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PRESIDENT'S CORNER:

Pray that sacrifices
have not been in vain

WASHINGTON.— A special memorial service honoring the Nisei war dead was held last Sunday at the Arlington Cemetery under chairmanship of Ira Shimasaki. In behalf of the National JACL, it was with deep feelings of gratitude and especially of great humility that we paid tribute to these men as well as the other servicemen who gave of their lives for their country.

When the 442nd RCT was formed in 1943, some questioned the wisdom its formation as an all-Nisei unit. We are convinced the men of the 442nd would have served with equal loyalty and valor in other U.S. army units. But in retrospect we see that its formation worked brilliantly to the advantage of not only the 442nd but for all Americans of Japanese ancestry. It was this group as well as other Nisei soldiers that paved the way for reacceptance of Americans of Japanese ancestry into the main-streams of American life. It has always been a source of pride to us that it was National JACL which successfully petitioned for the reinstatement of Selective Service for the Nisei in those difficult war years.

The sacrifice of the Nisei GI was particularly outstanding for he fought and died not only for his country but for expanded freedom, justice and opportunities of those loved ones he left behind in relocation centers. He truly fought and died for others more than for himself.

The bodies of the men who rest in Arlington Cemetery and elsewhere have long been returned to the bosom of Mother Earth. Yet their spirit lives on and will always live on in our hearts and in the hearts of generations to come.

There is little that we, the living, can say or do that would repay our obligations to these brave men. But we can resolve and pray that their sacrifices have not been in vain. In our daily lives, we can so conduct our-

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Sansei gunmen trial date set

A felony complaint charging first degree murder was filed against two Nisei youths in the Los Angeles municipal court last week by District Attorney William B. McKesson.

Louis Yamashiro and Takeshi Masukawa were the two arraigned and specific charges against them in the April 18 shooting at a New Cinatown dance were filed on Wednesday. They are to be tried June 11 in Dept. 41 of the Los Angeles Superior Court.

Sgt. Thomas Anderson, one of the investigating officers, told the municipal court that he was preparing from 12 to 15 witnesses for the preliminary hearing.

Yamashiro, who admitted during juvenile court proceedings that he had fired the fatal shot which killed Richard Sumii, 16, and his companion, Masukawa, did not testify.

Police said Sumii died instantly while watching a gang fight. They added that the Masukawa had the weapon before handing it to Yamashiro and therefore faces a similar charge as the actual person who fired the shot.

Formal copies of the complaint were handed to Frank Chuman, Yamashiro's counsel, and William H. Samuel, representing Masukawa.

Community Leaders Meet

Meanwhile, several meetings have been held by community Issei-Nisei leaders who hope to combat juvenile delinquency with "concrete plans". Fred Takata, regional JACL director, is among active participants in the community group.

Projects, which can be established by the community, were suggested to include a community center, special services to work with "hard to reach" groups, parent education, research and social action.

Local vernacular newsmen and Japanese radio broadcasters are cooperating in making parents of teenagers aware of the problem. Among the many points to be made is the encouragement of children to join groups under agency auspices with adult advisership.

THREE SANSEI, ALL OF SAME SCHOOL, SELECTED TO CALIF. BOY'S STATE

Three Sansei, all attending Roosevelt High School here, were among those selected as delegates to the California Boys State to be held in Sacramento State Fairgrounds June 21-29.

They are Alfred Y. Tsuyuki, sponsored by Police Post 381; Makoto Nakayama, Allied Post 302; and Alan M. Nakashima, O'Keefe and Merritt.

Dave Yamakawa Jr., wins public affairs internship

SAN FRANCISCO.— David Yamakawa, Jr., Univ. of California senior, was one of seven Northern Californians selected for Coro Foundation scholarships for nine months public affairs internships, it was announced here last week.

The 22-year-old Nisei is the son of Mr. and Mrs. David Yamakawa, of 290 Topeka Ave., San Francisco.

Yamakawa is the second Nisei to win the Coro scholarship. Tad Masaoka, formerly of Berkeley and now associated with his brother Mike in Washington, D.C., was the first Nisei winner in 1949.

Sgt. A.M. Brown of the Los Angeles Police juvenile division revealed at one of the meetings that there were 50 Japanese Americans arrested in 1957, crimes ranging from auto theft to disorderly conduct under the juvenile code.

Police Watch Gangs

While Sgt. Brown has not come across a girl juvenile case, there is "cause for alarm" among the boys. He also named several Nisei groups in the Southwest L. A., Temple St. and San Fernando Valley districts where police watch has become necessary. The 17-year-olds were more frequent repeating offenders and the 15-year-olds were the largest in number, he added.

Probation officer Orey Y. Shrogin disclosed there were 29 Nisei cases in 1957 coming into the office. Twenty-six had committed crimes, while three were referred to the probation office because of parental wrongdoing.

This outbreak has broken the myth about law-abiding Japanese. While the crime percentage may be smaller than other minority groups, it has become more apparent that Nisei-Sansei teenagers are getting out of hand.

Caution Expressed

Commented Saburo Kido in his column in the New Japanese American News the other week: "Integration does not mean that we should be broadminded to the extent that we have nothing to say about the company that teenagers keep."

"Whenever there is trouble, the ideal situation would be for teenagers to be free to consult someone, including the police. Taking the law into their hands has been one of basic faults in their conduct. This means that the police should not be a club over the head, but a friend to those who need help. We may need more officers like Stanley Uno to keep in contact with various groups."

NISEI WINS WRITE-IN ELECTION FOR CALIFORNIA SCHOOL POST

SAN FRANCISCO.— Calvin Kawanami, who won the single seat open in the Encinal School District Board in southern Santa Clara County by a 2 to 1 margin over an opponent who had filed for the post, is probably California's first Nisei to be elected as a "write-in" candidate.

Local area school board of trustee elections were held in various parts of the state on May 20. Kawanami received 58 write-in votes to 29 for Andrew Costa, whose name was on the ballot.

Another Loses

However, another Nisei, Mrs. Marie Yamada, running for reelection to the Terminus District school board in northern San Joaquin County lost her post when a write-in candidate received the second highest number of votes. Incumbent Mrs. Pilar E. Horlador was re-elected with 27 votes, write-in candidate Charles Stone, 18; and Mrs. Yamada, 12.

Another unusual situation developed when votes were counted in the Sierra Enterprise Union School District in Sacramento County. Unofficial returns showed

that incumbent James Abe and another opponent were tied with 53 votes apiece for the second opening.

Deadlock

Four men were in the race for two seats and one seat was captured by another newcomer with 63 votes. The other incumbent was last with 35 votes.

If the official results still find the pair deadlocked, the state law provides that the winner will be decided by drawing lots.

In Walnut Grove Toshio Sakai was reelected as the only candidate for the lone board vacancy there. He was given a complimentary vote by 149 persons.

Another unopposed incumbent returned was Robert Sakamoto of Santa Clara county's Oakgrove district.

CHICAGO EX-SOCIALITE ORDAINED ZEN PRIEST

KYOTO.— Mrs. Ruth Fuller Sasaki, 66, and once socially prominent in Chicago as Mrs. Edward Warren Everett, was ordained a Zen priest and named chief priest of the Ryosen-an Temple here this past week. She is the widow of the late Shigetsu Sasaki, noted Japanese scholar on Zen Buddhism and founder the Zen Institute of America in New York.

FARM GROUP SPONSORSHIP WON BY SAN MATEO GIRL

BERKELEY.— Brenda Takata, 17, of San Gregorio, was among five chosen from among 60 applicants for the California Farm Bureau \$400 scholarship. A senior at Half Moon Bay High School, she plans to major in architecture at the Univ. of California.

Scholarships are available to sons and daughters of Farm Bureau members to further their education at any accredited four-year college, or to students whose parents are not members of the bureau but who desire to study agriculture or home economics.

Miss Takata lives with her father, Joe, who is farm foreman in San Mateo county.

Miiko Taka returns

NEW YORK.— Nisei film star Miiko Taka of "Sayonara" returned from a personal appearance tour throughout Europe last week aboard the French luxury liner Liberte.

Nisei dispatches crate of strawberries to WW2 army friend: Pres. Eisenhower

SAN JOSE.— Jimmy Kato, who once served under President Eisenhower while he was supreme commander of Allied Forces in Europe, dispatched the first crate of strawberries to his former commanding general and last week received a note: "Ike appreciated those strawberries you sent".

The berries were delivered to the White House by City Manager Bob Klein of Santa Cruz who gave them special attention on the 3,000 mile flight to Washington. Carrying them as hand luggage, he checked in at the Sheraton-Carlton

Hotel where the manager placed them in the chef's icebox overnight for storage.

Handed to Hagerty

The next day, Klein presented them to Press Secretary Jim Hagerty, who sent them over the President's personal secretary, Mrs. Ann Whitman. "They were beautiful strawberries and I sent them immediately to the White House housekeeper," Mrs. Whitman said.

Kato is foreman for the De Benedetti ranches in Santa Cruz and San Mateo counties.

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From the Frying Pan

By Bill Hosokawa

Denver, Colo

JET PREVIEW — One of the lesser fringe benefits that come with working on a newspaper is the freeloader. Certain commercial ventures feel an obligation to give otherwise lowly newspapermen the Very Important Person treatment, the end objective being good will which in the long run may or may not lead to a greater volume of favorable publicity. At any rate, these freeloads are for the working newspaperman a sort of bonus, material compensation for having to work at a difficult job for less money than he thinks he's worth.

On one such freeloader this last week we were guests of Continental Airlines on a preview flight of their turbo-prop liner, the Viscount II.

The Viscount is a British product, carries 56 passengers, cruises around 365 miles per hour, and I can testify that the turbine-drive engine provides a smooth, quiet ride unattainable in the conventional piston engine plane.

I thought for a moment there might be a "Japanese" angle in the little goodies they served with the cocktails. They looked like those fried Japanese beans at first, but they turned out to be nothing more exotic than peanuts. So there went the angle.

MILESTONES — Do you remember your first day of school? The first time you took a girl out? When you drove a car solo? High school graduation? The day you proposed and the feeling that's a combination of anxiety, fright and elation when she accepted? The day you acquired your first brand-spanking new car, for instance, and the day you bought a house and seemingly mortgaged yourself for the rest of your days. These are all milestones that mark our passage through life.

There are other kinds of milestones, too. For instance, the time your first baby tooth dropped out, and the day the dentist shook his head and said you were going to need partial plates. When we were kids, all the boys wore knickers until they got out of grade school, and it was a memorable occasion when we bought the first pair of long pants for high school.

Last week, I reached another milestone but not with pleasure. This time it was the optometrist who squinted into my eye with the little flashlight type gadget he has, put me through a series of tests, and announced that henceforth I would need bi-focals. It did no good to protest that my skin is clear and unwrinkled, and that the black bristles still outnumber the gray atop my head. The evidence of middle age is undeniable when fine print becomes increasingly dim.

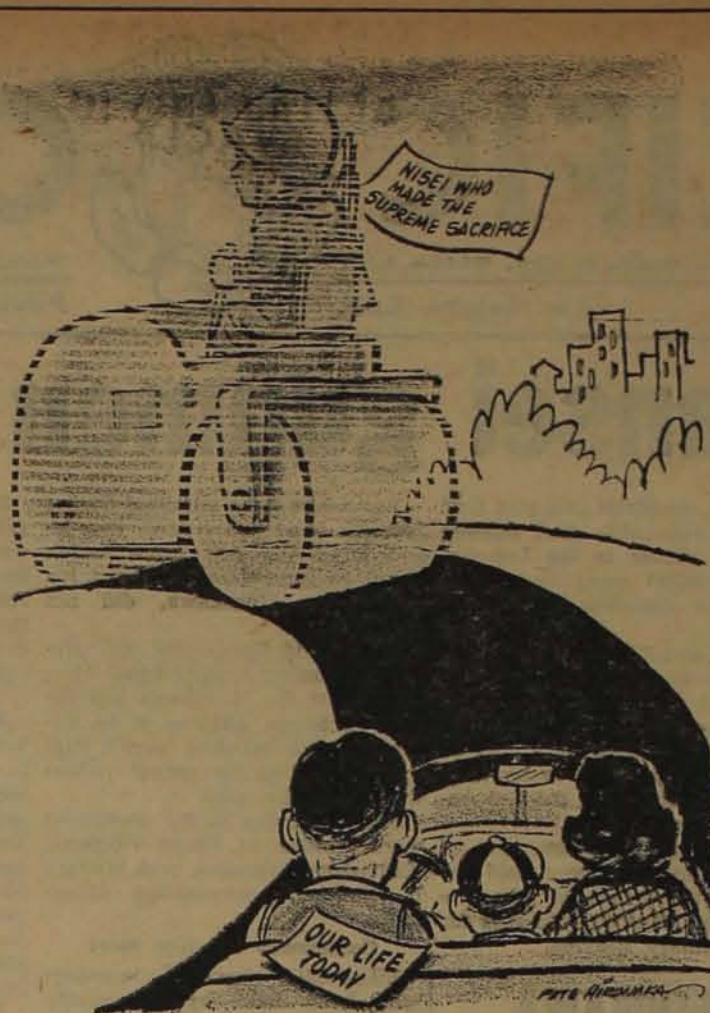
The pleasure of being mistaken for my son's brother is, I'm afraid, a triumph of the past.

WITHOUT GLAMOR — We were poking around the garage just before Memorial Day when one of the kids found an infantryman's helmet and plastic liner, Korean War vintage. It was a souvenir of grim, hot, frightening days along the Naktong River front, days all but forgotten in the urgency of keeping up with the routine of living. But the memories came flooding back as the boy brushed off the cobwebs and dust and fitted the helmet over his head.

He was impressed immediately by the helmet's weight. I've never put one on the scales, but an army helmet presses down on your head with a deadening insistence until even a grown man can hardly stand it at the end of the day.

"Wearing this is no fun," the boy observed. "I bet war is no fun either."

Perhaps this Memorial Day all adults all over the world should be required to don a military helmet and wear it until sunset as a reminder that war is indeed no fun. For anybody.



Lest We Forget Who Paved the Way



15th Biennial Underlines

BY RUPERT HACHIYA

Chairman, National JACL Convention Board

Keynote Speaker: Adding to the satisfaction that we have felt by the acceptance of Congressman Saund of our invitation to address the Recognition Dinner was the good news that National President Dr. Roy Nishikawa has consented to be the keynote speaker for the Opening Ceremonies.

We feel that with his rich JACL background and record of devoted service to the organization, Roy will be able to translate "Past is Prologue" into a sincere, vital message for all delegates. The fact that his participation and activities in JACL has been with integrity and faithful leadership be able to highlight our responsibilities and problems as well as inspire delegates to seek greater heights of achievement for JACL.

Issei Achievement: Former National President George Inagaki has also accept the role as guest speaker. He has been practicing his Japanese ever since the Walter-McCarran bill was passed to address the Issei, so he should be well polished by our convention time.

We know from experience that George is one who conveys a message with conviction and feeling. Plus the fact that his record of JACL service has earned for him the "Nisei of the Biennium" award at the last convention, a real treat should be in store for those who will be fortunate to attend this affair.

Our thanks to Roy and George for their cooperation. Without such willing contribution, our convention would not succeed.

Queen Margaret: Convention Queen Margaret Itami has arranged to be in Salt Lake City for the entire month of June. It will enable the publicity department to work on further photographic assignments. She is enrolling at the Utah School of Culture for some courses on finishing technique—not that she needs any. You'll be seeing much of her as we plan to feature her in recommended attire for the

Salt Lake City hot August weather as among the series of publicity shots.

We are looking forward to her debut as a ballet artist tomorrow night at the chapter dance honoring local graduates. Her mother, Mrs. Mary Itami, tells us she is busy at the moment sewing a costume for Margaret's "Deep Purple" number. Margaret is also working out a creative piece called the "Queen's Ballet".

PC Editor and Bride: It was a pleasant surprise to have PC editor Harry Honda and his charming bride, Micki, make a brief stop in our fair city during their recent honeymoon. They crammed in some sightseeing, inspected convention facilities, enjoyed dinner with those who could come at a moment's notice and joined us in a short meeting to map out the convention mailing schedule to chapters.

Harry admitted it was his "first" experience with JACL convention board meetings, but he had many helpful suggestions. Their half-day visit was topped by watching "King Kong" on TV before they took off for points south.

IDC Oratoricals: Bob Mukai, prominent debator at the Univ. of Utah, has accepted chairmanship of the IDC oratorical contest. Bob is graduating this June from law school. He was student manager for the Utah debating squad in 1950 and 1952, assistant debate coach in 1956-57.

He is the son of Kay Mukai of Ogden, brother-in-law of Jim Ushio, past IDC chairman, and represented the IDC a decade ago in the national JACL oratorical contest.

IDC chapters have been reminded that name & age of oratorical contestants should be turned in by June 4 to Mukai, care of Jim Ushio, 5055 S. 13th East, Murray, Utah. A district elimination is being scheduled for June 8 at the Univ. of Utah Union Bldg., from 2:30 p.m. Speeches should be between 8 and 12 minutes in length.

ROYBAL TO SPEAK AT MEMORIAL DAY EVERGREEN RITES

Memorial Day services at the Nisei war memorial in Evergreen Cemetery will commence at 11 a.m. today with City Councilman Edward Roybal as the main speaker. It was announced by Edwin C. Hiroto, chairman of the Nisei Veterans Coordinating Council.

David Yokozeki will be master of ceremonies with Yoichi Nakase as program chairman.

Ninety-six Nisei, including Medal of Honor winner PFC. Sadao Munemori, are buried in the special military plot in front of the memorial. Pvt. Ben Frank Masaoka, in whose name JACL administers a scholarship, is also interred at Evergreen.

Prayers by both Christian and Buddhist ministers are to be offered, followed by floral wreaths from 14 civic, veteran and church organizations. Taps will be blown by Steven Yamato, Stephen Mori and Paul Motoyoshi of Boy Scout Troop 145.

SALT LAKE CITY. — The annual Memorial Day services sponsored by the local JACL will take place at City Cemetery's Nisei Memorial monument from 10 a.m., according to Isamu Watanuki, chairman. Clergymen from the three Japanese congregations are participating with Bishop S. Aoyagi of the Nichiren Temple as the main speaker.

FRESNO. — Nisei VFW posts of Fresno and Hanford will hold joint Memorial Day services in front of the Nisei Soldier's memorial at Roeding Park. Teruo Tsuruoka is chairman.

The Rev. Norio Ozaki of the Fresno Congregational Church will deliver the sermon. Invocation will be by the Rev. Hogen Fujimoto of the local Buddhist church.

Nisei rock-hound has large display

CALDWELL, Idaho. — Over a thousand spectators viewed the valuable, but time-consuming collections of scores of rock-hounds at the Owyhee Gem and Mineral Society of Canyon County recently.

One of the largest displays belongs to Henry Fujii of Nampa, an active Boise Valley JACler. His petrified wood has been polished to bring out the natural "pictures" of faces, trees, scenes, ships at sea and a hillside in the horizon.

One case is devoted to spheres and bases. The bases are of agate from Prineville, Ore., alkali spring wood from east Oregon, rock wood from east Oregon and green moss agate from Carey. The spheres are of blue calcite from Utah, aragonite from Utah, dinosaur bone from Utah, moss agate from Carey, honey onyx from Murray, Utah, Hocker creek wood from western Idaho and obsidian from central Oregon.

Fujii is field trip marshal for the local gem society.

Bits & Bites

Deadline to Headline punter Allan Asakawa reports Tad Morishige is treasurer of the Berkeley Rod and Gun Club and Frank Yamasaki is active in the same group. Across the bay in Marin County, a similar group refused Prof. S. I. Hayakawa membership, because of his origin of birth.

Issei and Nisei interested in "lonely hearts" type of organization should note the recent formation of "Tomodachi Club", P. O. Box 3441, Terminal Annex, Los Angeles 54, Calif. Tad Horino, who makes his living selling eggs, has a more attractive commodity with this club. Registered with the bunco fugitive division, it has the support and encouragement of local police.



Vagaries

By Larry S. Tajiri

Lack of U.S. - Japan Themes

A lack of story material is hampering the efforts of at least one Hollywood studio to exploit the current popularity of performers of Japanese ancestry. Warner Brothers, for example, has been searching diligently within its story vaults, as well as on the public literary marts, for a story in which the two Oscar winners, Miyoshi Umeki and Red Buttons, can stage a reincarnation of the romance which ended so tragically in "Sayonara."

Warners' story editors have examined scripts dating back to the days of Sessue Hayakawa's stardom, but haven't come up with anything as yet. There are only so many versions of the "Madame Butterfly" theme, of course.

It wouldn't be surprising, of course, if some studio decided to remake "Madame Butterfly," which has been done on the screen at least three times, most recently by the Italians in collaboration with Tokyo's Toho studio. Paramount has the screen rights to Luther Long's non-musical "Madame Butterfly," having produced it back in 1932 without the Puccini music with Sylvia Sydney as Cho-Cho-San and Cary Grant, then a young actor fresh from England, as Lieutenant Pinkerton.

Warners' also has Miiko Taka, the charming Los Angeles girl who became a star in her first film as Hana-Ogi, opposite Marlon Brando, in "Sayonara." Miss Taka, a young woman of great charm and poise, was so good on her public appearance tours throughout the United States that Warners promptly bundled her off on a 50-city junket through Europe and the Near East. As a result, Miss Taka is an international personality of considerable prominence. But Warners has not announced any property as yet in which they can exploit their newest star.

Miss Umeki, of course, has been quite busy since the night she became the hit of the Oscar ceremonies with her charming, natural manner. She has sung in the very best of bistros since, including New York's Blue Angel, and has been one of the performers most in demand on TV. Her next appearance will be with Dinah Shore on NBC on June 1.

Some effort also has been made to find a script to take advantage of the revived popularity of Sessue Hayakawa, one of Hollywood's top stars 40 years ago. TV already has starred Hayakawa in two dramas, "The Sea Is Boiling Hot" and "The Kurushiki Incident," displaying the versatility of the actor who made the role of Colonel Saito a memorable one in "Bridge on the River Kwai" and was the critic's choice as "the best supporting actor" of the year.

Hayakawa was considering a tour of eastern straw hat theaters in his own vehicle, William Archer's "The Green Goddess," in the role which George Arliss first played and in which Guy Bates Post once toured. But a new commitment, a contract with Paramount to appear in a Jerry Lewis comedy, may call for a change in plans.

The Lewis film is called "Geisha Boy." Unlike such recent productions as "The Barbarian and the Geisha," "Sayonara" and "Escapade in Japan," this film will be made in Hollywood and Paramount has been testing scores of Japanese American performers in recent weeks.

Twentieth Century-Fox was another studio with a problem. Having made a star of Eiko Ando, the tall Tokyo showgirl who plays opposite John Wayne in the forthcoming Townsend Harris story, "The Barbarian and the Geisha," 20th was balked when it looked about for another story for her. It is apparent that Hollywood can make just so many films about Japanese-American interracial romance. There is little story material about Americans in Japan, and it's Hollywood's belief that the public isn't ready for an American film in which all the principals are Japanese. MGM did it, of course, with an all-Chinese drama in "The Good Earth," and TV has done it on occasion, as with the two Loretta Young dramas (with Teru Shimada) about the Japanese fisherman and his wife.

Now "Geisha Boy" has come along and Miss Ando, signed to a Fox contract, probably will be permitted to take a leading role in the Jerry Lewis picture. Fox, it seems, is quite proud of Miss Ando and wants to keep her in the public consciousness. Advance reports on "The Barbarian and the Geisha," are very good.

The Townsend Harris story is typical of Hollywood's story problem. When Fox set about making the picture, it lacked a story from which to work. Ellis St. Joseph prepared an original screenplay from the Harris legend and it was after the picture was made that Robert Payne adapted the St. Joseph scenario into the paperback novel which is now on the newsstands.

The story is, of course, that James Michener wrote his "Sayonara" at the suggestion of Producer-Director Josh Logan who wanted to produce a Broadway musical with a setting in the Japanese theater. Any writer who can produce a fresh theme with an Oriental background is pretty certain to get a hearing these days. Richard Mason, of course, is a dealer in interracial romance and his two latest books, "The Wind Cannot Read" (about a Japanese girl's love for a British soldier in India) and "The World of Suzie Wong" (a Hongkong prostitute's love for an English artist) are both being made into films. And "Flower Drum Song," a Chinatown romance by a Chinese American writer, C.Y. Lee, is being made into a musical by Rodgers and Hammerstein.

\$17,900 ADDED BY CLAIMANTS TO ENDOWMENT FUND

With recent approval of a supplemental appropriations bill, additional Japanese Americans have received evacuation claims awards from the government in the past months. Grateful recipients of these awards have contributed \$17,922.93 during this period to the Japanese American Citizens League for its national endowment fund.

The amount is being transferred to the Bank of America trust fund in Los Angeles, to be added to the \$135,000 now on deposit. The last quarterly interest on this trust fund amounted to \$1,191.77 and is being used for current budgetary operations.

Dr. Roy Nishikawa, national JACL president, publicly expressed his appreciation to the following individuals and organizations for their recent contributions:

ARIZONA
Glendale — Frank Okamura \$46; Phoenix — M. Yamashiro \$30.

CALIFORNIA
Berkeley — Mrs. Esther Okuda Tanizawa, \$63.56; George K. Yoshizawa \$250; Carpinteria — Tom Ota \$475; Castro Valley — Mrs. Suna Kinoshita \$1,150; Clarksburg — Mrs. Hatsuye Sakata \$108.40; Mrs. Mary S. Sakata \$223.15; Dinuba — Ichiro Okada \$1,205; Elk Grove — Nobuo Sakamoto \$526.93; Gardena — Isao Haga and Ken Osaka \$800; Linden — Roy K. Hirata — \$200; Livingston — Franklin Okada \$165; K. Tsuchiya \$42.49; Long Beach — Mrs. Kazuyo Kataoka \$20; Risaburo Sumi \$25; W.Y. Tani \$15; Mrs. Ichio Yui \$5; Los Angeles — Mrs. Tomiko Dote \$10; Kazuo Fukuda \$100; Seichi Fukui (in memory of Hitoshi Fukui) \$100; Mrs. Tomi Hirose \$100; T. Hori \$200; J.C. Iha \$25; John M. Nakano \$50; Katsujiro Obana \$10; Mrs. Hiro Okamura \$50; M. Sasaki \$846.01; S. Takeuchi \$10; Mr. and Mrs. Fred Yamaya \$200; Gengoro and Toyone Tonai \$100; Mrs. Chiyo Umekubo \$25; Masataro and Tetsuo Watanabe \$602.50; Mr. & Mrs. John Yano \$100; N. Yano \$50; Rafu Nippon Institute \$50; Anonymous \$3,105.50;

Sacramento — Mrs. Tomi Funahashi \$312.50; Y. Funahashi \$312.50; Charles K. Nishi \$119.50; Sacramento JACL \$25; Salinas — "Y" Kihei Yamashita \$395; San Francisco — Harry C. Sule \$25; Tsukamoto Family (in memory of Matsunosuke Tsukamoto) \$25; Sanger — M. Maruyama \$25; San Luis Obispo — Masaji Eto \$50; Los Osos Farm Products Co. \$300; San Pedro — Michihiko Ryono \$25; Anonymous \$25; Santa Barbara — Mrs. Midori Fukuzawa \$15; Santa Maria — Hanzo Matsumoto \$100; Stockton — Mr. and Mrs. Harry S. Hayashino \$40; Thermal — Yoshiharu Mizutani \$76.50; Mrs. Miyo M. Nakamura \$76.50; Torrance — N. Yoshida \$462; Turlock — Kuichi Kajiwara \$141.19; Don Toyoda \$74.94; West Los Angeles — Torataro Shirota \$130.

COLORADO
Keenesburg — Mr. and Mrs. K. Okada \$150; Denver — Shintaro Okano \$125; Granada — Mrs. Kazuko Matsunaga \$485.

ILLINOIS
Chicago — Mr. and Mrs. Wataru Arakawa \$50; Mrs. Lily K. Hirata \$150; Dr. William T. Hiura \$300; Hugo Kaji \$40; Mrs. Tomi Kaji \$50; James H. Kaji \$50; Yoshikazu Kawaguchi \$45; Thomas M. Oishi \$1,000; Peoria — Fred M. Kataoka \$300.

MICHIGAN
Detroit — Louis Furukawa \$50.

NEBRASKA
Omaha — Noboru Zaiman \$100.

OHIO
Cincinnati — Grace Narita \$25.

OREGON
Hood River — James Wakamatsu \$168.28; Oregon City — Kuniji Tamura \$99.75; Portland — Anonymous \$177.

UTAH
Ogden — Kikutaro Hashimoto \$100; Salt Lake City — Sally Ikeda \$15; Mizuo Kanegae \$10; Bob Sugino \$15; Mrs. Miki Yano \$15.

WASHINGTON
Seattle — Katherine Fujita \$25; Lutes Fujita \$25; G.S. Shitamae \$26.25; Tacoma — G.R. Iwakiri \$235.12; Wapato — George Hirahara \$30.

JAPAN
Kumamoto City — Sengo Tanaka \$103.40.

Miscellaneous: Bank Interest—\$31.96

Nisei pastor of all-white congregation in Mass.

NEW YORK. — The Rev. Tsuneko Miyashiro, formerly of Kauai, is serving as minister of the Royalston (Mass.) Congregational Church, and is one of the few Nisei serving an all-white congregation. He is the graduate of Simpson College, Indianola, Iowa, and the Boston University School of Theology.

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Nisei drowns trying to rescue youngster

SAN FRANCISCO. — Two San Francisco Nisei were drowned last Sunday in the pounding surf near Pt. Reyes and three others in the party narrowly escaped with their lives.

Dan Eiji Hedani, 36, of 576-37th Ave. and brother of Dr. Tokuji Hedani (onetime San Francisco JACL president), and Wesley Onishi, 7½, son of Mr. and Mrs. Masumi Onishi, 4132 Anza St., were victims of the beach outing mishap.

Hedani drowned when he tried to rescue the youngster who was knocked down by a wave and was being carried out to sea. Hedani managed to grab the child but both were toppled by another wave. Then Hedani's sister, Mrs. Junko Takahashi of Berkeley, jumped into water to pull them back but she too was struck down by another wave. Her husband, Dr. Tom Takahashi, then plunged in, followed by Shig Ishigaki of 1201 Strader St. Both were knocked down, but Choji Takahashi, brother of the East Bay dentist, managed to pull the latter back to safety. Mrs. Takahashi managed to stay afloat to be rescued by her

brother-in-law and Ishigaki. Hedani was seen still hanging on to the youngster. Their bodies were washed ashore the following day.

Sac'to Clers to help War Memorial Hall bazaar

SACRAMENTO. — Fourth of July festivities here will be focussed on the annual Nisei War Memorial Hall bazaar with Bill Matsumoto as general chairman. Booths will be manned by various community organizations, such as JACL, VFW, Senator Lions and church groups with proceeds marked for operating expenses of the hall.

The hall was established in 1955 by contributions from the Sacramento Japanese community and dedicated in memory of the Nisei who gave their lives in World War II.

SALINAS CHAPTER SLATES BENEFIT MOVIE NIGHT

SALINAS. — The local JACL will sponsor a benefit movie night at the Salinas YBA gym on June 2, 7:30 p.m. In charge are Eddie Iwamoto, Ken Sato and Tony

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POINTING Southwestward

By Fred Takata

(Mas Satow, who conducts this column on alternating weeks with Fred Takata, is visiting with chapters in the Eastern and Midwest district council at the present time and asked to be excused. "National Director's Report" will appear next week. — Ed.)

NISEI RELAYS QUEEN

The beautiful home of Carl Tamaki in the Baldwin Hills was the site this past week for the selecting of a queen for the 1958 Nisei Relays which will be held here this Sunday. From the huge bay window of Carl's home we could see the glittering panorama of the city at night with lights twinkling from Hollywood to Downtown L.A. and everyone was quite awed by the great spectacle.

The queen contestants were just as beautiful as the scenery, and we were impressed at how the girls held up under the questions fired at them by judges. It was indeed a tremendous task to select the queen as the balloting proved, but this year our queen will be petite GRACE SATO, from Venice-Culver. Her attendants are really queens in their own right; such as Clara Oda (ELA), Barbara Nishimura (SWLA), Arlene Sasano (WLA), and Amy Nakanishi (Pasadena).

The judges who asked such questions as "Do you believe in going steady?" to "What do you think JACL could do to help the teenagers in the community?" were Dr. Ken Yamatsugu (SWLA), Frank Suzukida (DTLA), Roy Yamadera (ELA), Jockey George Taniguchi, Mrs. Yaye Karasawa, Dr. John Kashiwabara, and yours truly. It was sure a tough one to judge with such beautiful contestants, but we feel we have come up with a good representative in Grace Sato. When the fellas get a look at our beautiful queens, we are confident they'll be breaking all records to have the honor of receiving their awards from these beautiful gals. Good luck fellas—and long live the queen!

THIS IS YOUR LIFE

Last week we were invited to attend Ralph Edwards' "This is Your Life" program at NBC Studio, where Harry Tak Momi, our Imperial Valley Chapter prexy, was the star of the show. We were seated in the studio some 45 minutes before show time, and watched Harry's surprised look on the monitor, when he realized he was on TV. It was rather interesting to see all of the cameramen and directors moving about to make the show appear just right on the TV screen.

The Momi story was indeed an inspiring story to all of us and like the Mike Masaoka story, did wonders to promote public relations throughout this great nation of ours. One thing similar about the two shows was that both participants hobbled out on a cane. (Cane Manufacturers please note: We'll be very happy to run your ads in the PC!)

After the show we went on stage to congratulate Harry and his family. We also admired the beautiful copper colored, four-door hardtop Edsel, and colored TV set that Harry received for appearing on the show, as well as a movie projector, camera, and a check for \$1,000 to complete the flag pole project.

Harry informed us that the dedication day of the flagpole, originally scheduled for June 14 has been changed to Columbus Day, Oct. 12, due to the weather conditions in the valley. He also stated that another reason for the change was that Columbus discovered America on that day, and it will also mark the day when the rest of the nation will discover the town of Calipatria at sea level, instead of 184 feet below.

We were also very happy to have renewed acquaintances with Ralph Edwards, whom we haven't seen since our District Convention in Disneyland last year. Mr. Edwards asked us to extend his greetings to all of the JACLers, and especially to Mike and Ike. Wonder how he remembered those names!

HAPPY HOLIDAY

Well, the Memorial Holidays are here and many of you will be journeying out-of-town to visit families, friends and relatives. We hope that you will all have a pleasant holiday, but most of all we hope that you will drive carefully and return safely home.

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Fowler JACL to vote 'status quo' on CL int'l policy issue

FOWLER. — Another chapter has disclosed its feeling on the U.S.-Japan question this past week as Fowler JACLers decided the "hands off" policy should be retained.

At the 1954 national convention, JACL policy was initiated to have the organization stay clear of international relations except where the welfare of persons of Japanese ancestry in America was directly concerned.

The JACL insignia has been added to the Fowler "welcome post" on Highway 99 by the chapter.

ANNOUNCE ORCHESTRA FOR SOUTHWEST L.A.'S HOP TO K.D. QUEEN CANDIDATE

Top dance music by Jeep Smith and his 10-piece orchestra for the Southwest L.A. JACL's Queentime Ball was disclosed this week. The event, which will introduce the chapter's candidate for Miss Nisei Week of 1958, is being held June 20, 9 p.m., at Zenda Ballroom.

Vocalists Curly Dinkenn and Juanita Cruz are also featured in the Smith band organization, which began in Los Angeles some 10 years ago when Jeep and his army buddies started playing before small groups. Smith is currently teaching instrumental music in the Compton secondary school system.

He records on the J-Tone label.

San Mateans to picnic at Coyote Point June 15

SAN MATEO. — The annual San Mateo County community picnic will be held June 15, from 11 a.m., at Coyote Point under joint sponsorship of the Buddhist and Sturge Presbyterian Churches, gardener's association and the local JACL chapter.

Nig Yamada, general chairman, announced the following committeemen:

Ben Miyashita, fin.; Moto Takahashi, ref.; Kaz Kunitani, tickets; Gen Utsunomiya, gen. arr.; Saiki Yamaguchi, games; Hiroshi Ito, clean-up.

THEME FOR SUMMER DANCE TO FETE GRADS TOLD

SAN FRANCISCO. — "Swing into Spring" is the theme of the San Francisco JACL summer informal dance honoring local June graduates. Locale is Booker T. Washington Community Center, Presidio Ave. at Pine St., and on Saturday, June 7 from 9 p.m.

Dick Crest and his band will be featured. Chapter program chairman Tats Sumida said Chuck Kumano, Barbara Nagareda, Nancy Nagareda and Jane Okada are on the arrangements committee.

'CAMERART' SAMPLE OFFER NOT AVAILABLE

The "free sample" offer of "Camerart", new Japanese quarterly magazine on photography published in the English language, made in last week's Pacific Citizen was in error. None is available at the present time.

Higo nabs Detroit Nisei League season game award

DETROIT. — Charles Yata, Detroit JACL president, awarded JACL bowling trophies to four Nisei Bowling League members recently at the league's award banquet at Jade Palace.

Ray Higo, NBL president and chapter board officer, won the individual high game award with a 257. Trophies were won by Marie Doi, Alex Mitsunaga, Rita Furukawa and Yo Uyeda, team champions.

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JACL represented at People-to-People nationalities committee award dinner

(Special to Pacific Citizen)
NEW YORK. — Tad Masaoka of the Washington Office represented the Japanese American Citizens League at the award dinner of the Nationalities Committee of the People-to-People Program held at the Waldorf-Astoria Hotel recently.

Dr. Werner Von Braun and Dr. Edward Teller, distinguished scientists who were born in other lands and are now naturalized United States citizens, were awarded plaques for their achievements in the atomic and space fields.

Masaoka was among some 600 members of the Nationalities Committee of the People-to-People Program to attend the black-tie affair. Chairman for the evening was Edward A. McCabe, associate special counsel to the President. President Eisenhower is honorary chairman of the Nationalities Committee.

President's Message

The President, in extending telegraphic greetings to the dinner, said:

Eight vie for ride on chapter float

FOWLER. — Eight girls are candidates in the "Miss Fowler JACL" contest in which the winner will ride the chapter's float in the community's 50th anniversary parade in October.

They are Karen Kamikawa, Darlene Kawano, Frances Fujikawa, Marlene Nakamura, Joyce Okamura, Janice, Jane Horii and Jane Nakagawa.

A coronation ball has been scheduled for Oct. 18.

Floyd Y. Honda, former city councilman, is serving as liaison between the city and the chapter committees handling the celebration. Mikio Uchiyama, chapter president, announced the following committeemen:

Frank Sakohira, queen contest; Harley Nakamura, float; Tom Kamikawa, ball; Tom Shirakawa, hall; Thomas Toyama, tickets.

Berkeley community picnic June 15 at Camp Padre

BERKELEY. — The annual Berkeley JACL community picnic will be held on Sunday, June 15, at Camp Padre in Tilden Park. It was announced. The program starts at 1 p.m.

Planning picnic arrangements are:

Hi Saito, chmn.; Akira Nakamura prizes; Jiro Nakaso, Jack Imada, Sat Otogiri, Bill Fujita, games; Jack Imada, P.A. system; Saito and Yoshi Toriumi, refreshments.

Cortez JACL aids in candidate's night feature

BALLICO. — A candidates' night was recently staged at Cortez Hall by the Cortez JACL, Ballico Center and Merced County Farm Bureau. Several local and county contenders attended but most other aspirants were represented by supporters.

"Your Committee, representing 39 nationality groups with a membership of 35 million foreign-born and first generation Americans, has first-hand knowledge of the natural ties which link together all peoples of the world. Your program of encouraging understanding and appreciation of our country abroad, and of interpreting other cultures to fellow Americans, is a vital element in strengthening those ties and in reducing the sources of conflict which ever threaten the cause of world peace. As you meet together to honor Dr. Werner Von Braun and Dr. Edward Teller for their outstanding contributions to their adopted country, I know you will inspire others to press forward with the task of helping people everywhere to work together in understanding and comradeship for a peaceful and prosperous world."

The People-to-People Program was suggested by President Eisenhower last year to coordinate the efforts of the various nationality organizations in this country to promote better understanding of America to other countries and of these countries to Americans.

Only one organization is allowed to represent any nationality group. The JACL was selected to represent Americans of Japanese ancestry in the United States.

Watsonville JACL to honor graduates at barbecue

WATSONVILLE. — The annual barbecue honoring 1958 graduates will be sponsored by the Watsonville JACL on Saturday, June 7, 6:30 p.m., at Sunset Beach Park. Steaks, beans, rolls, salad and drinks are on the menu, according to chairman Mas Tsudama.

Assisting are:

Tom Tao, tickets; Annette Shirachi, invitations; Bob Manabe and Tommy Sakata, food; Lillian Kizuka, Frances Sukane, Mrs. Bob Yamamoto and Mrs. Sam Sugidono, salad; Louie Waki, Louis Hayashida, Tom Murakami, Tosh Matsushita, and Richard Yamamoto, cooks; Shig Hirano, firewood; All JACL members, clean-up.

Shig Hirano, chapter president, has asked the cooperation of all chapter members in making this family event enjoyable for graduates.

1000 CLUB LISTINGS FOUND IN ERROR

Three names were erroneously published in last week's PC 1000 Club listing. These should have been Mrs. Chiyo Tayama (SWLA), life member; Jim S. Okuda (Orange County), not Okura, 3rd year; Jim Toshio Okita (Long Beach), not Okura, 2nd year; and Tom Tagami (Detroit), not Downtown L.A., 3rd year.

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Its grip on the adult audience cannot be discounted because of the cattle stampedes or beer hall brawls. America is still a young nation — about a half dozen generations old — celebrating our youthful growth and early heroes. Modern literature has not supplied us with many heroes but it is ridden with perverts, cowards, psychos; hence, this dearth of heroism may be the chief reason for the current rash of westerns, where at least one strong man is a must.

Historically, America has always looked to her frontiers in the west, but we've run out of geographical frontiers and must content ourselves with the rather recent echoes of horse's hoof and wagon wheel.

The western has a capacity of expressing basic themes in a simple and dramatic way—such as self-preservation and preservation of human liberties and property. It's harder to appreciate modern man fighting for his property, usually represented by a sheaf of paper or bank book. Another western trait is the union between man and horse — their combined wit and spirit in pursuit of a goal. The modern love of engine is not of the same order as man's fascination with horses.

At its best, westerns are folk art portraying fundamental problems and deserving heroes against a wild and challenging landscape. The Man in the Gray Flannel Suit will never replace the cowboy. With this bit, we hope more westerns will survive the summer lull to come.

—Harry K. Honda.

PRESIDENT'S CORNER:

From Front Page
selves so that the fundamental principles for which these men died will continue to live, grow and progress. This is our obligation to them. It is our obligation to our country. And it is our obligation to our children and to future generations.

— Dr. Roy Nishikawa.



Ted Yamashita of Caldwell is the Loren Trotter Post delegate to Idaho Boys State to be held on the Boise Jr. College campus June 8-14. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Mas Yamashita, active in Caldwell High School, vice-president in the newly formed Boise Valley Jr. JACL, marshal in the DeMolays and will attend the National Key Club convention in Chicago in July. He has lettered in baseball and football.—Whelchel Millinar Photo.

New directors for
New York CL named

NEW YORK. — Four new directors were chosen for the New York JACL chapter at its May 9 election meeting at the Japan Society auditorium. Joining the four incumbent are Toshio Hirata, Dr. Shigeo Kondo, George Kyotow and Takeo Nogaki.

On the present board are Joe Imai, Marie Kurihara, Kenji Nogaki and Yaye Togasaki. The eight members of the board will appoint four more to the board and select a board chairman.

The new board was to be installed last night with Dr. Roy Nishikawa, national president, and Masao Satow, national director, in attendance. Mike Masaoka was the speaker of the evening.

Good schools aid local
economy, says Nisei leader

"Good schools are an economy, not an expense," declared Mrs. H.H. Kodani, community leader and chairman of the Public Affairs Committee of the Church Federation of Los Angeles, today in urging all-out support for Propositions D, E, and F—the three School Bond measures on the June 3 ballot.

"Propositions D, E, and F will provide more than 2,500 classrooms to meet a critical shortage of schools and vital educational facilities," Mrs. Kodani said.

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"The long-range cost to the taxpayer of a School Bond defeat would be staggering. And the cost to the community of 'half an education' for thousands more children, with crowded classrooms and juvenile delinquency problems, would be incalculable."

"I strongly urge passage of Propositions D, E, and F as our number-one priority," Mrs. Kodani said.

MRS. CHIYO SAHARA HEADS
WEST L.A. LADIES GUILD

Mrs. Chiyo Sahara, who has been honored with a life membership award by the Brockton School PTA, was installed as president of the West Los Angeles Buddhist Ladies Guild last week. Past president Sue Matsuura assisted the Rev. Bunyu Fujimura in the ceremonies.

News Deadline—Mondays

How Salt Lake Convention \$20 package deal works . . .

SALT LAKE CITY. — JACL Convention activity is reaching high gear with the announcement of the \$20 "package" plan covering fees for the four-day event, Aug. 22-25, to include seven major events and registration.

The major events in the package plan are Convention Mixer (Aug. 22), \$2; Convention Luncheon (Aug. 23), \$3.50; Saturday Social (Aug. 23), \$2; Outing (Aug. 24), \$4; Outing Buffet and Dance (Aug. 24), \$5; Recognition Dinner and Sayonara Ball (Aug. 25), \$13.50. Prices listed are under the single events plan, which amounts to \$30 for those who prefer not to register.

Included in the package plan, which means a \$10 saving to delegates, are the basic registration fee of \$2.50 and souvenir booklet. Additional copies will be available at \$1.50.

For those who register at the convention, a special single events fee schedule was also announced by Maurea Terashima, registra-

tion chairman, of 38 S. 4th East, Salt Lake City 11. They are mixer, \$1.50; luncheon, \$3; Saturday social, \$1.50; outing, \$2.50; outing buffet-dance, \$4; recognition dinner-Sayonara Ball, \$10.

Delegates who pre-register by Aug. 5 will be entitled to a special door prize, it was added.

While a majority of the events are being scheduled at convention headquarters, Hotel Utah, the outing will be held at Brighton, a resort in one of the many cool canyons of the Wasatch Mountains not over 40 miles from here.

Golf Tournament

Entry forms for the 1958 National JACL convention golf tournament were made available at the same time.

The tournament, a 36-hole affair, will be held on Aug. 23 and 24 over two municipal links. Fees are \$8 including registration. If the golfer is attending as a registered delegate (official or booster), the fee will be \$5.50.

Deadline will be Aug. 5, with

entrant's handicap attested by the club secretary or home "pro". The convention tournament handicap maximum is 30, according to Jerry Tsuyuki, golf tourney chairman. Entries should be submitted to Mrs. Maurea Terashima.

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Being planned to coincide with the Nisei Veterans Reunion in Los Angeles in late July is a reunion of former members of Hq. Co., 3rd Bn., 442nd RCT, who are asked to notify their former commander, William Wolfe, 6725 Havenhurst Ave., Van Nuys (State 5-7553), or Hiroshi Tadakuma, 1320 W. 146th St., Gardena (Davis 4-5353 or Faculty 1-1307).

DAYTON JACLERS ATTEND
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THE Northwest PICTURE

By Elmer Ogawa

NISEI WOMEN DONATE \$1,000 FOR SPASTIC AID

Seattle

Occasionally, a Nisei group performs a public service which is of benefit to the whole city of Seattle, and when it does, a special commendation is in order.

The Seattle Spastic Aid Council was recently presented with a check for \$1,000 by a member unit composed mostly of Nisei women. They raised the money in a program climaxed by a spring festival sukiyaki party, for which they put out a program book that carried a whole lot of moxie in the way of ad revenue.

The (Nisei) Mary C. Pentland unit is one of 70 such groups of women in the city. They carry on the week of raising funds to support the Spastic Children's Clinic and Preschool, a private philanthropy maintained by volunteer contributions.

The work of the unit is all the more to be praised when one sees that there are so very few Japanese children requiring spastic therapy.

Mrs. Takashi Fujii is Unit president and Miss Jeannette Tanabe, spring festival general chairman.

In making the presentation "in the name of every child everywhere who lives with a handicap", Mrs. Fujii said: "The Mary C. Pentland Unit takes pleasure in saluting each donor and well wisher who has helped to make this project a successful one." In acknowledging the support given by the unit members, she added: "The backbone of the Spastic Aid Council is the great group of women who perform a variety of tasks—not always 'fun' jobs—with quiet efficiency and a determined devotion which cannot be bought."

FISH PROBLEM AFFECTS NISEI COMMUNITY

The salmon fisheries of the Northwest and Alaska are vital to the economic life of this area, just as it was once so important to the support of hundreds and hundreds of Nisei schoolboys who have now attained successful careers over the length and breadth of the United States.

Today's problem concerned with the fishing of Alaska, and especially salmon from Bristol Bay, by Japanese fishing fleets is providing a serious bone of contention, and an outstanding threat to amicable relations across the ocean. Informed people once believed that it was impossible for trans-ocean deep-sea fishing to seriously threaten the very existence of the teeming silver horde. The efficiency of Japanese oceanography and electronic fishing devices, despite operations under adverse circumstances, now prove it otherwise.

In recent lengthy State Department negotiations it was pointed out that Japanese fishermen were still taking Alaska spawned salmon in numbers sufficient to throttle the industry in the important Bristol Bay red salmon area. The negotiators sought to confine Japanese fishing boats to an area west of 170 degrees east longitude, whereas existing post-war agreements designate 175 degrees west longitude as the borderline.

Instead of accepting further geographical restrictions, the Japanese salmon industry agreed to limit the catch to 11,000,000 red salmon, the species which directly affects the Bristol Bay area. Last year the Japanese catch of reds was 18,000,000 of which it is said, 2,000,000 were immature fish due to spawn in 1958, thereby further depleting the potential supply for the American Bristol Bay fleet this year.

Republican congressman Thomas M. Pelly of Seattle points

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REEDLEY JACL RETAINS SAN FRANCISCO NISEI OLYMPICS TITLE AS SEVEN RECORDS BETTERED IN KEZAR STADIUM MEET

SAN FRANCISCO. — Reedley JACL's well-rounded 17-man team amassed an overall 98 points to retain its team championship trophy at the sixth annual San Francisco JACL Olympics held at Kezar Stadium Sunday.

West Los Angeles JACL, only Southland squad, nearly claimed title with 82 pts., all in class Aye to bring home that trophy. San Francisco took the class B trophy while Reedley won the Cee meet.

Triple winners for the day were

Boise Valley Cler to head keg league

BOISE. — Tom Arima of Home-ale, past president of the Boise Valley JACL, was elected president of the Caldwell (Idaho) Bowling Association and installed at the annual awards dinner held at the College of Idaho Simplot Hall.

JACL League winners were Lo-van's Jewelry, a team composed of Ed Manning, Harry Kaneshige, Tak Ninomiya, Roy Kubosumi, Steve Hirai and Tony Miyasako, high game—268 by Frank Tani-kuni; high series—678 by Bill Ni-shioka. Joe Koyaa was named 1958-59 JACL League president.

Harry Kawahara's name went up on the Caldwell Bowl record board with his high scratch series of 710 this past week.

Yotsukura wins L.A. city shotput title

Sadao Yotsukura of University High became the first Los Angeles Nisei to win a city track & field championship title since Vic Mitsuno copped the "C" 660 title in 1955.

The husky West L.A. lad won the "B" shotput with a 50 ft. 1/2 in. heave of the 10-lb. pellet last week at East L.A. JC stadium. He is the fifth Nisei city track champion in the postwar period.

Weightlifter Kono sees U.S. Olympic victory

SACRAMENTO. — Tommy Kono, Olympic weightlifting champion, was visiting his father, Kanichi Kono of 1130 T St., last week enroute to his work in a health food operation in Honolulu.

While the U.S. lost all three international weightlifting contests with the Russians in the Midwest and East this past week, he was optimistic over chances of taking the team title at the world meet in Stockholm next September and the Olympic title in Rome in 1960.

In the Chicago meet, Kono was unable to keep pace with Soviet middleweight lifter Fyodor Bogdanovsky who broke the world's record. The record, however, cannot be accepted as official as three or more nations are required to compete.

SACRAMENTANS AWAIT NEW ALLEY OPENING

SACRAMENTO. — A new house of tenpins, the Freeport Lanes, on the southside to feature 32 lanes will be backed by Gonzo Sakai, a Clarksburg rancher. His son-in-law, James Kai, will be business manager, assisted by Dubby Tsugawa, plant manager; Eugene Okada and Mrs. Kay Hansen.

The \$1,000,000 enterprise is being patterned after the Saratoga Lanes, a new Cupertino bowling house headed by Stephen Nakashima of San Jose.

PLACER JACL WINS FOOTHILL LEAGUE OPENER

AUBURN. — The Placer JACL baseball team opened the Foothill League season May 18 with an 8-7 triumph over Forest Hill. Harry Kawahata led with three hits in five trips to the plate.

Hi-Lo golf club

ALBANY. — Mich Nakamura is president of the Hi-Lo Golf Club, new group recently formed for East Bay Nisei.

Bill Saito of West L.A., who won both hurdle events and tied with teammate Ron Fujino in the 100, and little Richard Hachiya of Reedley, who monopolized three of the four Cee events.

Seven records were also established—two in the Ayes, four Bees and one Cee. In the Ayes, Tom Sano of Reedley heaved the 12-lb. shotput 54 ft.-7 1/2 in., bettering his own 1956 mark by 1 1/2 in.; while Ron Fujino of West L. A. broadjumped 22 ft.-4 in., surpassing Bob Kameoka's 1956 leap of 21 ft.-8 in. made in 1956.

San Francisco's Dennis Tanaka bettered his own class B shot put standard by some six feet with a strong 55 ft. effort.

The summaries:

CLASS AYE

100—Tie for 1st Ron Fujino (WLA) and Bill Saito (WLA). Tom Uyeda (SJ), Ray Sugiyama (WLA), Ted Kanetani (St), 10.5s.
220—Ted Kanetani (St), Tom Uyeda (SJ), Ben Inouye (Sac), Bill Saito (WLA), Ray Sugiyama (WLA), 23.5s.
440—Hiko Hashimoto (WLA), Harvey Miura (R), John Nakamura (R), Henry Sasaki (St), Oscar Sakamoto (SJ), 55.5s.
880—Harvey Miura (R), Dave Fujita (B), Hiko Hashimoto (WLA), John Nakamura (R), 2m.15.8s.
1 Mile—Min Nakamura (WLA), Harvey Miura (R), Hiroshi Saito (WLA), Dick Maruyama (O), Paul Kashitani (WLA), 4m.55.2s.

Kageyama fires 80, 77 to win NC golf

MONTEREY. — Angel Kageyama of Sacramento paired an 80 over Del Monte and a 77 over Pebble Beach last weekend to win the 11th annual No. Calif. Nisei golf championship. He nosed out the tournament's three-time winner, Frank Yoshioka of San Jose's Garden City Club, by one stroke. Yoshioka claimed runner-up honors after tying with Mike Sanda of Monterey Peninsula and winning a playoff. Both fired 75-83. Sanda, a 10-handicapper, shot the lowest net at 138.

Monterey's five-man team of Key Hori, George Kodama, Paul Ichijui, Bob Yamamoto and Frank Shingu won the team title with the aggregate low net score of 758. Flight winners were Sanda (Mont.), championship; John Hotta (Garden City), 169-11-147; Key Hori (Mont.), 171-15-141; and Tom Tsuji (East Bay).

70 Highs—Bill Saito (WLA), Tad Kozuki (R), Kanji Mochidome (WLA), Shoji Yasuda (WLA), Ben Inouye (Sac), 9.5s.
160—Lows—Bill Saito (WLA), Ben Inouye (Sac), Shig Ogata (WLA), Ken Sakata (R), George Toriyama (B), 18.1s. (Course shortened from 180-yd. for this meet only.)

Pole Vault—Shozo Dai (R), Robert Miura (R), Mas Ota (WLA), Ken Sakata (R), Oscar Sakamoto (SJ), 11 ft.-6.

High Jump—Hiko Okawachi (B), Hiko Hashimoto (WLA), tie for 3rd Tad Kozuki (R) and Oscar Sakamoto (SJ), Kanji Mochidome (WLA), 5 ft.-10.

Broad Jump—Ron Fujino (WLA), Ed Hayashi (Sac), Hiko Okawachi (B), Ray Sugiyama (WLA), Russ Wehara, Jr. (O), 22 ft.-4 (New record).

12-lb. Shot Put—Tom Sano (R), Herb Yamasaki (SJ), Shoji Yasuda (WLA), Paul Kashitani (WLA), Clark Yamasaki (SJ), 54 ft.-7 1/2 (New record).

Discus—Tom Sano (R), Herb Yamasaki (SJ), Ron Fujino (WLA), Tom Yasuda (WLA), Clark Yamasaki (SJ), 141 ft. 8 1/2.

Team totals: West L.A. 82, Reedley 42 1/2, San Jose 27 1/2, Sacramento 18, Stockton 8, Oakland 3.

CLASS BEE

50—Hiroshi Fukuda (SF), Hiroshi Nakai (SF), Osami Takeda (Sac), James Takeuchi (St), Ken Hara (R), 5.6s.

100—Hiroshi Nakai (SF), Hiroshi Fukuda (SF), Osami Takeda (Sac), Arthur Hayame (Sac), James Takeuchi (St), 10.4s.

660—Tom Ogawa (SF), Harry Ito (Sac), Ted Toyoji (SJ), Art Fujimura (SF), Harry Matoba (R), 1m.35s.

120 Lows—Osami Takeda (Sac), Arthur Hayame (Sac), Ted Toyoji (SJ), Harvey Nakamura (R), Sam Otani (Sac), 13.8s. (New record).

Pole Vault—Harry Matoba (R), Harvey Nakamura (R), 9 ft.

8-lb. Shot Put—Dennis Tanaka (SF), Paul Sasaki (St), Roy Fukumura (SJ), Mits Ioka (Sac), James Takeuchi (St), 55 ft. (New record).

High Jump—Nawaki Uyemura (SF), Hiroshi Fukuda (SF), Arthur Fujimura (SF), Dennis Tanaka (SF), Harvey Nakamura (R), 5 ft.-5 1/2 (New record).

Broad Jump—Osami Takeda (Sac), Arthur Fujimura (SF), Hiroshi Fukuda (SF), Arthur Hayame (Sac), Ken Hara (R), 21 ft.-4.

440 Relay—San Francisco, Sacramento, 46s. (New record).

Team totals: San Francisco 55, Sacramento 35 1/2, Reedley 15 1/2, Stockton 8, San Jose 6.

CLASS CEE

50—Mas Mochida (SF), Dick Hachiya (R), Noby Oshidari (St), Richard Sanwo (R), Edward Sanwo (R), 6s.

100—Dick Hachiya (R), Noby Oshidari (St), Richard Sanwo (R), Mas Mochida (SF), 11.3s.

High Jump—Dick Hachiya (R), Edward Sanwo (R), Noby Oshidari (St), Mas Mochida (SF), Richard Sanwo (R), 5 ft.-2 (New record).

Broad Jump—Dick Hachiya (R), Noby Oshidari (St), Edward Sanwo (R), 18 ft.-2 1/2.

440 Relay (New event)—Reedley (only team entered, 51.4s).
Team totals: Reedley 40, Stockton 14, San Francisco 7.

AGGREGATE TEAM SCORES

Reedley 98, West Los Angeles 82, San Francisco 62, Sacramento 53 1/2, Stockton 30, San Jose 21 1/2.



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Los Angeles NEWSLETTER

By Henry Mori

'THIS IS YOUR LIFE—HARRY MOMITA'

When you meet Harry "Tak" Momita of Calipatria for the first time, you'd never think he was born in Hiroshima 56 years ago and had spent nearly half a century of that time in this country.

You would think he was one of the older Nisei. We've had the pleasure of meeting Momita before but it was not until after the Ralph Edwards' "This Is Your Life" show that we were better acquainted.

Momita, of course, speaks English with no Oriental accent. He carried himself quite well from the time Edwards surprised him at the studio entrance until the closing of the program half an hour later.

Harry said later that when Edwards came through the studio door he sensed something "being cooked up for him" but wasn't too sure what with everything happening so fast.

It was Ed Rademacher, Calipatria's mayor, and Franklin Garrett, councilman for the same lowest-down city of 184 feet below sea level with 2500 population, who brought Momita to Hollywood on a pretext that the NBC directors wanted to buy the Momita story for a dramatic presentation.

As it happened, the life story of the naturalized citizen who struggled through economic strife and racial discrimination during the "yellow peril" days of the 1920s in California suddenly became an "open book" before millions of viewers from coast to coast.

Edwards' familiar pattern of mixing happiness with pathos in telling "This Is Your Life" fitted well for Momita who lost his wife last October in an auto accident. It was then that his tragic moment was turned into a beautiful story.

Community leaders from Mayor Rademacher down helped to keep open Momita's drugstore while the victim recuperated at one of his daughter's home in Gardena.

SUGGESTION FROM MAGAZINE STORY

We were curious as to how Mr. Momita was selected to get on "This Is Your Life," and Mrs. Hiroshi Kikawa, one of Momita's two daughters, explained a Caucasian woman from Laguna Beach submitted an article from the recent American Weekly, which had the Flagpole Memorial for Helen Momita story.

"Now that you won an Edsel and a nice color television set where are you going to put them," we quipped. He confined in a whisper that it was only several weeks ago that he had bought a new Olds and, sure enough, a color television set.

Anyway that night at the Hollywood Roosevelt Hotel while we were all feasting in tribute to Momita's television success, he sat quietly signing several papers. Latecomer Tats Kishida suggested that if Momita can't find a Ford dealer around his way, Kishida would be more than happy to drive one to his doorsteps from Los Angeles.

Momita was recently elected as president to reactivate the Imperial County JACL. His effective leadership in the community will be greatly felt in continuing good relationship between persons of Japanese ancestry and the community at large.

We know that Edwards' show will enhance his work in that field.

THE NORTHWEST PICTURE: by Elmer Ogawa

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out that Japan's catch of 11,000,000 this year, would permit only 8,000,000 to reach the Bristol Bay area. Of this, some 5,000,000 would have to be uncaught by American fishermen to permit needed spawning. The figures of the two possible takes, carefully studied by U. S. Fish and Wildlife, indicate that the Bristol Bay packers may just as well keep their canneries closed and beach the fishermen since there is only a prospect of 1½ day work week.

It has also been pointed out that American and Canadian technology is directed in the interests of conservation and the perpetuation of the natural resources of the industry. Japanese versatility and modern electronic fishing equipment, unrestrained by conservation policies, destroy all the good work.

So far in this little discourse, we have not been relating any personal experiences. Not intending to. But in getting around, we have talked to some beached fishermen; not enough to call it a survey, but included in the groups were a guy or two who had tried salmon, moved south to try tuna; and then lost his share in the boat as did all the others. How deep the feeling ran, I found out one day, when I tried to sell one of these guys a raffle chance in the Nisei Vets bazaar.

The question arises in this feeble mind. How much HARD feeling is it worth buying for a few million salmon? In trans-Pacific relations, it might be a good policy to let more of those salmon go home to the people wot bred 'em.

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Little girl in black (center), Grace Sato, 17, of Venice High School will be queen of the JACL Nisei Relays this Sunday afternoon at Rancho Cienega. Assisting in the festivities are members of her court (from left): Arlene Sasano of University High (West L.A.), Barbara Nishimura of Los Angeles High (Southwest L.A.), Clara Oda of Garfield High (East L.A.) and Amy Nakanishi of John Muir High (Pasadena). Grace is 5 ft. tall, 90 lbs., and is treasurer of the the Senior B class.

— Cut courtesy: Shin Nishi Bei.

VITAL STATISTICS

BIRTHS

SANTA MARIA
TOMOOKA, To — girl, Mar. 28.
BOISE VALLEY IDAHO
ARIMA, Tom — girl Roberta L., Mar. 7, Homedale.
DOI, George — girl Judy, Mar. 29, Nampa.
HARA, Kay — girl Maureen Kiyomi, Mar. 17, Parma.
HIRAI, Steve — boy Robert O., Apr. 7, Homedale.
ITAMI, Dyke — girl Joyce M., May 2, Nampa.
KORA, Masa — girl Suanne Masako, May 12, Parma.
KOYAMA, Joe — girl Penny B., Mar. 31, Nampa.
TAKATORI, Tom — boy Theodore T., Apr. 25, Parma.
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OYE, Gary — boy Kevin Jyo, Mar. 6.

ENGAGEMENTS

HIRASUNA - KAGIWADA — JoAnne, Fresno, to Rev. David, Pasadena.
PAGE-KITAMURA — Mary Lou, Warren, Mich., to Alan C., Marine City, Mich.

DEATHS

EMY, Dr. Sabro, 68: New York, May 20
FUJIMOTO, Toshiko, 39: Sacramento, Apr. 10 — (m) Mrs. Haruno Ishihara, (b) Takeshi, (s) Akiko.
GOTO, Galen, 14: Berkeley, Apr. 9 — (p) Mr. & Mrs. Kazuo.
HAMASAKI, Tsuru, 68: Palo Alto, Apr. 16.
KADOYA, Tsunekichi, 85: Florin, Apr. 9.
KAKISHITA, Tomejiro, 81: Salt Lake City, Apr. 12.
KOIDE, Toichiro: New York May 17.
MIYAMOTO, Hatsu, 85: Monterey, Apr. 10 — (h) Kumashiko, (s) Yoshitaka Takahisa, Hoshito, Maya, Noboru.
NAKATANI, Katsuzo, 53: Norwalk May 4.
NAKAYAMA, Chise, 76: Berkeley, Apr. 17.
NIMURA, Yoshitsugu, 68: Los Angeles Apr. 22.
NISHIDA, Yuzuru, 72: Reedley, Apr. 10.
NISHIKAWA, Yonekichi, 82: Los Angeles, Apr. 24.
OKADA, Matsutaro, 85: Salt Lake City.

ST MARY'S BAZAAR-CARNIVAL SET JUNE 7

Proceeds of the St. Mary's Episcopal Church bazaar-carnival are to help pay newly acquired properties, to improve the ground and add facilities to aid 20 youth parish groups, according to Ed Koyama, bazaar chairman. The all-day affair June 7 starts at 1 p.m. at the church hall.

Apr. 16.
OKAMOTO, Minoru, 57: Los Angeles, May 6.
OKAZAKI, Junta, 79: Los Angeles, Apr. 16.
OKITA, Yoichiro, 84: Los Angeles, Apr. 10.
SASAKI, Mrs. Katherine: Bronx, N.Y., Apr. 7.
SENZAKI Rev. Nyogen, 81: Los Angeles, May 7.
SUENAGA, Henry H., 44: West Los Angeles, Apr. 26 — (w) Chisato, (s) Rewji, Elji, (p) Mr. & Mrs. Takazo, (b) Yorozu, Leland.
SUMII, Richard, 16: Los Angeles, Apr. 18 — (P) Mr. & Mrs. Paul K., (b) Stephen.
TANAKA, Itaro, 73: West Los Angeles Apr. 18.
TANAKA, Keijiro: New York, May 18
TSUJIMOTO, Harukichi, 89: Sacramento, Apr. 14.
TSUKIDA, Makiyuki, 65: Berkeley, Apr. 11.
TOKUNAGA, Takisaburo, 78: Los Angeles, Apr. 10.
YABUTANI, Shunzo K., 73: Perry, Utah, Feb. 17.
YAMASAKI, Masayoshi, 69: Los Angeles, May 7.
YASUDA, Mrs. Shige, 58: Los Angeles, May 1.
YASUMURA, Yasujiro, 68: Long Beach, May 2.
YATAGAI, Jinshiro, 73: Los Angeles, May 11.

Negro congressman

PHILADELPHIA. — Robert N.C. Nix, a Pennsylvania Democrat, was elected to the Congress of the United States this past week and joins Reps. William L. Dawson (Ill.), Adam Clayton Powell (N.Y.) and Charles C. Diggs (Mich.) in providing Negro representation.

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Top scout award won by 'Friscan

SAN FRANCISCO. — Harry M. Katsuyama, an architect employed by Safeway Stores, Inc. and heading the department that designs warehouses, was honored by the Golden Gate Scout District May 10 with the Silver Beaver, highest Boy Scout award given for "distinguished service to American boyhood".

Katsuyama, who started scouting 31 years ago in Sacramento with Troop 50, is currently vice-chairman of Troop 12's parents association. He also served as troop 50 scoutmaster and Explorer adviser, was active in church and YMCA work there and honored in 1938 with the "outstanding scoutmaster award" in Sacramento.

During the war years, he was effective in establishing athletic and educational programs for youth at Heart Mountain WRA Camp.

Two of his sons are members of Troop 12 and Post X-12, one an Eagle Scout.

FIRST JC CALLED TO BAR IN BRITISH COLUMBIA

VANCOUVER. — George Kiyoshi Fujisawa, 30, of 672 West 13th is believed to be the first Japanese Canadian in British Columbia to be called to the bar and admitted as solicitors by the Benches of the Law Society.

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Washington NEWSLETTER

BY MIKE MASAOKA

California Primaries

Washington, D.C.

NEXT TUESDAY, June 3, California voters will go to the polls in their primary elections to select party candidates for the November finals. Because of their numbers, this is the area in which the Japanese American voter can be most influential. As a consequence, we have received letters from the Golden State requesting information regarding the 30 representatives who comprise California's delegation in the House.

JACL, of course, is nonpartisan and cannot endorse specific candidates or issues unless they are of specific concern to Americans of Japanese ancestry. It can, however, and does release information regarding voting, statements, cooperation, etc., to guide not only its members but also others interested in such records.

We are pleased to report at this time that, without exception, every member of the California delegation has been cooperative and helpful when we have called on them. As is to be expected, those who serve on committees or subcommittees that have jurisdiction over topics of special interest, such as Congressman Clair Engle, Patrick J. Hillings, and John E. Moss of the Interior and Insular Affairs (Hawaii Statehood), Judiciary (Immigration and Evacuation Claims), and Interstate and Foreign Commerce (Vested Property) Committees, respectively, have worked more closely with JACL than the others. But, every member has been cooperative when asked to vote on certain measures or to contact the Administrative Agencies for information and services.

In other words, we can endorse every member as one who has sympathy and concern for the welfare of our people.

Moreover, as a matter of political philosophy, other things being equal, we urge that the incumbents be returned to Congress for another term. Incumbents have gained seniority and know-how that are all important here in Washington and these tangibles should be considered by the voters in casting their ballots next Tuesday.

Two representatives are seeking other responsibilities for next year. Chairman Engle aspires to become the Junior Senator from California, while Congressman Hillings hopes to be the next Attorney General of the State.

Senate Majority Leader William F. Knowland will not seek reelection to Congress but will try to secure the Governorship.

California is destined to play a most crucial role in the presidential sweepstakes of 1960. If Attorney General Pat Brown is elected Governor, he will become a leading "dark horse" for the Democratic presidential nomination and the aspirations of Vice President Richard Nixon may be jeopardized. On the other hand, a victory for the Senior Senator will enhance his (Nixon's) already outstanding lead for the GOP nomination two years hence.

Since the key to the White House nominations as well as the 1960 elections may well be political control of California, this State will be a battleground not only this November but next Tuesday.

It is hoped that Japanese Americans eligible and qualified to vote will exercise their franchise intelligently and in the best interests of their State and the nation.

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Elmer Davis

ON SUNDAY, May 18, "30" was written to the distinguished career of Elmer Davis, news commentator and analyst, who passed away after a long illness at the age of 68.

To Americans of Japanese ancestry, he was one of the few voices in radio who questioned the arbitrary evacuation of all persons of Japanese ancestry from the west coast in the spring of 1942. After he became director of the Office of War Information that same year, he helped exploit the heroism and gallantry of the Nisei in the 100th Infantry Battalion and the 442nd Regimental Combat Team and thereby contributed much to the public knowledge of the loyalty of Japanese Americans.

Always a "horse-sense liberal," he remained true to his credo of freedom and equality.

His death means the passing of another true American who befriended Japanese Americans when it was not popular to do so.

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JACL's Tribute

YESTERDAY, in the great rotunda of the United States Capitol, Jack Hirose and Hisako Sakata, Washington chapter president and vice president, respectively, presented floral wreaths as JACL's tribute to the Unknown Soldiers of World War II and of Korea as they lay in state to receive the nation's homage.

This afternoon, JACL's representatives will participate in the ceremonies at Arlington National Cemetery when these two honored but unidentified dead will join the Unknown Soldier of World War I in their final bivouac.

To the Issei and the Nisei who have served our country well in the Spanish American War, World Wars I and II and in Korea, and especially to those who gave their last full measure of devotion, let us this day and every day offer our thanks and in our lives reflect credit upon their sacrifices, lest we forget.

OVER 6,000 IMMIGRANTS FROM JAPAN ADMITTED DURING 1957

(JACL News Service)

WASHINGTON. — Some 6,354 Japanese were admitted into the United States for permanent residence during the fiscal year ending June 30, 1957, the Immigration and Naturalization Service informed the Washington Office of the Japanese American Citizens League.

Japan's annual immigration quota under the Immigration and Nationality (Walter-McCarran) Act of 1952 is 185.

The breakdown of categories of Japanese immigration in fiscal 1957 is 159 quota immigrants, 6,195 nonquota immigrants, 2 spouses or children from the Western Hemisphere, 4 who had previously held United States citizenship, 32 ministers, their spouses, and children, and 541 so-called refugees.

Of the nonquota immigrants, 5,003 were wives of United States citizens, 168 husbands of United States citizens, and 442 children of United States citizens.

30-Year High

The Immigration Service also advised the Washington JACL Office that in fiscal 1957 a total of 326,867 immigrants from all countries were admitted to permanent residence in this country, a thirty year high. Of this total, 97,178 were quota immigrants.

Total immigration statistics under the Refugee Relief Act of 1953 disclosed that 187,740 refugees from all countries have been ad-

mitted since the emergency legislation became effective five years ago. Of this number, 2,167 were from Japan, including 1,222 orphans.

The Washington Office noted that the JACL supported both the Walter-McCarran Act and the Refugee Relief Act.

Girard's Japanese wife lonesome

OTTAWA, Ill. — A Japanese writer visited Mrs. Candy Girard, wife of a soldier who touched off an international incident, and reported Candy is somewhat lonesome in this small midwestern city.

Mrs. Fumiko Matsuda, associate editor of the Sunday Mainichi, spent two hours visiting the wife of William S. Girard.

Girard married Haru (Candy) Sueyama in July, 1957, while awaiting trial in the death of Mrs. Naka Sakai Jan. 30, 1957.

Girard was convicted and given a three-year suspended sentence. He was discharged from the army Dec. 18, 1957.

Mrs. Matsuda told newsmen that while Candy appeared lonely "she will be a lot happier when her baby is born in August."

The writer also learned that Girard is unemployed, having been laid off recently.

Secretary to Cabinet Max Rabb retires, JACLers attend luncheon in his honor

WASHINGTON. — Eight members of the Japanese American Citizens League attended the luncheon at the National Press Club honoring Maxwell M. Rabb on his retirement from office as Secretary to the Cabinet of the United States.

Mike Masaoka, Washington JACL representative, was seated at the head table which included the Vice President, Assistant to the President, several United States senators both Republicans and Democrats, cabinet officers and assistant secretaries, the chairman of the President's Committee on Government Contracts, the newly confirmed staff director of the Civil Rights Commission, the Commissioner of Immigration and Naturalization, and national leaders in the civil rights field.

The toastmaster paid tribute to Masaoka as the single person most responsible for the elimination of racial discrimination in the immigration and naturalization laws. Former Secretary of the Interior Oscar Chapman also mentioned him as an outstanding leader in the fight for human rights.

Others JACLers attending the luncheon were Harry Takagi, national third vice-president; Ruth Kuroishi, past D.C. chapter president and Eastern District Council secretary; Hisako Sakata and Frank Baba, of the D.C. chapter; Sab Kitagawa, chapter treasurer, Kaz Oshiki, business manager of the chapter publication, and John Yoshino, staff member of the President's Committee on Government Contracts.

Spoke at 14th Biennial

Rabb, as Secretary to the Cabinet and presidential assistant, has been most cooperative with JACL in its efforts to enlarge the area of acceptance and opportunity for persons of Japanese ancestry, according to the Washington Office.

Rabb was the banquet speaker at the 14th Biennial National JACL

Convention that was held in San Francisco over the 1956 Labor Day weekend. He also represented the President at last fall's International Nisei Convention that was held in Tokyo.

Tributes were paid to the popular and effective Cabinet Secretary by Rabbi Norman Gerstenfeld; Clarence Mitchell, Washington director for the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, Dr. Jacob Seidenberg, director of the President's Committee on Government Contracts, Assistant to the President Sherman Adams, and Sens. Leverett Saltonstall and John Kennedy of Massachusetts, Jacob K. Javits of New York, Clifford P. Case of New Jersey, and Richard L. Neuberger of Oregon.

Former Secretary of the Interior Oscar Chapman, on behalf of the National Conference of Christians and Jews, presented an oil portrait of Rabb. Vice President Richard Nixon, on behalf of more than 300 representatives of the Government, Congress, nationality, civil rights, and religious organizations, presented Rabb with a testimonial plaque for his contributions in the field of human rights and public administration.

NISEI NOMINATED TO SAN MATEO UNESCO POST

SAN MATEO. — Sike Yamaguchi, San Mateo businessman and past JACL chapter president here, heads the 1958-59 slate of officers nominated by the Peninsula Committee of UNESCO.

Presently on the committee board, Yamaguchi chaired the successful "Night of Japanese Arts and Culture", presented under joint UNESCO and JACL chapter sponsorship.

NISEI NAMED TO FIF PRESIDENTS' CLUB

George Inagaki, district manager for Financial Industrial Funds, was elected secretary of the firm's Presidents' Club, composed of top producers. Jiro Oishi and Matao Uwate were named to the club's board of directors. The three Nisei were recent guests of FIF headquarters at Denver, where top producers met.

Statehood for Alaska approved

WASHINGTON.—After two moves to send it back to committee were rejected, the House passed a bill Wednesday to admit Alaska to the Union as the 49th State. It goes to the Senate where chances of passage are good.

The vote was 208 to 166.

Under the bill, if Alaska is admitted to the Union, it will be allotted two senators and one member in the House. The entire 375-million acre area of what is now known as the Territory of Alaska would be admitted, although the Defense Department is given "exclusive jurisdiction" over a large area of northwest Alaska for defense purposes.

Advocates of Hawaiian statehood hope that similar approval can be had, now that the Alaska bill has cleared.

SAN FRANCISCO PICNIC DATE CHANGED TO JUNE 8

SAN FRANCISCO. — Date of the annual Japanese community picnic at Speedway Meadows in Golden Gate Park has been changed to Sunday, June 8, a week earlier than originally planned.

Winding up plans for the gala affair is a joint committee of the sponsoring organizations, No. Calif. Japanese Chamber of Commerce, Nichibei Kai, local JACL chapter and Golden Gate Supper Optimists.

Harbor Area Issei to be JACL 'keirokai' guests

LONG BEACH. — Harbor area Issei will be honored by the Long Beach-Harbor District JACL at its "keiro-kai" tomorrow at the Harbor Japanese Community Center. Program starts at 6:30 p.m. with dinner and followed by entertainment, according to general chairman Mrs. Hanako Manaka.

To be especially honored are the Issei 80 years or over. Assisting are:

Mmes. Jon Shiba, Dorothy Matsushita, Frances Kobata, Barbara Miura, Hattie Izumi, Martha Takade, Ruby Mio, Ritsuko Kawakami, Kimi Sugiyama, and Tomiko Takade.

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CALENDAR

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May 31 (Saturday)
Tulare County — Fishing outing, Sequoia Lake.
Long Beach — Issei Keiro-kai, Harbor Community Center, 8:30 p.m.
June 2 (Monday)
Salinas — Benefit movies, YBA Hall, 7:30 p.m.
June 4 (Wednesday)
Sonoma County — JACL Bowling League award dinner, Green Mill Inn.
June 6 (Friday)
Pocatello-Idaho Falls-Yellowstone — Joint graduate's dance, White Elephant Supper Club.
June 7 (Saturday)
Watsonville — Graduates barbecue, Sunset Beach Park, 6:30 p.m.
Puyallup Valley — Graduates dinner-dance.
San Francisco — Summer Informal, Booker T. Washington Center, 9 p.m.
June 8 (Sunday)
San Francisco — Community picnic, Speedway Meadows, Golden Gate Park.
June 11 (Wednesday)
Venice-Culver — Board meeting, res. of Mrs. Edna Chadwick, 8 p.m.
June 13 (Friday)
Philadelphia — General meeting.
June 15 (Sunday)
San Mateo — Community picnic, Coyote Point, 11 a.m.
Berkeley — Community picnic, Camp Padre, Tilden Park, 1 p.m.
June 20 (Friday)
Florin — Graduate dinner-dance, Lani Restaurant, Sacramento.
June 20 (Friday)
Southwest L.A. — Queentime Ball, Zenda Ballroom, 9 p.m.
June 21 (Saturday)
Contra Costa — Graduates dance Richmond Civic Center Plaza, 8 p.m.
June 21-22
Venice-Culver — Community Center carnival.
June 27 (Friday)
West Los Angeles — Benefit carnival Corinth Ave. Japanese School.
June 28 (Saturday)
Berkeley — Graduates dance, Live Oak Park Recreation Hall.
June 28 - 29
West Los Angeles — JACL carnival.
June 29 (Sunday)
Cleveland — Community picnic, Weigand's Lake.

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