.	1
Kawata, Tedd	1	Takaki, George	2
Kita, George	1	Takano, Bunji	4
Kitow, Edwin	3	Takemoto, Sat	1
Kittaka, Dr. George J.	4	Tamada, Kay	3
Kittaka, George K.	3	Tamura, Masato	4
Kobayashi, Miss Sumi	3	Tanaka, George	4
Koga, Albert	4	Tanaka, Harry Y.	1
Kudo, Mike	4	Tanaka, Togo	6
Kumamoto, Dr. Koki	1	Tanaka, Yoshitaka	2
Kurotsuchi, Z.	1	Tani, Richard A.	3
Matsunaga, Tahei	3	Terao, Sam	3
Masuda, Thomas	8	Teraoka, George	3
Mayeda, Hiro	2	Teshima, Dr. Roy	2
Mertz, John E.	1	Tsuji, Fred Y.	1
MIZUNO, HARRY	LIFE	Tsunehara, Harold	3
Morimitsu, Arthur	5	Urushibata, Frank T.	2
Morioka, Edward	2	WAKAMATSU, SHIG	LIFE
Nakada, Miss Maudie	1	Wakamatsu, Mrs. Shig	1
Nakagawa, Fred	2	Wesley, Dr. Newton	7
Nakagawa, Jack	5	Yamada, Richard H.	3
Nakagawa, Masato	2	Yamada, Shigeo	3
Nakagawa, Mitchell	2	Yamaguchi, Jiro	3
Nakahira, Shigeru	3	Yamakoshi, Noby	4
Nakamura, Karl	2	Yamamoto, Pete I.	2
Nakamura, Tsuyoshi	2	Yamashita, Miss Kiye	1
Nakane, Kenji	4	Yamazaki, Charles Y.	1
Nakano, Bert	1	Yatabe, Dr. Thomas	9
Nakasone, Buhei	1	Yoshihara, Ken	2
Nakaya, Miss Ruth	4	YOSHINARI, KUMEO	LIFE
Nakayama, Mrs. Cherie	1	Yoshinari, Mrs. Mary F.	3
Nishi, Takaharu	3	Yoshioka, George	4
		Zaiman, Isamu	2

Cincinnati

Hashimoto, James	1
Sand, Robert	1
Shimizu, Yoshio	1
Sugawara, Hisashi	3
Takao, Dr. James	4
Takeuchi, James	2
Yamaguchi, Ben Takeshi	1

Cleveland

Fujita, Robert E.	3
Habara, Jiro W.	1
Imori, Thomas	2
Imori, Mrs. Takeyo	1
Iwasaki, Minoll	1
Kadowaki, Joe	2
Kadowaki, Mrs. Toshi	2
Kaku, Harry	2
Kurihara, Richard	1
Ohmura, Paul	3
Ono, George	4
Ono, Mrs. George	1
Sashihara, Thomas T.	2
Shiba, Frank	3
Suzuki, George	3
Takiguchi, Robert N.	2
Toyota, Takeshi	1

Dayton

Hirose, Dr. Ruby	3
Nakauchi, Dr. Mark	1
Sakada, Frank	6
Taguchi, Dr. James	7
Yamasaki, Masaru	2

Detroit

Bohn, Judge Theodore R.	2
Fujioka, Peter	8
Furuta, John	1
Ikedo, Roy	3
Iwata, Dr. Herbert	2
Kasai, Yoshio	1
Kizuka, Shig T.	1
Lee, Harry	1
Matsuhira, George	2
Matsumura, Arthur A.	1
Nimura, Dr. James T.	2
Nakayama, Bob S.	1
Nishimoto, Eugene	2
Okimoto, Saburo	3
Sasaki, Dr. Joseph D.	7
Sunamoto, Isao	3
Tada, Tes	2
Tagami, James W.	3
Tagami, Mrs. James	1
Tagami, Tom T.	2
Uyeda, Mitsuyoshi	3

Milwaukee

Davis, Donald D.	2
Dewa, Robert	3
Oura, Mrs. Mary M.	2

St. Louis

Ema, Dr. Henry	1
Eto, Dr. Jackson	4
Hasegawa, George K.	4
Hayashi, Harry H.	4
Henmi, Richard T.	2
Migita, Sam	4
Mitsunaga, George	1
Morioka, Dr. Alfred	4
Ogino, Miss Rose	2
Ohmoto, Dr. Masao	3
Sakahara, Dan	3
Sato, Dr. George	1
Shingu, George	2
Tanaka, Dr. George	2
Uchiyama, Dr. George	2
Yamamoto, Mrs. Manet	4
Yamamoto, Yukinobu	4

Twin Cities

Hara, Sam	2
Iijima, Dr. Isaac	3
Kanno, Thomas T.	4
Kosobayashi, Tomo	7
Kushino, Kay	2
Makino, Henry K.	2
Nomura, Howard	2
Ohno, Fred Yoshio	4
Omachi, Henry T.	4
Rokutani, George	2
Tatsuda, Charles	6
Teramoto, Mas	5
Teramoto, Miss Sumiko	1
Tsuchiya, Takuzo	4
Yoshino, George M.	1

MDC Miscellaneous

Ishida, William T.	4
(Columbus, Ohio)	4

Eastern District

New York

Abe, Dr. Harry F.	1	Koiwai, Dr. Eiichi	1
Asai, Woodrow W.	1	Marutani, William M.	6
Ennis, Edward J.	8	MICHENER, MRS. JAMES A.	
Enochty, Mrs. Masa	4		LIFE
Enochty, Mr. Tatsukichi	4	Mikuriya, Tadafumi	2
Enochty, Tomio	1	Moriuchi, Takashi	5
Fujihara, Toge	1	Murakami, Tomomi	2
Glaeser, Miss Marion	3	Nakano, Mrs. Teru	4
Hara, Benji	1	Nakano, Yosuke	4
Hayashi, Akira	4	Nitta, S. John	7
Hayashi, Thomas T.	8	Nitta, T. Ann	7
Hirai, Richard T.	1	Ohama, Ben	3
Hirata, Mrs. May	4	Oye, Garry G.	1
Homma, Robert I.	1	Ozawa, Jack	7
Ikedo, Miss Chizuko	1	Sakai, George C.	2
Imai, Yoshi T.	1	Sasagawa, William	5
Ishikawa, Samuel	6	Tamaki, Dr. Hitoshi Tom	6
Iwasaki, Sakuo	1	Tamaki, Mrs. Tom	3
Iwatsu, John S.	1	Thurn, Mrs. Fuku	4
Kai, Samuel S.	2	Uyehara, Hiroshi	5
Kariya, Shig	1	Watanabe, Dr. Warren H.	1

Seabrook

Fuyume, John	2
Fuyume, Robert	1
Ichisaka, Vernon	3
Ikedo, Masatada	1
Nagao, Charles	1
Nakamura, Kiyomi	4

Washington, D. C.

Asaka, Harry	1
Furukawa, Mrs. George	5
Grabowski, Mrs. Motoko	1
Harada, Tsuneo P. (Japan)	1
Horiuchi, Harold	4
Ichino, Miss Mary	3
Iki, Robert S.	1
Iwata, Harvey	1
Kuroishi, Miss Ruth	2
Masaoka, Mrs. Etsu	7
MASAOKA, MIKE M.	10
Masaoka, Tad	4
Murata, Mrs. Elizabeth	3
Nakao, Ben (Japan)	3
Nakayama, Dr. Leo	3
Obata, George	3
Ohara, Miss Chisato	2
Oshiki, Kaz	1
Sakata, Miss Hisako	3
Shimasaki, Ira	8
Tsuda, Barry	1
Yoshino, John	4

Philadelphia

Date, Shoji	2
Endo, Sim S.	4
Hirata, Dr. Mitsuo	1
Hirokawa, Charles	1
Horikawa, Richard	2
Ishida, William T.	4
Kobayashi, Nobu	4

Pacific Northwest District

Gresham-Troutdale

Fujimoto, Masayuki	4
Kato, Mrs. Chiyo	7
Kato, Hawley H.	4
Kato, Henry T.	7
Kinoshita, Kazuo	4
Sunamoto, Kats	3
Takashima, Newton N.	4

Mid-Columbia

Endow, Sho, Jr.	3
Nakamura, George	1
Noji, Mamoru	4
Okimoto, Harold Y.	4
Sato, Ray	4
Takasumi, Mits	4
YASUI, RAY T.	LIFE

Portland

Azumano, George I.	7
Hada, John M.	4
Ito, John	3
Kida, James K.	4
Kinoshita, Dr. Robert S.	2
Kuge, Dr. Toshiaki	4
Kyono, Frank C.	2
Masuoka, Dr. Matthew M.	4
Nakata, Dr. Mitsuo R.	4
Okazaki, Tom T.	2
Sunamoto, Bob	2
Yamada, Dr. Roy	2

Puyallup Valley

Kinoshita, H. James	4
OTA, GEORGE	LIFE
Tanbara, Dr. George A.	2
Uchiyama, Dr. Sam	2
Yoshioka, Daiichi	3

Seattle

Akita, Hiram	3
Fujii, Yoshito	3
Fukuda, Dr. Susumu	4
Hattori, Frank H.	4
Hirota, Joe S.	4
HORI, TAKASHI	LIFE

Kashino, Paul

Kawabe, Harry S.	3
Kawachi, George Y.	4
Kihara, Ray I.	4
KINOMOTO, FRANK Y.	LIFE
KUBOTA, HENRY T.	LIFE
Maeda, Milton	5
Mimbu, William	6
Motoda, Mrs. Kiyu	3
Murakami, Richard K.	2
Nakamura, Dr. T. T.	4
Noji, Mitsugi	4
Okada, George T.	5
Sakahara, Ted A.	4
Sakahara, Toru	5
Sakura, Howard B.	3
Shigaya, Dr. Paul S.	3
Takagi, Fred T.	6
Takagi, Harry I.	7
Yamada, Dr. Kelly K.	5
Yamaguchi, Kay	6
Yamaguchi, Minoru	4

Spokane

Kondo, Dr. Mark M.	5
Nobuku, Tetsuo	4

PNDC Miscellaneous

Koba, Frank Y. (Moses Lake)	2
Yamamoto, Edawrd (M.L.)	5
Yamamoto, Hideo H. (Coeur d'Alene)	1
Yamamoto, Mrs. Matsu (M.L.)	1
Yamamoto, Tom Shoji (M. L.)	1

No. Cal.—West Nevada

Yamaguchi, John K.	3
Yoshikawa, Richard Shizuo	2

Watsonville

None active.	
NC-WN Miscellaneous	
YUKI, MRS. MIYOKO	
(Los Gatos)	LIFE
YUKI, TAKEO (Los Gatos)	LIFE

ASSIGNMENT: 'OLD TIMERS'

Heritage of Sacramento JACL Gleaned for First Time as Meager Records, Prewar PCs, Minutes Reviewed

By HENRY TAKETA

Years 1931-1934

It would appear that initial step to organize the Sacramento JACL Chapter took place at a meeting held on October 31, 1931. Minutes quoted:

A group of Japanese American citizens met at the Japanese Student Club on the evening of October 31 at 8:00 p.m. to organize a Japanese American Citizens League in the City of Sacramento. Mr. Walter Tsukamoto presided as pro-tem chairman over the meeting with the assistance of Miss Mary Oyama, acting as pro-tem secretary. First part of the meeting was devoted to business.

Following the business, an election of temporary set of officers was held. The results of this election were: Walter Tsukamoto, president; Gerald Kobayashi, first vice president; Miss Alice Kambara, second vice president (Social Chairman); Miss Elaine Oki, recording secretary (Registration); Miss Mary Oyama, corresponding secretary (Publicity); Roy Miura, treasurer; Gerald Kobayashi, sergeant-at-arms.

It was surprising to me to find my name appearing in the Minutes, which would indicate that I was a charter member of the local Chapter although my active participation did not come to being until the year 1936 by reason of having been away at school. Next three years are void of records.

From the wordings of the Minutes of April 28, 1934, I am impressed that the local Chapter was almost at a standstill between 1931 and 1934 and effort was being made to reactivate the Sacramento JACL. Minutes quoted:

The first regular meeting of the Japanese American Citizens' League was called to order by President Walter Tsukamoto on April 28, 1934, 8:30 p.m. at the Japanese Association Hall with Miss Miyoko Nishimura acting as secretary pro-tem. The following officers were elected: President—Walter Tsukamoto; First vice president—George Takahashi; Second vice president—Fred Sakata; Third Vice President—James Imahara; Fourth vice president—Tolu Miura; Fifth Vice President—Martha Kitagawa; Recording Secretary—Miyoko Nishimura; Corresponding Secretary—Sumiye Ryugo; Treasurer—Stewart Nakano; Assistant Treasurer—Harry Hara; Head Sergeant-at-Arms—Hoshiro Oshima; Assistant Sergeant-at-Arms—Frank Nakatomi; Joe Kawahara and Kay Hirai.

Various committee chairmen then appointed by the President were: Entertainment—Hatsuye Kumagai; Transportation—Frank Nagano; Publicity—Elaine Oki; Social—Mrs. Harada; Music—Mrs. Iki.

Minutes of the meeting of September 22, 1934, quoted:

The reports of the National Convention held in S. F. were given by Dr. G. Takahashi and he spoke on the business highlights while Harry Hara spoke on the social side.

Mr. Saburo Kido, executive secretary of the National JACL explained the importance of the World War (I) Veterans movement and asked the cooperation

PREFACE-

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This article is confined to activities and undertakings of the Sacramento chapter of the Japanese American Citizens League from its inception in 1931 to its suspension in preparation for evacuation in 1942 and to the officers and members who so well served the JACL organization, both locally and on the District and National level during this period.

With much of the old records lost or misplaced, readers will find this writing full of voids, and for this, our apologies. Meager records now available have been carefully reviewed and parts of the Chapter's Minutes, old copies of the Pacific Citizen, and other written matters of interest are being quoted verbatim.

Preparation of this article has given

me considerable delight in reliving the past on one hand and feeling of loneliness through loss of association on the other. Some chose to live elsewhere after evacuation, several have passed away, and others have since given up active participation in the affairs of the local JACL Chapter.

I believe only Dr. George Takahashi and I could be classified as "old timers" who are still in close association with the organization today. I write this article with the hope that those pre-war officers and active members of the Sacramento Chapter will be recalled and remembered for the part they played in the service of their organization, community, and fellowman.

—Henry Taketa, Sacramento JACL.

of each and every member of the League. He also explained the Pacific Citizen, national newspaper of the JACL and the work carried on by the League.

Year 1935

Business held by the Chapter on March 2, 1935, at the Presbyterian Church. Minutes quoted:

The following officers were elected and committee chairmen were appointed for the fiscal year 1935: President—Walter Tsukamoto; Vice Presidents—George Takahashi, Fred Sakata, Yohei Kato, Martha Kitagawa, and James Takehara; Recording Secretary—Miyoko Nishimura; Corresponding Secretary—Nobu Miyoshi; Treasurer—Frank Nagano; Assistant Treasurer—George Inagaki; Sergeant-at-Arms—Kenneth Kuroko, Takao Nakayama and Masao Yamasaki.

Committee Chairmen: Program—Tsugiyu Fujii; Entertainment—Sumiye Ryugo; Social—Roy Nikaido; Music—Alice Mayeda; Transportation—Alice Sakata; Welfare—John Tanikawa; Official Reporters—Robert Tsuda, Elaine Oki, and James Hashimoto.

Members of the Sacramento Chapter should be pleased to learn that George Inagaki, Immediate Past National President, was an active member of the local JACL during the year 1935. Minutes of the next several meetings of the Sacramento Chapter will indicate that the organization was confronted with financial problems then as now. A benefit movie project was undertaken and resulted in adding \$279.75 to supplement the meager treasury.

State Fair Dance was one of the annual events sponsored by the Sacramento JACL prior to World War II. Minutes of August 6, 1935, show:

It was also decided that all paid up members of this Chapter would be admitted to the dance without charge, while non-members and unpaid members will be required to purchase tickets for \$1.00 per couple. Visiting JACL members will be admitted for 50c per person upon presentation of their membership card.

The 1935 Fair Dance and others to follow were invariably chaired



Lt. Col. WALTER TSUKAMOTO
Now Serving in Europe

by Roy Nikaido and James Hashimoto. Names of Dr. and Mrs. G. S. Iki, Mr. and Mrs. T. Sato, Mr. and Mrs. R. Sato, Mr. and Mrs. J. Miyakawa and Mr. Oki have frequently appeared in the records of these social functions.

Another notable event was the Tokutaro Slocum Affair. Mr. Slocum who so ably represented the National organization in Washington, D. C., to bring about the passage of the World War I Veterans bill was honored by the Sacramento Chapter on August 24, 1935, at a banquet preceding his appearance as a principal speaker before the members of the local organization. Minutes of meeting of August 24, 1935, read as follows:

The principal speaker, Mr. Slocum, was introduced by the chairman to the members. Mr. Slocum announced that the pen with which the President Roosevelt signed the World War Veterans Bill was presented to the National JACL Headquarters. Mr. Slocum invited the audience to ask any question pertaining to his recent success in Washington, D. C.

Year 1936

The year saw the initiation of a new organizational policy. Until then, functions and activities of the Sacramento JACL Chapter

were largely confined to a small group because no concerted effort had been exerted to expand the membership of the Chapter.

New blood flowed into the organization.

It was resolved that JACL was everybody's business. First step undertaken was a house to house canvass of Japanese American families for membership within the city and outlying districts served by the Sacramento JACL.

From the minutes of February 1, 1936, following persons were elected to serve as officers:

President—Walter Tsukamoto; Vice Presidents—Tokio Kawashima, Henry Taketa, Dr. Jiro Muramoto, Tolu Miura, Fred Kitagawa, Fred Sakata, and John Tanigawa; Corresponding Secretary—Miyoko Nishimura; Recording Secretary—Nobu Miyoshi; Treasurer—Dr. George Takahashi.

Committee Chairmen: Program—James Hashimoto; Entertainment—Martha Kitagawa; Social—Roy Nikaido; Music—Alice Sakata; Welfare—Florence Miyaoka; Official Reporter—Dr. Kiyoshi Tsuda.

Dr. Jiro Muramoto was appointed membership chairman and his committee was composed of the vice presidents.

As a result of the successful membership drive, it could be said for the first time that the Sacramento JACL was an organization representative of the Japanese American families residing in Sacramento and the districts of Woodland, Elkhorn, Yolo-Broderick, Clarksburg, Oak Park, Mills-Perkins, and Riverside.

It is noted that Dr. Goro Muramoto and his committee were given the responsibilities of revising the Chapter Constitution to give district representatives status of cabinet members and provisions were also made to bring in Issei of the community as special members.

The writer of this article was given his first major assignment as chairman of the local and regional oratorical contest committee. Reference is made to the Minutes of May 29, 1936:

Mr. Henry Taketa gave a final report of the regional oratorical contest held on May 25, 1936, at the Buddhist Hall.

The judges were announced as follows: Mr. W. S. Howe, Mr. H. P. Seldon and Mr. J. F. Miyakawa.

The representative speakers and their respective chapters were announced as follows: Mr. Masaru Yamasaki—Florin Chapter; Mr. Kazuto Daijogo—Placer County; Miss Shizue Ishimoto, Sacramento; Miss Grace Kaneda—Stockton; Mr. William Yukawa—Yolo-Solano.

At this point I must apologize in being unable to announce the winner of the oratorical contest inasmuch as no mention is made of such person in the Minutes.

Financial problems facing the organization in the past were no different from those which confront the Chapter today. Minutes of the meetings contain much discussion on ways and means of raising funds for the organization. And again, it would appear that official delegates to the District and National meetings were thoroughly underpaid. They were fortunate if they were refunded their registration fees.

Year 1937

With due respect to its earlier leadership, it is my opinion that Sacramento JACL literally came into its own during 1937 under the capable guidance of President Dr. Jiro Muramoto. As noted in the Minutes of December 21, 1936, his cabinet consisted of:

Vice Presidents—Sacramento: Edward Kitazumi; Kibel: George Hayashi; Riverside: George Kawaya; Mills-Perkins: Fred Kitagawa; Clarksburg: Fred Sakata; Yolo-Broderick: Kiyoshi Okamoto; Woodland: Tokio Kawashima; Corresponding Secretary—Nobu Miyoshi; Recording Secretary—Hisako Higashino; Treasurer—Henry Taketa.

It is regrettable that records pertaining to the wealth of activities undertaken during the administration of Dr. Jiro Muramoto, as president, are no longer available. However, I can honestly say that the membership drive was carried to the full limit and the program for the year was planned and carried out in the interest of the general membership and of the communities.

After some research on my part, I am pleased to provide excerpts from the Pacific Citizen which may be of interest to the readers. Edition No. 110 of July 19, 1937:

A record of some kind or another in the annals of JACL history was set here when the Sacramento Chapter realized the gross income of \$1,971.91 at a benefit movie Saturday and Sunday, July 17 and 18, at the L Street Arena. The project was to increase the treasury fund. Expenses totaled \$541.29, leaving a net profit of \$1,430.62 for the Chapter coffers.

A record breaking audience was present for both evenings and the splendid cooperation of public and members resulted in an unprecedented amount of donations received.

Dr. Jiro Muramoto gains credit as general chairman and Kenneth Kuroko headed the purchasing department and Miss Mielko Inbe the publicity division. Special speakers were Rikitaro Sato and Gilchi Aoki.

Here and There from the Pacific Citizen for the year of 1937:

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Walter Tsukamoto, Sacramento attorney and National Executive-Secretary, prepared the Articles of Incorporation of the National JACL.

Dr. Goro Muramoto was appointed to head the committee of five to design pins and banner for the National JACL for submission to the National Convention through Northern California District Council.

Miss Miye Kasai and Mr. Tolu Miura, two prominent members of the local JACL were married in Berkeley and will reside in Los Angeles.

Miss Marion Ishida, graduate of San Jose State Teachers College, is teaching at Los Gatos Grammar School.

Mr. and Mrs. George Takahashi became the parents of a seven pound baby boy this month who has been named Gordon Hideki.

The Sacramento Chapter acting on behalf of the National organization presented one of four Japanese swords given to the National body by the San Francisco merchants to Edward G. Neron, former State Commander of the Veterans of Foreign Wars.

The presentation was in token of appreciation for his effort in aiding passage of Oriental citizenship bill for World War I veterans. Dr. Jiro Muramoto, president, was in charge of the committee to arrange for the banquet and presentation.

Year 1938

The year of 1938 saw the administration of the Sacramento JACL under the presidency of the writer, who was ably assisted by many individuals including Dr. Jiro Muramoto, Edward Kitazumi, Dr. Goro Muramoto, Calvin Sakamoto, Miyoko Nishimura, Walter Tsukamoto, Mieke Inbe, Hisako Higashino, Meiko Ashizawa, Masako Sugiyama, Tokio Kakashima, Mina Iwamoto, Mary Nagatosh, Sadah Iwamoto, Kikuji Ryugo, Dr. George Takahashi, James Hashimoto, Fred Sakata, Sam Ishimoto, Dr. Joe Kawahara, Mary Abe, Yuki Hayashi and others.

This was the year the National Convention was held in Los Angeles, and the principal convention



Family of Dr. Muramoto, last chapter president mentioned in the feature honoring the prewar leaders of the Sacramento JACL, consists of his wife Nettie and the five children (left to right), Gail, Jane, Gene, Joan and Ann. (Author Taketa, who felt the pictures of the Muramoto family were apropos to the lengthy story commented the community was very fortunate in having had him as its last prewar president. "I believe my brief article does not do justice for the personal services and sacrifice which he made during the trying period."). Picture is dated January, 1954.

project of the Sacramento Chapter was the submission of the revised National Constitution to the delegates attending the Convention. Although the National Constitution has since been amended to meet the change of time, Sacramento proposal was adopted in the form presented.

The Los Angeles convention saw Walter Tsukamoto, national executive-secretary, elected as National President of the League. I have had the pleasure of attending the National convention as an official delegate from Sacramento with Mr. Edward Kitazumi, and I can proudly say that the Sacramento Chapter played an important part in having Intermountain Region provisionally accepted into the national body.

Masaoka Appears

Mike Masaoka, appearing for the first time before the National Convention, had been given the run-around by the old guard and his

appeal for admission of the Intermountain Region fell on deaf ears until several rebel chapters, including Sacramento JACL, came to his rescue.

History of our JACL organization could have taken a different slant had Mike Masaoka on this occasion returned to Salt Lake without having accomplished his mission and purpose. This young up-start has since been acknowledged the most respected of lobbyists in the National Capitol.

It may be of interest to note that the Sacramento Chapter sponsored Mr. Yoshinori Matsuyama, noted Japanese tenor, at the YBA Hall, on October 14, 1938. Whether or not the undertaking was successful is questionable due to the fact that records are no longer available.

Year 1939

Administration of the local chapter for the year 1939 came under

the presidency of Edward Kitazumi, as ably assisted by vice president Dr. Jiro Muramoto, corresponding secretary Yuriko Date, recording secretary Ariye Oda; treasurer Henry Taketa, district representatives — Woodland-Elkhorn: Ping Oda, Yolo-Broderick: William Tanaka; Clarksburg: Yae-ko Ishimoto; Oak Park: Y. Yoshino; Mills-Perkins: Charles Machida; Sacramento: Mieke Inbe, Mary Abe and Kenneth Kuroko; Riverside: Masako Matsunami.

Records Missing

Here again your writer must apologize for being unable to bring forth activities and happenings of the local chapter during the year of 1939 due to the lack of Minutes and other pertinent records.

However, through my close association with the president, it could be assured that 1939 was a very eventful year for the local JACL, and considerable advancement was made in earning public support and recognition for the organization.

Year 1940

The year of 1940 saw the chapter under the presidency of George Takahashi, ably assisted by members of his cabinet, whose names are no longer available. It would appear from the minutes of the earlier meetings that the chapter was plagued with financial problems although it is my recollection that approximately \$1,500 had been put away in a safe place for future use.

As of January 16, 1940, the active account of the treasury was only \$155.66. Committee chairmen working with President Takahashi and his cabinet were as follows: finance, Dave Noguchi and Henry Taketa; registration and membership, Henry Okamoto; arrangement of program, Mary Abe; publicity, Ariye Oda; pin, Calvin Sakamoto; public relation, Tsugi Fujii.

PC With Membership

As in the past, membership drive was conducted from house to house to reach all the eligibles for members in the area served by the Sacramento Chapter. It is my belief that during the year 1940, subscription to the Pacific Citizen was included for the first time as

part of the membership due.

The local chapter was well represented by Edward Kitazumi and Calvin Sakamoto at the Portland National Convention, and Sacramento was again the locale for the District Council Convention held on October 27 at the Sacramento Hotel. Earlier visitors enjoyed a pre-conference dance the preceding night at the local YBA Hall.

It is unfortunate that numerous other activities of the organization could not be written at this time due to negligible records.

Year 1941

Minutes of January 21, 1941, would indicate that Dr. Goro Muramoto was chosen as president. His cabinet is listed as follows: vice president—George Takahashi; treasurer—Mieke Inbe; recording secretary—Esther Ogasawara; corresponding secretary — Kinuye Makishima; official delegates—Dr. Goro Muramoto and George Takahashi, district representative; Sacramento: Koki Kumamoto, Roy Kitade, Tayeko Hosokawa; Yolo-Broderick: Bill Tanaka; Clarksburg: Fred Sakata, Oak Park: Coffee Oshima, Mills: Charles Machida, Riverside: Masao Ishida, and Woodland-Elkhorn: Thomas Kunibe.

One item of interest may be noted in the minutes of July 9, 1941:

The President reported that in the absence of Tsugiye Fujii, chairman in charge of purchasing Japanese cook books, that she sold 50 copies and as more is required 15 additional copies will be ordered. Those who want to purchase a copy of the cook book were requested to contact Miss Fujii.

True to the old saying that you win a man's heart through his stomach.

Another event of interest may be the amount of assessment made by the National JACL on the local chapter for the year of 1941. Sacramento JACL was obliged to pay into the National Treasury the total sum of \$362.12. We have certainly seen a great deal of change since those good old days.

The extent of good public relationship established between the Sacramento Chapter and the

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Dr. Goro Muramoto, 1942 chapter president, was called to military service in 1952 and was discharged as a lieutenant-colonel, Army Dental Corps, in 1954.

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people of our community is shown in the financial report of November 13, 1941. Minutes:

The President reported that the Sacramento JACL had invested \$2,000 in savings bonds and had \$1,800 in cash and that \$1,400 was taken in at the annual benefit movie which netted the organization \$900.

On looking back, older members of the organization may recall that Dr. Teru Togasaki was in charge of the Committee on Drafts. Purpose of this group was to arrange for sending a box of homemade cookies to each draftee from the Sacramento district. Gesture was good until the number being called up became too numerous for the ladies.

Year 1942—Finis

Due to the critical situations and problems brought about by Pearl Harbor and to capably face the pending emergencies, Sacramento JACL returned to office its 1941 officers to again serve during 1942.

In assuming his responsibilities, president Dr. Goro Muramoto devoted considerable time and effort even though it entailed the sacrifice of his dental practice.

Under his directions, a body known as "Emergency Coordinating Committee" composed of Walter Tsukamoto, George Takahashi, Henry Taketa, Dr. Jiro Muramoto, Dr. Koki Kumamoto and the president was formulated to represent the JACL in all public matters pertaining to the Japanese American of the communities, to gather and give out information of interest to the Japanese American and to be of service whenever and wherever possible.

State Civil Service

By thoroughly educating the heads of public offices of the State of California, Sacramento JACL succeeded in having the membership in the local organization by a State employee recognized as a badge of loyalty. Although this accomplishment did not ward off the eventual and arbitrary dismissal of State employees of Japanese ancestry, it did serve a definite purpose in preventing embarrassing situations for many individuals.

To render public service and assistance, the local chapter took over the office of the defunct Sacramento Japanese Association and staffed it with a capable secretary in the person of Mieko Inbe.

The office became a locale for registering Japanese aliens, Selective Service Advisory Board, registration of new draftees of Japanese ancestry, and headquarters for dissemination of information of public interest.

With evacuation facing the community, several hardworking committees were formed and put to work and among them were evacuation housing committee chaired by Dr. Koki Kumamoto, Committee Welfare Council, Red Cross unit, Farm Welfare Committee and others.

The Farm Welfare Committee

MR. JACL OF SACRAMENTO:

Always interested in public welfare of Nisei

SACRAMENTO — The author, Henry Taketa, of "Assignment: Old-Timers" was born in Florin, a few miles beyond the Sacramento city limits on Dec. 23, 1912. His family moved to the city and he spent his boyhood and school days attending Lincoln Grammar School, Sacramento High and Jr. College. He was graduated from the Hastings College of Law in San Francisco in 1935, passed the state bar examination and opened his law office here.

Except for the evacuation years, Taketa has continually practiced law in his home city. With other Sacramento Japanese, he was shipped to Walerga Assembly Center and then to Tule Lake Relocation Center. He relocated to Cleveland for a short while and when the Pacific Coast was reopened to persons of Japanese ancestry, he was one of the first to resettle in Sacramento.

When Henry started his law practice in 1935, he married a charming Sacramento girl, Sally Nagata. Their sons Richard and David are 14 and 8, respectively.

Charter Member

His whole life has been centered about the JACL movement. While a student at Sacramento Jr. College in 1931, he became a charter member of the Sacramento JACL, showing a profound interest in the infant organization of Nisei who had banded together to promote the general welfare of all Japanese Americans.

When he returned from Hastings with his law degree four years later, the local JACL chapter was that of a small, floundering unit composed of a core of loyal Nisei pioneers who were marking time for other Nisei to come of voting age. Soon, Henry and his group of younger men and women joined JACL, became interested in the aims of the League and revitalized the local chapter. During this period, he was district representative to the Northern District Council and delegate to the National JACL Convention that was held in Los Angeles in 1936. Two years later, he was elected chapter president.

was headed by chairman Edward Tokunaga, assisted by Masao Ishida, Frank Matsumoto and Kiyoshi Kumagai. Its primary purpose was to prepare a complete survey of the Japanese-American farmers in the area and to represent their interest in every way possible.

Those of us locally who experienced the trying period immediately preceding the evacuation could well recall the heartaches from the Minutes of the Chapter meeting of March 30, 1942:

In view of the imminent evacuation, President stated that this may be the final Board of Governors Meeting. The matter on what to do with the Sacramento JACL office and its equipment and furniture, as well as the money in the Treasury, was brought up.

It was suggested by Mr. Walter Tsukamoto that, in regard to the money in the Treasury, we elect or designate three or four officers to act as trustees of the Chapter for the entire duration to represent the Sacramento Chapter of the Japanese American Citizens League. The monies in the bank and the defense savings bonds to be kept in their custody.

It was agreed upon by everyone present that the office furniture will be donated to the American Red Cross and one filing cabinet will be stored at the local YMCA, 17th and L Streets, and the rest of the office furniture will be stored in certain premises owned by Coffee Oshima.

It was agreed upon that the JACL office will render its services and help to the public to the very last day, and it was moved

In 1942, before the Japanese community was evacuated, Henry was appointed a trustee of the Sacramento JACL funds for the duration of the war. Upon his return three years later, he used these same funds to establish hostels for evacuees coming back to Sacramento. He did yeoman's work, disregarding personal gain, to help others re-establish themselves. Since that time, he has been asked constantly to help the community and he has never shirked that call of public service. And being a loyal JACLer, he was awarded the JACL sapphire pin for distinguished service in 1952.

Community Leader

In recent years, Henry, adviser to the chapter has been serving as a Nisei spearhead in the greater Sacramento community affairs. As a member of the Japanese Community Redevelopment Study Group, he tried unsuccessfully to ward off the removal of the Japanese area centered on Fourth Street. To many Japanese families which were involved, it was sustaining the pangs of forced evacuation within a decade.

When the neighboring communities of Yuba City and Marysville were hard hit by the 1952 Christmas flood, he chaired the local

SACRAMENTO COMMUNITY CENTER ALL PAID FOR

SACRAMENTO.—Expenses and obligations for the Nisei War Memorial Community Center on 4th St. between O and P Sts. here were met in March, one year after it was established. The purchase and improvements cost \$29,000.

by Dr. Koki Kumamoto that we retain Mieko Inbe as our acting secretary until such time as the Sacramento Chapter of the JACL officially adjourns in Sacramento for the duration of the War.

Mr. Henry Taketa suggested that a bulletin or a letter be mailed to the members giving cheer and encouragement to those who faced imminent evacuation.

While the meeting of March 30, 1942, was the last official gathering of the local chapter, true to its resolution, President Goro Muramoto, office secretary Mieko Inbe and many others of the JACL continued to work and serve in the interest and welfare of the Japanese American of the area until the very final days of the evacuation itself.

Last page of the pre-war era of Sacramento Chapter was written in May of 1942.

I might add here that approximately \$4,000 in assets of the organization was preserved in trust with George Takahashi, Dr. Goro Muramoto, and myself as custodians until rebirth in 1947, and portion of the funds were put to use to establish hostels and to provide other assistance to those returning to or converging upon Sacramento immediately after removal of the Exclusion Order.

Whether one finds this article interesting or dull is a matter of secondary importance to me as long as it has served to remind readers that the so-called "old timers" have had their definite places and have left their imprints in the making of our JACL and its heritage. I close with a "Sayonara."

relief fund committee.

The latest pride and joy of the Sacramento community is the successful completion of the Nisei War Memorial Hall that was dedicated this year. The building will serve many Nisei organizations in the area and may be a hub of activity for the coming generation of Sansei.

Always a staunch supporter of JACL, he has been long recognized as such and likened to an anchor of all community ventures. You can ask any member of the local Japanese American community and the response will be unanimous. Henry Taketa is the "Mr. JACL of Sacramento" and truly deserves this title.

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Teen and sub-teen Sansei clubs under sponsorship of Detroit groups thrive

In Detroit there are two lively youth groups functioning—the Detroit Teen Club and a sub-teen group, which call themselves the Jr. Mr. and Miss Club.

A questionnaire circulated in the summer of 1956 pinpointed a growing concern for the future welfare of the Sansei in this metropolitan Detroit area where there is no one particular area of concentration of Japanese.

The two leading community organizations, the Detroit JACL and a unique social club of young married couples called the Mr. and Mrs. Club, responded to the need by sponsoring the organization of two youth groups.

Because of a diversity of ages and a preponderance of the younger element, the youths were separated into the sub-teenage and the teenage groups, the Mr. and Mrs. Club sponsoring the former and the Detroit JACL, the latter.

These clubs were formed to create an opportunity for the Sansei to become acquainted with each other and to develop leadership potentiality.

Teen Club Cabinet

The Detroit Teen Club under the supervision of Walter Miyao and Am Omura of the JACL was organized in November of 1956. It now has a paid membership of 21. Jan Ishii was elected president of the fledgling group; Edgar Oshika, vice-pres.; Jane Itami, cor. sec.; Rumiko Sakow, rec. sec.; Jay Satoh, treas.; Satsuko Shiroma, hist. and Carolee Matsumoto, member-at-large. The teens then elected Roy Kaneko and Mrs. Pearl Matsumoto advisers.

A successful New Year's Eve get-acquainted party was held at the home of Carolee Matsumoto in their initial send-off. She also chaired a well-attended ice skating party on Jan. 27 at Belle Isle.

The first cabinet meeting was held Jan. 12 at the home of Jane Itami with JACL president Yo Kasai in attendance. A tentative calendar was formulated, various projects discussed and agreed on monthly cabinet meetings.

In February, games and dancing were enjoyed at a Valentine Party held at the Matsumoto home. Jan Ishii chaired this successful event.

Baby Sitting Service

A baby-sitting service was instituted by the Teen Club in March. Ten girls and a boy volun-

teered their services under the supervision of Mrs. Hifumi Sunamoto. Their first assignment was the care of children attending the March 17 JACL general meeting. Social event of the month was a family party at the Roller Skating Arena Club on March 24 with Jane Itami in charge.

April saw the beginning of monthly dance class socials under the chairmanship of Shirley Satoh. Indoor swimming was enjoyed at a splash party held at the Fisher "Y" on April 20. Jay Satoh was chairman. Refreshment was served afterwards at the Satoh home.

The Mother's Day Buffet and Program held May 12 was co-sponsored with the JACL. The Teen Club under Rumiko Sakow was in charge of the program.

Teen clubbers were on hand at the June 14 community picnic to help supervise the games. They participated in the Mr. and Mrs. Club Variety Show on Sept. 14, presenting a cake walk number. The Teen Club also volunteers mailing services to the International Institute.

A successful benefit, the Halloween Ball, held Oct. 26 at the Fisher "Y" under the chairmanship of John Kimoto, terminated the first year in a rosy glow.

Election of new officers was scheduled Nov. 30 at the International Institute, with Rumiko Sakow as chairman. A Christmas social is also in the making.

Junior Mr. and Miss

Taking the diminutive form of their sponsor's name, the Jr. Mr. and Miss Club was born at a meeting held Nov. 10, 1956, at the International Institute. Paid membership in this 9-12 year, sub-teen group now stands at 49. Monthly meetings are held in conjunction with the activity of the month. Advisers are Mrs. Jewel Omura and Mrs. June Otsuji. The bubbling enthusiasm of these youths was matched only by the complete backing of the adults.

Their first get-acquainted social was held Nov. 21 at the International Institute followed by a Post-Christmas party on Dec. 31, chaired by Joan Fujioka.

An ice skating party held at Kensington Park on Jan. 13 with Pamela Fujishige in charge, ushered in the new year.

Elections were held at the Valentine Social, held Feb. 10 at the

International Institute. Officers elected were Geraldine Ouchi, pres.; Marcia Matsumoto, vice-pres.; Lynn Omura, sec.; Lloyd Miyao, treas.; Joan Fujioka, hist. Chairman of the event was Louise Kushida.

Prepare for Carnival

On March 10 the Club met at International Institute to make handicrafts to sell on carnival night in May. Planholders, stuffed toy-octopus and earrings were made at this busy session, chaired by Mark Ishimaru.

A rollicking, gay family skating party was held at Riverside Arena on April 28 with Glen Kaneko in charge.

The Jr. Mr. and Miss Club prepared a polka number for the Mother's Day buffet and program held by the JACL and Teen Club on May 12. On May 25 they held their own hugely successful Carnival Night at the International Institute. Geraldine Ouchi was in charge of this money-making project which featured sale of their own handicrafts, baked goods, refreshments and chances at games and prizes. This event proved so successful that all their operating costs, loaned by the sponsors were repaid and the sub-teens are now completely self-supporting.

Visit State Capital

June 28 was a red-letter day for 39 who visited the State Capitol in Lansing. For many it was their first train trip. They were greeted by Acting Governor Hart at the Capitol. This tour, chaired by Elaine and John Takemoto, also included a visit to the Historical Museum and dinner at the Roosevelt Hotel.

A family picnic wiener roast was held July 12 at Pontiac Lake with Gary Otsuji in charge. The Club ushered in fall activities with the opening and closing theme dance at the Mr. and Mrs. Club Variety Show held Sept. 14. Square-dancing was enjoyed at the International Institute meeting on Sept. 28 with the cabinet members in charge.

An Oct. 19 hayride at Friendly Acres was in charge of Vicky and Sandra Kasai. Refreshments and square-dancing were enjoyed later at the club. An open house for parents and friends was held at the International Institute for Nov.

10. Each chairman and committee re-enacted its monthly event for an entertaining program chaired by Linda Suzuki.

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IN MEMORY OF DETROIT ISSEI

\$10,000 Educational Loan
For Collegians Established

DETROIT—A young Japanese immigrant landed on American shores in 1900 and he was only 15 years old. In the subsequent 55 years, he became a highly respected community and church leader, a staunch supporter of the Nisei and established a \$10,000 educational loan fund before he died on April 5, 1955.

This briefly describes the man, the late Taizo Kokubo of Detroit, who will make the annals of Issei history in the United States an illustrious and inspiring one.

It was only two months ago that the Detroit Chapter of the Japanese American Citizens League formally announced the establishment of the \$10,000 Taizo Kokubo Memorial Educational Fund to aid worthy Japanese college students to further their education in America.

Litigation in the Michigan court had prevented the announcement of this fund earlier and is now in trust with the Detroit JACL and administered jointly by the acting chapter president, Dr. and Mrs. Ted Kokubo and Mrs. Kenji Horiuchi.

Detroit Pioneer

The venerable Detroit Japanese pioneer dealt in many fields prior to becoming established in wholesale importing. After graduating from Wilson Business College of Washington, he ventured east from Seattle and settled in Detroit in 1914. He also held a degree in optometry from the Northern Illinois College of Optometry, which, incidentally, is the Alma Mater of Dr. Roy Nishikawa of Los Angeles, national JACL president.

Many a relocatee recalls with

warm remembrance the hospitality of the Kokubo family as his home was a gathering place for newcomers to this city.

When JACL started a chapter here in 1946, he was among the leading Issei supporters. With the passage of the Walter-McCarran Act in 1952, he organized and began teaching an Americanization class on his own initiative until the class outgrew his home facilities. The class was then continued under Detroit JACL sponsorship and he stayed on as instructor for two or more years until his illness.

In recognition of his outstanding service to the chapter, he was awarded the JACL Plaque for Meritorious Service on April 3, 1955. Two days later, he was called to his Eternal Reward. Simple rites were held at the Harris Funeral Home with the Rev. Sadaichi Kuzuhara of Chicago officiating. Interment followed at the Evergreen Cemetery.

Special Recognition

The Detroit chapter honored 73 new citizens at a testimonial dinner on May 15. Special recognition was given the late Mr. Kokubo, organizer and teacher of naturalization classes and himself a new citizen. A "certificate of appreciation" in his name was presented



TAIZO KOKUBO
Scholarship Fund Set

by Mike Masaoka, Washington JACL representative, on behalf of National JACL, to his son, Dr. Ted Kokubo.

Chief Federal Judge Arthur F. Lederle, in an inspiring message to the new citizens, had noted the occasion was "symbolic of a new day in America where we no longer penalize people for belonging to a particular race."

The newly-established \$10,000 fund committee is headed by Wallace Kagawa, 12611 Beaverland, Detroit 39, who will handle inquiries and applications. Others on the permanent committee are Circuit Judge Theodore R. Bohn, Mrs. Catherine Ishioka, Kenneth Miyoshi and Mrs. Toshi Shimoura. Current chapter president Yoshio Kasai and treasurer Frank Watanabe are also on the committee.

Motivation

More recently, it was learned that Mr. Kokubo's bequest was motivated by his long economic struggle since his arrival from Japan and by his own difficulties in completing college, his intense civic interest, his desire to see those of Japanese ancestry succeed in the country he adopted.

However, Mr. Kokubo did not believe in outright gifts to young people, for he felt that success should be earned by industry and willingness to accept responsibility of personal liabilities. Therefore, the scholarship foundation was set up on a loan basis.

He hoped that others might use it as a basis for making similar bequests. Because the fund is self-perpetuating, he pictured helping young people in an endless chain, those who were aided helping those who followed them.

BEST KEPT SECRET
FROM MIKE MASAOKA

When Mike Masaoka appeared on Ralph Edwards' "This Is Your Life" television program on Jan. 2, it was the best kept secret from a much surprised Washington JACL representative. He had to be intercepted at the Seattle Airport, since he was enroute to Washington from a Japan trip, by George Inagaki and hustled to Los Angeles for a JACL board meeting as a prelude.

FRED TAKATA SUCCEEDS
AS REGIONAL DIRECTOR

East Los Angeles JACL past president Fred Takata succeeded Tats Kushida as PSW regional director last June 15. Kushida had been on the JACL professional staff since 1949.



Dr. Ted Kokubo (left) receives Certificate of Appreciation for his late father, Taizo Kokubo, from Mike Masaoka at which the Washington JACL Representative was guest speaker at the Issei testimonial dinner sponsored by the Detroit JACL on May 15, 1955.

KOKUBO WILL

... I give and bequeath to the Detroit Chapter of the Japanese American Citizens League, in trust, the sum of \$10,000.00 to be used to help needy Japanese students in college who are morally, mentally, and physically worthy and competent, by giving loans to them in sums of not more than \$500.00 (FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS) in any semester, and the total loan to any one student during his college career shall not be greater than the sum of \$1,000.00 (ONE THOUSAND DOLLARS).

The said loans to be given to students selected by DR. TED KOKUBO, MRS. TED KOKUBO, MR. KENJI HORIUCHI, MRS. KENJI HORIUCHI, and the president of the Japanese American Citizens' League of Detroit, Michigan.

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Said loans not to bear interest until six months after student graduates or withdraws as a student from said college, and the interest on said loans to be at the rate of 4% per annum.

BEST WISHES

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JACL

I WAS A HONOLULU ROSE

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captured Japanese in camps on Saipan, Tinian and Guam.

Then one day, the head of the radio department came and asked, "Can you read Japanese?"

Somewhat frightened, I answered, "Yes, if it's got the easy lettering on the side."

I was hurried to the sound-proof room, after being told this was my big chance to go on radio. It seems that a Japanese Gold Star Mother had been called on an interview, but her voice had not been clear enough when cutting the record, and rather than call her back, I was to be the mother. What made this more interesting was that I knew the mother, and her son who had died in Italy had been a good friend of my brother's.

Radio script in shaky hands, I bravely made the recording about how happy I was that "my son" had served his country so well. I think I must have shed a few tears, remembering how the dead boy and my brother had caddied at the golf course on week ends, saving money to buy their own set of clubs, wanting to grow up faster so that they too could be businessmen and play golf.

When the recording was beamed to Japan some time later, I had played "Honolulu Rose." I did not feel guilty at all; I felt a bit awed to think my voice was traveling ahead of me to the unknown land of my birth.

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EIGHT YEARS later in 1953, after I had become a naturalized American citizen, one of the first allowed that privilege after passage of the Walters-McCarran Bill, I took a two-months trip to Japan. I wondered if my cousins, hiding in black-out bomb shelters, had heard my voice over the radio. While in Hawaii we had thrown darts at pictures of Hitler, Mussolini and Tojo at bazaars, they had stepped and spit on pictures of Roosevelt and Churchill placed on the sidewalks of Japanese streets.

"Where were you on December 7th?" they asked most frequently. I had been at church unaware of the war until quite late in the day.

"Did they put you in a concentration camp for being an enemy?" No, never.

Yet if Japan had won the war I might have gone to jail.

When the war ended on V-J Day, I was told that a truckful of confidential leaflets that the Navy was delivering went sailing down the wide boulevard in front of the O.W.I. offices in a merry Hawaiian breeze. Nobody cared to retrieve the bits of paper which would not be needed any more, and we closed for the day and went home to celebrate. For my air force pilot cousin in Japan, the day the war ended was a bitter one. He took his sword, which he did not turn in to the authorities, and walking into the bamboo thicket behind his home, slashed away at trees and bushes in his disappointment and despair.

As I looked at the still apparent desolation of Hiroshima and Nagasaki and realized that there might have been other Hiroshimas and Nagasakis if the war had been prolonged, I was very glad that I had been a "Honolulu Rose."

If the Rev. Sato had not been preoccupied with the preparation for the special New Year's service, he would not have forgotten to lock the temple door and the mistake could not have been made. The Rev. Sato's absent-mindedness was not chronic, but came in severe, acute attacks whenever his soul was overflowing with pious meditations.

That afternoon at dusk after months of waiting, the new statue of the Amida Buddha had been delivered. The deliveryman, Joe Bandywink, eager to spend a festive evening with his family, squirmed impatiently while the slender, grey-haired priest unlocked the drawer that contained the contributions for the Amida Buddha and meticulously counted out four half-dollars, six quarters, a dime and three pennies to pay the delivery charges.

"You're mighty lucky to get delivery this late on Christmas eve," Joe commented as he extended a grubby, yellow pencil and pointed to the line on which the priest should sign. "We don't usually make deliveries after 3 o'clock on Christmas eve, unless it's something extra special."

The clock on the desk pointed to a quarter of five as Joe glanced quickly at the precise signature, accepted the pencil, and scribbled PAID across the bill. He ripped a carbon copy from the pad and laid it on the table. At the door, he turned and called out,

"Merry Christmas, Father." The Rev. Sato bowed graciously toward the now empty door, and replied softly with only a trace of accent, "Thank you very much."

He smiled tolerantly after the deliveryman.

"Father?" he murmured. "Father... a rather pleasing

A CHRISTMAS

By ARLENE FUKUI

mistake."

Turning from the door, the Rev. Sato sat down at his oak desk and opened the lower right-hand drawer. Rummaging through a collection of wire, small lengths of rope, wrenches, and an assortment of odds and ends, he retrieved a hammer and a chisel. His face was passive, revealing none of the elation he felt over the long-awaited arrival of the Amida Buddha. Solemnly and with his usual dignified pace, he carried his tools into the adjoining temple. The heavy wooden crate stood directly in front of the empty pedestal where he had directed the deliveryman to place it.

"The people shall have the Amida Buddha for the New Year," the priest whispered happily as he drove the chisel beneath one of the heavy planks in the top of the box. "It has been almost six months since the Amida Buddha was broken."

The Rev. Sato stopped his hammering momentarily to struggle against the anger that he found difficult to suppress whenever he thought of the destruction of the first statue.

Too easily, he recalled that sunny afternoon in mid-July when he had gone to congratulate Mrs. Yamamoto on her 81st birthday. He had spent a pleasant afternoon drinking tea, munching mochi-gashi and visiting with the many guests. He was still half a block away from the temple when he heard a series of sharp clangs coming from within the temple. He rushed to the door, hurriedly unlocked it, and rushed across the vestibule. As he opened the door into the temple hall, he saw four boys around the statue of the Amida Buddha, now toppled to the floor. One was vigorously swinging a

hatchet against the statue. At each stroke, the temple resounded with scornful exclamations of the boys and the clang of steel meeting bronze.

Astounded, bewildered, the Rev. Sato hesitated, then shouted, lapsing into Japanese in his excitement!

"Nani shite iru no!" What are you doing?

Startled, the boys scurried down the aisle, past the priest, and through the open doors. The Rev. Sato made no attempt to halt them, but in the fleeting moment of their flight he recognized two of the culprits. He had seen them before washing windows or sweeping the sidewalk for Father Donahue at St. Matthew's Mission in the next block.

Trembling with anger and emotion, the Rev. Sato slowly approached the fallen Amida Buddha. Decapitated, it lay on its back in front of the pedestal where it had stood majestically for more than twenty years. The folded hands were gashed by the force of the hatchet, and the hollow body was dented and scratched. The head, its serene face unmarred, had rolled beneath the front pew. After viewing the desecration, the priest searched the temple and discovered that the boys had entered by breaking a window in the room behind the altar.

Afterwards, he had carried the broken Buddha to his office, had telephoned a glazier to repair the window, and then notified the members of the board to convene for an emergency meeting at 8 o'clock that night. The board held a long and serious discussion as to what action they should take. After three hours, they had compiled a statement to be pre-

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sented to the congregation on the following Sunday:

"Regretfully we inform you that our beloved Amida Buddha was destroyed by vandals last Thursday afternoon. After much consideration, we have decided not to notify the police even though two of the culprits are known. Heaven itself will punish the wrong-doers in due time.

"We are establishing a fund for a new statue, and the Amida Buddha will be replaced as soon as possible."

It took the little congregation more than two months to secure the necessary funds, for it was already burdened to support the temple and the priest. After the money was raised, there was another long delay while a fellow priest in Japan negotiated for an appropriate statue and arranged for its shipment across the Pacific.

Today, the long wait had ended. The Rev. Sato carefully removed the last nail and lifted the top of the crate onto the floor. Tenderly, he brushed aside the straw packing to reveal the soft golden glow of the Amida Buddha. Straining with the weight of the hollow bronze, he lifted the statue from the box and placed it on the pedestal. He removed the top of the box to his office, and returned with a soft, white cloth, his rosary and some incense. He carefully wiped the dust and chaff from the statue, lighted the incense, and fingering his beads, recited a prayer of thanksgiving for the safe arrival of the Amida Buddha.

The Rev. Sato's prayers were shortened by the insistent jangle of the telephone in his office. Reluctantly, he arose from his knees to answer its demand. The soft warm voice of Mrs. Sato greeted him and reminded him to hurry home lest he be late for dinner at the home of the president of the congregation. At the dinner, final plans were to be discussed for the dedication service of the Amida Buddha on New Year's Day.

Another Package

The Rev. Sato hurried home, forgetting to lock the vestibule door.

After delivering the crate to the Rev. Sato's office, Joe Bandywink returned to the Mercury Messenger Service headquarters to check out for the Christmas holiday. He found that the boss had gone home, and Joe was downright peeved when he found a note from the boss telling him to go to the Botz Ceramic Shop and pick up a delivery for St. Matthew's Chapel on Greer Street. He'd promised Ellen to be home early to help with the tree and the last-minute packages.

At the ceramic shop, his temper wasn't soothed, when he had to wait fifteen minutes. There were four customers ahead of him, but finally he got a chance to state his business.

"I'm from Mercury Messenger Service to pick up something for St. Matthew's Chapel."

"Oh, yes. That is the statue of the Holy Infant for the manger. Father Donahue brought it in this morning to have a chip repaired. He'll be waiting for it. The door is always unlocked, so you can take it right into the chapel. They must have it for the manger tonight, and Father Donahue can't leave the chapel because his parishioners will be coming in for confessions. I'll pack it and address it for you."

The clerk took a book from beneath the counter.

"Never mind addressing it," Joe told her. "I'm in a hurry."

I know the place. In fact, I just delivered another package up there this afternoon."

The clerk filled the box with shredded paper and placed the statue in it. When she tried to put the lid on the box, it refused to stay on. Even when she anohored it with a generous amount of Scotch tape, it still jumped off.

"Just a minute. I have to get a bigger box."

"Never mind." Joe was impatient. It was almost six o'clock. Ellen would be having a fit. "I'll see that it goes there all right. It isn't very far to the church."

"All right." The clerk was eager to get on with his last customer. "Thanks a lot, Merry Christmas."

Open box in hand, Joe hurried out the door and climbed into his truck. He set the box on the seat beside him, and put his lunch box in front of it, so it wouldn't roll off the seat. He drove down Mayer Avenue and turned left on Greer Street. He got one break. The street was almost empty, so he parked easily, hopped down, and carried the package into the building.

"Delivery," he called out as he entered the vestibule. There was no reply.

Joe opened the inner door. He called out again, louder. "Delivery."

There was only a heavy silence and the heady fragrance of incense.

"Where in the devil is that priest," Joe grumbled. "I'm not going to waste my time waiting for him to show up. The clerk said he'd be here. I think I'll just leave the statue in the manger."

Joe walked down the aisle, removed the statue of the Christ Child from the box and laid it on the straw. Back at the curb, he tossed the empty box into the bed of the truck, climbed into the cab and started home.

Surprising Find

A light rain was falling as the Rev. Sato and two members of the dedication committee walked to the temple after the committee meeting. On the corner near the temple, a lively group of girl scouts and their leader were enthusiastically singing carols from beneath a roof of umbrellas. As the Rev. Sato prepared to unlock the door, he could hear the strains of "It Came Upon the Midnight Clear." As he grasped the knob, while trying to fit his key into the lock, the Rev. Sato was surprised to feel the door open effortlessly. Only then did he realize that he had forgotten to lock it.

He said nothing to his two companions who had come to the temple with him to see the Amida Buddha, but he was apprehensive as he crossed the vestibule and opened the door of the temple. A quick survey of the dimly-lit hall assured him that the statues were intact. Relieved, he led his two companions down the center aisle. The subdued lights of the altar cast a mellow glow around the Amida Buddha. For several minutes, the three men observed in reverent silence. Then Mr. Watanabe whispered, "How magnificent it is."

"It is even more glorious than the other one," commented Mr. Nishimura.

"Today is indeed a blessed day," replied the Rev. Sato.

Only as the three men knelt to pray did they note the packing case filled with straw.

"The delivery was so late that I did not have time to remove the crate," the priest apologized.

"Look, there is still something in the box," Mr. Watanabe pointed out.

"That is strange. I noticed nothing when I unpacked the box," the Rev. Sato declared.

Mr. Watanabe lifted the object from the straw and carried it nearer the altar lights.

"It looks like a doll," he exclaimed. "A very expensive work of art."

The Rev. Sato took the figure from Mr. Watanabe and examined it.

"Could some child have left it here? Hm, it is porcelain, and would certainly have been crushed if it were lying under the statue of the Amida Buddha."

Mr. Nishimura traced his finger around the delicate face of the figure.

"It looks like the Christmas Child," he observed. "I saw one just like it in the window of Gregory's Art Store, lying in a box of straw."

As he spoke, the strains of "Silent Night, Holy Night" drifted through the doors as the girl scout carolling expedition passed the temple.

"But . . . how could it have gotten here," Mr. Watanabe inquired. "And what shall we do with it?"

"I think a mistake has been made," the Rev. Sato observed. "Please say nothing about it, until I can take care of the matter."

After Mr. Nishimura and Mr. Watanabe had gone, the Rev. Sato sat down at his desk to contemplate. He knew that Father Donahue might be able to advise him, but his spirit rebelled against seeking assistance from the priest whose parishioners had destroyed the Amida Buddha. Since the destruction, the Rev. Sato had secretly wondered if the Catholic priest had instigated the incident. Feeling ashamed of his suspicions, he deliberately avoided the vicinity of the mission, although he still exchanged greetings with Father Donahue if they accidentally met on the street.

Several explanations of the mystery of the porcelain figure occurred to the Rev. Sato. It could have been placed there purposely to test his honesty in an attempt to degrade him and his religion. Or, it could have been stolen and discarded there. If he went to the police, there might be embarrassing complications.

"There are two alternatives," the Rev. Sato mused. "I can try to find the rightful owner or I can dispose of the figure and pretend to know nothing about it. If I choose to remain silent, I am sure Mr. Watanabe and Mr. Nishimura will support me."

At 9:30, the Rev. Sato arose from his desk. His decision was made. He could not dispose of the figure. Such a deceit would violate the commandment against lying. He would disregard his personal feelings and take the figure to Father Donahue and ask him to find the rightful owner. It was appropriate, at any rate, that a Christian should take custody of the Christ Child. From a storage cabinet behind his desk, he took three large sheets of white tissue paper and carefully wrapped the figure. Mindful of his earlier error, he checked all the doors and turned out the lights before he started for St. Matthew's Mission.

The rain stopped before he reached the Mission, and the Rev. Sato paused there on the steps to breathe deeply of the cold, moist air and to compose himself for the coming meeting with Father Donahue. As he waited, he suddenly saw one of the window shades lifted a bit. One of the boys who had vandalized the Amida Buddha peered out. When his eyes met those of the Rev. Sato, he quickly dropped the shade. The Rev. Sato hesitated for several

minutes, then timidly opened the door and walked into the building.

It was his first visit to the Catholic Mission. The door on the right was marked OFFICE WALK IN. There was no one in the room, but a sign on the table directed him to PLEASE BE SEATED. He chose a hard, straight chair and sat erectly holding the bundle against his chest. After five or ten minutes, Father Donahue appeared. The Rev. Sato stood and bowed.

"Good evening."

"Good evening." Father Donahue's voice was warm. "I don't know your name, but you're the pastor of the Buddhist temple, aren't you?"

"Yes, I am the Rev. Sato. I have a problem in which I would like to ask your assistance."

"I'll be glad to help if I can, and I have something to discuss

with you. Let's go into my study, where we won't be disturbed."

The priest ushered the Rev. Sato into a small adjoining room and seated him in an armchair. After offering him a cigarette, he leaned back in his own brown leather easy chair, and invited.

"Now, tell me what I can do for you."

"I am somewhat confused as to what to do in this matter. Tonight when two friends and I returned to the temple hall after a meeting, we found a statue of what we think is the Christmas Child. This afternoon, I had just unpacked a new statue of the Amida Buddha, and I didn't have time to remove the crate of straw in which it arrived. The Christmas Infant was lying on the box of straw."

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BY MITSU YASUDA

WASHINGTON—California may have its broad vistas of nature, its ocean, its mountains, its fabulous resorts where JACLers throw their tremendous soirees we so often read about in the PC.

But Los Angeles does not have the Capitol, nor San Francisco Embassy Row, nor even the glorious Northwest DC's incredible Rock Creek Park.

We bow only to the question of Nisei population, and even then we venture to suggest that even Ellay chapters must really have only a small hard core of active workers who do practically all the work that results in the great things that are written about? And already we are betting that DC's small hard core is a bigger

small hard core than Ellay's etc.

Dedicated Campaign

Even before the year starts, the Membership Committee goes into high gear. Not just the chairman, (indefatigable George Furukawa), but a whole regiment of members get on the phone with a dedication to their goal that would strike terror into the hearts of any advertising men on Madison Avenue.

This year, and it goes on all year, it resulted in a membership of 217, 22 1000 Club members as of early October.

That's why when the year starts in January with the Installation Dinner, a sparkling assemblage goes through a memorable evening. This year was the 10th anniversary of the founding of the

chapter with 26 charter members. Principal speaker was Jun Okazaki, first president.

Certificates of Merit were awarded to the past presidents, all of whom were there except two, Henry Goshio (1950) now in Tokyo as Radio-TV Officer with the Embassy, and Rikio Kumagai, a chemist working at Niagara Falls.

Party for the Kiddies

In January, people were still talking about the Children's Christmas Party, where the community's increasing little generation did its best to completely shatter any vestige of adult authority. Courageous Gladys Shimasaki and Sumi Sumida ran this affair with all parents on hand gamely trying to keep up

with their yelping youngsters. This affair threatens to become an annual affair, in spite of everything.

February saw Mike Masaoka calling on Douglas MacArthur II, then newly designated as Ambassador to Japan, in order that the Ambassador might understand Nisei reaction to Japan-United States relations and problems. Mike had also discussed his Japan trip with the White House, State Dept., Defense Dept., and Congressional officials. However logical that he be, Mike is a member of the DC Chapter.

Tamale Pie on Menu

We have a number of traditional affairs, all of them enthusiastically attended, and not the least of them is an annual Potluck Dinner.

A big lodge is rented, and everybody brings everything. This year Claire Minami chaired the event, and California's famous tamale pie gloried in juxtaposition with barazushi and spaghetti. Films were shown, including a kinescope of the "This is Your Life," with Mike there making comments along with everybody else.

By the time May rolls around, inquiries are being made about the graduates for another annual event, the Graduates' Picnic. Elementary, junior high, high school, and college graduates are honored guests with gifts for each. Washington, a beautiful city all year round, becomes especially green and inviting about this time, and picnics are nice affairs anyway.

No sooner is this picnic over, than another one, this time a Community Picnic comes up on deck. Sensible Washington starts its picnics at 12 noon and winds it up at 7:30, thus affording a lazy Sunday morning and a good rest for the next Monday. Of course this doesn't prevent the unmarried crowd from taking off for extended picnicking way past the standard picnicking hours.

National JACL traditionally takes part in the Memorial Day Services at the Arlington Cemetery where 20 Nisei are interred. This year, Miss Suzy Sakato, corres. sec'y of the chapter and reserve officer of the Army Nurse Corps presented the wreath in behalf of the JACL. JACL's wreath was placed next to that of President Eisenhower's. Ira Shimasaki heads up the Committee.

Then again, there's the Fairfax Dinner, so called because it's always held at the Fairfax Hotel on famous Massachusetts Avenue. A whole dinner for \$1.25 and \$.75 for children and bingo. Fun for the whole family sort of thing in a lovely cozy dining room.

Varied Sports

For all of the past paragraphs, organized sports takes no back seat. Bowling, golfing, judo. The annual post-season JACL Bowling League Awards Banquet is an imposing event, with nine awards given out. This year, the Wash-Offs, captained by Tad Masaoka took the League Championship Trophy. The Duffers, a golf club growing larger by the year, plays off with New York and other near-by clubs. Golf courses around here are said to be among the best, and diplomats from the Japanese Embassy are seen playing as Duffers members.

The Washington Judo Club boasts professional caliber men. They take part in area championships such as the DCAU District Championship in which this year sixty judokas participated. The DCAU represents six eastern states. Edwin Takemori, Jim Takemori, Warren Minami, and George Izumi are consistent winners, and even 12-year-old Randy Ihara came through a champion this year.

Special Interest Groups

All these activities are not yet enough for DC members. Special interest groups have been organized. Household Arts Groups, where the ladies get together for flower arrangement lessons, recipe-exchanges and demonstrations of Japanese cookery, interspersed with plain gossip. There's a Teen-Age group where at one party, the boys served the refreshments (a portent of the future?). A Japanese Culture Group where Mrs. Gwen Terasaki appeared as first guest speaker. A bridge club, where beginners mourn and experts chortle. And of course, a monthly DC Newsnotes to keep members informed, and a Telephone Committee to spread word of any emergency.

As this year-ender is being written, we have yet to swing into holiday activities . . . three more months of sociables, education, and the active activities of any self-respecting chapter of note.

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Interest groups of D.C. JACL serving community

WASHINGTON—Unlike the chapters on the West Coast, the D.C. Chapter is located in an area where there are very few Nisei organizations. The Chapter realized that through regular monthly meetings, only a limited program could be carried on, so in order to better serve the needs of the Nisei community, the device of Interest Groups is being adopted. First group formed was the bowling group which meets each week during the winter season climaxed with a big Award dinner. It has eight teams competing this year.*

Suburban matrons with young children, bound at home by household duties, decided they wanted a "night out" once a month, so a homemaker's group was formed. About 10 to 15 women get together in each other's homes and have discussions, demonstrations, exchange of recipes and household tips, etc., followed by refreshments and general chit-chat. This group includes soldier-brides. Another group, mostly working women, was later formed, and meets once a month on Sunday afternoons.

Teen-age Group

In an area where the Nisei are scattered, the Sansei found that they were usually the only Sansei in school so they had no opportunity to meet other Sansei. A group of parents of teenagers got together and discussed this situation and the idea of a teen-age group came out of this meeting.

It was started on a trial basis but the 15 or so youngsters have taken over now, and plan the social get-togethers held at different homes. It has been one of the more successful ventures, and a sub-teen group is under consideration.

The latest to be formed is a Japanese Cultural group. Some have found that in the course of every day associations, they were expected to know something of things Japanese, but found themselves lacking in this knowledge. The Japanese Cultural group proposes to do something about this lack.

Washington, D.C. has many visitors every year, many from Japan, who are authorities in their field, so the Cultural group hopes to take advantage of their visits, by inviting them to homes of JACLers for an exchange of ideas. The group got off to a flying start when Gwen Terasaki, author of "Bridge to the Sun" was guest at its first meeting.

Other meetings have been with Dr. Osamu Shimizu of the Library of Congress, who spoke to the

group on Japanese history and Dr. Edwin G. Beal, also of the Library, on Japanese music.

Chapter Benefits

It was brought out at the Mid-west Eastern district council event in Chicago, that when auxiliaries of separate groups were organized, the parent group suffered through lack of interest, participation and support. However, the Washington, D.C. JACL has found greater interest and participation, also an increase in membership because many have joined the interest groups first, then became regular members.

The one necessary "ingredient" for forming an interest group is a good coordinator. It has to be a person who is, first of all, interested, and one who has time to make the necessary contacts.

The D.C. Chapter has been very fortunate to have people like Lily Endo who coordinates the Cultural Group; Claire Minami and Betty Murata who are with the Teen-agers, assisted by Ruth Kuroishi and Yohko Sumida, who work with the group directly; Misao Izumi, Eiko Mitoma and Alice Endo, who are with the homemakers groups.

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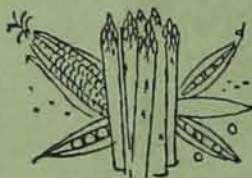
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A CHRISTMAS MIRACLE

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The Rev. Sato laid the tissue-wrapped bundle on Father Donahue's desk.

"I would like to request your help in finding the rightful owner, as I am unfamiliar with Christian procedures and I am at a loss on what to do."

Father Donahue unwrapped the bundle.

"Oh," he exclaimed, his eyes lighting up. "Rev. Sato, you've just solved your problem and one of mine too. The Holy Child belongs here. It must have been delivered to your place by mistake. Frankly, I was beginning to get worried, because I've been expecting it since 5 o'clock. I've tried to phone the shop where it was repaired and the Mercury Messenger Service for the past three hours, but they seem to be closed."

"I can see how the mistake was made. The messenger service delivered a crate for us this afternoon. The addresses must have been mixed up."

"I appreciate your bringing the Holy Child to me. It is generous of you, especially after what happened to your own image last summer."

"You know about the Amida Buddha?"

"I just learned about it. When Tommy Reed saw you coming to the Mission, he thought you were coming to tell me about the broken Buddha and confessed his part in destroying it. He must make restitution—he and the other guilty boys."

"Ah, so," sighed the Rev.

Sato. "We have a new Buddha, the one that arrived this very afternoon, to replace the broken one."

"Tommy is a recent convert, and he and some of his friends are overzealous," Father Donahue continued. "I want you to know that although we have been blessed with the revelation of the Divine Truth, we do not condone destruction of another's property or interference in the freedom of religious worship which is guaranteed in the Constitution. Tommy mistakenly thought he was doing a service to God by destroying an idol. I have explained to him that he must respect the rights of others, and I am sure that this experience will make him and his friends more tolerant of those who differ in religious faith."

"Thank you, Father Donahue. It is late. I think I should go now."

"Before you go, won't you join me while I place the Holy Child in his manger bed?"

"I will be glad to come."

The two men entered the chapel. The Rev. Sato waited near the door while Father Donahue knelt, arose, and walked to the manger. Kneeling again, he placed the Holy Child on the straw. Rejoining Rev. Sato, he placed his hand on his shoulder.

"We are both working for the same end. It is very nice that we should meet at this auspicious season," Father Donahue smiled kindly. "Merry Christmas and God bless you."

"Thank you very much,
Merry Christmas."

As the Rev. Sato walked home, his heart was filled with peace and with goodwill toward all men.

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