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BY THE BOARD:

Equal rights (for women) amendment

"Keep women out of college... Cut down the number of the women allowed to go to coeducational schools" is the recommendation made by Professor Philip Ward Burton of Syracuse University in a recent issue of This Week as a solution for the anticipated overcrowding of our universities.

This proposal is only a slight indication of what can happen to women along similar lines unless they are protected from discrimination by an amendment to the federal Constitution. Such an amendment, the Equal Rights Amendment (SJ 80), is now on the Senate Calendar and may come up for consideration at any time. It reads: "Equality of rights under the law shall not be denied or abridged by the United States or by any state on account of sex."

The lack of such a guarantee against discrimination makes it possible for any state legislature or Congress to pass a law limiting women's educational opportunities, or barring them from certain types of work, prohibiting the employment of married women on the grounds of public welfare, health, and so on.

You will recall that discrimination because of religion was ruled out by the First Amendment to the Constitution; then discrimination because of race or color was outlawed by the 14th Amendment.

The support for the Equal Rights Amendment in Congress is most gratifying and it has staunch supporters in the Senate. In the House of Representatives, 290 members are pledged to vote for it. Please write to your senators and congressmen, asking them to support SJ 80.

In the eyes of other nations who look to us for leadership, this places us at a disadvantage. We have lagged behind, while Burma, Egypt, Greece, Japan, West Germany and Pakistan have given constitutional equality to women.

There are, however, some members of both the Senate and the House, who are attempting to add a rider to the Equal Rights Amendment, which would provide that it should not be construed "to impair any benefits, rights or exemptions, now or hereafter conferred by law on persons of the female sex." If such a rider is added, it would annul the amendment and even worse, it would write sex discrimination into the Constitution of the United States.

"The Equal Rights Amendment," says Sen. Margaret Chase Smith, "is a measure designed to give fuller meaning and expression to the traditional American way of life. We have heard a great deal about civil rights and about no discrimination against anyone because of race, color or creed. I would add one

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LI. Gov. candidate calls for leadership in civil rights fight

Glenn M. Anderson, endorsed Democrat running for the office of lieutenant governor, this week called for leadership in the field of civil rights.

Speaking before a community, business and labor leaders' gathering at the Whitcomb Hotel in San Francisco as keynote speaker, Anderson called for state leadership in the field of human rights and human relations.

"The problem," Anderson told the San Francisco gathering, "will not be solved with only a Fair Employment Practice bill. We need to do the whole job of guaranteeing to all our people their rights to a full and complete life. This means that we should extend our efforts to end all forms of discrimination in all areas of society. Housing, use of public accommodations, representation on governmental bodies, are other spots in which discrimination saps the vitality of our democracy."

"We must have laws which are vigorously enforced to forbid discrimination in the use of public accommodations. We have such laws; the Republican administration has not enforced them with proper vigor."

"Minority representation on commissions and other government bodies is essential. In government agencies dealing with human relations, participation of minority representatives is vital."

"We must have a Democratic victory for all our state-wide candidates... a Democratic State Legislature so that we can implement our program of human dignity and human rights," he concluded.

Helen Momita story appears in nat'l weekly publication

CALIPATRIA. — Earlier this year, millions of Time magazine readers read about the Imperial Valley town of Calipatria and its community's efforts for its Japanese American druggist.

Now, millions of newspaper readers know the sequel to that story as the result of an article "A Flag for Helen Momita" which appeared on April 20 in the nationally distributed supplement, The American Weekly, a Hearst publication.

Eric Mick Nathanson, author of the article, told of the auto accident in which Harry Momita was injured and his wife fatally hurt, and the widower's contribution of \$500 plus for a flagpole project.

Nathanson said that the president of Pacific Southwest Pipe Co. volunteered his company's services in designing and building the projected 15-story monument when he heard about the campaign - "happy to figure this job without profit."

Japanese American GOP dinner to have Gov. Knight

A dinner meeting sponsored by the Japanese American Republican Assembly will have as honored guests Calif. Governor Goodwin J. Knight, candidate for the U. S. Senate, and Mrs. Knight, it was announced by Taro Kawa, president.

Kawa stated that this meeting will give the general public an opportunity to meet the Governor and his wife personally. The dinner will be held at Kawafuku on Monday, May 5 at 6:00 p.m. Reservations may be made through Kawa at Enbum Company.

'Gearing for action' says convention head

SALT LAKE CITY. — With Margaret Itami of Ontario, Oregon, chosen to reign over the 15th Biennial National JACL Convention, Rupert Hachiya, National Convention Chairman, announced that the Board and various committees are "shifting into high

gear in preparations for an enjoyable and challenging national gathering."

In addition to the regular meetings of the National Council, the following events are scheduled:

Thursday, Aug. 21
National Board meeting.
Friday, Aug. 22
National JACL Oratorical Contest;

Issei Recognition Dinner; Opening Ceremony; Get-Acquainted Mixer.

Saturday, Aug. 23
Golf Tournament; Convention Luncheon; Youth Forum; 1000 Club Shindig; Evening Social.

Sunday, Aug. 24
Golf Tournament; Convention Outing; Bridge Tournament; Outing Dinner & Dance.

Monday, Aug. 25
Recognitions Banquet; Sayonara Ball. Further information on package registration, hotel reservations, and what clothes to wear, will be forwarded to all chapters.

The convention theme is "Past is Prologue", emphasizing more exciting years ahead for Americans of Japanese ancestry.

Chairman Hachiya last week sent out a personal invitation to all JACLers to be at the Hotel Utah for the 15th Biennial during August 22 - 25. A 175-unit motel addition with a new auditorium has just been completed and these new accommodations will be available for the convention, Hachiya stated.

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Salt Lake Mayor Adiel F. Stewart has the happy duty of crowning Margaret Itami, Snake River JACL's queen candidate, as 1958 Miss National JACL. — Terashima Photo.

N.C. Nisei to honor Atty. General Pat Brown

SAN JOSE. — Northern California Nisei will honor Attorney General Edmund G. "Pat" Brown, Democratic candidate for governor, in a fund-raising banquet to be held May 5 at the Sakura Gardens in Mountain View, it was announced by Attorney Wayne M. Kanemoto of San Jose.

Kanemoto is chairman of the chartered Nisei Democrats of Santa Clara County.

"Our organization is inviting all friends and supporters of Attorney General Pat Brown to take part in honoring Attorney General Brown and pledging their support for him in his race for governor ship," said Kanemoto.

"Attorney General Brown has protected the rights of all minorities and has given, in recognition of their abilities as well as their rights appointments on his staffs

CIVIC GROUPS JOIN TO PLAN SAN FRANCISCO PICNIC

SAN FRANCISCO. — The Japanese community picnic this year will be sponsored by the Nisei Optimist Club together with the Chamber of Commerce, JACL and Nichibei Kai. The picnic will be held on June 15 at Speedway Meadows in Golden Gate Park.

Chicago Cler's daughter threatened by kidnapers; police, FBI affords protection

CHICAGO. — A 9-year-old North Side girl was being escorted to and from school by police early last week because of a kidnap threat.

She is Sharon Inouye, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Hiroshi Inouye, 4311 Kenmore.

Her mother, Dorothy, 34, told Town Hall police she had received two threatening phone calls, including one that resulted in police

setting an elaborate trap Sunday, April 20.

In the latest call, received April 17, a man told her to put \$1,000 in \$20 bills at the south end of the Dearborn St. bridge, she said. The caller told her:

"If you don't pay, we'll harm your daughter or kidnap her."

That Sunday, Mrs. Inouye, riding in cab driven by a detective, placed \$1,000 on the bridge. A dozen detectives, dressed as work-

FBI affords protection

men and pedestrians, loitered nearby.

Nobody came to claim the money.

Two detectives were assigned to guard the girl, while others kept a close watch on the home.

Dr. Inouye, 58, is a physician with offices at 3810 Broadway. He is a member of the local JACL chapter.

Two FBI agents came into the case as observers.

Snake River selects Jubilee queen

ONTARIO, Ore. — Shirley Sugahiro, 20-year-old beautician, has been nominated by the Snake River Valley JACL as a candidate for Queen of Ontario Jubilee.

Miss Sugahiro is the daughter of Kiue Sugahiro of 317 S.E. Second Street in Ontario and employed as a beautician at a local beauty salon. She recently won first place in a hair styling contest in Salt Lake City.

Active in numerous activities in high school, she is a member of the Northwest Young Buddhist Association and pianist for the Buddhist Church in Ontario. Miss Sugahiro graduated from Ontario High School in 1955 and was a member of the National Honor Society. She lists music, dancing, bowling and water skiing among her hobbies.

Hawaii blue baby foregoes heart operation; goes home

SAN FRANCISCO. — Rodney Takaeta, 9, of Hilo, left Stanford University Hospital after undergoing extensive tests of a heart condition and flew back to Hawaii, last week.

A hospital spokesman said surgeons decided against an operation on Rodney, saying they wanted the child to become a little stronger physically.

The boy is known as a "blue baby" because there is insufficient aeration of his blood.

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From the Frying Pan

By Bill Hosokawa

Denver, Colo

THE GOOD OLD DAYS?—The orchestra was swinging through a lively foxtrot as we entered the Albany Hotel ballroom, but no one was dancing. Everyone seemed to be waiting for some couple to start things off, and no one was quite in the mood to take the initiative.

"It's like the good old days among the Nisei," Dr. John Rademaker observed. "Remember how we had to exhort them not to waste good music at their dances?" Remember, indeed. Sometimes a third of the evening would have slipped by before anyone got up the courage to get out on the floor and stop the waste of fine music. An donce a couple or two or three broke the ice, the others followed quickly.

John Rademaker had good reason to recall those days when the Nisei were younger and shyer. If you'll pardon the expression, nearly a quarter century ago he earned his doctorate at the University of Washington with a thesis on Japanese farmers in the state of Washington. And in the course of gathering his material, he got to know a large number of Nisei both urban and rural and gained a deep insight into their problems, inhibitions and triumphs.

He was visiting Denver for the regional convention of the American Association of University Professors which, by coincidence, took place at the same time as the thirteenth annual Nisei Intermountain Collegiate Conference. He was attending his meeting as head of the department of sociology at Willamette University in Salem, Ore., but made time to slip away long enough to attend the NICC dance.

NEW ERA — Actually, as Dr. Rademaker soon discovered, the Nisei today are quite different in many respects from their predecessors of the mid-thirties. Not only did they refuse to waste music, they made good use of it with considerable verve and skill.

Nor are their dancing habits the only thing that has changed. They waded into discussions about their vocational futures with the same forthrightness.

Yet, underlying the convention seemed to be a vague and gnawing doubt: What effect would their Japanese ancestry have on their efforts to make a living by the skills they were acquiring in school?

They found reassurance in the individual successes represented by attorneys, a physician and a dentist, a sales executive, school teacher, city planner, engineers, a geologist, a science researcher, sundry others. There was not time enough to hear how each of them overcame obstacles to attain their present eminence—these would have been fascinating stories—but it was enough to hear them tell of their work and the qualities necessary to succeed.

ADVICE — Running like a thread through the reports of these various Nisei professional people were these two thoughts:

1. Being a Nisei is not an insurmountable handicap in vocational success. In fact, once you have demonstrated your competence, no one seems to remember or realize that you're "different."

2. There's always a place for the well-qualified individual. Don't be too quick to cry discrimination; rather, look to yourself for shortcomings that keep you from qualifying for the job you seek.

As Dr. Rademaker could observe, these are postwar phenomena. Time was that Nisei in demanding professional positions were the exception. Now they are almost commonplace. And that, as the students well know, is the way it should be. Looking back on the advances of the last decade, it is a thrilling thing to contemplate on the progress that might be made in the next ten years

PC Letter Box

FUN AT HI CO CONFERENCE

Editor: — Let's give credit to the Hi-Co Conference Committee who put on such a fine conference this year. It was most interesting, educational, and lots of fun as well. For many of us who went for the first time this year, it was much better than any of us ever expected.

We are all rarin' to attend again next year.

See you all in 1959!

EDWARD MITTWER

P.S. Credit to the JACL Too, for sponsoring it.

Los Angeles.

(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.)

Bits & Bites

HAWAIIAN SINGER IN CHICAGO OPERA LEAD

CHICAGO. — Emiko Suzuki, Hawaiian-born singer, stars in the feminine lead of Leonora in the American Opera Co. production of "Il Trovatore" tomorrow night at the 11th St. Theater.

ONLY SANSEI IN POLICE CONCERT BAND PLAYS

DENVER. — Arthur Iwasaki, Jr., 11, is the lone Japanese American member of the Denver Jr. Police Band, which holds its concert here recently. The city-wide organization is composed of 450 youngsters.

BARON GOTO NAMED AIRLINE DIRECTORATE

HONOLULU. — Baron Goto, one of the JACL-ADC leaders in the early '50s, was recently named one of three vice-presidents on the Aloha Airline board of directors.

CALENDAR

May 3 (Saturday)
Ventura County — Satow visitation, Oxnard Methodist Church.

May 4 (Sunday)
Salt Lake City — Cherry Tree Presentation, State Capitol Grounds, 2 p.m.

PSWDC — Spring Quarterly: San Luis Obispo JACL hosts, Pismo Beach Veterans Memorial Hall, 9 p.m.
Livingston-Merced — Annual picnic, Hagaman Park.

May 9 (Friday)
Chicago — 1000 Club Whing Ding, Lady Ann's Hall, 932 W. Sheridan Rd., 7:30 p.m.

French Camp — Mothers' Day program

Philadelphia — Cabinet meetin.

May 10 (Saturday)
Sequoia-Jr. Tri-Villes "Spring Fever" dance, Carpenter's Union Hall, 3065 Middlefield Rd., Palo Alto, 8 p.m.

May 16 (Friday)
Hollywood — General meeting.

May 17 (Saturday)
East Los Angeles — Emerald Ball, Park Manor, 9 p.m.

Cleveland-Pre-MDC Convention rally.

May 18 (Sunday)
NC-WNDC — Spring Quarterly Session, Sonoma County JACL hosts.

May 24 (Saturday)
D.C. — General meeting: Dr. Roy Nishikawa and Mas Satow, spkrs.

May 25 (Sunday)
EDC — Cabinet meeting, D.C. JACL hosts.

San Francisco — JACL Olympics, Kezar Stadium.

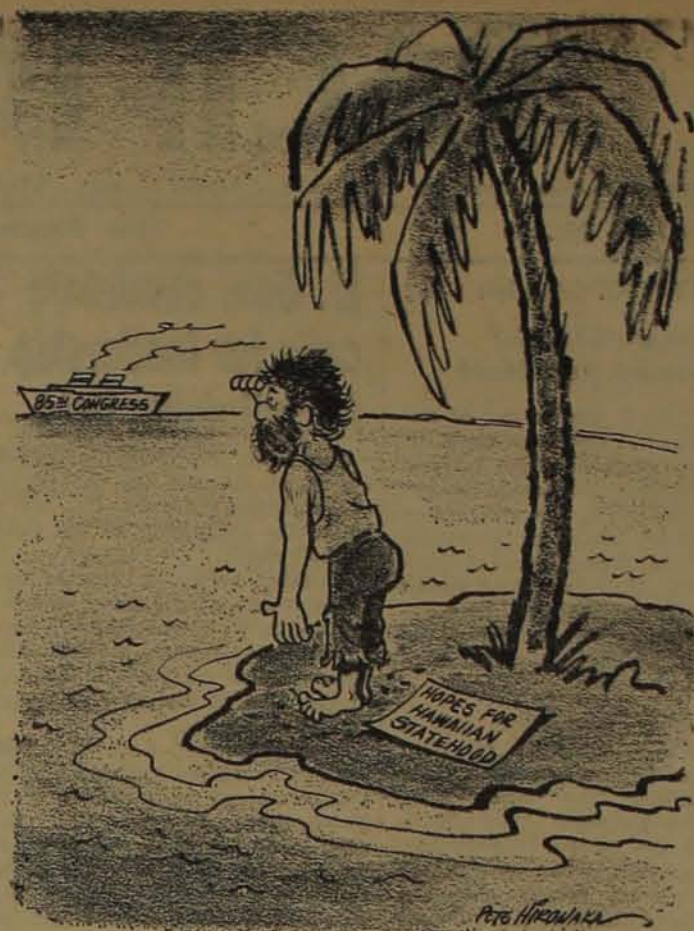
By the Board—

thing to that no-discrimination code of civil rights — sex. I say that there should not be any discrimination against any person because of race, color creed —or sex."

Time was permitted at our last JACL convention for the Auxiliary group to meet and I am hoping that such a time will be planned by the convention planning committee this year. It would be so wonderful to sit together and discuss our mutual problems. Bring along all your ideas and share them with the other members.

I shall be looking forward to meeting you in Salt Lake City . . . so until then goodbye for now.

LILY A. OKURA.
Sec'y to Nat'l Board



By-Passed Again?

THE REASON BEHIND THE NEW LOOK . . .

"When the editors away, the copy boy will play."

Which just about sums up the somewhat different looking Pacific Citizen this week and for the next three weeks.

The editor, Harry Honda, as most of you have heard by this time, is honeymooning in the midwest.

During his absence, the edition will be put to press by Mrs. Sue Kunitomi Emery and this writer who answers to all sorts of names but who is legally known as George Yoshinaga.

One thing we're sure of. That is, the temporary "new look" will be greeted with varied reactions.

As in the case of the new sack dresses, one group might nod their head in approval. Another might shrug their shoulders and emit a sound which could best be described as a blunt, "heh."

To the latter group we say, "don't fret, there's two more issues yet."



Tokyo Topics

By Tamotsu Murayama

Nisei in Japan Find Tough Job Situation

TOKYO. — The money-tight situation still continues here as a reflection of the American depression. Consequently, many Nisei were thrown out of jobs and failed to land suitable ones. The Nisei boys who came here before the war landed on occupation jobs, but lost them with the evacuation of the American forces. It is particularly difficult for Nisei in rural areas.

Post-war Japan was really wonderful for the Nisei as Japan went through the so-called golden era in many respects. Particularly, Japan experienced a phenomenal golden opportunity for about two years in economic and industrial fields. Today, everything is dead —almost desperate.

The one-time booming ship-building industry is now dead. Sugar and cement industries are in the same fix. No matter how much the labor unions shout for higher wages, it is practically impossible to get what they want.

The latest report from Washington says that the U.S. Congress is urged to cut down foreign aids with the rising depression in America. Japan was greatly depending on various aids extended by the United States, including rearmament. With the evacuation of the U.S. forces, things are getting

pretty quiet. American soldiers had money and spent lavishly on foods, souvenirs and women. Japan is forced to turn to some other money making sources. Things are not as easy as they appear.

Washington report revealed that Pres. Eisenhower recently warned that if the U.S. increases its tariff barriers, it may drive Japan to undertake an unusual amount of trade with Communist China. It is difficult to judge how much America is going to buy from Japan—the indication is that business is very slow here and everywhere.

Japan is trying to find a substantial iron ore supply from India and China—Japan is desperately trying to find supplies of natural resources for her industries and existence. Things are really serious with America's depression.

The American Agricultural Market Development Team is here for the Osaka International Trade Fair, which said that Americans should buy more from Japan. There is now a greater awareness of the implications of mutual trade in the higher quarters.

Everything sounds good whenever officials talk. However, what we need is more than a mere sound in order to face the actual situation.



Vagaries

By Larry S. Tajiri

Along the Entertainment Front

This has been a year for Oriental actresses, particularly for those of Japanese ancestry. Miyoshi Umeki has won an Oscar as the "best supporting actress" for her role in "Sayonara." Eiko Ando stars with John Wayne in 20th Fox's forthcoming "The Barbarian and the Geisha," playing the role of Okichi, the geisha whose love for the American pro-consul, Townsend Harris, is now a part of Japanese legend. Michi Kobi, a Nisei, plays the role of a Tokyo girl in love with an American Marine in "Dateline Tokyo," the Nacirema production which was inspired by last year's Girard case. Miiko Taka has been touring more than a score of European capitals, making personal appearances with "Sayonara." In faroff India, Yoko Tani has just completed her role of the Japanese girl in love with a British officer in J. Arthur Rank's "The Wind Cannot Read."

Of all of these actresses, Miss Kobi is perhaps the only one with a sturdy background of dramatic training. She left a war relocation center during World War II to go to New York to study for a career in the theater. She performed at the dramatic workshop of the New School in New York, and was cast in a number of off-Broadway plays. Her best role was the lead in the Ted Pollock drama of interracial love, "Wedding in Japan," in which she was a girl in Tokyo who falls in love with a Negro GI. Michi Kobi was Lotus Blossom in the Larry Parks company of "Teahouse of the August Moon" and has been seen in a number of TV leads, most recently in "The Californians" and on "Climax." She is now rehearsing for her Studio One appearance with Sessue Hayakawa in another GI-Japanese love drama, "End of the Summer Season," for May 12.

Eiko Ando, who makes her movie debut in "The Barbarian and the Geisha," was a lightly-clad showgirl at Tokyo's Nichigeki and had studied voice in Europe. Miiko Taka, who got the lead opposite Marlon Brando with no theatrical experience, whatever, worked in a Los Angeles travel agency when she was discovered by Warner Brothers scout. Yoko Tani, daughter of a Japanese embassy employe in Paris, was a ballet dancer, touring with the Scandinavian Ballet. She was appearing in a cabaret when she was offered a role in a play in Paris, and this led to the role of Lotus Blossom in "Teahouse of the August Moon." She has been in a number of films, including "The Quiet American." Miyoshi Umeki, a favorite with GI audiences in Japan, came to the U.S. as a singer, getting her first break in a San Fernando valley night spot.

But the actress of Asian descent who may make the most of this year of opportunity is a girl of Chinese-French ancestry named France Nuyen. Eighteen months ago Miss Nuyen and her invalid mother faced poverty in their home in Marseilles, France. Then her father, an itinerant Chinese seaman who had obtained American citizenship, sent for his family. France Nuyen, at 16, came to live in the slums of New York.

France got work as a servant, then clerked in a bakery where she could eat sweets to supplement her meager diet. Then she saved enough money to sign up for a modeling course. Her picture was seen by Joshua Logan, director of "South Pacific" who was going to make a movie version of this most successful of Rodgers and Hammerstein musicals. France was signed for the role of the Tonkinese girl, Liat, daughter of Bloody Mary in "South Pacific."

This past week France Nuyen was in Denver to attend a regional premiere of "South Pacific." She has been signed for what may be one of the outstanding roles of the year for an Oriental actress, the part of Suzie Wong in the play which Paul Osborn (who also wrote the screenplay for "Sayonara") is making out of the Richard Mason best-seller, "The World and Suzie Wong." This is the story of a young Chinese prostitute whose love leads to the rehabilitation of a British painter, a part which Richard Burton will take on Broadway. Joshua Logan will direct.

Meanwhile, Rodgers and Hammerstein are casting their musical production for the fall, "The Flower Drum Song," which has been adapted from a novel about San Francisco's Chinatown. Pat Suzuki, one of the year's discoveries among popular singers, has been offered one of the leads, while Michi Kobi and Reiko Sato are testing for important roles. Yuriko, the leading dancer of "The King and I," already has been engaged by R&H for their latest musical. The team of Rodgers and Hammerstein may be the most successful in the theater's history, but they have enjoyed only indifferent success in recent years with "Me and Juliet" and "Pipe Dream." They may return to the level of their earlier successes with another musical in the Oriental idiom of "The King and I."

The problem facing Oriental actresses in the films and TV is, of course, the scarcity of available roles. The public, after all, is bound to get tired of the Madame Butterfly theme. Both Miss Nuyen and Miss Umeki have stated for publication that they hope to play American Indian girls, but there aren't too many such roles in dramatic literature.

Nisei has role in Verdi's opera

CHICAGO. — Probably the first person of Japanese ancestry to star in the role of Leonora in Verdi's "Il Trovatore" will be Emiko Suzuki, formerly of Hawaii and now residing in this city. She will star in her opera role with the American Opera Company tomorrow at the Eleventh St. Theatre, and have the support of a full cast of the American Opera Company's best singers, plus full orchestra and chorus with Edward Early conducting.

Conductor Early stated that the attractive young singer has her future ahead of her as a singer. "It was a real thrill the first time I heard Miss Suzuki sing and to see her act in the moving and dramatic role of Leonora in 'Il Trovatore' is a wonderful experience."

Miss Suzuki has a romantic background, young as she is. She studied Kabuki dances at the age of 3, then studied Hawaiian classical dances and ancient chants and rose to the top of her new profession. She then began singing and studied both piano and violin before coming to the mainland to study voice.

St. Louis chapter has busy spring schedule planned

ST. LOUIS, Mo. — The annual JACL Easter Egg Hunt was held at Forest Park and many youngsters turned out in spite of the chilly weather. Mrs. Dick Sueoka and her assistants were in charge of the job of hiding the eggs as well as making the Easter baskets. Because of the adverse weather, all picnic lunches were enjoyed at home following the hunt.

A Spring Frolic Dance to celebrate the advent of spring was held last Saturday night at the Goff-Moll American Legion Hall, reported Dick Henmi in the April issue of St. Louis JACL Newsletter. Special refreshments, in line with the motif of the evening, were served.

Uta Eto, chairman of the JACL Bowling Group became the first Nisei to win a local bowling tournament. In competition with 338 players, Miss Eto walked away with first place prize money in the Tenth Annual Du Bowl Ladies 3-6-9 Tournament held Apr. 12 and 13.

According to the history of the tournament, Miss Eto attained the highest series ever rolled. She went in with a 149 average and with a handicap of 120, scored a total of 1074 pins, or individual game scores of 212, 269, 226 and 247. The tournament was a singles handicap where an automatic strike is given in the third, sixth and ninth frames in each of four games.

Miss Uta was guaranteed a cash prize of \$100, the actual amount to be determined by the number of entries in the tournament.

The local chapter is planning a Japanese movie to be shown on Sat., May 17, at the Goff-Moll American Legion Hall in Brentwood, Mo. And on June 30, the Goff-Moll will be the location of a barbecue which is still in the planning stages.

Five Live Oak High Nisei elected to school posts

MORGAN HILL. — Two Nisei juniors at Live Oak Union High School were elected to student body offices for the 1958-59 school year. Iyoko Nakao was elected secretary while Rose Yamaga will serve as vice president of the student body.

Miss Nakao is president of the GAA, junior class representative and Honor Society secretary as well as a member of the Pep Club.

Miss Yamaga is junior varsity cheer leader, German Club treasurer, Girls League treasurer and active in the Honor Society and Pep Club.

Yellowstone and Pocatello CL chapters plan biggest social event of year in area

POCATELLO. — Plans for one of the biggest social events in the Southeast Idaho area were finalized when officers of Idaho Falls, Yellowstone and Pocatello JACL chapters met in Idaho Falls recently. The combined meeting was precipitated by the fact that each chapter felt it could not adequately honor the few graduates in their area and that a Tri-Chapter Graduation Dance would be supported with greater enthusiasm since some time has passed since a combined social event has been held.

Idaho Falls JACL will be the host chapter and the White Elephant Supper Club was chosen because of its central location. The Yellowstone chapter is in charge of contracting Leo Weiss' 6-piece orchestra from Rexburg and the Pocatello chapter will be in charge of tickets and gifts. Friday evening, June 6 was selected for the dance.

Highest Bowling Award

Sam Tominaga recently bowled a "300" game during a practice game at Tough Guy Lanes and received a new bowling ball and \$100 in cash from proprietor Tuff Nelson, a 1000 Club member.

Tominaga was the first bowler to roll a 300 game in the new

alleys and he would have received a new Pontiac if it had been a sanctioned game.

Youth Program

A co-operative program of activities to include the younger members of the three southeast Idaho JACL chapters was discussed at a recent meeting. Ron Yokota and Bobby Endo were selected to work with the youth of the Pocatello chapter.

Jaclyns

The last meeting of the Jaclyns was held on April 7 and it was announced that further meetings of the club would not be held until after the harvest. The annual swimming party, however, will be held on July 13 at Indian Springs with the club furnishing the drinks.

Woman in Japan claims to be heir to Issei's fortune

Hyohei Kasai, the 76 year old dishwasher, who left an estate of \$67,837 when he died on April 8, without a will or an heir, may have been married at one time.

Word came this week from Tokyo that a woman claiming to be Kasai's widow reportedly learned of Kasai's death from the newspaper, Sankei-Jiji, which carried the story through its Los Angeles correspondent.

Late Monday afternoon the Public Administrator's office, which has been appointed by the Superior Court to take charge of Kasai's estate, reported receiving a telephone call from a local attorney concerning the widow's claim.

Mrs. Kasai told the Japanese paper that she married Kasai in 1906 and planned to go to the United States with him in 1908. But she stayed behind as she was expecting a child.

Kasai did come to the United States in 1908 but his few friends say that he was a bachelor. Most of the papers evidencing his wealth were passbooks to bank savings accounts and stock certificates crammed into a cardboard box under his bed in a cheap hotel room in L'il Tokyo.

If the claim of Mrs. Tatsu Kasai is believed to be legitimate, a deposition of heirship will be taken from her by U.S. officials in Tokyo. Finally, if her claim meets all legal requirements to the satisfaction of the Superior Court here, the estate will be forwarded to her.

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The National Director's Report

By Masao Satow

Just as delegates at the Pacific Northwest District Council concluded their business session at Hood River, a week's steady downpour let up as if prearranged to enable all of us to view the apple and cherry blossoms in full bloom across the peaceful Hood River Valley. Nice timing, George Nakamura of Mid Columbia and President Nob Hamada. District Council Chairman Henry Kato and Grasham-Troutdale Prexy Jack Ouchida were on hand the night before to greet us at the Portland airport and take us to the informal reception dinner set up by Portland Chapter 1000 Club Chairman George Azumano and President Kimi Tambara, with PNW DC 1000 Club Chairman Dr. Joe Onchi presiding. For DC Chairman Henry Kato the forthcoming 15th National Biennial Convention will be their first since he helped to put on the 6th Biennial at Portland in 1940.

A desert sandstorm reminded us of Amache Relocation Center days as we proceeded to Indio to meet Tom Sakai and members of his Coachella Valley Chapter Board. For Tom this is his second round as President. A delegation of six JACL-ers from Imperial Valley headed by President Tak Momita joined in for the informal discussion of JACL affairs. The recent Imperial Chapter picnic brought together some one hundred residents of the area for the first time postwar. Tak Momita also reported that 152 feet of the 184 ft. Calipatria Memorial flagpole has been subscribed. With the spread about this fine community project in the AMERICAN WEEKLY, the flag at sea level should be assured by dedication time June 14.

Like the meeting at Indio, the Venice-Culver gathering brought together the hard core of staunch long time JACL-ers, plus a number of hard-working earnest newcomers. President Pete Furuya is one of these newcomers, but makes up in enthusiasm. We shared the program with a colorful film on Japanese kimonos, courtesy Japan Air Lines. Incidentally, Fred Takata accuses us of wrecking his diet, but who can resist the tempting after meeting snacks our chapters put out? Having the George Inagakis feed us royally before the Venice-Culver meeting didn't help Fred either.

President Frank Suzukida of Downtown Los Angeles promised more action as we met informally at luncheon with the faithful and brought them up to date on inside JACL matters. National President Dr. Roy Nishikawa and Fred Takata joined us in Gardena as we met with JACL stalwarts to consider an effective program to realize the JACL potential in this community. Like other communities, long time JACL-ers are giving leadership to many other community affairs. The Chapter will shift over into a board system to insure more administrative unity and continuity.

We are indebted to President Moto Asakawa and wife Florence for making our brief stay in San Diego enjoyable. A good group of members turned out for the dinner meeting, including the three charming chapter representatives to the recent Hi Co conference. San Diego is proud of its Credit Union as a real service to its members. We were happy to renew acquaintances on this side of the country with Hideo and Yuri Yoshihara, formerly of Dayton, where Hideo served as Chapter President. In San Diego he is one of Convair's top engineers. Fred Takata makes a good navigator and copilot.

A group of floor scraping bowing JACL Board members in yukatas and kimonos, led by President Ken Yamaguchi caught us speechless as we walked into Tom Ito's home in Pasadena. All of us guests, President Roy Nishikawa and Alice, Blanche Shiosaki, Fred Takata, and the Deacon, were provided with yukatas for atmosphere and comfort, and the Japanese language took a real beating as we exchanged pleasantries over sake. We were then whisked to the Oishi Sukiyaki Parlor, specially opened for a one night stand by proprietors Jiro and Anna Oishi. Ken Yamaguchi as shikaisha proved he could be as Japanese as any Nisei we have met. Following the soring of colored films of the chapter's recent 1000 Club luau by Tets Iwasaki, former EDC Chairman while residing in Philadelphia, we suddenly found ourselves transferred to a Las Vegas atmosphere with everyone provided with three million dollars in greenbacks, rate of exchange - three million to one. The usually sedate wives made it tough on our eardrums as they "talked" to the galloping dominos, while our National President cornered the 250 grand notes in a poker game. Ken Yamaguchi and Tom Ito suggested we wash off all the evil contamination of gambling with a swim in the Ito pool, so what could we subservient JACL staff members, including Blanche and Fred, do but to jump in. This at two aye in the morning. Thank you, Pasadena for an unusual and hilarious evening.

Long Beach-Harbor District President Dr. Dave Miura called an informal meeting of the Board at his home to discuss various local and national JACL items, but even as we met, the Chapter's Youth Commission was sponsoring a benefit movie assisted by some of the Board members. Looks like Long Beach is serious about retaining the PSW Chapter of the Year honors.

This past week also saw us conferring with Sue Joe of Long Beach on the national youth program, giving our blessings to Harry Honda and Mikie on their happy marriage, officiated by 1000 Clubber Father Clement. We talked over preliminary plans for our 1959 National JACL Bowling Tournament with National JACL Bowling Advisory Board members Easy Fujimoto who will chair the affair, and Chiyo Tashima, Southwest LA JACL President Sam Hirasawa, Mas Shimatsu, Ty Kajimoto, Harley (300 game) Higurashi, and Regional Director Fred Takata. With the opening this Friday of the Holiday Bowl, site of our 1959 Tournament, it just happens we have a bowling ball in our car trunk, so Holiday Bowl, here we come to help initiate the new alleys.

Salt Lakers aid chreey trees

SALT LAKE CITY. — A project to replace 36 Kwanzan cherry trees on the Utah State Capitol grounds was spearheaded by the Salt Lake City JACL under the chairmanship of Henry Y. Kasai. The trees which were damaged by untimely freeze a few years ago were to be replaced on the basis of \$5 per tree. An appeal made through the "Utah Nippo" brought in an overwhelming response and the project was oversubscribed by three-fold.

On May 4, at 2:00 p.m., the presentation and dedication ceremony will take place in front of the Capitol. Chapter president Ichiro Doi will present the trees to Gove. George D. Clyde, receiving them in behalf of the State of Utah. Secretary of State Lamont Toronto, who made the request for the trees, will also participate.

Adding a festive air to the ceremony will be young girls dressed in kimonos presenting several dance numbers.

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Membership Drive

Rae Fujimoto and Shiz Sakai, drive co-chairmen, reported 460

paid-up members as of the end of March, with the goal of 500 members in close sight. This compares with the 300 members signed up ten years ago for the 10th Biennial Convention which was held in Salt Lake City and with the 403 of 1957.

Ladies Auxiliary

Artificial Sego Lily flowers and beehives are being made by members of the Ladies' Auxiliary for the National Convention. The Sego lily, which is the state flower, grew in abundance and sustained the Mormons who traveled west to settle in the valley. The edible and nourishing lily bulbs kept the Mormons from hunger until they were able to raise their own crops. The beehive represents the industrious people of the state.

Mary Nakai who has been appointed historian for the Auxiliary has also consented to serve the Baby Sitters Committee for the Convention.

New members Chiyo Morita, Eleanor Miya, Mildred Toma and Mary Doi were welcomed to the group.

"U.S.-Japan Relations"

A frank discussion on "Should JACL broaden its scope of national programming by adding an

international aspect - in particular, the U.S. and Japan relations" was held on Thursday evening, April 24 at the general membership meeting. Various views were presented by Prof. Elmer Smith, author of "JACL History", Kuni Kanegae, representing the youth; Alice Kasai, representing the National Officers and an Issei member discussing the Issei's views.

Washington Representative Mike Masaoka stressed at the Idaho Falls District Convention last November that JACL has reached the stage where its members, as Americans, should assist America to understand Japan - that the Nisei are in a unique position to make this contribution. . . . whereas Saburo Kido, past national president, has recently cautioned that the JACL should not be involved, by asking "Isn't there confusion in our thinking by mixing the role of the Nisei as individuals and the organization - as JACL comprises a united group of members from all walks of life.

These conflicting views will be the basis for stimulating and frank sessions at the National Convention when chapter delegates will be called upon to participate.

Essay & Oratorical Contests

The Intermountain District Council Oratorical Contest will be held June 1 and Contest Chairman Rose Kanzaki announces the Committee is now ready to receive Salt Lake entries. The eligible age range is from 16 to 21 and entrants need not be members of JACL.

The title of the contests is "What JACL Means to the Japanese American Youth" and persons may participate in only one division.

Endo, Shindo participate in Pasadena concert

PASADENA. — Akira Endo, violinist, and Tak Shindo, musical technical adviser for the movies, took part in "Concert on the Crest", which was presented by Gus Albrecht and George Laine at the Pasadena Art Museum on April 27.

Endo is a member of the Coleman Award winning Trio and with Elsie Wright, Piano and Eugene Wilson, cello, played Mendelssohn's Trio in C Minor and Halsey Stevens' Trio No. 3.

Shindo was one of the panelist at a panel discussion which followed the musical program.

Nisei Film Star Appears At Benefit Dance In Fresno



Actress Michi Kobi of film and TV was honored guest at Fresno JACL-Chinese Fay Wah Club's annual cancer benefit dance held recently at Rainbow Ballroom. The star's appearance attracts great interest from Shirley Ann Nakamura (left) and Brenda Lee.

HONOLULU PSYCHIATRIST, DR. DOROTHY NATSUI SAYS CULTURAL TRAITS ARE IMPORTANT POINTS TO RELAXED AND INFORMAL STYLE OF LIVING IN HER NATIVE HAWAII AS CASE

HONOLULU. — A society that dotes on relaxation and prides itself on an informal style of living may well produce a breed of women different from those of New York or Chicago.

Hawaii's "muumuued," barefoot women appear unharried, without strong anxieties.

But the bare feet and the muumuus are only external signs. Deeper reasons, ethnic and social forces, assail easy explanations.

Dr. Dorothy Natsui, a psychiatrist, pointed to her people to illustrate how cultural traits are psychologically important.

Anger Repressed

"The Japanese traditionally believe it is not polite to express one's anger. Such a cultural value explains to me why a Japanese woman would hold back and endure much too much for her own good."

"The habit breeds resentment," she explained, "throughout the long years. At a certain point, an emotional crisis or even a minor incident might trigger a mental breakdown. The dam breaks all of a sudden. Feelings of disassociation overwhelm the woman because her defenses are no longer adequate."

Dr. Natsui indicated the experience is usually true to the older generation. Those of the younger generation, according to her, still show the effects of a residual

culture in the manner with which they handle their conflicts.

Hypertensions

Discussing the local Chinese next, Dr. Natsui said she thinks "they, (the Chinese), do not suffer hyper-tension to the extent that Japanese do."

"The Chinese are able to express their anxieties, or anger," she said simply.

Hawaiians are a happy-go-lucky sort, and that to the doctor certainly ruled out tension.

The Koreans, she claimed, are able to express or release tensions.

She thinks Filipinos are much the same way about their worries.

Caucasians, she generalized, are usually able to find more outlets, and in this sense can handle their tensions more effectively.

Tensions Dispersed

"They like to go swimming, sunbathing, and partying. They disperse their tensions through these recreational outlets."

The Caucasian who fails to find a healthy release usually takes to drinking.

On the whole, she stated, you might say the Caucasian has a greater capacity to disperse tensions, while the Oriental retains his.

Choosing to compare Hawaii's women with those on the Mainland, Dr. Natsui said she believes that generally women here are

more passive and subdued.

The Japanese psychiatrist explained she has seen evidences of it in both normal and extreme conditions.

"The violent types of mental cases in our territorial hospital would be the quiet types in Mainland hospitals."

Comparisons

Dr. Natsui suspects the degree of tension patients suffer here is much less.

"Again, if you compare the behavior of crowds during a basketball or football game here with sports fans in the Mainland, normally, you'll find the local audience is likely to be more subdued."

"Or, you have the situation at the University of Hawaii where professors are frustrated often-times because they find the students are not articulate enough, or responsive."

"Mothers in Hawaii," she said, as if to explain youth's behavior, "don't tend to push their children. They are not aggressively anxious for them. In fact, the mothers have a tendency to over-protect their children."

"The boys, at that," she continued, "have been found to be less expressive than the girls."

The situation is of course quite the reverse in most Oriental countries, Dr. Natsui concluded.

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VERY TRULY YOURS:

On polling JACLers
over U.S.-Japan affairs

With the Salt Lake national convention 16 weeks away, interest should be mounting on the question: should JACL enter into the international political arena? This issue looms to be one of the key policy matters that will not be easily tabled.

Berry Suzukida, regular contributor of the Chicago JACL newsletter, has neatly summarized the variance of opinions as he has heard them in the orientation meetings recently sponsored by the chapter.

Those opposed to an enlarged concept of JACL activity pointed out that the group's participating in foreign affairs would characterize it in the public mind as one with strong Japanese sympathies.

The pro - international segment, on the other hand, felt than an existing, but willy-nilly public identification of Japanese Americans with Japanese in Japan precluded any attempt to remain "neutral"—and, in fact, made it incumbent upon Japanese Americans to keep themselves fully informed on race relations here, and to try to maintain understanding and friendship between the United States and Japan.

Suzukida (brother of Downtown Los Angeles chapter president Frank) added that the latter group made reference to the many complaints received by congressmen from American textile firms which claim that Japanese imports ruin their industry. Such charges, it was slated, invariably are accompanied by damaging character attacks on the Japanese in general. Such insinuations have seriously lowered the high esteem of the Nisei, draining the reservoir of goodwill built by the brilliant war record and exemplary peacetime conduct.

Hence, it was suggested that a Gallup - type poll of chapter members to determine the wishes and thinking of members be made. While such information may be useful and representative in some respects, our feeling is that the final answer seems ensconced in the JACL preamble: "in order to foster American democracy."

— Harry K. Honda.

Chairman Reveals MDC meet agenda

CHICAGO. — Kumeo Yoshinari, MDC Chairman, of Chicago, has released a tentative agenda for the forthcoming district council meeting to be held in Cleveland over the Memorial Day weekend at the Hotel Statler.

In addition to the business meetings, workshops and clinic sessions, the agenda calls for tennis, bridge and golf for the sports-minded, a Jr. JACL social for the younger set and the 1000 Club Whing Ding.

The essay contest under the chairmanship of Dr. James Toguchi is scheduled for May 30, followed by the oratorical contest to be chaired by Mas Yamasaki.

While Sunday, June 1 is open for activities for booster delegates, the banquet and ball will be held on Sat. night, at the Hotel Statler, headquarters of the MDC meeting. Rabbi Barnett R. Brickner of the Fairmount Temple in Cleveland will be the main convention speaker while Angelo DeMalus' orchestra will supply the music for the ball.

Assisting Yoshinari during the 3-day council meeting are the following persons:

Ken Miyoshi, treas. report; Tomo Kosabayashi, 1000 Club; George Ono, prog. & act.; Kaye Watanabe, pub.; Dr. Ruby Hirose, hist.; Dr. James Taguchi, essay; Mas Yamasaki, oratorical; Dr. James Takao, recog.; Abe Hagiwara, nominations.

US official explains complaint Issued by Canadian Orientals seeking entry

VANCOUVER, B.C. — U.S. immigration laws do not discriminate against any Canadian entering the States on a visiting basis, declared Dr. Sidney Smith, Canadian Minister of External Affairs, in replying to an inquiry from the Vancouver Coordinating Council on Citizenship protesting bias against Canadians of Asian descent by American border authorities.

"Neither the United States Immigration and Nationality Act nor the regulations under the above law", Dr. Smith wrote, "discriminate against Canadian citizens insofar as non-immigrant entry into the U.S. is concerned. Indeed, Canadian citizens enjoy a special privileged status."

"Canadian citizens, without regard to racial origin, are listed in the very limited categories of persons for whom passports and visa requirements are waived in respect of visits to the United States."

Precaution Suggested

"The complaints which have come to your attention from Canadians of Oriental origin may have arisen because of special precautions which the U.S. Immigration authorities have taken against the

fraudulent entry to the U.S. of Orientals who are not Canadian citizens but who may attempt to masquerade as such. As you probably know, there is strong pressure by Asians to gain admittance to the United States.

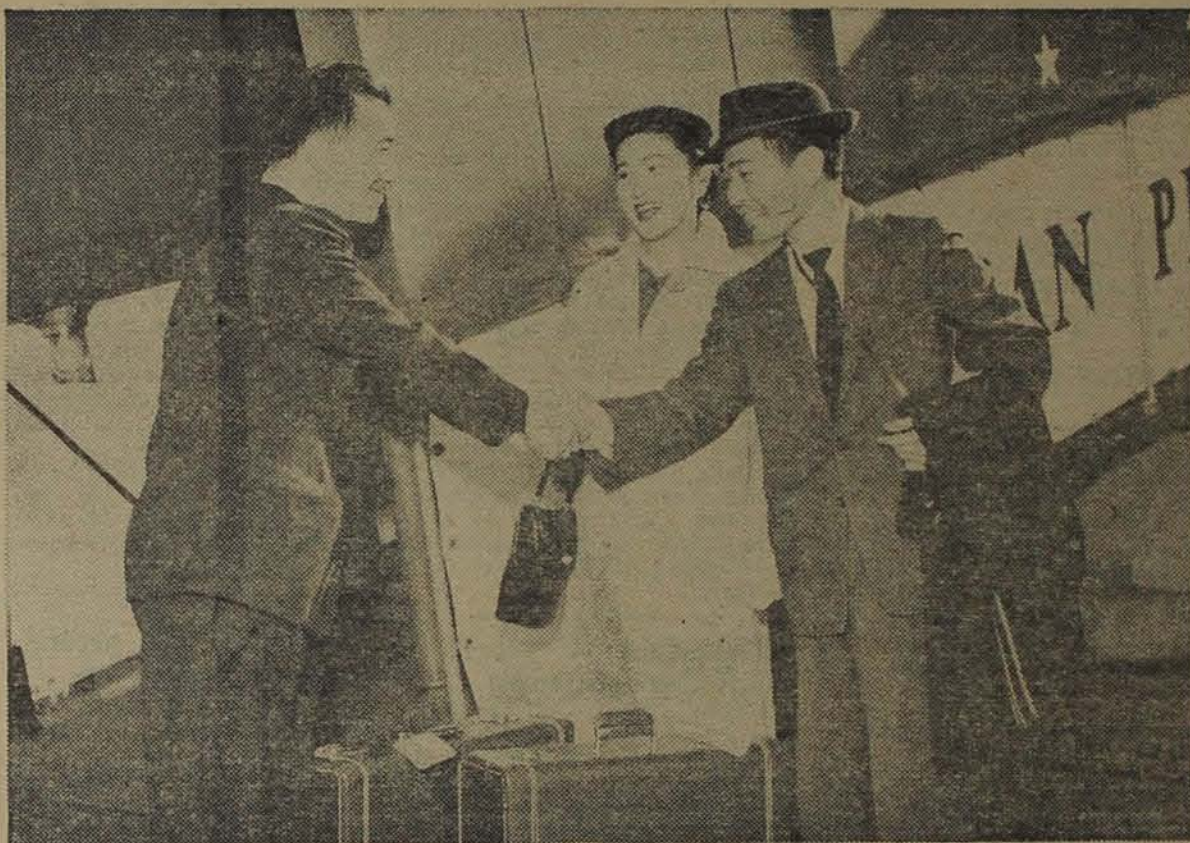
"It is unfortunate that deceit by non-Canadian Orientals, including the attempted falsification of Canadian documents, may have reacted against Canadian citizens of Oriental origin and in effect have reduced the privilege which is theirs as Canadians under the law and regulations of the U.S. I do not consider that it would be advisable to protest regarding the situation in general, however, because I am sure you would agree, the U.S. Immigration officials have the same responsibility in regard to fraud and false entry as have our own Canadian Immigration officers."

(No such incidents of fraudulent entry into the States on the part of Issei have ever been reported to The New Canadian.)

"Canadian citizens of Oriental origin who intend to visit the U.S. might facilitate their journeys by equipping themselves with Cana-

dian passports, although these technically may not be required. Passports furnish applicants' photographs and signatures and therefore facilitate identification by the U.S. Examining officers. United States visas in the passports would provide an added protection, but I fear U.S. consulates might be reluctant to issue these since they are not required. This is a point you may want to discuss with the United States Consul General in Vancouver. This department would be prepared to make inquiries concerning specific cases in which you considered Canadian citizens have been dealt with unfairly at the U.S. border," Dr. Smith concluded.

The Vancouver Coordinating Council on Citizenship had claimed earlier that "a number of cases have come to our attention in the past months whereby Canadian Citizens of Oriental origin have not been as well treated by immigration officers of the United States as Canadians of other racial origins when they have planned to visit the United States for a short period."



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THE Northwest PICTURE

By Elmer Ogawa

AN ASSIGNMENT TO GET AWAY FROM IT ALL

As the Trade Fair was winding itself up in a glorious finale, one of those odd picture assignments came along; the kind that will cause a fellow to go along with it partly from curiosity. A tavern quite far away from our usual haunts was having a grand opening, and there were pictures to be made.

Although not everyone in this new place would be absolute strangers, here was a chance to make new acquaintances, sort of business and pleasure deal. And, like a breath of fresh air, chance to get away from some of the same old faces who won't speak to a feller, or the types who hide behind thick glasses and pretend not to see him come in. And sometimes to go far afield is to become aware of what a small world it is.

We hadn't been around the new place too long, when someone mentioned the name, "Pat Hagiwara" and turning to me, asked if I knew of or had heard of this Pat. Well, every Nisei in Seattle knows Pat has just recently retired from his term as Commander of the Nisei Vets.

So this feller is talking about the Pat Hagiwara (the same) who was a sergeant in the Alaska National Guard during those touchy days just before and after Pearl Harbor when the guard was alerted.

One black blustery night this guardsman was walking his post on a dock. Don't remember which place, he mentioned several: Haines, Chilkoot, Barracks, Seward, Anchorage. His wide brimmed stetson campaign hat was firmly strapped to his chin, but a sudden gust sputniked the hat out on the black waters and he was unable to retrieve it.

"There's lots of reason I'll never forget that Pat," he said, "but one of them is — you know that GI so and so, he was supply sergeant — got up a statement of charges on that hat and I had to pay it! Two fifty is a lot of money when a guy gets only \$21 a month."

He promised to look up his former supply sergeant; to shake him by the hand of course, but if he doesn't, Pat may want to know the guy's name is Neil Bredock.

On short acquaintance in a neighborhood pub, one can also meet characters that one doesn't forget easily.

CHARACTERS NOT EASILY FORGOTTEN

Such a character is a little pug nose jockey-sized kind of guy about five feet two and 110 pounds soaking wet. We remember when a fellow had to be five-ten to even get to Marine Corps boot camp in the old days. But this half pint was a Marine Corps flyer in two wars. Still a youngster, they must have robbed the cradle to get him in War II from which he emerges as a 1st lieutenant. Then, as a reservist, joined the Korean unpleasantness, and came out a major with a chestful of ribbons and flying citations. Participated in the island hopping campaigns, and jet piloted through the biggest air battles of the Korean conflict, on both land and carrier based planes.

"All the way through, never got a scratch," he said. But we think the scratches are where they don't show.

Every few weeks of Korean flying earned a few days off in Tokyo. Do yer best to try to blow in the accumulated 15 or 20 hundred before going back. Nevertheless, in spite of everything, wound up with \$8,000 in the sock at time of separation. Left most of it with dad in New England. Set out to see USA as a civilian. Got off train at Chicago. Wound up on skid row and in the bucket. A Chicago police captain put him on a bus, care of the driver, provided he get a ticket for some place far away from Chicago, in this case Seattle. After a stay in Seattle, pooled resources with a new buddy and had \$7 left after buying two tickets to Florida. They starved out the trip rather than send home for a fresh bite out of the nest egg. But there followed many periods of lucky fortunes and famine. And escapades. Stay out of Texas jails. They are the worst.

At the tavern's grand opening, there was some dancing, which is not just according to the rules for taverns. Some of the girls kidded the small fellow. "All those years as a flyer in the Marines and you can't dance?" His simple retort: "I was too busy fighting." We can believe it, as the salient facts of his boozy yern check out 100 per cent.

The nest egg long since gone, the ex-major wears a hard hat and packs steel rods on his back on a construction job. No bitterness, no regrets, just living it up as far as a working man's dollar will go. "Nuts," he said, "some people wouldn't even trust me with one of those cheap planes on a crop dusting job."

Just as always suspected — some of us make our contribution to society early in life and then slip into happy oblivion.

George Matsui gets good press notices for 'King and I' role

George Matsui, who stars in the role of Prince Chulalongkorn in the light opera "King and I", is receiving good notices from the metropolitan press after the opening night performance. The opera is now playing at the Philharmonic Aud.

Dick Williams, Mirror News entertainment editor wrote "Fourteen year old George Matsui, a student at Hollenbeck Jr. High School, in his first stage production (although he has been on TV and in Japanese movies) makes a convincing prince."

"George Matsui is winning as the Crown Prince," commented Patterson Greene of the Examiner.

Michiko, who staged the dances for the Los Angeles performance also caught the eyes of Williams who wrote of the Uncle Tom's Cabin sequence, "It is a bizarre and beautiful piece of fantasy and Michiko and a large company perform it impeccably."

The production is scheduled for a five-week performance.

WATSONVILLE CHAPTER COMPLETES MEMBER DRIVE AT DINNER MEETING

BY RICHARD YAMAMOTO
WATSONVILLE. — At a dinner meeting held April 21, at the Mon Desir Dining Inn in Aptos, the Watsonville JACL chapter completed its membership drive, with all cards and money collected being turned in to chairman, Tom Murakami.

Guest speaker was County District Attorney Nick Drobae who stressed the importance of understanding the duties of the various governmental offices and spoke on the functions performed by his office.

Delegates Bill Mine and or Tom Tao will represent the chapter at the District Council meeting in Sonoma on May 18.

During the brief cabinet meeting called by President Shig Hirano, the sponsorship of a Pony League team as part of the youth program was accepted and the benefit movie originally scheduled for May was postponed to July 3 to provide entertainment for the Issei during the Fourth of July holiday.

Venice-Culver CL accepts girls club sponsorship

CULVER CITY. —At the April board meeting held at the home of club treasurer, Sumi Kashiwagi, the Venice-Culver chapter accepted sponsorship of the Jolineses, a newly-formed girls' club. The club was represented at the meeting by its president Darleen Imazu and vice-president Kayo Asari. VC-JACL Secretary Joyce Imazu was also present as advisor to the club.

Dike Nagano was nominated for candidate for Achievement Award and a motion was carried to subsidize president Peter Furuya for the PSWDC meeting in San Luis Obispo.

The May board meeting will be held at the new home of Frances Kitagawa on May 7.

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'River Kwai' film rapped

(Toronto Globe & Mail critic Scott Young this past week rapped the 1957 Academy Award winning picture, "The Bridge on the River Kwai," as suggesting race bias. With so much said in favor of the film to date, the minority opinion of a Canadian writer brings to mind that there are always two sides to a question.—Ed.)

By Scott Young
Toronto Globe & Mail

For some time I sat watching the movie called The Bridge on the River Kwai and wondered what there was about that I didn't like. And then I got it: The flat and unadorned statement the film makes that white people are pretty smart and yellow people are pretty stupid.

If the movie had shown that one Briton, or even a regiment of them, did not think highly of the intelligence or skill of the Japanese, but also had shown in one way or another that this view was not necessarily sound, the movie would not have bothered me.

There are people in the world who believe in basic inequalities between races. Depiction of this phase of human character often is of great artistic value in movies, on stage, in fiction.

But the British in the picture did not take the racist line.

They deplored the lack of skill of one Japanese engineer, but that seemed an individual thing.

In fact, their view was shared by the Japanese colonel in charge of the prisoner-of-war camp in which much of the action takes place.

He removed the engineer from his job and took over direct command of the bridge building himself. When the British were able to demonstrate to him that he still was doing things the wrong way, he let them do it their way—although taking it as a terrible disgrace to himself and to Japan that this was the only way to build the bridge properly and in time.

This, as a simple statement that one group of human beings was better at building bridges than another, was all right. One construction firm is more efficient than another. One baseball team is better than another.

But all Baptists aren't better than all Presbyterians. All tall men aren't better than all short men. And, as most people know, the same goes for races.

Sansei ass't. atty. general during Boy's Week fete

SAN FERNANDO. — As part of the annual observance of Boys' Week in Los Angeles this week, Harry Toshiaki Muranaka of San Fernando High School sat in as Asst. Attorney General on Tues. The 17-year-old senior is the eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. Minoru Muranaka of 16104 Chatsworth St., and is presently serving his second term as student body president of the valley high school.

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It seemed to me that this movie, by not allowing the Japanese a single saving grace of skill or intelligence, translated the Kwai story into a statement of white superiority.

The film manages to give the impression that there wasn't a good, really intelligent Japanese to be found anywhere in Asia.

In doing so, it takes the one side of the Japanese character that we heard about most during World War Two—the fanatic, suicidal brute that made the best anti-Japanese propaganda—and ignores all other qualities of character and education that most people really know were there all along, even though hidden temporarily from us.

It need not have been done that way. Much of the film's huge appeal is based on certain particularly British concepts of how a human being meets fate bravely. He whistles a march tune and marches well with his uniform in rags and no soles in his boots. A leader is found who is prepared to break before he bends, and his example helps others not to break.

These qualities are intended to represent the finest in that particular area of human character, and do so.

They do not need the garnishing of an opposition made totally brutish and primitive, particularly when we know that in every race, including our own, cowardice is found as well as bravery, and stupidity as well as intelligence.

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Los Angeles NEWSLETTER

By Henry Mori

BEST WISHES TO MR. AND MRS. HARRY HONDA

Your PC ed Harry K. Honda finally bit the matrimonial dust and has joined the ranks of the "ball and chain" by saying "I do" with lovely Misako Mayumi last Saturday at St. Francis Xavier Chapel, known to most of us as Maryknoll Church.

Father Clement performed the nuptial rite. He delivered words of wisdom to the newly-weds and to the audience in Japanese. It was indeed a beautiful afternoon for a marriage ceremony and quite a "reunion" for the rest of us who haven't seen each other for sometime. The JACL brass, from national director Mas Sato down were present. Among them were Dr. and Mrs. Roy M. Nishikawa, Mr. and Mrs. Saburo Kido, George Inagaki, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Chuman, Mr. and Mrs. Kango Kunitzugu, Tats Kishida, Fred Takata, Dr. and Mrs. Tom Watanabe, and Mr. and Mrs. Dick Fujioka, to mention a few.

By the time this column gets into print the Hondas should be somewhere in the midwest and east enjoying a three weeks' honeymoon without a care in the world. Darn lucky people! Brother, them are the best days of your life.

Harry just about brought up the end of the line as far as the Quixotics are concerned—a bachelor's club he was responsible in forming almost a decade ago. "Now he's one of us sufferers," his Quix friends kid him.

We'd like to extend our best wishes again to Mickey and congratulations to Harry on their marriage and wish them long life and happiness. Until they come out of their first throbs of marital bliss we'll all miss the guy.

\$67,000 AND NO HEIR TO PASS IT ON

The other day we were chatting with attorney Frank Chuman, legal counselor for the JACL, on the peculiar stubbornness of some Issei who feel "robbed" if they are forced to write out their will. Consequently, in some cases the next of kin have difficulty in claiming an estate which is rightfully theirs. However, in instances where there are no heirs to take over, there are methods in which groups or individuals could benefit.

The case in point we discussed with Chuman is that of a 76-year old bachelor Issei who died last week leaving an estate of \$67,837 in cold cash, securities and bonds. When the hotel clerk discovered the body of Hyohei Kasai slumped over his bed eight days after he had died, found under the mattress were "bank books, brokerage holdings, stock certificates all crammed in a paper box.

It is quite obvious that since there was no will and no apparent heir in this country or in Yamanashi, Japan, from where Mr. Kasai came half a century ago, the estate will be turned over to the state. It is sheer stupidity, on the part of the deceased commented Chuman, since the money could be well used by philanthropic organizations such as the Shonien child care center, the International Institute, Japanese Chamber of Commerce, JACL, or the veterans associations through the simple drafting of a will.

We can only add that the name of Hyohei Kasai could have been remembered by the recipients of his charitable gesture had he done what his few friends had been urging him to do: write a will.

This way, Mr. Kasai remains a dishwasher soon forgotten who amassed a sizeable fortune through hard work only to die without enjoying the fruits of his labor.



15th Biennial Underlines

BY RUPERT HACHIYA
Chairman, National JACL Convention Board

Salt Lake City

Secretaries and more secretaries...

From various correspondence received, it appears that we are confusing some people with our many convention secretaries! We do admit having many capable ones. Since the normal load on the convention board secretary is usually heavy, I have encouraged each committee engaged in correspondence to have their own secretary. As a result, our secretarial roster boasts of: convention correspondence secretary, Grace Kasai; convention recording secretary, Tomoko Yano; and Sue Kaneko secretary to the convention chairman—myself. Toshi Odow is secretary to the booklet committee and Alyce Watanabe acting for the Queen Contest Committee. She now has a new assignment as the person in charge of the complete convention schedule for the Queen, from hair appointments to watching for spots on her apparel. Each one is doing her job, and we could not do without any of them.

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'Getting to Know You'...

Mary Ujifusa, one of our younger set JACL members, who is chairing this event, has let it be known the mixer theme will be "Getting to Know You." Can't reveal her secrets, but their plans indicate a fun-packed hilarious evening following the sequences of the "King and I." Just leave it to the youths for originality and versatile thinking. Al Sedgley's 10-piece orchestra has been booked for the dance.

VITAL STATISTICS

ENGAGEMENTS

SUZUKAWA - KATAYAMA — Michi to Tak K. both Los Angeles.
ZENIHIRO - URUSHIBATA — Mabel, Los Angeles, to Yukio, Wilmington.

BIRTHS

LOS ANGELES
YAMAYOSHI, Shunzo (Yoko Sugiyama) — boy, Feb. 9.
YONAMINE, Kiyoshi (Nobue Nomura) — boy, Mar. 13.
YOSHIDA, Shinobu (Mitsuno Yamamoto) — boy, Mar. 10.
YOSHIRO, Stanley (Dorothy Yamasaki) — girl, Mar. 3.
KUROSAKI, Tamotsu (Miyoko Gekko) — boy, Feb. 11, Gardena.
YAMAGATA, Shigeo (Takako Toyoshima) — girl, Feb. 8.
OSHIRO, Masao H. (Sueko Takesu) — boy, Feb. 9.
LONG, John T. (Yuriko Fukushima) — boy, Feb. 6.
OBATA, Jo (Irene Mizutani) — girl, Feb. 9.
TANAKA, Kurao (Chee Fung Mau) — girl, Feb. 8.
SUGIMURA, Tamotsu (Haruko Nakazawa) — boy, Feb. 12.
MATSUDA, Handy (Nobuko Ishimine) — girl, Feb. 4, San Fernando.
TAKEYAMA, Roy (Sumie Kawamoto) — girl, Feb. 6.
KANEMATSU, Kenneth (Emiko Mori-yama) — girl, Feb. 7.
KUNISHIGE, Thomas A. (Florence No-hara) — girl, Mar. 5.
UYECHI, Yoshita (Toshiko Uyechi) — girl, Mar. 5.
OSHIRO, Gensei (Tomoye Yoshitake) — boy, Mar. 4.
HIRANO, Hiroshi (Haruko Hasegawa) — girl, Feb. 28.
HONDA, Hisao (Yuriko Murohaka) — boy, Mar. 2.
YAMASHITA, Tsutomu (Jeannette Matsumoto) — boy, Mar. 2.
INABA, Tsutomu (Takako Aoki) — girl, Mar. 10.
KAMIMORI, Jack H. (Sueko Fukuyama) — boy, Mar. 9, Gardena.
KWONG, Samuel (Momo Nagano) — girl, Mar. 9.
HIGA, George (Miyeko Nosaka) — girl, Mar. 12.
FUJII, Ryunosuke (Nobuko Yamaguchi) — boy, Mar. 12.
FURUICHI, Henry (Hiroko Miyashiro) — girl, Mar. 5.
KATSUDA, Susumu (Umeko Yoshimura) — girl, Mar. 12.
YAMASHIRO, Albert (Miyoko Seo) — girl, Mar. 13.
IMAI, Moses N. (Emiko Agetsuma) — girl, Mar. 3.
CONTRARES, Antonio (Yoshiko Ginoza) — girl, Jan. 31.
TAKAHASHI, Victor (Aimee Sasaki) — girl, Mar. 29.
ABDUHAN, Frederick (Fuyuko Ige) — boy, Feb. 14.
HIGUCHI, Hifumi (Mitsuko Nose) — girl, Feb. 15.
FUKINO, Elmer (Helen Sasaki) — girl, Feb. 14, Gardena.
HIRAISHI, Genichiro (Masako Imura) — boy, Feb. 10.
YAMADA, Tadao (Keiko Watanabe) — girl, Feb. 12.
NAKADA, Harry M. (Helen Iwanaka) — boy, Feb. 12, North Hollywood.
SUETSUGU, Frank (Fumiko Nada) — boy, Feb. 18, San Fernando.
MASUDA, George (Carrie Hara) — boy, Feb. 20.
TAIRA, Kotaro (Keiko Uyechi) — girl, Feb. 8.
YANASE, George A. (Yoshiko Hino) — girl, Feb. 2, Alhambra.
HONDA, Tokuchi (Tsune Takayama) — boy, Feb. 11.
FUKUTOMI, Masumi (Yoshiko Miwa) — boy, Feb. 10.
MOON, Don H. (Bary Sueko Mourri) — boy, Feb. 18.
MOMOTA, George (Yoshiko Goto) — boy, Feb. 19.
ITO, Bill S. (Kiku Kodama) — girl, Feb. 12.
NAKAWATASE, James (Yoshiko Kubota) — boy, Feb. 5, Gardena.

YAMASAKI, Robert M. (Yayoi Sato) — girl, Feb. 19, Woodland Hills.
YAMAGUCHI, Tom M. (Michiko Tanaka) — girl, Feb. 17.
KAWASAKI, Junpei (Tomo Arakawa) — girl, Feb. 24.
TAKAHASHI, Steve T. (Toriko Fujimoto) — boy, Feb. 20.
ENDOW, Hirofumi (Sachiko Fuwa) — girl, Feb. 20.
HORIMOTO, Susumu (Yoko Goto) — boy, Feb. 19.
SHIMIZU, Ko (Naoko Morishita) — girl, Feb. 19.
NAKAKIHARA, John (Sadako Tamura) — boy, Feb. 18.
SUYAMA, Ernest (Catherine Chow) — boy, Feb. 25.
KO, Jai Pao (Kyoko Takenaga) — boy, Jan. 30.
MERCADO, Mariano (Kimie Uehara) — girl, Feb. 24.
NAKAYAMA, Toshio (Rose Matsudoka) — girl, Feb. 27.
TAGUCHI, Mitsui (Sumiko Kishimoto) — girl, Feb. 19, Sun Valley.
YAMAMOTO, Shoji (Masayo Nakaniishi) — boy, Feb. 20.
NAKAI, Ben T. (Agnes Nakamura) — boy, Feb. 19.
NAKAMURA, Katsumi (Fukiko Yamashita) — boy, Feb. 18.
SHIROMA, Stanley (Mitsuye Nashiro) — girl, Feb. 18.
KATAKURA, Richard (Ayako Saiki) — boy, Jan. 19.
NAKAMURA, Masashi (Yemiko Tida) — boy, Feb. 24.
ICHIMURA, Richard (Ruby Kasai) — girl, Feb. 23.
KANESHIRO, George (Fumi Yamaoka) — girl, Feb. 21.
HIRATA, Kazumi (Josephine Kuwahara) — boy, Feb. 26.
UCHIZONO, Hoover (Toshiko Yamamoto) — boy, Feb. 26.
NOMURA, Ryuohei (Kimiko Akamatsu) — girl, Feb. 26.
KAMIMURA, Masaji (Louise Kuwahara) — girl, Feb. 26.
ICHIMURA, Richard (Minerva Garcia) — girl, Feb. 8.
MASAI, Peter (Akiko Nishida) — boy, Feb. 25.
KUNITAKE, Nobu (Shigeo Nagamine) — girl, Feb. 26.
SUGIMOTO, Masaru (Beatrice Y. Okamoto) — girl, Feb. 26.
ISHII, Henry (Jean T. Tsugawa) — girl, Mar. 1.
TERAMOTO, Moto (Masako Matsunaga) — girl, Jan. 5.
ABE, Shozo (Masayo Kurakazu) — boy, Feb. 18.
ABE, Norman Y. (Amy S. Yamada) — girl, Mar. 2.
MIYASHIRO, Tsugio (Hisako Fukuchi) — boy, Feb. 24.

Oakland Congregational elects new chairman

OAKLAND. — Mrs. Toie Egashira was elected Chairman of the Women's Fellowship of the Sycamore Congregational Church for the coming year.

Other cabinet members installed recently were Frances Adamson, vice-chairman, Shizu Kuroiwa, secretary, Yo Takahashi, treasurer, Sandye Lim, social chairman, Eiko Katayama, worship chairman, Mary Tomita, federation chairman and Yo Nagata, publicist ychairman.



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Japanese antibiotic effective in cancer

PHILADELPHIA. — A new antibiotic from Japan has shown a marked inhibitory effect against animal cancers and gives promise of helping children whose leukemia becomes resistant to presently used chemicals.

Four research specialists of the Sloan-Kettering Institute said in a report to the American Assn. for Cancer Research that 16 of 28 different types of transplanted animal cancers were retarded markedly by the new agent, known as mitomycin C.

Of the 16, nine were destroyed and seven were inhibited 75 per cent or more in their growth.

The report by Dr. H. Christine Reilly, Dr. Kanematsu Sugura, Dr. Dorris Hutchinson and Dr. C. Chester Stock said mitomycin C was the most effective antibiotic yet tried against these animal cancers.

Mitomycin C was discovered in Japan and is being tested at Sloan-Kettering at the request of the Kyowa Fermentation Industry Co., a Japanese pharmaceutical firm. It is available only in limited quantities at present, the report said.

It said laboratory studies showed that 25 per cent of mice with leukemia which responds to 6-MP, the most effective drug against acute leukemia in man also will respond to the new chemical, the report added.

"This gives promise of being able to obtain further control of diseases in children whose leukemia becomes resistant to presently used chemicals," Sloan-Kettering said in a statement.

Oregon bowlers elect

PORTLAND. — Jim Okazaki was elected president of the Oregon Nisei Bowling League for the 1958-59 season this past week.

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Washington NEWSLETTER

BY MIKE MASAOKA

Maxwell M. Rabb

LAST WEEK, the White House announced the resignation of Maxwell M. Rabb as Secretary to the Cabinet, effective in mid-May, in order to resume the private practice of law in New York City.

Usually, appointments and resignations of high Administration personnel have little direct interest to Americans of Japanese ancestry. But the resignation of the 47-year old Bostonian means that Japanese Americans generally and the Japanese American Citizens League in particular have lost their most important contact in the White House.

EVER SINCE JACL's Washington representative was introduced to Max Rabb, as he is affectionately known in the nation's capital, by Irving Ferman, the American Civil Liberties Union Washington representative, in the early days of the Eisenhower Administration, the then associate counsel to the President has been an interested and sympathetic friend to the problems and the aspirations of Americans of Japanese ancestry.

At the 14th Biennial National JACL Convention which was held in San Francisco two years ago, he was the Convention Banquet speaker who suggested that perhaps Americans of Japanese ancestry might well contribute to a better understanding of the United States to the Japanese and of Japan to Americans as part of the President's People-To-People program of international goodwill. He himself was honored with a certificate for his contributions to better race relations by the JACL.

At the Convention, he became personally acquainted with JACL leaders. On his return to Washington, he went out of his way to tell the President, Cabinet officers, and other high Government officials not only of the JACL but also of Japanese Americans in this country. Around the White House, he became known as JACL's champion.

LAST FALL HE attended the First International Nisei Convention in Tokyo as the President's personal representative. While in Japan, he met with many of her leaders, including the Emperor, the Prime Minister, and Foreign Minister.

Profoundly impressed, since his return, he has taken every opportunity to stress the value of Japanese-United States good relations. Indeed, it has been observed by many Washingtonians that no Government official ever returned with more enthusiasm and sympathy for Japan's people and problems than Max Rabb.

White House councils will be missed, not only by Japanese

WHILE THERE IS no question that his presence in the White House councils will be missed, not only by Japanese Americans but also by others of goodwill toward all men, officials and members of the JACL join with their fellow Americans in wishing him well as he joins the New York law firm of Strook and Strook and Levant as a partner.

We are confident that he will add to the stature of his chosen profession in his new association.

IN ACCEPTING THE resignation, the President wrote Mr. Rabb that "it has been a truly large service that you have rendered—not only to me but to the members of the Cabinet, your other associates, and the nation, . . .

" . . . As you review in years to come the many complex problems that have almost constantly engaged our attention, your awareness of the role of the Cabinet in solving them should give you a very rewarding feeling. . . ."

Mr. Rabb, in tendering his resignation, wrote thanking the President for the opportunity to be the first to serve as Cabinet Secretary, a post created by the Chief Executive almost five years ago: "You have changed the Cabinet from a somewhat haphazard, inconclusive conclave into an effective, vital coordinating body."

ONE OF THE FIRST and original Eisenhower-for-President boosters, he has served the Administration since its inception in one capacity or another.

Of special interest to JACLers are his efforts in the field of civil and human rights and immigration.

Mr. Rabb was charged with the responsibility for ending race discrimination in Washington, D.C., and in Federal establishments throughout the nation. He was also the President's liaison officer with the President's Committee on Government Contracts, which has made great strides in ending racial and other discrimination by governmental contractors. He is credited with having had much to do with setting up the Refugee Relief Act of 1953, and also with the Administration's proposals for liberalization of the Immigration and Nationality (Walter-McCarran) Act of 1952 by increasing the number of immigrants from Japan and the Far East, among other provisions.

A NATIVE OF BOSTON, Massachusetts, Mr. Rabb is a graduate of Harvard College and the Harvard School of Law. He has served as secretary to Sinclair Weeks, then a United States Senator and now Secretary of Commerce, and as secretary to Henry Cabot Lodge, then a United States Senator and now the United States Ambassador to the United Nations.

During the first (1952) Eisenhower campaign, he managed the President's national headquarters and served as the right-hand man to Mr. Lodge, the President's campaign manager.

In joining the New York law firm, it is said that he declined some glittering offers from companies that had dealings with the Federal Government. His action in this regard is typical of Max Rabb, who is more concerned with the welfare of his fellowmen than he is in his own.

Holiday Bowl ready for kegglers

What was thought to be only a fantasy several years ago will become a reality on Friday, May 2.

The first all-Nisei promoted bowling and recreation center will open its doors to the public in the heart of the Crenshaw area.

Tabbed as Southern California's most up-to-date and fabulous bowling house, the much anticipated opening day has finally arrived, announced the board of directors today. However, considering the vast undertaking of Holiday Bowl, which encompasses two and a half acres including a 158-car parking area, the contractors have encountered some delays.

Actual construction of the 36-lane bowling establishment began on Sept. 21, 1957, when ground-

breaking ceremonies were conducted with several community dignitaries attending.

Finishing touches are now being completed on the Sjoström "Jubilee 300" lanes which are being built by the Continental Bowling Corp. Enthusiasm has mounted this week in looking forward to May 2, as this week the installation of the AMF fully automatic pinspotters began and are expected to be ready for pin topping action.

Elsewhere in the building, Dublin Fixture and Mfg. Co. men are hastening the completion of the modern \$100,000 kitchen to meet the opening day deadline. Directors announced Joseph "Jack" Spencer, who has been associated with some of the finer restaurants

in Southern California such as Gra-Jos, Plush Horse and Jax's will be in charge of the kitchen. Chef Spencer's menu features a variety of choice prime ribs, steaks and select sea food items which will be available both in the dining room and the 24-hour coffee shop area.

An original opening date of Mar. 22 was tentatively set for Holiday Bowl last year, and considering the several obstacles which faced the contractors—namely the weather—the opening day has finally been set.

Public sale of the \$250,000 securities which were issued by Holiday Bowl, Inc., last January have all been sold.

Grading and paving of the parking area is expected to be finished today what with the summer-like weather that is prevailing.

Overall cost of the new kegling haven in the heart of the Crenshaw shopping district is expected to be about \$900,000.

The first call of "roll 'em" for league bowling will be heard throughout the 36-lane establishment on Mon., May 5.

PACIFIC CITIZEN Sports

SAN FRANCISCO CHAPTER NAMES COACH FOR MAY 25 NISEI OLYMPICS TRACK TEAM

SAN FRANCISCO. — Takeo "Mutt" Matsumoto has been named coach for the San Francisco JACL's host chapter track and field team in the coming JACL Nisei Olympics at Kezar stadium on Sunday, May 25.

He will be in charge of compiling the entries for the local team from among the local high school and other athletes who wish to participate in this year's meet, according to Johnny Yasumoto, chairman for this year's Olympics.

Those wishing to sign up may contact Matsumoto at 2280 Pine St., Jordan 7-8233.

Yasumoto also reminded all Nisei track and field men that they may enter this meet by contacting their nearest JACL chapter.

All JACL presidents of chapters in California have been sent the necessary information and entry blanks, he said.

He also pointed out that this year's early deadline of May 12 is only about two weeks away.

A total of about eight trophies, 60 medals and some 100 ribbons

will be awarded to winning teams and point winners in three divisions—A, B and C—at the Kezar Nisei meet, Yasumoto added.

Yasumoto's track committee includes:

S. Sato, Matsumoto, Seve Doi, Kei Hori, Yasuo Abiko, Jack Kusaba and Mrs. Yo Hironaka.

N.C. JCC sets June 1 date for golf tourney

SAN FRANCISCO. — The annual Northern California Japanese Chamber of Commerce tournament for 1958 will be held Sunday, June 1, at Sonoma Country club course.

Following a meeting of the tournament committee Thursday night, Otoy Akabane, tourney committee chairman, announced that entries will be divided into three flights—A, B and C. The first foursome will tee off at 11:30 a.m.

Some 50 golfers competed in last year's event which was won by Y. Oyokawa of Goshu Co., who will not be defending his title as he returned to Japan last December.

Trophy prizes this year will include one from the chamber president, Shigeyoshi Sugihara, and the perpetual trophy donated by Nobuo Matsumura, past president.

Deadline for the coming event was set for May 20. Entry fee is \$7, including green fees and award dinner.

Wins 'fastest car' award in Pinewood Derby race

George Nakayama, 1909 E. 1st St., representing the Evergreen Playground, copped the Class A championship in the "fastest car" division in the Fifth Annual Pinewood Derby recently at Echo Park. Also a winner was Alan K. Oda of Echo Playground who placed third in the Class C "best appearing" car division.

DAR STILL OPPOSED TO INTERRACIAL MARRIAGES

WASHINGTON. — The DAR, the organization which back in the Roosevelt era refused to permit Marian Anderson to sing in its Constitution Hall because she is a Negro, was running true to form at its 67th Continental Congress here April 17.

The stately dowagers stoutly declared their opposition to interracial marriages, which they condemned as a "Communist objective."

The resolution was passed by a standing vote.

Nisei coxswain for Columbia honored

NEW YORK. — George Omura, coxswain for the Columbia Univ. rowing crew received two awards at the annual Varsity "C" Club Dinner held April 15 in the main dining room of John Jay Hall on the campus.

At the dinner Omura was awarded the Richard Goodridge Jackson Memorial Prize of \$50, the second year that he has won this prize. It is given to the member of the varsity rowing squad who has attained the best academic record during the season.

He also received the President Eisenhower Gold Watch award which honors the winner of the Varsity "C" who has achieved the highest academic record for two semesters.

Omura is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Bunji Omura of 14 Pitt St., where Mr. Omura has the Japanese Translation Bureau.

L.A. fencer may go to Olympic Games

A Los Angeles Nisei high school student may participate in the 1960 Olympics in Rome, should a dream come true for Madeline Miyamoto.

Fencing since she was 9 years old, Madeline has ranked among the best women fencers in the U.S. But it was not until 1955 that she began to compete in official fencing tournaments. And that year she attended her first national fencing tournament in New York at which time she was the youngest participant and tied as 10th best woman fencer in the United States.

Recently, Madeline placed first in the senior women's division at a Southern California tournament which she attended.

DR. YAGUCHI APPOINTED OREGON JUDO CHAIRMAN

ONTARIO, Ore. — Dr. Kenji Yaguchi announced last week he had accepted the chairmanship of judo activities for the Oregon AAU. His appointment was made by Buck Grayson, Portland, state AAU president.

Dr. Yaguchi's activities will include supervision of all judo activities, policies and registration within the state of Oregon and assure that judo activities are properly conducted in Oregon schools.

His appointment signifies the growing importance of judo in the schools as Dr. Yaguchi is the first state chairman for the sport.

The one-time Snake River JACL president has been prominently associated with the Ore-Ida Judo Club of Ontario and is now serving that organization as an instructor.

Sonoma County hosts NC-WN meet

SEBASTOPOL. — The Sonoma County JACL will act as host chapter when the Northern California-Western Nevada District Council meet here on Sunday, May 18. Registration will begin at noon at the Sebastopol Chamber of Commerce and the business meeting will convene at 1:00 p.m. with Akiji Yoshimura, district council chairman, presiding.

The main topic of discussion, which will be led by Mike Masaoka, will center around JACL's relationship and policy in U. S.-Japan affairs. The official stand on this particular subject has not been resolved in spite of some publicly expressed opinions.

Issei pioneers of Sonoma County will be honored at a banquet at the En Manji Hall at 6:00 p. m., preceded by an informal get-together an hour earlier. Japanese entertainment will be provided for the Issei in attendance while Yoshimura will greet the pioneers with a message in Japanese.

Nisei audition for show

SAN FRANCISCO. — Several Nisei were reported to have been among some 50 persons who auditioned recently for parts in the forthcoming Broadway musical "Flower Drum Song."

C.Y. Lee, author of the book from which the production is being adapted, attended the audition.