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## BY THE BOARD:

### Nominations open for Nisei of the Biennium

Each biennium, the JACL, at its National Convention, honors the most outstanding Nisei of the past two years in the fields of community leadership and individual achievement.

Once again, at the Salt Lake City Convention this August, five Nisei will be so honored, the most outstanding being named the "Nisei of the Biennium" and he will receive a gold medallion while the other four will be presented with silver medallions.

Along with the above, a "JACler of the Biennium" award will also be presented to the most outstanding JACler of the past two years and he will also be given a gold medallion.

Nomination forms and detailed information are already in the hands of all chapter presidents. Nominations may be made by chapters, or other interested groups or individuals.

The final judging will be made at the National Convention by a panel of impartial judges and the selections will be made solely on the information presented by the chapters or others. More complete the compilation of information, endorsements, newspaper clippings, etc., the better chance the candidates have.

Chapters and others nominating candidates are urged to begin documentation immediately as the deadline for presenting nominations are rapidly approaching. The final date for nominations for the "Nisei of the Biennium" have until August 15.

All nominations as well as requests for further information and forms are to be mailed to the National Recognition Committee, care of George J. Inagaki, chairman, 3060 - 11th Ave., Los Angeles 18 California.

— George Inagaki  
Member of Board.

## Eastern YBL meet Slated for Chicago on Memorial Day

CHICAGO. — The Eastern Young Buddhist League Convention will convene over the Memorial Day weekend with the Asoka Society and the Bussei group of the Chicago Buddhist Church acting as host chapters. It was announced by Convention Secretary Gladys Fujiura.

The convention theme is "Buddhism in Action", with the entire 3-day program centered on the theme. More than 100 delegates are expected to attend. Beside the business meetings, seminars, and Sunday School workshop of Sunday School teachers, the highlight of the convention will be the banquet and ball scheduled for Memorial Day holiday at the luxurious Sheridan Plaza Hotel at 4607 North Sheridan. It will be a semi-formal affair with Sid Sherman's orchestra furnishing the music.

An added attraction will be the bowling tournament for all delegates scheduled for Saturday, May 31, at The Bowlum. Trophies plus cash prizes will be awarded. Also scheduled for Saturday is a Smorgasbord luncheon by the Asoka Society under the co-chairmanship of Alice Fukuyama and Alice Tsunehara.

The convention picnic will be held on Sunday, June 1 following the closing service, with box lunches prepared by the Fujinkai to be sold for \$1. each.

The General Chairman of the EYBL Conventions is Art Hayashi.

## BANK OF AMERICA PRIZE TO STOCKTON YOUTH

STOCKTON. — Marsha Nakawatase was one of 4 winners in the zone finals of the Bank of America's achievement award program held recently.

The students were selected by the judges as the most outstanding of 32 top high school seniors from Amador, Calaveras, Tuolumne and San Joaquin counties. They will compete in the Northern California finals in Sacramento later this month.

Marsha, an Edison high school representative, placed first in the liberal arts division. All four winners are assured of a minimum prize of \$100, and may win awards up to \$1000.

Last year, Marsha won a trip to New York to visit the United Nations and recently attended the Calif. Scholarship Federation's northern region annual spring conference at Eureka as a delegate from Edison high.

# House committee bill to liberalize I&N Act

WASHINGTON. — The House Judiciary Committee ordered reported a bill which would liberalize the so-called registry provisions of the Immigration and Nationality (Walter-McCarran) Act of 1952, the Washington Office of the Japanese American Citizens League reported.

Introduced by Congressman Francis E. Walter (Dem., Penn.), chairman of the House Judiciary

Subcommittee on Immigration and Naturalization, the bill proposes to amend Section 249 (a) of the 1952 statute. In its present form, the law enables aliens who entered the United States prior to July 1, 1924 to create a record of lawful admission if they can show that they have been present in the United States ever since that good moral character, not subject to deportation and not ineligible

to naturalization.

Under this provision, many alien Japanese who lost their passports or visas or who had entered the country surreptitiously prior to enactment of the Japanese Exclusion Law have had their status changed to that of aliens lawfully admitted for permanent residence and have become naturalized citizens, according to the Washington JACL office.

The new legislation would advance the July 1, 1924 cutoff date to June 28, 1940, the date when the alien registration law became effective. While an applicant for this administrative remedy must satisfy the Attorney General that he is not an inadmissible alien because of law violations or subversive activity, the bill eliminates the requirement in current law that the applicant alien "is not subject to deportation".

## Calif. Solon Saund to be Nat'l Convention spker.

Dalip Singh Saund, Democratic Congressman from Westmorland, Calif. has accepted to be the 15th Biennial National Convention Banquet Speaker scheduled for Mon-

day, Aug. 25th. Congressman Saund is not only an outstanding current national attraction but will serve as an inspiring example of what the Americans of Japanese ancestry may achieve. Congressman Saund is not only the first person of Asian ancestry ever to be elected to the Congress of the United States but is also the first naturalized Asian to be elected to the Congress.



Dalip Singh Saund  
... to address JACLers

## Clovis Japanese community float wins sweepstakes

CLOVIS. — The Clovis Japanese community's float was the sweepstakes winner in the Clovis Rodeo on Sat., April 26, which was viewed by one of the largest crowds in the history of the annual event.

The sweepstakes float was a flower-bedecked covered wagon with the theme "Westward Ho To The Clovis Rodeo" lettered on the side.

Born in Amritsar, India, Sept. 20, 1899, he came to the U.S. in 1920. He graduated with honors from the University of Punjab with A.B. degree, and Ph.D. from University of California, majoring in mathematics. He is a member of American Mathematical Society and Mathematical Assn. of America. He is a business man by occupation with commercial fertilizer distributor at Westmorland.

He married Miss Marian Z. Kosa of Mass. in 1928. They now have three children: D.S. Saund, Jr., Korean War Veteran and former lieutenant, U.S. Army, now student at Calif. Institute of Technology; Julie (Mrs. Fred H. Fisher), who attended the U. of Calif. at Los Angeles; and Ellie, now a student at U.C.L.A., majoring in education.

Congressman Saund helped to organize and was elected first president in 1942 of India Assn. of America, which had the purpose of obtaining citizenship rights for East Indian residents of the U.S. This goal was achieved when President Truman signed the bill on July 3, 1946.

He is past District Governor, Continued from Page 6

## Name Nisei Week queen chairman

Matao Uwate, general manager of the Nisei Week, disclosed this week that the Queen Committee will be headed by Kazuko Nagao this year. Vivacious Kaz Nagao is known among the Nisei for the two fashion shows she has put on, and especially because she successfully conducted the Nisei Week Fashion Show last year.

Kaz will be ably assisted by Betty Nakamura, Co-chairman, Anabel Kai, Yoshiko Ohara, Miyo Fujita, Yae Karasawa (nee Marumoto) and Jean Inouye.

Various organizations in different localities are in the process of lining up their candidate for their particular community; and names of candidates will be announced later this month. Candidates are expected from East Los Angeles, Seinan area, Hollywood, Venice-Culver area, West Los Angeles, Pasadena, Gardena, Valley, Harbor area, and from Orange County.

Uwate also reports that the colorful fashion show will be staged at the Koyasan Hall under the chairmanship of Junko Kawai, who has had much experience in the modeling field.

## Nat'l President Nishikawa; Mas Satow to visit EDC Chapters

Dr. Roy Nishikawa, national president, and Mas Satow, national director, will visit chapters of the Japanese American Citizens League in the Eastern District Council the week of May 24, it was announced.

Nishikawa is scheduled to arrive in Washington, D.C. the morning of Sat., May 24. The same morning, Satow is slated to arrive from San Francisco. They will meet with Harry Takagi, national third vice president, Aki Hayashi of New York City, national treasurer, Charles Nagao of Seabrook, New Jersey, Eastern District Council chairman, Mike and Tad Masaoka of the Washington JACL Office, and Sam Ishikawa of the New

York office, for discussions of national JACL policies, the continuance of the Washington and New York offices, and the forthcoming 15th Biennial National JACL Convention to be held in Salt Lake City, Utah, this summer.

That evening, they will be guests of the Washington, D.C. chapter at a dinner and later will speak to the chapter membership at its monthly meeting.

Sunday, May 25, they will participate in the annual meeting of the Eastern District Council.

Monday, May 26, and Tuesday, May 27, will be spent visiting with congressional and governmental officials regarding JACL's national program.

They will leave for Philadelphia, accompanied by Mike Masaoka, Washington representative on Tuesday afternoon. That evening, Nishikawa, Satow, and Masaoka will attend a meeting sponsored jointly by the Philadelphia and Seabrook chapters.

On the following afternoon, May 28, the three JACL officials will leave for New York City, where they will confer with Aki Hayashi, national treasurer, regarding the national JACL budget to be submitted to the National Convention.

Thursday evening, May 29, they will be guest speakers at N. Y. City's annual JACL chapter in-

stallation banquet.

Climaxing the tour, they will fly to Cleveland to participate in the annual meeting of the Midwest District Council over the Memorial Day weekend. While in Cleveland, they are expected to meet with Shig Wakamatsu, national first vice president, and Kumeo Yoshinari, Midwest District Council chairman, both of Chicago, regarding national JACL affairs. They are also slated to meet with Abe Hagiwara, chairman of the National JACL Public Relations Committee, and Harold Gordon, chairman of the National JACL Legal-Legislative Committee, and other JACL leaders.

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## From the Frying Pan

By Bill Hosokawa

Denver, Colo

**FREE RIDERS** — An item in the Pacific Citizen last week — that one George Omura won a varsity letter at Columbia University as coxswain of the rowing crew and stashed away a couple of academic awards as well — revived memories of a couple of other Nisei who used to go along for the ride.

Understandably, not many Nisei are equipped to man a sweep in the college rowing game where height is almost as important as on the basketball squad. But jockey-sized men with a commanding presence, loud voices and a sense of rhythm are sought after as coxswain, and here the Nisei are a little better endowed for competition.

Up at the University of Washington in Seattle, which is sort of the Notre Dame of the rowing business, a couple of Nisei did take a fling at trying out for coxswain back in the 'thirties. One was Art Sasaki who was, in addition, a whale of a Nisei basketball player and good enough at baseball to make his mark with the U. of W. varsity. He turned out with the crew for a while, but decided to concentrate on studies and baseball.

The other was Taft Torihara who stayed with crew long enough to make his numerals as the No. 1 Frosh coxswain. About that time, though, electrical engineering got pretty stiff and Torihara decided he'd be smarter to skip the daily boat rides in favor of his books. It was a good decision, too. Last we heard, Torihara was a big man in a General Electric lab somewhere in up-state New York.

Torihara went to Franklin High School in Seattle. He was too small for varsity sports but as team manager he tutored and kept eligible some of that era's most notable prep athletes. One of the stars of the Franklin High School baseball team about that time was a fellow named Fred Hutchinson who, currently, is manager of the St. Louis Cardinals.

**FLIGHT OF FANCY** — Let's say, just for fun, that Denver's Manual High School baseball team is in the field. The team at bat has bases full, no outs. The batter takes a hefty swing, sends a hot grounder to the shortstop. The shortstop throws home to the catcher for a forceout. The catcher throws to the third baseman in time to get the baserunner advancing from second. Then the third baseman fires a fast one to second, catching the runner from first base who was eager and over-ran the bag. Triple play!

Of course this hasn't happened, but if it did, the scorekeeper would have to note it this way: Shortstop Kataoka to Catcher Tobo to Thirdbaseman Miyamoto to Secondbaseman Sagara.

While this is admittedly somewhat improbable, there is a Denver Sansei distinguishing himself in an off-beat track event. His name is Eddie Mayeda and, as a sophomore pole-vaulter, he's a consistent point-winner for the East High School track team.

**NEGOTIATOR** — And while we're still talking about the off-beat, perhaps Bob Maruyama qualifies. Maruyama, a junior high school teacher, is chairman of the salary committee of the Denver Classroom Teachers Association. Maruyama's committee is seeking to boost the salary of Denver teachers to a maximum of \$6,900 for those with bachelor's degrees, \$8,100 for Ph.D.'s.

A host of teachers, including approximately 18 Nisei, are watching the progress of Maruyama's committee with more than academic interest.

## PC Letter Box

Editor: — Congratulations to you for a job well done on the May 2nd PC. Except for a dropped line here and there, and for some misspellings that probably couldn't be helped, it is a thoroughly professional job of which you can well be proud. We found it very readable, and very well put together.

Congratulations again.

MIKE MASAOKA

Washington, D.C.

Editor: — You've done a fine job on the May 2 issue—though I was wondering what happened to the editorial cartoon... the change was most refreshing.

I don't know how Mike Masaoka will take to seeing sports on the backpage, but as I said, the change is refreshing... maybe we ought to retain the cartoon on the second page hereafter.

Our sports-minded readers are probably happy with joy to see sports get such a play. Which is something PC has lacked for many a moon.

Harry Honda

Chicago, Ill.

(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.)

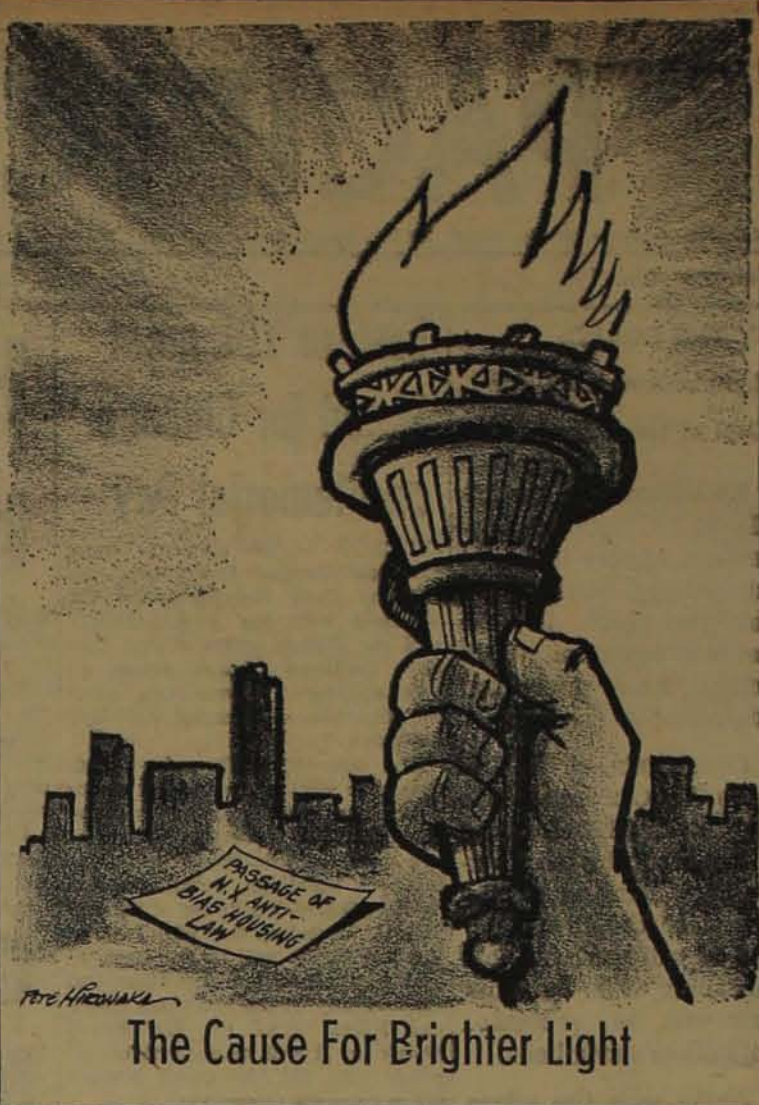


## '1000' CLUB NOTES

**TENTH YEAR**  
Gardena — Joe H. Kobata.  
**NINTH YEAR**  
Wash., D.C. — Ira Shimazaki.  
**SEVENTH YEAR**  
Twin Cities — Charles Tatsuda.  
**SIXTH YEAR**  
D.C. — Mrs. Sally Furukawa.  
Orange County — Hiroshi Nitta.  
PNWDC — Edward M. Yamamoto (Mos-  
es Lake, Wash.)  
**FIFTH YEAR**  
D.C. — Harold Horiuchi, Tad Masaoka.  
Downtown L.A. — David McKibbin.  
Marysville — George Y. Okamoto.  
Philadelphia — Hiroshi Ueyehara.  
**FOURTH YEAR**  
Seattle — John Fukuyama.  
Mile-Hi — Harry Ida.  
Orange County — George Kanno, Min-  
oru Nitta, Mitsuo Nitta, Sam Nitta.  
D.C. — George Obata, Mrs. Elizabeth  
Murata, Hisako Sakata.  
**THIRD YEAR**  
Pasadena — Kimiko Fukutaki.  
Venice-Culver — George T. Isoda.  
Seattle — Richard K. Murakami.  
Berkeley — Tosh Nakano.  
Fresno — Dr. Chester S. Oji.  
Chicago — Dr. Roy Teshima.  
**SECOND YEAR**  
New York — Kyuichi Sugihara.  
Orange County — Harley Asari.  
Downtown L.A. — Father Clements.  
D.C. — Aiji Endo, Barry Tsuda.  
Chicago — Ted Kawata.  
Detroit — Shig T. Kizuka, Bob S. Na-  
kayama.  
**FIRST YEAR**  
Florin — Paul T. Ito.  
D.C. — Frank Baba, Jack Hirose.  
Seattle — IMye Ishikawa.  
San Jose — Frank T. Ogata, Dr. Robert  
S. Okamoto, Esau Shimizu, Samuel  
Tanase.  
Mile-Hi — John M. Masunaga.

## CALENDAR

May 3 (Saturday)  
Ventura County — Satow visitation.  
Oxnard Methodist Church.  
May 4 (Sunday)  
Salt Lake City — Cherry Tree Pre-  
sentation, 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 pro-  
gram.  
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 Ses-  
sion, Sonoma County JACL hosts.  
May 24 (Saturday)  
D.C. — General meeting: Dr. Roy Ni-  
shikawa and Mas Satow, spkrs.  
May 25 (Sunday)  
EDC — Cabinet meeting, D.C. JACL  
hosts.  
San Francisco — JACL Olympics, Ke-  
zar Stadium.



## THANK YOU . . .

A quick word of thanks to Mike Masaoka and Alice Kasai, both of whom hold prominent positions in their own bailiwicks, who risked their position by using the U.S. postal system to acknowledge the efforts of the pro-tem editors of Pacific Citizen.

Yes, we know that CHERRY TREE is not spelled CHREEY TREE, as it appeared in one of the heads on a story, but imagine what a conversation piece that little miscue caused. Why... the comments we've heard regarding it was worth the price of admission.

We can picture Harry Honda squirming uncomfortably somewhere in honeymoon land, after getting a glimpse at last week's edition.

A word of advice to Mr. Honda: "For crying-out-loud Harry, let's get back to work — pronto!" —G.Y.



## Tokyo Topics

By Tamotsu Murayama

**TOKYO.** — Roy Ozaki, manager of the States Lines Tokyo Office is a great Nisei from Los Angeles. He had gone through numerous difficulties during and after the war including his sickness, but he has completely recovered. He is a great fellow, because he is continuously and quietly helping the widow Asako of the late Buddy Uno. Buddy's wife moved to Tokyo from Osaka with her three children after Buddy passed away. Roy has done everything he could — just single handed to help out the family in dire need.

Roy also helped to create some work for a Nisei lady. He is doing good turns so quietly here-nobody knew what he has done to help Mrs. Uno.

"Let's help the helpless all we can. We are willing to kick in some amount," said John Fujii, editor of the Japan News-formerly from Alameda with Peter Taka hashi, Nisei manager for the Kings Feature in Japan.

It is always wonderful to hear such grand response from Nisei friends here as they are so willing to extend their helping hand to needy people. The depression is badly hitting here and many Nisei are out of jobs—however, they are finding suitable jobs some how.

As prices on daily necessities rise sharply here and the money tight situation continues, helpless families are in terrible shape. It

is wonderful to find out good fellows like Roy, John, Peter and others.

August Narumi, whose father passed away suddenly in America, said "I didn't know Buddy. Surely I am willing to help the widow. I am just too glad." Mas Ogawa, managing editor of the Japan Times, also extended his helping hand.

There are so many generous and splendid fellows here, who are nucleus of an over-all Nisei society to be inaugurated here in the very near future.

## Bits & Bites

### NISEI WINS ESSAY CONTEST

**CUPERTINO.** — Barbara Sakaguchi, of Fremont High, recently won first place in the Sunnyvale American Legion Auxiliary's essay contest on Americanism, according to the Cupertino Courier.

**FRESNO.** — The McClathly newspapers and McClathly Broadcasting Co. sponsored first annual mathematics quiz will be held tomorrow in Fresno. Miyeko Teranishi and Jimmy Yoshida are the contestants from Madera Union High School.





## Vagaries

By Larry S. Tajiri

### 'Oscar' Pays Dividends

The Academy Award Oscar which she accepted so graciously for her role of Katsumi in "Sayonara" already has started to pay off for Miyoshi Umeki. The pert singing star literally has a new career, as well as a new set of agents who have given her a much better financial deal.

Miss Umeki is one of the personalities most in demand for guest appearances on TV programs, as witness her performance on April 27 with Betty Hutton on the Chevy Show. Now she is booked for the Dinah Shore Show on June 1, and arrangements which were made to get her on that program serve to illustrate Miss Umeki's new stature.

Miyoshi had been contracted for a weeks' engagement at one of New York's top night spots, the Blue Angel. When her new agents, the William Morris Agency, asked for a postponement on grounds the New York dates wouldn't give their star enough time to rehearse for the Dinah Shore appearance, the night club refused. A compromise was reached, however, and Miss Umeki opened at the Blue Angel last Thursday. The night club agreed to cut short Miss Umeki's engagement to 3½ weeks, so she would have time to return to Hollywood for the Dinah Shore show. But they'll pay her for the full four weeks.

Until Miyoshi won her Oscar for "best supporting actress" her American movie career probably would have ended with "Sayonara." Now Warner Brothers is searching for a story in which to co-star Miss Umeki and Red Buttons, and there is talk that she may get the prize role in the movie version of "The World of Suzie Wong," from the Richard Mason novel of a Hongkong prostitute who saves an Englishman from himself. "Suzie Wong" has been made into a play by Paul Osborn, who wrote the script for "Sayonara," and Joshua Logan, who directed Miyoshi in her award-winning performance, will stage it on Broadway this fall with France Nuyen, the Liat of "South Pacific."

If she does get the part, Miyoshi wants her favorite actor for the role of the English painter. His name: David Niven.

More than any other play, John Patrick's "Teahouse of the August Moon" brought persons of Japanese ancestry into the theater as performers. Mariko Niki and Shizu Moriya were Lotus Blossom and Miss Higa-Jiga, respectively, in the original Broadway cast of "Teahouse." On the road Michi Kobi and Reiko Sato were among the Lotuses, while a score of other players of Japanese descent were in the touring companies.

Now "Teahouse" is being played in summer stock, in community theaters and on campuses and many Nisei and Japanese are getting the acting bug.

At a number of colleges this past year students of Japanese ancestry have been drafted for "Teahouse." Two weeks ago San Francisco State had a production with several Nisei performers, and last week Colorado State College at Greeley staged a version of the John Patrick comedy with Kaye Ichiriu of Paia, Maui, as the geisha, Lotus Blossom. Also in the cast were four other Nisei from Hawaii, Elsie Shimabukuro, Yvonne Arakaki, Sandra Sato and Jane Nagamine.

The love story of Townsend Harris, first American consul in Japan, and the geisha, Okichi, is told in 20th Century Fox's "The Barbarian and the Geisha." The picture is now being edited and will be scored soon. The current musicians' strike in Hollywood probably will result in the film being sent to Mexico or Europe for musical background.

Executives at 20th Fox who have seen the rushes of the pictures which was made in Japan by John Huston, one of the movies' greatest directors, are excited about the picture and Fox already has scheduled it as its July 4th release. It will receive one of the biggest publicity campaigns of any film on 20th's current schedule.

John Wayne is Townsend Harris, the first Western diplomat to arrive in Japan after the visit of Commodore Perry's Black ships a century ago. He is credited with overcoming Japan's centuries-old hatred of foreigners and completing the first commercial treaty between Japan and another power exactly 100 years ago.

Incidentally, Harris, for all his accomplishments, is known principally in Japan for his romance with a geisha, Okichi, which is a part of the country's legend. Yet many historians doubt that there was any such attachment between the lonely American and the beautiful geisha.

Charles Grayson's screenplay, however, will serve to enhance the legend.

Eiko Ando, now signed to a 20th Century Fox long-term contract, plays Okichi.

Harris, of course, is unknown to most Americans. He died in obscurity in a New York hotel 30 years after he left Japan, although in his time he had helped found the College of the City of New York and the Society for Prevention of Cruelty to Animals.

## Imperial Gardens Sukiyaki Restaurant

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Welcome JACLers—Your Host: George Furuta, 1000er

# Road to success hard grind for Michi

FRESNO — Ten years ago Michi Kobi was struggling with her lines in a New York acting school. That was the start of an uphill battle that for all her apparent success today as a stage and television actress is a fight still far from won.

Miss Kobi was in Fresno on April 18 for an appearance at a dance benefit for the Fresno County branch of the American Cancer Society. The dance was sponsored by the Fresno JACL and the Fay Wah club.

Brief, one-stop appearances are not new to Miss Kobi, Sacramento born Nisei. She played Lotus Blossom in the roadshow of the Teahouse of the August Moon for two years.

This came only after the usual ups and downs of the aspiring actress.

"After I left the school I was a sales girl," she said. "I was pretty broke. Then I played a Chinese communist agent with Ralph Bellamy in a television show called 'Man Against Crime' in 1951."

"After that there was a long period of doing anything. I sold scarves, made about \$50 a week. When I had worked up to \$150 a week, a chance came to get back into the theater. It meant \$50 a week, but I took it."

This was her part as understudy to the feminine lead in the original Broadway cast of Teahouse produced by Maurice Evans.

### Plays Oriental Roles

After her success in the touring

show of Teahouse, she went into television and has been playing Oriental roles on a fairly regular basis. But she wants to do more.

"If I could develop a strong enough personality, I may be able to break the line that now prevents Orientals from playing Caucasian roles. Jose Ferrer is a Puerto Rican, yet look at what he has done," she observed.

Miss Kobi has two important, probably career-turning events, coming up.

First, she has completed a starring role in a film, Dateline Tokyo, which will be shown in two months.

Next, Miss Kobi will try out in New York for the female lead in Rodgers and Hammerstein's new musical, Flower Drum Song.

## WYABL announces award selections

SAN FRANCISCO — The Rev. Kyogoku Recognition Award Committee of the Western Young Adult Buddhist League this week announced the 4th annual selection of the member outstanding in the categories of Outstanding Junior Young Buddhist Association member, Outstanding Young Buddhist Association member and Outstanding Buddhist Sunday School Teacher.

Judy Ishihara of Sacramento, Cal., who is president of the Sacramento Junior Young Buddhist Association was winner of the Outstanding Junior Young Buddhist Association award for 1957. She is at present attending Sacramento Senior high school and is a life member of the Calif. Scholarship Federation, ranking in the top five percent of her class. Miss Ishihara is a class council representative and recently participated in "The Governor's Teen-Age Conference".

Winner of the Outstanding Young Buddhist Association award was Yutaka Yamamoto of Fresno, Cal., who is religious chairman of the Fresno YBA and holds the office of 2nd vice president of the Central Calif. Young Buddhist Association. He is attending Fresno State College at the present time.

A mother of two children and one of the pioneers in the Gilroy Sunday School, Mrs. Jitsuko Minami of San Jose, Cal., was winner of the Outstanding Buddhist Sunday School Teacher award.

Mrs. Minami has not missed a single Sunday School session in close to 20 years of her association as teacher and superintendent, except for one week-end. She was the institutor of the Obon service and odori as well as the bazaar and Hana Matsuri celebration.

The Recognition Award fund is based on the donation from the family of the late Rev. Kyogoku. Each winner received a handsome plaque and a \$25. set of Buddhist books.

## Hollywood chapter discusses Japan-America issue

The controversial question of JACL's future role in Japan-America relations will be one of the main subjects of discussion when Mas Satow, National Director, meets with the Hollywood chapter board members at the home of Chapter president Hideo Izumo tonight at 7:30 p.m.

All interested persons are invited to participate in the informal discussion with the national director and are requested to contact Hideo or Kay Izumo by calling NO 2-8378.

## DAR AWARDS BEST FILM TITLE TO JAPAN MOVIE

WASHINGTON — The Daughters of the American Revolution recently awarded the "Best Children's Film" award to "Escapade in Japan" which was produced by Universal-International Studio.

Filed in Japan, the picture features Jon Provost, currently of TV's Lassie series and Roger Nakagawa, whose parents are originally from Lodi, Calif.

## Kyoto Uni. president to schedule U.S. visit soon

HONOLULU — Dr. Raymond Kaikuichi Oshimo, President of Doshisha University in Kyoto, Japan, arrived here on April 25 and was scheduled to leave for the U. S. on May 1, followed by a trip to Germany where he will attend Christian Endeavor meetings.

### Born in Kohala

Dr. Oshimo was born in Kohala, Hawaii, and went to school in Hilo, Lahaina and the University of Hawaii before going to the Mainland.

He received his bachelor's, master's and doctor of philosophy degrees from the University of Chicago.

He served at churches in Tokyo and Osaka before being appointed dean of the school of theology at Doshisha in 1948. In June, 1954, he was elected president of the university.

## WLA Auxiliary discusses charter installation

At a recent meeting held at the home of Miye Yoshimori plans for the charter installation of the West Los Angeles JACL Auxiliary were made. The locale for the dinner installation, which will be held on Monday evening May 19, will be announced later, according to acting Secretary Mitsu Sonoda.

Guest speaker for the evening was Mrs. Rex Wray, president of the West Los Angeles Coordinating Council.

The next general meeting will be held Tues. May 13 at 8:00 p.m. at the West Los Angeles Buddhist Church.

## 10,000 Methodist Women attend Fifth Assembly

LIVINGSTON — Among more than 10,000 Methodist women attending the Fifth Assembly of the Woman's Society of Christian Service in St. Louis, Mo., on May 6-9 will be Mrs. James Masuda of Livingston and Sachi Kajiwaru of Oakland.

The Assembly will be attended by church leaders from this country and overseas, home and foreign missionaries of the Woman's Division of Christian Service and deaconesses of The Methodist Church.

Mrs. Masuda is the retiring vice-president of the Nisei WSCS of the Japanese Provisional Conference which comprise 20 Japanese Methodist churches scattered in the states of Washington, Oregon, Arizona and Colorado. Mrs. Masuda is an active JACLer of the Livingston-Merced JACL.

Miss Kajiwaru is Secretary of the Wesleyan Service Guild of the Japanese Provisional Conference. She is a graduate nurse and is presently employed at the Children's Hospital in Oakland.

## Uni. of Washington prof. on Fulbright scholarship

SEATTLE — Dr. John M. Maki, professor of Japan labor and politics at the Univ. of Washington, will go to Japan next fall on a Fulbright Scholarship.

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## POINTING Southwestward

By Fred Takata

Saturday morning we were up bright and early preparing for our trip to Pismo Beach to attend the 2nd Quarterly PSWDC Meeting. We found out that it's a good idea to start preparing for a trip a week in advance, because during the last minute rush you're bound to forget something, which we did! Secretary Blanche Shiosaki saved the day, by bringing copies of the agendas which we had overlooked when packing our folders.

We were accompanied on this pleasant trip by Flo "Seven-Eleven" Wada, H. "No-Doze" Okabe, and Roy "Car Jumper" Yamadera. We stopped in Santa Barbara for lunch, and drove out on the pier to dine at Moby Dicks. We were quite surprised to find five hungry bachelors from the PSWDC having lunch at the same place. For the benefit of you gals, these wanted men were Yosh Kono, George Nomi, Jim Higashi, Frank Okamoto, and George Fujita. After trying to shove each other checks on one another, we were all off on our way to Pismo.

While traveling along the highway we were listening to the Kentucky Derby on the radio, when Tom Ito and the Pasadena bunch whizzed by tooting their horn. The radio announcer was just calling the stretch run, and evidently Tom must have been carried away rooting for Silky Sullivan, the way he was roaring down that stretch of highway.

On arriving at Pismo we checked in at the Surf Motel, and was followed by the Bachelors, and a few minutes later by Yoichi Nakase and Hide Izumo with their respective passengers. After cleaning up a bit, two earloads of casually dressed (?) JACLers headed for "Matties" on highway 101 for dinner. When we arrived we were quite shocked to see everyone dressed in their Sunday best, through the big glass windows. A debate went on for about five minutes on whether we should go in or not, until hunger finally won out over pride, and we charged through the door. Dr. and Alice Nishikawa, Frank and Ruby Chuman and the members of the Pasadena Chapter, who were some of the people well dressed and already dining there, acted like they didn't know us "Yogers" when we came in, but we countered with "You all from the City?" After enjoying the delicious sea-food dinner, we journeyed up to Baywood Park near Moro Bay, to visit our good friends the Kishiyamas. Poor Ellen Kishiyama almost flipped, when the twelve of us stormed into her beautiful home. She told us that Mr. Kishiyama would meet us in the morning to show us the choice clamming areas.

Returning to the Motel, many of the JACLers headed for the Edgewater (Casino) Motel, where the Pasadena Chapter was hosting a party. (A party?) After a noisy and bang up time, we adjourned to have breakfast in town at 2:00 a.m. in the morning. Mas Narita, who was looking for the Edgewater Casino, finally found us in the restaurant and joined us for a snack. The die hards then retired to the Surf (Casino) Motel, while the rest of us hit the sack.

We were fast asleep, when at 4:00 a.m., we were rudely awakened to drive the ambitious clam diggers to the designated spot. Mr. Kishiyama picked us up in his jeep, and made two trips to get all of us to the clamming area. Mr. Kishiyama picked up his limit of clams in less than ten minutes, while the rest of us were digging up the whole beach. He finally showed us the trick of locating the clams, and within the next half hour we all had our limits. The lucky clambers were George Fujita, H. Okabe, Frank Okamoto, Hide Izumo, Jim Higashi, Nancy Kuwata, Kay Ishida, Blanche Shiosaki, and yours truly. We sure want to thank the Kishiyamas for making our stay a memorable experience.

We arrived back in Pismo, just in time to take in the business session at the Veterans Memorial Hall. The meeting was delayed an hour in getting started because the delegates were staggering in. We wonder why? The meeting was very interesting and in covered elsewhere in this issue.

We were served a delicious lunch and the meeting ended with a bar-b-que steak dinner, with all you can eat, as the order of the day. Since Mas Satow's visit to our District the past two weeks, our diet had gone out the window anyway, so we dug right into those delicious steaks! We might mention at this point that we don't see how our National Director can keep up the steady pace on these visitations, because it sure knocked us out, trying to keep up with him.

The highlight during the evening was a presentation of a Resolution from the Assembly of the California Legislature, with all of the names of the members of the Legislature printed on the scroll, to our past Regional Director Tats Kushida, for his outstanding service to the organization and the community. The Resolution was presented to Tats Kushida, by our National President Dr. Roy Nishikawa. For a moment Tats hesitated to step up to receive the award, thinking that the 1000 Clubbers had brought his violin again. Congratulations Tats, and we hope that we can live up to the standards that you have set up for us.

We certainly want to thank prexy Akio Hayashi for one of the best attended and successful meetings we've had the privilege to attend. The San Luis Obispo Chapter members were all in the background working hard to make our stay enjoyable. On behalf of the PSWDC, may we tip our hat to all of you in the host Chapter for a job well done. PS—Who was that gal driving that Ford, who was breaking all speed records back to LA, all we could see was Ronnie Shiosaki, trying to give a brave smile, as they zoomed by!

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## JAPANESE ART OBJECTS FEATURED IN HOUSTON, TEXAS SHOW

BY R. E. CONNOR

Houston Chronicle Staff

HOUSTON. — Japanese art objects, a Japanese flower arrangement and Japanese formal and informal costumes worn by Mrs. K. Saibara and two Webster Junior High School girls of Anglo-American and Polish-American ancestry easily captured the interest of

visitors at a recent Parent-Teacher Association area meeting for Southeast Texas at the Shamrock-Hilton Hotel in Houston.

The exhibit was called "Around the World in 80 Minutes," and included domestic and art objects from Asiatic, European and South American countries.

Mr. and Mrs. K. Saibara of

Webster provided the Japanese exhibit at the request of Mrs. J.K. Wilhelm, home making teacher of the Clear Creek Independent School District's junior high school (at Webster). Mrs. Wilhelm told visitors the school personnel feels very proud of the Saibaras who have been most gracious in co-operating with the school.

Mr. Saibara, a native of Shikoku and a naturalized American, is a rice grower, who was hailed in Japan last year as "The Texas Rice King." He has lived most of his life at Webster and his eldest son, Robert, is a lieutenant colonel in the U.S. Army Reserves.

Mrs. Saibara, a native of Hokkaido, brought with her from Japan, after her marriage to Mr. Saibara, three years ago, an unusual collection of art pieces and has compiled with members of invitations for instructions on flower arrangement. She's also a poetess.



In the photo, left to right, are: K. Saibara, rice grower of Webster, near Houston; Mrs. J.K. Wilhelm, homemaking teacher at Clear Creek Junior High School; Mrs. Saibara, in formal Japanese dress; Lynn Latridge, president of the Future Homemakers of America of the junior high school in an informal costume; and Maxine Kalinowski, F.H.A. secretary, in a formal costume.

## Mrs. Charles Fisher, Friend of Nisei Passes

AUBURN, Wash. — Mrs. Charles E. Fisher, about 73, suddenly passed away at her home here, last Sunday night, April 27, the victim of a heart attack.

She was the widow of Charles E. Fisher, pioneer, and extensive land owner of the White River Valley area, who befriended scores of Japanese farmers since the last century.

The couple had no children.

Mr. Fisher, who passed away in April, 1956 was well known to two generations of Japanese in this area for his accomplishments

in forming co-op marketing associations for dairy and cattle men in the area. When the Auburn-Kent area became a hot bed of resentment during the Wartime evacuation, he assisted in the return of the evacuees.

Mrs. Fisher shared in his convictions and his work throughout the years.

## Twenty-seven Nisei picked among honor students

FWLER. — Some 27 Nisei were among the 84 pupils achieving top scholastic marks at the John C. Fremont elementary school for the third quarter. The roll includes:

Gilbert Onaka, Chris Teraoka, Carolyn Ikeda and Ronald Sakamoto, 8th grade; Cery Kawano, Arline Hashimoto, Irene Hiyama, Loraine Miyake, Richard Shimoda, Hiroshi Tokubo, Amy Tokubo, Ronnie Yoshimoto and Russell Kogura, 7th grade.

Marvin Kawano, Thomas Teraoka, Craig Honda and Janice Yoshimoto, 6th grade; Claire Kikuta, Karen Morita, Jackson Sakamoto and Lynne Onaka, 5th grade; and Byron Asakawa, David Kawano, Susan Miyake, Pamela Shirakawa, Nancy Tokubo and Ann Toyoda, 4th grade.

## Miss Nat'l JACL chosen as Junior-Senior Prom queen

ONTARIO, Ore. — Margaret Itami, 1958 Miss National JACL, was one of the princesses who reigned at the 1958 Junior-Senior prom, held last Sat., May 3. Reigning as queen was Ann Rader and the other queen attendants were Judy Wood, Ardis Olson and Irene Ybarzabal.

The theme of the ball was Oriental and co-chairmen were Betty Frazier and Ed Takahashi.

## Reedley College advisor

REEDLEY. — Dr. Akira Tajiri of Reedley is on the Reedley College advisory committee which is studying the junior college districting for Reedley College.

## Father heads PTA group

A father was elected to the office of president of the Vermont Ave. PTA, the first time in its history, it was announced last week. The Rev. Jack Shaffter will be assisted by two Nisei mothers. Mmes. Joe Furuta as secretary and Robert Kinoshita, as historian.

## Sanjo High Senior accepted at MIT

SAN JOSE. — Conrad Kiyoshi Kumata, San Jose High School senior intends to major in chemical engineering and has been accepted for admission to the Mass. Institute of Engineering. He has recently been offered a grant of four years tuition-plus scholarships from both Stanford Univ. at Palo Alto and the Pomona College at Claremont. Both are scholarships from the respective Board of Trustees for his excellent record in leadership, ability and character.

Conrad, 16 years old, is sports editor of the San Jose High newspaper "Herald", vice-president of boys' honor society, Letterman on the school track team and life member of the CSF.

Conrad is the son of the Rev. and Mrs. Kenryo M. Kumata of the San Jose Buddhist Church, formerly associated with the Nishi Hongwanji Temple in Los Angeles.

As a church member, Kumata is president of the San Jose Jr. YBA and a Sunday school teacher. He plays the piano, violin and saxophone as well as being interested in philately and electronics.

## S.F. JACL Auxiliary visits Honda Home for aged

SAN FRANCISCO. — The Women's Auxiliary of the San Francisco JACL chapter made its bi-annual visit to comfort the Issei residents at Laguna Honda Home recently.

Members of the auxiliary including Miyuki Aoyama, Yo Hironaka, Kuni Koga, Thelma Takeda and Tess Hideshima brought gifts of flowers, food, toilet articles and other items for the residents. The elderly Issei were delighted.

In addition to the gifts, Shm Togasaki of the Mutual Supply Co., and Mrs. Sumi Nagareda donated comfort items.

The auxiliary will make another trip to Laguna Honda on Nov. 9, according to its present plan.

## Stolen sword discovered

### S.F. Auxiliary visits Laguna

DENVER. — Seven Japanese ceremonial swords, stolen two weeks ago from a local Issei dentist's home, have been recovered.

Police found them April 21 at a Colfax Ave. pawnshop where all seven, conservatively valued at \$1,500, were pawned for only \$20.

Dr. Konai Miyamoto, local community leader, had reported the loss of his swords to police after they were taken from his bedroom where he had them on display on special racks.

Police said the pawnshop operator supplied them with the names and addresses of two men who brought in the swords and they are now searching for the pair.

## Selma honor roll winner

SELMA. — Wayne Ota, Claudia Miyamoto and Fred Tanimoto are listed on the honor roll of Selma Elementary School for this semester.



## VERY TRULY YOURS:

One way boosters  
can enjoy convention

While convention committees each year take great pains to map a full calendar of events for booster delegates to a national JACL convention—social events, sightseeing, tournaments—there is one unscheduled venture that beckons some consideration.

If a booster doesn't regard himself as an out & out introvert, being a "tub-thumper" for a nominee to a national JACL office can mean much fun and excitement. And in recent conventions, the election campaigns have all the signs of meaning business. A district council can go "all out" to support its candidate, which means buttons, lapel tags and whatever gimmick not expensive to ballyhoo its nominee.

Since election of officers is among the last order of convention business, the "tub-thumper" is allowed at least four days to persuade chapters to vote for their man. With at least 70 chapters expected this summer at Salt Lake City, the campaigner should start his work from the first day, Aug. 22. It'll be a good way to meet people for sure.

Meantime, the national JACL nominations committee has distributed forms to the eight district councils, which make initial nominations. The complete slate will be revealed sometime after June 21, the last day to file.

And through July and August, campaigners can count their forces, plan their strategy and wage a friendly battle during the four-day attraction.

With past conventions as examples, the 1958-59 officers will be elected after a hard-won battle. Each biennial election has seen the politics of geographical considerations take greater play. The forthcoming one doesn't seem to be any different. Bloc-voting by delegates within their own district are assuming more realistic patterns. This is so because of the traditions and prestige of office that have been built over the years by the men and women who have held these offices. It is natural, therefore, that officers do not ignore the strong and wide support of members who want them re-elected.

— Harry K. Honda.

# PSWDC terms district confab successful

By BLANCHE SHIOSAKI

PISMO BEACH. — This seaside resort town assisted by the San Luis Obispo JACL chapter played hosts to delegates to the Pacific Southwest District Council this past week end. In spite of the distractions of the ideal weather and the clamming and fishing facilities in this springtime garden spot, over 50 delegates gathered from various communities in the district and held thorough and lively discussions on the National JACL Constitution and policies. Mas Satow, national director, attended this meeting marking the end of a two week visit to the various PSWDC chapters. Guests from the Central California district council were George Abe of Selma and Jim Ishikawa of Fresno. Chairman and past chairman respectively. They were on hand to help with the deliberations on many matters that will come under consideration by the national body at the forthcoming National JACL biennial Convention in Salt Lake City in August.

The dinner program highlight

was a presentation of an engraved resolution passed by the California State Assembly honoring Tats Kishida, former Pacific Southwest Regional Director, for his long and capable service with the JACL.

### Pre-Convention Rally

The Pre-Convention Rally which will be held in conjunction with the next meeting of the district council was announced for Sun., July 6, by Sam Hirasawa, president of the Southwest L.A. chapter. It will be held at the Los Angeles Police Academy in Elysian Park. George Fujita, Southwest L.A. special events vice-chairman, and chairman for the rally, announced that present plans include a full day's activities ending with a banquet and dance.

The greatest share of the business meeting was given over to the PSWDC Legal-Legislative Committee under the chairmanship of Kango Kunitsugu. Kunitsugu was elected to the post of 2nd vice-chairman of the PSWDC after the post was declared vacant because of the expected continuing ab-

sence of the originally elected officer.

The district chapters were urged to press harder on the renunciant program. Although the chapters are definitely committed to not giving legal advice there is much that chapters can do in working to overcome the apathy of the renunciants in regaining citizenship. The present expeditious program under the Department of Justice will be closing December 31, 1958 and all renunciants should be urged to have their applications in to that office well in advance of the deadline. Chapters were urged to use any and all means to reach the renunciants in their areas to stress the possible dangers of stateless persons.

### Constitutional Changes

Proposed national constitutional changes discussed and passed included one to have the national officers meet once a year. At the present time the national officers hold official board meetings only at the biennial national conventions. Informal board meetings are held by board members who are able to get together at district meetings in certain areas.

The district also recommended that the mail vote procedure be changed. If an when it is necessary to poll the chapters by mail on questions that may arise, only those ballots which are returned should be considered as having voted and a decision is to be reached by the majority of the returned ballots. All ballots not returned within specified time limits should be considered as losing their franchise on that particular issue.

After lengthy discussion the council accepted a compromise measure on the policy statement of the National JACL on International relations. It will be recommended that hereafter when there is a question as to whether a specific problem concerns the welfare of persons of Japanese ancestry to the extent of JACL participation, a committee appointed by the national council will make recommendations to the National Board for final decision.

The council also adopted a plan to raise the national dues sufficiently so that the Pacific Citizen would be sent to every member. Under the plan accepted by the district National dues would be raised \$1.00 per member with the intent that an informed membership was well worth a deficit even though PC could not pay its own way under such a financing plan.

Other matters on the agenda was a report on the President's Committee on Government contracts which has opened a regional office in the Federal Building in Los Angeles; a discussion led by Lane Nakano on the integration of Hawaiian Nisei into the mainland Japanese communities; the Hi-Co Conference of Japanese American Youth reporting through Bill Marumoto a successful conference and receiving the support and financial assistance of the district for another such conference next year; and the National JACL Oratorical and Essay Contest in which the district plans participation. Roy Iketani, 3rd vice chairman, was placed in charge and the finals for the district will be held at the pre-convention rally on July 6.

### Barbecued Steak

The meeting concluded with a barbecued steak dinner which delegates agreed was worth coming to Pismo Beach for. Three inch thick steaks sizzled on the large barbecue pit and the order of the day was "eat all you can."

Accolades for the superb home made dinner were given to the host chapter committee chairman Sab Ikeda and to Akio Hayashi, chapter president. Margie Eto served as registration chairman, Mits Sanbonmatsu as chairman for the barbecue dinner and Ellen Kishiyama as publicity chairman.

Others who worked on the committee included Bob Shigenaka who barbecued the steaks to perfection, Ruth Nagano, Ken Kitasako, Taro Kobara, Nami Sanbonmatsu, Shiz Ikeda, Seirin Ikeda, George Nagano, Mari Kobara, Helen Tawaguchi, Ann Nagano, Iso Fuchiwaki, Mrs. Iwao, Ty dohi, Mary Nagano, Ken Kobara, Harry Fukuhara, Pat Nagano, Masaji Eto, Hilo Fuchiwaki, Kaz Ikeda and Susie Hayashi.

## WLA Jr. Matrons dance date readied

It's time for the annual West Los Angeles Junior Matrons' dance again! The committee headed by dance chairman, Mrs. Seiko Nakamishi, have completed arrangements for this affair which has been very popularly received each year.

The dance will be held at the Elks Club, 21st and Wilshire Blvd. in Santa Monica, Saturday night, May 10 from 9:00 p.m. until 1:00 a.m.

Mrs. Sue Ohno, orchestra chairman, has obtained the services of Aaron Gonzalez and his Musci with a special request to furnish music to please everyone, including the most ardent dance student to the old fashioned waltzer and fox-trotter.

Door prizes are being handled by Mrs. Mitsu Sonoda and refreshments by Mrs. Yoko Nakao. Others on the committee include Mae Kakehashi, poster; Fumi Tsunoda, hall; Lucille Watanabe, tickets; and Toshi Ando, publicity. Tickets are still available from members of the Junior Matrons.

## New PTA president attends statewide meet for group

Mrs. Sid Inouye, president-elect of the Robert Hill Lane PTA will attend the Calif. Congress of Parents and Teachers convention at San Francisco, May 7-9.

Elected to serve from July with Mrs. Inouye were the following: Mmes. Harry Minami, vice-president; Bess Roberts, secretary, Abe Wolinsky, treasurer; Shig Nishikawa, auditor; and John Siegwien, historian.

Mrs. Shiduko Taira, third grade instructor, was elected by the faculty members of the school to serve as second vice-president for Robert Hill Lane PTA.

### Honor roll

SELMA. — Wayne Ota, Claudia Miyamoto and Fred Tanimoto are listed on the honor roll of Selma Elementary School for this semester.

## Board of Supervisors hear Buddhist invocation

A step toward better understanding of religious faiths was taken recently when the County Board of Supervisors invited a Buddhist minister to lead the invocation.

Rev. Arthur Takemoto of the Los Angeles Hampa Hongwanji Temple thus became the first person of the Buddhist sect to lead such an invocation.

Supervisor John Anson Ford extended the board's appreciation to the Buddhist group upon completion of the invocation, stating that the group's activities add to the enrichment of culture in Southern California.

## U.S. scientific convention Japanese researchers visit

TOKYO. — Four Japanese researchers will leave for Flint, Mich., to announce their research findings at a world's students scientific conference opening May 7, it was announced last week.

A Japanese high school student, two former students, and a teacher left Tokyo on May 2 to attend the conference at the invitation of the American Science Club.

Tadashi Nakagawa of Takeoka senior high school in Toyama prefecture and his teacher, Takeo Abe, collaborated in conducting research into the anatomical nature of the backward-gilled fish found in Japan Sea.

Ichiro Matsubara, a recent graduate of Tokyo's Hibiya high school, succeeded in obtaining the accurate weight of frogs during hibernation.

Kimiko Yoshino who recently graduated from Shimokami high school in Tokyo, studied the chemical properties of amylase in saliva which is being produced by 20th liva.

### Spelling bee winner

SAN JOSE. — Two Nisei recently competed in the Santa Clara county spelling bee finals as champion of their schools but were eliminated before the final round. They were Judy Osaki and Judy Niizawa.

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## THE Northwest PICTURE

By Elmer Ogawa

Harry S. Kawabe, prominent citizen and board member of the Seattle JACL chapter is an Issei of proud cultural heritage who came to this country in 1906. His personal accomplishments make a special kind of Horatio Alger story.

As he leisurely smokes expensive cigars while attending to the day's business in an office adjoining his private art gallery, one gets the impression that he was always surrounded with such luxury.

But it wasn't always that way, quite. Arriving in Seattle at the age of 16, his purpose was to get a lot of good American schooling. But the best of plans go haywire sometimes. He found himself working for a dairy farmer learning to milk cows. There followed jobs in sawmills, railroads, and dish-washing back in Seattle so he could go to night school.

When a job opportunity in Alaska came along, he took it — stayed 30 years, a confirmed slave to the many opportunities that kept cropping up. While working as a cook for a construction company in Cordova, he started a laundry and bath house on the side. People sometimes stood in line at the bath house. To keep them amused, he set up a card-poolroom. That's the way things grew.

A shot at bigger opportunities came in 1915 when the Alaska Railroad was being built out of Seward. To his laundry-dry cleaning business in Seward, he added a hardware and general merchandise store.

With this set-up, miners and prospectors came looking for grubstakes. Kawabe cannot recall how many grubstakes, or in what amounts, he put out over the years; but it was always the same deal, 50 - 50 and power of attorney. Some of the miners in those days had to mush for three months to get to their diggings; worked the claims for two months or so in the summer, and then spent three months getting back out. Some just never got back, but from those who panned out OK, Harry got his share.

Kawabe is very frank in his stories about which party to these partnerships did all the working and sweating; but occasionally he operated or just visited mining properties himself when the investment warranted personal attention. "I became an expert," he said, "not only with gold, but with lead, zinc, silver and copper claims."

He set up a free assay service. From there on in, it was a simple process to chart the locations of the richest claims; useful information in any man's book, especially when that book is being made on miner's chances.

Kawabe grubstaked trappers also, and dabbled around in the fur buying game. Before World War II came around, he had a hand in all of these enterprises: laundry-dry cleaning plant, restaurants, barber shop, liquor store, tavern, hardware and general merchandise stores, gift stores, assay office, gold mine, and interest in a bank and newspaper.

"Did you give up everything with the evacuation?" we asked Mr. Kawabe. "Oh no," he answered, "I'm still a director of the gold mine, and of some corporations which operate the old ventures."

A Seattleite again since the war, Kawabe doesn't spend much time in Alaska any more. Old sourdough friends come to Seattle describing new investment opportunities, but HSK isn't buying any. "Too old to go tramping the hills," he says, although much of the travel is done by bush plane these days. The kind of stakes these prospective partners want, require a personal investigation, and Harry's not willing to make the physical effort. "Besides, mining is a gamble," he said, "and like gambling it gets in the blood."

Moreover, the Seattle enterprises demand attention; an import firm, the Kawabe Art and Gift Store in the Olympic Hotel Building apartment house investments, one of which is in the million dollar class.

And then there is the H.S. Kawabe Art Gallery on the second floor of a downtown Seattle building. It's another manifestation of something that Kawabe also describes as "in the blood," a love of rare and costly art objects, which we just like to think of as part of the personal heritage that is Harry Kawabe's.

The collections of rare art first began with a nucleus of family heirlooms from Japan. As he made periodic trips to Japan in the interests of the importing business, he regularly added to the collection. The collection outgrew his office, so he set up the present gallery for the pleasure of his friend and himself and for the public also, which may visit the gallery without charge any weekday afternoon.

Near the entrance are two ferocious carved wooden warriors, a pair of Shinto temple guards more than 400 years old. Four partitioned areas in the gallery are hung with rare kakemono. One we saw was dated 889 and is said to be a self portrait by one Sugawara. Others are dated in the 15th and 18th centuries.

Another aisle is devoted to the display of costly old folding screens. While some represent more recent embroidery art, others also date back 400 years or more. Another corner of the gallery displays an amazing collection of bronze ware some pieces weighing more than 100 pounds. Kawabe's wood block print collection is said to be the best outside of Japan.

Harry Kawabe seems to have a leisurely way of conducting the many duties of the business day. Although his offices at the other Seattle enterprise see him at some time during the day, he spends half of it at in the reposeful atmosphere of the office at the gallery. There are five H.S. Kawabe numbers in the phone book, each at a different address, but if you're looking for him, it's a pretty safe bet he'll be found at the gallery number.

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### Mt. Diablo High girl named to school post for 1958

CONCORD. — Lois Nakagaki, junior at Mt. Diablo high school here was elected girls representative to the student body for the 1958-59 school year.

She will succeed her sister, Hatsy, who will graduate in June.

Lois has served as vice president of her freshman class. Her sister was also class vice president in her junior year and is presently the secretary of the Sword and Bauble Drama society, press release manager and associate editor of the high school newspaper.



Posing in front of the Utah State Capitol during the cherry tree presentation ceremony last Sunday are (from left) Ichiro Doi, Salt Lake queen, Henry Kasai, chairman of the Cherry Tree Project, Lake JACL president, who made the presentation, Ruth Okawa, Utah Gov. George D. Clyde, who accepted the cherry trees; Alice Skino and Wisteria Nakamoto.

### California Foreign Language Council urges resolution to strengthen language program

FRESNO. — At the first meeting of the California Council of Foreign Language Teachers association which met here last week, foreign language teachers adopted resolutions asking for a stronger language program which would run from the elementary grade through the university and college.

The association noted that Spanish is being taught in elementary schools in a few cities and wants the program expanded to include Japanese, Chinese, Italian, Armenian and Portuguese.

They pointed out that these are the languages spoken by the parents of large numbers of students. Speakers at the meeting asked that foreign languages regain the place of honor they once held

among high school and college courses.

One of the speakers, Dr. Glenn S. Dumke, president of San Francisco State College, said all liberal arts college students should be required to pass a test for foreign language competency before they can be graduated. A state law now prohibits making any foreign language a requisite for state college graduation.

The association adopted a resolution calling for the repeal of this law and Dr. J. Burton Vasche, associate state supt. of public instruction, told the group: "Modern foreign languages should be an integral part of a student's education, commencing with the early years of elementary school and broadening as the student goes on in his education."

Dr. Dumke described increased proficiency in languages as a "national need in the current world-wide struggle for ideas."

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# Los Angeles NEWSLETTER

By Henry Mori

Proceeds from the fourth annual Emerald Ball, sponsored by the East Los Angeles JACL on May 17 at Park Manor, will be contributed to Maryknoll Sanatorium and Hospital, according to President Roy Yamadera.

The chapter prides itself in "being the richest" in the Pacific Southwest District Council.

As to their annual membership, the chapter has 265 to date as compared to 276 in 1957. Roy believes the chapter can surpass last year's figure with an extra bit of campaigning.

Of the numerous medical services rendered by the Maryknoll Sisters to all persons of Japanese ancestry during the many years the group has been in operation, one of them is the caring of Nipponese orphans coming to the United States for adoption.

Yamadera said that under the new expansion program, the institution is seeking one million dollars for the hospital and nursing quarters. Only last Sunday, a "kick-off" dinner was held to start the fund raising campaign. According to Sister Mary Mark, administrator, half of the amount has been donated by Patrick J. Frawley, Jr., but an additional \$350,000 is required to equip the new facility.

## PUSH CAMPAIGN FOR SCHOOL BOND PROPOSITIONS

George Kawamura, math instructor, is assigned to campaign for passage of Propositions D, E, and F—school bonds to provide additional 2,534 vitally-needed classrooms in Los Angeles, in addition to other essential school facilities. Kawamura said he "missed" Harry Honda (who is still away on his honeymoon) for his signature in support of the measures. But he did get our name next to some of the prominent JACLers in town, including PC manager Saburo Kido.

Community members serving on the group include Frank F. Chuman, Mack Hamaguchi, Taro Kawa, Mrs. H.H. Kodani, Frank Kurihara, Katsuma Mukaeda, Gongoro Nakamura, Wilbur Sato, Eiji Tanabe, James Watanabe and David Yokozeki.

The propositions—to go on the June primary ballot—are planned to take care of shortages in classroom and basic educational facilities created by the doubling of Los Angeles population since 1948. They need a two-thirds majority to pass.

## ISSEI DOCTORS HONORED AT DINNER

Three pioneer Issei doctors who have practiced over half a century were honored at the annual spring banquet of the Japanese American Medical Association at the Statler Hilton on Wednesday.

They were Dr. Kiyohide Nakaki, who has been 62 years in the practice of medicine; Dr. Daishiro Kuroiwa (one of the founders of Maryknoll Sister sanatorium and hospital); and Dr. Kensuke Akimoto. Both have been in practice 51 years.

In recognition of distinguished service and meritorious contributions to the Issei and Nisei community, they were presented with plaques signed by the society.

## AWARDED FOR BEST TABLE FLORAL PIECES

Art Ito, operator of Flower View Gardens and active Hollywood JACL chapter leader, was the winner of a Judges Award for his contribution of beautiful table center pieces at the Las Floritas Floral Headdress Ball held last Friday night at the new International Ballroom of the Beverly Hilton.

What made it rise was the fact that two of the five awards given out were won by Nisei florists. Besides Ito, the "most beautifully decorated center piece" award went to Jimmy Morimoto, of Jimmy's Florist.



# 15th Biennial Underlines

BY RUPERT HACHIYA  
Chairman, National JACL Convention Board

Salt Lake City

## Youth Activities to be featured . . .

Editor Jean Konishi is asking each chapter to send in information and pictures on youth program and activities. Chapter presidents, please be sure to read her recent appeal to the chapters regarding this plan and honor your Youths by highlighting them in the convention records.

**DIGNITARIES SEND BOOKLET GREETINGS**—Editor Jean Konishi reports President Eisenhower has been one of the first to send us good wishes, along with Vice President Richard M. Nixon, and the Congressional delegates of Utah have all submitted their pictures and letters to be included in the convention booklet.

Messages of congratulatory and welcome remarks have been received from the local officials, the Utah Governor George D. Clyde, the Salt Lake City Mayor Adiel F. Stewart, Utah University President A. Ray Olpin, and L.D.S. Church President David O. McKay.

All the Nisei artists of the city have indicated their willingness to submit a design for the front cover. The excellent reputations of the Nisei artists will insure quality designing from which to make our selections.

## VITAL STATISTICS

### BIRTHS

#### LOS ANGELES

FUKUTAKI, Koji (Iris Tanaka)—boy, Jan. 20.  
NATSUME, Yuji (Yumi Yoshimine)—girl, Jan. 28.  
EMBREY, Garland (Sueko Kunitomi)—boy, Jan. 27.  
MATSUSHITA, Masato (Yuriko Nagasawa)—boy, Jan. 31, Culver City.  
CARUSELLA, Frank (Shizue Hosoya)—girl, Feb. 1.  
KOSHIMIZU, Yasuo (Ayako Kawamoto)—girl, Feb. 1, Compton.  
RICHARDS, George (Hatsumi Inatomi)—boy, Jan. 26.  
TSUTSUI, Roy (Mabel Anderson)—girl, Jan. 20.  
SATO, Keiichi (Taeko Matsuda)—girl, Jan. 31.  
ITO, John M. (Fumiko Endo)—girl, Jan. 18.  
WASAKA, George (Irene Amamoto)—boy, Feb. 3.  
HOJUN, Vernon M. (Satsuyo Kageshiro)—twin boys, Jan. 24.  
MATSUNO, Takato (June Okada)—boy, Feb. 4.  
TOCHIOKA, Hideo (Sumiko Yamashiro)—girl, Jan. 28.  
DENDO, Isamu (Betty Ushijima)—boy, Jan. 30.  
NITTA, Masato (Fukuyue Iwamuro)—girl, Jan. 31.  
SEKI, Takuma (Nobuko Sumiyoshi)—boy, Feb. 3.  
SHINTAKU, Harold (Noriko Kimura)—boy, Jan. 28.  
KIMURA, Kenzo (Sumie Nishioka)—boy, Jan. 27.  
SURUKI, Tsugio (Kazue Kawashima)—boy, Jan. 2.  
LEITHEISER, Robert (Emiko Saito)—boy, Jan. 13.  
NISHIKUBO, George (Kazuko Kawamoto)—boy, Jan. 12.  
SURUKI, Ikuo (Tsuruko Aiso)—boy, Jan. 12.  
KOTAKE, Seigo (Miyoko Shizumura)—girl, Jan. 12, Norwalk.  
TORIGOE, Harry (Yoshie Kiikuni)—girl, Jan. 10.  
TAMAE, Nathan (Takeko Yonamine)—boy, Jan. 8.  
MURAKAMI, Arthur (Hisako Takahashi)—boy, Jan. 9.  
YAMAGAWA, Joe (Chizuko Nakasone)—girl, Jan. 6.  
BUDO, Jimmie (Sachiyo Nakayama)—boy, Jan. 4.  
HISAMOTO, Opie (Tsuneko Kushida)—boy, Jan. 13.  
MUKAI, Taro (Tatsuko Oto)—boy, Jan. 10.  
SAITO, George M. (Kinuko Tadakoro)—boy, Jan. 13, Torrance.  
KINA, Sadao (Alice Okuma)—boy, Jan. 13, Torrance.  
HIRATA, Shigeru (Shizuko Hashimoto)—boy, Feb. 3.  
OKUMURA, Futoomi (Mitsuko Ishibashi)—boy, Feb. 2.  
BIZZELLE, James C. (Elizabeth Kisanuki)—girl, Feb. 3.  
MAYEMURA, Katsumi (Royoko Kihara)—girl, Feb. 8.  
MURAKAMI, Tadashi (Tatsu Fukunaga)—boy, Feb. 8.  
YOKOI, Harris (Fumiko Ihara)—boy, Feb. 8.  
HARAMOTO, George (Miyeko Morita)—boy, Feb. 8.  
TAKEGUCHI, James (Katsuko Shiroma)—girl, Feb. 9.  
SHIBA, Jim Y. (Mitsuko Mizukami)—girl, Feb. 9, North Hollywood.  
MASUDA, Ken (Masako Ninomiya)—boy, Feb. 9.  
KANEMARU, Robert (Rita Fujimoto)—boy, Feb. 3.  
PORTER, Kay W. (Shitomi Yazawa)—girl, Feb. 3.  
FUJIOKA, Dick H. (Fujiko Narahara)—boy, Randall Niro, Feb. 5.  
HORI, Koichi (Aiko Nukaya)—boy, Feb. 3.

TOYOTA, Tatsuo (Atsuko Kuniyoshi)—girl, Feb. 4.  
SHIMABUKURO, Joji (Tsuyako Tamayoshi)—boy, Jan. 27.  
TANAKA, Richard M. (Kiyome Iwashita)—boy, Jan. 29.  
HANAO, Haruo (Sumiyo Kobayashi)—boy, Jan. 29.  
BURKE, Martin (Hideko Nakano)—girl, Jan. 28.  
KATONA, Ronald (Janice Miyahara)—girl, Jan. 25.

### DEATHS

NAKAMOTO, Hatsuyo, 55: Los Angeles, Mar. 30.  
DONOUE, Nobukichi, 73: Los Angeles, Mar. 24.  
KAWIWARA, Matsue, 61: San Francisco, Mar. 27—(h) Seichi, (s) Hiroshi, (d) Shizuko Matsuda.  
SAYEGUSA, Yasuko, 61: Los Angeles, Mar. 25.  
DONOUE, Shinkichi, 77: Los Angeles, Mar. 23.  
OGURA, George K., 68: Pasadena, Mar. 22.  
NARUMI, Jutaro, 71: Los Angeles, Mar. 22.  
SAITO, Zensuke, 81: Santa Ana, Mar. 22.  
TERAOKA, Gentsuchi, 77: Gardena, Mar. 23.  
MINAMI, Soyo, 68: Los Angeles, Mar. 23.  
YAMASAKI, Goichi, 81: Los Angeles, Mar. 23.

### WEDDINGS

TANAKA - KATO — Mar. 2, Frank J. San Fernando; Akiko, Gilroy.  
TAKAYAMA - YAMASAKI — Mar. 16, Bill S. and Nobuko, both Los Angeles.  
ADACHI - TAKANO — Mar. 16, Henry, Sanger; Mae, Indio.  
MIHO - KONYA — Apr. 13, Bob and Keiko, both Los Angeles.  
GUSHI - AZAMA — Mar. 23, Yukiharu Los Angeles; Nobuko Santa Monica.  
TAKASUGI - OKAMOTO — Mar. 30, Robert and Dodie, both Los Angeles.  
SHISHIMA - NISHIKAWA — Mar. 29, William H. Los Angeles; Emi, Gardena.  
SHIBATA - ORIDA — Mar. 23, Kazuo and Lillian, both Los Angeles.  
OSHIRO - UYEHARA — Mar. 29, Fred K. and Yemiko, both Los Angeles.  
NAMBU - OKAMOTO — Mar. 23, Albert T. Torrance; Dorothy F., Los Angeles.

## Nisei named to head Molokai Jr. C of C

KAUNAKAKAI, Molokai — Donald Shimizu, California Packing Corporation plantation office-staff member at Kualapuu, is president of the Molokai Junior Chamber of Commerce for 1958-59.

Mr. Shimizu has been a Jaycee for five years and has served as treasurer, secretary, and publicity chairman. At present he also is "state chairman for Jaycee Action."

Other new officers are George Harada, first vice-president; Harold Iwane, second vice-president; Nathaniel Burrows, secretary; Mitsuo Watanabe, treasurer; Jack Blalock, Robert Keanini and Kermit Brown, directors.

The installation ceremony will be held in June.



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## Recession, car ails, crimp Japan visitors on American tour

CHICAGO. — Engine failure and the American business recession put a crimp into a tour of 23 Japanese industrialists who were in Chicago this past week.

Tours of several Chicago steel processing plants had to be called off last week as none were working. Visits to steel plants in the San Francisco area were cancelled because of a delay in arrival. The plane carrying the delegation was forced back to Honolulu after the engine failed. Thomas Y. Masuzumi, managing director of the International Cultural Friendship Assn., and leader of the tour, said that life jackets were ordered on all passengers when a engine failed several hours off Honolulu.

"The men are hopeful everything goes well from here on," Masuzumi continued. He explained that a visit by presidential assistant Maxwell Rabb to Japan led to the trip, arranged with the help of the U.S. State Department.

"We discussed the people-to-people exchange program," Masuzumi said, "and we would like American business leaders to come visit us to better understanding of each other."

The group, made up of presidents and managing directors of steel alloy plants, hope to visit in Detroit, Buffalo, Pittsburgh and Los Angeles as well as pay a visit to the White House in Washington.

## PTA membership chairman

STOCKTON. — Mrs. Duke Yoshimura was appointed one of two membership co-chairmen for the Stockton Council PTA, it was announced recently by Mrs. J. Marc Jantzen, council president.

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## Washington NEWSLETTER

BY MIKE MASAOKA

### Unknown Soldier

**THIS MEMORIAL DAY**, the unknown soldiers of World War II and of the Korean conflict will be interred at Arlington National Cemetery, in impressive rites, in simple crypts alongside the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier of World War I. Their last resting places will be inscribed "1941-45" and "1950-53", respectively.

Though the numerical chances are very much against it, there is a possibility that either or both the unknown soldiers of World War II and of Korea may be a Nisei war hero "known but to God".

**SELECTION OF THE UNKNOWN GI OF WORLD WAR II** begins next Monday, May 12, when a combat officer will choose a representative of the European theater from among 13 unidentified military dead disinterred from American cemeteries in Europe and North Africa.

The selection will be made at Epinal, in the Vosges Mountains sector of northeastern France, near where the 442nd suffered its greatest casualties in its heroic rescue of the Lost Battalion of the 36th Texas Infantry Division, October 31, 1944.

Three days later, a non-commissioned officer who holds the Distinguished Service Cross will choose one of four unidentified victims of the Korean War at the National Memorial Cemetery of the Pacific in Honolulu.

The next day, an air force colonel who holds many high service awards, will choose a second World War II victim from among six taken from the American Cemetery in Manila and the National Memorial Cemetery of the Pacific. His choice, to be made in Honolulu, will symbolize the Pacific phase of World War II.

**ALL THREE** will rendezvous at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, aboard the U.S.S. Canberra. There, on May 26, a combat medical corpsman who won the Congressional Medal of Honor will make the final selection between the World War II unknowns. The one he does not choose will be buried at sea.

The World War II and the Korean War representatives will arrive in Washington aboard a destroyer on May 27 with a Coast Guard cutter as escort. Following arrival ceremonies at which the Secretaries of Defense, Army, Navy, and the Air Force will participate, the two caskets will be transported to the Rotunda of the Capitol Building, where Cabinet officers, Supreme Court justices, members of Congress, and the diplomatic corps will pay homage to the unknown soldiers. Former Presidents Hoover and Truman are expected to attend.

**WHILE THE TWO** unknown soldiers lie in state in the Capitol Rotunda, veterans groups and patriotic and civic organizations will present floral tributes in special ceremonies. Because of the many requests for time, only a relatively few organizations will be authorized to pay official homage to the unknown GIs of our last two wars.

We understand that the Japanese American Citizens League will be among the national organizations presenting floral tributes to two American war heroes who may have been JACL members and who may have been, in the case of the World War II soldier, a volunteer for either the 442nd or military intelligence from a War Relocation Center.

The Arlington services on May 30 afternoon are expected to be unprecedented in solemnity and reverence, as a grateful nation pays final honors to all its war dead of World War I and of Korea. President Eisenhower will probably lead the nation's homage, with the ranking staff and field commanders of World War II and of Korea in attendance.

**THOUGH 16 YEARS** have passed since the arbitrary mass evacuation that was predicated on a suspicion as to our loyalty, we cannot believe that the Issei and the Nisei and our Sansei children have forgotten that only because of the suffering and the sacrifices of our Nisei volunteers do we Americans of Japanese ancestry enjoy today the general acceptance of our fellow Americans and the enviable opportunities that are the birthright of every citizen.

We therefore are confident that this Memorial Day every American of Japanese ancestry will spare a few minutes of his day to stop and reflect on how much he owes to his fellow Nisei who fought and died that he and his family today might be able to walk the streets in dignity and be able to look into the future with optimism. We are also hopeful that he will take the time and trouble to visit his nearest cemetery and pay a personal tribute with flowers to a Nisei who gave much more than time and trouble to the cause of freedom for all—and especially for his compatriots.

**BECAUSE 1958 IS** the 15th anniversary of the activation of the 442nd Regimental Combat Team in Camp Shelby, Mississippi, it is particularly fitting and proper, we think, that when National JACL President Dr. Roy Nishikawa and National JACL Director Mas Satow visit Washington the weekend of May 24, they visit Arlington National Cemetery and pay, on behalf of the National Organization and all Americans of Japanese ancestry, tribute to the 20 Nisei war heroes interred there, and through these honored dead to the thousand Nisei who died in World War II and in Korea to prove that "Americanism is a matter of the mind and the heart, . . . and not a matter of race or ancestry".

The Washington, D.C. JACL Chapter and Ira Shimasaki, National JACL Arlington Cemetery Committee, are to be commended for featuring these special memorial services for the delegates attending the annual meeting of the Eastern District Council.

And it is hoped that every Nisei in the area of the nation's capital will make it a special point to attend these observances on Sunday afternoon, May 25, at five o'clock, "lest we forget".

## WLA JACL slate benefit carnival

A benefit carnival has been scheduled by the West Los Angeles JACL for June 27-28 at Corinth Ave. Japanese School grounds to raise funds to send delegates to the National Convention in Salt Lake City and to handle expenses for various activities planned by this chapter.

Heading the two-day affair will be Aki Ohno, general chairman, assisted by Dr. Kiyoshi Sonoda and David Akashi. Plans are underway to contact other organizations to participate in the affair.

Yo Tsuruda, chairman of the "Fuku Biki," announced that first prize will be a \$520.00 five-speaker Grundig Majestic Hi-Fi. Other prizes include a 21 inch G. E. Ultra Vision TV, 14 inch G. E. table model TV, G. E. Deluxe vacuum cleaner and Sunbeam Mix-Master.

Tickets are being distributed by Dr. Dave Miura of the Long Beach JACL, Dr. Ken Yamaguchi of Pasadena, Dr. John Koyama of Gardena, Pete Furuya of Venice-Culver and Tom Hirashima of Santa Barbara JACL.

Other committee chairmen appointed by Ohno are: Dick Jenye, prizes; Elmer Uchida and Nobo Ikuta, finance; George Sakamoto, booth construction; Hobi Fujio, bingo and Jim Kitsuse, clean-up.

## AJA medical group hold spring banquet

The annual Spring Banquet of the Japanese American Medical Association will be held on May 17 at the Statler Hotel.

Honored guests will be Consul General and Mrs. Shigeru Nakamura, Dr. Stafford L. Warren, Dean of Medical School, UCLA, and Mrs. Warren; Dr. Walter E. MacPherson, Dean of Medical School, College of Medical Evangelist, and Mrs. MacPherson; Dr. Frederick J. Moore, professor of Public Health, USC, and Mrs. Moore, and Dr. Lewis T. Bullock, president of the Los Angeles County Medical Association, and Mrs. Bullock.

Japanese American residents and internes in local hospitals will also be honored guests.

Dr. H. James Hara, president of the Japanese American Medical Association will preside as toastmaster. The main speaker for the evening will be Dr. Walter MacPherson who recently returned from a tour of the Orient. Dr. Richard Iwata, association secretary, will be master of ceremony for the program which will feature Japanese entertainment. Later, the group will adjourn to the Terrace Room.

Mrs. Norman Kobayashi, president of the Women's Medical Auxiliary, is heading the banquet committee, assisted by the following members: Mmes. Hiraku Ishida, Richard Iwata, George Kambara, Tadashi Fujimoto, Benjamin Kondo and Thomas Nakao.

## U.S. commercial fishermen report low catch in '57

**WASHINGTON.** — U.S. commercial fishermen caught less and earned less last year, the Fish and Wildlife Service reported this week.

In its annual preliminary review of commercial fisheries in the U.S., the service said the total 1957 catch dropped to four and three-quarter billion pounds—down one-half billion pounds from 1956.

Prices were slightly better last year—averaging 7.39 cents a pound at the boat side compared with 7.03 cents for 1956. But the service estimated that the total receipts were down in 1957. The fishermen got 351 million dollars for their catch in 1957 as compared to \$369,018,000 in 1956.

San Pedro, Cal., continued as the leading port in both landings and value of fish. Lewes, Del., ranked second in volume of landings and Reedville, Va., was third. Landings were principally tuna, mackerel and sardines.

## ELA LOOKING FORWARD TO BIGGEST SOCIAL EVENT: 4TH ANNUAL EMERALD BALL

Members of the East LA JACL chapter are looking forward to the biggest social event on the calendar, their 4th annual Emerald Ball, set for Saturday May 17 at Park Manor, 607 So. Western Ave. The music will be furnished by Mike Merez and his 11-piece orchestra, the same aggregation which drew a large crowd to the Emerald Ball last year in Anaheim. This year's

dance will be held for the benefit of the Maryknoll Sisters Sanatorium and Hospital in Monrovia as announced recently by chapter president Roy Yamadera.

## SAN DIEGO BUDDHISTS STAGE BENEFIT BAZAAR

**SAN DIEGO.** — Sunday, May 18, has been set aside by the San Diego Buddhist Church for its annual benefit bazaar, their biggest event of the year. Shunzo Sakamoto is general chairman and will be assisted by co-chairmen, Messrs. Noboru Tomiyama, Masami Honda and Takeyoshi Ohara.

This year's bazaar promises to match the color, excitement and fun of past events as the various committees earnestly make preparations. The entire net proceeds realized from the bazaar goes into the Building Improvement Fund. Improvements have already been made from the use of this fund; but there are other projects contemplated for the months ahead.

The Buddhist Church invites the public to the Benefit bazaar where there will be food, games and prizes galore.

## L.A. paratrooper recovers from painful fall

Pvt. Yoshio Tasaki, who was among the many paratroopers injured during a recent mass practice jump at Ft. Campbell in Kentucky, suffered back injuries and a bruised back, but was reported in good condition.

Tasaki was the only Nisei in the 502nd battle group of the 101st airborne division which fought heavy winds during the jump in which 5 men were killed.

Tasaki told his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Masao Tasaki, in a telephone call that he expected to be released from the hospital shortly. He said he was able to cut loose from his parachute after landing to save himself from being dragged on the ground by the heavy winds.

## Elect Dr. Togasaki UC Alumnae Ass'n. prexy at meeting

**SAN FRANCISCO.** — Dr. Yoshiya Togasaki was elected president of the U.C. Japanese Alumnae Association at a recent meeting at which time discussions were held on the reorganization of the North Gate Dormitory for Women which is owned and operated by the women's association.

Elected vice president was Mrs. Grace Uyeyama of Berkeley; recording secretary, Mrs. Kathleen Date; corresponding secretary, Mrs. Fumie Nakamura; and treasurer, Shizu Hikoeda.

The association officers are reported desirous of receiving suggestions as to the disposal of the dormitory - whether to maintain the present status, sell it, or rebuild it for continued use. Suggestions may be sent to Mrs. Grace Uyeyama, 2808 Grove St., Berkeley, Mrs. Nakamura at 1601 Posen Ave., Berkeley, or to Mrs. Michi Onuma, 2156 Bush St., in San Francisco.

The association hopes to compile a complete list of UC women graduates of Japanese ancestry and is seeking the graduates' cooperation in sending the information to the above-mentioned officials.



Fresno State College's **TOM SANO**, without question the greatest Nisei shot putter of all time, capped a successful season last Saturday, when he captured the California Collegiate Athletic Association's shot put title in the league finals staged at El Camino College. **SANO's** put of 48-8 was below his best but nevertheless, good enough to win the title. The FSC team won the team title with the Nisei muscleman adding addition points with his third in the discus. **SANO** has put the shot over 50 ft. on numerous occasions, the only Nisei to turn the trick with the 16-pound ball . . . **DR. BOB WATANABE**, former track star at UCLA with a clocking of 9.6 in the 100-yard dash, is now assistant team physician for the Bruin varsity football team. **WATANABE** reports that **TOM YASUDA**, a 210-pound lineman, is making a determined bid to make the varsity squad during spring drills now being staged at Westwood . . . **RON KIINO**, promising young pitcher for University High School in West Los Angeles earned a nitch in the prep hall of fame last week when he threw a no-hit, no-run game. Receiving his slants in his masterpiece was catcher **STEVE NAKANO**. Both are slated to play in the Nisei league after finishing their prep season . . . The twosome of **JUDY SEKI-CHIYO TASHIMA** is regarded as a threat in the National All-Star Women's Doubles Bowling Championships being held at South Bay Center in Redondo Beach, this Saturday. A total of 98 teams are entered from all the states and Hawaii.