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PRESIDENT'S CORNER:Important problem for
convention delegates

'PC with Membership' has long been a desire of most Pacific Citizen board & staff members as well as many members on the National JAACL Board. This reflected the hope that with every member receiving the paper, a better informed and therefore a more loyal membership would be developed. Moreover, it was felt that increased circulation would probably net increased advertising and that PC itself could be improved and enlarged as well as become self-supporting. Further, in subsequent years with every JAACLer receiving something tangible for his membership fee, it was felt that the annual chapter chore of securing members would be made easier.

Although this proposal had been suggested by Board members from time to time, very little action was taken since some chapters felt (and still do) that increased membership fee being proposed would make more difficult than ever the task of signing up members.

This year, for the first time, this proposal has come from the chapters. It indicates a growing awareness by the chapters of some of our national organizational problems. And this trend is good.

The PC Board has prepared cost estimates which suggest that an approximate \$1.50 minimal increase in membership dues would be required to provide every member with the paper. On the other hand, a Pacific Southwest District Council resolution asks that PC be subsidized, the substantial increase in dues to be \$1 and chapters forego the Holiday Issue commissions on advertising. Others feel that perhaps PC could go on a fortnightly or even monthly basis, thus cutting down on costs.

In summary, it seems that nearly everyone wants PC in the hands of every member, or at least

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PSWDC stand on two major Convention issues clarified

Clarification of two major issues to be mooted at the forthcoming National Convention at Salt Lake City Aug. 22-25 was noted last Sunday at the pre-convention rally of the Pacific Southwest District Council.

They concerned U.S.-Japan affairs and "PC with Membership".

The "Chuman motion" (see June 13, 1958, PC) was reconsidered and portions were made a part of the reaffirmation of the 1954 policy on international relations, the so-called "hands off" stand except in cases where welfare of Japanese Americans is directly involved. The "Chuman motion" was viewed by PSWDC delegates as an implementation of the "except" clause as enunciated in the 1954 policy.

Mike Suzuki of Hollywood JAACL member of the PSWDC legislative committee, in asking for a clarification of the PSWDC resolution passed at San Luis Obispo in May, read from the 1954 convention minutes to describe the background and intent of that convention and reported it was the committee's feeling that the 1954 stand "is still valid today".

Chuman's Motion

Frank Chuman then explained his own motion which he felt implements the final clause: "except and unless the welfare of persons of Japanese ancestry in the United States is directly involved, when such representations shall be through appropriate channels".

The "Chuman motion" proposed that while national JAACL refrain in general from political or economic intervention in international relations, "in the event there are certain matters of a controversial nature, it will be referred to a committee whose members shall be approved by the National Council and that this permanent, standing committee make its recommendations to the National Board".

This committee on international

affairs, Chuman added, should be composed of JAACL members of responsible position and with the best interests of JAACL at heart.

May Resolution Restudied

The question of U.S.-Japan affairs was re-introduced because of the apparent confusion over the extent of the area in which the "except" clause in the 1954 policy provides. Some figured JAACL's area of intervention was decreased by the PSWDC resolution passed last May, while others felt it was increased.

PSWDC chapter delegates are generally agreed that the 1954 stand should not be altered and to tighten the "except" clause accepted the "Chuman motion" to establish a national standing JAACL committee on international relations.

It was Chuman's hope that such a committee, which admittedly would function by correspondence and thus take time, could better consider problems, such as JAACL interest in a particular U.S.-Japan problem, and help define standards under which the "except" clause might apply.

Suggestion to combine the PSWDC's legal-legislative committee stand to reaffirm the 1954 policy and the "Chuman motion" was made by George Inagaki, past national JAACL president.

JAACL Presidents Comment

Saburo Kido, wartime national JAACL president, reiterated his opinions presented at the 30th Anniversary dinner of the San Francisco JAACL, where he took a firm stand against JAACL intervention in international relations.

Dr. Roy Nishikawa, national president, commented during the discussion that the 1954 stand is not strictly "hands off" because of the "except clause". "It should have never been called that," he told the Pacific Citizen later.

Dr. David Miura, Long Beach JAACL president, moved both motions be joined and it was seconded by Miwa Yanamoto of Hollywood. The motion was passed

without dissent and the PSWDC resolution adopted last May was rescinded.

'PC with Membership'

As to "PC with Membership," the PSWDC resolution adopted at the May meeting was clarified to show that expenditures outlined in last week's PC could be met by a subsidy and relinquishment of Holiday Issue chapter commissions on advertising and one-line greetings. The resolution also asks that the non-member rate be

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Portland rose float designed by Nisei

PORTLAND. — Lily Nakamura, who is employed by the Pacific Telephone Co., designed the company's float in the recent Rose Festival parade. Bearing the theme, "First Rose Festival—1908", the entry won the Mayor's Trophy, second only to the grand sweepstakes, and ranked as the "most beautiful entry from Portland".

Daughter of Mr. and Mrs. K. Nakamura of Portland, she headed for Los Angeles last week to attend an art school.

Japan's Universe pageant participant due in L.A.

Japan's bid for Miss Universe, Tomoko Moritake of Fukuoka, is scheduled to arrive at the Los Angeles International Airport this Sunday to participate in the Miss Universe contest at Long Beach. The beauty pageant opens July 17.

The Li'l Tokio community starts its busy summer social season with the pageant as the Nisei Veterans Reunion follows on July 26 and winding up with Nisei Week from Aug. 2.

JULY 15 DEADLINE FOR JAACL ESSAYISTS NEARS

SALT LAKE CITY. — All essays on the theme, "What JAACL Means to the Japanese American Youth", should be submitted to the National JAACL Essay Contest Committee, Mas Yano, chmn., 506 Judge Bldg., Salt Lake City 11, Utah, by July 15.

Yano, who is also oratorical contest chairman, announced the time of the national speechfest has been changed from Friday to Saturday, Aug. 23, 2-4 p.m., following the Official Delegates Luncheon at Hotel Utah.

Bill Marumoto edits college alumni magazine

WHITTIER. — Whittier College alumni, including its illustrious son Vice President Richard Nixon, this past week greeted its quarterly publication, "The Rock", which had its format, staff and budget changed completely.

Heading the attractive slick-paper magazine as editor is William Marumoto ('57), who has transferred his column heading "Mo-To-Rama" from the Orange County JAACL chapter newsletter Santana Wind. Marumoto, who served as student body president, is also director of alumni activities.

12 NOMINATED FOR TOP JAACL CABINET POSTS

SAN FRANCISCO. — Shigeo Wakamatsu of Chicago is the lone nominee for the office of national president of the Japanese American Citizens League, it was revealed today by Yasuo W. Abiko, national chairman, JAACL nominations committee.

Nominated by the Midwest District Council, Wakamatsu is currently the national 1st vice-president.

Nominations announced today were made by the District Councils in recent weeks and are being made known to them for possible adjustment or additions, it was explained.

Other JAACLers named were:

For Nat'l 1st Vice-President: Akiji Yoshimura (Marysville)
For Nat'l 2nd Vice-President: Kango-Kunitsugu (Southwest L.A.)
Toru Sakahara (Seattle)
Harry Takagi (Washington, D.C.)
For Nat'l 3rd Vice-President: George Sugai (Snake River)
For Nat'l Treasurer: Akira Hayashi (New York)
For Secretary to Board: Miwa Yanamoto (Hollywood)
For 1000 Club Chairman: (No nominations received)

Also nominated but without designation of office were:

George Ono (Cleveland, William Sadataki (Cleveland), Dr. James Taguchi (Dayton), Dr. James Takao (Cincinnati).

Members of the national nominations committee, which is scheduled to meet for breakfast, Aug. 22, the opening day of the 15th Biennial convention at Salt Lake City, may suggest additional candidates. Petitions for candidates signed by at least three chapter presidents will also be honored by the nominations committee when it prepares the final slate for convention delegates.

Additional nominations from the floor when the national council is duly convened may also be made.

The election of national JAACL officers is scheduled for the final session, Monday afternoon, Aug. 25.

Abiko stated that all District Councils are expected to submit biographical background on their respective candidates. This material will be reproduced and placed in the hands of all convention delegates.

Serving with Abiko on the nominations committee are:

Sam Kai (EDC), Abe Hagitawa (MDC), Tak Terasaki (M-PDC), Bill Yamauchi (IDC), Tui Yata, Hana Uno (PSWDC), Jin Ishikawa (CCDC), Tak Kubota (PNWDC), and Masao Satow, nat'l dir.

Colorado 'lettuce king' assaulted with hoe by youth

ALAMOSA, Colo. — Frank Eiichi Yoshida, 68, generally regarded as the "lettuce king" of San Luis Valley, was seriously injured June 26 when he was struck with a sharp hoe by an infuriated laborer.

A pioneer resident of Alamosa, he was bashed in the head with a razor-sharp three-cornered hoe. An 18-year-old youth who inflicted the wound slipped away during the excitement.

Yoshida was transferred Saturday to the Presbyterian Hospital in Denver.

PACIFIC CITIZEN VOLUME NUMBER ERROR DISCOVERED

The Pacific Citizen advises librarians of the inadvertent error in the numbering of our volumes, which has been corrected. Vol. 26, No. 14, dated Apr. 4, 1958, should have read Vol. 47, etc.

Nancy Kubo of Long Beach picked PSWDC representative to Nat'l JAACL oratoricals

Four young orators commanded the attention of delegates at the PSWDC pre-convention rally at the Los Angeles Police Academy last Sunday as they vied for honors to represent the district at the National JAACL Convention oratorical contest. They spoke on "What JAACL Means to the Japanese American Youth".

Nancy Kubo, 16-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Edmund Kubo, whose poetic approach to the topic began with "who am I?", was named the PSWDC winner. It was unfortunate that the other three, Ikuko Kato, June Nakawatase and Frank Kawase, could not be selected as their presentations were excellent.

The three young ladies were sponsored by the Long Beach-Harbor District JAACL, which has been emphasizing youth programs in the past years. Kawase, co-chairman of the recent Hi-Co conference, represented the Downtown L.A. JAACL.

Opportunity for Youth

Miss Kubo, who is chairman of

the Forensic Society at Long Beach Polytechnic High, declared that JAACL provides youth to help themselves and an opportunity to work together.

JAACL can also reveal to the Japanese American youth the heritage of its Japanese learning, she pointed out and compared JAACL's role as similar to the Founding Fathers who adopted the liberal traditions of European thought to establish this country.

JAACL, by helping the youth to answer the question, "who am I", would then be the dynamic organization it was intended to be as delineated by the founding fathers of JAACL over 25 years ago. An enlightened youth, Miss Kubo said, would result in JAACL continuing to live by its twin mottoes: "Security through Unity" and "Better Americans in a Greater America".

As the winner, she will be awarded a \$50 government bond and travel expenses. The Pasadena JAACL added to the travel fund by contributing another \$10.



From the Frying Pan

By Bill Hosokawa

Seattle, Wash.

JIMMIE'S FAMILY — Misao Sakamoto's voice was just as I remembered it when she answered the telephone. Too pressed for time to visit her, I had to let a call suffice. There is no mistaking the patient, gentle, kindly quality of her voice. For that matter, there is no mistaking the woman that is Misao Sakamoto, for there is no one quite like her. In her way she was just as strong and admirable a personality as her late husband, Jimmie Sakamoto.

The Sakamoto saga has been told more than once in the Pacific Citizen but perhaps a brief review would be helpful for the younger Nisei who never knew him. Sakamoto was a Seattle Nisei who was one of the founders of the JAACL movement and national JAACL president from 1936 to 1938. He was editor, publisher and founder of a weekly all-English newspaper for the Nisei, The Japanese American Courier, which folded up after 14 precarious years of publication in 1942 under Lt. Gen. John L. DeWitt's evacuation edict. Jimmie was also blind, the result of injuries suffered while boxing professionally in the New York area in the mid-twenties. But blindness was no handicap. He went on to become a dynamic, respected, admired Nisei leader.

Jimmie died on a dark December day in 1955. He was going to his office at the Society of St. Vincent de Paul, alone as usual, when he was run down by an automobile. Four hours later, at age 52, he was dead of brain injuries.

The family that Jimmie left is doing just fine, thank you. Misao doesn't get around to writing many letters, but she'd like PC readers to know that she's well and busy if a little lonely sometimes.

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GROWING UP — Misao has been working for some years as secretary and receptionist for Dr. S. Fukuda, a veteran Seattle dentist. The oldest daughter, Marie Mineko, is married to George Ishii, a chemist who is also the Seattle police department's criminal laboratory analyst.

Marcia, the second daughter, is ready to go into teaching this fall. And Denise, who was born at Minidoka WRA Center in Idaho, is entering high school. The years slip by rapidly.

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SETTLEMENT — Shortly after Jimmie's death, Misao Sakamoto filed suit against the death car driver on behalf of her minor children. However, all the evidence showed that Jimmie had walked into the side of the car. The driver said he did not see the pedestrian, and he was not charged by police. Under the circumstances Misao agreed to an out of court settlement for a small sum. When the red tape is finally cut away, the money will be put into a trust fund for the children with Misao as guardian.

Misao, meanwhile, still harbors hopes of paying off debts incurred by The Courier. It is no secret that the Courier never made money. It was launched on a shoestring on New Year's Day, 1928, and it had hardly become established when the stock market crash triggered the depression. Two banks in which The Courier's funds were kept went bankrupt. And few Nisei in those days felt they could spare even the \$2 per year subscription price. Only heroic work by the Sakamotos kept The Courier going until the evacuation closed it down for good.

Many of Misao's friends and creditors have urged her to forget the newspaper's debts on the grounds that The Courier rendered service of a value far beyond any deficits it may have run up. In dollars the debt is not large, but still it is a significant amount to a woman supporting two children on a secretary's salary. And Misao feels it is a debt of honor that must be paid.



To Plunge or Not to Plunge



15th Biennial Underlines

BY RUPERT HACHIYA
Chairman, National JAACL Convention Board

Salt Lake City
Among the flood of communications received this past week is a letter from Alice Nishimi of Sacramento. Her letter requested information about convention youth activities. She writes: "By obtaining this knowledge, we may be able to send to the convention a representative group, for we in Sacramento are trying to create interest among the Junior JAACL here."

Although more publicity on the particular subject will be sent out to all chapters—I would like to briefly answer this letter now.

There were some suggestions at the beginning to have a JAACL Youth Convention simultaneously with the 15th Biennial Convention. However, the heavy burden upon the Salt Lake Chapter personnel, plus the fact that our own young members would be assigned responsible parts of the main convention, ruled out the possibility of holding a separate Youth Convention.

We do have some events specifically for the younger people, but we want to emphasize to them that this convention is for all JAACLers, regardless of age group—that ultimately the convention decisions will directly affect all Japanese Americans, be they Issei, Nisei, or Sansei.

It is planned that the youth at the convention will be invited to the National Council session on Saturday, immediately following the Oratorical Contest. At that time, with the JAACL leaders and delegates of all chapters present, the National Youth Program will be discussed. Young member participation in this discussion is to be encouraged and welcome, so please come prepared as to your community problem and thinking of your member.

After the termination of this session at 5:30 p.m., an informal, inexpensive dinner will be arranged where the younger set can get better acquainted and have time for other discussions if they so desire.

Alice Sekino and Emiko Tokunaga are in charge of this affair.

The Convention Mixer and the Saturday Night Social are being handled by our own younger members so that the Youth Delegates should feel right at home.

Thank you, Alice Nishimi, for your letter and interest indicated in youth delegations. We're looking forward to meeting you and your group, so be sure to register and request for housing reservations. I think it would be a good idea to indicate on your registrations that you are Youth members, too.

Snake River JAACL: Congratulations to the Snake River Chapter for its genius gimmick to drum up convention delegates. One of the outstanding chapters of the Intermountain District Council (winning "Chapter of the Year" crown in 1957), it has offered \$10 a day or \$40 for the four-days convention to any of their members who attend the Fifteenth Biennial, according to president George Mita. They have already over 30 signed up with prospect of reaching 50 delegates. This would mean about \$2,000 in expenditures to support the convention, but it would mean an informed and inspired membership which would make for an even greater chapter in the future. President Mita says their treasury will probably go broke, but with the Convention Queen and district oratory representative from their area, they can afford to be generous. Also, since they have already sold their 500 Fordnik tickets, they will probably drive home the car, too.

With such enthusiastic support as indicated by Snake River, our own task becomes more pleasant and meaningful.

Congressman Dawson: June 27, 1958, was the day the 15th Biennial National Convention became a part of American history as our state representative read into the Congressional Record a complete story of the convention program, the names of national and convention officers, and historical events of past Salt Lake gatherings of JAACL. Mike Masaoka has

1958 Nisei Week calendar released

Several changes in previously announced schedules for the 1958 edition of Nisei Week have been made, according to Matao Uwate, Festival general manager.

While the program is still expecting several additions, the Festival—which follows the week-long Nisei Veterans Reunion (July 26-Aug. 1)—has the following calendar of events:

- Aug. 1 (Fri.) — Opening ceremonies, City Hall Council chambers, 10 a.m.
- Aug. 2 (Sat.) — Kendo, Koyasan Hall, 1-5 p.m.; Coronation Ball, Beverly Hilton, 8 p.m.-2 a.m.; Art Exhibit (through Aug. 9), Tenrikyo.
- Aug. 3 (Sun.) — Pioneer Night, Koyasan, 7:30 p.m.
- Aug. 4 (Mon.) — Queen and Court visitations of L'il Tokio, 1 p.m., and Long Beach Veterans Hospital, 6 p.m.
- Aug. 5 (Tue.) — Sansei Talent Show, Koyasan, 7:30 p.m.
- Aug. 6 (Wed.) — Baby Show, Nishi Hongwanji, 9 a.m.; Queen and Court visitation of San Fernando Veterans Hospital, 6 p.m.
- Aug. 7 (Thu.) — Fashion Show, Koyasan, 8 p.m.
- Aug. 8 (Fri.) — Japanese Popular Music Show, Koyasan, 7:30 p.m.
- Aug. 9 (Sat.) — Tea Ceremony, Flower Arrangement, Union Church, 2-9 p.m.; Carnival, Weller St. County Auto Park, 1 p.m.
- Aug. 10 (Sun.) — Flower Arrangement and Tea Ceremony, Union Church, 2-9 p.m.; Judo Tournament, Koyasan, 1-6 p.m.; Carnival, Weller St. County Auto Park, 11 a.m.-11 p.m.; Ondo Parade, L'il Tokio streets, 7:30-9:30 p.m.

Queen candidates are scheduled to appear on Hank Weaver's Show tonight at 11 on KABC-TV (7), accompanied by Kazie Nagao and Betty Nakamura, queen committee co-chairmen.

Ondo practices have started at the Hirohata 2nd St. parking lot (near Central Ave.) for Tuesday and Friday nights from 7:30

arranged for about 10,000 copies of this Congressional Record to be printed for our publicity purpose. We will mail these to all the chapters in the near future and hope that the presidents will make good use of their distributions to interested members and friends. Be sure to write in for more copies if needed.

Smorgasbord Dinner: Lou Nakagawa, president of neighboring Mt. Olympus chapter, which is handling the Outing dinner-dance, reports that the locally well-known Andy's Smorgasbord has been confirmed to handle the food for the Outing evening meal at the legendary and picturesque Old Mill at the mouth of the canyon. A must for those interested in smorgasbord style, this arrangement should insure the Sunday Outing dinner to be one of the highlights of the convention.

This and That: Last weekend, Booklet Business Manager Henry Kasai, assistant chrm. Ichiro Doi, and I drove 30 miles to Ogden to assist Ben Lomond Chapter with their ad soliciting. Chapter president Harold Toma, Toyse Kato, Roy Nakatani plus Issei members Mr. Sakurada, Mr. Matsushima, and Mr. Yamane gave us invaluable assistance... Kuni Kanegae reports that the Saturday Night social's theme will be "Shall We Dance"? Sounds intriguing!... The famous legs of the Salt Lake can-can line are getting their costume and routine polished up for the Thousand Club Whing Ding... Mel Hall's Sayonara Ball orchestra has been backing Johnny Ray in his appearance at Lagoon Resort this week and last... Armstrong Sporting Good Store of Ogden contributed a beautiful fly rod to be used as a prize in our fishing contest.

Sen. Arthur V. Watkins and Sen. Wallace Bennett of Utah have replied to our invitation to attend the Convention Banquet, on condition, of course, that the Congress has adjourned by that time... Lamont Toronto, Utah's Secretary of State, has written us that he will be happy to represent the Governor who is scheduled to be out of town at convention time... As chapter's 1000 Club Chrm., Kay Terashima has been on the touch — touching every prospective member for new additions to our list of 1000ers... An article in this morning's Salt Lake Tribune mentioned good fishing at Silver Lake — the scene of the outing fishing contest. Salmon eggs and flies were recommended baits.

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Vagaries

By Larry S. Tajiri

Nisei GIs in 'Naked and the Dead'

The jungle war in the Pacific, in which Nisei intelligence specialists played an integral role, is long since over—but the U.S. is still training Nisei for specific jungle assignments. Some 30 Nisei GIs are with the 30th Infantry, based at the United States Jungle Warfare Training Center at Fort Kobbe in the Canal Zone, and recently they had a chance to use their skills in a rather unusual situation.

It happened when Producer Paul Gregory and Director Raoul Walsh took a Hollywood company down to Panama to film Norman Mailer's outspoken novel of war in the Pacific, "The Naked and the Dead." The setting of the book is a Japanese-held island in the south Pacific which is invaded by American troops. Gregory had planned to make the picture in Hawaii or elsewhere in the Pacific, until he was touted to Panama where he found primitive settings—complete with jungles and palm-fringed beaches within hailing distance of a Hilton hotel. He also found the 30th Infantry which had 30 Nisei in its ranks.

The Japanese American soldiers were issued enemy uniforms and acted the roles of the Japanese defenders of the island, while their GI buddies, 2,000 of them, were playing American troops. Eitoku Oshiro, however, is the only one of the many Nisei in the cast who gets individual mention.

Incidentally, since Panama where the film was shot is foreign soil, there were complications. The troops from the Canal Zone had to have special permission from the Panamanian government to cross into Panama daily to stage their make-believe war. "The Naked and the Dead," a bitter look at war, will be released this fall. It stars Raymond Massey as a martinet of a general, Aido Ray as a tough sergeant and Cliff Robertson an idealistic lieutenant who learns the hard facts of combat.

* * * NISEI ROLE IN MILITARY INTELLIGENCE

The Nisei soldier has been pictured in a number of Hollywood films since Dore Schary produced the 442nd story, "Go for Broke!" for MGM, but the role of the Japanese American GIs in the Pacific has been largely ignored. There was a reason for this, of course. At one time the military intelligence branch of the U.S. army wanted as little publicity as possible on the work of the Nisei. During the war there was a hush-hush blanket placed over all of the work of the Nisei in the intelligence services in the Pacific war, on the premise presumably that such information might be useful to the enemy.

Whatever the reason, the story of Nisei GIs in the Pacific was told despite the curtain of silence from official quarters. The fact of Nisei participation in the war against Japan was stressed in the Pacific Citizen, for example, because of the importance of the fact in countering the attacks upon Nisei loyalty by West Coast hatemongers. One of the charges, once the facts of the 442nd and 100th battalion were highly publicized, was that the Nisei would fight in Europe but wouldn't fight in the Pacific.

Since the war, some of the story of the Nisei specialists in the jungle war on Pacific islands, and on the Asian mainland in Burma and in the Philippines and Okinawa has been related, but the full story has never been told.

It is time, perhaps, for an accounting and it could be done in terms of the Army's military intelligence language school from which more than 6,000 Nisei went to serve in the war against Japan and the later occupation.

* * * 'PORK CHOP HILL'

The true story of a Nisei GI is being acted out, incidentally, in a picture which is now being made in Southern California. It is "Pork Chop Hill," from S.L.A. Marshall's book about a battle in Korea. Gregory Peck plays the lead role in the film and the part of his Nisei aide is being taken by George Shibata, himself a veteran of the Korean war. Shibata, a native of Utah, is the first Nisei ever graduated from West Point and was an Army jet pilot. The role is his first in the movies.

* * * CLOAK & DAGGER EPISODE

Although the Nisei participated in the cloak-and-dagger war against Japan, in the OSS as well as for the army and navy, just about the only time Hollywood got around to it was in a picture called "Tokyo Rose." Produced 12 years ago at Paramount, "Tokyo Rose" told the fanciful story of a Nisei from Des Moines, Ia., played by Keye Luke, who helps kidnap "Tokyo Rose." The raiders arrive by submarine, make their way into Tokyo and smash their way into Radio Tokyo during a broadcast. The role of "Tokyo Rose" was played by Pearl Suetomi, then billed as Lotus Long.

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Japanese and Americans living in Tokyo pay their respects at the tomb of Joseph Heco, first Japanese to be naturalized an American citizen on June 30, 1858. In the photo are (left to right), Mrs. Yae-ko, 47, daughter of Mrs. Kimi Baba, 76 (center), and niece of Heco. Novelist Ki Kimura (right) placed Tokyo Gov. Yasui's wreath.

Tokyoans celebrate 100th anniversary of Joseph Heco's naturalization as American citizen, descendants attend

BY TAMOTSU MURAYAMA
TOKYO. — An unusual gathering of Japanese and Americans was assembled under a burning noon sun June 30 at the Aoyama Foreigners' Cemetery to pay tribute to Joseph Heco (or Hikozo Hamada by his Japanese name), the first Japanese to be naturalized an American citizen.

The laying of floral wreaths at his tomb marked the 100th anniversary of Heco's naturalization at a U.S. District Court in Baltimore, Md., in 1858. Novelist and historian Ki Kimura placed Gov.

Seiichiro Yasui's tribute, while attorney Frank Scolinis of Los Angeles placed flowers in behalf of the Americans here.

According to Heco's autobiography, he was naturalized on June 27, but the records show June 30, 1858. It does not matter as Heco was naturalized an American citizen a 100 years ago.

Heco's Relatives

A few days before the ceremony, Heco's grandson and nieces were located in and around Tokyo. This writer notified them in anticipation of seeing one of them

present for the ceremony.

As the clock turned to 11, a neatly attired elderly lady appeared in the company of a younger woman. They were Mrs. Kimi Baba, 76-year-old niece of Heco and her daughter, Mrs. Yae-ko Toriumi, 47.

"My mother was the younger sister of Mrs. Heco," Mrs. Baba said. "I spent many happy days and nights at my uncle's home. He was really a refined man. He was studying calligraphy every night. Since he spent his young days in America, he spent a great deal of time studying Japanese. He impressed me as a fine gentleman. He often told me that assassins attempted to take his life."

Heco's epitaph is written in both English and Japanese. Just last year, Mrs. Eiko Hamada, Heco's wife's remains were brought together under Heco's grave.

Heco was one of 17 Japanese sailors picked up and taken to the United States in February, 1851, by an American freighter.

One of his important undertakings after returning to Japan was the invention of the word "shim-bun" (newspaper) in 1865, and is now regarded as the father of Japanese journalism. He also served as interpreter to Townsend Harris, America's first minister to Japan. He died Dec. 12, 1897, at the age of 61.

Student Congress elects Nisei with landslide vote

BERGENFIELD, N.J. — A smashing victory by Warren Nogaki, son of Mr. and Mrs. Takeo Nogaki, highlighted the annual Student Congress elections held recently at Bergenfield High School.

Nogaki crushed his two opponents in the race for treasurer. He defeated his nearest competitor by an amazing 383 votes. Nogaki's total of 451 votes was the largest total ever accumulated, surpassing the high of 446 last year.

Warren was also elected to county Hi-Y posts for the coming year. At present he is the treasurer of the BHS Hi-Y.

Another member of the family, Warren's older brother, Roger, guard on the Bergenfield High School varsity football team is a member of the Landscape Commission for Operation Transplant, a plan to landscape the new high school with delivery of seedlings to 50 families.

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Dr. Kobayashi re-elected VFW state surgeon

LONG BEACH. — Dr. Norman Kobayashi of Gardena's 4th Dist. Nisei Memorial Post 1961 was re-elected state surgeon at the conclusion of the California Veterans of Foreign Wars convention here recently.

Dr. Kobayashi served in World War II with Gen. Patton's Third Army in Europe and wears four battle stars for campaigns in France, Germany and Austria.

Nisei piano teachers in Santa Barbara workshop

SANTA BARBARA. — The second piano workshop series presented by the Nisei Piano Teachers of Southern California will be hosted by pupils of Suzie Tamura here this Sunday, 2 p.m., at the House of Strauss.

Specialty numbers on the program will be rendered by students of:

Michi Dohzen (Los Angeles), Nobuko Fujimoto (Los Angeles), Sue Joe (Long Beach), Ritsuko Kawakami (Los Angeles), Sachi Mittver (Altadena) and Miss Tamura (Santa Barbara).

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Stockton and Yamaguchi to affiliate as sister cities, prefecture governor to visit

STOCKTON. — A sister city arrangement between Stockton and the Japanese city of Yamaguchi is about to be sealed and one of the first programs under this new affiliation is being planned this weekend.

This latest town affiliation is being made through the efforts of Dr. Harold Jacoby, College of the Pacific professor who return-

ed last year from Japan where he served two years as an exchange professor at Yamaguchi university.

Gov. Taro Osawa of Yamaguchi prefecture is due to arrive in Stockton tomorrow for a several day visit.

Plans are now being made here confer with local officials on ways to welcome Gov. Osawa who will to implement this new affiliation.

At a meeting held last week, tentative plans for a luncheon, banquet and reception for the Yamaguchi governor were reported. Among those present at this meeting were Shigeaki Higashino representing the Stockton Issei-kai and Dr. David Fujishige, Stockton JACL president.

\$6,500 added to CL endowment fund

National JACL President Dr. Roy Nishikawa announced that an additional \$6,521.31 had been received this past month from recipients of evacuation claims award from the government. In making public acknowledgment of this amount from the 48 persons and organizations listed below, Dr. Nishikawa expressed the appreciation of the National JACL for their generous contributions.

ARIZONA

Peoria — Frank G. Yoshikawa \$50.

CALIFORNIA

Berkeley—Christian Layman Church \$25; Courtland — Takeyoshi Hamatani \$390; Culver City — Mrs. Mii Matsuda \$100; Fallbrook — Yoneki Matsumoto \$200; Hayward — Shizuma Howard Hatakeda \$315; Hermosa Beach — Miyazo Fujizawa \$15; Livingston — Frank T. Suzuki \$28.50; Lomita — Teruo Takahashi \$75; Loomis — Arthur and Joe Uyeda \$50; Los Angeles — Mrs. S. Honda \$25; Masami Sasaki \$500; Yoshito Sera \$50, Mr. and Mrs. Tom K. Taira \$50, Mr. and Mrs. O. Yamaguchi and Mr. and Mrs. Robert Mitsuda \$40, Sumichiro Hori \$20, Shigeji Kasai \$467.85, Kazuo Nishi \$150, B.S. Ogomori \$50, Hiroshi Yamashita \$100, Sansuke Yamashita \$6, Zenshuji Soto Mission \$50; Monterey — Rinzi Manaka \$192.50, Monterey Peninsula JACL \$30; Oakland — Anonymous \$100; Petaluma — Petaluma Showa Gakuen \$175; Nabeta Family \$1,000, Tamaki Ninomiya and estate of Mrs. Hayane Ninomiya \$250, Roy Sakai \$25; Temple City — Sho Komai \$500; West Los Angeles — Mr. and Mrs. John Y. Muramatsu \$25.

ILLINOIS

Chicago — Henry K. Fukui \$589, M. Miyanishi \$15.

MINNESOTA

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Brooklyn — Mrs. T.M. Fuse \$20.

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OREGON

Parkdale — Mid-Columbia JACL \$50; Portland — Denny Ando \$10, Takeshi Hori \$8, Mr. and Mrs. T. George Makino \$90.

UTAH

Ogden — Jintaro Hano \$10, Kiyoyasu Kawashima \$100.

WASHINGTON

Greenacres — Bill Furumasa \$20; Seattle — Oliver Y. Kinemoto \$240, Fred Takagi \$60.

WISCONSIN

Milwaukee — Henry Nojiri \$5.

JAPAN

Tokyo — Kinemon Kikuchi \$10.

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POINTING
Southwestward

By Fred Takata

PRE-CONVENTION RALLY

This past weekend the PSWDC held their Pre-Convention Rally at the Police Academy in Chavez Ravine, hosted by Southwest L.A. JACL. We were quite surprised to find such a beautiful spot, and we recommend that those of you who have never visited the Academy to make it a point to visit the beautiful gardens there.

At the morning biz session, Harvey Shecter, assistant executive director of the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith, presented some valuable information on discrimination in employment. Discussion was also continued on Japan-America Relations and "PC with Membership". A delicious lunch of sushi and teriyaki chicken was served to the official delegates attending the meeting.

During the afternoon session the oratorical contest was held, under the chairmanship of Roy Iketani. We were quite impressed in the manner that these youngsters presented their talks, and it's really too bad that we can't have all of them represent our District in Salt Lake City. The contestants were Frank Kawase, Jane Nakawatase, Ikuko Kato, and the winner Nancy Kubo of Long Beach. As District Chairman Dave Yokozeki put it as he presented the award to Nancy, "Yes sir, another Mike Masaoka!" The Pasadena Chapter graciously presented a \$10 check as an extra award, by President Dr. Ken Yamaguchi, who told Nancy, that this was for her "coffee money." Looks like Nancy isn't going to get much sleep, with all that java!

A fashion show was also presented by the SWLA Chapter, featuring the sportswear of Sachi, and commented by Vi Nakano. The beautiful models were Mio Fujita, June Kurisu, Margaret Kikuchi, Charlotte Murata, Jeanne Nitake, June Shintani, and Flo Wada. DTLA prexy Frank Suzukida was all eyes, and nodded approval from his ring side seat as the gals paraded up and down the aisles. To Mrs. Suzukida, who was not present, may we add that Frank was really a good, good, boy!

We were also very happy to make acquaintances with Michi Kobi, TV and movie actress, whom we've had the pleasure of watching her on TV several times. Unfortunately she was tied up with other commitments and arrived after the dinner was over, and we were not able to present her to the delegates. We were hoping that she would be able to stay for the dance, but she had to leave and promised that she would try and make another appearance at a later date. We certainly do appreciate Chairman Dave Yokozeki and 1000 Clubber Marvin Segal for making the appearance possible, and to Miss Kobi for taking time out from her busy schedule.

The Hi-Co gang was well represented at the meeting, as they gave out with college yells and songs. All we can say is, it sure was "ya-ka-ma-shi!" Some of the Hi-Cos will attend the convention in Salt Lake, and they were given the refreshment concession to raise funds for their expenses. They did quite well, too, when you consider that they practically broke your arm to buy a drink (coke that is!). The Hollywood Chapter was also quite busy selling their sembei, in order to raise funds for their delegates. "Sembei, anyone?"

After the delicious banquet dinner, there was dancing for all those present to the music of a real hep combo and singing of Mas Hamasu, to round out the evening. The committees really did a bang up job under chairman George Fujita. The Southwest Chapter really did terrific job on the Pre-Convention Rally, and we are sure they'll carry the spirit right on to the National.

Many JACLers have been asking about charter parties going to the National Convention from LA. The only group being organized is one traveling by train (Union Pacific), departing Los Angeles at 3 p.m. Thursday, and arrive 5 a.m. on Friday in Salt Lake City. Those wishing to join this party are asked to call into the Regional Office as soon as possible, MA 6-4471. Round trip tickets for first class coach will cost approximately \$44.77. Other delegates, who plan to fly, are urged to make their reservations with Taiyo-Do or Far East Travel Service, who are continuous advertisers in the Pacific Citizen. The flig' fares will be the same as those purchased at the main office, so let's give our supporting advertisers the business. See you in Salt Lake City!

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NATIONAL JACL BOWLING TOURNAMENT

Next year during the first week in March, the National JACL Bowling Tournament will be held here in Los Angeles at the new Holiday Bowl. The Nisei owned Bowling Alley is really a fabulous layout with the latest equipment being used throughout, and is one of the finest alleys in Southern California. The new facilities include a modern coffee shop dining room, billiard room, cocktail room, children's playroom, locker room, and parking facilities for a couple of hundred cars.

The LA JACL Coordinating Council, together with the Southern California Bowling Association, is hard at work preparing for the biggest tournament in the history of this annual event. We are confident that the bowlers will be quite pleased with the new alley and the facilities available to them.

Utah Congressman Dawson alerts
colleagues to 15th Biennial parley

WASHINGTON. — Republican Congressman William A. Dawson of Utah, through the "Congressional Record", called attention of his colleagues in the United States Congress to the forthcoming 15th Biennial National Convention of the Japanese American Citizens League in Salt Lake City Aug. 22 to 25.

The Utah lawmaker, who is personally acquainted with many members of the host Salt Lake City chapter, declared: "As most congressmen are aware, the JACL is the only national organization representing Americans of Japanese ancestry. As such, it has, in the words of its twin national slogans, achieved 'Security through Unity' for all Japanese Americans, while encouraging them to become 'Better Americans in a Greater America'.

Story Familiar

"We in the West are familiar with the story of the Japanese and their contributions to the Nation," Congressman Dawson said. "The earliest immigrants came to our Pacific shores some 75 years ago to work on the railroads, in

the mines, and on the farms. Especially in the field of agriculture did they aid in the conquest of the frontier, taking wastelands and converting them into fertile fields.

"Subjected to the traditional anti-orientalism of the west coast, they were persecuted as perhaps no other immigrant group in our history, climaxed by their arbitrary mass evacuation, together with their American-born citizen children, from their homes and associations in California, western Arizona, Oregon, and Washington during the early days of World War II.

Called Small But Mighty

"That today, Americans of Japanese ancestry and their immigrant parents enjoy unprecedented acceptance and opportunities for social and economic development, is the measure of JACL's leadership of one of the smallest yet significant nationality groups in our country during its most tumultuous quarter-century. JACL's history is an epic of democracy in action, proof positive that our way of life, with all of its faults and abuses, allows for corrective and remedial action.

"Many of us in the Congress, especially since the end of World War II, have participated in the enactment of legislation that has removed the legal sanctions for the discriminations against them. At the same time, our courts have invalidated the remaining statutes that authorized prejudicial treatment not only of the Japanese but also of Asians in this Nation.

"It is thus altogether fitting and proper that their convention theme be 'Past Is Prologue' for their experiences in the past should guide the delegates in charting their destiny, continuing in the inspiration of their twin objectives: 'Better Americans in a greater America' and 'Security through Unity'."

Appropriate Site

In commenting on Salt Lake City as the Convention locale, the Utahn declared: "Probably no other city in America could serve as a more appropriate site for this particular convention than our Utah capital.

"There, more than a century ago, a persecuted people driven out of their homes and associations, found refuge and the opportunity to vindicate themselves. There, a suspect minority proved themselves by founding an intermountain empire through hard work, courage, and vision. That the desert today blooms as the proverbial rose is living tribute to the faith and devotion of those hardy pioneers who conquered the wilderness.

"In my State of Utah, prior to World War II, there were a few thousand Japanese Americans who were considered part and parcel of their respective communities. It was not until after the outbreak of war, however, that my State and the city I have the honor to represent became the mecca for thousands of Japanese Americans released from war relocation camps to which our Government had evacuated them solely on account of an accident of birth. They found ready acceptance in this Mormon metro-

polis among those whose parents and grandparents knew the meaning of hatred, bigotry, and persecution.

Haven in Utah

"The national headquarters of the JACL, forced to leave San Francisco, found haven in Salt Lake City. Japanese Americans and other Americans of good will in what is now known as the Intermountain District Council of the organization, embracing Utah, Idaho, and eastern Oregon, joined in making possible JACL's efforts to provide leadership to a mistreated and misunderstood people.

"The University of Utah welcomed qualified Japanese Americans to complete their interrupted education on its campus, thereby becoming the first State university to open its doors to the evacuee students. Factories and farms provided gainful employment, while allowing them to contribute to the total war effort of the Nation. Housing, difficult as it was in that booming wartime economy, was also made available to them.

"Salt Lake City can be proud that it was among the first cities in the land to demonstrate that Americanism is a matter of the mind and the heart, and not of race or ancestry."

Key Past JACL Conventions

Congressman Dawson recalled that the Utah Capital had played an important role in JACL history. "Salt Lake City is identified with two of the most important conventions in JACL history.

"During Thanksgiving weekend, 1942, our Government allowed JACL representatives from the ten relocation camps and the Intermountain District Council to hold a special emergency meeting.

"There, JACL determined to demand of our military the right to serve as Americans in the defense of the Nation. The result of this decision was the activation of the now famous 442nd regimental combat team composed entirely of Japanese American volunteers, many from the very camps to which they had been confined by the Army they now hoped to serve. This is the unit that has been described as the most decorated military organization in American history for its size and length of service. This is the unit that suffered more than three hundred percent in casualties and dramatized in Italy and France the loyalty and allegiance of Americans of Japanese ancestry.

"That same fateful weekend, JACL urged our Government to resettle Japanese Americans as rapidly as possible outside these relocation camps in order that they might contribute further to the war effort.

1948 Convention Site

"Six years later, in 1948, JACL's judgment vindicated regarding their major 1942 requests, delegates met at the 10th biennial national convention again in Salt Lake City. Over the Labor Day weekend, they resolved unanimously to seek Federal legislation that would provide naturalization and immigration privileges for persons of Japanese ancestry.

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PSWDC—

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raised 50 cents to \$4 per year. The subsidy for PC would be derived from a portion of 1000 Club contributions and membership dues which would be raised to \$3.

(The PC Cost Estimate of Expenditures, as published last week, was \$5 in error for all expenditure totals for 10, 12½ and 15M runs. The new totals should read \$39,620.63, \$42,682.76 and \$49,960.48, respectively. Another inadvertent error was found in the extension of Newspapers and Publications under Editorial Expenses for 10M, which should read \$249.90 instead of \$249.30.—Ed.)

To insure PC would not sustain too great an operating loss, the PSWDC resolution proposes commissions on Holiday Issue advertising, estimated at \$2,000 by the PSWDC committee on "PC with Membership", be relinquished.

Informed Membership Goal

"The intangible benefits which the Committee feels will be derived from PC with Membership cannot be measured in dollars and cents." Mrs. Sue Joe, committee chairman, explained. "An informed membership which will become more fully aware each week of JACL activities beyond their own chapter level can only result in increased participation by the members beyond a dues-paying status. This participation, stimulated by their growing knowledge of JACL, its purposes and programs should become a vital force within each chapter organization."

The committee's feeling will be discussed more fully for PC readers soon.

The PSWDC pre-convention rally, hosted by Southwest L. A. JACL, was held in the beautiful grounds of the Los Angeles Police Academy. Dave Yokozeki, PSWDC chairman, presided during the business meetings, which recessed in the afternoon to hear the four oratorical contestants.

Pee Wee Baseball

Booster delegates enjoyed the Westside Tigers vs. Hollywood Dodgers pee-wee baseball game won by the Tigers, 6-2, to extend its unbroken string of victories.

George Fujita, rally chairman, noted over 250 attended the all-day affair which was concluded by a dinner and dance. One of the late afternoon attractions was the fashion show of "Sachi" line sportswear.

For benefit of convention goers, it was announced a group of delegates and boosters are planning to take the Union Pacific, leaving Los Angeles Thursday, Aug. 24, 3 p.m., and arriving in Salt Lake City the next morning at 5. Those interested in joining the group should call the JACL Regional Office.



Rupert Hachiya (center), 15th Biennial convention board chairman, is flanked by two lovelies as they bob like corks in the Great Salt Lake. The bobbing beauties are Ruth Okawa (left) of Salt Lake City, and Margaret Itami, convention queen.

VERY TRULY YOURS:

Myth that minorities lower property values

It seems that all has not been said of the recent Sacramento court ruling in favor of Negro war veteran Oliver Ming, who was denied a home (financed by federal funds) because of race. A San Francisco home builder association contended that "minority races depreciate property values" in defense of their practice.

As early as 1945, appraisers in Philadelphia noted that prices do drop temporarily because a large number of houses in a block are put on sale at the same time, but colored occupancy later increased value in a block of mixed occupancies.

A 1940-1951 study in Chicago showed that the law of supply and demand was found to operate in areas involved in changing racial patterns in the same manner as it did in other areas.

Housing expert Charles Abram found "mixed neighborhoods may increase the desirability of a house as an investment."

Univ. of California economist Luigi M. Laurenti reported in July, 1952, that market prices in comparable all-white and mixed areas of San Francisco in 1950-52 were on the average the same or higher than prices for similar homes in all white areas. This was true whether the sales in the mixed areas were to white or non-white.

So, the scientific studies on this question, given full play in an October, 1953, issue of U.S. News and World Report, prove that property values do not necessarily go down when racial composition of a neighborhood changes. In fact, values more often go up. Some appraisers have argued that elimination of racial bars makes property more, not less, attractive.

And with racial covenants no longer enforceable in court, it's about time the builders and developers look at the facts—rather than myth.
— Harry K. Honda.

PRESIDENT'S CORNER:

From Front Page for every JACL family, but they aren't certain as to what the reaction at the grass roots will be to the increased membership dues. This then will be one of the important problems which delegates must decide at the National Convention.
— Dr. Roy Nishikawa.

'Why I am against JACL involvement in U.S.-Japan relations': Saburo Kido

(Harold Gordon, national legislative committee chairman, is presently preparing for chapter delegates a special study on the question of whether JACL should become involved in U.S.-Japan affairs. The Pacific Citizen learned that the "con" views will be largely borrowed from Mr. Kido's editorial printed below. — Editor.)

BY SABURO KIDO
(From the Shin Nichibei)

The tremendous amount of interest concerning the future of JACL has been a most interesting development to me. I did not realize that there was so much concern as to what policy the JACL intends to adopt at the forthcoming National Convention to be held at Salt Lake City, Utah. I have had phone calls even from Caucasian attorneys as well as friends, stating their position on this issue. And Issei and Nisei who have not talked about JACL to me in the past have broached the subject. All are deeply concerned.

Some of our friends are worried because Mike Masaoka and I are on opposite sides on this matter of JACL and international relations. I had stated my position to him immediately after the San Francisco convention two years ago when I heard that this matter had been taken up. And we have had friendly discussions since then. I understand his position and he does mine. What we advocate is based on what we believe is for the good of the organization and the Japanese people, especially the role of the Nisei. It is not a personal issue. We are friends and will continue to be so no matter what decision is made by the National Council.

It is possible that the further one gets away from the nation's capitol, the more we become provincial. As a result, we may not have the proper perspective of things. On the other hand, those who are in Washington may become so absorbed with world events that they may be carried away with the trend of events. We, who are far away, may be able to judge things in their true light.

The decision must be made by the National Council. We are contributing our share to the discussion so that the official delegates will be able to reach a decision which will be for the good of the organization and persons of Japanese ancestry.

Reasons of Position

As far as I am concerned, I am taking my position on the following grounds:

1. The JACL is not the proper organization to become involved in international relations. As far as the Internal Revenue Service is concerned, the JACL is a (tax exempt) educational body, devoted to the cause of promoting the welfare of all persons of Japanese ancestry in this country. We are not supposed to be engaged in lobbying to influence legislation. The only exception is in the event that we engage in movements to promote our own group's welfare.

The reason for the acceptance of JACL is because it has concentrated its efforts to realize the two objectives, "Better Americans in a Greater America," and "Security Through Unity." As long as we adhere to this policy, we are on safe grounds.

The very fact that the JACL is standing on such a platform enables persons of Japanese ancestry from all walks of life to join JACL. Once we depart from the present policy, there will be dissensions within our own membership. The controversial issues which will concern the livelihood of the individual member will split the organization into many groups.

Dangers of Involvement

2. Becoming involved in international relations will endanger the status of the individual members. It is understood that our

(Saburo Kido, daily columnist in the Shin Nichi Bei, this week discussed his personal views on why JACL should not entangle itself with international relations. One of the co-founders of JACL over 25 years ago, his reasons deserve the studied consideration of JACLers today. — Editor.)



SABURO KIDO
Warns Against Change

primary concern will be those issues arising between Japan and the United States. If it is to broaden beyond this scope, it is inexcusable. The JACL is interested in Japanese-American relations because the membership is chiefly persons of Japanese ancestry.

Assuming that the JACL decides to delve in international relations, what will this mean? If we support the United States, Japan will not be happy. And if the JACL should support our government on every issue, we will be looked upon as the "tool" of our government. We will lose prestige because we would have lost our freedom of thought.

If we should stand up for Japan, there is the danger of our being branded as a "front" organization. And if the day should come when some anti-American group should control the reins of government of Japan, the JACL may be listed on the subversive list. Many of the 21 Japanese organizations who are presently on the United States Attorney General's "black" list have done less than this to be branded.

In such an eventuality, any Nisei who is or has been a member of the JACL would not receive the "security clearance." This would lead to the possibility of JACL members not being eligible for civil service jobs or for "classified positions" which require clearance.

For the sake of our membership, I do not think we should take such chances.

As a Citizenship Group

3. JACL's position should be protected. The value of the JACL lies in the fact that it can stand up as a loyal group devoted to promoting better citizenship. It is not a political organization. Neither is it a pressure group, excepting for problems involving the general welfare of persons of Japanese ancestry in this country.

As long as the JACL has a clean record, it can always keep itself in readiness to speak up for persons of Japanese ancestry in this country. And this should be the chief concern of the JACL.

The position that the JACL has attained for itself is a matter of history. What it has accomplished and contributed cannot be duplicated. Everything possible should be done to preserve the prestige which the JACL has today. Becoming involved in international relations seems to be the easiest way to jeopardize this hard earned position.

If JACL is destroyed, no organization among persons of Japanese ancestry can take its place. It is better to preserve JACL's position so that it can be of service

in any emergency.

Public Relations

4. JACL is a fraternal, civic and educational group. It should continue to operate in its field. There are still many problems which need attention. We still must carry on public relations to sell persons of Japanese ancestry to the American public. Although we claim that the acceptance is good, we still are afraid that something may go wrong. In other words, we are not too secure about our position.

Training of leaders is important. Guidance of the growing generation through youth program is necessary. Juvenile delinquency is a rising problem. There are many things which need to be done within the scope of the purposes for which the organization has dedicated itself.

5. The role of the Nisei and that of JACL should not be mixed. The fact that the JACL decides against becoming involved in international relations does not mean that the Nisei are not interested in the promotion of better Japanese-American relations. Conversely, because the Nisei should show greater interest in Japanese-American relations does not mean that the JACL should become involved.

Dignity of Nisei

The JACL policy has been to prove and establish the dignity and prestige of the Nisei as individuals so that their loyalty cannot be questioned. The main objective has been to win acceptance as American citizens.

Simply because the JACL is the largest and the most influential organization of persons of Japanese ancestry does not necessarily follow that it must participate in international relations.

The JACL cannot carry the burden on all matters. It should continue to work in the field it has been most effective. This would mean that it devote its efforts to the promotion of the welfare of persons of Japanese ancestry in this country.

6. Other organizations can do the work in international relations. For instance, regarding trade matters, the Japanese chambers of commerce are getting active. This is rightly their field. They are the experts because they come face to face with the issues. Their members have a direct interest and know the subject concerning which action must be taken.

Then there are many others, such as the Japan Society, in the key cities throughout the country. If they can combine together, they can wield greater influence than the JACL because they have men and women who are widely known and occupy important positions in the community, state, and nation. They confine themselves, however, to promoting friendly relations through gatherings for

social or cultural purposes.

It seems to me that those Nisei who desire to take active part in international relations should organize for such purpose. This is the proper procedure. Everyone who then joins will know for what purpose the group is being formed.

JACL Value Proven

Summarizing my position, I believe the JACL has proven its value through its devotion to the cause of promoting the welfare of persons of Japanese ancestry in this country. It should continue to confine its activities in the same field. Participation in international relations means running the risk of destroying the value of the JACL. It will endanger the status of the membership, who will require clearance for civil service and "classified" positions. There are other organizations and means to accomplish the same end without involving the JACL.

My stand does not preclude a Washington office. We should continue with the unfinished work. I am sure everyone agrees on this point. Those of us who went through the experience of being in the dark as to what was happening at the nation's capitol after the outbreak of the Pacific War would not like to see the same thing repeated.

I sincerely hope that JACL will not become involved in international relations. If maintaining a Washington office makes this difficult, it would be better to make some arrangement for a "listening post" and eliminate an official Washington JACL office.

EDEN TOWNSHIP CHAPTER TO HOLD PICNIC JULY 20

HAYWARD. — Castle Rock Park in Walnut Creek has been secured by Eden Township JACL for its community-wide picnic on Sunday, July 20, starting at noon.

Ken Fujii, picnic chairman, announced the following committee-men will assist:

Min Shinoda, fin.; Ann Sakai, games; Sho Yoshida, prizes; Tok Hironaka, tickets; Bob Lateer, printing; Machi Tomotoshi, P.A.; and Masako Minami, pub.

The picnic also serves as the single attraction of the year by which the chapter raises fund to meet its national quota and chapter operating expenses.

Omaha JACL honors graduates at party

OMAHA. — Eight graduates were honored by Omaha JACL at a recent party, presided by chapter president Kaz Ikebasu. Honored were:

Creighton Univ. — Carol Doi, Waichi Sasaki; Omaha Tech — Richard Dui; Omaha Central — Kuniaki Mihara; Omaha Univ. and Methodist Hospital Nursing School — Emiko Mihara; Field Club School — Kazumi Watanabe; Washington School — Robert Zelman; Technical Jr. High — David Kawami.

Pat Okura spoke on the Salt Lake convention during the business meeting before the party. Robert Nakadoi, picnic chairman, also made his report. Frank Tamai congratulated the graduates in behalf of the chapter. Assisting in the party were:

Mmes. Sato Yoden, Lucille Kaname, Kimi Takechi, Mary Misaki; Nachi Matsunami, Bonnie Hirabayashi.



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THE Northwest PICTURE

By Elmer Ogawa

TIME FOR ROUND TABLE TALK

Seattle

This evening, the boys at the local beer stube got into quite a round table discussion.

Primary influence to bring about this happening actually originated over the three-day Independence Day weekend, when Bob Terao, a partner of the taproom came up to our attic apartment and caught us unaware in the tub after a torrid 90-degree darkroom session.

Bob, the talented salmon fisherman, brought us a 3-foot ling cod he had caught that day. Seeing that we were in a "helpless" unclothed condition he offered to fillet the denizen of the deep, and stowed it away in the refrigerator.

So that's why, this evening, after an exhausting day's work on the tail end of our three-day 90-degree hot spell, we went down to the bistro to gather a little information on salmon fishing condition—so many Nisei salmon fishermen have been coming home of late with rock cod, and other white meat species described as "bottom fish," that we were curious and asked about the salmon fishing. Actually, it wasn't to ask: "Why you no bring me salmon no more?"

It doesn't take much to start a fishy discussion in this "used to be" fish and lumber country. The fishermen who "stooped" to bottom fishing in order to bring something home, all chimed in with the advice that Salmon were scarce, (although a number of catches of big fish were reported in the newspapers) and they also said that everyone was blaming the other guy. The commercial fishermen, the sports fishermen were each blamed by the other for getting more than their share—actually it seems the sports fisherman is very unjustly accused—the seiners blame the gillnetters, and everyone blames the dams, and power projects, and that great bugaboo—pollution, principally because of the sulphite waste from the pulp mills which rob the water of oxygen.

GRADUATE STUDENT JOINS CHATTER

So who comes into this round robin discussion, but Jack Anderson, a graduate student at the Husky institute who has devoted most of his academic career to study of the organization and problems of the Soviet in particular, and the Pacific Rim, in general.

He is a PC reader, I have learned in the past, when he disagreed with Nisei, or should I more specifically say, PC sensitivity over the use of the word "Jap." We have had many interesting discussions, which arise from my special regard for dissenters who put up a well organized presentation.

Naturally, it wasn't long til the salmon discussion shifted to Alaska in all its aspects including the recently published absurdity that fishermen from the ranks of the 35,000 GIs in Alaska were depleting the salmon reserves up there. The news report didn't say it, but if these GIs were wantonly destroying spawning salmon in the creeks, then that is different from complaining about the small take of the sports fisherman.

Jack brought up one argument that is so familiar to the foreign trade student—and a sound one economically it is too. "If Japan can catch and produce canned salmon at a lower price, then why not buy Japanese salmon, and let the 1,000 or so firemen (a gross understatement) go find employment in producing pulpwood or something that Japan is so ready to buy? There are millions of buyers against just a few fishermen."

But to make the long story short, it was pointed out that this was not just a question of pure economics, in regard to salmon originating in the streams of the Pacific Coast. The United States and Canada have spent millions in hatchery propagation of these fish, and might they not expect a reasonable return on the investment? Just for the sake of good relations?

NEWS ITEM ON SALMON CATCHES

There are many sources of information and arguments on this problem, but we feel it worthwhile to add here a report that appeared in the Seattle Times: "A striking decrease in the Bristol Bay salmon catch began in 1956—the year Japanese fishermen moved north of the Aleutian Islands, the Northwest branch of the National Canner's association was told today.

J.R. Gilbert, project leader in the University of Washington Fisheries Research Institute on Bristol Bay said the decrease probably cannot be attributed entirely to the Japanese, but the timing is too striking to be passed off as a coincidence.

Gilbert said the institute's predicted fish catch had been fairly accurate prior to 1956.

Gilbert said the salmon catch in 1955 was 5.7 percent below the forecast. The deficit jumped to 55 percent in 1956 and 79.6 percent last year, Gilbert said. Gilbert added that many fish returning to Bristol Bay bore scars from small mesh nets similar to the ones used by the Japanese."

Maybe the international fishing experts would get around the round table like the boys in the tavern do.

Five teams vie for Southwest L.A. JACL 'pony' league title, for boys 12-14 yrs. old

Twilight baseball league for 12-14 year olds has been in play Thursday nights at Rancho Cienega under sponsorship of the Southwest Los Angeles JACL. Playing under the Pony League rules are five teams, Knights, Tigers, Cougars, Valiant Jrs. and Hawks.

In their third week of play, the Valiant Jrs., managed by Hiro Taniyama, are leading with a 2-0 record; while Tigers managed by Danny Kawahara and the Hawks, co-managed by Kaz Uematsu and Gus Yoshimura, sport 1 and 1

records. The Cougars under George Shibata lost two heartbreakers, 13-12 and 9-8, apparently emulating the L.A. Dodgers and Silky Sullivan. Sharing the cellar with the Cougars are the yet untested Knights, managed by Bob Morinishi.

The league is part of the Southwest L.A. JACL program to foster youth activities, explained Sam Hirasawa, chapter president. It is under the direction of commissioner Takao (Naggie) Ushiyama with Mack Hamaguchi and Roy Iketani assisting.

Ushiyama hopes an official Pony League can be organized next year as part of the national Little League set-up, thus giving the youngsters a chance to compete with Pony Leaguers from other parts of the country.

Sign Nisei shortstop for Japan pro ball

SAN FRANCISCO. — Carlton Hanta, the Hawaii Nisei shortstop who last year sparked San Francisco to a California State Nisei baseball title in a tournament at Fresno, has signed to play for the Osaka Nankai Hawks in Japan's pro league.

According to reports from Tokyo, Hanta is due to report this month.

The new Hawks player returned to the Islands late last year and has been playing for the Honolulu Asahi team. He went to Japan early this year with the Asahi nine and officials of the Hawaii team had said Hanta was the best prospect for Japan pro ball on their team.

The 5 ft. 8 in., 160-pounder is a graduate of the Univ. of Texas. As an undergraduate at that school, he was the first Nisei to make the All-American college baseball team.

He played in the Texas League (class AA) in 1956 and until mid-1957. He was in the San Francisco area last fall and was planning to take up teaching as a career at that time.

Joint production of cartoons disclosed

Harman-Ising Pictures, animated cartoon production firm in Hollywood, and Toei Motion Pictures of Tokyo have completed arrangements to co-produce feature-length cartoons, several TV series, short subjects and commercial and independent films.

First films include "King Arthur", "Ali Baba and the 40 Thieves" and "Joy to the World", expected for production in Japan by September.

NEW MOVIE COMPANY FORMED IN HAWAII

HONOLULU. — Waikiki Productions, with Lane T. Nakano of Los Angeles as president, was recently formed here. George Hirose, vice-president, said a contract has been signed with Nacirema Productions with films to be distributed through Allied Artists.

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Fowler old-timers beat Selma again in 14-6 fray

SELMA. — Fowler JACL claimed their second victory over Selma JACL 14-6 last week as two former stars, now over 45, came through in great style in a CCDC game here. Bill Hashimoto and Kaz Namba, both past 45, had doubles apiece and Kaz even beat out a hit.

Fowler starting pitcher Masakoda blasted a grand-slam homer plus a triple. George Yamamoto also homered while Tom Shirakawa paced with 3 hits out of 4 tries. T. Araki started for Selma on the mound and was relieved by Max Kawano.

Winter season TV show on bowling being set

SAN FRANCISCO. — A series of bowling matches for the TV audience this coming winter are being produced by Bab Productions at Downtown Bowl.

Among the first day's shooting were "Tuffy" Nelson, Pocatello 1000er who has competed in several National JACL bowling tournaments, and Wilbur Fujii of Honolulu, a 200-plus average kegler in the bowling business.

Nisei restored U.S. citizenship in court

Roy Shigeru Yamaguchi did not lose his U.S. citizenship by reason of Japanese military service from February, 1943, to July, 1947, ruled Los Angeles Federal Judge William M. Byrne this past week. It was the first court decision since the Supreme Court decision of Mar. 31 concerning the loss of U.S. citizenship because of service in the Japanese army. Judge Byrne was the same judge who had ruled against Mitsugi Nishikawa in the case which resulted in the supreme court ruling. Yamaguchi was represented by attorneys A. L. Wirin and Fred Okrand.

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"They recognized that the ineligibility of those of the Japanese and other Asiatic races to become naturalized citizens was the root of most of the 500 Federal, State, and local laws discriminating against the Japanese at that time. These included prohibitions against the ownership of land and the opportunity to earn a livelihood in many lines of human endeavor. In the immigration prohibitions, they were aware that the Japanese Exclusion Act of 1924 was one of the contributing factors to the war in the Pacific and that by authorizing even token immigration from the Far East the United States would do much to advance the cause of human dignity and freedom in the Orient.

"It was not until 1952, however, when the Immigration and Nationality Act was approved that these racial discriminations in our naturalization and immigration laws were repealed."

Convention Program

In his final paragraphs, he announced the complete Convention program for both boosters and official delegates, noting that his fellow Congressman, Judge Saund of California, the first Asian ever to be elected to the United States Congress, was the Convention banquet speaker. He also named the national officers and district council chairmen who will participate in the convention deliberations, as well as naming Miss Margaret Itami of the Snake River Chapter in Oregon as the National JACL Queen and Rupert Hachiya and Ichiro Doi, both of Salt Lake City, as Convention Chairman and Host Chapter President, respectively.

He concluded by extending, on behalf of the Congress, "our greetings and felicitations to the forthcoming 15th Biennial National Convention" and "in wishing all the delegates a pleasant and constructive stay in Salt Lake City." He added that the National JACL Hymn, adopted in Salt Lake City ten years ago at its last National Convention, summarizes well the convention theme that "Past IS Prologue".

MIDWEST BUDDHIST CHURCH OBON FESTIVAL THIS WEEK

CHICAGO. — Over 200 participants, including a number of Caucasians, are expected to perform Obon Festival dances tomorrow night on North Park Avenue in front of the Midwest Buddhist Church. George Kunisada is in charge.

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Los Angeles NEWSLETTER

By Henry Mori

NISEI WEEK QUEEN CANDIDATES

Until we get a look-see of the nine Nisei Week Festival queen contestants this Sunday at the Consul General's residence where an afternoon tea is being slated for community leaders and the press, it may not be wise to pick any one candidate as a successor to Mitzi Miya, last year's titlist.

But we have an inkling that it will be one of the JACL chapter-sponsored beauties who will win the tiara. The Hollywood JACL, with June Shintani, and West Los Angeles, with Helene Tabata, are the latest additions.

Other JACL-backed aspirants are Shirley Mizufuka, Long Beach-Harbor District; Janet Okamoto, Downtown; Miki Tsuboi, East Los Angeles; and Margaret Nakai, Southwest.

In the race, also, are Jean Yasui, who is being groomed by the San Fernando Japanese American Club; Lily Yuriko Kamiya, Gardena; and Mary Murai, Kazuo Masuda Memorial Post 3670, Veterans of Foreign Wars, Orange County.

Last Sunday, at the third quarterly Pacific Southwest JACL District Council pre-convention rally at the Los Angeles Police Academy, we had a hard time moving Fred Takata, So. Calif. regional director, and other young men from Miss Shintani so we could be introduced to her by Mike Suzuki of the Hollywood chapter. We told Hide Izumo, chapter president, that it's been the last-minute entries that have been faring high in the queen race. Need more be said?

NISEI VETERANS REUNION

Before the 18th annual Nisei Week Festival, Aug. 2-10, gets under way, Angelenos will host the Nisei Veterans Reunion here with headquarters at the Alexandria Hotel.

According to Soichi Fukui, executive secretary, most of the July 26 Aug. 1 calendar will be fun-making with no serious business sessions scheduled.

The opening night ceremony at the Moulin Rouge where General Mark W. Clark will be the main speaker on July 27, the dinner-dance featuring Sammy Davis Jr., is already a sell-out.

The City Council, meantime, has announced plans to present a resolution in behalf of Los Angeles to welcome the nearly 1000 delegates from all parts of the country, including a big group from Hawaii, on July 15.

On Monday, July 28, an organizational meeting of all former military units and companies is set. A barbecue party at the Los Angeles Police Academy is slated for July 29.

The Del Mar race track officials have announced that a Nisei Veterans Reunion handicap (fifth race) has been scheduled on Aug. 1.

YOUNG ORATORS

Aside from the serious side of the Pacific Southwest District Council pre-convention rally Sunday in which delegates locked in heated debates over whether the JACL should, or should not, involve itself in international affairs, the day was well spent in fellowship and relaxation.

We, like many others, were quite impressed with the oratory of the younger generation Japanese Americans. Three young ladies and a gentleman competed for honors which included a \$50 savings bond, a round-tripper to Salt Lake City to meet with other orators, a trophy and expense money.

Nancy Kubo, of Long Beach, came out the winner. She was well coached by Mrs. Sue Joe of Long Beach-Harbor District JACL. We thought Frank Kawase, of Downtown JACL, gave a meaty speech.

WASHINGTON NEWSLETTER: by Mike Masaoka

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While we are not optimistic, we nevertheless remain hopeful that Hawaii can become the 50th star in our constellation of states. At the same time, we trust that what is done for Hawaii in these last weeks of this Congress, if not successful, will not be used against her next year when the new Congress convenes. We have in mind record votes of defeat and emergency tactics that may well rise to haunt Statehood advocates next session if inappropriate and improper chances are taken this year.

Statehood for Hawaii is a certainty in the immediate future, unless opposition is created and aroused needlessly. The expediencies of the moment may become the obstacles of the future.

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VITAL STATISTICS

BIRTHS

LOS ANGELES

ABE, Shiyoji (Satsuki Toyoshima)—girl, Apr. 24.
AMOS, Fred E. (Sachiko Matsuya)—boy, Apr. 19, San Pedro.
ARAKAKI, Takashi (Delores LeMoine)—boy, May 8.
DOMOTO, Mike M. (Margaret T. Kubota)—girl, Apr. 21.
EBIHARA, Mitsuo (Ann Endow)—boy, May 6.
ESAKI Masayoshi (Fukiko Kuwahara)—girl, May 7.
FUKUMOTO, Edwin S. (Yoshiko Tejima)—girl, Apr. 26.
FUKUTAKI, Robert M. (Irma M. Smith)—boy, Apr. 28, La Puente.
GASS, William (Chieko Sugawara)—boy, Apr. 21, Sun Valley.
HAYASHI, Frank N. (Shizuko Yokoyama)—girl, May 10, Pasadena.
HIRATA, Toshio (Takako Suzuki)—girl, May 12.
INATOMI, Robert S. (Akiko V. Yamamoto)—girl, Apr. 23, Chatsworth.
INOUE, Akira (Dorothy M. Yamaguchi)—boy, May 9.
ISANAGA, Isao (Fujie Oshiro)—girl, May 2.
ISOBE, James Y. (Ellen Y. Takara)—girl, May 3.
MASUDA, Enichi (Marion H. Naito)—girl, May 4.
MASUGUCHI, Satoru (Satsuki Sukekane)—girl, Apr. 8.
MATSUNAGA, Torao G. (Haruko Kawamura)—boy, May 25.
MCKAY, Thomas J. (Hideko Yanagihara)—boy, Apr. 10.
MIYAMOTO, Jun (Mineko Oni)—girl, May 11.
MURAKAMI, Roy S. (Michiko Taniguchi)—boy, Apr. 19, North Hollywood.
NAKANO, Lyle (Kinue Mayehara)—boy, May 6.
NAPLES, Michael (Kay Yoneyama)—girl, Apr. 4.
NOJI, Harold T. (Ruby T. Kumasaka)—girl, May 9.
OKIHARA, Kiyoshi R. (Ayaka Kimura)—girl, Apr. 26.
OKU, Kazuo (Tatsuko Inada)—girl, May 4.
OKUBO, Tadao (Alice S. Takeuchi)—girl, Apr. 19.
OKUMOTO, Royal (Hiroko Ono)—boy, May 7.
ONISHI, George T.—girl, Apr. 26, Pasadena.
OSHIGE, Noboru (Teruko Maeda)—girl, May 8.
OSHITA, Edward K. (Alice R. Hamaura)—girl, May 23.
OSHITA, Tom T. (Jane Y. Teragawa)—boy, Apr. 29.
OZASA, Senji (Akiko Takesuye)—twin girls, May 6.
SATO, Tada (Jane R. Okimoto)—girl, Apr. 22.
SHIMBUKURO, Kiyoshi (Nobuko Isa)—girl, May 15.
SHINODA, Fusanobu (Flora Yamamoto)—girl, June 7.
SHINTANI, Yoshinori (Matsuko Shintani)—girl, May 5.
SMITH, Charles H. (Kazuko Nakao)—girl, May 13, Venice.
SUSUKI, Takeo (Marian H. Sugiyama)—boy, May 1.
TAKASHIMA, Kazue (Reiko Onuki)—girl, May 1.

TAKEUCHI, Noboru (Atsuko Mochizuki)—girl, June 3.
TAMAYOSE, Morio (Alice K. Miyashiro)—boy, June 8.
UCHIYAMA, Joe (Della Fujii)—girl, Apr. 22.
UYEDA, Akito (Lynette Choy)—boy, May 11.
WAKITA, Katsumi (Ayako Nishiyama)—girl, Apr. 24, San Gabriel.
WATANABE, Norio (Patricia A. Nishimoto)—girl, May 10.
YAMASHITA, Yoshio (Harumi Okuno)—girl, Apr. 18, Sun Valley.
YANAGIHARA, Mitsuo (Lillian Y. Segawa)—boy, Apr. 25.
YAYOSHI, Haruo R. (Helen S. Tengan)—girl, Apr. 27.
YOKORO, Tadayuki—boy, June 13, Pasadena.

DEATHS

HORIO, Seijiro, 83: San Jose, June 14.
IDE, Mrs. Yutaka, 69: Seattle, Mar. 1.
JITSUDA, Mibo, 40: Los Angeles, June 21.
KAWAGUCHI, Naojiro: Denver, June 24.
KAYA, Sonetaro, 76: Los Angeles, May 18.
KITSUSE, Ken: West Los Angeles.
KONDO, Shozo, 65: West Los Angeles, June 4.
KUBO, George M., 20: Los Angeles, May 18 (at Ft. Lewis).
KUMAMOTO, Takeichi, 79: Los Angeles, June 11.
KUROSE, Ayatoshi, 72: Los Angeles, June 10.
MATSUDA, Ichiro, 35: Los Angeles, June 4.
MOTOYAMA, Masanori, 71: Gardena, June 15.
MURAI, Toyo, 77: Los Angeles, June 6.
SADAKANE, Hisayo, 66: Los Angeles, May 24.
SHIOKATA, Setsuyo, 76: Los Angeles, June 8.
TAKASUGI, Kensuke, 80: Los Angeles, June 3.
TANABE, Sada, 72: Oakland, June 17.
TANIMOTO, Sadi, 10: Salinas, June 28 — (p) Mr. and Mrs. Muneyoshi.
TOMITA, Hyosaku: Hiff, Colo., June 18.
YAMAMOTO, George 25: Fresno, July 1 — (m) Haru, two brothers, one sister.
YUGE, Jiro, 72: Los Angeles, June 15.

Harbor Hi-Co officials

LONG BEACH. — Lloyd Nakatani was recently elected president of the Harbor Hi-Co and will be assisted by:

Judi Sakamoto, v.p.; Midori Sumi, cor. sec.; Yotsumi Uyeda, rec. sec.; Frank Kishiyama, treas.; Reiko Nakamura, pub.-hist.; Ted Abo, ath.; Hideo Yoshinaga, Joyce Miyagawa, social; Phyllis Miyagawa, welf.; Connie Hirakawa, Jane Wada, Faye Nakamura, Jim Yamamoto, Ken Saito, membs.-at-lrg.

Piano recital

LONG BEACH. — The fifth annual piano and voice recital presented by pupils of Mrs. Sue Joe will be held at the local YWCA Auditorium, 6th and Pacific, tomorrow at 8 p.m. Two-piano renditions by six duos are being featured.

HOLLYWOOD BOWL SLATES 'POP' PROGRAM TWICE

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ROVING JACL AMBASSADOR

Editor: "Mitch" (James E. Michener, author of "South Pacific", etc.) has brought me to see where "South Pacific" began. I can see why some never leave. Bloody Mary is still on Bora Bora!

MARI MICHENER

Papeete, Tahiti.

(Mari, who has been traveling extensively with her husband-author in Europe, Asia and the South Pacific, was appointed as "JACL ambassador". Here latest note tells where she has been selling the story of Japanese Americans and of JACL.—Ed.)

Kabuki to be staged in U.S. during 1960 fete

TOKYO. — Japan's famed Kabuki will be staged in the United States in 1960 as one of the attractions celebrating the 100th anniversary of the opening of diplomatic relations between Japan and the United States, according to Kunizo Matsuo, Nichi-Ei Productions president.

Matsuo made the disclosure upon return last week from an extensive two-month tour of Europe and the United States. He has conferred with the Japanese Embassy in Washington and Japan-America Society officials, who were unanimously agreed with the suggestion.

Nisei serve on committee to honor state assemblyman

A group of citizens headed by Rep. Chet Holifield, Councilman Edward Roybal and Sup. John Anson Ford are honoring State Assemblyman Edward Elliott at San Kwo Low next Friday, 7:30 p.m. Serving on the committee are:

Mrs. Mary Oyama Mittwer, Henry Mori, Roy Yamadera, Sakae and Fumi Ishihara, Arthur Takei, Frank Kurihara, Kango Kunitzuga and Mrs. Betty Park.

VET REUNION LADIES NIGHT PLANNED JULY 30

Fashions of Kow Kaneko will be featured at the Nisei Veterans Reunion Ladies Night at the Palm Room of the Alexandria Hotel, July 30, according to Mrs. Melba Matsuura and Mrs. Chiye Imamura, co-chairmen.

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Washington NEWSLETTER

BY MIKE MASAOKA

Hawaiian Statehood

Washington, D.C.

WHEN THE SENATE approved and sent to the White House last week (June 30) the House-passed bill admitting Alaska into the sisterhood of states, the cause of statehood for the equally deserving territory of Hawaii was advanced immeasurably, for a precedent has just been established for the admittance of so-called noncontiguous areas into the Federal Union.

Hawaii with a population more than twice that of Alaska crowded into an area almost a hundred times as compact enjoys economic development that remains only a promise for the prospective 49th State. On these two basic matters at least, the Pacific Islands are far better qualified than was its Northern counterpart for statehood status.

Three major questions, two of which are seldom mentioned publically, especially in congressional debates, remain to be resolved before Hawaii may be admitted as the 50th State.

One is the issue of Communist domination over the economy of the Islands.

Another is the racial composition of the peoples of the Territory, with Americans of Asian ancestry comprising almost half of the population.

Still another relates to the possibilities that any congressional delegation from this new state would be liberal in its views, thereby diluting even more the rapidly disintegrating influence and power of the so-called Southern conservative bloc.

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THOUGH RUSSIAN SIBERIA is only an easy eye-distance from the only part of the United States that will lie in the Eastern Hemisphere and over the International Date Line, the Communist issue was never raised in either the House or the Senate in their debates on Alaskan statehood.

On the other hand, alleged Communist infiltration of the Islands through Harry Bridges' International Longshoremen's and Warehousemen's Union has been the most potent and repeated argument against Hawaii's aspirations than any others.

Though the House Un-American Activities Committee has cleared Hawaii for statehood and the Federal Bureau of Investigation has reported far fewer registered Communists there than in either California, New York, and other mainland states, statehood opponents continue to accept the conclusions of Mississippi Senator James O. Eastland's Judiciary Subcommittee on Internal Security as to the Communist threat to the economy and the government of the Territory.

There is reason to believe that, under statehood, the people would be better able to handle this challenge, if such a challenge in fact exists, than under its current territorial status when its chief executive is appointed by Washington and its legislature elected by the people.

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SOME 35,000 ESKIMOS, Indians, and Aleuts comprise a substantial part of Alaska's population, which in 1956 was 215,000, including military personnel. Since they are considered natives and aborigines, however, the racial issue was never raised against them in Senate and House debates.

Since the end of World War II, in which Americans of Asian ancestry, particularly the Japanese, from Hawaii earned such outstanding records for heroism and gallantry, the question of their loyalty and allegiance to this country is seldom raised in public.

What is raised, however, is the insinuation that those of Asian ancestry, whose culture and background is so different from those on the mainland, are somehow unable to assimilate and integrate into the accepted American pattern.

The question of loyalty has been replaced by one of cultural affinity.

Overlooked is the world reality that in these troubled times the United States needs the inspiration and the counsel of those who know best the culture and the thinking of those in that part of the Far East where the decisive ideological and economic battles may be fought that will determine the fate of free men everywhere. The people of Hawaii, as a state, can offer a new dimension to America's statesmanship in the Orient.

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WELL-KNOWN THOUGH rarely commented on during congressional debates is the fear of the Southern conservatives who for so many years have held the balance of power in the Congress—and especially in the Senate—that the addition of senators and representatives from either or both Alaska and Hawaii would decrease their potency in determining legislation, particularly those relating to civil rights and economics.

Now that two additional senators from Alaska are assured, it can be expected that those in the conservative leadership will redouble their efforts to prevent the admittance of Hawaii with two more senators who will probably vote in the liberal tradition of the west.

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SINCE ALASKA'S SUCCESS, Hawaii statehood adherents have rallied for a last-ditch effort to try to secure statehood this session, prior to adjournment either late this month or early next month.

Though the odds and time will be against them, the momentum gained by the Alaska success may well be in their favor. The same committee leadership in both chambers is available to this last-minute drive, although as yet unknown are the influential views of Speaker of the House Sam Rayburn and Senate Majority Leader Lyndon Johnson, both of Texas. Without their outspoken support this late in the session, Statehood for Hawaii will be doomed.

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Bay Area home builder denies minority races depreciate property values

SAN FRANCISCO. — A prominent Bay Area home builder is on record opposing racial discrimination in housing.

At the same time, this home-builder Joseph L. Eichler rebuked Richard E. Doyle, executive vice-president of Associated Home Builders, Inc., for his statements made earlier this past week that "it is generally accepted theory that minority races depreciate property values".

Doyle added that "there may be no statistics to prove that, but as the representative of the home builders it is the theory under which I operate".

Eichler wrote Doyle, in a letter that began "Dear Dick" but quickly dropped any tone of cordiality, that "our experience proves your statements to be untrue."

Denies Bias

"Since I am the largest, and probably most prominent, builder member of this association, it would seem that these statements would tend to reflect my own views," Eichler said, "and I wish to emphatically state that my firm, Eichler Homes, Inc., in no way practices any kind of discrimination."

Eichler told Doyle that "unless there is a forthright and unequivocal statement made officially by our association denouncing discrimination before July 1, I will be forced to resign from this organization."

Doyle's comments came in a discussion of a Sacramento judge's decision June 23 that builders who use Federally insured financing cannot turn down members of minority groups who want to buy the builders' homes.

Finances Only Standard

Eichler wrote that statements such as Doyle's "add years to the day that I am sure will arrive in this country when racial and other types of discrimination will be unheard of."

The builder said that "the only

standard we use to qualify a person for a house is that he has the financial qualifications and that, in our opinion, he will make a good neighbor."

Furthermore, said Eichler, Doyle's comments are doubly "deplorable in times like these, when our country is waging a battle for men's minds throughout the world."

SAN FRANCISCO. — Two quite practical proposals, in the view of Edward Howden, executive director of the San Francisco Council for Civic Unity, were offered to home builders who actually prefer not to practice exclusion of Negro and Oriental families from their new developments but feel motivated solely by what they regard as business necessity.

The proposals were outlined in a letter last week to Richard E. Doyle, executive vice-president of Association Home Builders, Inc., who commented on the Sacramento court decision that builders using Federally insured financing may no longer refuse to sell homes to minority group buyers.

Doyle was quoted in the press as saying that "it is natural that a builder would protect himself and his investment" through such discrimination.

First Proposal

"Virtually the only parties against whom a builder feels he must 'protect himself and his investment' are the competitors who are his fellow members," Howden pointed out in his first proposal.

"He perhaps fears that if he departs from convention in the industry and begins selling occasionally to nonwhite families his competitors—or some of them—within the same market area might keep their developments all white and seek to appeal to that proportion of white buyers who are prejudiced (the size of which, incidentally, is not known), thus gaining an advantage.

"Yet this fear would be removed if your members and those of neighboring home builder associations would simply agree that on a given date they would simultaneously drop their customary race barriers and sell henceforth to all financially qualified buyers," Howden wrote.

Second Proposal

The second proposal by Howden concerned Doyle's contention that "minority races depreciate property values".

Howden asked home builders and real estate organizations to "undertake a thorough-going re-examination of the old assumptions as to the relationship of property values and the presence of families of minority racial identity."

Some of the studies on this subject within the past five years, Howden cited, "cast real doubt over the validity of statements such as those attributed to you above". Without arguing the point in the letter, Howden earnestly suggested the Associated Home Builders commence a restudy of the whole question of "property values" with reference to race.

General Public Reaction

Howden also told Doyle that it was his belief the general public "is preponderantly ready" for non-discrimination in housing. Doyle was reminded that the Supreme Court decision rendering restrictive racial covenants unenforceable has been in effect for a full decade with the consequence that no neighborhood, whatever its beginning, can any longer be expected to remain indefinitely exclusive on racial grounds.

"There is reason to believe," Howden continued, "that nonwhite families will continue to comprise a steadily increasing segment of the demand for decent new homes."

Master plumber

LAWRENCE, Kans. — Edward Okamoto, owner of Ed's Plumbing Shop, has been appointed by the mayor to be the master plumber on the three-man examining board for men applying for licenses for journeymen, master plumbers and gas fitters.

EISENHOWER SIGNS ALASKA STATEHOOD BILL

WASHINGTON. — President Eisenhower Monday signed the bill to make Alaska the 49th State and then made an earnest plea for early admission of Hawaii into the Union.

"While I am pleased with the action of Congress admitting Alaska, I am extremely disturbed over reports that no action is contemplated in the current Congress on pending legislation to admit Hawaii as a state," President Eisenhower declared.

"My messages to Congress urging enactment of statehood legislation have particularly referred to the qualifications of Hawaii, as well as Alaska, and I personally believe that Hawaii is qualified for statehood.

"The thousands of loyal, patriotic Americans in Hawaii who suffered the ravages of World War II with us and who experienced the first disastrous attack upon Pearl Harbor must not be forgotten."

Hawaiian Advocates

Advocates of Hawaiian statehood, meanwhile, arrived here to press their case on a united front. Hawaii's Governor William F. Quinn and Vincent Esposito, Democratic Speaker of the Territorial House, led a group of 16 persons who will remain here indefinitely.

Asked what are the main obstacles to Hawaii's achieving statehood, Quinn said he believes they are charges of Communist influence in the islands' labor union movement and southern opposition to the islands' racial mixture.

"There are perhaps 50 Communists in Hawaii," the Governor said, belittling the charges of Red influence.

As for the racial composition of the Territory, Quinn said Hawaii's U.S. citizens of Oriental and other ancestry have shown time and again they are qualified for statehood.

"We are developing a completely integrated community," Esposito added. Of the 500,000 residents in Hawaii, over 40 per cent are of Asian ancestry—Japanese, Chinese, Korean and Filipino.

Politically, Quinn said, the islands were Republican in the first 50 years following attainment of Territorial status in 1903 and have leaned to the Democratic Party in the last two elections.

"Ultimately, I think it will be a swing situation," he added.

Jack Noda's ranch hit by \$5,000 fire

DENAIR. — Some \$5,000 worth of heavy farm equipment burned in a barn fire June 27 at the Jack Noda ranch. Direction of wind and presence of the Denair volunteer firemen saved the new Noda home 12 feet from the fire.

However, several windows in the home broke and paint on one side of the house blistered.

Noda is currently the national JAFL 2nd vice-president.

CALENDAR

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July 12 (Saturday)
Philadelphia — Chapter picnic, Friend's Central School.
July 13 (Sunday)
Hollywood — Beach Party, Playa del Rey, 11 a.m.
PNWDC — Quarterly meeting, District oratorical finals; Gresham Troutdale JAFL hosts, Gresham Japanese Hall, 10 a.m.
NC-WNDC — Executive board meeting with Sequoia JAFL.
San Francisco — Auxiliary Outing, Marton's Warm Spring, Sonoma County.
July 19 (Saturday)
Fresno — Outing.
July 29 (Sunday)
Eden Township — Community picnic, Castle Rock Park, 12 p.m.
New York — Outing, Sunken Meadow, Long Island.
July 21 (Monday)
West Los Angeles — Auxiliary pot-luck-picnic, Rancho Park, 6:30 p.m.
July 27 (Sunday)
Contra Costa — JAFL Picnic, Curry Creek Park.
Long Beach — Community picnic, Aug. 3 (Sunday)
NC-WNDC — Quarterly session; District Oratoricals; Sequoia JAFL hosts Belmont Casino.