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BY THE BOARD:

What's doing in
the Pacific Northwest

For the past several weeks, the chapters in the Pacific Northwest District Council were seeking young Nisei and Sansei to enter the JACL oratorical and essay contest, "What JACL Means to a Japanese American Youth." As of this writing, two chapters may have a representative appearing in our district runoff of July 13 at Gresham, Ore.

Why aren't the young people interested in such a contest that is national in scope? The reward or prize for the PNWDC winner will be a trophy, a round trip plane fare to Salt Lake City, a free package deal to all convention events with housing furnished by the Convention Board — which is as much or more than a district council chairman will get by attending the convention. The young orator also gets a chance to compete for national honors.

Talking to individuals of this age group, we find they are not familiar with the purposes and activities of JACL. It may be that due to the lack of an adequate Nisei press in the Northwest they seldom get to read JACL news, such as oratorical and essay contests being held for them.

And these young group of Japanese Americans, many of them in college and high school, probably outnumber the present count of active JACLers. It is now important that we get Jr. JACL organized to have them understand what JACL's purposes and activities are.

I was further surprised to learn that less than 40 per cent of our JACL members subscribe to the Pacific Citizen, which means that many of our members are not properly informed about their own organization.

Here in the Pacific Northwest, the birthplace of the national JACL organization, is now next to the smallest district council from the standpoint of membership and chapters. We are trying to organize Jr. JACL groups as well as reactivate the Spokane and Columbia Basin chapters. They have been inactive for several years and whatever the trouble, I hope some solution can be found at the national convention. And there are three or four communities in the PNWDC with concentrations of Japanese Americans, where chapters may be organized. I like to see them represented in our district council soon.

On the question of JACL entering into U.S.-Japan relations, the organizations of the Portland area just spent \$100 to entertain cadets of the Kaiwo Maru, a Japanese merchant marine training ship. Some of the comments from Nisei individuals feel that there are better places to spend that money. The PNWDC will add to the study of this controversial topic.

—HENRY T. KATO
PNWDC Chairman33 NAMED FOR
PVT. MASAOKA
SCHOLARSHIP

SAN FRANCISCO. — Twenty-three outstanding high school graduates have been named by JACL chapters as candidates for the 1958 Pvt. Ben Frank Masaoka Memorial Scholarship, according to JACL National Headquarters.

National JACL administers this annual scholarship donated by Mrs. Haruye Masaoka of Atherton, Calif., in memory of her son killed in action with the 442nd Japanese American Combat Team.

A panel of judges headed by Mrs. Teiko Kuroiwa of San Francisco is now in the process of reviewing the records to determine the winner. Other judges are Dr. Kazuo Togasaki, Victor Abe, Fred Hoshiyama, and Tak Yatabe.

National JACL President Dr. Roy Nishikawa stated that in view of the many deserving young people nominated, National JACL would again give a number of supplemental scholarships.

The nominees are:
James Aoki, Salt Lake Chapter; Thomas T. Aoki, Oakland; Nancy K. Fujita, Sonoma County; Deanna Honbo, Delano; Ronald N. Inouye, Mt. Olympus; Kenji Kawaoka, San Luis Obispo; Christina Kita, Salinas Valley; Yoko Kurokawa, West Los Angeles; Akiko Nii, Tulare County; Roger Kent Nogaki, New York; Judith E. Nomura, Twin Cities; Jean Ohata, Sacramento; Kiyo Oishi, Portland; Bill C. Sakaguchi, Idaho Falls; Michiharu Sakata, East Los Angeles; Paul M. Sakuma, Cleveland; Akira Sasaki, Seabrook; Aki Shohara, Clovis; Michiko Sukekane, Sequoia; Martha Ann Suzuki, Gresham-Troutdale; Helen Tademaru, Chicago; Emiko H. Tanioaka, Livingston-Merced; and Esther Yamakoshi, Reedley.

The 1957 recipient was Thomas Yoneda of Sonoma County who is now attending Stanford University.

Calipatria druggist, southern Colorado
farmer named for top Biennium honors

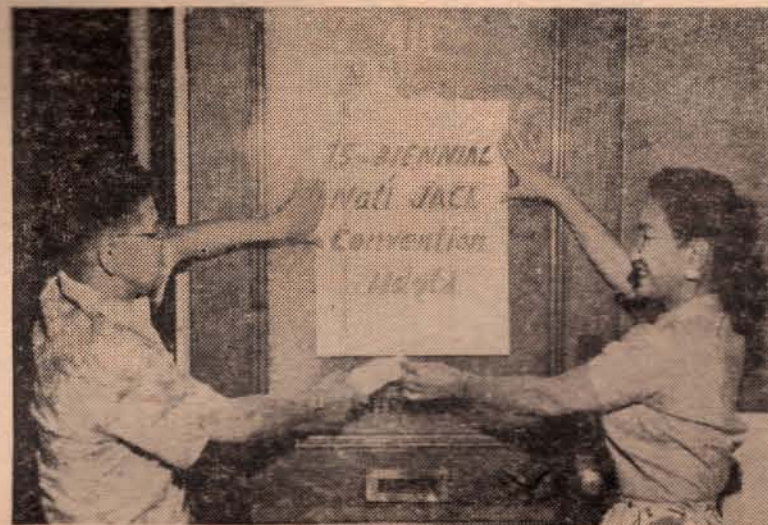
Two more nominations—Roy Y. Inouye of La Jara, Colo. for "JACLer of the Biennium" and Harry T. Momita of Calipatria for both "Nisei of" and "JACLer of the Biennium"—were received this week by George Inagaki, national chairman, JACL recognitions committee.

Both nominees have been prominent in community service as well as their respective chapters. Momita, who was recently featured in "This Is Your Life", was named by the Imperial Valley JACL, which he helped organize and is serving as its charter president. Inouye, who served as chapter president for three terms, was named by the San Luis Valley JACL.

Harry Momita

Momita, 57, born in Hiroshima but raised in California and naturalized an American citizen as soon as it was possible in 1953, is being nominated for the "distinguished community leadership" category in the "Nisei of the Biennium" awards.

A pharmacist by profession, Momita has been active in the Calipatria Chamber of Commerce (1956 president), the Lions as well as JACL. He gained national prominence following the tragedy in which his wife was killed in a highway accident and put into reality a dream of building the tallest flagpole in America by turning over the flower contributions. His nomination for "JACLer of the Biennium" stems from the



Placing a sign on the 15th Biennial convention headquarters door are George Yoshimoto (left), general arrangements chairman, and Blanche Shiosaki of the Pacific Southwest regional

office in Los Angeles and assigned to special duty with the convention committee. Convention headquarters is located at 411 Beason Bldg., Salt Lake City 11, Utah. —Terashima Photo.

15th Biennial convention opens office
in same building where JACL stayed

SALT LAKE CITY. — Opening of the 15th Biennial National JACL Convention offices was hailed today by chairman Rupert Hachiya. The party will be held here Aug. 22-25.

"The opening of this office will facilitate the convention committee's work and will give those desiring information on any and all phases of the convention a central address point to send their inquiries," Hachiya said.

George Yoshimoto made the arrangements to have the office located in the same building where National JACL Headquarters was located for ten years from 1942 to 1952. Miss Shiosaki has been in the employ of the national or-

ganization for six years.

8 young orators in
NC-WNDC contest

SAN FRANCISCO. — Eight young speakers from five chapters will participate in the district elimination JACL oratorical contest in Redwood City on Sunday, Aug. 3, according to Yone Satoda, chairman for the event.

The district contest will be held from 3:30 p.m. following the third quarterly Northern California-Western Nevada JACL District Council session which will start at 1 p.m.

Both events will be held at Belmont Casino on the Old County Rd., between San Mateo and Redwood City.

The eight entries are:
San Francisco — Yvonne Fujimoto; Oakland — Jack Kono, Tom Aoki, Evelyn Nakano; Marysville — Rodney Kageyama; Sequoia — Sherrie Kaneda; Sacramento — Jean Ohata; Stockton — Emiko Yamamoto.

Each speaker will give a 12-minute talk on the topic, "What the JACL Means to the Japanese American Youth."

The winner will receive a \$100 savings bond, a trophy and transportation to the contest finals in Salt Lake City on Aug. 25.

KEN DYON NOMINATED FOR
2ND NAT'L VICE-PRES.

SAN FRANCISCO. — The nomination of Ken Dyo of Pasadena as national JACL 2nd vice-president was announced last week by Yasuo Abiko, national chairman, JACL nominations committee.

The nomination was supported in a petition from three chapters, Pasadena, Downtown Los Angeles and East Los Angeles.

The declaration of nomination from Miwa Yanamoto as candidate for secretary to the National Board was also received.

Honolulu Record ends
9 years of publication

HONOLULU. — The final edition of the Honolulu Record, edited by Koji Ariyoshi, was announced in its July 3 issue. The weekly publication, which began in 1948, was regarded as "subversive" by government prosecutors when its editor was one of the defendants in the recent Smith Act trial.

DR. NISHIKAWA
BEING DRAFTED
FOR 2ND TERM

An unprecedented draft movement to retain a national JACL president for a second term was disclosed yesterday in the announcement made by veteran Pasadena JACLer Tom Ito, who acted as spokesman for three chapters that are petitioning to keep Dr. Roy Nishikawa in the top organizational post.

The draft was unprecedented in that Dr. Nishikawa's renomination was made over the original choice of his home district council.

"JACL is now going through one of its most critical periods. We feel that it is more important than ever to select the most experienced and most able men for national officers," Ito declared in support of Dr. Nishikawa, who has only offered a tentative commitment.

The draft movement also included Ken Dyo of Pasadena, one-time PSWDC chairman, for the office of national second vice-president, who has consented to run.

Uncommitted as Yet

Ito, a veteran in JACL for 20 years and a 1000 Club Life member, explained: "Dr. Nishikawa is reluctant to serve again as national president because of the great demands made on his time. However, we feel quite confident that by convention time, he will give us a definite commitment."

Signing the petition were three chapter presidents: Dr. Ken Yamaguchi, Pasadena; Roy Yamadera, East Los Angeles; and Frank Suzuki, Downtown L.A. Other chapters have endorsed Dr. Nishikawa, Ito added and he was quite confident that a majority vote would be forthcoming at the national convention.

Ito recalled that Dr. Nishikawa, who had served three terms as national treasurer, was a unanimous choice at the 1956 convention. In citing his organizational accomplishments, Ito pointed to his 10 years of active JACL service, commencing with two terms as Southwest L.A. chapter president, followed by his chairmanship of the Pacific Southwest District Council. A 10-year member of the 1000 Club, Dr. Nishikawa has served five years on the PSW JACL credit union board, was former treasurer and current chairman of the COJAE and headed such national JACL committees as resolutions, planning, budget and finance. He also is an active member of the Pacific Citizen Board and the national JACL youth committee.

1954 Convention Head

Dr. Nishikawa is also remembered as chairman of the 1952 testimonial banquet honoring congressmen who were helpful in the passage of the Immigration and Nationality Act, which permitted the naturalization of Issei, and was 1954 convention board chairman.

To this record, Ito added Dr. Nishikawa is the recipient of JACL's two most coveted service awards, the ruby and sapphire pins.

(Shig Wakamatsu of Chicago, current national first vice-president, has been endorsed by the Midwest District Council for the presidency and is the sole committed candidate for the top executive post.—Ed.)

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From the Frying Pan

By Bill Hosokawa

Portland, Ore.

TALES OF THE DEEP—Wherever one goes in the Pacific Northwest, the talk among Nisei menfolk turns sooner or later to fishing. Perhaps the fact that the Nisei spring from a long line of people who had to fish to live has something to do with their affinity for the sport, and for their skill. And in the Northwest, where the fisherman has a choice of stream or lake, shallow salt water or ocean, Nisei devotees are in their glory.

It was at Dr. Kats Nakadate's home that we got into the inevitable topic. Dr. Nakadate was urging us to return to Portland when we had more time so that he could introduce us to the thrill of deep sea salmon fishing. "We'll go up to Tillamook," he was saying. "We can charter a boat and go out over the bar, way out where the big ones are."

Dr. Mits Nakata, who apparently has had some experience with deep sea fishing, was nodding assent, but suddenly a cloud of doubt passed over his face. "By the way, Kats," he said, "did you enjoy that last trip we made out of Tillamook?"

"Well, no," Dr. Nakadate admitted. "It was sort of rough, and some of the fellows got sick and really we didn't have a very good time."

When we got down to the details, it turned out that everyone had a pretty lousy time of it, but nonetheless they were anxious to take a mountain boy out into deep, deep water and show him a good time. Mighty hospitable, these Oregonians.

ANOTHER COWBOY—Among those at Dr. Nakadate's party was Art Somekawa, civilian in charge of clothing disbursement or procurement, I'm not sure which, at Portland Air Force Base. Art happened to remember a Frying Pan column about Willie Wada of Seattle, Nisei rodeo cowboy, and so he was mighty pleased when he ran into another Nisei cowboy type at the base.

Art was good enough to make some notes about him, an airman first class name of George Kikuchi. Kikuchi was born in Worland, Wyo., some 26 years ago, and worked on ranches in Wyoming and Montana at various times from 1945 until he went into the air force in 1952. Among other places he worked for the Northern Wyoming Land Co., broke more horses than he can remember, and performed in many of the little rodeos that feature town celebrations in the cow country.

WHERE THEY WILL SLEEP—Out in the quiet northeast part of Portland is Rose City cemetery, one end of which was set aside many years ago for local Japanese residents. Since then the cemetery has been expanded so that the Japanese area is no longer on the fringes. This part of the cemetery is well kept and dominated by a tall shaft dedicated to Nisei servicemen who died during World War II and the Korean war. And surrounding the shaft are row-on-row of tombstones marking the graves of Portland's Issei pioneers and members of their families.

A closer examination shows that some Issei, with exceptional foresight, have purchased and erected their own tombstones even while they are still alive and healthy. Their names and the dates of their birth are carefully chiseled into the granite, but the date of death is blank pending the event.

There is something deeply moving in the action of these Issei who, recognizing the inevitability of death in their traditionally practical manner, have made preparations for the day. In this deed they have affirmed their desire to spend the eternal sleep in this their adopted land where they have lived and worked for so long.

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One's Success Gives Another Hope



15th Biennial Underlines

BY RUPERT HACHIYA

Chairman, National JACL Convention Board

Housing Registrations Slow: In order to avoid a last minute jam, Housing Chairman Kay Nakashima requests delegates to send in their room requirements as soon as possible. He would like to emphasize the fact that it would be much easier on the Housing Committee if the registrants would use the forms provided. The hotels will not accept the reservations without the date and time of arrival, so do not fail to mention the date and time you expect to arrive in Salt Lake. In order to save us the trouble of writing for this requested information, please do not neglect to fill in this important item on your housing form.

These forms have been mailed to all your chapter presidents, so delegates desiring housing should contact your local presidents first. More can be obtained by writing to Convention Headquarters, 411 Beason Bldg., Salt Lake City, or calling EM 4-9842.

Kay reports that the motel accommodations are going fast, so if motel is your desire, hurry, hurry!

Pre-Registration Prize: Maurea Terashima, registration chairman, and George Yoshimoto, general arrangements chairman, announced this week that the grand prize on the drawing open to delegates who send in their registration before Aug. 5 (only two weeks more) will be a beautiful \$200 Philco Hi-Fi console. This will be worth every bit your effort to get registered on time. Here again the committee is urging that forms sent to the chapter presidents be used in order to facilitate processing.

Blanche Arrives: Blanche Shiozaki of the Southern California Regional Office arrived safe and sound here on July 10, after a two-day trip, driving all by her lonesome across the hot stretch of desert and sage brush. We certainly commend her independence and bravery—and in the few days that she has been here, we have been continually amazed

with her abilities, everything from getting things done to downing a platter of "bota mochi" served at the Japanese Church of Christ "Oriental Festival". She has found comfortable quarters at the Ambassador Cottages for the month's stay, has officially been keeping the Convention Headquarters open, and by the time this column is out to its readers, she will be busy assisting Jeanne Konishi round up the pages for the souvenir booklet. Sunday, she attended the Okayama-ken picnic at the Jordan Park with some of the Convention Board members, where Sue Kaneko, secretary to the chairman, had her cornered with convention letters, and piles of files for Blanche to become acquainted with. We certainly welcome her with open arms for she has already proven herself to be of great value in so many ways.

Message from the Queen: Guest columnist this week is your convention queen Margaret Itami. We wanted her to tell you in her own words about her past month's study and activities. It's a real pleasure for me to turn this column over now to your lovely queen.

By Margaret Itami

Busy as a Bee: During my stay in Salt Lake I was a busy little bee. It is my wish to enumerate some of my experiences in detail to give you an idea what I mean by "busy as a bee".

My first official call as National JACL Queen, was to call on the honorable Governor Clyde of Utah, at which time he highly complimented the Japanese in Utah, our JACL, and wished us a successful convention. My next call was a visit to the Salt Lake Chamber of Commerce Convention Bureau where I met William Backman, the director, with Kay Nakashima, convention Housing chairman. The convention bureau is assisting Kay on housing matters by acting as the clearing house on hotel and motel reservations.

Meeting Another Queen: It was a thrill to meet the "Days of National Convention."

SO. ALAMEDA NISEI GROWERS DISPLAY WINS

PLEASANTON.—The Nisei Growers of Washington Township won the blue ribbon in the feature booth display at the Alameda County fair here. It climaxed an effort which was started in 1948.

Theme of the prize winning display was "Tomato Culture", featuring a turntable with a large tomato in the center with the surrounding area showing various phases of its cultivation. In the background was a painting of a tomato field with large tomatoes to one side.

Two active Fremont JACLers, Kaz and Chuck Shikano, were co-chairmen, assisted by:

Henry and May Kato, Yutaka Handa, Ace Handa, Yosh Hisaoka, Kay Mayeda, Kaz Kawaguchi, Kiyoshi Katsumoto, Ky Kato, Toyoko Yonekura, and James Sekigahama.

'47" Queen Ruthann Fisher, who reigns over the state's most celebrated Pioneer Day. Being the same age and experiencing similar duties, Ruthann and I enjoyed some exchange of interesting conversations. We both took entrance tests for the University of Utah the same day and managed to lunch together at the luxurious new Union Bldg. Cafeteria.

Visit to Brighton was a memorable one. The beauty of nature could be viewed from all angles. The atmosphere there will help make the convention outing most enjoyable for all of us who will be fortunate to attend. The fresh, clean smell of the pine trees along with the picturesque mountains was a sight to behold. I am most eagerly anticipating the ski lift ride at convention time. Having to arrange for publicity pictures with artist John Mizuno and Howell Ujifusa, I did not have the time for the ride on my first visit.

Fun in the Great Salt Lake: It was a very unusual, but truly a wonderful sensation to lie on your back with the confidence that it is impossible to sink to the bottom. That was the experience I received when I took my first dip in the Great Salt Lake with Ruth Okawa, Salt Lake Chapter Queen and Rupert Hachiya, Convention Chairman. This tourist's attraction is a "must" for all new visitors to the convention city.

The Bonneville golf pro, Richard Kramer, showed me how the iron is correctly handled. The golf course is a lovely spot and the golfers should have a wonderful convention turnout here.

One of my purposes of spending a month in Salt Lake City was to attend the Utah School of Culture. I had classes three times weekly from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. on advanced studies. I was given the four and a half month course in one, so homework alone kept me very busy. The instructions and experiences that I have gained from the charm school will be of great benefit to me to carry out my duties as your convention Queen.

I owe a debt of gratitude to the Kay Terashima family for inviting me to stay as their house guest for the entire month at their lovely new home. Kay Terashima, as you know, is the finance and budget chairman of the convention board.

The family made me feel very much at home. Since I do not have any sisters, it was so nice experiencing not only one, but two sisters, Jean and Naomi. Big brother, Paul, even escorted me to the Graduation Dance. They all saw to my every need and convenience—it didn't leave any room for me to even feel homesick.

Convention Well Planned: I have attended some of the weekly working sessions and meetings, and I assure you that they have been planning many exciting activities for you to participate in during the conclave. I have observed the rapid progress of the gigantic work with cooperation and participation of the faithful working members. After the completion of the ballet recital at home, I am looking forward to return a week early to make final preparations for the 15th Biennial Convention.



Vagaries

By Larry S. Tajiri

'Japanese Question' in Statehood Issue

The granting of statehood to Alaska has been greeted with considerable joy in Hawaii, the territory which has sought a similar status for more than a half-century. In fact, sober students of the statehood question probably will agree that, though both territories merited statehood, Hawaii was far more ready than its northern territorial partner in terms of economics, population and social advancement.

Why has Hawaii been kept waiting? John A. Burns, Hawaii's Democratic delegate to Congress, didn't mince words the other day when he hinted that there was opposition in Congress to Hawaiian statehood because of the territory's large population of Asian ancestry, the majority of them Japanese. Delegate Burns is a politician with savvy and he is not unaware that much of the opposition to Hawaiian statehood stems from the Deep South.

Until Hawaii's men of Japanese and other Asian ancestry distinguished themselves as American troops in World War II and in Korea, the racial issue—often referred to bluntly as "the Japanese question"—was a major point in any discussion of statehood for Hawaii. The unreasoning fear that Hawaii would become "a Japanese state with a Japanese governor and a Japanese electorate" was expressed by more than one statehood opponent.

The racial question was raised openly before the exploits of the 100th Infantry Battalion from Hawaii and the 442nd Combat Team, composed of men from both Hawaii and the mainland, were made public. Since then, the statehood opposition, within Hawaii (and there is some) and on the mainland, have gone mainly underground with the racial issue and have stressed instead the items (1) of non-contiguity and (2) Communism. But the racial question has remained a major factor, particularly among members of congress from the Deep South.

There was time, before World War II, when the matter of loyalty of Hawaii's residents of Japanese ancestry, comprising some 35 pct. of the population, was a major subject for discussion. The war settled that, but it did not satisfy the opposition with their arguments to the possibility that persons of Japanese ancestry might dominate Hawaii's political life.

There are elements in the Deep South who are anxious to maintain the present balance of power in Congress, particularly on civil rights. These elements fear that Alaska and Hawaii, both with non-white segments of the population, would vote with the civil rights bloc against the South's way of life. Hawaii, in particular, has a reputation of racial integration and interracial equality and harmony. With Alaska already in, these elements may be expected to intensify their opposition to Hawaii.

As Delegate Burns noted last week, use of the "Japanese question" in opposition to Hawaiian statehood was made as far back as 58 years ago when, in 1900, Governor Sanford Ballard Dole of the territory declared that state status was out of the question because it would result in a "Japanese governor." This has been the anti-statehood attitude since that time.

OBSTACLE IN SENATE

Mainly because of the veto power of the southern bloc, Hawaiian statehood has been one of those questions in which congressional action has never caught up with public attitudes. Gallup poll after poll has shown the American citizen preponderantly in favor of statehood, while the platforms of both major parties have included statehood planks for the past two decades. In the face of majority opinion in the affirmative, Congress has faltered. Usually one house votes for Hawaiian statehood, and the other branch kills it. The opposition is probably most firmly entrenched in the Senate which has a tendency to regard its precincts as sort of "the world's most exclusive club." Only a handful of women (Maine's Margaret Chase Smith and Arkansas' Hattie Caraway are the only two of consequence) have violated the upper House's sacred precincts.

It is also the Senate, with 26 members from 13 southern states, in which the South maintains something of a veto power on legislation. This power would be diminished by the addition of four new seats.

'NO FINER AMERICANS' . . .

There was also a time when statehood proponents from Hawaii sought to hide "the Japanese question". In at least one pro-statehood film made a decade ago, no mention was made of the role of the territory's Japanese Americans in its political and economic life. The omission was a glaring one, and didn't fool anybody. In recent years the statehood lobby in Washington has been far more realistic and have used the territory's Nisei, particularly the war record of the Japanese Americans, as a positive factor.

Meanwhile, typical of much mainland opinion on the Alaskan statehood victory was that of the powerful Denver Post which ran a hard-hitting editorial, "Hawaii Must Not Be Kept Waiting." The editorial, incidentally, was front-paged the next day by the Honolulu Star-Bulletin which is sensitive to mainland public opinion. A Denver Post columnist, Roscoe Fleming, also wrote in the July 11 issue that the argument that "Hawaii may find it harder to get into the Union than did Alaska, largely because about one-third of all Hawaiians are of Japanese descent" was a "specious and enraging reason."

"No finer Americans exist than those of Japanese descent," Fleming wrote, citing the Nisei war record and noting the "wretched and un-American" mass evacuation of Japanese.

"Personally, I think it will be a proud day for America when a Japanese-American from Hawaii takes his seat in the U.S. Senate," said Fleming.

Writer Roscoe Fleming undoubtedly mirrors an attitude which has considerable support in these United States as a result of the wartime behavior of the Nisei. If the opponents of Hawaiian statehood still base their arguments on the race question, friends of statehood can similarly exploit the reservoir of goodwill which the Nisei have created.

ARCHIVES IN JAPAN REVEALS PARENTAGE OF OKEI-SAN, JAPANESE GIRL WHO DIED IN CALIFORNIA IN YEAR 1871

BY TAMOTSU MURAYAMA
(Special to Pacific Citizen)

TOKYO. — Thanks to Japan's centuries old family registration system (which has been replaced by the U.S. Occupation in 1947 by a new registration law), the mystery of Okei's family has been lifted.

Okei belongs to early California Japanese history, having died in 1871 when she was only 19 years old and probably the first Japanese colonist to die on American soil.

The exciting news that Okei was the eldest daughter of Bunkichi and Okiku Ito of Wakamatsu City in Fukushima prefecture was disclosed earlier this month when old documents were uncovered in one of the municipal store houses in Wakamatsu.

Okei-san was born in a section of Wakamatsu called Imogashira Shinden. Her father was a carpenter.

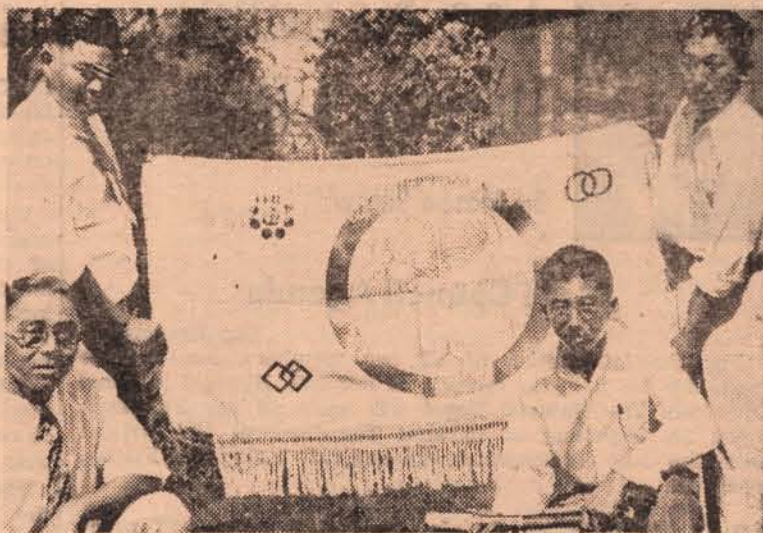
Thought to be Geisha

Heretofore, Okei's background was one of mystery. One story held she was a geisha from the outskirts of Tokyo. Now, her family registration reveals that she had three brothers and one sister.

She was only 17 when she was taken to California as a maid by Dutchman Edward Snell with a group of some 45 colonists aboard the S.S. China in 1869. Snell (or Schnell) had been marksmanship instructor for the Aizu Clan and had to flee Japan because he had sold guns and ammunition to the rebels in Japan's civil war in which the imperial forces won out in the "War of the Restoration".

Coming to California ostensibly to found a tea settlement at Gold Hill in El Dorado County, the venture failed and Snell returned to Japan.

Okei-san's final resting place, marked by a white marble tombstone, in the mid-Sierra hillside was long neglected through the



JACLers of Placer County (circa 1930) hold Japanese banner and dagger in possession of landowners where Okei's grave is situated.

years standing alone in the bushes until the late newspaperman Settsuzo Takeda publicized the story of Okei and made numerous efforts to preserve the site some 30 years ago. (Takeda was the Sacramento correspondent for the now defunct Japanese American News of San Francisco). Takeda had produced important historical data on Okei but much of his research was later stolen.

Placer County JACL

Placer County JACL deserves much credit for preserving Okei-san's grave. During the early years of the chapter, it was one of their projects to restore the gravesite, since it was a symbol of Japanese pioneering spirit in California.

The national JACL convention of 1934 in San Francisco decided to follow Placer County in helping to preserve this historical spot on the old Veerkamp property about three miles from Coloma.

Now, JACL through its Pacific Citizen can write a new page of

Japanese history in the United States with the discovery of Okei-san's family registration. Okei Ito, eldest daughter of carpenter Bunkichi Ito of Wakamatsu, sounds pretty complete now.

The city of Wakamatsu has also erected a tombstone for Okei—almost identical to the one in California—to honor the first Japanese girl who died in California.

Registration Law

The Japanese family registration system dates back to the mid-17th century. Though interrupted during the Sengoku Era, it was resumed in the Edo Era (1603-1867) for the Shogun of Edo in 1716 ordered the registration be conducted every six years. The first modern system was initiated by the Meiji government in 1886 and subsequently made more complete in 1896.

The American occupation abolished the system with a new registration law, currently in force, on Dec. 22, 1947, which is on a husband-wife basis.

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The National Director's Report

By Masao Satow

Nat'l Council Agenda

San Francisco
For the information of all our members, here is the agenda for the business sessions at our 15th Biennial National Convention. The National Board will meet all day Thursday, August 21, beginning at 10 a.m. The National Nominations Committee has a breakfast meeting at 7:30 a.m. Friday, August 22.

FRIDAY, AUGUST 22, Opening Session, 9 a.m. - 12 noon; Empire Room, Hotel Utah.

Call to Order: Dr. Roy M. Nishikawa, National President
Roll Call of Chapters: Mrs. Lily Okura, Secretary to National Board.

Introductions:

Greetings: Rupert Hachiya, Chairman, 15th Biennial National Convention.

National Reports - (For official filing with brief comments):
National President—Dr. Roy M. Nishikawa; National Director—Masao W. Satow; Washington Office—Mike M. Masaoka; National Treasurer—Kumeo Yoshinari, Acting Natl. Treasurer; Pacific Citizen Board—George Inagaki; National 1000 Club—Kenji Tashiro; Arlington National Cemetery Comm.—Ira Shimazaki; Committee Against Defamation—(unannounced); National Building Committee—Jack Noda; National Recognitions—George Inagaki; Japanese American Evacuation Claims—Dr. Roy Nishikawa.

Report of National Nominating Committee: Yasuo Abiko, Chairman

FRIDAY, AUGUST 22, 1:30 - 5 p.m.—Meetings of National Committees

I. BUDGET AND FINANCE: (Chairman, Kumeo Yoshinari) Review of National finances for past biennium, 1959-60 National Budget, JACL Endowment and Reserve Funds.

II. GENERAL PROGRAM AND ACTIVITIES: (Chairman, Jerry Enomoto) Arlington National Cemetery Committee, Nisei Soldier Memorial Day, Future of National Essay and Oratorical Contests, Issei Story, Japanese Cultural Programs, Chapter of the year project, Understanding other Groups and membership in other groups, Committee on Aging.

III. WORK WITH YOUTH: (Chairman, Mrs. Sue Joe) Summary of Youth Questionnaire, National JACL Policy with respect to Youth, National Oratorical and Essay Contests, Scholarships.

IV. LEGISLATIVE - LEGAL COMMITTEE: (Chairman: Harold Gordon) Legislative Program for 1959-60 biennium, Evacuation Claims, Follow up on COJAE, Immigration, JACL's Relation to U.S.-Japan Affairs, Vested Property, Re-

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Largest turnout at Cleveland picnic aids welfare fund

CLEVELAND. — Probably the largest gathering ever attending a Japanese community picnic here crowded into Wiegand's Lake Park on June 29.

With the weatherman fully cooperating, the relaxed atmosphere of this early summer day was most rewarding in terms of the local Japanese community fund, which was depleted recently by two worthy welfare cases. The JACL and community-sponsored picnic was specifically designated to replenish the fund to a reasonable operating level.

The huge turnout amply assures the fund and at the same time spoke well of the successful organizational work performed by co-chairmen John Ochi and Joe Kadowaki.

The family-style picnic began early. One of the features of the day was the softball contest between the Tennis and Golf club members that ended in a 13-13 tie in a five-inning comedy of errors.

The Fuji Club, composed of local Japanese war brides, entertained in a 30-minute program and the Debbishires climaxed the day with their picnic dance.

'Sports Night' to focus Salt Lake City convention

SAN FRANCISCO. — A pre-convention "Sports Night" rally to boost the 15th Biennial National JACL Convention in Salt Lake City Aug. 22-25 will be held by the San Francisco JACL on Friday, July 25. The chapter will have exclusive use of the Buchanan YM-YWCA from 9 to 12 p.m. A big crowd is anticipated for this popular chapter activity.

Yone Satoda, event chairman, announced that members can enjoy volleyball, badminton, pool, ping pong and cards. An informal dance in the auditorium will conclude the evening's activities.

Open-air breakfast slated by Monterey CL picnickers

MONTEREY. — The annual Monterey Peninsula JACL barbecue at Big Sur State Park has been scheduled for Sunday, Aug. 10, with Jimmie Uyeda in charge.

Those who go for an open-air breakfast can join the "sunrises" who will be there in force to enjoy the best-tasting ham and eggs.

UTAH SWIMMER ACCEPTS COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIP

SALT LAKE CITY. — Tosh Imai, one of Tooele High's finest swimmers, has accepted a Michigan State scholarship, his parents Mr. and Mrs. George Imai said last week. Currently, he is assisting his coach as swimming instructor at the Tooele municipal pool.

If it's time to renew your 1000 Club membership this month, remit directly to National JACL Headquarters, San Francisco.



'1000' CLUB NOTES

SAN FRANCISCO.—National JACL Headquarters acknowledged 83 new and renewal 1000 Club memberships for the first half of July as follows:

LIFE MEMBER
Seattle — Takeshi Kubota
Gardena Valley — Kenji Osaka
Yellowstone — Kiyoshi Sakota.

TENTH YEAR
Pasadena — Butch Y. Tamura
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Eden Township — Giichi Yoshioka.

NINTH YEAR
Sanger — Johnson Kebo.

EIGHTH YEAR
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SEVENTH YEAR
Yellowstone — Hiroshi Miyasaki
Seattle — Fred T. Takagi
Downtown L.A. — Eiji E. Tanabe.

SIXTH YEAR
Chicago — Abe Hagiwara
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San Mateo — Haruo Ishimaru
Gardena Valley — Ronald Shiosaki
Seattle — Dr. Kelly K. Yamada
Southwest L.A. — Tatsuo Yata.

FIFTH YEAR
New York — Mrs. Masa Enochy, Tatsukichi Enochy, Tomio Enochy, Mrs. May Hirata
St. Louis — Harry H. Hayashi, Dr. Alfred A. Morioka
Yellowstone — Fuji T. Hikida, Haruo Yamasaki
Downtown L.A. — Joseph Ito, Ernest K. Iwasaki, George Nakatsuka, Ed K. Yamato
Chicago — Dr. Victor S. Izui, Paul T. Seto
Fresno — Dr. Henry H. Kazato
San Francisco — William T. Kimura, Daisy Uyeda, Kaye C. Uyeda
Salt Lake City — Kay Terashima
Mt. Olympus — Shigeki Ushio
Washington, D.C. — John Y. Yoshino
Seattle — Juro Yoshioka.

FOURTH YEAR
Seattle — Hiram Akita, John M. Kashiwagi
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Yellowstone — Mike A. Kamachi, Tommy H. Miyasaki
Detroit — Roy T. Kaneko, Mitchiyoshi Uyeda
New York — Marie Kurihara
San Diego — Tom Mukai
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Sacramento — Mrs. Shizue N. Baker
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Marysville — Thomas H. Teesdale.

SECOND YEAR
New York — Dr. Harry F. Abe, Yoshi T. Imai, George Kyotow
Yellowstone — Lyndon R. Bramwell
Orange County — Tommy Enomoto
Downtown L.A. — Sam Hada (San Marcos, Tex.)
Eden Township — Tom Kitayama
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Delano — Bill T. Nakagawa
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Fowler — Mikko Uchiyama
Philadelphia — Dr. Warren H. Watanabe.

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Thousand Club Notes

By Kenji Tashiro

BIG PUSH FOR ACTIVE 1000ERS

The big push is underway on our previously announced drive to up the active 1000 Club membership roster prior to the National Convention. Though we haven't as yet seen anything spectacular in the way of results, we know that at least some of our chapter presidents and 1000 Club chairmen are out beating the bushes.

One who is not letting any grass grow under his feet is old reliable Tom Okabe, Chicago's up 'n at 'em 1000 Club Chairman. He was instrumental in getting 17 renewals and a couple of new memberships for his chapter during the last half of June. I'm sure we'll be hearing more from him, too, before this drive is concluded. Another is effervescent Frank Suzukida, Downtown LA prexy. We received assurances from him just a few days ago that DTLA is about to conduct an all-out campaign to get its delinquent Thousanders back into the fold. When Suzukida and Company undertake a project, they do things in a big way. So we're counting on them heavily to give our active listing a tremendous boost.

The Deacon recently sent out through National Headquarters a special renewal request to some 300 Thousanders who have fallen by the wayside since the 1956 National Convention in San Francisco. It was very cleverly composed and designed to entice these Thousanders to renew immediately to insure that their names would be included on the honor roll listing in the forthcoming Convention souvenir booklet. So far, about 25 Thousanders have already responded and we are hopeful that many more will do so before the deadline of July 31.

New memberships continue to come in at a gratifying rate, averaging about 15 or more a month. The number of life memberships also is inching steadily upward. The latest to take this means of reaffirming their loyalty and continued devotion to JACL are Ken Osaka of Gardena, Kiyo Sakota of Yellowstone and Tak Kubota of Seattle. Thanks, fellows, for your generous support! Your actions certainly make our job more meaningful.

Though all indications at present point to a successful drive, it is contingent upon all of our chapter presidents and chapter 1000 Club chairmen. We are hopeful that all will give wholehearted support to this one big campaign.

A final reminder of the July 31 cut-off date for inclusion in the Convention booklet honor roll listing. All Thousanders, particularly those whose present memberships expire this month, take heed!

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We can't let a summer pass without a word or two about the Hollywood Bowl, which opened its 37th season last week. The program is long-hair on Tuesday and Thursday nights, "pops" on Saturdays. Tourists probably take in Disneyland, Marineland and Knott's Berry Farm when they visit Los Angeles during the summers, but one of the most relaxing evenings can be yours if you're slightly inclined toward music at the "Symphonies Under the Stars."

There's a cosmopolitan air about the audience as well as the music and musicians. There are people from all walks of life, in all manners of dress (the stylish chemise to informal capri for the women, knatty summer suit to shirt-sleeve only for men) and outlook (we saw some follow the music from orchestral scores and I just as soon close my eyes and only listen). The music knows no barrier of race, color or creed at the Hollywood Bowl or any other place where good music is to be heard. And there is no bar on talent that performs. Several years ago, a Tokyo violinist appeared here.

The facilities at the Bowl are gradually improving. The landscaping, seating arrangements and ticket offices are adequate. More auto parking space is being added each year. Public transportation is also getting better. It seems that the Bowl association is doing its utmost to add to the physical comforts of the listener as well as to their esthetic tastes.

We attended the sell-out opening night performance Tuesday with Eugene Ormandy as guest conductor. But we were more delighted with the numbers two nights later. We've heard Schuphony then as we've never heard it before. The genius of Ormandy's artistry was very evident. And before the season ends Aug. 30, we hope to enjoy the talents of such artists as soprano Elisabeth Schwarzkopf, pianist Van Cliburn, conductor Georg Solti, pianist Rudolf Serkin and even Nat "King" Cole. "Jazz at Hollywood Bowl" (Aug. 20) should prove how cosmopolitan the musical institution has become.

— Harry K. Honda.

Liberalize JACL attitude on U.S.-Japan: 'Tokuzo' Gordon

BY HAROLD GORDON

This memorandum was prepared at the request of National President Roy Nishikawa and some members of the National Board. It is intended to stimulate discussion on this question, which will be prominent on the agenda of the National Convention at Salt Lake City.

As Shig Wakamatsu, national 1st vice-president, so aptly put it in his memorandum to the MDC Chapters prior to the MDC Convention:

"Our general membership should be as fully informed as possible; otherwise, misinformation and wrong notions will bring about a divisive effect on our organization. We should discourage our members to take 'positions' on this subject until all pertinent facts are in hand. As the matter stands now, much of the furor is in a vacuum. Let us strive to create an atmosphere of open-mindedness until we are able to decide on a course of action through facts, figures, logic and reason, with an informed membership behind us."

Personal Introduction

I personally feel that the general topics, "U.S.-Japan Affairs" or "International Relations," are so broad as to be scary, and one of my purposes in this memorandum is to get down to specifics in an effort to remove this aura of fear.

I feel that most of the fear and conservatism in discussing these topics is an emotional attitude, which stems from the post-Pearl Harbor experiences when any organization connected in any way with things Japanese, no matter how innocently, was viewed with suspicion. This, coupled with a "Let's not stick our neck out" trait, which is very common among us, has led us, I feel, to lean over backwards in an effort to be "simon pure" Americans to the point that we are afraid to exercise our prerogative as Americans.

Kumeo Yoshinari, MDC Chairman, put it aptly during the MDC discussion when he said, "Let us think as Americans and not as Japanese Americans."

As one "Nisei" who did not suffer the evacuation, I can adopt a more detached attitude and approach the question from a standpoint of pure logic without emotional involvement.

The opinions expressed here are my own and since I feel strongly that we should revise our policy I have made no attempt to be impartial.

Background

What are we talking about when we say "U.S.-Japan Affairs?" Why are we again debating JACL policy in this field?

In answer to the first question, we are talking about major questions which come up from time to time in Washington going to the root of the maintenance of friendly relations between the United States and Japan, such as:

(a) The maintenance of a healthy economy in Japan through Japanese trade with the United States, as opposed to trade with the communist orbit.

(b) International incidents which arise from time to time, like the Girard case and the atomic fall-out on the "Lucky Dragon." These are only typical and are not intended to be all-inclusive.

Answering the second question, "Why are we again debating JACL policy in this field?" Because our Washington Office is continually being asked questions by various Congressmen and officials of executive agencies as to JACL's stand on certain matters.

These various Congressmen and officials are concerned and interested in how we, that is JACL, think because they feel that the JACL is the spokesman for Americans of Japanese ancestry in this country.

They feel, rightly or wrongly,

that because of our ancestry we have more information and more concern for the continuance of good Japanese-American relations than any other group.

Specific topics within

Going back to my first question, "What are we talking about when we say 'U.S.-Japan Affairs?'"

Well, we are also talking about Immigration from Japan. This certainly comes within the general heading of "U.S.-Japan Affairs." Yet, this was one of the mandates of the post-war 1946 convention, and JACL actively sought for years to wipe out the Japanese Exclusion Law and finally succeeded in securing or helping to secure the passage of several laws under which thousands of Japanese immigrated to the United States.

Stay of deportation also comes under this heading, in a more limited sense involving as it did nationals of Japan who entered the United States illegally and who were about to be deported to Japan. Yet, this was the second of three mandates of the 1946 convention and again JACL fought and won.

Return of vested property comes under the same heading. Yet, JACL has been working for years treatment for the seized property of Japanese aliens with that of other countries and the return of such property.

All of these three matters come under the heading, "U.S.-Japan Affairs." Yet there was no hue and cry raised that JACL should keep hands off. Why? The answer is simple—parents, close relatives and friends of our members were and are directly involved and benefited or might benefit in the future from JACL's labors in these areas.

Relativity of Benefits

Where is the logic, therefore, in the position that JACL may not only take positions but may actively lobby in the area of U.S.-Japan affairs where our members will benefit directly, but that we somehow become tainted as a front for Japan, if we take positions in other areas where we are all also affected, though not quite so directly?

Yet, as you can see from the following statement adopted at the 1954 convention, this is precisely JACL's present policy:

"Accordingly, as an organization, JACL will refrain from participating or intervening in any matters relating to the international relations of this Government, including those with Japan, except and unless the welfare of persons of Japanese ancestry in the United States is directly involved, when such representations shall be through appropriate channels."

President Roy Nishikawa, in the course of his message to the MDC discussion, pointed out this paradox and said:

"We must do all in our power to aid the cause of international goodwill, understanding and peace. This is necessary for survival. A rigid adherence to restrictive policies may make for

conservatism and safety, yet at the same time may stifle or blind us to the creative opportunities thrusting themselves upon us. We cannot hide or run away from this problem. It seems to me that flexibility is preferable to rigidity, that liberalism is preferable to isolationism, and that great visions are preferable to ultra-conservatism arising out of fears and apprehensions."

Broader Perspectives

I will go further and say that it is in our own best interests selfishly to broaden our perspectives.

Let us take a typical example of what our Washington Office is confronted with under our present policy. Congressman X, who has been our good friend and helped us with much of our legislation (and who stuck out his neck for us before the Dies Committee and was called a "Jap lover" during the following six election campaigns) [asked the Washington Office], "We are having a tough fight to put over the President's Reciprocal Trade Bill and need all the help we can get, including yours. Your organization surely is interested in helping all friendly nations, including Japan, survive rather than be drawn into the communist orbit if we retreat now into isolationist trade policies." [Only reply that could be made] was, "Sorry, Congressman, our organization refuses to take positions in the area of international relations."

The question of reciprocal trade is not involved in party politics. It cuts across party lines. As I write this, the bill has just passed the House, with both Republicans and Democrats piling up a huge majority for it. It will next be taken up by the Senate where a tougher fight is anticipated. (The Senate might have acted before this reaches your hands.)

Future of U.S. Involved

What is involved here is the future of America's relations with the world. Thinking people all over the country are concerned with the manner in which our nation is turning to nationalism and isolationism, and they are trying to alert all Americans with any serious thought for world peace and America's future to take a strong position for international co-operation and free-trade.

Supreme Court Justice William O. Douglas, in a television interview recently, said that Americans are trying to "conform to the picture of the man in the Arrow collar ad—to be safe and sound and not to deviate or depart from an orthodox point of view." The weapons for destruction are too horrible, and space is now a matter of such little concern that we all would be doing a disservice to ourselves and our children if we stood by and allowed our country to return to its post-World War I attitudes (which history now reveals led directly to World War II).

Japan, among other countries of the free world, will benefit by the passage of this bill and it

we of Japanese ancestry can help even between two countries for which we have particular concern. I think we are helping to make for a more secure America and a better world. I hope that the question of reciprocal trade will be moot by the time this reaches your hands with passage in the Senate. I cited this as a typical example of an area in which help was requested of us by our good friends in Washington, and our hands were tied by our present policy.

If Japan Goes 'Red'

More specifically, however, I feel that we will benefit directly if we help to keep Japan in the family of friendly nations and friendly to the United States. If Japan cannot trade here and is forced to trade instead with Red China and Russia, and if the present anti-American feeling there is allowed to grow so that Japan joins the communist orbit and becomes our enemy in the Cold War, we will willy-nilly suffer because of our racial identification.

Paragraph 2 of our present policy statement reads:

"As citizens of the United States, JACL members share with other Americans the hope that Japan will remain a steadfast ally in the Pacific, that Japan will become an even more potent partner in the community of free nations, that Japan will develop into a truly democratic bastion in Asia."

This is fine as far as it goes, but then we proceeded to adopt Paragraph 4, which I quoted above, and refuse to do anything about it in a constructive way.

Opinions of Others

For the past several years, some of our best friends have been urging us to come out of our shell. At the 1956 convention, Ed Ennis, our keynote speaker, said:

"The record of unquestioned loyalty of the Japanese American minority has earned it the right to discard its special disfavored pre-war classification and to join the ranks of other minorities to express sympathies for the land of their ancestors without fearing charges of disloyalty to the United States or loyalty to Japan."

"As loyal Americans they are entitled to urge upon the United States government a policy of protecting trade with Japan in our own enlightened self-interest which is to help strengthen Japan as an ally against communism in the East."

Sidney R. Yates, Congressman from Illinois and one of our best friends in Congress, at a testimonial dinner in Chicago recently discussed the same question. After pointing out that Japan imports from the United States three times as much as she exports here, Yates said:

"Although there is no simple answer to the elimination of barriers to mutually rewarding trade, it is essential that we help Japan to the greatest extent possible to maintain her economic strength so that she will not be forced to turn to the communist bloc for trade."

What are we afraid of?

Our principal fear seems to be that if JACL takes positions on a few major questions in the field of United States-Japan relations

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Read Both Memos on U.S. - Japan JACL Question Before Deciding

A 5,000-word memorandum arguing in favor of revision of the present JACL policy in international relations and the 1,600-word memorandum taking the opposite view are in the process of distribution to JACL chapter presidents.

The 1,600-word memorandum was fully reprinted in last week's Pacific Citizen under the by-line of Saburo Kido, "Why I am against JACL involvement in U.S.-Japan relations."

The 5,000-word memorandum was prepared by Harold Gordon of Chicago, national chairman of the JACL legal-legislative committee, at the request of Dr. Roy Nishikawa, president, and some national board members.

These have been designed to stimulate discussion on this question of JACL relationship to U.S.-Japan affairs, which will be prominent on the agenda of the national convention at Salt Lake City, Aug. 22-25.

Mike Masaoka is personally in favor of liberalizing JACL policy, however regardless of

his personal opinions, the Washington office takes no official position. Its concern (and JACL's concern at the convention) will be determination of the position which should be taken in order that the Washington Office can be properly guided in its relationships with the general public, interested government officials, members of Congress, private organizations and associations that have called upon the Washington Office for JACL viewpoint.

"In view of the importance of the question and so that your delegates to the convention will be fully prepared to participate in the discussion," Gordon said, "it is suggested that (chapter presidents) reproduce these memoranda for distribution to each of your members, send for the tape recording (of the discussion held at the Midwest District Council meeting) and then call a special meeting to discuss this question in the light of the discussion in the memorandum and the tape."

U.S.-Japan

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or international relations, then we will somehow become identified in the minds of John Q. Public with Japan.

JACL was "simon pure" before Pearl Harbor, but that didn't prevent the evacuation of all citizens and non-citizens. Perhaps if we had spoken out against Japan's invasion of Manchuria or against the Japanese Exclusion Law, which was causing so much resentment in Japan through the years, the record might have been written differently.

At any rate, let us examine this fear of being identified in the public mind with Japan.

If Japan remains friendly, we have nothing to worry about. If Japan goes communistic, will John Q. Public ever be aware that we took any positions on international questions? I doubt it very much. I think most of us will agree that it is sad but true that John Q. Public rarely reads behind the headlines and turns quickly to the sports pages and comic strips.

During the panel discussion in Chicago, the editorial in the Saturday Evening Post criticizing Ed Ennis' speech, from which I quoted an excerpt above, was cited as an example of the type of identification in the public mind which we might expect. To illustrate how many readers of the Post read the editorial and remembered what they read, I took a poll of the approximately 40 JACLers present at the Chicago meeting. This group, mind you, was a "loaded" audience.

The P.C. and the Chicago JACLer had alerted all our members to the editorial and requested letters to the editor in reply. Of the 40 members present, 17 had read the editorial. Of the 17 (two years later), only 2 remembered what was said.

Nisei Will Suffer

My point, therefore, is that presuming Japan goes communistic, we will suffer, as I indicated, because of our racial identification and not because of any stands which JACL might have taken, for the reason that John Q. Public won't even be aware that we took any stands.

The only ones who will know what stand we took on questions relating to Japan will be some congressmen and government officials in Washington, and they will probably pat us on the back and say, "Well - you tried to warn us." Certainly it will be to our credit that we put ourselves on record as favoring measures to keep Japan friendly to the United States and out of the communist orbit. To say that such a record places us in danger of being placed on a "subversive list" is, I believe, unrealistic.

How effective are we?

Another argument of those advocating a continuation of the "hands-off" policy is that we are a small organization and even if we took positions in international relations, our influence will be questionable.

In reply, I can only say, "Let's look at the record." In the short space of a few years, we successfully pushed through a legislative program, including evacuation claims, stay of deportation, immigration and citizenship, among others. When we consider, that, less than 1 per cent of the bills introduced in Congress in each session are even reported out of committee, the magnitude of our accomplishment makes legislative history.

There has even been talk of closing our Washington Office so that we won't be asked these "embarrassing questions." In my opinion this would amount to cutting off our right hand so that we will have an excuse to back away from a controversy.

Washington Office

Based on an intimate contact of over ten years, it is my firm opinion that the Washington Office is the cornerstone of our organization, and that without it we would not be nearly as effective, as a National organization.

The Chinese Americans, with a population nationally very similar to ours, are beginning to organize

on a national scale, and recognizing our legislative successes and our influence in Washington, have openly courted us in an effort to establish closer relations with us and to learn our modus operandi. X X X X.

There has been talk of some members and even some chapters withdrawing from JACL, if we revise our policy. Certainly no one wants to see division within the organization. However, I have great faith in our membership and their respect for the democratic process. I believe that some of these rumors stem from lack of information. The National Council isn't going to adopt policies which will affect the livelihood or hurt individuals or groups within JACL. I am certain that once this question of revising our present restrictive policy is debated fully at the convention that we all will accept the majority decision.

Mechanics

Let me allay a further fear which has been expressed. Even if the National Council decides to revise our policy, the Washington Office is certainly not going to jump into every question that comes along and take positions.

For example, at the time the Girard Case was in the headlines, an informal poll was taken of a few national leaders and we unanimously decided to refrain from taking a stand. From the thinking expressed, I am of the opinion that the decision would have been the same, even if our policy was not so restrictive at that time. nor do I think I need to stress in this memorandum that considering every question as we will on the basis of what is best for our country first, and foremost in our minds, that there may well be as many positions we take which Japan will not like as those which they do.

There are many alternative methods for handling the questions as they arise which can be discussed at the national convention.

One that has been suggested is that the National Council at each strictive policy is debated fully the general field in which we should take positions and in which area the Washington Office can exercise discretion. If any specific questions come up during the biennium outside of that area, and which are not covered by the general policy fixed at the previous convention, the National Board in its discretion can then decide to poll the chapters, though it is very doubtful that this ponderous procedure would become necessary.

The PSWDC recommends the appointment of a special committee by the National Council to act in such situations. This is an example of another alternative suggestion with merit. It occurs to

me, however, that the make-up of this committee might cause some controversy at the national convention, and that hard feelings might be generated if one group or another feels that the committee is "loaded." Moreover, selection of such an important committee at the convention proper would, of necessity, be hurried.

On the other hand, the National Board is selected after much deliberation and by nomination in the chapters and at the district conventions prior to the national convention. Certainly, its elected members should satisfy the PSWDC requisite of "JACL members of responsible position and with the best interests of JACL at heart."

Another organization

Another suggestion has been made, that a separate organization be set up apart from JACL to take positions in international relations which JACL now refuses to take. This alternative, I feel, is self-defeating. We will have the game and not the candle. This organization will presume to speak for persons of Japanese ancestry. JACL will have no control over its policy. For those who preach caution, I believe the more cautious approach is to keep control over the setting of policy within JACL.

Chapter discussion

This memorandum (which is much longer than I originally intended it to be) was designed to stimulate discussion in your chapter prior to the national convention so that your delegates can participate actively in the discussions and with full knowledge of your feelings. I am convinced, from the experience of the Chicago Chapter and the discussion at the MDC, that the more light and air thrown members are inclined to depart from their conservative hands-off attitude and take a stand in favor of JACL's taking positions on important questions in international relations.

The Chicago Chapter had three meetings on the subject—two well attended committee meetings and a general chapter meeting. At the first committee meeting, the general attitude was "hands-off." At the second meeting the question was gone into more thoroughly, and we got down to specifics as to what areas JACL might be called upon to take stands in. The consensus then veered in favor of

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20 YOUNGSTERS REPORT AT JACL-MINATO PROJECT

MONTEREY. — The jointly-sponsored Monterey Peninsula JACL and Minato A.C. youth program got underway with 20 Jr. Leaguers sandlotting it. More Little Leaguers are encouraged to join.



Pat Suzuki, of the pony tail and almost equally famous bangs, stopped by for a one-week last look at Seattle and The Colony before moving on to new triumphs. First stop will be Kansas City to play a lead role in that city's summer theater production of "Wizard of Oz." From there she'll head for New York to begin rehearsals for the Rodgers and Hammerstein musical, "Flower Drum Song", scheduled to open November 30.



THE Northwest PICTURE

By Elmer Ogawa

LITTLE PIXIE IN HER GINGHAM DRESS

Seattle

Pat Suzuki was back in town last week; the same who inspired thousands of Seattleites with her innate warmth of neighborly friendliness, with the vivacity of a bouncy, gaminesque, devil may care performance of impromptu high hilarity.

Seattle is Pat's home; millions of TV and radio listeners have learned by now, and it most certainly is true, for the transplanted Californian just wings her way back to this town when a few days respite is afforded from an exhausting schedule.

The whole week, the Colony was jam packed, perhaps quite unnecessary to say. Patrons overflowed the lounge waiting for reservations to be cleared in the big room. No train announcer ever was one tenth so busy as manager Norm Bobrow's brother Mort was in handling the reservation roster.

The fans were of two principal types: those plunking down the tariff for a first look and listen to the rising star, and the proudly happy old time friends, standing or rather sitting by in hopes of swapping words with ponytail atop the ascending pedestal.

The artistry of Pat finds new expression in terpsichorean achievement, a joint result of purposeful practice, study, and association with the Bolger show. All of which is a highly desirable and necessary asset for her role in Rodger and Hammerstein's new Broadway production, the "Flower Drum Song."

In this last week's performances, one sees a more highly polished, sedately mature, "on stage" manner, though Suzuki grins, grimaces and charm under the spotlight are inherently the same.

Perhaps each one of the many staunch admirers of the past couple or three years, perhaps each solitary one would have his own specific reaction in observing the meteoric rise.

In pensive melancholy, nostalgia, selfishness, or whatever one may want to call it, ol' uncle Elmer cherishes the image of the bouncy little pixie "in the gingham dress", to be speaking figuratively.



Chicago Corner

By Smoky H. Sakurada

The world's longest suspension bridge—the Mackinac Bridge—was recently opened to motor traffic, joining Mackinaw City and St. Ignace in upper Michigan. For summer tourists interested in crossing the 5-mile bridge, a single passenger car (including driver and passengers) will be charged \$3.25 with rates going up to \$8 for 3-axle trucks or car with 2-axle trailer or coach.

We well remember the opening of the San Francisco Bay bridge before the war, then the longest suspension bridge.

CHICAGO CHATTER—Over 1,500 people viewed the two-day Japanese Art Festival at the McCormick YWCA. The show featured prize-winning drawings and paintings by children of Japan, brush paintings, tea ceremony and flower arrangement demonstrations, dolls, films and lectures on Japan. It was sponsored by the Society of Fine Arts, which is affiliated with the local JACL and JASC . . . The City-Widers are experiencing a lack of interest and cooperation and the question has been asked whether it has outgrown its need to continue . . . The JASC picnic will be held on Aug. 3.

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Los Angeles NEWSLETTER

By Henry Mori

SUNDAY ASSIGNMENT WITH QUEENS

Mary—that's the wife—was telling me Sunday that it was getting late for this old reporter to hit Pasadena for that special afternoon buffet at the Consul General's residence where the nine Nisei Week Festival queen candidates were to be introduced formally to the press.

Laboring seven days a week with pad and pencil is not our formula for good living but the assignment was there. (Don't tell the wife but we enjoyed it immensely.)

The JACL chapters this year have contributed greatly to secure the lovely creatures to run for the title of "Miss Nisei Week Festival" of 1958.

We may even go out on the limb to say that one of them should win the crown, which will be decided when the coronation ball is held Aug. 2 at Beverly Hilton.

Something "new" was added to the Sunday's gay garden party. It was to have the former Nisei Week queens at the function. It was good to see again Margaret Nishikawa, 1938 queen, and her husband, Dr. George Kawaichi, of Lakewood. She is the sister of Dr. Roy M. Nishikawa, our national JACL president.

Then there were Terri Hokoda, '49, who is Mrs. Tug Tamaru; Aiko Ogomori, '50, Mrs. George Sho Takahashi; Em Kato, '51, Mrs. Henry Tak Yamada; and June Aochi, '54, Mrs. Fred Yamashiro. Stella Nakadate, '55; Phyllis Ono, '56; and Mitzi Miya, '57 wound up the listing of former titlists.

But we shouldn't forget the latest crop of candidates who hail from nine different areas: Mary Murai, Orange County; Lily Kamiya, Gardena; Helene Yabuta, West Los Angeles; June Shintani, Hollywood; Margaret Nakai, Southwest; Janet Okamoto, Downtown; Shirley Mizufuka, Long Beach; Jean Yasui, San Fernando; and Miki Tsuboi, East Los Angeles.

MURDER CHARGE DENIED

Attorney Frank Chuman, one of our national JACL leaders, has won another big case this week in getting his client, teenager Louis Yamashiro, accused of killing Richard Sumii, 16, off a possible long prison term.

Yamashiro, 17, and his companion Takeshi Masukawa, who by the way was released outright after being held in county jail since last April, were charged with first degree murder in the mob slaying of the Dorsey High School student.

Superior Court Judge Clement D. Nye said Yamashiro's action during the height of the teenage gang battle at a Chinatown dance was involuntary, without malice and was not premeditated. Therefore the youth was found guilty of involuntary manslaughter which can even result in a parole; a short jail term or road camp confinement.

Chuman, after his court victory, came out with this statement: "For the judge to have found Yamashiro guilty only of involuntary manslaughter clearly indicates to me that the west side group of boys were the aggressors, armed with sticks, tire iron, bottles and brick with the idea of purposely intending to break up the dance."

We shun publicity of this sort where Nisei and Sansei delinquents raise havoc in mob violence. We hope this lesson of wasting a good life through unthinking brutality can see its end here now that the case is closed.

NAT'L DIRECTOR'S REPORT: by Masao Satow

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nunciants, Temporary Agricultural Workers, Housing, F.E.P.C. V. MEMBERSHIP: (Chairman, Shig Wakamatsu) Pacific Citizen Operations, Pacific Citizen with Membership, Membership Enrollment helps, Membership Recognitions, 1000 Club.

VI. NATIONAL PLANNING: (Chairman, Harry Takagi) National Headquarters Building, Travel Pool for Convention, JACL Scholarships Bequest Program, JACL Personnel Policy, Endowment and Reserve Funds, Amendments to National Constitution: 1) Election of 1000 Club Chairman, 2) Annual National Board meeting, 3) Telegraphic Voting.

VII. PUBLIC RELATIONS: (Chairman: Abe Hagiwara) Committee Against Defamation, Public Relations Brochure, National Recognitions, Chapter Public Relations Programs.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 23, Second Session, 9 a.m. - 12 noon. Presiding—Shig Wakamatsu, National First Vice-President.

Report of Legislative - Legal Committee: Harold Gordon

Report of Budget & Finance Committee: Kameo Yoshinari

SATURDAY, AUGUST 23, Third Session, 3 - 5:30 p. m.

Presiding—Jack Noda, National Second Vice President.

Report and Discussion, National Committee for Work with Youth: Sue Joe

Report of Program & Activities Committee: Jerry Enomoto

SUNDAY, AUGUST 24, Fourth Session, 10 a.m. - 12 noon.

Presiding—Harry Takagi, National Third Vice President.

Report of Membership Committee: Shig Wakamatsu

Report of Public Relations Committee: Abe Hagiwara

MONDAY, AUGUST 25, Final Session, 9 a.m. - 12 noon.

Presiding—Dr. Roy Nishikawa, National President.

Report of National Planning Committee: Harry Takagi

Election of 1959-60 National Officers.

Bid for 1960 Convention

Report of Resolutions Committee: Akiji Yoshimura

Adjournment

MONDAY, AUGUST 25, 2 to 4:30 p.m. Meeting of Newly Elected National Board.



Vying for the 1958 Miss Nisei Week crown are net Okamoto and Shirley Mizufuka, who met at nine girls (left to right) seated—Margaret Nakai, the Japanese Consul General's residence. Lily Kamiya, Mary Murai, Jean Yasui, Helene Yabuta; standing—June Shintani, Miki Tsuboi, Ja- (See Henry Mori's column at left).

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participation.

At the general meeting the question was again thoroughly discussed by a panel consisting of Abe Hagiwara, Noboru Honda, Shig Wakamatsu, Tom Oye, and myself. There were numerous questions from the floor. At the conclusion of the discussion, an informal vote was taken and resulted in a 10-5 vote in favor of JACL's taking positions on major questions in the field of U.S.-Japan relations.

A number who did not participate in the voting indicated that they held back because they felt we should not confine ourselves to "U.S.-Japan Relations." A second vote was then taken, resulting in a 17-4 vote in favor.

MDC Delegates Polled

At the MDC, the delegates at the outset of the discussion apparently were in favor of retaining the traditional policy of hands-off. However, after a full and thorough discussion in which Mike Masaoka, Shig Wakamatsu, Abe Hagiwara, Mas Satow, Dr. Roy Nishikawa, and myself, among others, participated, and after we discussed specifically the types of questions JACL might be called upon to take stands on and the importance of keeping Japan free and in the Western orbit, an informal poll was taken. The delegates, though unwilling to commit their chapters until they had an opportunity to go back and report, indicated unanimously that as individuals they felt that JACL should begin to take stands on important questions in international relations.

A tape recording of the complete discussion was made and can be ordered through the Midwest Office by all chapters at a cost of \$5. (representing the cost of the tape and handling.)

Whether or not your chapter has already met and discussed this question, I hope that you will meet again and discuss the matter further in the light of this memorandum and the interesting discussion at the MDC Convention. If opinion in your chapter is divided, you might consider sending your delegated uninstructed (after they have had the benefit of your thinking), so that they can make a final decision after participating in the discussion at the national convention.

Using the theme of our prior and present conventions, if "Past is Prologue," it is time, in my opinion, that we adopted "New Perspectives" in thinking about our future.

As a concluding thought for this memorandum, I would like to quote from the brilliant speech delivered at the MDC Convention by Daryl Sakada (nephew of our

beloved Randy), with which he won the oratorical contest. (and the other entrants at the national contest had better be on their mettle).

"Fear which runs away, pushes nothing forward, Fear which hides, wins no battles, and Fear which paralyzes, cannot keep the things won by courage."

We wish to thank all of you who were so kind to remember the passing of our dear mother

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Washington NEWSLETTER

BY MIKE MASAOKA

Hawaiian Statehood

Washington, D.C.

UNLESS A CONGRESSIONAL miracle occurs, statehood for Hawaii is dead for this session.

With perhaps less than a month to go before adjournment, a bipartisan delegation flew in from Honolulu, headed by GOP Governor William Quinn and former Democratic Governor Oren Long, following Senate passage of the Alaska statehood bill, to try to work the necessary miracle. Though supported by the President, the Secretary of the Interior, and many GOP congressmen in both chambers, a frank appraisal is that the parliamentary situation is very much against any miracle.

Washington Democrat, Senator Henry Jackson, chairman of the Interior and Insular Affairs Subcommittee on Territories who steered the Alaska measure through the Senate and who has always championed the cause of Hawaii, has stated that the Senate would not consider Hawaii until and unless the House first approves the required legislation. This in spite of the fact that his Subcommittee has favorably reported the Hawaii statehood bill which is currently on the Senate Calendar awaiting action.

On the House side, the Subcommittee on Territories has not yet reported an Hawaiian bill and may not be able to for some time yet to come because it is involved in a political hassle over a western reclamation project.

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IN RECOGNITION OF the difficult parliamentary situation for Hawaii, Democratic Floor Leader John McCormack of Massachusetts, long an advocate of statehood for both Alaska and Hawaii, last week expressed confidence that the Hawaiian statehood bill will be acted upon early in the next (86th) Congress. He paid high tribute to Hawaii's Democratic Delegate John Burns as one "who serves his people here in this body with ability and distinction and with courage. He analyzed the situation with wisdom and followed his judgment with vision and courage. He realized that Hawaii could have been used as a stumbling block to the admission of Hawaii and thereby hold back the admission of both for many years. In following the course he did, he displayed unusual political courage and he has advanced materially the cause of Hawaii."

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IN RESPONDING TO the Floor Leader's tribute, Delegate Burns explained his position on the statehood bill after acknowledging the compliment paid him by the House leadership: "... It is extremely difficult for a representative of a constituency to take a position that cannot easily be understood by his constituents, particularly when the decision is on a matter which is closest to their hearts. The making of such a decision, when the natural instinct is to support the cause of your constituency without regard to attainment of the result desired by your constituents, is particularly difficult.

"The fact that Hawaii has, figuratively speaking, been knocking at the door of statehood since 1854, when the death of the king of Hawaii halted statehood negotiations—thus making statehood a subject of concern to the people of Hawaii for more than a hundred years—increased immeasurably the torments.

"However, Hawaii has for a great number of years been on the brink of statehood time and time again. In the last decade statehood has been around the corner at frequent intervals.

"Being aware of the psychological impact of successive failures and the explanations therefor, having shared with the people of Hawaii the bitter disappointment and known of the rationalizing explanations which they made to themselves, I could not and would not be true to myself nor to the responsibilities imposed on me by the great honor accorded me by the people of Hawaii in electing me their delegate to the Congress of the United States, if I supported only an issue.

"The people of Hawaii want statehood. They need it. As their representative, I want a bill—not an issue.

"After considerable consultation with members on both sides of the aisle and with experienced observers of the Congress as well as a careful review of the past history of statehood, it was my considered judgment that achievement of statehood for Alaska was in the enlightened self-interest of the people of Hawaii. In my judgment, any other course would have resulted in neither Alaska nor Hawaii being admitted.

"Thus, though the decision may be difficult, it was to me right as I was given the light by the Almighty to see right. Consequences to me as an individual can be given no consideration in such a case.

"I am positive that the admission of Alaska as a state is in the best interests of the people of Hawaii and their admission as a state. I am positive that if we are unable to bring Hawaiian statehood up in this session—and I sincerely question the wisdom of bringing it up—the fair and just members of the Congress will bring it up in the next session of the Congress and pass it expeditiously as something long overdue and in keeping with our integrity as a nation.

"The people of Hawaii want statehood. No desire is closer to their private hearts where there is a burning fire. Hawaii's people can make a substantial contribution as citizens of a sovereign state with the Union of states. The United States needs Hawaii, it needs the contributions her citizens can make more effectively as citizens of the nation to her internal and external affairs ...

"... The door to statehood (for Hawaii) has been opened by admission of Alaska."

Equal protection of law bill urged

(JACL News Service)

WASHINGTON. — "Fully aware that the civil rights of all Americans are involved in the unfortunate developments in the South," the Japanese American Citizens League "reaffirms its endorsement of any and all legislation directed to assure the civil and human rights and dignity of all Americans everywhere, regardless of race, color, creed, or national origin," the Washington JACL Office informed Congressman Emanuel Celler (D., N.Y.).

Congressman Celler is chairman of the House Judiciary Committee and of its Subcommittee on Civil Rights. A well-known liberal, the Brooklyn Democrat is also author of the bill "to effectuate and enforce the constitutional right of equal protection of the laws." A bipartisan group of 20 congressmen have introduced identical bills to indicate their support of the Celler bill, which is currently the subject of public hearings by the Civil Rights Subcommittee.

Mike Masaoka, Washington JACL representative, wrote Chairman Celler that the JACL endorsed the bill and urged its enactment. He explained that JACL was not requesting an opportunity for personal testimony in order that the hearings might be expedited and some legislation be reported this session for possible action prior to adjournment.

Minimum Inadequate

"While we applauded enactment last year of the first federal civil rights statute since the Reconstruction Days following the war between the states, we believed then—as we believe now—that that minimum legislation was in-

adequate to cope with the grave situation in the South involving not only problems of public school desegregation but also violence against the persons and property of Negroes and Jews," Masaoka wrote to the Subcommittee chairman.

The JACL letter declared that "the proposed findings of Congress are most important not only to an understanding of the necessity for this legislation but also in summarizing our shortcomings in the field."

These proposed findings refer to (1) the recent Supreme Court decisions holding racial segregation to be unlawful in public education, public transportation, and public recreation being resisted or evaded in many sections of the nation, thereby restricting millions of Americans to second-class citizenship, (2) the difficulties of the present system where individual plaintiffs in the federal courts must bear the burden of protecting constitutional rights and the more effective method under which the Federal Government will undertake these responsibilities, (3) the coordinate responsibility of the Federal Government to prevent the denials of constitutional rights when state or local authorities cannot or will not do so, and (4) the recognition by the Congress of this national responsibility to all citizens.

To Implement

According to the JACL, the Celler and its companion bills "outline a practical and reasonable method for implementing the civil rights needs of our citizenry through federal intervention."

The Celler bill provides (1) for

Sonoma County Clers vote 1954 policy be retained on U.S.-Japan affairs question

SEBASTOPOL. — A three-hour discussion on the vital question of JACL policy relative to U. S. Japan affairs terminated with Sonoma County JACL membership voting to retain the present policy as adopted at the 1954 Los Angeles national convention.

The chapter also voted against the "PC with Membership" in view of its membership make-up, many of whom are non-English reading naturalized Issei. It was also felt that raising membership dues would seriously impair the chapter meeting its quota.

Chapter president Frank Qda was elected as the lone chapter delegate to the national convention at Salt Lake City.

Nancy Fujita, valedictorian of the 1958 summer graduation class at Petaluma High, was announced as the chapter's entry in the national JACL essay contest. She has won several literary awards, including one from the Santa Rosa Press Democrat. Miss Fujita is also a member of the California State Federation of Junior Classical League, having served as secretary for two years.

Over 500 at Picnic

Ideal picnic weather attracted over 500 at the chapter's annual community beach party at Doran Park on Bodega Bay recently.

Livingston Nisei leader dies at 52

LIVINGSTON. — One of the oldest Nisei residents of Livingston's Yamato colony, Roy Kishi, 52, died in Merced July 11, following a heart attack.

He was stricken in the morning in his office here and rushed to a Merced hospital by his wife, Mary, but passed away about 2:30 p.m.

He was the second son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Taijiro Kishi, Issei pioneers of the local community.

Born in San Francisco in the year of the Great Fire, 1906, he was brought to Livingston at the age of 10 months when the Kishi family joined the earliest colonists.

Also surviving him are his two children, Sheldon and Barbara, and his older brother Norman Minoru Kishi.

Guests from many northern California communities as well as from Los Angeles were in attendance.

Fishing, swimming and games provided the recreation for the day. Races and contests for all age groups were led by the chapter auxiliary, under direction of Mmes. Sam Miyano and George Kawaoka.

The chapter will resume monthly activities in September with a 1000 Club Splash at the Ives Memorial Pool here. Ed Ohki, chairman, said other details will be announced soon.

Auxiliary president Mrs. Clara Miyano has disclosed another summer event is being planned.

Deportation case of 'Tokyo Rose' dismissed by I&NS

SAN FRANCISCO. — The U. S. government last week gave up efforts to deport Mrs. Iva Toguri d'Aquino, the Tokyo Rose of World War II.

Bruce Barber, district director for the U.S. Immigration and Naturalization Service here, announced on July 10 that a deportation warrant against Mrs. d'Aquino has been dismissed in view of the recent U.S. Supreme Court ruling last March in the case of Trop vs. Dulles that held a citizen is not deportable unless he loses his citizenship prior to his conviction for treason.

Evidence showed that the Los Angeles-born woman had resisted efforts by the Japanese to force her to become a citizen of that country during World War II, Barber said. "She was, therefore, a citizen ... on the date of her last entry into this country. She is therefore not deportable under the charges contained in the warrant for arrest," the dismissal ruling said.

She was convicted of treason after the war because of her broadcasts from Tokyo. She served 6½ years of a 10 year sentence in the Federal Women's Prison in Alderson, W. Va., and was released in 1956. She remains on parole until April 8, 1959.

technical assistance by the Secretary of Health, Education, and Welfare to states, municipalities, school districts, etc., to eliminate denials of the constitutional rights, (2) for grants to areas where desegregation in public schools is being carried out, (3) for administrative action by the Secretary directed toward eliminating segregation in the public schools, and (4) for authority to the Attorney General of the United States to institute suits for and in the name of the United States to prevent the denial of any civil or constitutional rights to any citizen. This section is patterned after the controversial Title III provisions which were stricken from last year's Civil Rights Act prior to passage.

The JACL letter concluded by pointing out that Americans of Japanese ancestry recognized the necessity for federal authority in the field because its members had (1) experienced segregation in the public schools of California, (2) suffered through the hate and hysteria, including threats of mob violence, during and immediately after World War II, and (3) understood the international implications of un-American and undemocratic practices.

OVER 1,000 DUE AT NISEI VET REUNION IN L.A.

Over 1,000 Nisei veterans, including a delegation of 350 from Hawaii, are expected to meet in Los Angeles for their 15th anniversary reunion, July 26-Aug. 1, according to general chairman Paul Bannai.

A resolution welcoming the 1958 reunion in Los Angeles was introduced Tuesday by Councilman Ernest Dela.

It marks the second reunion of veterans of World War II who served in the 442nd RCT, military intelligence service units and other units as well as those who campaigned in the Korean conflict.

Gen. Mark Clark, now president of the Citadel, South Carolina military college, will be the main speaker at the reunion's dinner dance July 27 at Moulin Rouge. He will honor the 15th anniversary of the formation of the 442nd Regimental Combat Team, which gained its fame under his command in World War II.

The schedule of events is as follows:

July 26 (Saturday)
Arrival of participants, L.A. International Airport.
July 27 (Sunday)
Veterans memorial service, 10:30 a.m., Evergreen Cemetery; Louis Zamperini, spkr.
Welcome dinner - dance, Moulin Rouge; Gen. Mark Clark, spkr., Leo Durocher, m.c.
July 28 (Monday)
Various company reunions.
July 29 (Tuesday)
Barbecue dinner, L.A. Police Academy.
July 30 (Wednesday)
Ladies' Night, Alexandria Hotel Palm Room.
July 31 (Thursday)
Open for sightseeing.
(Aug. 1 (Friday)
Nisei Veterans Day Handicap, Del Mar 5th Race.
Farewell Dinner, Alexandria Hotel
(For further details: Reunion Headquarters, Conf. Room 1, Hotel Alexandria, 219 W. 5th St., Los Angeles 13, MADison 8-4135)

West Coast bound

NEW YORK. — Active New York JACler Marie Kurihara is moving to San Francisco in August to take up new responsibilities teaching at the Univ. of California Nursing School.

CALENDAR

July 19 (Saturday)
Fresno — Outing.
July 20 (Sunday)
Eden Township — Community picnic, Castle Rock Park, 12 n.
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 — JACL Picnic, Curry Creek Park.
Long Beach — Community picnic.
Aug. 3 (Sunday)
NC-WNDC — Quarterly session; District Oratoricals; Sequoia JACL hosts Belmont Casino.