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PRESIDENT'S CORNER:

Concerning 10 days East and Midwest

In our last week's Pacific Citizen, National Director Mas Satow wrote a very complete account of our recent trip to the EDC and MDC. Despite the gruelling schedule, we learned much and came home with a better appreciation of the greatness of our country, of our national organization. Mas wrote last week of many JACL personalities with whom we talked, worked and whose company we enjoyed. And this is proper and fitting, for it is people who make up the JACL and who make it strong and who make it inspiring. To all those mentioned and to many, many others, our heartfelt gratitude for making our trip so enjoyable and so meaningful.

The Eastern and Midwestern JACL members deserve much credit for their continuing interest in JACL. The average JACLer in the East and Midwest is perhaps more sophisticated; is better adjusted and better accepted than his Western counterpart. He has won for himself and for his family a respected position in his community. For these reasons he could, with some justification, argue that "JACL is of no use to me." Yet his concern for JACL is as high if not higher than in other parts of the country. Further, his outlook on national and international affairs generally tends to be more liberal than that of his more conservative Western counterpart. These are broad generalizations of course and exceptions are found in every region.

The Nation's Capitol was truly an inspiration for us. There is history and tradition here, and an undercurrent of excitement that one senses. All of the governmental and congressional officials with whom we met expressed genuine interest in our problems and were most cooperative, friendly and understanding. Only in a democracy such as America can ordinary people be received with so much cordiality by government officials. Much of this goodwill of course is due to the wonderful spadework done by JACL's Washington Representative Mike Masaoka.

We also fell in love with six of the most charming, winsome and beautiful girls we have ever met. They are the "Sho - Jo - Ji" dancing troupe trained by Mrs. Dolly Semenko whose story belongs in "This Is Your Life." These Sansei youngsters from six to ten years of age really captivated their audience at the MDC luncheon. They are Cleveland JACL's best ambassadors of goodwill.

We hope that somehow these youngsters will be able to attend the National Convention in Salt Lake City for they constitute one of the best public relations programs in action that we have ever seen. They really make you proud of your heritage.

Out of this trip has come have been developed be-

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Hassle over JACL policy on U.S.-Japan affair quieted

A question that has been rankling the Japanese American Citizens League internally in recent months concerns its policy on U.S.-Japan affairs as adopted at the 1954 national convention.

In brief, the 1954 resolution abstains JACL from engaging in international relations except in cases where the welfare of Japanese Americans is directly affected.

At the 1956 convention, in the keynote address made by Edward Ennis of New York and in the main convention speech by Maxwell Rabb, then secretary to the President's Cabinet, suggestions that JACL revise its policy were

made and the chapters have been meeting ever since to decide which would be the better.

With the 1958 national convention about to meet at Salt Lake City Aug. 22-25, chapters have been discussing the question at length with the appearance of two schools of thought over whether JACL should expand or retain its policy on international relations.

PSWDC Action

It may be that Frank Chuman's motion made and accepted at the May quarterly meeting of the Pacific Southwest District Council is the solution to the problem that has been one of the most controversial issues for the organiza-

tion in years.

The Pacific Citizen learned of Chuman's motion in the PSWDC quarterly session minutes published this week.

The PSWDC at its November, 1957, meeting at Anaheim took up the question with the appearance of Washington JACL representative Mike Masaoka, who strongly feels JACL should expand its policy. The issue was then referred to its legal-legislative committee, then headed by Kango Kunitsugu, Southwest L.A. chapter president.

Hassle over 'Except'

When the PSWDC met at Pismo Beach last month, the legal-legislative committee, headed by Joe

Yasaki of Southwest L.A. JACL, the question was re-introduced before the chapters and it was recommended that the policy statement on international relations be amended to completely delete the clause after "except".

The paragraph in question reads as follows (with recommended portion to be deleted in bold face):

"Accordingly, as an organization, JACL will refrain from participating or intervening in any matters relating to the international relations of this Government, including those with Japan, **except and unless the welfare of persons of Japanese ancestry in the United**

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Chapters, District Councils moot U.S.-Japan issue

Two chapters (Hollywood and Fowler) have already decided to vote for "status quo" on the question of whether JACL should change its policy to engage actively in U.S.-Japan affairs. At the present time, JACL abstains from international relations except where the welfare of persons of Japanese ancestry is directly affected.

In recent weeks, two more chapters (San Francisco and Oakland)

have studied the major policy question, which is expected to be one of the top issues at the 15th Biennial convention at Salt Lake City Aug. 22-25, but desisted in reaching a conclusion.

Preliminary discussion on this question by chapters in the Central California District Council has been asked by George Abe of Selma, CCDC chairman, who has called a dinner meeting for Wednesday, June 18, 7 p.m., at

Bruce's Lodge in Fowler. Mas Satow, national director, will also be present.

Oakland Feeling

Members at the Oakland meeting felt the question should be given further study this summer prior to the convention, although there was some criticism of Mike Masaoka's espousal of a change in JACL policy.

Further study was also decided by the San Francisco board on

the same issue after its informal meeting, which was attended by 30 persons. Scotty Tsuchiya, Sim Togasaki, Yas Abiko, Howard Imazeki, Yori Wada and Tom Hoshiyama participated in the panel with Mas Yonemura of Oakland as moderator.

Saburo Kido, past national JACL president, of Los Angeles presented his views on the subject with the warning that JACL stay clear of any international involvement.

Delegates to the recent NC-WNDC meeting were presented a detailed report of the problems and pressures faced by the Washington JACL Office by Mike Masaoka, who pointed out that many government sources are seeking to determine the attitude of Nisei, especially with matters dealing with U.S.-Japan relations.

Masaoka's Explanation

Since JACL is recognized as the only representative organization of Japanese Americans, the Washington JACL Office is bombarded with questions on matters of American relations with Japan, Masaoka explained.

It was Masaoka's opinion that

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BAKERSFIELD NISEI GRADUATED FROM WEST POINT

WEST POINT, N.Y. — Robert J. Matsumoto, 22, a son of Mr. and Mrs. Joe S. Matsumoto of 600 R St., Bakersfield, California, was graduated June 4 from the United States Military Academy at West Point.

Matsumoto received a bachelor of science degree and was commissioned a second lieutenant in the infantry.

At West Point, he was a member of the class ring and crest committee and the ordnance, camera, and weightlifting clubs.

Appointed to the academy by Rep. Harlan Hagan, (D., Calif.) Matsumoto was a cadet sergeant during his senior year.

He attended San Francisco State College after his graduation from Bakersfield High School.

When Matsumoto entered the academy in 1954, it was the first time in West Point's 152-year history that a young caet replaced a brother. Bob's brother, Glenn, was graduated from West Point in 1954 and was the second Nisei.

Hagan appointed Glenn Matsumoto in 1950 when he was a sergeant in the army.

Calif. floral group scholarships awarded

David M. Shinoda, son of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Shinoda of Torrance, and Mamoru Tashima, son of Mr. and Mrs. Takato Tashima of San Fernando were named as recipients of the freshman and senior California State Florists Association award, respectively. Each prize is for \$100.

Shinoda, maintaining a 3.67 average, is majoring in floriculture. Tashima has a 3.1 average for the past three semesters. Parents of both scholars are prominent flower growers.



Dennis Okamoto (left), sponsored by the Snake River JACL, will be Intermountain District Council representative at the national JACL convention oratorical contest. In the center is Bob Mukai, IDC oratorical chairman, who represented the IDC 10 years ago in a similar contest. Other chapter contestants are Jeanette Sato (second from left) of Idaho Falls; Emiko Tokunaga (second from right) of Salt Lake City; and Claire Yamauchi (right) of Pocatello. — Terashima Photo.

Snake River youth to represent IDC at national JACL oratorical contest

SALT LAKE CITY. — Dennis Okamoto, Snake River JACL entrant, was judged the winner of the Intermountain District Council oratorical contest held Sunday at the Univ. of Utah Union Bldg. He is the son of Mrs. Hisae Okamoto of Ontario, Ore.

The 18-year-old graduate of Ontario High School has been active in school, sports and with his church, having served on the school yearbook staff, FFA, Pep Club, Hi-Y, and president of the Methodist Youth Fellowship.

Thus, Snake River claimed the second convention contest—the first being the Miss National JACL title by Margaret Itami.

Other winners were Claire Yamauchi (2nd), daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Bill Yamauchi of Pocatello, (Bill served as 1946-48 secretary to the National JACL Board, was IDC chairman in 1942 and still

active with Pocatello JACL); Emiko Tokunaga (3rd), daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Shigao Tokunaga of Salt Lake City; and Jeannette Sato (4th), daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Shigeichi Sato of Idaho Falls.

Okamoto will represent the IDC at the national oratorical contest to be held on the first day of the convention, Aug. 22, at Hotel Utah.

IDC contest chairman Robert Mukai, a recent law graduate of Univ. of Utah, was the IDC entrant ten years ago. Judges were Arthur M. Richardson, Utah speech dept.; Attorney Richard L. Dewsnup, and Jim Ushio, former IDC chairman.

DR. AKIO HAYASHI TO HEAD SAC TO SENATOR LIONS

SACRAMENTO. — Nisei dentist Dr. Akio Hayashi was elected president of the Senator Lions Club.

Sansei appointed college dep't dean

SEATTLE. — Believed to be the youngest dean appointed to head a department at Seattle University, Dr. Theodore Chihara, 29, will assume the post of dean of mathematics at the Jesuit institution in September.

A Sansei, he is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Mamoru Chihara. He was conferred his Ph.D. at Purdue after graduating in mathematics at Seattle University.

Brazilian Nisei legislator honored

TOKYO. — A Brazil-born Nisei, Yukishige Tamura, who served in the Sao Paulo municipal assembly in 1947 and then elected to Brazilian Chamber of Deputies in 1954 was presented with Japan's Third Order of the Sacred Treasure last week.

Heading a group of Brazilian legislators, Tamura was honored for his contribution to Brazilian-Japanese relations.

The two countries are commemorating the 50th anniversary of Japanese emigration to that South American nation this year.

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From the Frying Pan

By Bill Hosokawa

Denver, Colo

THE RITE OF GRADUATION — Last Monday evening, East Denver High School's class of '58 was graduated with all the pomp and ceremony that has come to be associated with high school commencement. The graduating class, numbering more than 750 bright-eyed young men and women, marched in cadence into the auditorium. The boys were in black gowns and mortarboard hats, the girls in pristine white, and a handsome lot they were.

For these youngsters it was the biggest day of their young lives, and the ceremonies were appropriately solemn and impressive. In fact, they were staged with such precision and competence that it made one wonder if their college commencement, four years hence, wouldn't be something of an anticlimax. Yet, today's youngsters are so precocious even in their adolescent years that less sophisticated rites would be flat.

Our Mike was one of the throng that marched up to claim diplomas. (The appropriate thing to say at this point is, "How time does fly." Fly it has, indeed. It was just a few years ago, it seems, that he trudged off purposefully, with his hand in his mother's, for his first day in kindergarten.) We watched him, tall and straight, walk up to a member of the school board who shook his hand and handed over a handsome leatherbound diploma. For a moment they exchanged pleasantries and from high in the balcony we could see them smiling at their own private joke.

Then it was time for us to go home, but we didn't see Mike until the next day. He went off to a party with some of his chums, and since this was a very special occasion — celebrating the attainment of maturity, of a sort — there was no telling when he'd be home. The rest of us went to bed, marveling a little at what a wonderful day this had been for our Mike.

Before sleep came, I tried to remember back over the years to my own high school graduation, trying to recall what that day had meant for me. Had it been a memorable, unforgettable, wonderful experience? Perhaps it had seemed so at the time. But this night, it was disappointing to discover that I could not recall a single detail of that event. Time had obliterated those memories, as cleanly as the tide washing the sands of the seashore, and perhaps it was just as well.

SEGREGATED SCOUTS — A few weeks ago we wondered in this column whether Brownie Scout troops in the Deep South used the regulation handbook which shows white and Negro girls happily scouting together in the best northern integration style. The other day Mrs. Rinko Enosaki of Harrisonburg, Va., came up with an answer.

Negro Brownies in Harrisonburg have their own segregated troops, she writes. But at a recent Girl Scout Court of Awards, the Negro troops sat among the whites and the audience applauded the Negro girls just as enthusiastically as the whites. "When Girl Scout leaders have a meeting," Mrs. Enosaki writes, "leaders of the Negro troops attend and present their views on an equal basis. I assume their handbooks are the same. Their uniforms are alike."

She adds in a postscript that the Enosaki Brownie belong to a white troop.

The practice seems to be for Caucasians in the South to accept Japanese Americans as "whites" inasmuch as they obviously aren't Negroes. But it was Larry Tajiri, if I recall correctly, who was surprised by a Negro who approached him on the street one day during the war and asserted with some feeling that "we colored folks have to stick together."

He would have been more accurate if he had said: "We Americans have to stick together."



Contrast



15th Biennial Underlines

BY RUPERT HACHIYA

Chairman, National JACL Convention Board

BY HENRY KASAI
 (Guesting for Rupert Hachiya)

Salt Lake City
Souvenir Booklet: A last-minute appeal to every JACL district council and chapter—big or small—is being made by the Convention Board to give a helping hand by contributing its organizational greetings or by soliciting a few business ads in our Souvenir Booklet. It plays an important part in the financing of an overall successful national gathering.

We are very anxious to publish one of the best convention booklets which will go down in history as our permanent record, indicating all our JACL component chapters and district councils assumed their share in the confab-booklet and having themselves and their communities represented as an integral part of our national convention.

Up to date the following 19 chapters and 3 district councils have responded to the convention program booklet committee:

Two-page ads by Pocatello and Snake River; one-page ads from Idaho Falls, Mt. Olympus, West Los Angeles, and Chicago chapters, 1/2-page ads from Boise Valley and Detroit chapters, 1/4-page ad from Marysville, 1/8-page ads from Pasadena, Placer County, Eden Township, Fremont, Monterey Peninsula, San Jose, New York and Mid-Columbia chapters. One line insertion ads from Ventura County, Sanger, San Benito County and Sonoma County chapters.

Among district councils, IDC, and NC-WNDC contributed one page ads and Eastern District Council with 1/4-page ad.

We hope to hear from 66 other chapters and five other district councils by June 26, which is the final deadline on convention booklet ads.

Among business ads, we were heartened to receive a one-page ad from the Southern California Regional Office for Holiday Bowl, Inc., locale of the 1959 National JACL Tournament and a 1/4-page ad from Western Pioneer Insurance Co. of Oakland.

We are anticipating quite sizable contributions from San Francisco under its very capable chapter convention ad committee chairman, Kei Hori. Also, we are hopeful of receiving some good business ads from Los Angeles, Sacramento, Fresno, Seattle, Chicago and Denver besides their chapter ads. We hope they will give us their support to make our "This Is The Place" Biennial a truly successful convention in the spirit of slogan furnished by the Pasadena Chapter which gave us the first chapter ad early in January, "On to Salt Lake" — "On to the 15th Biennial Convention".

Artists' Retreat: Something new has been added! Niseidom has many fine artists in their midst including those who make a living with their talent as well as those who paint as a hobby. Artists—amateur or professional among the delegates—will have a chance during the Sunday Outing "Artists' Retreat" to sketch the natural beauty of the Wasatch National Forest in the Brighton area.

So bring your paints, brushes, charcoal, pencil - what have you - and take part in this new venture in convention activities.

An exhibit room will be available also, for any Nisei artist who wishes to bring his work at his own risk and cost, and hang them for exhibition during the convention days at the Hotel Utah.

Bridge Tournament: All bridge enthusiasts have a chance to enter the bridge tournament as Bill Mizuno announces that it will be held during the Outing on Sunday at the Brighton Resort. It was felt this arrangement would give the official delegates to the National Council sessions an opportunity to play bridge if they so desired.

One of the ski lodges will be used as a site for this event.

EDWIN HIROTO TO HEAD LOS ANGELES OPTIMIST

Edwin Hiroto succeeds James Mitsumori as president of the Japanese American Optimists Club of Los Angeles for the term starting July 1.

PC Letter Box

'FRONGS' & 'SA-WHICH'

Editor: — I was intrigued with the story in the May 9 PC reporting that Ichiro Matsubara of Tokyo had succeeded "in obtaining the accurate weight of frongs during hibernation." Frongs are amusing creatures to have about the house. They make excellent and playful pets and are unexcelled as watchdogs. I wish, however, that your story had given more detail since there are both two-toed and three-toed frongs and both are hibernating.

For many years I had a frong named Joe which I inherited from my grandmother. Grandfather had picked him up in China. They met in Aloysius Warzinski's American ship. A doctor had prescribed a sea voyage as beneficial for Joe's poor eyesight. I do not think the voyage measurably improved Joe's eyesight though it did help us to understand some of his peculiarities. For instance, he could never distinguish between me and the cat when it walked past him and frequently he would take a bite out of me and then quickly apologize as I screamed. I taught him English which he pronounced with a Chinese accent. He had a passion for Chinese laundries and he irritated the laundrymen. On one occasion an irritated laundryman dumped Joe in a batch of fresh starch and sat him stiff as a statue on our front porch. Boy! but Joe was mad. But Joe, unbeknownst to me, struck up an acquaintance with a tramp frong named Susie and left home with her one July day and never came back. I've never had even a postcard from him.

Do you suppose Mr. Matsubara might be able to furnish me with a three-toed frong about ten years old?

I also observed in the same article that Miss Yoshino "has studied the chemical properties of amylose in sa-which is produced by 20th liva." There seems to be some confusion here. What I think was meant is that she studied "the effects of the 20th liva sandwich on Amy Lase." On the other hand, I know Miss Lase and she never ate a liver sandwich in her life. If you had said "the 20th martini olive" I would have understood.

L. S. WELLS

Milwaukee

(Little did we suspect "frongs" and "sa-which" would reappear in our paper. I hope the typesetter gets a roborant chuckle, too. —Ed.)

CONVENTION BOOKLET AD DEADLINE JUNE 26

SALT LAKE CITY. — Deadline for advertising in the 15th Biennial Convention souvenir booklet was extended to June 26, it was announced by Jean Konishi, editor, and Henry Y. Kasai, business manager.

Rates are as follows:

Full page: \$150; half-page: \$75; quarter-page: \$40; one-eighth-page: \$25; name insertion: \$10.

A 25 per cent commission on all business advertising can be gained by chapters or district council, it was explained.

SANTA BARBARA NISEI WINS U.C. STUDENT POST

BERKELEY. — In one of the most bitterly contested elections on campus, David Yamada of Santa Barbara was elected as one of four representatives to the Associated Students of Univ. of California executive committee last month.

The first election held in April was declared void because of a controversy over alleged election irregularities. The Nisei was not a candidate in the first election.

FRANK OGAWA HEADS S.F. OPTIMIST GROUP

The Golden Gate Supper (Optimist) Club will be headed by Frank Ogawa for the coming year, succeeding Tom Kobuchi. The group's name was changed from the Japanese American Optimist Club of San Francisco.



Vagaries

By Larry S. Tajiri

Sweetheart in 'Geisha Boy'

"We've found the Japanese girl we've been looking for," Jerry Lewis said. We were driving in from the airport in Denver, Lewis having arrived for a show at Red Rocks theater. The talk got around to "Geisha Boy," which is the biggest thing in the comic's life at the moment.

"We needed a girl to play my sweetheart in the picture, and we must have interviewed hundreds, mostly in California," said Lewis. "Then we found Nobu McCarthy, who is the cutest Japanese girl I've ever seen," the comic said. He didn't know much about her background, except that she had been born in Canada. Nobu McCarthy, 23, has appeared in three films to date, "The Barbarian and the Geisha," "The Hunters" and "Dateline Tokyo."

"In 'Geisha Boy' I play a GI entertainer in Japan," Lewis said. Work on the film starts at Paramount on June 16, the day after Lewis returns from his current personal appearance tour which takes him into Kansas City for a week after Denver.

Lewis noted that, unlike recent films with Japanese backgrounds which have been cast and filmed in Japan, "Geisha Boy" will be made wholly in California. "We've found a home in Los Angeles, built by a Japanese American, which is a perfect replica of a Japanese house," Lewis said, "and we will borrow it for some of our scenes."

Although the Japanese roles are being cast in Hollywood, and Sessue Hayakawa already has signed as a co-star with Marie Macdonald, there is a single exception. Lewis has released a 6-year-old boy of Nisei parents who had been tentatively signed for an important role. "He didn't know enough Japanese," Lewis explained. "We've decided to find a boy in Japan for the part. You can teach a Japanese boy English easier than you can teach an American boy Japanese." (See Elmer Ogawa's column on Page 6. Three prospects for the role arrived in Los Angeles for tests.—Ed.)

When he isn't on stage, mugging for an audience, Lewis is sober and serious. He has a 38-day shooting schedule on "Geisha Boy" which probably will be released around Christmas-New Year time. Lewis' current film is "Rock-a-Bye, Baby," which is being released this month. In it, Lewis sings a song which is becoming a hit. It's a lullaby, "Dormi, Dormi, Dormi."

EXPLOITS OF NISEI VET IN JAPAN

Samuel Fuller is one of Hollywood's most versatile talents. Fuller, once a newspaperman in New York, served as a GI in Europe in World War II and learned overseas about the 442nd Combat Team. Fuller writes his own pictures, then produces and directs them, and he wrote in the character of the 442nd veteran, Tanaka, into his successful film about the Korean war, "The Steel Helmet."

Fuller is on the verge of going into TV production and he is preparing an adventure-comedy series which will feature the exploits of two ex-GIs, one of them a Nisei, who go to Japan after World War II. Fuller would like to shoot the series in Japan in color.

Presently Fuller is starting work on a picture for Warners, "The Big Red One," which will be the story of the U.S. First Division in which Fuller served for three years in Europe. Fuller wrote the original story for the picture and has converted it into a novel which Bantam is publishing.

DORE SCHARY BACK IN HOLLYWOOD

Dore Schary is something of a Hollywood rarity, a man of conscience. It was the surge of anti-Nisei feeling, fomented by racists and profiteers in an attempt to prevent the return of Japanese American evacuees after the war, which impelled Schary to produce the film story of men of the 442nd Combat Team, "Go for Broke!" Schary had the idea for the film back in 1947 when he was running RKO and he took the germ of the story with him when he moved over to MGM as production chief.

Although Schary brought Metro back as the world's biggest movie studio, at least temporarily, he was caught in the downtrend in film production resulting from TV and other competitive factors. Two years ago Schary was replaced at Metro and some said he probably wouldn't make another film.

Dore Schary had been a writer when he first arrived in Hollywood, and he went back to the typewriter. He sat down and wrote a play he had always wanted to do—the story of the personal crisis of Franklin Delano Roosevelt when he is stricken with polio at 39. When the play was done, there were many who believed the American theater wasn't ready for a play about FDR. But the Theater Guild decided to co-produce it with the author. Today, "Sunrise at Campobello" is one of the two most successful dramas of the past Broadway year (the other is "Look Homeward, Angel").

Schary hopes to make "Sunrise at Campobello" into a picture, but first he will make a movie out of Nathaneal West's sardonic novel about the newspaper business, "Miss Lonelyhearts," with Montgomery Clift. This week, Schary was back in Hollywood.

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Morticians ask lifting of race barrier

FRESNO. — Delegates to the convention of the California Funeral Directors Association Sunday asked that Negroes and Orientals be admitted to membership in the National Funeral Directors Association.

A resolution to that effect, proposed by the Fresno County Funeral Directors Association, was adopted unanimously by the delegates during their final business session here.

The resolution notes the CFDA "enjoys a membership of all per-

sons, regardless of race, creed or color."

The resolution instructs the board of directors of the CFDA to seek membership for Negroes and Orientals in the NFDA.

Roy T. Merrill of Albion, N.Y., president of the NFDA, who attended the convention, told a reporter he is against the resolution. He said it would cause a cleavage between the funeral directors in the southern states and those in the rest of the country.

He said that admitting Negroes

to the NFDA would not work because in at least one state, Mississippi, there are more Negro funeral directors than white funeral directors.

Merrill said he does not know how many state funeral director associations admit Negroes and Orientals.

The resolution was passed by voice vote. There was no discussion.

Merrill said later that it is "a bad resolution. A very bad resolution."

Chuck Kashima of Palo Alto earns M.D. degree at Yale; but story belongs to his widowed mother who struggled as housekeeper

PALO ALTO. — Haskins Kazunori (Chuck) Kashima of Palo Alto received his Doctor of Medicine degree at Yale University's commencement exercises last week and his mother, Mrs. Taki Kashima, was present.

Behind that is a story of achievement against odds for the young Nisei and his mother, a Palo Alto housekeeper, who lives at 1443 Tasso St.

Chuck's father, Tatsuto K. Kashima, a writer who had lived in this country for many years, died in a relocation center in 1943. When the boy and his mother returned to Palo Alto, it was hard-sledding to keep Chuck in school, Mrs. Kashima recalled. Her friends helped her find work and Chuck, meanwhile, distinguished himself as a student leader and a scholar.

He was student body president at Jordan Jr. High School and again at Palo Alto High where he was voted the school's most valuable commissioner in 1951, the year he graduated.

He was winner of the 1950 Gold Star Memorial scholarship and received honorable mention and a

\$100 bond in the national Elks club competition for "outstanding young leaders."

He entered Stanford in the summer of 1951 and graduated in biological sciences with great distinction in 1954. He was also a member of Phi Beta Kappa, national honor society.

Native of San Francisco

Kashima is 25 and a native of San Francisco. During his entire student career in Palo Alto he worked to help pay for the extras he needed, although scholarships paid his tuition.

He was a scholarship student at Yale and during his student days there he served as resident

counselor for freshmen in medical school to supplement his income.

He has been a member of the Journal Club at Yale. At Stanford he was affiliated with El Toro Eating Club.

Last October Kashima was chosen to represent Yale Medical School at the Clinical Congress of the American College of Surgeons in the newly initiated student participation program held at Atlantic City.

Chuck's objective is surgery and academic medicine. His first assignment will be on surgical services at Barnes Hospital, St. Louis, where he will report for duty July 1.

Nisei future to introduce traditional Japanese gardening in America bright

BY TAMOTSU MURAYAMA

TOKYO. — Ken Dyo of Pasadena recently headed a Southern California tour party to visit the many famous gardens of Japan. Thus far, he is the only Nisei to come here with a specific pur-

pose of studying Japanese landscaping.

Dyo believes there is a big opportunity for Nisei to introduce Japanese landscaping to America. While the Japanese has become well known in America as a gardener, there were too few among the Issei who might be regarded as experts who had made a professional study of Japanese gardening and landscaping technique prior to their departure for America.

Following the old axiom of "seeing is believing," Dyo believes the Nisei gardener should visit Japan and study its gardens and landscapes in order to interpret genuine Japanese sentiments and delicacies in American gardens. He now feels confident that two groups of Nisei gardeners can be organized to visit Japan each year. Ken has the right spirit in approaching things Japanese, this writer believes.

A Eurasian artist by the name of Noguchi landscaped the garden in front of Tokyo's Readers Digest office. Many people thought the modernized interpretations to be unique and wonderful, but Japanese landscapers call it a "Manchurian cemetery." This sudden craze for abstract art in gardens as well as in the fine arts by the Japanese is offset by the foreign visitor who comes to Japan looking for traditional spirit of Japan. Dyo is one of them—he will be able to interpret Japan as it should be to the American public in his gardens and landscapes.

(Ken Dyo is an active Pasadena JACLer, past PSWDC chairman, and has assured the Pacific Citizen to review his impressions of Japan.)

BOYS TOWN WORKER EARNS SILVER BEAVER

OMAHA. — The Covered Wagon Council bestowed the highest Boy Scouts award, the Silver Beaver, to six men last month including Kaz Ikebasu, who is in charge of the scouting program at Boys Town.

Ikebasu, currently the Omaha JACL president, is a counselor at Boys Town.

KILLS HAWAIIAN NISEI JET PLANE COLLISION

CLOVIS, N. M. — Two Super-Saberjets collided in midair over Cannon Air Force Base here May 27, killing three airmen including Lt. Leslie Tadashi Ikeda of Honolulu.

First Nisei West Pointer wins feature movie role in 'Pork Chop Hill' war saga

George Shibata of Garland, Utah, first Nisei to be graduated from West Point in 1951, has one of the speaking roles in a Gregory Peck film, "Pork Chop Hill", being produced for United Artists by Melville Productions. Story depicts an American assault on Red China—held Pork Chop Hill in the spring of 1953 during the Korean campaign.

Shibata, who served as jet pilot in the Korean war, resigned from the service to enter USC law school. This is his first stint in Hollywood movies. He plays the role of Ohashi, Nisei executive officer of 7th Division's Co. K, commanded by Lt. Joe Clemons, to enacted by Peck.

Shibata was mistaken momentarily by Clemons for the actual Ohashi, who fought along side of him at Pork Chop Hill, at a local theater. Clemons' next thought was to invite Shibata to the studio in the morning and try for the role.

In army annals, the U.S. assault of Pork Chop was a display of firepower equal in intensity to any bombardment in either World

War. It has been recorded that within 48 hours, some 85,000 artillery rounds blasted the hill terrain in addition to unaccountable enemy shells.

Special effects craftsman David Koehler's task on "Pork Chop Hill" was the assembling and maintenance of a huge ammunition arsenal consisting of tons of powder, dynamite and bullets.

In addition to "firing up" the battle sequences as staged by Director Lewis Milestone, who directed "All Quiet on the Western Front" and "A Walk in the Sun," two of Hollywood's immortal war masterpieces, the special effects department also made its own hand grenades, flame throwers, carbines, army flares, potatoe mashers, burp guns and rifles from official specifications for use in the motion picture.

FLORIN NISEI ORDAINED BUDDHIST PRIESTESS

Flora Shiohama, Florin-born Nisei whose studies in art and philosophy at the Univ. of California at Berkeley were interrupted by war in 1941, has returned from Japan where she was ordained a Buddhist priestess on April 30 at the Higashi Hongwanji Temple.

She is the first Nisei to complete the priesthood course of the Higashi Hongwanji sect and will be a full-fledged minister after her period of internship.

Daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Zenzaemon Shiohama, she stayed at Manzanar WRA Center, went with her parents to Los Angeles later and was a bookkeeper at Coast Trading Co.

NISEI NAMED PLACER COUNTY PUBLIC HEALTH NURSE

AUBURN. — Appointment of Mrs. Lila Sasaki of Loomis as a new public health nurse of Placer County was announced by Dr. Richard F. White, county health department director. She was formerly with the San Luis Obispo County health department.

YOUTH WINS ESSAY CONTEST AND TRIP THROUGH PANAMA CANAL

TACOMA. — James Hayashi, 16, son of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Hayashi, not only won a \$50 defense bond offered by the Propeller Club of Tacoma essay contest but a summer voyage through the Panama Canal aboard an Isbrandtsen Line freighter.

The trip was awarded as a result of Propeller Club of United States judging of local winners, who wrote on the theme of American merchant marine.

James' father has been active in Puyallup Valley JACL for the past 15 years and has served as vice-president one year. He is with the employment security department of the State of Washington, a board member of the Auburn Lions club and a member of the Tacoma Buddhist Church.



POINTING Southwestward

By Fred Takata

TWELFTH ANNIVERSARY

The Los Angeles County Conference on Community Relations held its 12th Anniversary meeting this past week at the Town & Gown on the Univ. of Southern California campus. There were over 300 representatives in attendance from the 63 organizations that make up the County Conference. Representing the JACL with us were Kango Kunitsugu (SWLA) and Roy Yamadera (ELA).

It was interesting to note that the LACCCR was formed when many of the Japanese were returning to Southern California in 1946, to help eliminate any tension that might arise against us on our return to our homes. Since that time this organization has grown tremendously and has helped to eliminate any tension that might arise against us on our return to our homes. Since that time this organization has grown tremendously and has helped to eliminate many cases of discrimination in employment, housing, and legislation. In order that the many organizations would not duplicate work in achieving the same goals, the L. A. County Conference on Community Relations has helped to coordinate the work, in order to save member agencies money, time and effort. The organization is headed by hard working George L. Thomas, executive director, and we are personally grateful to him for all the help he has offered to us in getting adjusted to our new job.

Chairman for the LACCR is Joseph D. Shane, who has been re-elected to serve another term. Shane has just returned from a visit from Russia, and he spoke of his experiences behind the Iron Curtain. He said that the people of Russia are no different than we are, and feel the same in regards to security and peace. He also told of how the Russian newspapers played up the Little Rock stories and the discrimination in the South, much more than we here hear of them. It was Shane's opinion that our work in human relations should begin right in our own communities, and proving to the world that we can live together as one, then only could we gain the confidence of the world. We are indeed happy to be a member agency of this great and growing organization.

AMERICAN GI FORUM

Several weeks ago we were invited to attend the first state convention of the American GI Forum at the Statler Hotel. This organization is made up of Mexican Americans with the same goals as the JACL, and has chapters that cover most of the Western States. They hope to eventually become a national organization with a representative in Washington D.C.

Councilman Edward R. Roybal was guest speaker at the colorful opening session. He commented to the group that since there were several organizations of Mexican Americans, he would be very happy for the day when he would be able to address all of them as one solid organization. When we look back on JACL's record we certainly are proud of how far we have come since the early 1930's, and we are sure the American GI Forum will do the same in the years ahead.

Their official motto is "Education is our freedom, and freedom should be everybody's business." We certainly want to thank Frank X. Paz, state chairman, for inviting us to attend this first State convention.

POINTING AROUND

We attended our first major league ball game Sunday, when our L.A. Dodgers bumped the Milwaukee Braves 12 to 4, before some 57,000 fans. Besides watching an exciting ball game, we received a first class sunburn and eye strain! . . . Southwest L.A. Chapter is sponsoring a Bowling League for teen-agers at the new Holiday Bowl . . . George Fujita is running himself ragged getting things lined up for the Pre-Convention Rally, with the motto of "Flight 58 to Salt Lake!" . . . CONVENTION BOOKLET ADS DEADLINE IS JUNE 26. HAVE YOU SENT IN YOUR CHAPTER AD YET? . . . SWLA Chapter is sponsoring a dance, "Queentime", at the Zenda Ballroom, 936 1/2 W. 7th St., Friday, June 20, when the Chapter will introduce their Nisei Week candidate . . . The Hollywood Chapter is starting a Ballroom dancing class in the fall and sign ups are now being taken . . . Busy Place Japan!—Lily Otera will return to Los Angeles in September; Mio Fujita (ELA) is now touring Japan; Ken Dyo (Pasadena) has just returned and all smiles, too!; Masto & Yaye Karasawa will leave for the Orient on their vacation shortly . . . PSWDC Chapters are busy working on the Nisei & JACler of the Biennium, since the deadline is July 31 . . . We were invited by Mr. & Mrs. Saburo Kido to join them for lunch with Mr. & Mrs. Tokutaro Slocum of Fresno. We certainly learned a lot of early JACL history listening to them reminisce of the old days. We hope to have the pleasure of meeting the Slocums again real soon.

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OVER 200 COLLEGIANS DUE AT 'QUEENTIME'

Over 200 college students from the Southland campuses of USC, UCLA and LACC are expected to support Southwest L.A. JACL's "Queentime" Ball June 20, 9 p.m., at Zenda Ballroom.

Long Beach singer Dorothy Iseri was announced as guest vocalist. Jeep Smith's 10-piece orchestra will play. Kei Mochida, dance chairman, is being assisted by: May Oshita, Miko Higuchi, June Nishi, Lilly Higuchi, Chiko Oda, Yumiko Hori, Rose Yonago, Lillian Furumoto, Sue Suguro, Mary Saito, Kivo Kajio, Aggie Kajio, Aki Watanabe, Dorothy Harada, Dee Amakawa, Irene Ushio, May Kawahara, Kathy Sugimoto, Yo Nodzu, Iku Ishikawa, Kathy Sugawara, Grace Yoshioka, Chiyo Mizumoto, Jean Tanisato, Hisaye Masutani, Miye Ishigami, Mary Arikawa, Jean Kageyama, Alice Kato, Sandy Sunago, Alice Tashima, Janet Marugaki and Sue Domae.

Continuing need, support of JACL cited by Nishikawa

NEW YORK. — "Why do we need to continue and support the Japanese American Citizens League?"

In answering the question that he posed as the subject of his talk at New York JACL's installation dinner May 29 at the Empire Hotel, Dr. Roy M. Nishikawa, national president, talked on the work that the organization is doing currently.

"The League is carrying on a program of public relations," he said. He mentioned the successful campaign against the use of "Jap" by the various communication media. Public relations work is never ended, he said. It is a continuing effort.

"You seem to have reached a degree of integration here in the East, but on the West Coast we still have our problems." These included cemeteries, housing and jobs.

One of the dangers they faced was the problem of complacency and placidity, he said. He believed that vigilance must be maintained, and that the JACL must be a watchdog over the interests of Japanese Americans.

Since heredity is inescapable and Japanese American features will remain a problem, he saw continuing work for the League. But to be most effective, he said, it must be adaptable, flexible, look at the overall picture, and come up with new programs that will help it grow and develop.

Sakano in math frat

CORVALLIS, Ore. — Theodore K. Sakano of Ontario was selected for membership in the Oregon State College chapter of Pi Mu Epsilon, national honor fraternity in mathematics. Membership is based on scholarship and promises of future achievement. Sakano, 1956 winner of the Pvt. Ben Frank Masaoka Memorial Scholarship administered by JACL, is a sophomore in science.

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BERKELEY NISEI MEMORIAL CENTER FUND CAMPAIGN READY TO ROLL

BERKELEY. —The "all-out" phase of the campaign opens three weeks hence.

A fine start was noted in the \$1,000 contribution from the Berkeley JACL Building trustees fund. Issei-Nisei organizations in the East Bay area are being asked to assist in the promotion of this all-purpose center.

The center will be constructed at the present Berkeley JACL Office site, 2117 Haste St.

Serving on the executive committee are:

Frank Yamasaki, Bob Takefujii, Tad Nakamura, Mas Yonemura, Masuji Fujii, Jiro Nakaso, Bill Fujita, Ko Ijichi, Paul Yamamoto, Toke Ariyoshi, Allan Asakawa, Akira Nakamura, Sho Sato, Frank Tsukamoto, Dr. Henry Takahashi, Ben Fukutome, George Yasukochi, Shigeru Jio, Al Kosakura, Shizuo Sasaki and Tosh Nakano.

Masuji Fujii and George Yasukochi were appointed to prepare campaign leaflets in Japanese and English. Paul Yamamoto and Bill Fujita are building fund treasurers.

While the general drive commences July 15, business, professional and civic leaders of the East Bay Japanese community will be approached for pledges and contributions as the initial

FREMONT JACL TO HONOR GRADUATES AT DINNER

FREMONT. — Graduates of southern Alameda County will be honored by the Fremont JACL at a dinner Friday, June 20, 7:30 p.m. at Villa Lorenzo. William Matsumoto, chairman, is being assisted by Sachi Fudenna, Michi Handa, Dorothy Kato and Kiyo Sekigahama. Local graduates include:

San Jose State — Yukio Hisaoka; Amador High — Patty Nomura, Diane Ajimura; Washington Union High — Jane Kato, Patty Masuda, Hiro Kurotori, Mae Sekigahama, Tadao Hisaoka; Mission San Jose — Cheryl Takizawa, Richard Tomura; Centerville — Karen Asakawa; Sunol — Joyce Hamamoto, Eileen Ajimura; Alvarado — Kay Hisaoka, Jennifer Tsutsui, Hiroko Kurotori; Warm Springs — Joyce Kato.

TULARE COUNTY WOMEN AUXILIARY INSTALLED

VISALIA. — Mrs. Ethel Tashiro and her cabinet of the newly organized Tulare County JACL Auxiliary were installed by Kenji Tashiro, national 1000 Club chairman, on May 17 here.

On the cabinet are Alice Nanamura, v.p.; Jean Ishida, sec.; Ossie Tsuboi, pub.; Mary Sakaguchi, treas.; Dorothy Mayeda (Dinuba), Mitsuye Shimasaki (Lindsay), Grace Yamada (Orosi), Midori Yebisu (Visalia), dist. reps.

Cler addresses Race Amity Day celebration

COSTA MESA. — Harry Matsukane, Orange County JACL president, told of the history of Japanese in America, during Race Amity Day observances last Saturday at the Odd Fellow's Hall here. It was part of the national celebration sponsored locally by the Baha'is of Orange County.

Joining him in the forum for better understanding of different races was Hector Godinez, of the League of United Latin American Citizens.

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Encouraging evidence of Japan's elections

What we have read thus far of Japan's May 22 national elections is very encouraging as the party (Liberal-Democrats) which has been in power for most of the postwar period was retained, though its majority in the Diet was trimmed by three seats. It is a victory for Prime Minister Kishi, who has stood firmly with the Western Alliance. At least in the foreseeable future, Japan will remain a key link in the military and political defenses of the non-Communist West along Asia's eastern rim.

This election was a contest of two major parties: the Liberal-Democrats defend the free enterprise system, want trade but not diplomatic ties with Communist China and internationalistic in world politics; the Socialists stand for a welfare state, advocate a Nehru-like policy of non-alignment in world affairs and recognition of Communist China.

The results were manifested by a record turnout of over 40 million voters. The Liberal-Democrats won 287 seats, the Socialists 166, the Communists one, another minor party one and independents 12 in the 467-seat House. It means Japan will have a stable government for another four years, although the Socialists have over one-third of the seats. Analysts had predicted the Socialists would gain as much as 30 seats (they gained only 8) and the Communists would gain some (they lost one).

It also meant that the voters were not impressed by the noisy campaigns of Peiping and Moscow for the Socialists who stand for neutralist foreign policy. But it can be assumed that Communist pressures on Japan will be greater in the months to come. They are not ones to take defeat lying down.

What renders Kishi's government vulnerable is the current economic situation. The full impact of the American recession has not reached Japan and if it hits, it may be hard pressed to keep an even keel politically and economically. Thus, the Socialists may find themselves in a better position than they did in the latest national election.

— Harry K. Honda.

PSWDC RALLY FOR SALT LAKE CONFAB JULY 6

"Flight '58 to Salt Lake" makes its pitch to boosters and delegates at the PSWDC pre-convention rally to be hosted by Southwest Los Angeles JACL on Sunday, July 6, at the Los Angeles Police Academy in Elysian Park. A full afternoon and evening program is being planned, according to Sam Hirasawa, chapter president, and George Fujita, rally chairman.

Program highlights include a barbecue beef dinner at 6 p.m., followed by a dance from 8 to 12 midnight with Fozzie Fujisawa's combo. Vocalist Mas Hamasu will appear with the musical group.

Afternoon activities commence at 2 with a picnic program of softball, volleyball, badminton and swimming in the Academy's large pool. Southwest L.A.'s peewee baseballers (age 9-12) have issued an open challenge to other PSWDC chapters.

The PSWDC oratorical contest will be held in conjunction with the rally. Roy Iketani, contest chairman, reminded that the winner will represent the district at the national contest, scheduled Aug. 22 at Salt Lake City.

Also on the calendar will be the summer PSWDC quarterly meeting from 10 a.m. Since this is the last meeting before the national convention, the business session is starting early to accommodate the numerous items on the agenda and enable delegates to enjoy the afternoon program.

Committee members under Fujita are:

Tats Minami, tickets; Kathy Sugimoto, and Maebelle Higa, hostesses; Hana Uno, luncheon; Kango Kunitzugu, toastmaster; George Ito, entertainment; Haruo Okino, finance; Mas Kataoka, publicity.

Pre-convention rally fee of \$3.50 includes dinner, dance and registration. For those attending the dance only, admission will be \$1.50, stags; \$1, stagettes. Tickets are available at the JACL regional Office, chapter presidents and from host chapter cabinet officers.

The rally is open to the public, regardless of JACL membership. Reservations for dinner are required, it was added.

Salinas picnic set

SALINAS. — The annual Salinas JACL picnic will be held this Sunday at the Sheriff Posse Ground. Roy Sakasagawa, chairman, disclosed chicken barbecue will be the highlight of the day. Entertainment and races for both young and old are being planned by the various committees, it was added.

Nishikawa -

(Continued from Front Page) some solid organizational accomplishments: Closer ties have been developed between the JACL and congressional and governmental officials; the same has been achieved between chapters, district and national leaders; a tentative National Budget for the next biennium has been hammered out; a tentative National Convention Agenda has been arrived at; some suggested improvements in the operation of our various regional and national offices have been received and many specific recommendations for all of our National Committees will be made. As far as the business agenda of the national convention is concerned, we feel that the delegates will be better prepared than ever to discuss the important issues which face us.

— Dr. Roy Nishikawa

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U.S.-Japan —

(Continued from Front Page)

Nisei can render a definite contribution to better U.S.-Japan relations by changing JACL policy but admitted it involves a risk. "Are we ready to take this risk?" he asked.

In a very strong speech before the New York JACL two weeks ago, Masaoka declared: "We have a duty to fight back," asserting that U.S. policy, intentionally or not, is undermining Japan at a time when America needs friends through undertones of prejudice and discrimination which spill over on the Nisei and should be of concern to them.

Congressmen and government officials "look to us as a check on their thinking", Masaoka said in New York. "How can you expect others to stand up for us if Japanese Americans don't?"

Question Emphasized

The importance of this question was emphasized in the San Francisco JACL Newsletter this week in which Jack Kusaba, chapter president, noted:

"... It is a matter which should be deep concern to all of us. In order to discuss the pros and cons of this issue, our chapter recently held an open meeting with the thought that many of our members and others would be interested. However, the response was quite small—much too small for the importance of the subject under discussion. Unless more active interest is demonstrated by each of us, there is a possibility that policies of considerable gravity may be established by default, which may be contrary to the majority wishes of those who will be feeling the effects of such decisions.

"Tacit disapproval for the future role of JACL may well lead us into darkness with no road back," the young San Francisco attorney counseled.

TWO EARN PHI BETA KAPPA HONORS AT U.W.

SEATTLE. — Robert T. Tsukui of Seattle and Smith S. Nakata of Spokane were elected this past quarter to the Phi Beta Kappa, national scholastic honorary.

David Yamakawa, Jr. to visit Russia this summer on first student exchange

BERKELEY. — Among 40 Americans chosen to participate in the first exchange student program with Soviet Russia this summer was David Yamakawa, Jr., of San Francisco, senior in public administration at the Univ. of California.

Cost of the trip is being subsidized partially by the Council on Student Travel.

Yamakawa, active in Jr. Red Cross work since his elementary

school days, headed the Berkeley campus unit, was president of the San Francisco Jr. Red Cross and a winner of the Pvt. Ben Frank Masaoka memorial scholarship administered by National JACL.

The group embarks June 30 from Quebec and returns Sept. 8 after visiting Russian industries, collective and state farms and educational centers. Students will be available for talks on Russia in the fall.

Township council reprimands resident fearful of Chinese family moving in

CLEVELAND. — The Strongsville Township Council emphatically rejected a proposal to investigate the possibility of a Chinese family moving into the Cleveland suburb, the Pacific Citizen was informed this past week.

The resident who asked for the investigation was vehemently reprimanded by Sam Sonenfield, council law director. He said it was un-American to deny anyone the right to live where he pleased. He pointed out that such an act was in violation of individual civil rights.

The resident, who lives in the development, said the Chinese family was planning to buy a home across the street from him.

After Sonenfield's remarks, the resident retreated. He said he didn't "mean it that way"—that is, as being un-American.

The council decided to drop the matter.

Girls Stater

GREELEY. — Joanne Yamaguchi, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Yamaguchi, and honor student at Platteville High School, is attending Girls State at Colorado Women's College, Denver, this week.

JACL Chapter News
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Long Beach chapter goes over top with 370 members

LONG BEACH. — The membership count is still climbing with the latest total reading 370, having already surpassed its 1957 figure of 351, according to Dr. David Miura, chapter president. Mrs. Ruby Mio is the membership chairman.

Of interest to the membership was the calendar of events for the remainder of the year disclosed by Dr. Kats Izumi as follows:

June 21 — Graduates dance; June 29 — Talent show; July — Community picnic; Aug. 16 — Luau with East Los Angeles JACL; Aug. 30-31 — Community Carnival; Sept. 20 — General meeting; Oct. 18 — Dance; Nov. 28-29 — Basketball Tournament and Awards dance; Dec. 20 — Christmas party.

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Paramount's casting director Eddie Morse is delighted to get an earful of Japanese "as she is spoke" from 8-year-old Francis Seiji Sanda while the lad is being interviewed for a feature role in the new picture "Geisha Boy." Francis, a pupil at Immaculate elementary school, came to Seattle from Japan in October, 1957. Interested listeners are his mother, and JACler Yukio Kuniyuki who acted as interpreter.



THE Northwest PICTURE

By Elmer Ogawa

IN SEARCH OF NIHONGO-WISE SANSEI

Seattle

This week's piece started out to be a bit of a soliloquy on how exciting it is to citizens of this ol' sawmill town to have a chance at a movie role, and possibly to be a part of the romantic, imaginative, glamorous world that ever since the days of the earliest flickers is described in one word—Hollywood.

On the other hand, it may be best to relate simply, that the Jackson Street Community Council phone rang last Friday morning. It was Eddie Morse, casting director, calling from Paramount Pix. The request was simple. Just get a list of kids 6 to 8 years old who speak Japanese fluently, to try for a feature role in a new movie; and to call back by 4 p.m., the number that would be available for interviews over the weekend.

You may have guessed it; the linguistic gimmick was the nut to crack, as Ray Baker, executive secretary of the Council, soon found out. He immediately enlisted the aid of some 15 "spies". Perhaps better described as contacts, they included clergymen, school principals, PTA's, the JACL, an editor, couple lawyers, and a private eye who had the right kind of contacts.

The search centered around war brides and others who had recently come from Japan, for believe it or not, Sansei kids of that age who can speak even a little Japanese are practically non-existent. The search in California bore that out.

By 4 p.m., Ray had a list of 12 names. The interviews were held Sunday afternoon at the Nisei Vets' Hall. Ten showed up with parent or parents. Two withdrew when the importance of the linguistic qualification was emphasized. Of the remaining 8, three were selected for screen testing in Hollywood, pending the approval of still pictures of the applicants which were rushed to Jerry Lewis, the star. The lucky qualifiers are Lance Kitamura, Robert Hirano, and Michael Maruhashi.

Orchids are in order for the Jackson Street Council for a capable efficient job done on short notice; and to the astuteness of Paramount in contacting the Council; when other resources might have seemed more logical for beating the bushes in a Japanese community.

The new picture schedule to go into production June 20 is to be called "Geisha Boy." The story centers around the activity of a USO troupe in post-war Japan, headed by magician Jerry Lewis and Marie MacDonald. Amongst the crowd and a host of photographers as the troupe arrives at the airport are Nobuko Atsumi, a U.S. State department employee, grandpa Sessue Hayakawa, and their adopted war orphan. (The Seattle Boy, we hope!)

As the troupe debarks from the plane, Lewis clumsily steps on MacDonald's skirt, creating a situation to delight the photogs, but the most intensely clamorous observer of the mishap is the orphan kid. He attracts the attention of Lewis and the two get to be good pals, along with the magician's rabbit, Hervey. (Not Harvey). The kid gets the habit of stowing away in the magician's trunk, and romantic and suspenseful situations develop that reach across the ocean—but we should tell you everything? Go see the picture which is scheduled to be released in December.

Not wanting to build fond hopes too high, but the three Seattle kids appear to be the most likely, of all the candidates interviewed; as it was a more or less fruitless search in California that brought casting director Eddie Morse up to this neck of the woods.

YOUNG SHAVERS NOT INHIBITED

It was a revelation to get a glimpse of the way some of these modern young shavers reacted during the interviews, very much at ease and ready with appropriate answers to the interviewer's quips, and in most cases, taking a blue streak. By comparison, most of the Nisei types of my generation would shyly answer "yes" and "no" and try to grin their way into the part.

Yukio Kuniyuki had the interpreter job during the interviews. It was a sort of reverse deal. He would translate parts of the script into Japanese bit by bit, and then have the kid repeat the whole sentence. A conversational interview was also conducted in Japanese.

WEST L.A. SANSEI PICKED ONE OF THREE ALL-CITY PITCHERS

Roy Kiino, who finished his season with a 5-1 record for University High, was nominated as one of three pitchers for the Los Angeles All-City first team by the Helms All-Southern California Board of Baseball last week.

University High (in West Los Angeles) won the Western League championship after Kiino, a junior, pitched a no hit-no run performance against Hollywood High in early May. Final score was 4-0.

Kiino stands 5 ft.-9, weighs 173 and was picked all-Western pitcher. Previous Nisei gaining all-city baseball honors include Kunio Kawakami, third baseman for Roosevelt High, in 1957; and Yosh Shibayama, third baseman for Los Angeles High, in 1956.

Reports among Nisei ballfans tell of offers from the Baltimore Oriole organization for the services of the young Sansei hurler.

Outfielder Al Kogura of San Jose High was named to the first team of the South Peninsula Athletic League 1958 all-league team.

CCDC softball league opens

FOWLER. — Several prewar baseball players and fellows who have played in "AA" leagues graced the rosters of the Fowler JACL and Fresno JACL softball team which clashed in the newly formed CCDC league here Sunday. Fowler won 8-4.

Fresno hurler Kaz Takemoto walked seven batters, allowed seven hits, Fowler pitcher George Tanaka getting three of the free trips and scoring four runs. Ex-Fresno State infielder Kenso Zenimura paced Fresno with two hits out of four trips, while Roy Kato led the victors three for four.

Former Hiroshima Carp and Fresno State star Kenshi Zenimura managed one for three for Fresno.

Fowler Little Leaguers open summer season play

FOWLER. — Sons of many Fowler JACLers are cavorting on various Little League baseball teams, which play on Monday and Wednesday nights.

Tom Shirakawa, manager of the Chamber of Commerce team, has a Sansei battery composed of pitcher Ronald Ashida and Tommy Teraoka. Others making the various squads include:

C. of C. — Ronald Yoshimoto, George Tsuchiguchi; Yankees—Richard Hashimoto, Marvin Kawano, Vern Mayebe; Lions—Earl Taniguchi, Stephen Teraoka, Ben Fujikawa, Ken Miyake and Jack Sakamoto.

New L.A. attorneys

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Dr. George Hiura awarded life masters certificate from Contract Bridge League

The American Contract Bridge League honored Dr. George Hiura of Palo Alto by awarding him the national life masters certificate in recent ceremonies held at the Ambassador Hotel here. He is one of only four Nisei to have attained this coveted honor.

The former Sebastopol and Chicago dentist has played in many tournaments in all parts of the country during the past eight years to merit this rating. Life master certificates are awarded to experts who have 300 master points, 50 of them in national or regional championships.

Bridge players are awarded rating points at recognized tournaments, the number awarded determined by the number of tables in the event. A master point is given by the league for every 100 rating points earned and the league keeps track of all master

points won by its members. Former Los Altos Nisei Jake Higashiuchi of Chicago and Fumio Yagi, formerly of Boston and now of Pasadena gained their life master rating ahead of Dr. Hiura, who was awarded Certificate No. 1626.

Certificate No. 1627 went to the other Nisei, Mrs. Clara Watanabe of Honolulu, who competed in the regional tournament at Pasadena last November. She had won enough master points in local competition, but had to come to the mainland to gain the needed points in national or regional play. She won several events in the Pasadena tournament.

Dr. Hiura's brother, Dr. William Hiura of Chicago, is near the 300 point mark. The late Taki Domoto, who died last month in San Francisco and formerly of Denver, had almost enough points to qualify for a national life master certificate.

The Palo Alto dentist, who is a 1000 Club Life member, is currently conducting bridge classes for the Sequoia JACL.

Art Nish named May athlete of month

RENO. — Bowler Art (Nishiguchi) Nish is the Sierra Nevada Sports-writers and Broadcasters athlete of the month of May.

His election came just a week after he upset American professional bowling king Don Carter at the ABC Masters tournament in Syracuse, N.Y.

Nish started bowling nine years ago when friends asked him to substitute for an absent member of a team.

Bowling official

SAN JOSE. — Lucy Minamishin was among seven elected as one-year members to the San Jose Women's Bowling Association this past week.

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Los Angeles NEWSLETTER

By Henry Mori

MEET AFTER MIDNIGHT ONLY

PC pressman Robert K. Kishita, lone Nisei member of Dawn Post 380 of the American Legion, was elected as its commander early last week during a meeting held at the home of J. P. Harrison, who, by way of record, was voted sgt.-at-arms. Formerly attached to Headquarters Co. MISLS at Camp Savage, Fort Snelling and Presidio at Monterey, Bob served as adjutant two years ago. The Dawn Post 380, as its name implies, is quite unique in that members meet after midnight. It is composed of movie projectionists and reporters.

The new commander, an active leader in community affairs and in scout work, is one of the official photographers for the annual "Miss Universe" pageant at Long Beach coming up July 17-27. For devoting so much time in covering the "Miss Universe" pageant since its inception in 1952, he has been given a special photographers medal in recognition of his continuous service. Sab Kido, PC manager and publisher of Shin Nichi Bei where Kishita is employed, acts as sponsor and chaperon for the Miss Nippon entry every summer.

HOLLYWOOD HIGH ALUMNUS

Superior Court Judge John F. Aiso returned to his alma mater at Hollywood High School last Friday to be installed as president of the alumni association there. He served the past year as an assistant president, a post which automatically elevates its holder to the top office in the following year. He will serve as alumni president until June, 1959. Judge Aiso's term falls on the 51st anniversary of the alumni association.

It is recalled that back in 1926 when Judge Aiso was a senior, he had won the school's Americanism oratorical contest. While it was the winner's privilege to compete in the national oratorical program, because of Aiso's Japanese ancestral background the runner-up was named to make the trip. As it turned out the latter placed first when the contests were over.

MORE ATTRACTIVE THAN VINE ST.

For out-of-staters, Disneyland has become a "must-see" mecca when vacationing in Southern California. So when Mr. and Mrs. Tsutomu Hagiwara of Boise, Idaho, paid us a surprise visit one day last week we naturally turned our chariot toward Santa Ana to show them the fabulous amusement center created by Walt Disney. The night-time visits there afford a much closer look at the attractions. The place is on the quiet side without children scampering about and there are enough rides and concessions to keep the adults in a playful and spending mood.

It used to be that if a tourist didn't stand on the corner of Hollywood and Vine, Southern California was not seen at its most glamorous. Now, according to Hagiwara, the people in Idaho (and elsewhere) say when they hit the west coast, they'll trek to Disneyland first and if time provides visit Los Angeles.

About the few Japanese American families in Boise, Tsutomu reports many of the Issei still miss Japanese food very much and travel many miles to "purchase whatever they can of imported Japanese stuff". The Issei also crave for idle conversation with any other Issei or Nisei they meet. A casual greeting in Japanese perks them up always.



Chicago Corner

By Smoky H. Sakurada

One of the prewar Japanese organizations of Chicago still in operation today is the Japanese Mutual Aid Society, which has maintained a mausoleum and cemetery at the Montrose Cemetery, 5400 N. Pulaski. It has conducted Memorial Day services each year on behalf of the entire community, assist in funeral arrangements and assumed full responsibility of funerals for persons indigent or without friend or relatives in Chicago.

The mausoleum was first built in 1937 and subsequently expanded. Nearing capacity again, further expansion is necessary and the board of directors reports a minimum of \$6,000 is needed to increase the facility.

Tom Masuda, longtime CLer and 1000er who is vice-president of the society, has issued an urgent appeal for contributions, which may be sent to 4410 N. Maleen Ave., Chicago 14, Ill.

SERVICE COMMITTEE BUDGET

Because the Community Fund failed to meet its quota this year, the Japanese American Service Committee's request of \$9,460 has been reduced to \$8,000. In order to balance the budget under these conditions, benefits are being planned. The JASC picnic has been scheduled for Aug. 3 at North-western Woods.

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Marking Salt Lake JACL's "going over the top" of its 1958 membership campaign, which was 500, are Rae Fujimoto (left) and Shiz Sakai (right), membership campaigners handling honorary chapter memberships to manager Max Carpenter and Henry Aloia of the Hotel Utah management, which is extending its full facilities for the 15th Biennial JACL Convention to be held Aug. 22-25.

— Terashima Photo.

Minnesota settlement house headed by 'family man' first time in 60-yr. history

ST. PAUL, Minn. — Neighborhood House, which has been serving families of the West Side here for more than 60 years, has a "family man" at its helm for the first time in its history.

The new executive director is Franklin Hijikata, who met his wife, Rose, a registered nurse, when he was studying for his master's degree in social work at Western Reserve University in Cleveland.

They have three lively children, Bruce, 5, Judith, 4, and Susan, 3.

The family is temporarily residing in third-floor quarters of the red-brick settlement house at 229 E. Indiana and already are feeling pretty much at home although they have been in St. Paul only a few weeks. Hijikata credits the reputation of Neighborhood House as responsible for the kindness and friendliness that has been shown them.

Reputation of Agency

"The people think so well of the agency that a little of their affection for it brushes off on us," he said, adding that includes children, adults, business people

JIM HIGASHI TO HEAD NISEI MUSIC GUILD

Jim Higashi, onetime East Los Angeles JACL president, is succeeding Mrs. Michi Dohzen as president of the Los Angeles Nisei Music Guild for the 1958-59 term.

GARDENA VALLEY QUEEN CANDIDATE AT CARNIVAL

GARDENA. — Added attractions for the Gardena Valley Japanese Community Center carnival, June 21-22, will be the afternoon kendo tournament and Japanese movies in the evening on both days and announcement of the valley's candidate for 1958 Nisei Week queen contest. Local groups will operate the game and food booths.



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and school personnel.

His cosmopolitan background also might be responsible for the ease with which the new director is adapting to his new environment which has occasionally been referred to as "the melting pot" of St. Paul.

The son of a California minister and kindergarten teacher, Hijikata was born in Japan while his parents were on a visit there. He grew up in California and lived there until World War II when he went East to finish his education. A graduate of the University of Buffalo, he then entered Western Reserve.

Worked in Chicago

Before coming to St. Paul he was head resident of Firman House, a settlement house for Negroes, supported by the Presbytery of Chicago and the Community Fund of Chicago.

Neighborhood House, a non-sectarian agency, is supported largely by Community Chest funds.

As for his plans for Neighborhood House, Hijikata wants to "go slow." He realizes that as successor to the late Constance Currie, its director for 39 years, he has a huge responsibility.

ICU Sunday

Founding of International Christian University in Tokyo will be commemorated this Sunday in special "ICU Sunday" services by many American Protestant churches. ICU was founded on June 15, 1949, and developed by 15 major denominations in the United States and Canada.

NOTICES

Money (about \$1,000) awaits Mr. T. Kaneki, formerly of Arizona; or his heirs. Please contact: Tom Kadomoto, 777 E. Glendale Ave., Glendale, Ariz.

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Calif. Nisei named Hawaiian volcano observatory director

HONOLULU. — Jack Murata, 48, of Bethesda, Md., was appointed director of the Hawaiian Volcano Observatory, it was recently announced. He will assume the position in August.

Born in Marysville, Calif. Murata, whose father came to Hawaii before moving to the mainland, secured a college degree in 1936 in chemistry.

One of seven children, he is presently with the Geological Survey in Washington, D.C. He began as an aide in fossils study and was transferred in 1936 to the geochemistry and petrology branch, specializing in analysis of the nation's mineral resources.

In 1950 his work led to the discovery of Niobium, a rare mineral in Arkansas, much needed in the making of alloys for jet engines.

Murata is married to the former Elizabeth Kozono of Sacramento and they have one son, 16-year-old Stephen, who will enter Hilo High School as a senior next fall.

Insurance man weds bride in Tokyo ceremonies

By a PC Correspondent

TOKYO. — Kiyoharu Yamato of Los Angeles, one of the directors of Western Pioneer Insurance Co., was married June 10 to Kimie Nakazawa, daughter of a well-known Shizuoka tea shipper at the Chizanso, popularly known as the Camellia Restaurant.

Active supporter last year of the first International Nisei Convention here, he is attempting to establish the Casualty Underwriters of Japan as a branch of the Casualty Insurance of California. With so many accidents in Japan and many getting killed everyday, the proposed enterprise may become a new boom here as Japanese have no accident insurance available to them.

Yamato's baishakunin are Dr. and Mrs. Takeo Kurusu. He served as finance minister in the 1947 Katayama cabinet and was Economic Stabilization Board director in the 1948 Ashida cabinet.

FUKUOKA MISS PICKED AS JAPAN 'UNIVERSE' ENTRY

TOKYO. — Tomoko Moritake, 20, of Fukuoka was selected "Miss Japan" for the 1958 Miss Universe pageant to be held in Long Beach (Calif.). She stands 5 ft.-4, weighs 120 and measures 34-22-36.

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Washington NEWSLETTER

BY MIKE MASAOKA

California Primary Results

Washington, D.C. BECAUSE CALIFORNIA has become such a pivotal state in national politics, Washington observers were particularly interested in last week's primary results, especially since under the state's unique cross-filing system a kind of popularity poll takes place among the various candidates.

On the basis of the June 3 primary results, the national Democratic leadership is claiming: (1) another confirmation of the national trend towards the Democratic Party, (2) the election of a Democratic governor, Attorney General Pat Brown, for the second time this century in the Golden State, (3) the election of a Democratic senator, Congressman Clair Engle, to replace Senate Minority Leader and gubernatorial aspirant William Knowland, (4) capture by the Democrats of California's 30-member delegation to the national House of Representatives, which is now 17 to 13 in favor of the Republicans, and (5) Democratic majorities in both houses of the State Legislature.

In addition, national Democratic leaders see the presidential ambitions of Vice President Richard Nixon dampened considerably and the emergence of another possible Democratic dark horse for the 1960 presidential sweepstakes in prospective Governor Pat Brown. This feeling persists even though Brown himself in Washington late last week declared that he is not a candidate for either the presidency or vice presidency two years hence.

★ THE REPUBLICANS, naturally, were upset with the primary results. They found consolation in the fact, however, that the combined votes for Governor Goodwin Knight and Mayor George Christopher totalled more than the votes that Congressman Clair Engle was able to garner from both the Democrats and the Republicans for the United States senatorship.

Republicans were also counting on Senator Knowland's undeniable talents as a campaigner, hoping that he will be able to turn the tide once Congress adjourns and he is able to go to the hustings for what may be the crucial battle of his long career as a public servant. They also expect that Vice President Nixon will participate actively in the Knowland campaign, fully aware that the loss of California to the Democrats this November may spell defeat for him in 1960.

Last week's results will no doubt spur the Republicans to greater activity. At the same time, their hope is that the Democrats will be lulled into over-confidence as to the forthcoming elections in November. In any event, the primary elections were only the opening skirmishes to what may well develop into the major political battleground of the year, control over California's political destinies.

★ FIVE DEMOCRATS won nominations as Republicans as well under California's cross-filing system and are assured election this November. They are incumbents Jack Shelley of San Francisco, John E. Moss of Sacramento, George P. Miller of Alameda, Harlan Hagen of Hanford, and Clyde Doyle of South Gate, Los Angeles County. Two years ago, the only two congressmen to win both party nominations were Shelley and Engle, the Democratic nominee for United States Senate this year.

Of special interest to the Nisei was the renomination of Representative D.S. "Judge" Saund of Indio, the first Asian to be elected to the Congress. He will be the Banquet speaker at the forthcoming 15th Biennial National JACL Convention in Salt Lake City, Utah, this August. He is a Democrat.

★ MANY JAPANESE AMERICANS are personally acquainted with the candidates for the major offices. Many Japanese Americans too organized and served on special campaign committees to further their candidates' chances in the primaries.

It is expected that even more Nisei will take part in the campaigns that will lead to the final elections this November.

Attorney General Pat Brown has long been sympathetic to the legal problems of discrimination against persons of Japanese ancestry and his office has been most helpful in resolving most of them, particularly with reference to the alien land laws.

Senator William F. Knowland, as California's senior senator and Republican leader in the Senate, has been an effective spokesman in the Congress and in the national administration for the rights of persons of Japanese ancestry, especially in connection with evacuation claims, naturalization and immigration opportunities, and the Japanese peace treaty.

Governor Goodwin Knight as chief executive signed into law several laws calculated to help Japanese Americans, including those relating to the alien land laws, and was the Convention Banquet speaker at the 13th Biennial National JACL Convention in Los Angeles in 1954. He appointed Judge John Aiso to the Superior Court of Los Angeles County.

Congressman Clair Engle, as the only Californian who is chairman of a major congressional committee, has championed statehood for Hawaii and other legislation seeking to provide equality in and under the law for persons of Japanese ancestry in the United States. He has been the guest speaker at the annual Goodwill Banquet of the Placer County JACL.

'Chuman motion' quiets PSWDC row

(Continued from Front Page) States is directly involved, when such representations shall be through appropriate channels." The committee's recommendation was followed by a heated discussion pro and con—at least for 20 minutes.

Chuman's Motion

Minutes of that meeting then reported "Frank Chuman moved that this district go on record that the National JACL refrain in general from political or economic intervention in international relations but in the event there are certain matters of controversial nature it will be referred to a committee whose members shall be approved by the National Council and that this committee will make recommendations to the National Board.

"This committee (is) to be a standing committee on Japan-America Relations to be composed of JACL members of responsible position and with the best interests of JACL at heart."

Chuman's motion was seconded by Mas Narita of Long Beach and passed without further discussion.

With all the prior discussion by the two camps, one wanting to delete the "except" clause and the other asking that it be retained, Chuman's motion came like a bolt out of the blue and quieted the council to tackle the next item on the agenda.

It appears both camps approved Chuman's motion, thinking that it met their objectives. For after the meeting, the Pacific Citizen found that those who strenuously asked for deletion of the "except" clause were quite satisfied that Chuman's motion did just that; while those who opposed its deletion felt that Chuman's motion (and incidentally, the PSWDC stand to be taken at the Salt Lake City national convention Aug. 22-25) met their qualifications.

Chuman, who is national legal counsel for JACL, had expressed similar views in the past at na-

tional board meetings and privately among JACLers, but it was the first time that they were presented publicly in form of a motion before chapters in executive session.

What is contained in Chuman's motion was never a part of the discussion that preceded it.

(The Pacific Citizen also learned that a recommendation is also being made by the Midwest District Council legal-legislative committee, headed by attorney Harold Gordon, former national 1000 Club chairman, on this issue, which will be acted upon by their delegates when it meets at the national convention. The PC hopes

to bring this story soon.)

The PSWDC resolution, Chuman hopes, would remove the pressures that have been mounting upon the Washington JACL Office and National JACL Board. At the same time, he added the establishment of a permanent national committee to moot controversial questions on U.S.-Japan relations has apparently satisfied forces advocating that JACL stay aloof of international affairs altogether.

What the standing committee does would be in an advisory capacity, referring their findings and recommendations to the National Board for action, Chuman said.

DR. NISHIKAWA URGES NISEI TO IMPROVE U.S.-JAPAN RELATIONS

BY AYAKO NAKAMURA

PHILADELPHIA. — "We cannot turn our backs on our ancestry, or on Japan-American relations. We must remember that first we are Americans, and second that we are Japanese Americans, and it is incumbent upon us to do our part in promoting better international relations," stated National JACL President Dr. Roy Nishikawa, who, together with National Director Masao Satow, attended the joint dinner meeting of the Philadelphia and Seabrook Chapters on May 27.

With Bill Sasagawa serving as

toastmaster, the China Village restaurant was the scene for the gathering of some 75 members and their friends.

Dr. Nishikawa stressed the importance of supporting the JACL and decried the apathy and complacency of those who have taken acceptance for granted in recent years.

Youth Program Needed

Among reasons of vital importance, was the urgent need for a youth program in coping with juvenile problems as well as building future JACL leaders, he pointed out.

Mas Satow covered in detail the highlight activities of the chapters across the nation, inspiring the members to strive for a better and more active organization.

Eastern District Council Chairman Charles T. Nagao of Seabrook, who was kept busy all week with the Council meeting in Washington, D.C., as well as the New York Chapter meeting, spoke briefly, as did Presidents Louise S. Machara of Philadelphia and Josie Ikeda of Seabrook.

Dr. Nishikawa was presented with a souvenir gift from the Seabrook Chapter.

Among others who spoke was Mrs. Elizabeth Campbell, Executive Director of the International Institute in Philadelphia.

CALENDAR

- June 15 (Sunday)
 - Salinas Valley — JACL Picnic, Sheriff Posse's Grounds
 - Idaho Falls — JACL picnic, Shelley High School grounds
 - San Mateo — Community picnic, Coyote Point, 11 a.m.
 - Berkeley — Community picnic, Camp Padre, Tilden Park, 1 p.m.
- June 16 (Monday)
 - Hollywood — Board meeting, Art Ito's res., 1707 Redcliff, 8 p.m.
- June 18 (Wednesday)
 - CCDC — Quarterly meeting, Bruce's Lodge, Fowler.
- June 20 (Friday)
 - Fremont — Graduates dinner, Villa Lorenzo, 7:30 p.m.
 - Southwest L.A. — "Queentime" Ball, Zenda Ballroom, 9 p.m.
 - Florin — Graduate dinner-dance, Lani Restaurant, Sacramento.
- June 21 (Saturday)
 - San Francisco — Auxiliary dance, Booker T. Washington Center, 9:30 p.m.
 - Gilroy — Graduates Outing, Gilroy Hot Springs.
 - Long Beach — Graduates dance, Contra Costa — Graduates dance Richmond Civic Center Plaza, 8 p.m.
- June 21-22
 - Venice-Culver — Community Center carnival.
- June 22 (Sunday)
 - East Los Angeles — Chapter picnic, Belvedere Park.
 - Twin Cities — Community picnic, Weber Park, 11 a.m.
- June 27 (Friday)
 - West Los Angeles — Benefit carnival, Corinth Ave. Japanese School.
- June 28 (Saturday)
 - Berkeley — Graduates dance, Liva Oak Park Recreation Hall.
- June 28 - 29
 - West Los Angeles — JACL carnival.
- June 29 (Sunday)
 - Santa Barbara — JACL Picnic, Goleta Beach, 12 n.
 - Long Beach — Community talent show
 - Cleveland — Community picnic, Weigand's Lake.
- July 3 (Thursday)
 - Watsonville — Benefit movies, Buddhist Hall.
- July 4 (Friday)
 - St. Louis — Picnic.
- July 5 (Saturday)
 - Watsonville — Holiday dance, Veterans Memorial Hall, 9 p.m.
- July 6 (Sunday)
 - PSWDC — Pre-convention rally, Southwest L.A. JACL hosts; L.A. Police Academy, 10 a.m.
- July 13 (Sunday)
 - Hollywood — Beach party.

R&H REWRITING ROLE FOR PAT SUZUKI

SEATTLE. — The Rodgers and Hammerstein production team is re-writing its newest production, "The Flower Drum Song", around Pat Suzuki.

Whereas the talented singer-actress was to have a soubrette part, the revision will cast her in the leading role, her manager Norm Bobrow stated in a phone call to his Colony Club "family" last Saturday.

This weekend, Miss Suzuki is completing the first of five weeks with the Ray Bolger show at the Flamingo in Las Vegas.

After a summer appearance in "The Wizard of Oz" at Kansas City immediately following the Vegas date, Pat will have a week off, and then start August rehearsals with the Rodgers and Hammerstein show in New York.

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Prompt attention to this matter by our readers shall be greatly appreciated.

Yamashiro pleads 'not guilty' at arraignment

Two Sansei charged with the killing of Richard Sumii, 16, at a Chinatown dance Apr. 18 were arraigned Wednesday before Superior Court Judge Maurice Sparling, presiding jurist of the criminal division.

Louis Yamashiro, 17, who admitted firing a .45 calibre pistol into a crowd engaged in rival gang war in front of Kow Kong Benevolent Ass'n Center, and his companion at the scene, Takeshi Masukawa, 16, heard the complaint of first degree murder made by the District Attorney's office.

Yamashiro, being defended by attorney Frank Chuman, entered a plea of "not guilty" to the charge and his case was transferred to Superior Court Dep't 40 for trial on July 11 before Judge Clement Nye.

Dismissal Sought

Louis Sampson, counsel for Masukawa, motioned for a release of the charges under Penal Code 995 based upon evidence found during the preliminary hearing, holding that there was insufficient evidence and therefore "no probable cause to hold" Masukawa.

Judge Sparling ruled to hold another hearing for Masukawa before Superior Court Judge Mark Brandler on June 16.

Chuman said he expects to interview more than 30 witnesses until the trial in defense of Yamashiro, who alleged that he acted in self-defense.

Dr. Iseri elected fellow of college of Physicians

Dr. Lloyd Taiji Iseri, son of Mr. and Mrs. Katsujiro Iseri, was recently elected a Fellow in the American College of Physicians, the highest medical body composed of leading specialists of internal medicine in the country. Upon his return from military service, Dr. Iseri was appointed the head of research department of internal medicine at Rancho Los Amigos County Hospital.

Dr. Iseri's research in cardiovascular diseases, together with his merits, were recommended and accepted by the fellowship in American College of Physicians.

10 Weeks 'til National JACL Convention Days Salt Lake City August 22 - 25