



PRESIDENT'S CORNER:

JACL cannot be all things to all men

On hand is a letter from a person who feels rather strongly that JACL's support of some of NAACP's problems could be detrimental to JACL. We have informed this person that JACL cannot — ever — afford to let expediency or outside pressures distort our sense of values to the extent that we will become afraid to speak up or fight for those principles which we have traditionally supported.

On the other hand, we occasionally hear from those who state that JACL does not work closely enough with other groups. We are urged to place our support and our resources behind all sorts of causes of varying merit.

Because JACL is a relatively small group with limited finances and a limited staff, JACL cannot become all things to all men. JACL cannot become so closely tied to other groups that she will be in danger of losing her independence of thought or action, or of exceeding her resources.

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VERY TRULY YOURS:

'Politics' is not a nasty word

"Before I get through talking tonight, I hope the Nisei can be as much of a 'politician' as I am." So began State Assemblyman Grant (R., Long Beach) who went on to give a most basic lesson in civic responsibility in a quick-witted but unforgettable manner. He was the principal speaker at the Chapter Clinic dinner hosted by the Long Beach JACL.

A man who has traveled around the world and engaged in the oil business all of his life, politics was farthest from his mind when he was first approached in 1946 to consider the party candidacy after the original nominee was defeated in the primaries. But, then he asked himself: "The country has been good to you. What are you going to do for your country?" He accepted and won.

In public office now for 10 years, his main source of satisfaction comes from the fact that as a servant of the people, he has been able to help his fellow man.

He urged the Nisei to take an active interest in the affairs of the country and help make the country grow together. Pointing to his audience of a near 100, he said: "You, you and you make this country today" and added:

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CORTEZ CHAPTER GAINS COVETED NC-WNDC AWARD

SAN FRANCISCO.—For its 100 per cent membership of Issei and Nisei and carrying out an outstanding program last year, the Cortez JACL with Hiro Asai as president was awarded the NC-WNDC Chapter of the Year honors Feb. 2 at the first meeting of the 25-chapter district council here.

A plaque and gavel were presented to Mark Kamiya, new chapter president, by John Enomoto, chapter of the year committee chairman.

Berkeley JACL, which achieved a 70 per cent gain in membership, was runner-up, while Placer County JACL came third.

Community P.R.

Community service played a deciding role in winning the NC-WNDC Chapter of the Year award. Cortez has maintained cordial relations with its community—Japanese and non-Japanese—through its striped bass derby with net proceeds being shared by other service and youth groups.

The chapter has a civil defense representative, sponsors a Boy Scout troop and took on an even more demanding job of Cub Scouting, maintains a blood bank and capped the year with its Japanese program put on by the women members of the chapter for the Turlock Garden Club membership tea.

Cortez is among the rare few chapters that boasts 100 percent Nisei support in membership and to keep its count high has been interesting their Caucasian neighbors to join the JACL.

NC-WNDC Business

Over 100 delegates attended the afternoon session at House of Lawton where the day's program was held. Buddy Iwata of Livingston district vice-chairman, presided at the business meeting in the absence of Akiji Yoshimura of Colusa who was unable to attend because of illness.

In line with the announcement of a national oratorical contest and essay contest in conjunction with the coming National JACL convention, the district council chapters decided to go ahead on the local level and to decide on the district finals at the May meeting.

A discussion on the district scholarship program was held, but it was decided that no action would be taken until next year as the national program may be enlarged.

Next Meeting Date

The quarterly meeting will be held in Sebastopol as the group accepted the invitation of the Sonoma County JACL to go there on Sunday, May 18.

Mayor and Mrs. George Christopher attended the anniversary banquet as guests of the host chapter along with three local

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VA purchasing agent cited as 'outstanding'

SEATTLE.—David K. Hirahara, past commander of the Nisei Veterans Committee who is supply purchasing agent for the Seattle Veterans Administration Hospital, was one of five employees cited for outstanding service this month.

He was presented with a Superior Performance Award as a part of a ceremony commemorating the 75th anniversary of the Federal Civil Service system. The award, which included a check for \$125, was made by Don E. Nolan, hospital manager.

Hirahara is a lifetime NVC member and the Disabled American Veterans.



Dr. Roy Nishikawa (left), national JACL president, hands gavel and plaque to Tomizo Joe, 1957 chapter president of Long Beach-Harbor District, which was judged as the "Chapter of the Year" of the Pacific Southwest District Council meeting last Sunday.

— Toyo Miyatake Photo.

Nisei male-female more alike than counterpart Caucasian, survey shows

LONG BEACH.—Cultural factors are operative in determining Nisei personality of both male and female in that Nisei men and women are more alike than their Caucasian American counterpart, Steven K. Abe, clinical psychologist at Metropolitan State Hospital, revealed here last Sunday.

It was his first public report on the series of personality tests that he conducted this past summer in Idaho, Utah and Southern California with the cooperation of JACL chapters in these areas.

The Pacific Citizen was assured a more detailed report of the conclusions as presented to the delegates of the Pacific Southwest District Council meeting here would be available in the very near future.

Nisei Traits

Where Caucasian American males and females differ in 12 out of 15 personality traits, the Nisei male and female differ in two out of 15 (affiliation and heterosexuality).

Abe's survey of 207 questionnaires showed the Nisei female displays a tendency to be less likely to please and win affection, to form strong attachments or to form new friendships than the Nisei male. The Nisei female also tends to be less interested in the opposite sex or enjoy heterosexual activities, he added, much to the surprise of the women (and men) present.

On these two points, Abe's findings for the Nisei male were the same as the Caucasian American male, which is higher when compared with the Caucasian American female.

Freud Doubted

It gave an indication that the "universality of sexual roles" as propounded by Sigmund Freud "may be doubted", Abe declared.

Of the 207 who assisted in the study, the average age of the Nisei male was 33 and Nisei female 31. The educational average showed that the Nisei male has two years of college, the Nisei female one year of college.

The 15 traits covered in the survey are achievement, deference, order, exhibition, autonomy, affiliation, introversion, succorance, dominance, abasement, nurturance (to sympathize with others), change, endurance, heterosexuality and aggression.

Typical Nisei

Abe said his findings show the typical Nisei male is a "timid person with deep inferior feelings

who doesn't want to be the center of attraction or a leader. His life is well organized and orderly, very conventional, a good follower. He is patient, cooperative, generous and kind but that he does not necessarily feel with others."

Describing the typical Nisei female, Abe noted "she is a timid person with deep inferior feelings who doesn't want to be the center of attraction or a leader. Her life is well organized and orderly; a good follower. She is patient, cooperative, generous and kind. She has no need to form strong emotional attachment or feel with others. She keeps an emotional distance despite generosity and kindness and she is not especially interested in the opposite sex."

The Univ. of Utah graduate conducted the survey for his doctoral thesis from the same college. It was his personal feeling that the knowledge gained by this study on Nisei personality would not only help the Nisei understand themselves but should the need arise, any Nisei confronted with emotional problems will be better able to receive psychological help in meeting the problems as a direct result of a greater understanding of the Nisei.

LONG BEACH JACL YOUTH PROGRAM NETS PSW PLAQUE

BY HARRY HONDA

LONG BEACH.—While a JACL chapter clinic is primarily geared to acquaint "new blood" with background and operations of the organization as a whole, the so-called "old blood" went home last Sunday night with equal enthusiasm and vigor.

A most stimulating day, Long Beach-Harbor District JACL hosted the first quarterly session of the Pacific Southwest District Council, which now devotes the February meeting for the benefit of newly-elected officers of the year. Over 100 participated in the now-19 chapter district affair.

The PSWDC added a new member by having Mas Satow, national JACL director, accept a petition for a charter from the Imperial Valley JACL. Satow reminded that the chapter is placed on a half-year probation before the national board issues a chapter charter. Dr. Frank Nishio, El Centro optometrist, temporary chairman, and four delegates were present.

What delegates anticipated the most was the final announcement of the day—the 1957 Chapter of the Year winner, which was decided after a 3-2 vote of the judges who carefully weighed the activities and compliance to the national JACL program of competing chapters.

Long Beach Acclaimed

Tut Yata, Chapter of the Year committee chairman and a former PSWDC chairman, even revealed who served on the jury before announcing the winner — Long Beach-Harbor District JACL. They were Harry Matsukane, Yoichi Nakase, Hide Izumo, Harris Ozawa and Saburo Ikeda.

Dr. Roy Nishikawa, national JACL president, conferred the George J. Inagaki Perpetual Plaque (which hangs in the JACL regional office) and the Chapter of the Year gavel to Tomizo Joe, 1957 chapter president.

Dr. Nishikawa commended the Long Beach JACLers for having "come out of the depths" in April, when it seemed the chapter would be without a cabinet and Joe accepted the role as a challenge, to whip a strong youth program that knit the chapter in an outstanding manner. Its story was already re-

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Former cage lourney queen wins title of 'Miss Salt Lake'; alternate named

(Photo on Page 2)

SALT LAKE CITY.—All of the nine lovely girls in the Miss Salt Lake JACL contest last weekend couldn't win the chapter title, but they will form part of the hostess committee during the National JACL Convention to be held here Aug. 22-25, it was assured.

Ruth Okawa, who was the reigning beauty for the 1955 Nisei Invitational Basketball Tournament here, was crowned as "Miss Salt Lake JACL" by chapter president Ichiro Doi. An alternate, Virginia Uyeda, was announced.

As the chapter queen candidate for Miss National JACL — 1958, Miss Okawa will vie with other Intermountain chapter queens in the finals scheduled April 5.

Sue Kaneko described the nine candidates as they promenaded before a capacity throng at the Memorial House in Memory Park last Saturday night after being introduced by Isamu Watanuki, queen contest chairman.

Judges were past National JACL president Hito Okada, past chapter

presidents Rupert Hachiya, Mas Yano, George Sakashita, Alice Kasai and Dr. Jun Kurumada.

LOAD OF TOMATOES SHIFTS, CAUSES FREEWAY ACCIDENT

A load of Niland tomatoes shifted as Mako Ishibashi was driving his 53-ft. semi on the San Bernardino Freeway enroute to the Los Angeles markets last week, causing the truck to jack-knife and spew tomatoes across the highway near the Baldwin Park ramp.

A member of the newly-activated Imperial Valley JACL, Ishibashi got off the truck uninjured although it had rammed into an abutment.

NISEI SWORN IN AS GLENMORE, B.C., COUNCILLOR

KELOWNA, B.C.—The first Nisei to be elected councillor in Glenmore on the outskirts of Kelowna, Ichiro Yamamoto, was sworn into office recently. He was appointed chairman of the Parks Committee.

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From the Frying Pan

By Bill Hosokawa

RIDE 'EM, COWBOY — Some weeks ago we asked in this space if someone knew of a Nisei rodeo cowboy. Thanks to a Seattle reader who asked to be unidentified, we've found one. His name is Willie Wada, a rootin', tootin' Wild Westerner. Willie consented to a mail interview, and what follows is the result of his answers to some questions we sent along.

Willie, it develops, was born in Seattle back in '21. Horses fascinated him even in boyhood. At least one of his friends remembers Willie was forever sketching horses in his spare time. During summers, and after he got out of high school, Willie worked on ranches outside of Seattle and eastern Washington, roping and training wild horses. Later he worked in Montana, Utah, Idaho, Nevada and California, drifting from one spread to another in typical cowboy fashion.

Willie entered his first rodeo in 1938 as a scrawny little 17-year-old. It's not recorded how well he fared, but the experience was enough to send him off on the rodeo circuit that took him to such places as Red Bluff, Calif., Great Falls, Mont., Ellensburg, Wash., and way stations too numerous to recall off hand.

FACE TO FACE WITH A BRAHMA — Waddy Wada's favorite events, he says, are bareback bronc riding, Brahma bull riding, and bulldogging. Why? "Because it's a contest between you and the beast and life and limb hang in the balance. Anything can happen and sometimes it does."

Take the time an 1,800-pound Brahma bull fell on him. The bull shot out of the chute with Willie aboard, but apparently it had made up its mind that it was going to toss its rider. The beast went into such a wild fandango that it not only threw Willie, but lost its footing and fell down in the process. Unfortunately Willie happened to be occupying the same piece of ground that the bull chose to fall on.

"I looked square into his eyes as he was sitting on my chest," Willie recalls. "One of the judges remarked that it was a good thing I was a little man because if I'd been a big man, I'd've gotten hurt. What a sense of humor. How much more can a guy hurt than to have 1,800 pounds sitting on him?"

I'm glad to report Willie came out of that encounter with no more damage than a good scare. He's escaped serious injury so far, suffering only "superficial cuts and bruises and a couple of spectacular buck-offs that were injurious to the pride."

Willie's record is remarkable since he's jockey-size in a sport where weight and strength can be an advantage. He admits to being 5-foot-6 and 125 pounds soaking wet.

WEEKEND COWBOY — Like many another athlete who sees the years creeping up on him, Cowboy Willie realizes he can't go on riding broncs forever. Nowadays he works at the Boeing Aircraft plant and limits his cowboying to weekends. To keep in shape he practices roping calves, breaks and trains horses and goes skiing when he's of a mind. His own roping horse died not long ago and he's hoping to get another come spring.

In his wanderings Willie has heard of a couple of other Nisei cowboys but their paths have never crossed. "The rodeo trail," says Wada, "is rough and tough and sometimes it looks more like starvation road. But it has its compensations because all cowboys hang tough together. Rodeo fair play and sportsmanship are unequalled in any other sport. I would heartily recommend rodeo for fellows who like it, but you have to be a philosopher, too. Bucking horses don't care whether you're a pauper or a millionaire. They don't care what your name is or the color of your skin. To them the fellow trying to make a ride is just another human being."



Ruth Okawa (left) is being crowned Miss Salt Lake JACL by Ichiro Doi, chapter president, and being congratulated by her alternate Virginia Uyeda. Miss Okawa, who reigned as queen of the 1955 Nisei Intermountain Basketball Tournament, is a stenographer. The 21-year-old beauty will compete with seven other chapter queens for the title of "Miss JACL — 1958" in April.

— Terashima Studio.



EVELYN KODAMA
1958 NICC "Miss Sweetheart"

NICC 'Sweetheart' to Evelyn Kodama

DENVER. — Evelyn Kodama of Colorado State College at Greeley was crowned the 1958 "Sweetheart Queen" of the Nisei Intermountain Collegiate Conference, at its Valentine's Ball held at AAUW Hall here.

Miss Kodama is a student from Hawaii, and her attendants were Bernice Koshio of Colorado State University, Toshiko Kumagai of Colorado University, and Make Iwahashi of Colorado Women's College.

Judges were Cesare Morganti, Kurt Jafay, Larry Tajiri and Tom Masamori, who substituted for George Ohashi who was unable to attend because of illness.

Locale changed for vet reunion dinner

Hollywood's glamour has cast its spell on the 1958 Nisei Veterans Reunion to be staged in Los Angeles July 26-Aug. 1.

Because of numerous out-of-town requests from veterans wanting to taste a little night-life, the gala opening dinner locale has been changed from a Los Angeles hotel site to Moulin Rouge on Sunset Blvd. near Vine St.

As previously announced, Gen. Mark Clark, who commanded the Fifth Army in Italy while the 442nd RCT distinguished itself under his command, will be the speaker of the evening.

Edwin Hiroto and Kiyo Maruyama are dinner co-chairmen. Eddie Shimatsu, program and entertainment chairman, noted that the floor show at Moulin Rouge is probably one of the most luxurious and extravagant attractions in town.

Meantime, brochures outlining the itinerary and special events in connection with the reunion are available by writing to the Nisei Veterans Reunion Committee, 620 W. 6th St., Los Angeles 17.

While the reunion is being held to celebrate the 15th anniversary of the founding of the 442nd RCT, Nisei who served in the Korean conflict as well as other theaters in World War II are expected to attend.

SUMITOMO BANK (CALIF.) DECLARES \$1.50 DIVIDEND

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Bits & Bites

A 12-page special edition commemorating the 10th anniversary of St. Louis JACL was received this week—and it shall be digested in next week's PC. The layout, special artwork and stories of the Japanese in St. Louis since 1904 make the issue worthy of commendation. Richard Henmi and his wife Toyo served as co-editors with George Hasegawa as assistant. A staff of 32 writers, correspondents and workers joined to publish the chapter's greatest publication effort.

Mo Marumoto, Orange County JAYs leader now on the Oregon State College campus in charge of one of the men's dorms, drops us a note to say two Nisei on the rival campus, Univ. of Oregon, Ken Tsukushi of Redwood City and Kelvin Tanaka of Honolulu, have been pledged by Tau Kappa Epsilon, well-known social fraternity... Another O.C. notable, Ken Uyesugi is the proud father of a baby boy this past week. Thanks for the stogie—he hasn't passed any for nine years.

Two choice items from the January J.A. Journal, published in Minneapolis, reveal that Tomo Kosobayashi, MDC 1000 Club chairman, pulled a fast one at the UCL banquet by volunteering to escort Judy Seki and Nobu Asami (who were banquet guests) back to the bowling tournament. He managed to get back just as main speaker Pat Okura was finishing his talk on Boys Town... UCL past president Hank Makino was absent due to a rush business trip to Denver and Emi Takato, 2nd v.p., who had to speak on his behalf will never forgive him. "Hope there was no snow," the Journal quoted. (Sifow pack was normal or near normal that weekend.)

Probably the oldest Canadian Nisei is Jiro Oya, around 70 years old, living in London, Ont., according to George Tanaka, former executive secretary of the national Japanese Canadian Citizens Association. The group has organized a fact-finding committee to accumulate data for its History of Japanese Canadians... Earlier this month, an all-Nisei bonspiel was staged at Taber, Alta., where the curling 'spiel was staged. Several Nisei are already playing in community leagues. This is one sport we have yet to witness.

Golf may replace the teahouses of Tokyo for businessmen to transact business, according to Tamotsu Murayama, PC correspondent in Japan. While it is an extremely expensive pastime (\$500,000 initiation fees for club membership), there are over a half-million golfers plying for a spot on 50 courses now open in Japan... Since Prime Minister Kishi is an avid tee-artist, politicians are also taking up the chase. A man wanting to succeed feels he must know the game and play. Even department stores have added golf equipment to their counters... Tokyo, with its 8.5 million people, has 617 cinema houses—making it the veritable movie capital of the world. One or two theaters are opening each week but some now feel TV will hurt their trade soon. Murayama says the Japanese still prefer American movies over their own kind... With "Sayonara" now playing in Tokyo, the picture of Miiko Taka is everywhere. "Her appearance has created a better impression of the Nisei," Tamotsu adds.

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Vagaries

By Larry S. Tajiri

BOY WHO SANG OFF-KEY IN CHURCH CHOIR

Anyone who was around Los Angeles' Little Tokyo back in the early 1930's probably remembers Henry (Heihachiro) Okawa. Henry was working at odd jobs and doing bit and extra roles in the movies on the side. He had acted in "Wings" with Richard Arlen and Buddy Rogers over at Paramount back in 1927, and in a number of other silents and early talkies. Bob Okazaki, who knew him then, recalls that "we got Henry to join the choir at the Union church."

Henry Okawa tried to get a foothold in the movies, but there wasn't much of a call for young actors of Japanese ancestry then (although over at Columbia, Harry Cohn had a Nisei actress named Toshia Mori who was being groomed for stardom). Henry finally went to Japan and got started in the burgeoning Japanese film industry.

Knowledgeable and bilingual in the cinematic arts, Henry Okawa got boosted on a second career when American filmmakers started making films in Japan after Hiroshima. In for Henry achieved in Tokyo what he couldn't in Hollywood. He became a personality in the American film industry. One of his best roles was that of the priest in Columbia's "Three Stripes in the Sun," but, more importantly, he was Director Danny Mann's assistant on MGM's "Teahouse of the August Moon," and came back to Hollywood for 2½ months to help finish the picture when the company got rained out for five weeks in Nara. "Teahouse" also meant a reunion for Okawa and Okazaki, who had known each other in Little Tokyo a quarter-century before. Bob Okazaki, of course, was serving as Marlon Brando's dialogue coach, although he's primarily an actor, his latest being a featured role in Nacirema's "Dateline Tokyo."

Okawa returned to the Orient last summer and got a role as the sergeant in Sam Spiegel's "Bridge on the River Kwai," which has emerged as one of the fine films of the decade and a virtual cinch for this year's Academy Awards.

The director of "Bridge" is one of Britain's best, David Lean, who has made such films as "Great Expectations" and "Breaking the Sound Barrier." Lean was so impressed with Okawa's performance in "Bridge" that he has now signed him for the J. Arthur Rank production of the Richard Mason novel of interracial love, "The Wind Cannot Read." This is the picture which some call Britain's answer to "Sayonara" and concerns the love of a British soldier, Dirk Bogarde, for a Japanese girl, to be played by the French Nisei, Yoko Tani. Okawa will leave Japan this month for New Delhi, India, where the film goes into production.

When he returns from India late in March Okawa will fly to Rio de Janeiro to start preliminary work, in the capacity of a producer, on a Japanese film which is titled "Nambai Kohro." This Tokyo Eiga production has a story-line about the hardships of Japanese immigrants on the long journey between Yokohama and Brazil. Okawa will put his company to work aboard an Osaka Shosen liner in June.

"Henry is also carrying on correspondence as a producer with one of the major American film companies on a co-production deal for a feature to be made in Japan," says Okazaki. "The boy who sang off-key at Union church is doing big things now."

HAKUJIN PARENTS NAME CHILD SACHIKO

Shirley MacLaine's 13-month old daughter is named Sachiko. "It's Japanese for 'happy child,'" says the actress who is the wife of Producer Steve Parker who was in Japan the past half-year making films and doing an NBC show on Japanese entertainment. "Sachiko is named for a two-year-old girl who was found abandoned in Korea," Shirley says. "Steve wanted to adopt her when he was there after the war, but she died of TB." Shirley MacLaine was the Indian princess in "Around the World in 80 Days" and her newest role was opposite Glenn Ford in MGM's "The Sheepman." Shirley has spent time in Japan with Steve and she told Sheila Graham recently: "I love Japan. I love the Japanese philosophy, chiefly. First of all, their outlook isn't built on a dollar. Women don't consider themselves happy because of owning a car, radio, TV set or refrigerator . . . I am quite peaceful and absolutely happy when in Japan. This is what my husband, Steve, is trying to bring to the screen." . . . Steve Parker's two short films, now being released in the U.S., are "Geisha" and "Onsen."

VAGARIETTES—Shirley Yamaguchi ("Japanese War Bride", "House of Bamboo"), first of Hollywood's postwar Japanese stars, declared she was retiring from the movies following her recent marriage to Hiroshi Otaka, third secretary of the Japanese embassy in Burma. Miss Yamaguchi was divorced from Isamu Noguchi, now in Paris, last year . . . The off-Broadway production of Yukio Mishima's drama in the Noh manner, "Long After Love," was abandoned last month when it was deemed too difficult for production . . . Fourteen U.S. publishers were interested in "Banka," the Japanese best-seller by Yasuko Harada, about a young girl who falls in love with an architect. Beacon, which won the U.S. rights, is expected to publish the novel this spring when the Japanese film version is expected to be released. The English translation is by Rin Tobashi and Atsuishi Yamanishi.

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Marysville Clers laud NC-WN head

BY DAN NISHITA

MARYSVILLE. — The Marysville JACL took time-out to honor one of its distinguished members who has consistently promoted the cause of better community relations at its recent installation dinner of 1958 officers.

Akiji Yoshimura of Colusa, who served as 1950-51 chapter president here, was presented the Marysville JACL Outstanding Community Services plaque "for advancing the cause of Japanese American relations, for promoting cooperation and understanding between peoples of widely different characteristics and temperaments but equally possessed of the desire to live together in equity."

Sharing the honors with him was his wife, Hezeko, whose contribution of time and effort enabled her husband to accomplish this mission. The chapter presented her with a special gift.

Yoshimura is currently serving his second term as chairman of the 25-chapter No. Calif.-Western Nevada District Council. He is also a recipient of the National JACL sapphire pin, conferred to JACLers whose services to the organization have been outstanding for at least 10 years, and a long-time member of the 1000 Club.

He has addressed numerous service, civic and farm groups of the area in recent years, telling of the progress and contributions of Japanese Americans and their relation to the community at large.

New President

Banquet toastmaster Yoshimura was the installing officer of the new 1958 chapter cabinet headed by George Okamoto, prominent peach rancher and co-owner of the Mid-Valley Bowling Alley in Yuba City. Also sworn in were the officers of the chapter Auxiliary, headed by Mrs. Mazie Sasaki.

The ceremonies, held Feb. 1 at the Rib, were witnessed by 138 members and guests. Mas Satow, national JACL director, was the principal speaker.

One of the principal aims of the 86 JACL chapters in the United States, Satow said, is "to sell Japanese Americans" as good citizens making a unique contribution to the pot pourri of American culture.

"The product we are trying to sell is a good one, and we want to keep it a good one, and we want to keep it good," he declared.

When World War II broke out, he explained, few Americans knew the Nisei. "People were afraid to buy us because of the way we looked—like certain people across the Pacific who had precipitated a war."

War Record Recalled

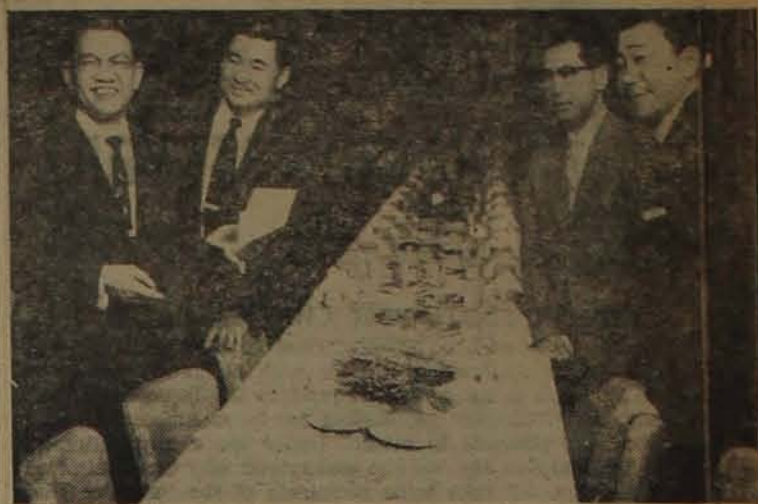
Nevertheless, Japanese Ameri-



George Nakao (left), retiring Marysville JACL president, presents the Outstanding Community Service plaque to Akiji Yoshimura, one-time Marysville chapter president and currently serving his second biennium as chairman of the Northern California-Western Nevada District Council.

— George H. Inouye Photo.

MIDWEST BUDDHIST CHURCH BOARD CHAIRMAN ELECTED
CHICAGO.—Dr. Ben Chikaraishi was elected 1958 chairman of the Midwest Buddhist Church board of directors.



Masao Satow (left), national JACL director, was principal speaker at the Marysville JACL installation dinner. With him are Akiji Yoshimura, toastmaster and NC-WNDC chairman; George Okamoto of Yuba City, new chapter president; and George Nakao of Yuba City, who relinquished the gavel to Okamoto.

cans undertook the task of fulfilling "our obligation to the only country we knew," Satow said. Japanese Americans in Europe made an unexcelled combat record, and in the Pacific as intelligence personnel who knew the Japanese language, their contribution is credited with saving thousands of lives and millions of dollars. Another aim of the JACL is to make Japanese Americans "proud of our racial heritage" said Satow.

"Retrieving some of our cultural heritage," he explained, "may be the distinct thing that we can give to this country to enrich and strengthen it."

He mentioned that there are 25,000 Japanese brides of American military personnel recently come to this country, and the JACL is exploring ways of using their background and culture to give Americans a better understanding of the Japanese civilization.

On the cabinet are Dr. Yutaka Toyoda, 1st v.p.; George Ishimoto, 2nd v.p.; Roy Hatamiya, treas.; Mitzi Fukui, rec. sec.; Mel Tsuji, cor. sec.; Frank Okimoto, Aki Iwanaga, George Matsumoto, George H. Inouye, Hatsuye Nakamura, Sachi Okimoto, Mosse Uchida, board members; and George H. Nakao, imm. past pres.

Other Auxiliary officers are Esther Tokunaga, v.c.; and Dolly Fukumitsu, sec.

Guests of honor included State Sen. Ed C. Johnson of Marysville, Mayor Don Lucas of Gridley, news editor Warren Thornton of the Appeal-Democrat and their wives. Dinner-dance committeemen were Mrs. Esther Tokunaga, Masuko Toyoda, Mazie Sasaki, table dec.; George Ishimoto, fin.; Geo. Nakao, guests; Tom Teesdale, George Nakao, banq.; Bill Sasaki, George Yoshimoto and Isao Tokunaga, gen. arr.



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By Fred Takata

PACIFIC SOUTHWEST CHAPTER CLINIC

This past weekend the PSWDC Chapter Clinic was held at the Long Beach Community Center with about 200 delegates present. We wish to congratulate president Dr. Dave Miura and the Long Beach Chapter for hosting the most successful clinic we've had the pleasure to attend. Under the chairmanship of Mas Narita and Sue Joe, we can understand why the Clinic was such a success, for both were recipients of the Sapphire Pin. We were happy to see Regional Office secretary Blanche Shio-saki receive the coveted award, and just hope she doesn't pull rank on us from here on in.

Some of the day's highlights were the presentations of JACL history by National Director Mas Satow, of JACL organizational structure by Nat'l President Dr. Roy Nishikawa, of Nisei personality traits by Dr. Steve Abe, a talk by Assemblyman William S. Grant of the 70th Dist., and the acceptance of the Chapter of the Year award for the Long Beach Chapter by past-president Tomizo Joe. To a fellow "Mong-Gong" basketball player from camp days, congratulations Blow.

We were pleased to receive a petition for a charter from the Imperial Valley Chapter, which has just been reactivated and joined as No. 19 in the PSWDC. Some members of the new chapter made the long trek to Long Beach to attend the clinic, and we would like to take this opportunity to give our heartfelt welcome to the new Imperial Valley Chapter into our National Organization. Having them with us really did wonders, and under the motion of Ken Dyo of Pasadena, a chain reaction was started to contribute to the Helen Momita flagpole project. Tak Momita, who was there, is really no newcomer to our ranks, having been a Thousand Clubber since becoming a citizen four years ago. He has also been a JACL supporter since pre-war days, and we are grateful for his help in reactivating the chapter in Imperial Valley.

The chapter clinic booklet was the first and one of the finest we've ever seen enclosed in a packet. A lot of work and thought was put into it, and the booklet committee is certainly to be congratulated. This book will be invaluable to many of us as future reference.

VENTURA COUNTY CHAPTER INSTALLATION

Several weeks ago we were guests of the Ventura County Chapter, doubling as speaker and installing officer. We were certainly happy to have made so many new friends in the Ventura area. The installation dinner-dance was held at the Colonial House in Oxnard, and as usual we put on a few more pounds. Past president Mike Mayekawa acted as toastmaster and certainly did a bang-up job.

During the dinner we were entertained by Mrs. Chiyoko Ichii of Oxnard, LaRae Jaquette and Hillord Kelton. The trio really gave out with some fine music, popular, western and Hawaiian. Miss Jaquette gave a fine exhibition of Hawaiian dancing, and the fellows in the front row were breaking out in a cold sweat. Must be the ocean air, eh fellas! The group then broke up for regular dancing to the Hi-Fi music of Kiyomi Yanaginuma.

We were quite surprised to find a member of the Southwest L.A. Chapter, in the person of Mr. Yanaginuma living in Oxnard, and commuting to Los Angeles for chapter activities. Boy, no wonder, "Ichiban Chapter by George!"

We certainly enjoyed our visit to the Ventura County Chapter, and Roy Yamadera who accompanied us on our trip, really enjoyed singing for the group. (Boy, what a ham!)

COACHELLA VALLEY PICNIC-INSTALLATION

Last Saturday we attended the Coachella Valley Chapter picnic and installation in the Painted Canyon region, which was an ideal spot for such an occasion. It was a wide, sandy area boxed in by beautiful rocky formations. If this were near home, this would have made a perfect home for the Los Angeles Dodgers.

We were happy to meet more of our active JACLers, and enjoy the beautiful sunshine and fresh air. When we left early Saturday morning, the skies were quite dark and overcast. We understand it rained cats and dogs at home, but it was just perfect down Indio way.

Boy, these "inaka" phones are really something! You dial the phone number first, and when the party answers, you deposit your dime. Have you ever heard of anything so ridiculous! Well, that's the way they operate in Indio. It took us about 15 minutes to get wise to the system, after depositing dimes first and not getting any answers. After banging on the phone a few times, and getting our wires straightened, we finally got through to George Shibata, and made our way to his ranch. George has several huge fruit trees in his yard and loaded us up with some of those famous Coachella grapefruit, lemons, and tangerines. We really enjoyed them here in our office, George, thanks very much.

The afternoon at the picnic was spent sampling all of the lunch boxes, while the others spent time playing horse shoes, volleyball and badminton. Youngsters spent most of the day hiking in the nearby hills, but came stampeding out of them thar hills when it was "Winnie Roast" time.

The Chapter also invited some fifty Japanese farm laborers to join with them in the picnic, and they really had a wonderful time. We thought it was a wonderful gesture on the part of the Coachella Valley Chapter to invite these men, since their recreation facilities are so limited. They really enjoyed the game of horse shoes which was something new to them, and I'm sure they were quite impressed on how we here in America spend a picnic afternoon.

Newly installed officers of the Board, which will lead the Coachella Valley chapter this year, are Toru Kitahara, Ben Sakamoto, Mas Seto, Nobu Sugimoto, Shizu Hashimoto, Mary Oshiki, Tom Sakai, George Shibata, Charles Shibata, Cherry Ishimatsu, Mitzie Nishimoto, and Jean Kamachi. After meeting all of these wonderful people, we're confident that this Chapter will really have a successful year.

We really wish to extend thanks to the Coachella Valley Chapter for a real bang up time, and to a friend who joined us on the trip, "I wasn't a bit tired!"



Past presidents and honored guests surround the five-tiered birthday cake commemorating the 30th anniversary of the San Francisco JACL. In front are (left to right) Dr. Yoshiye Togasaki, Dr. T.T. Hayashi, Supervisor Henry Rolph, Mayor George Christopher, Saburo Kido, Mikio Fujimoto, Hatsu Aizawa and Dr. Carl Hirota. Behind them are Kei Hori, Dave Tatsuno, Yasuo Abiko, Fred Hoshiyama, Dr. Tokuji Hedani, Victor Abe, Jerry Enomoto and Jack Kusaba, who was re-elected 1958 chapter president.

— Larry Kanzawa Photo.

SALINAS VALLEY:

Support of school tax elections asked at Salinas Valley installation

Support for a new high school program to prevent over-crowding of present facilities in terms of what taxpayers would have to pay (half cup of coffee a day for three year) was asked by George A. Marsh, the main speaker Jan. 25 at the Salinas Valley JACL installation dinner at the Cominos Hotel.

Marsh, who is principal of Salinas Union High School, was referring to the special 40-cent tax election next Tuesday.

The proposed 40-cent tax for enlarging the school and meeting higher operating costs, according to Marsh, boils down to about 5 cents a day for the average homeowner in the high school district.

Sputnik Challenge

In addition to problems of over-crowding, he said, American schools face the challenge posed by Russia's Sputnik and other scientific advances.

The Sputnik setback, however, doesn't mean Americans should

concentrate exclusively on science, he said.

"You can't make everyone a scientist. I feel that there is a need for a diversified program."

Modern schools, he said, must provide education for all the factions of society and will not head into a "one-track channel."

"If we let education down we'll have problems in future generations."

New Officers

New officers of the chapter were installed by Salinas Mayor Arthur Atteridge. They include Henry Tanda, pres.; Roy Sakasegawa, 1st v.p.; Frank Teraji, 2nd v.p.; Oscar Itani, rec. sec.; Mrs. Fumi Kita, cor. sec.; Harry Shirachi, treas.; James Tanda, del.; Tom Miyanaga, alt. del., and Lloyd Urabe, reporter.

Numerous guests of the chapter, which has a current membership of 112, were introduced by James Abe, who emceed the program.

SOUTHWEST L.A.:

Sam Hirosawa to lead ICBG chapter; hails from Nebraska, in L.A. 3 years

Speculation as to who would lead the Southwest Los Angeles JACL during the coming year ended this week with the announcement that Sam Hirosawa had won the important position of chapter president.

The new president steps into the top position of the chapter from that of program vice-president, which he held during the past year.

Nebraska-born Sam Hirosawa, a mechanical engineer who earned his degree at the Univ. of Wyoming, moved to Los Angeles three years ago and has been active in

JACL affairs throughout that period. He is now employed at the Coleman Engineering Co. in this city.

Kango Kunitsugu, who so capably headed the chapter during the past year, will aid Sam as executive vice-president.

Matters drawing their immediate attention during the weeks ahead are a community center slated to be located in the Southwest area and the 1958 membership drive.

Other members of Sam's cabinet are Ethel Yoshino, adm. v.p.; George Fujita, special events v.p.; Carl Tamaki and Terumi Yamaguchi, memb. v.p. (both general and 1000 Club); Arnold Hagiwara, program v.p.; Kei Mochida, social v.p.; Joe Yasaki, pub. rel. v.p.; June Hayashi, rec. sec.; Margaret Kikuchi, cor. sec.; and John Shio-kari, treas.

CORTEZ:

Two trophies for scout competition donated

In celebrating national Scouting week, the Cortez JACL Monday presented a three-year perpetual and permanent trophies for the winning Boy Scout troop of the Central District Yosemite Council.

The ceremonies, which stressed the theme of "God and Country" were held at the Ballico Veterans Memorial Hall. George Yuge was chairman. The chapter-sponsored Troop 32 choir, directed by Mrs. Helen Yuge, rendered several selections as a special treat for the evening.

NISEI SCOUT ACTS AS ALAMEDA'S VICE-MAYOR

ALAMEDA.—Troop 25's Kent Takeda was elected vice-mayor as Alameda Boy Scouts sat with city councilmen and other administrators Feb. 5 in the annual Scout Day in Government here.

Cortez —

Continued from Front Page assemblymen, Supervisor Henry Rolph, Consul General Akira Nishiyama and their wives.

Shigeo Urano, president of the Northern California Japanese Chamber of Commerce, and most of the post war San Francisco chapter presidents were also present as guests.

Both Christopher and Rolph gave the city's greetings to the out-of-town delegates and to the chapter on its anniversary.

Birthday Cake

A huge 30th anniversary birthday cake prepared by Takeo "Babe" Utsumi of Hokamp's bakery was a feature decoration at the banquet, which was opened with an invocation by Rev. Joseph K. Tsukamoto.

The San Francisco chapter headed again by Jack Kusaba and Women's Auxiliary board with Thelma Takeda as president were installed by Masao Satow, National JACL executive director. The JACL Creed was read by Victor Abe, one of the chapter's ex-presidents.

Jerry Enomoto was toastmaster for the banquet program while Yasuo Abiko served as general chairman for the day.

SAN FRANCISCO:

BRUSH PAINTING ON TAP FOR AUXILIARY

Thelma Takeda will preside at the first general meeting for 1958 of the JACL Women's Auxiliary next Tuesday, Feb. 18, 8 p.m., at the Japanese Church of Christ, 1500 Post St.

Evening chairman Miyuki Aoyama has arranged some demonstrations by Prof. T. Mikami, an authority on Japanese brush painting, with the assistance of Wil Maruyama, floor director of KQED Channel 9.

Refreshments will be served by Sumi Honnami and her committee. A nominal charge will be made.

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Long Beach -

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oliday Issue.

Youth Commissioners

Dr. John Kashiwabara, the med-
c who literally doctored the chap-
er back to life by injecting the
timulant which gave meaning to
let's do something for our young
people", screened his 20-minute
color film report of the chapter-
sponsored youth activities during
he luncheon period. The film, syn-
chronized with voice and musical
background on tape, is available for
other chapter showings. As a mem-
ber of the seven-man youth com-
mission, Dr. Kashiwabara is ath-
letic director.

Long Beach JACL succeeded this
past summer in Little League
baseball with parental interest
playing a major role. Their two
teams were respective league
champions. George Iseri was in
charge.

For the girls, a coordinated ath-
letic program was also conducted
under Mary Okita's tutelage. The
high school-college age group for-
med the Hi-Co group with Mas Na-
rita and Sue Joe guiding them.

Iseri and Dr. Dave Miura, 1958
chapter prexy, were instrumental
in boosting the chapter to its all-
time membership high of 350-plus
members and 27 1000ers, respec-
tively.

Another pretty feather in their
cap this past year was the nomi-
nating of Mitzi Miya, who became
Miss Nisei Week and then asked to
ride in a prize-winning float in the
Rose Parade last month.

Still riding high as it were, Long
Beach renews its bid to defend
the 1957 Chapter of the Year lau-
rels in staging one of the best
chapter clinics in PSWDC history
at the Harbor Community Center.
Mas Narita and Sue Joe co-chair-
ed.

Dinner Highlights

Mas Narita, Mrs. Sue Joe and
Blanche Shiosaki, PSW regional
office secretary, were awarded
the JACL sapphire pin, symbolic
of consistent and outstanding ser-
vice to the organization the past
decade, by Mas Satow at the din-
ner.

Assemblyman William Grant of
Long Beach was the principal din-
ner speaker. His late arrival was
found excusable by all quarters
as the plane in which he took
from Sacramento developed land-
ing-gear trouble. "This is one time
I'm glad I came in late—though
I hate being late for any appoint-
ment," he explained.

He spoke on the civic respon-
sibilities of each citizen, of his duty
to be registered and to vote. It
was emphasized that each voter
should know his elected represen-
tative well, even suggesting that a
voter should check with others and
not confine his opinions to what
his representative has to say about
himself.

Tak Momita, the Calipatria drug-
gist who attracted national atten-
tion to a project of building the
tallest flagpole in the U.S. in his
community, was presented with
pledges and contributions from the
PSWDC and the following chap-
ters: Pasadena, Downtown L.A.,
East Los Angeles, Southwest L.A.,
Orange County, Hollywood, San
Diego, San Fernando, San Luis
Obispo and Long Beach. Santa
Barbara, the first JACL chapter to
contribute to the Helen Momita
Memorial Flagpole fund, was pre-
sented with a certificate of ac-
knowledgment.

Business Highlights

Committee reports on legal-leg-
islative, youth and PC with mem-
bership were given. Bert Yama-
saki and Frank Kawase, leaders
in the forthcoming PSWDC-spon-
sored Hi-Co Conference in April,
were boosting the program, which
is expected to guide high school
seniors for college life.

Much of the morning session was
devoted to the quota reallocation
report, which was accepted as a
base for 1958 with but two minor
amendments.

The afternoon session opened
the chapter clinic proper with Mas
Satow and Dr. Nishikawa briefly
sketching JACL history and its
present programs. Delegates then
participated in one of four discus-
sion groups on (1) membership

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New community center inspires Berkeley push for 500 members

BERKELEY. — The tremendous
task of raising funds for a new
community center building here
has inspired the Berkeley JACL
to gun for a record high mem-
bership of 500 this year.

The first weekend of February
shows 270 already signed up by
five teams, according to the Berk-
eley JACL Newsletter, which re-
ports each team has been pledged
to enroll 100 each. With the el-
ement of competition introduced
into the campaign, the teams are
captained by:

Bears—Ike Nakamura (capt.), Amile
Okasaki, Nobu Uratsu, Yamamoto;
Jaguars—Masuji Fujii (capt.), Hy
Saito, Yuri Yamashita, Rath Yamashi-
ro, Antelope—Toke Ariyoshi (capt.),
Tosh Sano, Shig Jio, Chiyo Sumimoto;
Dougars—Jiro Nakaso (capt.), Jack
mada, Tokuya Kako, Lions—Ko
chiji (capt.), Sat Otagiri, Daisy Uye-
da, and Bess Yasukochi.

Local chapter dues are \$3.50
single membership or \$6 for cou-
ples.

Family Affair

The chapter will hold a buffet
dinner-dance tomorrow at the Co-
lumbus Grammar School at 7th
and Allston Way. Newly-elected
board members, headed by Ko
Ijichi, will be installed by Tad
Hirota, first president of East Bay
JACL, which was the parent chap-
ter five years ago for Berkeley,
Contra Costa and Oakland.

The dinner will start at 6 p.m.
in the school cafeteria. Arrange-
ments have been completed with
the assistance of Goro Endow of

SEATTLE:

Seattle vets, CLers in joint benefit

As if to prove that it pours when
it rains up this way, a big week-
end of movie showings under the
joint auspices of the JACL and
Nisei Vets, is planned for the third
week in February.

To "supplement" the regular ex-
hibition of Japanese movies at the
Buddhist auditorium on Feb. 21,
the local chapter is providing
some added attractions, namely a
showing of the feature full length
epic, "Go for Broke", the Mike
Masaoka story in "This Is Your
Life", and two documentary color
films of the 442nd Regimental
Combat Team.

On Sunday, Feb. 23, at the Nisei
Vets Hall, the Vets and JACL are
co-sponsoring a matinee show of
the same films (except for the
Japanese feature) for the benefit
of teenagers and younger Sansei.

Chapter President Tak Kubota
pointed out, "Even today's teen-
agers were too young during those
critical years, 1942 to 1945, to fully
realize what was going on. There
is nothing like the impact of a
pictorial narrative to reveal situa-
tions and events as they happened
only a few short years ago. In the
interest of community service, it's
fortunate that the two organiza-
tions could book all these films
for the same weekend."

PARLIER:

JAPANESE DOLLS EXHIBIT AT PARLIER PLANNED

An exhibit of Japanese dolls will
be sponsored by the Parlier JACL
Auxiliary at the Parlier Bud-
dhist Social Hall on Sunday, Feb.
16, 2-4 p.m.

Nori Masuda of Fresno will be
on hand to demonstrate the mak-
ing of these dolls.

The Auxiliary also discussed its
tentative 1958 social calendar at
the first meeting held Jan. 21 to
include demonstrations in Chinese
cooking, Japanese sushi prepara-
tions, artificial flower making,
cosmetology and home economics.
Hallowe'en and Christmas parties
are also planned.

The women will collect old
clothes at the next meeting and
turn them over to the local PTA
for distribution.

Refreshments for the first meet-
ing were served by Mrs. Shizu
Komoto's group.

Larry Blake's to serve a sumptu-
ous supper of roast beef, potatoes,
vegetables, spaghetti, choice of
salad, rolls, beverages and des-
sert.

Dancing will follow after the
buffet and installation. A feature-
length western movie will be
shown to entertain the children.

The charge of the entire evening
will be \$1.25 for adults, 50 cents
for children between the ages of
6-12.

On the committee are Jiro Na-
kaso, Daisy Uyeda, Toke Ariyoshi,
Nob Uratsu and Paul Yamamoto.

Board President

The new chapter president, Ko
Ichiji, served as vice-president
last year and was in charge of
the membership drive which re-
sulted in a substantial increase
over the previous year, from 213 to
360.

Ichiji is employed by the U.S.
Dept. of Agriculture as a bac-
teriologist at the Western Region-
al Research Laboratories in Al-
bany. He resides with his wife
and three children in North Berk-
eley. A fishing and golf enthusi-
ast, he is handicap chairman of
the Hi Fli Golf Club.

Serving with him are Bill Fujii,
v.p.; Amile Okasaki, treas.;
Fumi Iwata, rec. sec.; Yuri Ya-
mashita, cor. sec.; Toke Ariyoshi,
Allan Asakawa, Shig Morita, Sa-
toshi Otagiri, Hiroshi Saito, Toshio
Sano, Joe Tominaga, Yoshio Tori-
umi and Daisy Uyeda.

Jiro Nakaso and Paul Yamamo-
to, past presidents, are ex-officio
board members. Masuji Fujii,
board of trustees chairman, is 1000
Club chairman.

Board Members

Elected for two-year terms last
board members: Fumi Iwata, Shig
Morita, Amile Okasaki, Satoshi
Otagiri, Hiroshi Saito, Joe Tomi-
naga, Yoshio Toriumi. Other mem-
bers are holdovers from the 1957

SAN MATEO:

Name Tom Marutani San Mateo CL head

A better than average turnout
of 85 members and friends wit-
nessed the installation of Tom
Marutani as president of the San
Mateo JACL last Saturday night
at Sturge Presbyterian Church. It
also climaxed the 1958 mem-
bership drive chaired by Hiroshi Ito.

Mrs. Marian Hemingway, local
councilwoman, was the principal
speaker and installing officer. Sike
Yamaguchi, retiring president, was
toastmaster of the evening.

Marutani, a local businessman,
will be assisted by Tomeki Yama-
da, v.p.; Mary Sutow, rec. sec.;
Yobu Tanaka, treas.; and Mrs.
Irene Ikeda, pub.

Guests of honor included Edwin
Feldman, principal of Lawrence
bald; Mrs. Emily Skolnick, San
Francisco Council for Civic Unity;
and Frank Lee, Jr., Peninsula As-
sociation of Chinese Americans.
Also attending were prominent
Bay Area JACLers, Joe Grant Ma-
saoka, Haruo Ishimaru and Sim
Togasaki.

Ishimaru presented the past-pres-
ident's pin to Yamaguchi. John
Enomoto, Cal-Neva Credit Union
chairman, presided at a brief meet-
ing with Yukio Wada, sec.-treas.,
submitting the financial report.

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ed that the Japanese Amer-
icans are a credit to
this country. He praised
JACL because "with or-
ganization you can go
far." Without this col-
lective interest, it was im-
possible to get more
schools, services and oth-
er necessities in the
state, he explained.

He was all for the two-
party system, "because
one keeps the other hon-
est." He was all for ev-
ery JACLer to be a regis-
tered voter, because this
is a great free country
where each ballot counts.

Mr. Grant's definition
of "politician" is associa-
ted with one who tries to
help his fellowman by le-
gislation process. It was
devoid of the political
bossism of yesteryears.
It was a simply-stated
forthright talk on civic
responsibility that is not
new to us, but a lesson
that can stand to be re-
told often. "Politics" was
never meant to be a
nasty word. It gets that
way if the voters are de-
relict in their duty as citi-
zens.

This being a year when
congressmen are to be
elected, this point is too
obvious to be missed.

— Harry K. Honda.

PRESIDENT'S CORNER:

On securing capable chapter presidents

This is simply a matter of
self-preservation and is not
intended to diminish the im-
portance and necessity of
working together with others
for the common good.

With local chapters now
completing their annual elec-
tions, we are reminded again
of the difficult problem of se-
curing capable and willing
chapter presidents. Some of
the smaller communities re-
port that they have "gone
through the list" of those who
could serve as chapter presi-
dent and must now start over
again. Even the larger chap-
ters may have difficulties in
securing a leader.

Although a chapter presi-
dent is generally regarded
as an executive whose chief
functions are to supervise and
coordinate, all too often he
becomes "jack of all trades"
in the affairs of his local
chapter.

Two solutions occur to us:
The first is to train new and
younger leaders. The grow-
ing National JACL Youth
Program is a step in this di-
rection. But it is still up to
the local chapter to cultivate
the interest and enthusiasm
and support of their youth.
Failing this, it is simply a
matter of time before more
and more local chapters will
become inactive. We are
thinking not in terms of the
next year or two, but 15 or
20 years in the future.

The second solution is to
have a strong and responsi-
ble cabinet or board of gov-
ernors with members who
could relieve the president of
much of the routine work in-
volved in heading a chapter.
A chapter president who
takes too much upon himself
may be admired for his con-
scientiousness but he makes
it difficult indeed for his suc-
cessor.

— Dr. Roy Nishikawa.

board.

Ichiji, in his message to the
chapter, said he was "especial-
ly pleased with the people you have
elected to serve on the Board of
Directors". He assured that the
board would try to assist in prob-
lems where JACL may be of help.
"Please be reminded that this is
your organization, the officers and
the board of directors are your
servants," he added. "In turn, the
officers and board of directors
may need to call on individuals
for help on various projects on
occasions. We will appreciate what
time, talents and efforts you may
be able to volunteer."

Building Project

Preliminary planning of the
community center is well under-
way with the official appointment
of Shigenori Iyama as architect.
Frank T. Yamasaki, chairman of
the building committee, said a
\$55,000 financial drive will be in-
itiated in March under direction
of Tad Hirota with a community
campaign kick-off dinner.

Plans to replace the JACL
building, now at 2117 Haste St.,
began materializing in 1955, when
a study committee was appointed.

The chapter's concern for the
youth of the community was al-
ready noted in the announcement
last week that Berkeley is con-
ducting its first invitational basket-
ball tournament on Mar. 28-29.

Tosh Sano and Sat Otagiri, co-
chairmen, hope the tournament
proves popular in the years to
come. It will be restricted to ju-
nior and senior high school players.
Bay Area JACL chapters have
been asked to sponsor teams.

Other youth activities expected
to be repeated this coming year
are the June graduates' dance,
Hallowe'en party, Pee-wee softball
team, kid's fishing derby and a
track team in the San Francisco
JACL Olympics.

Chapter Newsletter

It was also pointed out that 900
newsletters were mailed each
month to members and non-mem-
bers. It has attracted attention to
various chapter programs design-
ed for community-wide participa-
tion at all age levels.

The 1958 board is in the process
of working out its calendar for
the coming year to serve other
segments of the community.

The Berkeley JACL board meet-
ings are open to those interested.
They are held usually on the third
Monday of each month at 2117
Haste St. It was suggested that
date, time and place be checked
with one of the board members.

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The Simon Legree boss manager of singing star Pat Suzuki allows her to play the stout trencherman gourmet role once a year and even helps in serving up the vittles. The event is American Legion Cathay Post's (186) annual Chinese New Year banquet, which is by all odds the best attended multiple course chow down in these parts. Between Pat and Colony Night Club owner Norm Bobrow is Cathay Post commander Allen Claiborne, private eye who puts on the professional look of resigned patience when his own eating activity is blocked. Willing but starved helper with the platter is Joe Tsujimoto.



THE Northwest PICTURE

By Elmer Ogawa

BEST 'LITTLE JOE' IN ALL THE WORLD

To those who demand a reason for all things, we'll just have to explain that the above picture packs a little more action and fun than any of the other half score made last Sunday evening. It helps to support what this column has said in the past. Seattle's Pat Suzuki is the best little Joe in all the world to go along with a gag.

This particular gag started one evening last fall when the Colony was closed. But the arena and balcony was packed with guests. It was a birthday party for Pat.

Midway in the festivities, the Colony's clown artist "Spoof" who does superlative caricatures, pedaled a bright new bicycle around the dance floor a la Joe Jackson. He made an abrupt stop almost up ending the bike in boss man Norm Bobrow's arms and took off, coat tails flying.

Norm made an inspired speech of presentation to the gaminesque Miss Pony Tail beside him, which summed up could be like so: "Here's your birthday present"—and then an aside to the audience, "—she eats too much." Hard man, that Bobrow.

Like so many Nisei, Pat names Chinese food as the number one favorite. Forget the order of the next two but they are Italian spaghetti and hamburgers.

The sales of the new Vik album, "The Many Sides of Pat Suzuki" has broken all records here in the Northwest. Latest reports from the Los Angeles area indicate our little gal is running in second place in that important territory.

Not all people have read Bing Crosby's album dedication which gives the Groaner's first impression, so here it is "... A voice came out of a half-pint gamin like the great locomotive chase. It roared up the trestle splashing its decibels against the walls and I surrendered. I was surrounded. That voice had its own stereophonic sound."

Pat's half hour on the Gil Henry radio show last week was superb. She does a weekly show from Vancouver, B.C. over a Canadian national TV hookup. Changes have in the past sometimes brought disappointment in announcing forthcoming TV appearances so we'll just say watch the George Gobel show come the Ides of March or shortly thereafter... and here's hoping that the TV camera will be a little more on the complimentary side henceforth.

Reports are that Pat will have a Las Vegas address for a few weeks later in the season. The way a "short" engagement can be stretched to months and years as has happened in the past, leaves Seattleites apprehensive that we may lose our favorite adopted daughter. Vegas has a way of upping the ante to overcome vows of loyalty to the old home town.

And with reference to the whisperings that are in the air, PC readers will surely lend an ear to the one that says big names way out east are figuring out the ways & means that may lead to the shuffling of the lights to emblazon a new name on a theater marquee on the Big Stem. Well, we shall be sorry about losing something bright in our lives here, but glad for Pat.

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Nisei mermen smash U. of W. frosh marks

SEATTLE—Two mermen from Hawaii, Pat Murata and Jim Watanabe, are leading the Univ. of Washington Frosh swimming team to an unprecedented record of five straight wins, and breaking all records in doing so. Not only are they breaking old records of long standing but taking turns in besting each other.

Watanabe at present holds the record for the 100 yard butterfly, 1:01.4 which betters Murata's record that stood only a week.

The 100 yard backstroke of 1:04 now stands to the credit of Pat Murata as he bested the old record of 1:07 set by Dale Griffith in 1957.

Murata is also credited with the new record 1:34 in the 150 medley which supercedes the old 1957 record of 1:35.7 set by Steve Lend say.

The Husky Pups have not only won all meets this season but have placed first in each event, except for a 200 yard relay last week.

Last week Murata was elected UW Frosh swim team captain.

SAN JOSE:

Good start in chapter bridge class reported

The initial session of the San Jose JACL's bridge night got off to a good start earlier this month with nearly 40 persons participating, according to Henry Hamasaki, chairman.

The group meets each Thursday from 7:30 p.m. until further notice, Hamasaki said.

In order to expedite teaching of fundamentals of the game to beginners, plans are being made

Municipal court clerk

Clark K. Saito was one of the four deputy municipal court clerks who assumed new duties this past week as principal clerk assigned to the Los Angeles Municipal Court criminal division. His salary is \$641 a month.

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FLASH: Site of the National JACL Bowling Tournament mixer for Monday night, Mar. 3, in Seattle has been changed to the Colony Club, where Nisei chanteuse Pat Suzuki and company will be hosts. Space is assured for everyone and it's "on the house"—at tournament expense, that is... The Colony is a half-block away from Seattle Recreation, 315 Virginia St., locale of the 12th annual national Nisei keg classic... Latest word is that seven (rather than 12 as reported last week) teams will come from Hawaii.

Well-known Denver bowler Preston Morishige was hospitalized recently after suffering a sudden stroke while bowling in Brighton... The Nisei-managed Holiday Bowl, under construction in southwest Los Angeles, is prettying-up its bar with a huge wall-map of

Nisei-owned auto used in San Francisco murder

SAN FRANCISCO—The automobile owned by Sutei Sugaya, 2676 Bush St., was stolen and used to carry the body of a woman murdered by strangulation last week. The car was recovered the following morning in Fresno and its driver, Ivory Weeks, apprehended and returned under guard to the San Francisco Hospital tuberculosis ward, from which he had escaped.

to duplicate basic instructions in bidding and response for distribution. They also plan to mimeograph general rules and have advanced players give short talks.

Japan that will have to be seen—so advises publicist Yas Nakanishi... Holiday Bowl will be the locale for the 1959 National JACL Bowling Tournament.

Several San Luis Valley CLers competed in the recent Denver bowling tournament sponsored by the California St. Methodist Church. Mrs. Henry Konishi won the women's AA all-event.

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Los Angeles NEWSLETTER

By Henry Mori

MEANINGFUL PROJECT

One of the most meaningful projects of the Pacific South-west District Council with its 18 chapters is the annual clinic—the fifth one being held last Sunday at the Harbor Japanese Community Center and hosted by the Long Beach-Harbor District JACL.

After the morning session briefing new cabinet officers on JACL background, the assembly separated into four different discussion groups in the afternoon, choosing their subject matter of (1) public relations and publicity, (2) programming, (3) youth activities and (4) membership-finance.

There were reports of the glowing achievement of the host chapter, which, incidentally took the "Chapter of the Year" award due to their concerted effort in promoting the youth activities; and the not-so-bright problem of "survival" on the part of the members from the San Fernando valley.

The contrast here indicates clearly what the future holds for other PSWDC chapters whose main aim today is to serve the community rather than cover too large an area since most legislative obstacles, on state or national level, have been removed so far as persons of Japanese ancestry are concerned.

In a nutshell, we thought the words of Dr. John Kashiwabara of Long Beach, who is a member on the chapter youth commission, best described the present status of the many chapters: We've gone out for donations (for legislative purposes) up to now; let's now show our contributors what we can offer them!

It was on this spirited effort that the chapter, headed last year by Tomizo Joe, won the "Chapter of the Year" award, we believe. There is no doubt that Tomizo and his wife Sue (nee Takimoto) and a few JACL stalwarts were responsible for the revitalization of the Long Beach chapter which two years ago found itself almost wiped out as is the situation with the San Fernando valley group today.

We might add here, too, that Mrs. Joe and Mas Narita, both big guns of the Elbee district, won sapphire pins for their 10 years of devoted work as a climax of the clinic.

PLIGHT OF SAN FERNANDO

It would seem today that the wartime hangover of anti-JACL sentiment still plagues in some communities where other organizations have already taken deep root. That appears to be the plight of the San Fernando JACLers, from what we've gathered.

The San Fernando chapter has been depressed by the fact that their 45-member body isn't able to draw people to their meetings. They find themselves in the quite the same pattern as the Elbee supporters just 24 months ago.

But here, Mike Suzuki, of Hollywood chapter consoled that meeting response should not be used as a gauge on whether the chapter is successful or not. What it has done in serving the community may be more logical than just counting heads.

One wouldn't be a bit surprised if San Fernando can get out of its relapse this year to win a title of some sort next February.

That was quite a luncheon the ladies of Long Beach had prepared for the delegates: Virginia ham sandwich, potato salad, the trimmings, cake and all the donuts you can eat and coffee you can drink. We understand Marlene Hada, who did art and lettering work on the clinic's very informative brochure, was responsible for the wonderful around-the-clock coffee service, assisted by her attractive crew. And the committee lauded George Iseri, general arrangements, for his great behind-the-scenes contribution to make the meeting a great success.

It always takes more than just JACL frontmen and guest speakers to run a good program.



CHICAGO CORNER By Smoky H. Sakurada

School Conditions

Chicago

Recommendations to ease conditions "tantamount to racial discrimination in the public schools" of Chicago were offered by the Chicago NAACP Branch this past week. The board was called upon to officially recognize conditions existing in a disproportionate quantity for Negro children to their detriment: (1) elementary schools in excess of 1,000 pupils each, (2) double-shift schedules with 75 percent or more of this category being Negro pupils receiving half-day education, (3) classroom load per teacher in excess of school system average with schools having highest averages populated by Negro children predominantly, and (4) assignment of Negro teachers in such a manner that integration is defeated.

To correct these conditions, the NAACP suggested (1) no school action be taken where pupil population exceeds 1,000; (2) an annual review of school population studies to prevent overcrowding, double shift or teacher overloads; (3) reaffirmation of racial integration policy in all levels of the public school system; and (4) an outside professional study of school files, records and personnel for the human relations aspect.

SPELLING BEE CHAMP—Janet Tsuruda, 13, of Amundsen High defeated 20 others competing for the Chicago Daily News Spelling Bee honors in Public School District 2, An A-8 student, she is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Roy Tsuruda. She won on the 40th round and qualifies for the city-wide spelloff in the

NATURALIZATION—An item from the Japanese American Service Committee's director, Kenji Nakane, indicates about half of the Issei eligible for citizenship in Chicago have been sworn in. He assisted the 1,200th person this past month.

VITAL STATISTICS

BIRTHS

LOS ANGELES
EMBREY, Gar (Sue Kunitomi) — boy, Bruce Takeshi, Jan. 27.
YAGUCHI, John (Margaret Utsami) — boy, Jan. 14.
SANTA ANA
KAWARATANI, Hideo — boy, Sept. 25, Laguna Beach.
MATSUDA, Jack — boy, Sept. 26.
NAKAMURA, Migaki — girl, Sept. 29, Anaheim.
SANTA MARIA
SHIGENAKA, Tak — girl, Oct. 19.
WATSONVILLE
AKIYAMA, Hideo (Jean Ogata) — boy, Oct. 20.
FUJITAKI, William (Yoshie Oka) — girl, Dec. 25.
KAWATA, Bill (Kimiko Iso) — boy, Nov. 27.
MURAMOTO, Sam (Michie Kanekichi) — boy, Jan. 4.
MATSUI, Tom (Violet Matsuoka) — boy, Jan. 26.
MIYAKA, Ben (Mary J. Mari) — girl, Nov. 27.
YAMADA, William (Sumiko Yokoi) — girl, Dec. 18.

ONTARIO, ORE.

ARIMA, Jim — boy, Jan. 4, Weiser.
NAGAKI, Yoshio — girl, Dec. 6.
OTANI, Kent — girl, Dec. 27, Parma.
SHIMOJIMA, Harry — boy, Dec. 14.
SEATTLE
ABE, Art — boy, Oct. 3.
FUKUMA, Kay — boy, Dec. 26.
HAYASHI, Ray — girl, Jan. 11.
HIKIDA, Robert — girl, Nov. 24.
HIGASHIYAMA, Tak — girl, Nov. 16.
HIRABAYASHI, Richard — girl, Jan. 1.
HIRATA, Hajime — girl, Dec. 31.
HONDA, George — girl, Nov. 21.
ISHIMITSU, Sadamu — girl, Nov. 22.
KAWACHI, Mitsuo — girl, Oct. 31.
KAZUMURA, Larry — girl, Dec. 9.
KOBAYASHI, Kazuo — boy, Nov. 11.
KODAMA, Mitsuhiro — boy, Dec. 1.
KUSAKABE, Dengo — girl, Jan. 21.
MITSUI, Sam — boy, Oct. 5.
MIZUTA, Yoshito — boy, Sept. 16.
MOCHIZUKI, Yaeshige — girl, Dec. 20.
MURAMATSU, Frank — boy, Nov. 9, Renton.
NAKAMURA, Ted — boy, Dec. 8.
NISHIKAWA, Takashi — boy, Dec. 4.
OHASHI, Mike — boy, Jan. 5.
OKAZAKI, Kato — boy, Dec. 23.
OKIYAMA, Yei — boy, Sept. 17.
OTANI, Raymond — boy, Jan. 8.
SAKAI, Ben — boy, Nov. 8.
SATO, Saburo — girl, Sept. 16.
SATO, Fred — girl, Dec. 1.
SHIOTA, Jack — girl, Sept. 17.
SHOJI, Mack — boy, Jan. 2.
SUYEMATSU, Toshio — girl, Jan. 16.
TAKAHASHI, George — boy, Sept. 26.
TAKATSUKA, Bobby — girl, Jan. 10.
TAKEDA, Shozo — girl, Jan. 1.
TAMURA, Joe — boy, Oct. 24.
TANABE, Bill — boy, Dec. 28.
TATEOKA, Thomas T. — girl, Sept. 26.
TERAOKA, Tom — girl, Nov. 23.
TSUCHIKAWA, Masakazu — girl, Dec. 9.

YABUKI, Harumi — boy, Dec. 18.
YAMAGUCHI, Masao — boy, Jan. 21.
YAMAMOTO, Ben T. — boy, Nov. 11.
YAMAUCHI, Hiroshi — girl, Nov. 21.
DENVER
ARIKI, Harry — boy, Nov. 8.
FUJIMOTO, Harley T. — boy.
HATASAKA, Kenzo — girl.
KAWASAKI, Katsumi — girl.
KAWATA, Bryon — boy, Oct. 13.
KITASHIMA, Takashi — boy.
MINAMOTO, Mitsuo — boy.
OGATA, Kenneth — boy, Oct. 14.
TAKAHASHI, William Y. — girl, Boulder.
TAKAMINE, Richie N. — girl, Greeley.
TASHIRO, Tosh H. — boy, Brighton.
YOKOOJI, Seizo — girl, Ft. Lupton.

CHICAGO

HAYASHI, Art — boy Brent Yukio Dec. 26.
TAKAGI, John — boy Robert Shigeyo shi, Dec. 18.
MINNEAPOLIS-ST PAUL
MORIKAWA, Yuki — boy David, Dec. 1.
TABATA, James — girl, Dec. 30.
TAKEKAWA, John — girl, Jan. 16.

ENGAGEMENTS

ASATO-HIDAKA — Rachel, Honolulu to Tom, Seattle.
DOI-YOSHIOKA — Shizuko, Del Rey to Katsumi, Bowles.
IDEMOTO-IWAMI — Mary, Watsonville, Noboru, Salinas.
KATO-TANAKA — Margaret, Gilroy, to Frank, San Fernando.
KODAMA-IKEDA — Chiyeiko to Joe, both San Jose.
KONISHI-NII — Doris, Fresno, to George, Dinuba.
KUBO-TAKAHASHI — Irene T., Gardena, to Tetsuo, Clovis.

KUWAMOTO - UCHIYAMA — Teruko, Fresno, to Shigeru, Fowler.
NINOMIYA-SUNAMOTO — Ayako to Kenichi, both Paeffer.
NAKASHIMA-HISATA — Sodi, Seattle, to Tom, Olympia.
ODA-OSHITA — Hatsune, San Francisco to Teruo, San Mateo.
SHIBA-ABE — Rosie, Cutler, to Herbert, Orosi.
SUGIYAMA-SUMAHARA — Sachiko, San Francisco, to Kazuo, Mt. View.
YASUKOCHI-TSUYUKI — Terry to Tom, both San Francisco.

WEDDINGS

PORTS-TERADA — Nov. 29, Horace G., York, Pa.; Setsuko, New York.
SEKISHIRO-YAMASHIRO — Oct. 5, Kenji and Nobuko, both Dinuba.
SHIBAO-KIYOTA — Nov. 17, Charles M., Brighton; Delores Y., Ft. Lupton.
SUNAMOTO - NINOMIYA — Dec. 7, Kenichi, Paeffer; Ayako, Bowles.
TANI-YOSHIMURA — Jan. 26, Jack and Joyce, both Denver.
TSUDAMA - TSURUOKA — Dec. 14, Gary and Betty, both Fresno.

DEATHS

Koroku Hashimoto, 57, proprietor of Mikawaya and naturalized Issei, died of heart attack Feb. 12 at his home here. He had been one of the staunch 1000 Club supporters of Downtown L.A. JACL.
FUJII, Paul, 38: San Francisco, Dec. 1 (at Naha, Okinawa) — (p) Mr. and Mrs. Kitano.
HAYASHI, Aiko, 40: Hayward, Dec. 12 — (h) Henry, three sons, daughter.
INOUE, Shihei, 73: Elk Grove, Dec. 16.
KAMAYA, Anthony, 4 mos.: Salt Lake City, Jan. 19 — (p) James and Reiko.
KATAYAMA, Naotaro, 80: Fresno, Dec. 12.
KITAMURA, Sataro, 78: Seattle, Nov. 23.
KURI, Shin, 79: Salt Lake City, Dec. 10.
MATSUMOTO, Waichi, 84: Sacramento, Dec. 14.
MATSUNO, Yuki, 72: Seattle, Nov. 23.
MUKAI, Mrs. Tono, 62: Ogden, Dec. 15.
MURATA, Shigeru, 58: Watsonville, Jan. 14.
NAKAMURA, Sotaro, 73: Berkeley, Dec. 19.
NAKATANI, Kinjiro, 68: Elk Grove, NWA, Hiroo, 71: Berkeley, Nov. 30, Dec. 26.
NOJIMA, Shoichi, 69: Seattle, Dec. 23.
SEGIMOTO, Shichisuke: Seattle, Jan. 8.
UYEMURA, Rev. Seiji, 75: Tulare, Dec. 9.
WATANABE, Totaro, 84: Seattle, Nov. 28.

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and finance, (2) program and activities, (3) youth, and (4) public relations and publicity. Chapter presidents present at the clinic sat in with Mas Satow and Dr. Nishikawa.

As concentrated the day proved to be, what helped to ease the load was the coffee service provided during the day. Marlene Hada, a comely lass who was the artist for the 44-page chapter clinic brochure neatly bound in a clasp folder, saw to it that there was enough cake and doughnuts beside three coffee urns perking all day. Dorothy Matsushita was in charge of the delicious ham buffet luncheon.

These two groups were busy hours before the meeting was called to order by PSWDC Chairman Dave Yokozeki at 10 a.m.

On coffee service were Lily Arihara, Emi Butsumyo, Marian Hada, Eiko Morikawa and Peggy Tanaka. On the luncheon committee were Hattie Izumi, Frances Kobata, Doris Kumashiro, Ruby Mio, Barbara Miura, Joanne Shib and Martha Takade.

Manning the registration desk were Grace Nakahara (chmn.), Hisa Hori, Satomi Kuramoto, Kay Matsumoto and Dorothy Yuhashi. George Iseri, general arrangements committee head, was assisted by Albert Eddow, Tomizo Joe, Harry Nishimura and Cal Uyeda.

On the dinner committee were Dr. Kats Izumi, Harry Kitahata and Frances Ishii.

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Washington NEWSLETTER

BY MIKE MASAOKA

Evacuation Claims Review

Washington, D.C.

TEN YEARS ago, in July 1958, the Republican 80th Congress enacted, and Democratic President Truman signed, what has come to be identified as the Japanese American Evacuation Claims Act.

TWO YEARS earlier, delegates to the first postwar biennial National Convention of the Japanese American Citizens League in Denver had decided that it would seek some compensatory legislation for losses suffered as a consequence of the arbitrary, mass evacuation of 1942. Though JACL would have preferred a more generous measure, it endorsed what was passed as the "most liberal" that the Congress would consider.

INCIDENTALLY, in testimony to congressional subcommittees of both the House and Senate Judiciary Committees, former War Relocation Authority director Dillon S. Myer estimated that under the bill evacuee-claimants would receive some \$10,000,000 from the Government.

TWO WEEKS ago, Asst. Attorney General eGorge C. Doub of the Civil Division, Dept. of Justice, which has jurisdiction over the program, reaffirmed announcements he had made a year ago to JACL-called conferences of claimants, attorneys, and other concerned individuals in Chicago, Los Angeles, San Francisco, and Seattle that the administrative phase of the Government's operations would be concluded not later than Dec. 31, 1958.

AT THAT TIME, he revealed that as of Jan. 1, 1958, only 774 claims remained to be settled, although admittedly these were the largest and most difficult of the more than 24,000 claims which were originally timely filed eight years ago.

ALTHOUGH THE basic enabling legislation has been on the statute books for a decade, actually the program did not become operative until after Jan. 3, 1950, the statutory deadline for the filing of claims, though 21 small claims were disposed of in 1949. BY THAT Jan. 3, 1950 deadline 24,064 evacuees had filed claims totalling \$130,546,683.19.

THE ADJUDICATIVE procedures established by the 1948 law were so cumbersome that during calendar year 1950 only 211 claims, of which 73 were dismissed, were disposed of by the Government at an average administrative cost of \$1,300 per claim.

REALIZING THAT the adjudications were too slow for the claimants and too costly for the Government, the Justice Department proposed to the Congress that the Attorney General be authorized to compromise and settle the "smaller claims" upon the basis of affidavits and available records up to three-fourths the amount of the compensable items, or \$2,500, whichever was less.

WHEN THE JACL endorsed this proposal, the 82nd Democratic Congress enacted it in the summer of 1951.

TO APPRECIATE the expeditious nature of this amendment, it is noteworthy that from the date of the enactment of the Act in 1948 until July 1, 1951 (three years) only 259 claims had been disposed of for \$104,240.50. The original amount claimed was \$494,942.55. From July 1, 1951 to July 1, 1956 (five years) when this compromise-settlement program was in operation, 22,392 claims were disposed of for \$26,362,763.92 in awards. The amount originally claimed was \$80,848,033.91.

TO ATTEMPT to correct some of the major inequities in the law and to speed the completion of the program for the larger and more technical claims, JACL and the Committee on Japanese-American Evacuation Claims jointly attempted to persuade Congress to accept additional amendments.

THE HOUSE Judiciary Subcommittee on Claims twice (1954 and 1955) conducted extensive public hearings in San Francisco and Los Angeles on the JACL-COJAEAC amendments.

IN THE SUMMER of 1956, the Democratic 84th Congress enacted and Republican President Eisenhower signed another amendment to the 1948 Act. This amendment provided that the Attorney General could compromise and settle all claims up to \$100,000 and that those with larger claims or those not satisfied with the Government's offer could appeal for a judicial determination by the Court of Claims. In addition, the amendment validated claims postmarked before the January 3, 1950 deadline but received by the Department of Justice after that date and claims timely filed by corporations, both profit and nonprofit, and internees whose losses were a direct consequence of the evacuation.

WHEN THE 1956 amendment became law, 1,752 claims were pending, for a total claimed amount of \$50,879,864.24.

THE JACL-COJAEAC amendment caused the Government to reopen 2,694 claims of internees, business corporations and private associations and churches, schools, etc., and evacuees whose claims were postmarked prior to the Jan. 3, 1950 deadline. Previously these claims had been dismissed. The total amount claimed by these 2,694 was \$8,058,107.68.

UP TO JAN. 1, 1958, under the latest amendment, 3,272 claims have been settled, for \$5,637,728.68, of \$29,276,775.58 originally claimed. In all, up to the first of this year, more than \$32,000,000 have been awarded to more than 23,000 claimants.

IT WILL BE interesting to see, when the administrative aspects of the Evacuation Claims Program are completed by the end of the year, how much more the Government will have awarded than the \$10,000,000 estimate made at the time the original program was under congressional consideration ten years ago. This total will not include the several large claims that the Court of Claims will settle.



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L.A.-born educator appointed as ass't planning director in Hawaii

HONOLULU.—Territorial Planning Director Frank Lombardi has selected the former director of the Univ. of Hawaii's Hilo branch as his assistant, a \$12,000-a-year post.

Dr. Frank T. Inouye, presently assistant dean of the College of General Studies at the Univ. of Hawaii was appointed Feb. 3, to the job.

Dr. Inouye served from 1953 to 1957 as head of the University's Hilo branch. He is an authority on American administrative his-

tory and has been active in the Chamber of Commerce, YMCA, Parent-Teachers' Association and the Hawaii Commission on Children and Youth. He helped found the Historical and Anthropological Society. He was awarded a Ford Foundation grant in 1951.

Dr. Inouye, born in Los Angeles, came to Hawaii in 1946 and taught in public schools on Maui and Oahu before going to Hilo as director of the University branch.

The 37-year-old assistant director will be responsible primarily for planning facilities for the growth of the island tourist industry. His boss, Planning Director Lombardi said, "and a sense of the scope of the planning office's job."

Dr. Inouye is married to the former Hazel Matsui of Maui. The couple has two children.

Man who help activate 442 RCT visiting Japan

TOKYO.—Former U.S. high commissioner for Germany John J. McCloy arrived in Tokyo Feb. 3 for a 10-day combined business and pleasure trip in Japan.

McCloy is remembered by the Japanese for contributing toward the activation of the famed 442nd Regimental (Go for Broke) Combat Team while he was assistant secretary of war.

McCloy, former president of the World Bank and now chairman of the board of directors of the Chase Manhattan Bank of New York, is on a five-week tour of Asia and the Near East.

Speaking to the America-Japan Society, McCloy declared that the "Japanese and American people can accomplish a great deal when they work for common objectives and stand on common ground". His wartime experiences with the 442nd taught him that, he admitted.

It was certainly the first time that the 442nd story was told by such a high-ranking official. The sacrifice of the Nisei has never been assessed with so much detail and impact before in Japan. It's the kind of story that needs to be retold over and over again to present the true picture of the Nisei in America here.

SUKIYAKI DINNER ON WASHINGTON'S BIRTHDAY SPOTLIGHTS BROTHERHOOD

CHICAGO.—A Japanese American organization will observe Brotherhood Week by holding a "sukiyaki" dinner on Washington's birthday in a Buddhist church with the guest speaker a well-known Christian minister, and the toastmaster who is Jewish.

The Chicago JACL is sponsoring the sukiyaki dinner on Saturday, Feb. 22, 6 p.m., at the Chicago Buddhist Church, 1151 W. Leland. Guest speaker will be the Rev. Dr. Homer Jack, pastor of Evanston's Unitarian Church. Harold R. Gordon, attorney, will serve as toastmaster.

The program will include Japanese dances performed by children, Japanese music, and a kendo exhibition, to be followed by a tour of the Buddhist temple.

To Americans of Japanese descent, brotherhood has special meaning and significance because without men and women of goodwill and faith, they would not have been able to resume their normal lives following mass evacuation from the West Coast at the outset of World War II. This dinner is being held in public recognition of the way in which Chicagoans opened their hearts to receive a homeless people during the war years.

Open to the public, reservations should be made with the Midwest Regional Office at \$1.75 per person.

CO. B, 100TH INFANTRY REUNION DINNER SET

A reunion of 100th Infantry's "Baker" Co. has been scheduled for Feb. 15, 7:30 p.m., at Ginza Restaurant, 3828 W. Slauson.

December evacuee claimants to be awarded \$300,000

(JACL News Service)

WASHINGTON.—The Dept. of Justice informed the Washington Office of the Japanese American Citizens League and the Committee on Japanese American Evacuation Claims that its Japanese Claims Section made 77 awards during the month of December, 1957, totalling \$343,297.11.

Although nine claims were over \$10,000 each, the average award was for \$4,458.40. The largest award was for \$40,000 to a Seattle claimant, while the smallest was for \$15 to a Chicago claimant.

December awardees are presently residing in California, Utah, Washington, Illinois, Colorado, Missouri, New York, Oregon, Arizona, Texas, and the Territory of Hawaii.

Among the non-profit organizations granted awards are Los Angeles Hampa Hongwanji Buddhist Temple, Sanger Buddhist Church, Buddhist Church of Isleton, and the Nippon Club of San Francisco.

At the same time, Mike Masaoka, Washington JACL and COJAEAC representative, reported that the required appropriations to pay all awards from last August (1957) to the latest possible date this year will be urged upon this session of Congress.

Calif. Dept. of Human Relations being proposed

SACRAMENTO.—Assemblyman Augustus F. Hawkins announced this past week that the State Assembly's Interim Committee on Governmental Efficiency and Economy has scheduled a public hearing on his proposal, to create a California Dept. on Human Relations.

The hearing, scheduled for Los Angeles on Feb. 17, 10 a.m. in Assembly Room 15, State Building, will be headed by Assemblyman Lester McMillan, appointed by Ralph M. Brown (D, Modesto), chairman of the full committee.

Hawkins' proposed Dept. on Human Relations would assist in the enforcement of existing laws, encourage good citizenship, acquaint newly arrived persons in California with its laws, voting privileges and resources; promote educational programs, investigate and recommend ways to remove racial and religious discrimination, and make periodic reports to the Legislature and Governor.

CALENDAR

Feb. 15 (Saturday)
San Jose — Snow Trip, Dodge Ridge.
Philadelphia — Installation Dinner.
Cincinnati — Installation dinner, Mainliner Restaurant; Dr. William S. Clark II, spkr.
Pocatello — Carnival, Memorial Hall.
Berkeley — Installation dinner-dance; Columbus Grammar School, 8 p.m.
Feb. 16 (Sunday)
Monterey — Installation dinner-dance, Casa Munras, 7 p.m.
Southwest L.A. — Bridge tournament, St. Mary's Parish Hall, 1 p.m.
Parlier — Auxiliary Japanese doll exhibit, Buddhist Hall, 2-4 p.m.
Feb. 21 (Friday)
Orange County — Installation dinner-dance, Disneyland Hotel; State Sen. Murdy, spkr.
Feb. 22 (Saturday)
Mt. Olympus — Parents Appreciation Night, Meadowbrook Golf clubhouse.
PSWDC — Hi-Co dance, Aeronautical Institute, 7660 Beverly Blvd., 9 p.m.
West L.A.-Venice-Culver — Joint installation dinner-dance, Elk's Lodge, 2101 Wilshire Blvd., Santa Monica, 6:30 p.m.
Feb. 28 (Friday)
Twin Cities — General meeting.
Orange County — JAYs movie benefit, Westminster School.
Sacramento — Installation dinner, Sacramento Inn, 7 p.m.
Mar. 3 (Monday)
Seattle — Pre-Tournament Mixer, Colony Club.
Mar. 4 - 8
Seattle — Nat'l JACL Bowling Tournament, Seattle Recreation.
Mar. 8 (Saturday)
Seattle — JACL Bowling Award dinner-dance, Olympic Hotel; Royal Brougham, spk.
Mar. 8 (Saturday)
San Francisco — Membership Mixer.
Orange County — JAYs dance, Downey Women's Clubhouse.
Fireman's Hall.
Long Beach — Installation dance.

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