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PRESIDENT'S CORNER:

Nisei Ministerial group hears 'JACL Story'

Regional Director Fred Takata and this writer were recently privileged to present the JACL Story to members of the Nisei Ministerial Fellowship. The Rev. Eishi Hirose of Gardena is chairman of the group.

In our opinion, there are few groups in our society which are so influential and so dedicated as these Nisei ministers. One of the interesting problems which currently concern the Nisei Ministers is the growing tendency to replace all-Nisei churches with integrated congregations.

We feel that this trend will grow in the future since the basic purpose of the church is to bring men closer to God. "The Brotherhood of Man under the common Fatherhood of God" is an ideal which, if put into practice, would solve many of man's basic problems. Understanding would replace ignorance; love would replace hate; and peace would replace war.

Job discrimination discussed by JACLers

Active Southwest L.A. JACLer Kango Kunitsugu, Fred Takata and this writer also met with Leland Wilder, the newly appointed West Coast regional director of the President's Committee on Government Contracts. We were joined by John Yoshino, a regular staff member of the Committee in Washington, D.C., who was temporarily in Los Angeles to help Mr. Wilder establish his office, which is helping to fight racial discrimination in industries holding government contracts.

One of the interesting points brought out in our conversations was that some Nisei hesitate to complain about discrimination in job-upgrading because of the fear of jeopardizing their jobs. We were assured that such fears are needless because investigative methods available to the Committee can determine whether discrimination in fact exists without the company in question knowing which particular employee lodged the complaints. Investigations must be preceded by complaints, it was emphasized, in order that the Committee function effectively.

Another interesting facet of this problem is the "reverse discrimination" used by many employers who specifically state that they want a Nisei secretary in preference to others. And this preference is expressed in other fields also. For example, many a patient has asked this writer to recommend a good "Japanese dentist," or a good "Japanese mechanic." This is a far cry from prewar days when we recall being denied a chance to even fill out an employment form because of our race.

One of Mr. Wilder's views is that the Nisei have now come of age and much of the future progress that comes to him will be dependent upon his own training and ed-

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JACL protests Eisenhower pay plan

(JACL News Service)

WASHINGTON. — Protesting the "seeming discrimination against the Japanese implicit in the State Department proposal of March 28, submitted on behalf of the Administration, to compensate at least in part only Germans, and not Japanese, for their wartime vested private property," Mike Masaoka, Washington representative of the

Japanese American Citizens League, wrote President Eisenhower last Friday.

The JACL letter pointed out that "during and after World War II, our Government sequestered the private property of both Germans and Japanese. Now, 13 years after the end of hostilities and at a time when both the Federal Republic of Germany and the New

Japan are strategic and economic partners in the free world community, we cannot understand the reasoning and the motivation that distinguishes between Germans and Japanese for what is equivalent to the partial returning of these seized assets only to Germans."

The Administration proposal that was transmitted to Congress in

identical letters to Sen. James O. Eastland (D., Miss.), chairman of the Senate Judiciary Committee, and Rep. Oren Harris (D., Ark.), chairman of the House Interstate and Foreign Commerce Committee, last March 28 provided that American war claims against Germany be paid out of the funds of the Office of Alien Property. Then, up to \$10,000 to individual German owners, with German corporations and others with claims over \$10,000 being given a pro-rata share of the remaining funds. A hundred million dollar appropriation from Congress to swell the fund was included in the recommendations.

Government's Explanation

In explaining that the Japanese were not included in the proposal, the Administration claimed that the value of German assets exceeded the expected total of American claims against Germany, while the reverse was true for Japan. As a matter of fact, the Washington JACL Office noted that war claims against Japan amounted to more than \$200,000,000, while the total of Japanese vested property was less than half that sum.

"We are aware, of course, of the explanatory paragraph of the State Department that 'existing circumstances are substantially different' for the Japanese, thereby justifying this exclusion from its recommendations to the Congress," Masaoka wrote. "But these substantially different circumstances relate only to the availability of funds and not to the principle enunciated in the White House declaration of July 31, 1957, of the 'historic American policy of maintaining the sanctity of private property even in war time'."

"So-called Japanese funds are not available only because they were used to pay American war claims against the Japanese, a subject that is separate and distinct from that of confiscating or returning sequestered private property. One relates to the payment of claims against a government for the actions of the government, while the other concerns private property of individuals who were not responsible for the activities of the government then in power."

JACL's Position

The letter then commented that the "JACL has consistently advocated, since the end of World War

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HAIL, JACL QUEEN MARGARET



Margaret Itami (center) of Ontario, Ore., reigns as 1958 Miss National JACL. Beside the Snake River Valley JACL nominee are attendants Penny Mafuna (left) of Boise Valley JACL and Ruth Okawa of Salt Lake JACL. The court will serve as official hostesses for the 1958 national JACL convention to be held at Salt Lake City, Aug. 22-25.

Terashima Photo.

Snake River Chapter's nominee, Margaret Itami, crowned 1958 Miss National JACL; to reign at 15th Biennial convention

SALT LAKE CITY. — Margaret Itami, representing "Miss Snake River JACL", was crowned the 1958 Miss National JACL at the Intermountain District Council coronation ball held here last Saturday.

With all eight chapters of the council selecting a girl for the JACL queen contest, Queen Margaret will be attended by Penny Mafuna of Boise Valley JACL and Ruth Okawa of Salt Lake JACL. It was announced by Isamu Watanuki, queen contest chairman. Others vying for convention queen honors were Mary Louise Shimata of Mt. Olympus, Kiyoko Miya of Ogden, Nancy Ikeda of Yellowstone, Keiko Wada of Pocatello and Karen Yamasaki of Idaho Falls.

A petite but gracious young lady, Miss Itami, who is 18 years old, 5 ft. 1 in. and 100 lb., is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Itami. Her father was the 1948-49 Snake River Valley chapter president.

Salt Lake Mayor Adiel F. Stewart placed the jeweled coronet on Miss Itami, who will now reign as

the official hostess of the 15th Biennial convention.

Overwhelmed, the sixth national JACL queen could not restrain her tears of joy as the cameramen popped their lights in front of her. Attired in a satin robe, she was then presented a huge queen's trophy donated by Mr. and Mrs. S. Doi, parents of Salt Lake chapter president Ichiro Doi. Other gifts given to her included a \$100 cash prize, a charm school course which she will attend after her high school graduation in May, and a personal hair-styling by Darrel.

Miss Itami, who has studied ballet the past 10 years, aspires to become a ballet star. She attended schools at the American School of Dance in Los Angeles and the Lillian Cushing School of Dance in Denver.

ORANGE COUNTY INTER-CLUB COUNCIL CARNIVAL SLATED

BUENA PARK. — The Orange County Inter-Club Council's fourth annual carnival and judo tournament will be held at the Recreation Park here on June 28. Proceeds go toward a student scholarship.

She is a member of the Methodist Church and active in the city-wide Youth Fellowship in Ontario, Ore.

Judges for the queen contest were Mrs. Georgia Frank and Betty Fulton, charm school professionals; Alvin Gittens, Univ. of Utah art professor; and Masao Satow, national JACL director.

Amputee 442nd veteran to head Seattle NVC

SEATTLE. — Richard H. Naito, amputee 442nd veteran was last week elected the 13th commander of the Seattle Nisei Veteran's Committee.

Other new officers are:

Dr. Frank T. Hori, 1st v.c.; Tom T. Onishi, 2nd v.c.; Ray Saito, teras.; Harry Kawahara, rec. sec.; Charles Kato, cor. sec.; Rev. Peter Koshi, chapl.; Sam Kawamura, sgt.-at-arms; Ted Nakanishi, memb.; Willie Chin, sp. sv.; Elmer Ogawa, pub.; Hideo Hoshida, newsletter; Nelson Matsuda, ath.; Art Suzuki, bazaar; Joe Yada, soc.; Shiro Kashino, recreation.

The NVC and its auxiliary held a joint installation ceremony and dinner-dance at the Norselander, April 12.

USHIJIMA PARTNER OF INDUSTRIAL FILM FIRM

WILMETTE, Ill. — Nisei producer and film director Henry Ushijima has become a partner in the industrial film company of John Colburn Associates (JCA) and elected as vice president and executive producer.

He began his work in films while a student at UCLA in 1934 when he worked for MGM's sound department, and joining Columbia Pictures in 1939 as a cameraman. During the war, he worked on films for the U.S. Navy, OWI and WRA.

He was director and supervisor 1945 before joining Colburn Film Services. He has also won several top awards in the industrial film field.

Fertilizer research

DENVER. — Organics, Inc., producers of dehydrated weed-free packaged fertilizer, announced Seiji Horiuchi, of Brighton as head of its research and development. The prominent agriculturalist is currently state president of the Colorado Jr. Chamber of Commerce.

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From the Frying Pan

By Bill Hosokawa

Denver, Colo.

GARDENING TIME — If this typing is a little shakier than usual, it's because we've been outside most of the day getting the yard and postage stamp-sized truck garden into shape. This day we raked up the winter's accumulation of refuse, prepared the soil and planted some pod peas, spinach (yes, the kids like it), radishes, onion plants and leaf lettuce. If the spring is a normal one, we'll have some snow and probably some frost later this month, but the above crops are supposed to be hardy enough to take a pretty stiff nipping.

Much of this early stuff will be harvested before it's time to put in the warm weather plants — like tomatoes, bell peppers, cucumbers and squash. That way we can get a double crop out of the garden which is too small to produce much really, but looks terribly expansive when it needs to be spaded, hoed and raked.

All this labor (plus trimming the roses and cleaning out the ash pit) has brought about a muscular soreness that will grow worse before it begins to get better. But it's a satisfying weariness and there is no reason to complain. In four or five days, just when the soreness has been forgotten, the first of the radishes should be peeping above ground. That, to the amateur gardener, is the moment of exhilaration, the moment that makes all the labor seem worthwhile.

DOG PHILOSOPHY — Winnie, our dachshund pup, is a simple and sometimes sly dog with no pretensions towards wisdom. But she has taught us a lesson in philosophy that seems worthy of passing in.

Winnie likes to go with us, any of us, anywhere we happen to be going. When she's left behind, she's quite unhappy and it might be said she even sulks a little. But the moment we get back, she forgets that she has been slighted, disappointed and lonely. She's just so completely happy to see us that nothing matters other than that we are home again with her. She tells us with much squirming and wagging of her behind that all is forgiven, she holds no grudges, the past is past, we're friends again.

DRY CLEANING — Told to wash his hands the other day, Pete, our 9-year-old, rubbed his hands together industriously instead of going to the bathroom. "You rub 'em like this," he explained, "until you get some little black worms off your hands and that way your hands get clean."

CHANGING TIMES — Older Nisei will remember their parents talking about the Japanese Imperial family in terms more respectful than those reserved for deity. For Hirohito was regarded as the man-god indeed, and all that was about him sacred. Gradually, under the influence of democratic American ways, the older Issei drifted away from emperor worship (although a profound sense of respect may have remained), and they became more practical in their outlook. But even they would have been astonished at the new Japan regards the Imperial family.

A case in point is a series of stories about Empress Nagako written by Itoko Koyama and published serially in a Japanese newspaper for more than two years. These stories have been condensed, translated and published in the U.S. by the John Day Co. (210 Madison Avenue, New York, \$3.50) under the title "Nakago, Empress of Japan." Miss Koyama's stories are based largely on interviews with court officials, but in addition she met with Hirohito and Nagako, and even gained use of the emperor's diary for source material.

Amazingly enough, this is a love story. The Imperial couple's deep love for each other is explored at some length, and even the scene in their bedroom the morning after the wedding is detailed. As interesting as the book is, I can't help but wonder what my mother, gone now these 10 years, would have thought of all this.

PC Letter Box

MISQUOTED IN PHILLIE

Editor:—The Mar. 28 PC, in the article concerning the Philadelphia Chapter's installation dinner misquoted some of my remarks on that occasion. I am sure this was entirely unintentional, but at the same time I would appreciate an opportunity to set the record properly.

First of all, I did NOT state that the "aim of JACL was to work itself out of existence." I did say this was an expression which might be true in theory, but that a state of affairs in which JACL would have no work to do was hardly likely to occur within the lifetime of any of us present at the dinner.

Second (and more important), I did NOT state the opinion that with reference to the question of promotion of U.S.-Japan goodwill, the solution would be the formation of a distinct and separate group to deal with such international matters. In analyzing some of the suggested future roles or objectives for JACL, I outlined several suggestions (none of which are original with me), somewhat as follows: (1) fraternal-social, (2) civil rights, (3) public relations and education, (4) continuation of "watch dog" role, (5) develop and train our A-J youth, and (6) promotion of U.S.-Japan goodwill.

Regarding the subject of U.S.-Japan goodwill, I tried to give an academic discussion of all the various angles involved, without "taking sides" in any way. It's entirely possible that I didn't do a very good job of it. However, when I mentioned the suggestion that another organization could be formed outside of JACL for the promotion of international goodwill, I meant only to point out a possible alternative which has already been the subject of discussion. I did not intend to argue for any viewpoint of my own on the subject.

In my closing remarks, I stated that the eventual answer and decision must come from the individual members of the JACL. As an organization, JACL must be responsive to its membership alone.

HARRY I. TAKAGI

Arlington, Va.

(Danger of being misquoted is always present; hence, the PC has always welcomed a copy of a speech when JACLers and the guest speakers address a JACL function as a final check. Chapter reporters are also urged to request a copy of the speech, if available, to accompany their stories to the PC.—Ed.)

FOLLOWS THE 'FRYER'

Editor:—I must be getting more settled—mentally, that is. I'm following Bill Hosokawa's articles more than ever.

JUN ASAKURA

Los Angeles.

NYLONS FOR JAPAN

Editor:—Often have I thought of asking JACL: "Why don't you ask the Broadway Dept Stores and May Co. to place a bag or large box for collection of used and clean nylon hosiery for church groups to send to Japan for its poor?" The collection box could be put near the lounge and not mar their stores.

One lady's efforts are not nearly enough. Your representatives can pick up the collection and see that it gets to Japan as charity. Why doesn't JACL give it a try?

MRS. PEGGY LONG

Los Angeles.

(The Japanese Women's Welfare Service, 258 E. 1st St., Los Angeles, has been sending nylons to Japan for several years, accepting shipments from all over the United States. Many war widows with children in Japan are engaged in handicraft of transforming discarded nylons into decorative pieces and toys and earn about \$30 a month working at home. Whether JACL chapters can help is of their individual choice. —Ed.)

(The Pacific Citizen welcomes letters. All letters must be signed and addressed, though names may be withheld upon request or pen-names used instead. Briefer they are, the better. All are subject to condensation. We assume no responsibility for statements in letters.)



Tokyo Topics

By Tamotsu Murayama

PLAYING FOOTIES WITH RED CHINA, RUSSIA

TOKYO. — Japan is politically and economically at a crisis—whether to stay with the Western world or smile and gain the friendship of the Communist bloc of Soviet Russia and Red China.

Prime Minister Kishi is being called a "two shore" politician since he is trying to wink at the shores of both the free world and the Communist bloc. His latest attitude has caused considerable confusion, which may erupt momentarily. Some fear a mass assassination, others anticipate a social revolution in Japan. Whichever it might be, the terrible uneasiness today may have tragic consequences.

The labor unions are calling strikes one after another, because the workers cannot eat upon their present wages. Japanese management is forcing their workers to work with unreasonably low wages in order to produce things as cheaply as possible in order to meet with the demands of foreign traders.

Currently, the Japanese Fisheries Mission is in Red China for the negotiation of fishing rights in Siberian waters. Soviet Russia does not care whether Japanese fishermen fish in her waters; but she cares to breach Japanese-American relations by putting of the fisheries talks upon her volcano. Russia wants to have a peace treaty with Japan so she does everything she can to stir up communistic influences in Japan.

The forthcoming Japanese International Trade Fair is a good example of her propaganda techniques in Japan with a terrific Russian pavilion being completed to include an exhibition of Sputnik and other atomic energy devices. This is just an exterior appearance. Russia already has gained a bridge head in Japan, and many of her agents are coming in quietly to man her many subversive activities.

Trade Agreement

The recent trade agreement between Japan and Red China was a sort of retaliation against the United States; although, Japan lost Nationalist China's confidence and friendship. Japan has lost her confidence from other Asian nations,

too. Now, the Japanese people generally believe that Ichiro Kono, real power of the Kishi Cabinet, must have some sort of a secret agreement with Soviet Russia when he went to Moscow last year. Things are so complicated and delicate that it is terribly difficult to understand what is really going on.

Japan is in hot water. Something may snap off suddenly—that is what is being felt here.

Take the case of juvenile delinquents. Delinquency is rising year after year—sex crimes occupy a prominent part while murder and other felonies are mounting. Never before has Japan had so much headache with juvenile delinquents as today. VD cases among teenagers are increasing terribly. It might be an American influence among teenagers.

School Children

Meanwhile, Japanese school teachers are trying to spread communism through the school children. The most fearful situation may arise when they grow up. Some school teachers still refuse to recognize the Japanese national flag and national anthem.

The American occupation was chiefly responsible for the radical change of the Japanese education system by wiping out the traditional pattern completely. It was considered to be a crime to teach any patriotism to school children.

Japanese school children were supposed to be a well-behaved group, nevertheless, today they are the worst behaved ever seen in the class room and out. Is this the result of "democratic" teaching?

Japan's traditional family system is no longer seriously considered. Aged parents are often abandoned like forgotten people. Everything has completely changed here.

Recently the Railroad Workers Union refused to operate the train for the Emperor and Empress when they were scheduled to attend an Arbor Day ceremony in Kyushu. The Government cannot do anything for this kind of situation.

The situation is loaded with dynamite.

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Vagaries

By Larry S. Tajiri

Oriental Film Cycle Continues

Last year's Oriental cycle in movie-making probably will continue throughout the year, now that two pictures with Far Eastern backgrounds, "Bridge on the River Kwai" and "Sayonara", have won the bulk of Hollywood's Oscars.

Twentieth Century-Fox is preparing to release the latest in the series of U.S. films made in Japan, "The Barbarian and the Geisha," which stars John Wayne and Eiko Ando. Wayne is seen as Townsend Harris, first American diplomatic envoy to Japan, and statuesque Miss Ando, 5 feet 6 inches tall, is Okichi, the geisha. Their love affair exists in Japanese legend—some Japanese scholars having cast some doubt as to its authenticity. But Robert Payne has written a book about it, and it will be accepted just as thoroughly as the love of Abe Lincoln for Ann Rutledge, another romance which has been debunked.

Hollywood current Japanese cycle isn't filmland's first craze for Oriental themes. About 40 years ago the films, and the stage, as well, seemed obsessed with Asian themes. That was in the cinematic heyday of Sessue Hayakawa who was starred in a succession of Oriental dramas, most of which cast him in the role of a villain, often lusting for an unattainable Caucasian beauty. Hayakawa did appear as a hero on some occasions, particularly in films he produced himself, such as "The Typhoon," in which he appeared opposite Tsuru Aoki.

Even though he didn't win a deserved Oscar for his role of Colonel Saito in "Bridge on the River Kwai," Hayakawa's comeback probably is one of the most remarkable in motion picture history. Here is an actor who has made only one Hollywood film in more than 30 years and that one, "Daughter of the Dragon," was a flop. Unwanted in Hollywood, he toured the United States in a play, "The Bandit Prince." Perhaps his final U.S. appearance was on Broadway as star of a play with a Chinese setting, "The Love City." That was in 1926.

Hayakawa left afterwards for France, returning briefly to Hollywood for "Daughter of the Dragon," five years later. In the years since his departure from the U.S., Hayakawa made films in France. At least two of them, "Le Battle" and "Yoshiwara," had Japanese themes and both aroused the ire of Japanese authorities.

Now 30 years later, he has a new career, thanks to "Bridge on the River Kwai" and he has been offered a number of screen roles. He also is being sought by TV, following his performance in "The Sea Is Boiling Hot" for Kraft Theater on the NBC network.

About the time Hayakawa was one of Hollywood's top stars, many American dramatists looked toward the Far East. Most of the themes of these plays were derived from an American idea of Japanese moral codes. Typical was "Bushido," performed in New York by the Washington Square Players in 1916. Making her debut as the Japanese heroine was a girl from Buffalo, N.Y., named Katharine Cornell. In 1917 Fay Bainter wore a kimono and played a Japanese girl in love with a white man in "The Willow Tree," one of Broadway's many variations of the East and West theme. Miss Bainter later played a Chinese girl in "East Is East," Rita Weiman's "String of the Samisen" was another with a similar theme, while, a few years later, the interracial love story appeared again in a flop called "Uptown, West," which concerned a Japanese dentist who marries a Caucasian on Manhattan's uptown west. "The Rose of China" and "Shanghai Gesture" were two more with Oriental settings.

About this time Richard Barthelmess starred in one of the screen's silent classics, "Broken Blossoms." He was a Chinese in this one, in love with a white girl, but it all ended happily, Hollywood style, when it turned out he wasn't an Oriental after all. The way the plot had it, Barthelmess was a lost white child brought up by a Chinese family. Anyway, that was the sort of weasel approach with which the silent screen handled race relations.

One reason why Hollywood may prolong its Oriental cycle is that production companies have built up a number of Japanese names in the past year. Warners has Miiko Taka under contract, and Eiko Ando is bound to 20th Fox. Warners also is looking for another romance for Red Buttons and Miyoshi Umeki, particularly since the two have won Oscars for "Sayonara." Michi Kobi is the star of Nacirema's "Dateline Tokyo," which will be nationally released by Allied Artists in May. MGM has brought Michiko Sawamura, the teenage singer who was seen in "Meet Me in St. Louis" and "Teahouse of the August Moon," back from Japan for another role.

David Lean, the director of "Bridge on the River Kwai," is winding up another film with an interracial affair, "The Wind Cannot Read," in which Yoko Tani plays opposite Dirk Bogarde.

Meanwhile, an American producer named Mishel Green left Hollywood last week for Japan to make a picture called "Tomorrow Comes Again." The script of this American film has been written in Japanese by Minoru Inuzuka, but the star will be an American.

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In & out of school life known

POCATELLO. — The woman who probably knows more than any other about the Pocatello school system inside and outside is Mrs. Sumi Kanomata, active JACLER who is secretary to the local school board and Sup't Gerald R. Wallace. She is also the mother of two children, one in high school and the other in junior high, and active in two PTAs.

"Because I have two children is one reason I find this work so satisfying," she told Ken Robison of the Idaho Journal last week. The "toughest headache" she has on her job is trying to keep Dr. Wallace on schedule because of terrific demand on his time, she revealed.

"I try to keep the number of evening speeches as reasonable as possible," she says, "but sometimes he has a speaking engagement every night for two or three weeks at a time."

As the school board secretary, she keeps and prepares minutes of meetings, reminds board members of meetings and arranges schedules for them.

But that is only a small part of the overall job.

"Most of the information about the schools goes across my desk," she says.

Many Tasks

The 334 teachers in the school system provide her with several big jobs annually. She calculates and types their contracts, records their college transcripts and certificates, types a state report each year on every teacher and compiles a directory of teachers and administrators.

She also processes applications of new teachers, handles correspondence with them, and handles and records confidential material and recommendations on teachers.

She doesn't keep track of it, but much time is spent on the phone.

"Not long ago the phone was out of order for a while," she recalls, "It was just heavenly."

Parents occasionally call her asking to speak with the superin-

tendent. But before they can, she finds out if they have first taken any complaint through the proper channels—first the teacher, if possible, then the principal.

"It seems to help some parents just to be able to talk to somebody about their problems," she says, "but it is time consuming."

Greets Public

She feels that part of her job is the public relations function of being the "first greeter" of persons entering the office.

Then there are the usual secretarial duties—dictation, filing, mimeograph work, typing and placing calls.

Mrs. Kanomata is well qualified as a secretary, with 10 years of experience. Her last secretarial job before taking this one four years ago was as secretary to General Andrew Tychsen, commanding general for the northern command in Japan following World War II.

A native of Pocatello, she had been caught in Japan when the war broke out, and remained until it was over. She had gone there for music instruction at a Baptist mission college after two years at the University of Idaho Southern Branch here.

"I thought I might go into foreign trade then," she says, "and felt that was a good way to learn the Japanese language."

She remained at the school until

Canadian Nisei girl on two-month African safari

TORONTO. — Getting interested in photography after working in a camera shop for seven years, Dickie Jitsuko Sada of Toronto is off on a two-month safari to make movies in Angola for the United Church of Canada. She will depart with five others April 28.

The camera crew will collect film and sound material for 1959's "Focus on Africa," which is to receive attention of Protestant churches in both Canada and America with missionaries there.

the war ended. The town where it is located, 200 miles north of Tokyo, was the last to be hit by American bombers before the Japanese surrender was announced.

When the occupation forces came in, they asked qualified people at the school to work for them, so she took a job.

"But occupation is occupation," she says. "There we were always looking forward to leaving."

Her present job is one she enjoys a great deal more.

"I really feel that I am accomplishing something," she said.

(As an active JACLER, she served as teacher and adviser to the chapter citizenship classes for the Issei in 1953-54. She is also a member of the League of Women Voters.)

APL TO RESUME SUMMER SHIPBOARD LECTURES

The Institute of International Education will again direct a shipboard orientation program aboard the APL President Cleveland when it embarks for the Far East on June 14 and aboard the President Wilson July 9 from Los Angeles.

Found to be popular for students since its inception in 1956, qualified instructors lecture on Asian history, customs and culture on the westbound voyage and the American story on the eastbound voyage. Often, the passenger list includes notables in the field of theater, education or government who have been extremely generous in giving their time and sharing their knowledge with student passengers. The unique program is presented on American President Line ships only and provided without charge.

Boys Stater selected

George Takahashi, Belmont High junior and active classman, was named as Boys State delegate by Comm. Perry Post this week. He is the 17-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Sam Takahashi, 1521 Council St., Los Angeles.



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POINTING Southwestward

By Fred Takata

HI-CO CONFERENCE

This weekend some 100 high school and college students will attend the annual Hi-Co Conference to be held at the Presbyterian Conference Grounds in Pacific Palisades. Under the sponsorship of the Pacific Southwest District Council and with committees made up of college students in the Hi-Co, this should be one of the biggest and most successful of all the conferences held to date.

These past few weeks our office has been quite busy with the conference committees taking over our desks and typewriters, burning the lights into the late evenings, preparing for the conference. Under the whips of Bert Yamasaki, Grace Okuno and Frank Kawase, these kids have really done wonders, when you consider they have their studies to contend with besides their hard work on the committees.

Some of the resource people who will attend the meeting to give the students tips on their careers will be Dr. James Hara, Ted Tajima, Mike Suzuki, Dixie Stallings, Bill Marumoto, Joe Yasaki, Kango Kuritsugu, Mrs. Chris DeQueiroz RN, Dr. Toru Iura, Hisashi Horita, Ronald Osajima, Dr. David Fukushima, Satoshi Hayashi, Clifford Tanaka, and Mrs. Sue Joe.

Keynote speaker for the conference will be James Yamanaka, who is the executive secretary of the Southwest Branch of YMCA. Miss Jean Shinoda will also address the delegates with the topic "Race Barriers in Colleges, Where Do We Go From Here?" Robert E. O'Brien, who is the admissions counselor at Whittier College, will present the procedures and requirements for college admissions.

The delegates, besides taking part in the various discussions, will also take part in the many social activities planned for them. Many JACL observers who will take part in the conference will also have a bang-up time, and we personally feel this is one giant step towards a fine youth program.

PSWDC MEETING AT SAN LUIS OBISPO

We received a letter this past week from our good friend Mrs. Ellen Kishiyama, from Morro Bay. She sent us a package full of brochures showing the beautiful country, where the spring quarterly PSWDC meeting will be held May 4. Delegates making the trek north will really have a treat in store for them. We were up there for the San Luis Obispo Chapter installation a few months ago, and it's a real paradise!

The SLO Chapter has been very busy preparing for the meeting, which will be held at the Veterans Memorial Hall, Pello Ave. and Main St., in Pismo Beach. Registration will begin at 9 a.m. with business sessions from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. Lunch will be served at Carl's Spanish Sea in Oceano, with the second business session beginning at 1 p.m. Dinner will be a choice beef barbeque, (all you can eat) so don't miss this one fellas and gals! If you don't want to be left out, be sure and get your reservation in PRONTO!

Many of the Southlanders who will make the trek a day earlier will take advantage of the trout fishing (opening day), perch fishing, clamming, and golfing on the uncrowded courses.

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WINDY WENDY: by Wendy Watanabe

With an impressive banquet, that Kenji Nakane ran with clock-like efficiency at the North Park Hotel on Sunday evening, March 31, the Issei Division of the Chicago JACL Chapter paid tribute to Nisei leaders for the role they played in attaining for the Issei the many privileges and freedom all citizens of this country enjoy. To this writer, it brings to mind the realization for persons of Japanese ancestry of the goal — the pearl of great price — so aptly described in the lyrics of our JACL Hymn:

"There is a land my father dreamed for me; a land in which all men are free . . . Lord help us rid the land of bigotry that we may walk in peace and dignity."

The Issei, in humble appreciation of just that, saw fit to honor the Nisei by sponsoring this truly successful Testimonial Dinner for their help in the Anti-Discrimination Committee. And yet, as we were reminded by Dr. Tom T. Yatabe only a few weeks ago, JACL today would not even "be" without our Issei parents.

We feel proud to have even been present, along with 300 others, at this distinguished affair.

The honorees who received a framed citation were Harold Gordon, Abraham Hagiwara, Noboru Honda, Thomas Masuda, Mike Masaoka, Mrs. Mari Michener, Jack Nakagawa, Dr. Randolph Sakada (posthumously), Ronald Shiozaki, Shigeo Wakamatsu, Dr. Thomas T. Yatabe, and Kumeo Yoshinari.

Most heartwarming incident of the evening was to see and hear Taihei Matsunaga rise to the occasion (though not yet fully recovered from his illness) to express words of appreciation to these Nisei honorees. Mr. Matsunaga — one of the few Issei college graduates (Stanford) in the country — who concluded by reminding the Issei that they still had a job to do, that of supporting the JACL, was without a doubt deserving of the standing ovation accorded him.

Following greetings by Toastmaster Corky Kawasaki; Dr. Frank Sakamoto; Consul General Akira Sono of Japan; and Mr. Robert Robinson, district director-U.S. Immigration & Naturalization Service; Congressman Sidney R. Yates from Illinois, (who made a special trip from Capitol Hill to be present as our main speaker) addressed the dinner group in honor of this "most pleasant occasion," and his words in part follow:

Congressman Yates' address . . .

Mr Chairman and friends:

. . . I am proud to share in this very happy and inspiring re-

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Surrounding the 30th Anniversary cake of the San Francisco JACL are its 1958 board of governors. In front (left to right) are Sam Sato, Steve Doi, Jack Kusaba, pres.; Jiro Arakawa, Tad Ono, Kei Hori; top row: Lloyd Hiura, Wil Maruyama, Mrs. Yo Hironaka, Elsie Uyeda Chung, Mary Minamoto, Barbara Nagareda, Shiz Yoshimura and George Miyamoto.

— Larry Kanzawa Photo.

EAST LOS ANGELES:

NEW MEMBERS WELCOME AT APRIL 12 DANCE

Held each year after its membership drive has been completed, East Los Angeles JACL will welcome its old and new members at a dinner-dance April 12, 7 p.m., at Mardi Gras, 2424 Wilshire Blvd.

Grace Sakurai, social chairman, heading the committee, is being assisted by:

George Nomi, m.c.; Mikie Hamada, door; Frank Okamoto, transp.; Roy Yamadera; Dorothy Katano, Linda Ito, reservations.

Joe King and his band will provide dance music. Dinner is being served at \$3 per plate.

OMAHA:

Clers help church group stage sukiyaki

A successful sukiyaki dinner was prepared by feminine members of the Omaha JACL, who assisted the Countryside Corralers at their church bazaar Mar. 27. The women, garbed in their kimono, presided at each table and explained the preparation of the Japanese meal to over 60 guests.

Pat Okura, introduced Mrs. Kaz Takechi, chairman of the dinner, then explained the dinner and introduced the cooks for each table. Kaz Ikebasu, chapter president, was also introduced. After the dinner, Mrs. Robert Nakadoi introduced the kimono-clad girls and described their costumes. Mrs. Roy Hirabayashi was also a co-chairman of the dinner. On the committee were:

Mmes. Kiyoko Watanabe, Sato Yoden, Lucille Kanamine, Matsuye Shimada, Rumi Okada, Mary Arikawa, Virginia Ikebasu, Emiko Atkinson, Toshi Zaiman, Hisako Hardy, Tomino Parker, Mimi Tsuji, Mary Misaki; Messrs. Manual Matsunami, Robert Nakadoi, Donald Matsunami and E. Atkinson.

SAN FRANCISCO:

Speakers Club displays own talent before wives, guests at first dinner meeting

BY STEVE DOI

Assembled before their wives and guests, members of the San Francisco JACL Speakers Club held a dinner meeting Mar. 24 at the New Tivoli restaurant. Phil Marshall was evening chairman with Kei Hori prefacing the meeting with his "entertainment story" assignment.

Ki Tanamachi, as Table Topics Master, made the extemporaneous speeches of the members quite an exercise by shooting "Mike Wallace type" questions for them to answer.

Mas Hatano, as the Toastmaster, entertainingly introduced the four main speakers, Sam Sato, Tom Butler, Calvert Kitazumi and Jiro Arakawa.

Yone Satoda, as the chief critic of the entire evening's program, introduced Don Negi, grammarian; and Tak Shirazawa, Roy Watanabe, Tats Sumida and Steve Doi, as evaluators of the individual speakers.

Calvert Kitazumi was voted best speaker for the evening and was presented the perpetual trophy to keep until the next meeting. Roy Watanabe was voted best critic.

This group has been organized to aid the Nisei to improve their speech on the job, in organizational work, and for building self confidence and leadership through public speaking.

Persons interested in joining this friendly group can contact president Yone Satoda, through the San Francisco JACL office, West 1-6644.

LIVINGSTON-MERCED:

Investment firm speaker talks on 'recession'

Something pops every week after Easter for three weeks for Livingston-Merced JACLers after its general meeting late last month at the Grace Methodist Church.

William Warner of Hooker & Fay in Modesto spoke on "What's Ahead for the Farmer, Industry and the Market", according to meeting chairman Eric Andow. The investment house representative was to have touched on the present economic recession as well as the picture for the future. A question and answer period was followed by a movie.

Tad Kurosaki was in charge of refreshments; Sam Okuye, gen. arr.

The chapter has named Hugo Kaji to head its scrap iron drive on April 13. Gene Hamaguchi will be co-chairman.

A joint bridge party with Cortez JACL has been scheduled for April 28 at the Grace Methodist Church social hall. Preparations are also underway for the annual picnic May 4 at Hagaman Park.

SALINAS VALLEY:

Active in school

Youngsters of Salinas Valley JACLers are taking active part in Salinas High activities, the chapter reported this week. Florence Tanda was elected commissioner of publicity. In sports, James Sakasegawa and Barry Abe are out for track, Sam Tashiro wrestling, Roger Urabe, jr. varsity baseball.

JR. TRI-VILLES SCHEDULE

FIRST DANCE MAY 10

PALO ALTO. — The Sequoia JACL sponsored Jr. Tri-Villes will hold its annual dance, "Spring Fever", on May 10, 8 p.m., at the Carpenter's Union Hall, 3065 Middlefield Rd., here.



Taihei Matsunaga (third from left), chairman of the Chicago JACL Issei Division, meets Rep. Sidney R. Yates, Illinois congressman, who addressed the Chicago JACL Issei testimonial banquet to Nisei leaders. At left are emcee Corky Kawasaki and Dr. Frank Sakamoto, chapter board chairman.

VERY TRULY YOURS:

Unique patterns seen
in current recession

The human side of the current "recession" shows a unique pattern in some respects in that while unskilled and semi-skilled production workers have been hit hard, a surprising picture is noted in that the youthful, vigorous worker with a young family to support — normally expected to be dismissed last — is a frequent victim.

Equally surprising is the fact that men seem to be losing their jobs faster than women and that the Negro seems to be suffering in no greater proportion than whites generally. In the American labor market, women and Negroes traditionally have been the marginal worker.

Obviously, new factors are at work which affect the issue of full employment. Automation is one; another is the trades union which, while protecting the woman, the Negro, the older worker, also leaves the young worker with low seniority vulnerable.

In metropolitan Los Angeles, the State Dept. of Employment for February, 1958, figured the total labor force to be about 2.65-million with 172,500 of them unemployed. Comparative percentages reveal 6.5% are jobless today as compared with 2.9% last year.

Los Angeles isn't a strong union town like San Francisco or Detroit and you'd expect the marginal worker to be the first to go. But the number of unemployment insurance claims has been increasing steadily among men—for the most part, young, healthy, and white.

Effects of unemployment spread slowly, but it spreads. Fewer people will eat out; fewer people will shop in department stores and the pattern will become more classic: older workers and non-whites will rise in the percentages. One reason why there is not a greater percentage of minorities among the unemployed is the fact that some employers and unions did an efficient job of keeping them out of decent jobs in the first place. We have yet to hear of a Nisei, however, pounding the pavements for a job. Could it be that the excellent work record of the Nisei gained the past decade is in force?

— Harry K. Honda

CLEVELAND:

Enthusiasm, hard work reminiscent of Cleveland's MDC confab 10 years ago

Reminiscent of the preparations for the 1948 Midwest District Council convention here, the Cleveland JACL is headed for a big year with its executive board, convention committees and working committees exhibiting enthusiasm and hard work.

"The enthusiasm and active participation cannot but help restore the local chapter to its former position of eminence in the Midwest District Council," pointed out the Cleveland JACL Bulletin this past week. "This renaissance is of vital importance to all of Japanese extraction in the Greater Cleveland area. For, despite the well-being which so many have achieved, many problems still remain unsolved."

Membership co-chairmen Harry Kaku and Jiro Habara, in the meantime, have launched their 1958 membership drive with last year's member being contacted by mail to reduce its doorbell campaign. Debbishires, a local girls' club, is assisting in the drive.

Tentative Calendar

A tentative chapter program has been disclosed by Toru Ishiyama and Ken Asamoto, program co-chairmen, starting with a pre-MDC convention rally on May 17. The MDC convention will be hosted by the local chapter over the Memorial Day weekend at the Statler

FREMONT:

'GROCERY BASKET' PRIZE FEATURE FOR PICNIC

Adding something new for this year's community picnic at Gilroy Hot Springs, the Fremont JACL has requested each family group to bring an item not costing over \$1 to be given away as part of a "grocery basket" grand prize on Sunday, April 27.

Games and races for both young and old start at 11 a.m. Highlighting the day will be the weiner bake with Chuck Shikano as chef at the charcoal. Tad Sekigahama, chairman, is being assisted by Dorothy Kato, May Kato and Tokyo Yonekura.

SOUTHWEST L.A.:

100 STAGETTES PROMISED FOR 'SOUTHWEST FEVER'

According to an advance survey, over 100 stagettes have already decided to attend the Southwest L.A. JACL "Southwest Fever" dance, April 18, at spacious Zenda Ballroom, announced social chairman Kei Mochida.

He also announced the signing of the beautiful and talented Emily Cranz as vocalist, to be backed up by the Sal Chico Orchestra which handles slow, fast and Latin tempos with equal ease.

Zenda Ballroom is large enough to comfortably accommodate the expected crowd. The dance floor, the table and seating arrangements, the decor should prove ideal for those smitten by "Southwest Fever."

Nishikawa -

(From Front Page)

ucation, his determination and his personality. Unfortunately, there is a tendency in some individuals or minority groups to blame all of their failures upon their race. Their negative viewpoint can be a heavy yoke to carry in this age of progress.

Still another facet in the employment picture is the danger that the so-called recession may turn into a full-fledged depression. This writer has stated in the past that the true test of Nisei acceptance will be met not during easy and prosperous times, but when things get "tough." Even though this unhappy state of affairs comes about, we are confident that the Nisei by and large, will come through with flying colors. They have, as Mr. Wilder states, come a long way.

— Dr. Roy Nishikawa

Hotel.

Other events include the community picnic June 29 at Weigand's Lake, an educational program in August, Japan Night in October, and the year-end dance in December in conjunction with the local YBA and Tennis club.

The convention committee is being headed by Gene Takahashi, assisted by Henry Tanaka, Masy Tashima, Bill Sadataki, Joe Kadowaki, Min Iwasaki, Mrs. Mary Sadataki, Frank Shiba and George Ono.

Being planned for the convention are golf, bridge and tennis tournaments for booster delegates; special projects to attract the teenagers, young adults, Japanese and Hawaiian students; delegates' luncheon, 1000 Club whing ding, banquet and ball.

Workshop and clinic sessions are also being scheduled, to insure a successful affair.

August Nakagawa, who holds a position with the city planning commission, was also named to the Cleveland JACL Board, succeeding Harry Nakagawa who resigned.

SAN BENITO COUNTY:

Picnic at beach if it shines, at hall if rain

The annual community picnic of the San Benito County JACL will be held on Sunday, April 13, at Sea Cliff beach in Santa Cruz, it was announced.

In the event of inclement weather, the picnic will be held at the JACL hall in San Juan Bautista, it was added.

SONOMA COUNTY:

Talk on wills, estates

Mas Yonemura, Oakland attorney, will address the Sonoma County JACL meeting tonight at the Sebastopol Memorial Hall on the subject of social security, wills and estates. Kanemi Ono is meeting chairman.

PORTLAND:

Dance class planned

A mixer is being held this Saturday, 8 p.m., by the Portland JACL at the Nikkeijin Kai to make plans for the chapter-sponsored dance class beginning next Tuesday, April 15.

PHILADELPHIA:

Defense counsel

George F. Bluett, respected attorney for the past 30 years, will address the Philadelphia JACL tonight at its general meeting at International Institute. He will speak on his experiences in the Japan war crimes trials, in which he was defense counsel.

FORMER IMPERIAL VALLEY RESIDENTS INVITED

EL CENTRO. — The Imperial Valley JACL community picnic will be held tomorrow at Salton Sea's Bombay Beach from 1 p.m. Former valley residents in the Southland have been invited. Barbecue steaks will be the climax of the day.

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Newly-elected officers of the Snake River Valley JACL are (left to right): Front — George Nishimura, v.p.; George Mita, pres.; Kae Saito, sec.; Nell Saito, social; Back — Isao Kamishige, treas.; Tom Hashimoto, social; and Paul Saito, 1000 Club. — Hirano Photo.

Vested property—

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II, the complete return, or full compensation in lieu thereof, of this vested private property to both Germans and Japanese on the same equitable basis. In this connection, it should be observed that the bills reported in the 83rd and 84th Congresses by the Senate Judiciary Committee and the measures submitted by the Administration in the 84th and 85th Congresses all urged equal treatment of both German and Japanese property owners.

"While the majority of this vested property belonged to German and Japanese nationals, it should be noted that many Americans of German and Japanese ancestry also have a direct stake in these properties, because in some cases they themselves are involved in 'vesting orders' and in others they established trusts and estates and insurance benefits for those who in most instances were their parents residing in Germany and Japan during the war.

"We shall not argue the case for full return at this time, nor shall we comment on the specifics of the Administration proposal, except to restate that the evident exclusion of the Japanese from whatever benefits may result from the recommended program appears to be discrimination of the most arbitrary and capricious kind, especially in view of last summer's White House declaration that any return plan would be 'as an act of grace'."

Propaganda Fodder

The letter concluded that "We fear that the Administration unwittingly has provided another gratuitous weapon that the enemies of the United States both within and without Japan may use against us as an example of our national concern for Asians generally and the Japanese particularly, unless the State Department and the Administration speedily announce a comparable program for the Japanese or reconsiders its March 28 proposal and recommends to Congress that the 'same monetary return' to

both Germans and Japanese alike be made. In any event, we shall urge the Congress to enact legislation that will provide equal treatment and consideration for both Germans and Japanese."

The Washington JACL Office also revealed that letters will be sent to Sen. Olin D. Johnston (D., S.C.), chairman of the Senate Judiciary Subcommittee on the Trading with the Enemy Act (under which this property was vested in the period 1942 to 1952), Congressman Harris, and others, including members of the Senate and House Committees with jurisdiction over this subject matter and with appropriations protesting this discrimination.

At the same time, the JACL Office announced that the Committee for the Return of Confiscated German and Japanese Property, a nation-wide citizens group that includes Judge Learned Hand, Judge Clifton Mathews, Clarence Pickett, Francis B. Sayre, Yasuo Abiko, George Inagaki, and Mike Masaoka, among others had addressed a letter of protest to the President.

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THE Northwest PICTURE

By Elmer Ogawa

WILL SUCCESS SPOIL PAT SUZUKI?

Seattle

Since the star of Pat Suzuki is in orbit, to use an over-worked expression, the reports of what where and how she is doing will henceforth be the product of big time typewriters and not necessarily a part of the Northwest Picture. So, with the sources of information and the subject now departed for distant places, many of which are still unknown, this is probably the last time this corner will be close to an inkling of what goes on.

When Pat told a reporter couple years ago that nothing short of a Rodgers and Hammerstein musical would ever drag her away from Seattle, it was just making with a figure of speech more or less.

The one time wisecrack became an actuality in her meteoric rise in the musical world. Many were surprised to hear that even a R. & H. offer elicited the same answer as always. Her heart was in Seattle, and back to Seattle she did go.

Since, the original Rodgers and Hammerstein offer has been doubled, and newspaper reports say that she is accepting.

But, the final decision is still in the contemplative stage, this corner learned from manager Norm Bobrow just a few hours before they left Seattle two days ago. The "life of the play" clause that always appears in R. & H. contracts is the cause of the apprehension. The records show that the R. & H. super productions have a habit of running for years and years. Pat and Norm just look askance at being tied to one vehicle that long.

But a short while ago, Pat put in a week on the Jack Paar show; salary two grand. She was invited to stay another week and was offered double the salary. The offer brought merely another expression of her love for Seattle. But now that Pat has had a short vacation with the old Colony crowd, the news is that she will do another week with Jack Paar in the very near future.

By this P.C. issue's publication date, Pat will have completed the second of three weeks at the Black Orchid in Chicago.

Following the April 30 appearance on the Patti Page show, Miss Pony Tail has a five-week date at Las Vegas.

The cinema recording with Frank Sinatra will be released May 23.

So 'round and 'round it goes, and sometimes last minute changes embarrass people who try to announce Patty's activities too far in advance.

THIS COLUMNIST'S OPINION: 'NO'

Here at home, the Colony was closed four days last week. Changes are being made which will include improved banquet facilities, and a little build up for the Colony's fine combo which was also the subject for high praise by Bing Crosby.

A lovely young platinum blonde, name of Gretchen Christopher, who dances modern interpretive stuff is rehearsing daily. She performs clad in a neck-to-toe skintight black jersey leotard and is an entrancing vision to the ringsider.

In his "This, Our City" column this past week, Emmett Watson asks: "Will success spoil Pat Suzuki?" And goes on to say: "The answer is no, but if it does she'll get spoiled to a staggering income . . . her estimated income for the coming year might come to \$100,000."

No, success will not spoil Pat Suzuki. But hosts of new friends will demand some of the attention, and usurp the time now so unselfishly devoted to the many old friends. So many times we have seen the former art student, very graciously take the time to draw a simple little comic caricature of herself alongside a requested autograph. The tense pressures of being big time may not allow for these special Pattyisms, but it won't mean that she has changed.

POINTING SOUTHWESTWARD: by Fred Takata

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May we remind you that motel reservations will be hard to get, since this is the busy season of the year. If you desire reservations, be sure to send them to Akio Hayashi, 516 Grand Ave., Arroyo Grande, Calif., immediately, and not later than April 17. We'll be looking forward to seeing all of you there.

NATIONAL DIRECTOR'S VISITS

National Director Masao Satow will make a tour of the PSWDC Chapters from April 21 to May 3, to discuss various problems and to get acquainted with the various chapters. The following is Mas Satow's schedule: April 21—Santa Barbara, April 22—Coachella Valley and Imperial Valley (joint), April 23—Venice - Culver, April 24—DTLA-Gardena Valley, April 25—San Diego, April 26—Pasadena, April 27—Long Beach-Harbor Dist., April 28—East Los Angeles and Orange County (joint), April 29—San Fernando Valley, April 30—West LA, May 1—Southwest LA, May 2—Hollywood, May 3—Ventura County, May 4—PSWDC meeting-San Luis Obispo-Santa Maria.

This is the first time in a good many years that our National Director has had the opportunity to visit the chapters in the PSWDC, and members are urged to bring up any problems that may be facing the respective chapters today.

WEDDING BELLS — One of the happiest events of the year is about to take place here come Saturday, April 26. Yep, our editor Harry Honda is going to get himself hitched to charming Micki Mayumi, and all we can say is, "He's a most happy fella!" We certainly want to wish Harry and Micki all the luck and happiness in the world because there couldn't be any two persons more deserving.

VISITORS — We were happy to have Larry Tajiri from Denver drop in to say, "hello." Larry was here to take in the world premiere of "Windjammer" and also to meet with some of the outstanding personalities in the movie industry . . . Another visitor this past week was Aki Endo from Santa Barbara. May we extend an invitation to all of you JACLers who are visiting LA to come in and see us. The welcome mat is always out!



Dutch Kawasoe, who played at guard at College of Idaho during the late '40s after a stint in the military, coached Vale High's football team to three state A-2 championships and rises in class next fall by assuming top mentor role at Franklin High, Portland.

Coach Kawasoe gets top grid mentor's post in Portland

ONTARIO, Ore.— Melvin (Dutch) Kawasoe, head football coach at Vale High, made official last week the story that he will leave in the fall to become head coach at Portland's Franklin High School.

After assuming the head job at Vale in 1954, he won three state A-2 championships with 11-0 records in 1954 and 1955 and with a 11-0-1 in 1957. Only in 1956 did Vale's football team lose games with a 9-2 record.

He is a native of Weiser, Idaho, graduated from the College of Idaho and was assistant coach at Parma for a year before being called to Vale in 1950 as assistant coach.

In going to Portland, Kawasoe explained the opportunity "was too good" to turn down.

"We're sorry to lose Dutch," declared Vale High principal Jerry Cammann. "He's done an excellent job for us, but we can also understand this is a fine opportunity for him. We consider it an honor that a man from our staff can move into such a fine job."

Rain stalls Holiday Bowl grand opening

Jupe Pluvius has been stalling the grand opening of Holiday Bowl, site of the 1959 National JACL bowling tournament, at 3730 Crenshaw Blvd. for several weeks.

With over 20 inches of rain this year, much of it falling during the construction period of the bowling palace with Japanese motif, it has delayed the completion of 36 lanes. This past week, they began sanding them in preparation of lacquering, installing the gutters, kick-back plates, ball returns, checks and settees.

Hanko Okuda, president of Holiday Bowl, had hoped they would be in business by end of March, but announced April 26 as opening day. Whether the many summer leagues already slated for Holiday Bowl will start the following Monday is still problematical.

After the carpenters are finished with the alleys, electricians will wire in the AMF automatic pin-spotters. The parking lot of 158 cars has been graded, but not paved because of rain.

Holiday Bowl will be the first Southland house to use rugs right up to the approaches, thus keeping the approaches clean.

Bowling league head

SALINAS. — Lefty Miyana, active JACLer here, was elected president of the Rainbow Bowling League. He also heads the local Rambler Motorcycle Club.

Sac'to VFW commander

SACRAMENTO.—Frank Ikeda succeeds George Murakami as 1958-59 commander of the Sacramento Nisei VFW Post 8985.

Long Beach State education professor cited for promoting goodwill in kendo

LONG BEACH. — Assistant professor of education at Long Beach State College and the only Caucasian holder of the fourth rank in kendo, Dr. Gordon Warner received a plaque for his efforts to aid goodwill between students of Japan and the United States through kendo competition.

Dr. Warner (who is a 1000er of Long Beach-Harbor District JACL) received the tribute on International Day at the college late last month from Shinjiro Mineshige, physical education instructor at Meiji University in Tokyo.

Translated into English, the award reads:

"We want to thank you for your kindness to the All - Japan University Students' team members during their recent visit to the United States.

"The purpose of our mission was to establish goodwill and understanding between the students of our two countries. By your good

efforts we believe that our mission was accomplished."

It was signed by the All-Japan University Students' Kendo Federation.

Last summer Dr. Warner arranged for the first intercollegiate kendo match between a U.S. team and one representing 13 Japanese universities. The match took place at Long Beach State College.

Invited to Study

Mineshige is in the United States at Dr. Warner's invitation to study labor relations, physical education and English in his spare time. He is one of the outstanding fencers of Japan and assistant coach of the Meiji kendo team.

Dr. Warner became interested in kendo, the ancient swordfight of Japan, during his studies there in 1938-39. He was the first non-Japanese to study kendo and received the rank of "Shodan" or first rank in 1939. He now holds the fourth rank.

sPortsCope

The San Jose Zebras won the Salt Lake Nisei Oriental basketball tournament Mar. 27-29 nosing out the Los Angeles Travelers by one field shot—70 to 68. During the same evening, the Oakland quintet trounced the Salt Lake City All-Stars 49 to 37 to win third place in the tournament. The Los Angeles Kow Kwongs trimmed the Seattle Baptists 48 to 32 in a consolation match.

Dick Yamasaki of UCLA took first place in the rope climb, one of the eight events in the Pacific Coast Conference gymnastics meet Mar. 29 at the U.C. men's gym in Berkeley as the Bruins won the event.

Two visiting Japanese wrestlers retained their American national

Sacramento cops Berkeley JACL teenage cagefest

BERKELEY.—Sacramento JACL's teenage basketball team went home with the first annual Berkeley JACL tournament honors by scoring a 36-32 victory over the host chapter's squad. The victors walloped Oakland 45-26 in the first round and upset favored San Jose 43-41 in the semis.

Berkeley had to offset a great 21-point performance by Mas Soda to win its semi-finals tilt from Gilroy, 47-43. San Francisco won the consolation finals by downing Oakland 55-49, after thumping Sequoia 59-46.

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Los Angeles NEWSLETTER

By Henry Mori

EGG-HUNT HELD DESPITE RAIN

The intermittent downpour of rain in Southern California on Easter Sunday did not discourage some of the "diehard" youngsters who egged their parents to take them to the hunt.

The Southwest L.A. JACL chapter, whose egg-hunt has become traditional, almost "laid" one by deciding to call it off at the last minute. But when the time came, there were 50 persons, mostly children, who wanted to participate. George Fujita and Kango Kunitsugu were among those on hand at the Rancho Cienega playground "just in case" and sure enough some arrived. The archery range where the eggs were to have been hidden was six inches under water. So they took to the tennis courts where the spot was drier. The rains really played havoc for the Angelenos that day.

From the way Mrs. Fumi Ishihara, co-chairman of the East Los Angeles JACL egg-hunt, explained it their outdoor, "freezing" affair sounded more exciting.

The night before, most of the eggs they had colored were disposed to charity, church and family members of the JACL for their children. They had 14 dozen left, which Mmes. Ishihara and Mable Yoshizaki wanted to save in the event it didn't shower Easter Sunday afternoon.

You can't convince the little kids the grass is wet; 20 appeared at Belvedere Park and in soaking feet pranced about for the eggs. "They weren't satisfied with the mere passing out, so we had to crawl about in the dampness to hide the darn things," the ladies said. Mr. and Mrs. Akira Hasegawa, oldtime JACLers, also helped the cause. They hope for better weather in their second annual event in 1959. Their hardworking president, Roy Yamadera, was down with a bad cold, so he couldn't make the chapter's first-year egg-hunt.

HI-CO CONFERENCE WELL-PLANNED

This weekend, months of hard work by the committee members of the Hi-Co Conference climax a well-planned, two-day meeting at the Pacific Palisades Presbyterian Conference Grounds.

We understand from Blanche Shiosaki, So. Calif. JACL Regional office secretary, one of the advisers in the program supported by the Pacific Southwest JACL District Council, that a similar meeting was held two years, then headed by Bill Marumoto, who was student-body president at Whittier College, at Forest Home in the San Bernardino Mountain.

A roster of more than 150 high school and college students to attend the conclave Saturday and Sunday indicates that all of them are potential leaders of tomorrow. Many of them, no doubt, will take up the tasks of continuing the JACL program. The nucleus holds rich prospect for Junior JACL chapter.

WINDY WENDY: by Wendy Watanabe

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lationship between parents and their children. I appreciate sincerely the fine bond which exists between them, and it is understandable, for both of you have contributed toward establishing the high place in our community which you occupy.

Anyone familiar with the hardships and struggles encountered by the Japanese immigrants to the United States and the marvelous tenacity and industry with which they applied themselves to overcome their seemingly insurmountable obstacles, cannot help but honor and respect them . . .

. . . the sacrifices of the Issei were rewarded, not only in whatever material success they achieved, but also in having a second generation of American citizens to speak for the mas they . . . had never been able to speak for themselves. No other group that I know of suffered more from this cancer to society (racial discrimination) than the early Japanese . . .

. . . Your children have not disappointed you, I am sure. The elders among you can well be proud of the Nisei . . . The 442nd Regimental Combat Team . . . attained a record second to none . . . "These Japanese Americans bought an awful hunk of America with their blood."

Indeed they did . . . They had demonstrated that they were Americans entitled to speak and be listened to. And they found the opportunity to speak through the Japanese American Citizens League . . . The fruition came, of course, in 1952, with the adoption of the Immigration and Nationality Act . . . For the first time in your lives you, the Issei . . . were granted the privilege, diligently earned by you . . . of becoming American citizens.

This, I believe, has been a great achievement of the JACL—Untold future generations will be the beneficiaries of this guarantee . . . In the past you have been concerned primarily with problems facing you because of your common ancestry. Most of these have been met and resolved. Now you are able to turn attention more fully to many of the national and international problems which now seem so big as to be overwhelming . . . At the national level we are faced with an economic crisis and the staggering task of national defense and maintenance of the security and strength of the entire Free World.

Because of your Japanese origins you may be particularly interested and influential in relations—commercial and governmental—between the United States and its most important Asian ally. Commerce between Japan and the U.S. is vital to the economy and security of both nations . . . Because of this commercial interdependence, restrictive trade practices on either side have a profound impact upon the other . . . Although there is no simple answer to the elimination of barriers to mutually rewarding trade, it is essential that we help Japan to the greatest extent possible to maintain her economic strength so that she will not be forced to turn to the communist bloc for her trade . . .

It is in important areas like these that we in Congress must know your opinions and suggestions.

. . . In conclusion, let me join you, the venerable older generation, in commending your offspring for the wonderful work which they have thus far accomplished and at the same time exhort them to carry out the ever increasing responsibilities of American citizenship with the same intelligence and vigor which they have displayed in the past.

Vital Statistics

BIRTHS

LOS ANGELES

DIONZON, Kenneth (Yoshiko Ishigami) — boy, Jan. 20.
HASHIOKA, Kenji (Yoiko Sakai) — boy, Jan. 8, Pacoima.
IMAMOTO, Tsugio (June Torigoe) — girl, Jan. 21, North Hollywood.
ISHIHARA, Lou (Yone Kawamura) — boy, Jan. 25, South Whittier.
KAWA, Kenji (Natsuye Oka) — boy, Jan. 30.
KAWAKAMI, Richard (Tamako Mae-fusato) — boy, Jan. 18, Sunland.
KIM, Kenneth H. (Kosaki Nohara) — boy, Jan. 21.
KOMOTO, Masao (Tsuruko Arakawa) — boy, Jan. 22.
MAKINO, Fred T. (Ritsuko Masuda) — girl, Jan. 22.
MATSUMURA, Thomas S. (Rose F. Ikehara) — girl, Jan. 11.
MILLER, Henry R. (Yoshie Haramaki) — girl, Jan. 3.
MIYAKE, Jack Y. (Chieko Suzuki) — girl, Jan. 19.
MORI, Katsuiichi (Yoko Kawagi) — boy, Jan. 22.
MORIMOTO, Masayoshi (Emiko Takenaga) — boy, Jan. 16.
NAKASUGI, Michio (Fumi Nakamura) — boy, Jan. 25.
NAKAZAWA, Masao (Hanako Yamachi) — boy, Jan. 20.
OGATA, Ronald K. (Mildred T. Yokota) — boy, Jan. 20.
OTA, Mike (Iris Katayama) — girl, Jan. 22.
OWAKI, Hirofumi (Yaeko Kurimoto) — girl, Jan. 14.
SAYEGUSA, Howard (Fumi Nakahara) — boy, Jan. 22.
SHIGETOMI, Masuo (Chie Omine) — girl, Jan. 19, North Hollywood.
SHINOZAKI, Harry K. (Mary Taketa) — girl, Jan. 19.
SHITARA, Kenichi (Mieko Harada) — girl, Jan. 21.
SUZUKI, Henry (Ryo Uyeno) — boy, John K., Mar. 23.
TAKATA, Atsushi (Yasuko Nishida) — girl, Jan. 21, Whittier.
TAKAYA, Jay (Kiyo Nakamura) — boy, Jan. 26.
UYEMATSU, Norio (Hanako Fujikawa) — boy, Jan. 23.
UYEMURA, Setsuka (Setsuko Hashimoto) — boy, Jan. 23.
YOKOYAMA, Masami (Maoko Katagi) — boy, Jan. 15.

OMAHA

LINHART, James — girl, Mar. 28.
MATSUNAMI, Manuel — girl Reiko Rene, Feb. 11.

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OKAMOTO, Frank — boy Steven K., Jan. 28.

CHICAGO

OSHIMA, Larry — girl Carol Ann, Jan. Jan. 12.

WEDDINGS

HIRAOKA-NISHI — Mar. 15, Joe S. and Michiko, both Chicago.
KITAZUMI - TANIGUCHI — Feb. 9, Calvin and Betty, both San Francisco.

KUBOTA - MARINOS — Jan. 29, Shinobu and Louetta, both Clovis.
OUYE - YAMAGUCHI — Feb. 8, James Kauai; Nancy Y., Denver.
TANIGUCHI - YAMASAKI — Mar. 1, Toshio and Michiko, both Fresno.
YAMAMOTO-WATANABE — Mar. 23, Eddie and Mine, both Chicago.
YAMASHITA - MASUDA — Feb. 9, Albert T. and Sonoko, both San Jose.
YOSHIOKA - DOI — Mar. 1, Katsumi Fresno and Shizuko, Del Rey.

DEATHS

AKIYAMA, Tiko, 2 days; Blackfoot, Idaho, Feb. 1—(p) Mr. & Mrs. Shoji, (s) Tammy L.
FUJIMOTO, Takuzo, 57; San Jose, Mar. 22.
FUKUI, Hitoshi, 65; Los Angeles, Mar. 23.
HIRAKAWA, Juichiro, 77; Chicago (formerly of Phoenix), Feb. 24.
HIRAMATSU, Sukeichiro, 76; Sacramento, Feb. 13.
INOUE, Sugao, 73; Portland, Mar. 16.
ITO, Umekichi, 80; New York, Mar. 11 (f).
KADANI, Alvin (infant); San Juan Bautista, Feb. 13 — (p) Mr. & Mrs. Takechi.
KAKIUCHI, Kikumatsu, 86; Fresno, Mar. 19.
KAWAI, Frank S., 70; Caldwell, Idaho, Mar. 2.
KOBAYASHI, Motojiro, 90; Chicago, Feb. 25.
KONISHI, Kakujiro, 69; Seattle, Feb. 3.
KUROTA, Mrs. Hideko, 33; Chicago, Mar. 22 — (h) Nobuo, (s) Dana, Richard.
MASATO, Mitaro, 95; Sacramento, Feb. 11.
VINAMI, Soyo, 68; Los Angeles Mar. 23.
WURAMOTO, Denichi, 68; Pueblo, Colo., Mar. 2.
NARUMI, Jutaro, 71; Los Angeles, Mar. 22.
OGAWA, Mrs. Tome, 75; Trinidad, Colo., Feb. 22.
OHARA, Namio, 32; Watsonville, Feb. 13 — (w) Helen, (d) Susan; (f) Tsunaji, (b) George, Bob, Ned, (s) Aki, Mmes. Teru Kaida, Mari Fujimoto, Betty Tokunaga Lillian Hanamoto.
SAITO, Zensuke, 81; Santa Ana, Mar. 22.
SHIMURA, Seiji, 80; Chicago, Feb. 10.
SUMI, Chojiro, 71; Chicago, Feb. 21.
SUYAMA, (infant son at birth); Chicago, Feb. 17 — (p) Mr. & Mrs. Richard.
TAMANO, Giichi, 72; Sacramento, Jan. 30.
TERACKA, Gentsuchi, 77; Gardena, Mar. 23.
TERAYAMA, Otozo, 75; Seattle, Feb. 4.
TSUCHIYA, Tomitaro, 63; New York, Mar. 7.
TSUJIMOTO, Fukumatsu, 83; Tracy, Feb. 2.



Among the happy youngsters who enjoyed a day of deep-sea fishing arranged by West Los Angeles JACL are (left to right) Kenny Kishi, Bobby Nakamura, Terry Tokuda, Bruce Itami, Alan Akashi, Hideo Ishimaru and Gary Yamamoto, holding his prize-winning geatch. — Steve Yagi Photo.

Deepsea fishing trip first for many of youngsters treated by West L.A. chapter

A boatload of 55 youngsters and adults spent the first day of Easter vacation last week aboard Joe Morris' "Betty O" of Paradise Cove in West Los Angeles JACL's first deepsea fishing trip for teenagers.

Richard Jeniye, fishing trip chairman, who left a sickbed for the day, reported the affair was successful and has suggested the chapter consider making it an annual affair. For many of the boys, 16 and under, it was their first boat trip.

Skipper Bill Hutchinson hosted the youngsters with soda pop and even offered a cash prize for the first fish landed. The chapter trophy for the biggest fish was won by Gary Yamamoto with his 10-lb. yellowtail whitefish. About 150 fish were landed altogether.

Originally, the 80-passenger capacity ship, "Gentleman" with the landing's senior skipper Jack Ward

OMAHA SANSEI NAMED WEST POINT ALTERNATE

OMAHA. — Kuniaki Mihara, son of Mr. and Mrs. Iwao Mihara of Omaha, has been named first alternate for a West Point Military Academy appointment. He recently spent a weekend at Ft. Leavenworth, Kan., to take entrance examinations.

A senior at Central High, young Mihara has been letterman on the school swim team. He plans to matriculate at the Univ. of Nebraska in the fall.

Nisei scholarship offered by Japanese government

So that the younger generation of Japanese Americans might acquire a better understanding of their ancestral country, the Japanese government will invite one Nisei to Japan for study every year, the local Japanese Consulate-General advised.

Nisei on the mainland will not have an opportunity this year, since a youth from Hawaii has already been selected. But a Nisei from the mainland will be invited for 1959, it was assured. Decision to invite Nisei scholars was reached in view of the contribution the Nisei have made to the American community and of their conspicuous display of their talent in various fields.

Feb. 2, UYESUGI, Kisaku, 79; Morgan Hill, Mar. 19.
YAMADA, Mrs. Margaret; New York, Mar. 8.
YAMAZAKI, Goichi, 81; Los Angeles, Mar. 23.

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Washington

NEWSLETTER

BY MIKE MASAOKA

Congress at Midpoint

Washington, D.C. **THIS WEEK, DURING** the traditional Easter recess that marks the half-way point in this session of Congress, most House and Senate members are "at home", pointing with the usual pride to the record of activity since January but listening apprehensively to grass roots suggestions for coping with the more troublesome problems yet to come.

When they return to Washington April 14, they will begin the drive that in the next three to four months prior to adjournment will write the final chapter to the record on which they will campaign for re-election this November. This week is the time to check on voter reaction, mend fences, build organizations to carry on the campaign while they are back in Washington legislating for the next few months.

LAST YEAR'S SESSION has gone into the records as an "economy" one, in which balancing the budget was the key objective. This year's session began as the "sputnik" one, with fears regarding the Soviet Union's scientific and military advances. It has developed into a "recovery" session though, and bids fair to set its history on legislative efforts to restore prosperity and employment to the nation.

Viewed against recent sessions, the volume and importance of the measures passed since the first of the year are impressive. Speaker Sam Rayburn, who has been in the House since 1913 and has served as Speaker longer than any other person, summarized the production record as "one of the most imposing programs of far-reaching legislation that has been enacted in many years in so short a time."

Speaker Rayburn declared that "we have sought to do first things first, with the idea of recovery and putting people back to work and assisting business of the country in general. We have devoted our time to legislation, general and specific, that would in our judgment cure the recession in the fastest way."

Though he spoke as a Democrat, he also spoke for the House and both parties, despite conflicting claims, shared in the credit.

Speaking for the Senate Democratic leadership, Senator Mike Mansfield noted that the measures designed to improve economic conditions and employment went through by "top-heavy" majorities. He commanded colleagues in both parties for having kept partisanship to a minimum in responding to emergency needs.

BOTH BRANCHES enacted emergency housing and highway bills, a one-year increase in the national debt ceiling, supplemental bills to speed up defense expenditures during the rest of the fiscal year, the rivers and harbors construction authorization bill, and appropriations for fiscal 1959 for the Treasury and Post Office Departments, among the 26 major bills recited by the Speaker.

They also approved a price supports freeze bill on agricultural products which the President vetoed. This is the first major legislation with political consequences that President Eisenhower has vetoed since he assumed office six years ago. It may well be the first too in which the Democratic leadership will attempt to override his veto. The pivotal farm vote may well be at stake.

STILL MORE MOMENTOUS and controversial matters awaiting the return of Congress next Monday include possible tax reductions or revision, extension of the Reciprocal Trade Agreements program, continuance of foreign aid, expansion of unemployment compensation, larger programs for community public works, airports and reclamation, the Administration's proposals for reorganization of the military establishment, federal aid for school construction, exchange of atomic information, aid for economically depressed areas, relaxation of federal controls on natural gas, federal scholarships and incentives to improve science and language education, setting up the proposed National Aeronautics and Space Agency, labor union welfare fund regulation, presidential succession, etc.

There are also bills passed by one House but not by the other, and bills approved by both chambers but in different versions that are in Conference to iron out compromises.

EXCEPT FOR appropriations to pay evacuation claims awards, bills in which that JACL has special concern have little chance for passage this session.

Statehood for the Territory of Hawaii hinges on the reaction to Alaska statehood. Though there may be some action on the Alaska bill, time is already beginning to run out for Hawaii.

More generous immigration opportunities for the Japanese and other Asians and more liberal suspension of deportation and other administrative "relief" procedures seem out of the question this session, especially since last year Congress approved a "family hardship" immigration measure.

Extension of civil rights legislation in view of last year's first civil rights law in 80 years and the Little Rock incident also appears to be out of the question at this time.

The return of wartime vested private property to their former Japanese owners looks dead at this point, especially since the Administration came out in favor of private property return for former German owners only on March 28.

THE SECOND HALF of the session, aside from its legislative aspects, will be noteworthy as various candidates for national offices in 1960 begin to make their moves for nationwide attention and support. Some like Senator William F. Knowland are seeking gubernatorial posts, others like Congressman Clair Engle are running for the Senate, while still others like Senator John Kennedy are campaigning for re-election. What happens in the next few months may be decisive.



Annual Baishakunin

'Y' SECRETARY YAMANAKA TO ADDRESS HI-CO CONFERENCE KEYNOTE SPEECH

Jimmy Yamanaka, Southeast Los Angeles YMCA executive secretary, will deliver the keynote address to over 150 persons registered for the Hi-Co Conference of Japanese American Youth this weekend at the Pacific Palisades Presbyterian Conference Grounds.

"We are pleased that Mr. Yamanaka will be speaking to our group, because of his long and varied background in youth and community work," declared Bert Yamasaki, conference co-chairman.

A special section on college entrance procedures has been added to the Sunday Hi-Co schedule, revealed Grace Okuno in charge of program. Robert E. O'Brien, admissions counselor at Whittier College, will be in charge.

Jean Shinoda, executive committee member of the Univ. of California Associated Students, will be the closing general assembly speaker on the topic, "Race Barriers in College: Where Do We Go from Here?" She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Shinoda.

Additional resource personnel in the vocational guidance section include:

NISEI HELPS CELEBRATE PARENT'S GOLDEN WEDDING BY SURPRISE TOKYO VISIT

BY TAMOTSU MURAYAMA
TOKYO. — Making a surprise visit here during the Easter "break" last week was Dr. Iwao Moriyama of San Francisco to help celebrate the golden wedding anniversary of his parents, now retired in Tokyo. Dr. Moriyama, currently lecturing at the Univ. of California, is on leave from his job as chief of the mortality statistic section, U.S. Public Health Service, and one of the highest ranked Nisei in federal civil service.

Iwao's younger brother Hisashi is a prominent orchestra leader here, playing at many Pershing Heights affairs. His younger sister Kazuyo, is the wife of Namiji Itabashi, operator of the Nichibei English Conversation Institute here.

The elder Moriyama was a prominent San Francisco photographer.

HALF MOON BAY HIGH CLASS REUNION PLANNED

OAKLAND.—The Half Moon Bay High class of 1933 is seeking the whereabouts of Benjamin Ogo and Fred Umeda, who are being sought by Phyllis Ruiano, 4195 Huntington, Oakland, for its May 17 reunion.

Nursing — Mrs. Chris deQueiroz, RN: Physical and Earth Sciences — Dr. Toru Iura, Hisashi Horita, Ronald Osajima, Dr. David Fukushima; Social Sciences — Satoshi Hayashi; Business-Commerce — Y. Clifford Tanaka; Fine Arts & Humanities — Mrs. Sue Joe.

Student body presidents from Loyola, Pepperdine, USC and UCLA and student officers from Los Angeles State College, Long Beach State College and Whittier were also announced.



Hi-Co Conference co-chairmen Bert Yamasaki (left) and Grace Okuno will greet approximately 100 high school and college students who meet this weekend at Pacific Palisades.

West L.A. Nisei upped to high gov't position

Gordon T. Yamada, son of Mrs. T. Yamada of West Los Angeles, a civilian consultant with the U.S. Air Force and currently stationed with the director of plans and program at the Wheeler Air Force Base in Hawaii, has been promoted recently to GS 13 rating.

The highest GS rating is 18. As GS 13, the Sophia University (Tokyo) graduate in economics will earn from \$8,990 per year. He is married, has four children and lives at 246C Olive Ave., Wahiawa, Oahu.

Monterey VFW leaders

MONTEREY.—New officers of the Monterey Peninsula Nisei VFW Post 1629 and its auxiliary were installed last week by Alva Fleming and Stella Disbrow, department commanders. Kats Komatsu and Michi Oka are post commander and auxiliary president, respectively.

CONGRESS SENDS CLAIMS PAY BILL TO WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON. — Just before adjourning for the traditional ten-day Easter recess, the House and Senate agreed upon the conference report on a supplemental appropriations bill that included \$2,355,923.57 for the payment of evacuation claims awards, the Washington Office of the Japanese American Citizens League and the Committee on Japanese American Evacuation Claims announced.

Last Thursday's favorable action by both chambers sent the money bill to the White House, where presidential approval is expected this week.

A total of 471 evacuees who were authorized awards from last August to this February 10 should be receiving checks from the Treasury Department within two weeks, the Washington JACL and COJAE office declared.

These awards were made under the JACL-COJAE sponsored amendment of 1956 that authorized the Attorney General to compromise and settle all claims up to \$100,000, to consider as timely filed claims postmarked prior to the January 3, 1950 deadline, and to settle timely file claims of corporations and charitable, civic, and religious organizations, and internees whose losses were caused by evacuation and not by internment. Claimants with either larger than \$100,000 claims or those dissatisfied with the government offer were provided the alternative of seeking a legal determination in the Court of Claims.

The House passed its version of the supplemental appropriations bill last February. An item of \$1,743,604.79 for 369 evacuees was included. The Senate amended this item to add \$612,318.78 for 102 claimants when it approved the bill last month. In House-Senate Conference to compromise differences in the two versions, the amended additions for evacuation claims were accepted.

CALENDAR

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Apr. 12 (Saturday)
Portland — JACL Mixer, Nikkeijin Kai.
Imperial Valley — Barbecue picnic, Bombay Beach, 1 p.m.
East Los Angeles — Membership Dinner-Dance, Mardi Gras, 2424 Wilshire Blvd., 7 p.m.
★
Apr. 12-13
PSWDC — Hi-Co Conference, Presbyterian Conference Grounds, Pacific Palisades.
★
Apr. 13 (Sunday)
San Benito County — Community picnic, Sea Cliff Beach, Santa Cruz.
Chicago — Orientation Series (final meeting), Olivet Institute, 2 p.m.
Livingston-Merced — Scrap Iron drive, Sonoma County — NC-WNDC executive board meeting, Sebastopol, Memorial Hall, 1 p.m.
Fowler — Community picnic, Kearney Park.
Monterey Peninsula — Spring Potluck, JACL Gold Banquet Room.
★
Apr. 15 (Tuesday)
Portland — Dance Class.
★
Apr. 17 (Thursday)
Pasadena — General meeting, Union Presbyterian Church, 7:30 p.m.; Ken Nishimoto, AIA, spkr.; "Japanese Architecture through the Lens."
★
Apr. 18 (Friday)
Fresno — Cancer Benefit dance, Rainbow Ballroom.
Southwest L.A. — "Southwest Fever" dance, Zenda Ballroom.
★
Apr. 19 (Saturday)
Long Beach — General meeting.
D.C. — Potluck Supper, Joppa Lodge Hall, 6 p.m.
★
Apr. 20 (Sunday)
Cortez — Community picnic.
PNWDC — Spring Quarterly, Mid-Columbia JACL, hosts, Hood River Hotel, 10 a.m.
San Francisco — Auxiliary visitation, Laguna Honda Home.
Sanger — Community picnic, Burris Park near Kingsburg.
★
Apr. 21 (Monday)
West Los Angeles — Auxiliary meeting.
★
Apr. 22 (Tuesday)
Coachella-Imperial Valley — Joint meeting, Mas Satow visitation, Indio.
★
Apr. 23 (Wednesday)
Venice-Culver — Satow visitation.
★
Apr. 24 (Thursday)
Downtown L.A. — Satow visitation, San Kwo Low, 12 n.
Gardena Valley — Satow visitation.
★
Apr. 25 (Friday)
San Diego — Dinner meeting, Satow visitation.
★
Apr. 29 (Tuesday)
Portland — Political rally.
★
Apr. 26 (Saturday)
Pasadena — Satow visitation.
Livingston-Merced — Cortez — Joint chapter bridge night, Livingston Grace Methodist Church.
★
Apr. 27 (Sunday)
Denver — Benefit movies, Tri-State Buddhist Church.
Fremont — Community picnic, Gilroy Hot Springs.
Long Beach — Satow visitation, res. of Dr. David Miura, 8 p.m.
Fresno — Community picnic, Kearney Park.
French Camp — Community picnic.