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Crucial issues before conventioners

Functions of national JACL president's office summarized

BY DR. ROY NISHIKAWA

Continued from Aug. 8 PC

State of the Organization. An appraisal: Members of JACL and other Japanese Americans enjoy today a very favorable status. The acceptance and respect won by them is very high. Perhaps we have "never had it so good." There is a real danger however in that apathy and complacency may form one of the major internal problems facing our organization. This apathy and complacency can be overcome only by realizing that much work remains to be done.

Chapter programs and activities need to be expanded and strengthened. This is the only way in which membership interest and participation can be encouraged. Let us recognize that the pendulum has now swung away from the heavy emphasis on a national program. Now the accent is on the need for local chapters to exert more effort and imagination in providing for the interests of their members and in meeting the needs of their local communities. At the same time our communications with the general membership must be improved so that the average member will have a better understanding of what JACL is all about. To keep members informed and enthusiastic is a constant job on the local regional and national levels. I feel that this is one of our main internal problems.

The field of civil rights continues to offer many challenges and opportunities. Prejudice and discrimination are not dead. They still lie smoldering underneath the surface and could erupt with the violence of another Pearl Harbor. The lessons of the past will have been wasted if we are not ever vigilant and if we do not remain united.

The field of public relations and education will continue to be of paramount importance. This is one field in which the job is never done. And internal problems such as Pacific Citizen with Membership, chronic difficulties over the Budget and many other organizational problems still remain.

The National JACL Youth program has met with enthusiasm and great interest everywhere. As our Nisei and Sansei children grow up, this program will assume an ever increasing role in JACL activities. Because we wish for our youth all of the best that is in our heritage plus all of the opportunities which may have been denied to us, and further, since the youth of today will become tomorrow's leaders, it is incumbent upon us to develop and implement our youth program to the fullest extent possible.

An important policy question must be decided in the field of international relations. This has been one of the most controversial problems ever confronting the organization. Our external problems seem to be well in hand but the internal dispute over the international relations question remains to be solved at this convention. It seems to me that the question is not who is right, but what is right. What is right for our country, the United States? What is right for our organization, the JACL? Delegates, in the heat of the discussions should always keep these two questions in mind. And after the decisions are made, whatever they may be, let us close ranks and remain united and strong so that the JACL can continue to function effectively.

In summary, I would say that the most significant developments in JACL during my administration include:

1) The growing problem of complacency and the need to overcome it.

2) The emphasis on local chapter programs.

3) The growth of the Youth Program.

4) The critical international relations problem.

As a final note, I would suggest a periodic reappraisal of the entire JACL—local, regional and national. For the good of the organization, I believe that an honest reappraisal is due from time to time so that we can examine our weaknesses and strengths. In this way we can find ways and means of constantly improving the organization and better contribute to its growth and development. I feel that such a periodic reappraisal would be healthy for the organization and would prevent the easy tendency to get in a rut and to drift along.

Compensations: Meeting with JACL people all over the country has been an enjoyable and enriching experience. Everywhere I have gone, I have been treated with courtesy and hospitality. I realize perhaps better than others that this is due to the deference shown to the Office of National President rather than to any especial esteem for the individual who currently occupies that position. This is as it should be.

I have been inspired by the loyalty and devotion of JACL leaders everywhere. Their interest in, concern for, and support of JACL has contributed much to the sense of achievement and satisfaction which has come to me as a result of this opportunity to serve.

I shall always count the last two years as one of the most important periods in my life. It has been a great honor and a great privilege to have served the JACL in common with so many others. The very wonderful friendships I have gained through the JACL will always be cherished.

600 delegates, boosters to convene at Salt Lake confab opening today

BY HARRY HONDA

SALT LAKE CITY. — Besides the highly publicized question of U.S.-Japan affairs, as many as 40 other issues confront the Japanese American Citizens League meeting here this weekend for its 15th Biennial national convention.

Many of the 600 delegates and boosters expected to register at Salt Lake City, will be participating in national committee meetings this afternoon to lay the groundwork, thrash out details and pass recommendations to be acted upon by the National Council as a whole.

Bulk of JACL's program for the next biennium and policies will be shaped in the National Council sessions starting tomorrow morning, concluding Monday with election of national officers and bid for the 1960 convention.

Other Questions

While the controversial question of the year concerns the liberalization of JACL's present so-called "hands off" policy on U.S.-Japan affairs, important problems facing JACL delegates appear in the field of evacuation claims, membership, Pacific Citizen, work with youth, National headquarters building, scholarships, annual Board meetings and the budget.

The national legislative legal committee, under chairmanship of attorney Harold Gordon of Chicago, will reexamine JACL's policy on U.S.-Japan affairs as well as evacuation claims, immigration, temporary agricultural workers (the most heatedly discussed issue at the 1956 convention), vested property, housing discrimination, FEPC and renunciants.

Several questions on evacuation claims to be discussed are: (1) What shall be JACL's position on private bills which may be introduced to waive the Jan. 3, 1950, deadline? (2) What about claims not timely filed due to negligence of certain parties to whom the filing was entrusted? (3) What about internees who were counseled they could not file?

On immigration, there is this: "Is JACL ready to go on record and push for removal of the discriminatory Pacific-Asia Triangle Formula in determining quotas?"

PC with Membership

Though it is generally agreed a better informed membership may be developed by having JACL's official publication, Pacific Citizen, reach them all, the issue has been divided on the cost factor. One camp advocates \$1 increase in membership dues, while the PC Board recommends \$1.50. At the present time, about 30 per cent of the organization subscribes.

Booster delegates to the 15th Biennial national JACL convention opening today are urged to participate in the national committee meetings this afternoon.

Where there are several delegates and members from a chapter, Mas Satow, national director, has advised they deploy themselves to various committee meetings "to bring back to their chapters the widest picture of our national program".

Announcement of the committee rooms will be made at the close of the first session of the National Council this morning.

"PC with Membership" has been smoldering for several national conventions. Heretofore, delegates abstained from raising dues to include PC subscription on grounds that the increase would tend to decrease membership. This past biennium, some chapters have seriously questioned this premise and have espoused "PC with Membership" even at some loss to their rolls, which they feel is but temporary.

Past conventions, it is recalled, have seen heated discussion each time membership dues were asked to be raised—yet JACL has been growing in size in spite of increases of dues.

"PC with Membership" will be discussed in the joint membership-public relations committee meeting. "Internal public relations" to members and potential members will be another important and basic question, according to Shig Wakamatsu and Abe Hagiwara, committee co-chairmen, both of Chicago.

The Pacific Citizen itself will be under scrutiny as to its function. Should there be (1) more chapter and JACL news; (2) an elimination of chapter commissions for PC subscriptions; and (3) reduction of paid columnists?

Also for review by the same committee are membership contests between chapters, 1000 Club operation, national and local public relations programs, and recommendations for the Committee Against Defamation, which has been fighting the usage of the word, "Jap".

Young people attending the con-



MARGARET ITAMI
Convention Queen of 1953

vention have been invited to participate in the discussion of the national committee for Work with Youth this afternoon as well as tomorrow after the national oratorical contest when the National Council will discuss national JACL policy on Work with Youth based upon discussion of the committee meeting.

Work With Youth

Mrs. Sue Joe of Long Beach, chairman, will present a summary of responses to the recent questionnaires sent to chapters. Also for review will be the national oratorical and essay contest, recommendations on JACL policy on work with youth and a national JACL scholarship program.

In the past two years, many chapters have organized Jr. JACL units, sponsored Hi-Co (high school) units.

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SEN. MANSFIELD LAUDS CONVENTION BANQUET SPEAKER JUDGE SAUND

(JACL News Service)

WASHINGTON. — Senator Mike Mansfield, (D., Mont.), paid high tribute on the Senate floor last week to Congressman D. S. (Judge) Saund, who will be the featured speaker at the Recognition Banquet of the 15th Biennial national convention of the Japanese American Citizens League in Salt Lake City on Monday.

Senator Mansfield, Democratic Whip and Acting Senate Majority Leader, is a senior member of the Foreign Relations Committee and is not only the second ranking Senate leader but also the principal Democratic Party spokesman on foreign policy. He is considered to be the Far East expert.

Since it is seldom that a senator lauds a member of the House of Representatives, this tribute is particularly noteworthy.

The Montana Democrat began his tribute by referring to the Saturday Evening Post of August 2 that features an article on the California representative as the first person of Asian ancestry ever to be elected to the United States Congress. Because Judge Saund was born in India and is a naturalized citizen, the article is entitled "United States Congressman from India".

"Judge Saund in his service in the Congress of the United States has already made his mark as a legislator at home and as an extraordinary goodwill ambassa-

dor abroad," Senator Mansfield said. "In his person, he typifies the American dream come true, because he is what he is today not because he was born in this country, not because he had things handed to him, but because he came up the hard way."

"Everything Judge Saund has achieved, he had to work for and to fight for. He was determined, yet understanding and tolerant. Many difficulties have been his in his lifetime, but, as he met each one, they turned out to be steps to his success."

"America can indeed be proud of this American, just as I know he is proud of his country. May his example furnish a guideline to others so that out of the multiplicity of our origins will emerge a great and more understanding Nation."

With the unanimous consent of the Senate, Senator Mansfield had the Saturday Evening Post article included in the Congressional Record to inspire his colleagues in the great challenges before them in the final days of the Congress.

The Saturday Evening Post feature told of Congressman Saund's background and early life in India, his experiences as a student at the University of California at Berkeley, his days as a farmer in Imperial Valley, the discriminations he faced as an alien ineligible to naturalization, his mar-

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From the Frying Pan

By Bill Hosokawa

Denver, Colo.

SIXTEEN YEARS—History's long shadow looms over the national JACL convention this week in Salt Lake City. In this same city, 16 years ago, JACL representatives from the various WRA camps met in extraordinary session and set a course of action whose wisdom has been amply proven by time.

There was no particular fanfare about the meeting. Summoned from WRA camps, many of the delegates slipped quietly into town because it was not popular to be a Japanese American at that time. Delegates from the two West Coast camps had to travel through the military zone with government escorts. Others suffered personal indignities en route. For example, during a bus stop in Evanston, Wyo., Henry Mitarai representing Heart Mountain camp was refused service in a restaurant operated by a Chinese.

Yet, even though they were scorned by many elements in their native land, the Nisei knew that certain things had to be done. They endorsed the War Relocation Authority's resettlement program. And, reaffirming their loyalty, they petitioned the War Department to restore to Nisei the right to serve in the armed forces.

This week, the Nisei return to Salt Lake City proudly. They are no longer under the stigma of second class citizenship. They are accustomed now to being treated as full-fledged Americans with all the rights and prerogatives thereof. They have proven that they belong.

TIME AND ITS TOLL—In terms of Nisei achievement, the 16 years since the last JACL conference in Salt Lake City is unequalled by any comparable period. In that time, hundreds of new families were established. Nisei have won recognition in scores of fields hitherto closed to them. They have built up equities of skills and seniority, bought homes, made friends. A fortunate few have even made fortunes.

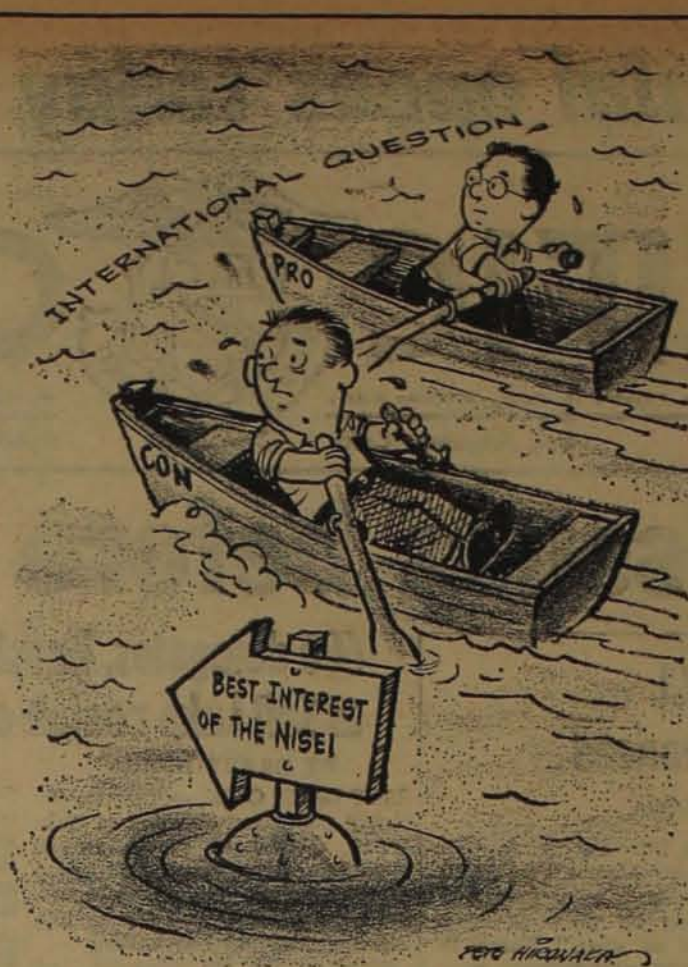
More important, the Nisei have gained not only acceptance, but respect and approbation; some of it bought with blood on the battlefield. The result is a reservoir of good will and understanding that did not exist prior to 1942.

But the years have taken their toll, too. The strapping young men who assembled in Salt Lake City in 1942 are well on the way to middle age if they are not there already. At least three of the delegates have passed on—Jimmie Sakamoto, Ted Nakamura and Tom Yego.

SOLEMN TIMES—Without doubt the 1942 emergency meeting was the most earnest conference ever held by the JACL, rivaled only by the special emergency meeting held in San Francisco even as the nation was numbed by the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor. In Salt Lake City, the delegates held deliberations all day long, and then scheduled night sessions to take up matters presented by a stern taskmaster, Mike Masaoka.

On the final day the kindly folks of Salt Lake City held a dance in honor of the delegates, but most of them were in no mood for pleasure. Out of courtesy they showed up at the dance. Presently they began drifting into an anteroom. Soon virtually all the delegates were there, continuing their discussions as band music filtered through the walls.

Those were solemn times indeed, and the Nisei leaders of the JACL felt their responsibilities weighing heavily on their shoulders. By contrast the convention in Salt Lake City this week will be a gay and happy occasion with strong emphasis on recreational activities. This is as it should be. Certainly the Nisei have earned the right to enjoy themselves a bit. They have departed the gloom and entered the sunshine.



Rowing in the Same Direction



Two young Salt Lakers, standing in front of a huge photograph of Salt Lake City, bid delegates welcome to the 15th Biennial National JACL Convention.



15th Biennial Underlines

BY RUPERT HACHIYA

Chairman, National JACL Convention Board

Hi-Fi Drawing: Due to the lack of time during the Friday Convention Mixer, it was decided to hold the drawing for the pre-registration prize, a \$200 hi-fi set, during the Saturday Nite Social at the Motel Auditorium. We've seen this set and can promise that some lucky pre-registered delegate is going to be mighty pleased.

Luncheon for Mike Masaoka: After the convention is concluded, a group of Mike's friends from the University of Utah Alumni Association is planning a get-together luncheon at the Union Bldg. Tuesday noon. Any delegate staying over wishing to join in this luncheon and see the new beautiful building need only to make reservation with Alice Kasai. It's sort of a homecoming for Mike, so we are happy to note that his friends are planning this opportunity of having him in their midst again.

Convention Headquarters: During the convention, the Convention Board members will have the use of Room 241 (Hotel Utah) as headquarters for their daily activities. You'll probably find most of our convention officers on duty there.

Pocatello Chapter: A letter from Novo Kato, Pocatello JACL president, informed us they are assisting their officers who attend the convention to the extent of \$20. Other members attending will receive \$10 towards convention ex-

penses. This financial aid should certainly encourage members to attend. We certainly have some generous chapters in the IDC.

Convention Opening: Well, this is it! By the time this issue is being read, we will be opening the convention, and this is probably my last column assignment. It has at times been a chore to get the information out on time, but knowing that this column was serving a purpose of getting the membership acquainted with the more intimate details of our preparation, we kept it plugged to keep you abreast of the inside stories that are not found in the publicity releases.

Now, except for the last minute details, the year and a half's work has come to an end, — the big day has finally dawned upon Salt Lake City.

We sincerely hope that you who read this in Salt Lake will be enjoying the fruits of our long labor. To those of you less fortunate and must read this column at home, let me say that we'll miss you. We hope that before long, you will resolve to attend a national convention, because the strength of an organization lies in the participation of all its members.

Our gratitude to all the National Board and staff members who have been so helpful to us these past months! Their advice has been invaluable. My thanks also to our publicity department for

PC Letter Box

UNFAIR APPRAISAL

Editor: I was very much disturbed by the insinuations in the August 8th letter of Franklin Chino.

As a past chapter president during a portion of the period covered by Franklin's remarks, and speaking for all the chapter leaders who preceded and succeeded me, I can assure the readers of PC that there never was any attempt made to "lead" JACL anywhere — certainly not into the Progressive Party or the ADA. Moreover, guarding against untoward political encroachments into our organization is an old job with us.

We have, as a matter of fact, made every effort to impartially present to our membership all shades of political opinion, including speakers sharing Franklin's views.

We have actively solicited members from other ethnic backgrounds and are proud of and grateful for their contributions in helping our chapter live up to the purposes and goals of the Japanese American Citizens League. It has been proven that one member, such as Harold "Tokuzo" Gordon, can mean a big difference in the success or failure of a JACL program. Harold's contributions in setting the tone for the National 1000 Club are well known, but the general membership can well afford to know that he has played a vital role in assisting the Washington Office over several crucial legislative stages in the past. Our JACL leaders across the nation, especially those who have closely worked on legislative strategy, will attest to this fact.

Prior to the 1956 election, we expressed our thanks in the Chicago JACL-er to Senator Everett M. Dirksen, the then Republican candidate for re-election from Illinois, for his help with the Evacuation Claims Amendment and included in the chapter mailing a reprint of his speech on this amendment. (It was through Harold's contact with this powerful majority whip, who was a member of the key committee, which assured the passage of the Claims amendment.)

We also included in the chapter mailing informational leaflets issued by both the AFL-CIO and the NAACP, indicating the voting records of the various candidates from the standpoint of these groups. Our members, of course, were informed that "JACL, as always, maintains its non-partisan attitude towards the election." Franklin at that time took issue with this mailing and tendered his resignation as a JACL member.

I respect the right of Franklin to his views; I have mentioned them merely to place his remarks in his letter to the PC in their proper perspective for PC readers.

I do not, however, feel that these views have any place in the U.S.-Japan affairs controversy nor that they are a fair appraisal of the past Chicago Chapter leadership. Nor do I feel that there is any more "danger" in trusting our national leadership to follow the will of the majority, whatever it may be, in true JACL fashion than there was in trusting the fate of the Chicago Chapter to its leaders, past and present.

As a concluding thought, I feel that we have spent enough time on U.S.-Japan affairs. It is about time that we all simmered down and get on with the real solution to the problem, as outlined in President Roy Nishikawa's excellent PC article of July 25. Out of our needs, we have created the Washington Office. It is up to us to give it the necessary instructions so that it may continue to perform its services in the best interests of all persons of Japanese ancestry.

SHIG WAKAMATSU
Chicago.

their consistent and effective news releases. The entire country should be well aware of the Fifteenth Biennial.

We'll be seeing you — at the convention, and good luck!



Vagaries

By Larry S. Tajiri

Six-Year-Old Scene Stealer

Jerry Lewis, the erstwhile comic turned movie producer, now believes he is star maker as well. In his new film, "Geisha Boy," currently in production, Lewis is using two hitherto unknowns, both of Japanese ancestry, in key roles. One is the girl, Nobu McCarthy, who will supply the romantic interest in the comedy about a GI entertainer in Japan. She's Canadian-born, was raised in Japan, married a GI and has appeared in only three other films. The other is 6-year old Robert Hirano.

Reports from the "Geisha Boy" set at Paramount are that Master Hirano may walk away with the picture and Lewis, because he is producer as well as actor, may help him. The boy is cast as the Japanese orphan who follows Lewis, a USO magician, throughout Japan.

Lewis had a little trouble finding young Hirano. First, the comedian's scouts scoured the Los Angeles area, which has more persons of Japanese ancestry than any other part of the mainland United States. Then Paramount's talent hunters went to other west coast centers, including San Francisco and Stockton where auditions were held.

The story is that Robert's father, Kiyoshi Hirano, an employee at Boeing aircraft in Seattle, learned that the talent scouts were coming to Seattle in a Japanese American paper and contacted them. Young Robert took a test and the search was over.

The problem faced by the movie men was that the part of the Japanese orphan called for a 6-year old who could speak both Japanese and English fluently. Lewis found any number of photogenic children of Japanese ancestry around Hollywood, but the catch was that none could speak Japanese well. On the other hand, Lewis and his aides reasoned that a Japanese child in Japan would not be able to speak English.

Robert Hirano, however, is bilingual. He was born in Shizuoka, Japan, and has been in the United States in school long enough to learn English.

Kiyoshi Hirano, the father, is a Seattle-born Nisei who went to Japan to study in 1930 and later worked there as an accountant. After Pearl Harbor, he was drafted into the Japanese army where he served in the quartermaster corps. Last year Hirano was able to return to the United States, bringing his Japan-born wife and child with him.

NISEI SIGNED IN 'GEISHA BOY'

Though the emphasis is on fun in "Geisha Boy," Lewis is making every effort to assure the general accuracy of the picture's backgrounds. Unlike many other recent pictures with Japanese backgrounds, however, Lewis chose to make his picture in Hollywood and the result has been that a number of Nisei have found work in the film.

The dialogue coach is Midori Watanabe, a school teacher, who once tried out for a role in a picture then under consideration about the Japanese American evacuation "after meeting the author of the screen play at a party." Mrs. (Ichiro) Watanabe took lessons from a leading drama coach, but the picture was never made when the backing for the film fell through. But the drama lessons paid off recently when she was offered the position of dialogue coach on "Geisha Boy."

Lewis also hired an entire Nisei baseball team for his picture. The Nisei ballplayers were asked to turn out at Wrigley Field, impersonating a Japanese team in Tokyo and playing the barnstorming Brooklyn Dodgers. The latter were for real, being members of the Los Angeles Dodgers and the Nisei players batted against such pitchers as Carl Erskine and Johnny Podres in the movie scenes.

Sessue Hayakawa's role in the picture was that of an eccentric millionaire and one of what Lewis hopes will be a succession of hilarious scenes has Hayakawa ordering his servants to build a bridge across a pond in his garden. Naturally, the servants whistle while they work, and the bridge is a replica of the one on the river Kwai.

'TIME OF THE DRAGONS'

The man who produced the Japanese-American love story, James Michener's "Sayonara," will make a film sometime next year from Alice Ekert-Rotholz' Literary Guild novel, "Time of the Dragons." He is William Goetz, whose current production is the Danny Kaye comedy, "Me and the Colonel."

Goetz is a producer with a releasing arrangement with Columbia and "Time of the Dragons," a story set in Japan and other parts of Asia, will be one of the most important items on his agenda for the coming year.

"Time of the Dragons," of course, is the story of a quarter-century in Asia and is the story of a European family. But three of the leading characters in the story are Japanese. One is Akiro Matsubara, the proud Japanese government official who turns up in Shanghai on a mission at the start of the story and whose life parallels the events of the novel. Then there is Yuriko, the young woman in love with Matsubara, and Dr. Yamato, a man of peace, who worked against the Japanese militarists. The latter role might be one for Sessue Hayakawa. Mr. Hayakawa, of course, is currently involved as a native chief in "Green Mansions," a story with a South American background, in which Audrey Hepburn will be the bird girl, Rima, and Anthony Perkins and Lee J. Cobb are the two male leads.

L.A. DINNER TO HONOR JUSTICE DEPT OFFICIALS

Asst. U. S. Attorney General George C. Doubs of the Justice Department's civil division and section chief Enoch E. Ellison on Japanese claims will be guests of honor at a dinner to be held next Friday, Aug. 29, 7 p.m., at Imperial Gardens, it was announced today by the So. Calif. JACL Regional Office.

Doubs is responsible for the speed-up that will allow the completion of the program by the end of this year. Ellison has been in direct charge of the program almost since its inception 10 years ago.

The dinner is open to the public, according to Frank Chuman dinner chairman. Reservations are being accepted by the JACL Office (MA 6-4471) and the Japanese Chamber of Commerce (MA 6-5139).

Yoshinari, Azumano candidates for 'Biennium JACler'

SALT LAKE CITY. — Two more have been nominated for the "JACler of the Biennium" award by deadline last week, according to George Inagaki, national chairman of the JACL recognitions committee. They are Kumeo Yoshinari, Midwest District Council chairman, of Chicago; and George Azumano, chapter 1st vice-president, of Portland.

This makes it eight that the National JACL Board, sitting as judges, will consider for the Randolph M. Sakada Memorial Award to be presented at the convention's official delegates luncheon tomorrow.

Yoshinari, who served as Mid-Columbia chapter president in 1932, 1935 and 1942, was a two-term chapter president (1954-55) of Chicago and chairman of the 1957 joint EDC-MDC convention.

Azumano, who has been active in Portland JACL since its reactivation in 1945, is PNWDC 1000 Club chairman and member of various fraternal, civic, veteran and community groups, including the Oregon State Labor Commission and Japan Society of Oregon.

Delay sentence of young delinquent

The fate of Louis Yamashiro, convicted of involuntary manslaughter earlier this month, remained indefinite at a local court sentencing him last week.

Superior Judge Clement D. Nye turned him over instead to the California Youth Authority which will now have until Sept. 4 to decide whether they will accept the 17-year-old youth as a charge.

If the Youth Authority does not accept Yamashiro, he will appear again in Judge Nye's courtroom on Sept. 4 for sentencing as an adult.

Yamashiro was tried by the superior court as an adult for the Chinatown dance killing of Richard Sumii, 16, on the night of April 18.

Takeshi Masukawa who was charged with being an accomplice in the fatal shooting, was freed by the court for lack of evidence.

'Flower Drum Song' signs two more Californians

NEW YORK. — Two more Californians have been signed to feature roles in Rodgers and Hammerstein's "Flower Drum Song", a musical opening at the St. James Theater Nov. 27.

They are George Minami, Jr., 18, of Hayward, a song & dance man; and Arabella Hong, Stockton-born concert and opera singer of Chinese descent.

Minami, who began his dance studies five years ago, has appeared in USO shows, toured veteran hospitals and had a hand in staging the talent shows at San Lorenzo High School. Miss Hong, 1955 Juilliard School of Music graduate, has given 33 concerts this year and studied in Europe under a John Hay Whitney award.

Former national presidents favor present JACL policy on U.S.-Japan relations

What is the thinking of our past national presidents on the question of JACL's involvement in U.S.-Japan affairs? The Pacific Citizen asked for their personal opinions following publication in the July 11 and 18 PC's the articles by Saburo Kido (1940-46 national president) and Harold Gordon, national chairman of the legislative-legal committee giving reasons for and against.

Walter T. Tsukamoto, Lt. Col. JAGC (1936-38): . . . I have been

unable to reply with the degree of care and thought the problem posed deserves.

Since I have been out of touch with civilian affairs for more than 16 years, I do not believe that I am qualified to express an opinion which would reflect considerations of the events and policies of those intervening years. However . . . were I to vote on the question "Should JACL involve itself in U.S.-Japan Relations?", I would vote NO. I have carefully read Mr. Kido's article and concur with his judgments.

My concurrence is based in large part upon our joint efforts during JACL's infancy in formulating policies for the League as an American institution devoid of foreign entanglements of any kind and from that experience a lasting respect for and admiration of Mr. Kido's wisdom, integrity and dedication to the cause of the Nisei in the United States. I only regret that time does not permit me to go into greater detail.

I notice that Salt Lake City will again be host to the coming National Convention. This brings to mind the many pleasant memories of friendships and pleasant times had there in past years. Please extend to all my sincere wishes for a constructive, successful and joyous Convention.

Hito Okada (1946-50): Since most everything has been said and that very well by the pro and con people on the subject, I thought I need not say more . . . I am for keeping our present policy as stated at our 1954 convention, "except and unless the welfare of persons of Japanese ancestry in the United States is directly in-

olved". The existence today of the JACL is due to the leadership and thinking of our early leaders, making it an American organization free from entanglements with Japan. Because of this policy we were able to exist as an organization when our loyalty was questioned. We were able to continue as an organization during World War II, working for the welfare of the resident Japanese, attesting to the efficacy of the JACL policy.

It seems to me that the chapters can work in the framework the top level there has been difficulties. With the evacuation claims program slated for completion by the end of the year, all of the major wartime issues for which the Washington Office was necessary has been cleared. I note that National Headquarters is asking again for the same biennium budget of 1956. We are again being asked to allocate to our Washington Office an amount equal to that of National Headquarters (National Headquarters, \$27,250—Washington \$26,588). I believe that reduction in allocation for our Washington Office is now due, making National Headquarters the major clearinghouse of our program and problems.

I would like to see the savings thus made be budgeted for a working (paid) committee to present at our 1960 convention a long belated fraternal benefit plan for our members.

George J. Inagaki (1952-56) I have firmly advocated the JACL maintain its present policy with the "except" clause in tact. I would, however, suggest to the national president that the national board decide where the "except" clause applies.

Study committee favored by Cleveland

BY MASY TASHIMA

CLEVELAND. — After a thorough and hotly debated session on the importance and implications of JACL involvement on issues of international significance, the Cleveland JACL voted in favor of, but not unanimously, for "a committee to study, screen and evaluate such problems as may arise . . ." as suggested recently in the PC (July 25) by Dr. Roy Nishikawa as choice number four.

A preliminary vote taken at the outset indicated that 13 per cent were neutral, 32 per cent against and 55 per cent in favor of JACL participation in international affairs.

With George Ono and Joe Kadowaki taking the affirmative position, it was brought out that "whether we like it or not, the Japanese Americans are already racially identified and we cannot escape involvement." If the JACL cannot offer an opinion when

questions on such matters, who will speak for the Japanese Americans—who will fill the void?

On the other hand, Paul Ohmura and Gene Takahashi presented arguments to support the negative stand with strong points such as the detracting from the primary goals of the JACL; can the JACL speak for the Nisei mind; can it become a "front organization"; what does involvement mean—degree of involvement; what is going to be the change, by whom and by what mechanism?

Early Votes Changed

Henry Tanaka, moderator of the panel, opened the discussion to the floor and several arguments were presented to support both sides. At the conclusion of the debate, the results of the final voting showed: "hands-off", none; status quo, 20 per cent; study committee, 55 per cent; free participation, 20 per cent and undecided, 5 per cent.

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POINTING Southwestward

By Fred Takata

THIS MUST BE THE PLACE!

Well, here we are in Salt Lake City, gathering together with all of the JACLers throughout the United States to discuss the many problems and the future of our organization. This is the first convention we are attending as a staff member, and although we have many assignments delegated to us, we certainly hope we will have the privilege of meeting all of you JACLers gathering here for this 15th Biennial Convention.

Some fifty-odd (odd?) members from the PSWDC are invading Salt Lake City by highway, air, and rail, prepared to get right down to business as well as raise the roof when it's relaxing time. So may we warn the residents of this peaceful city by the Great Salt Lake not to be alarmed when the big noise arrives! It's not the H-Bomb, it's just the PSWDC rolling into town! (What, no bars?)

Many of us from the PSWDC will be quite corked, after going through the Vet's Reunion and the Nisei Week Festival, these past few weeks. The Nisei Week Festival closed this year with a colorful parade, with thousands of people crowding the streets of Li'l Tokio. This year the parade was one of the biggest and most successful we've seen in years. A lot of color was added to the parade with the participation of three championship drum and bugle corps, the Maryknoll Girls, 379 Boy Scouts and the Monterey Park Girls. These three groups have all won the State championship title. During this year's Ram vs. 49er football game, the 379 Boy Scouts, have been asked to perform during half-time ceremonies, and we'll be looking forward to seeing them again.

Many of our JACLers took part in the parade this year, riding with their beautiful queen candidates in open convertibles. We spotted Roy Yamadera (ELA), Frank Suzukida (DTLA), Dr. Dave Miura (Long Beach Harbor Dist.), Dr. Milton Inouye (WLA) Sam Hirasawa (SWLA), and Kaz Kawakami (Hollywood). The Orange County JAYs and the Hi-Co group added a lot of color to the parade with all their humorous antics, and they also did a terrific job on their float, which must have taken a lot of man hours to construct. To put the whole thing in a nutshell, this was one of best festivals we've ever had, and a lot of credit should be given to our 1000 Clubber Matao Uwate, who acted as general chairman for this event.

Regional Office Secretary Blanche Shiosaki has been in Salt Lake City these past few weeks helping the Committees set up the National Convention, and we just received a story from her, which we would like to insert here, to fulfill our obligation for this week. So, Blanche, take it away

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AM I A STRANGER HERE MYSELF

BY BLANCHE SHIOSAKI

Salt Lake City, Convention City to JACLers this year, has a personality all its own like other cities. San Francisco, for instance, is personified as cosmopolitan and cultured; Los Angeles is frequently called knowing and harried; Salt Lake City could then be called wholesome but no longer virgin.

The Church—which here means the Mormon Church—adds the special flavor that the city transmits. Being the powerful organization that it is, the church is controversial—praised and damned, admired and decried, and the object of local jokes.

The most heard local joke—it must be told to all tourists and visitors—is that the city center statue of Brigham Young has his hand stretch palm upwards toward the town's leading bank. Another dilly is that when Utah outlawed polygamy and became a state the church built a 200 room hotel (the present exclusive Ambassador Club) to help take care of all the extra wives who supposedly would have no place to go and—only one ever showed up!

It's a town that shouts its pride of its Mormon pioneers. Pioneer Day, July 24, is a bigger and boomier holiday than the 4th; statues, monuments, memorial plaques and buildings in the usual Mormon neo-classic art form are all over the place. It is a little overdone—possibly the only thing worth leaving an air-conditioned room for would be Temple Square itself, and especially on Sunday morning to hear the radio broadcast of "The Spoken Word" and the singing of the world famous choir of the Mormon tabernacle.

For the uninitiated the town closes up early—yet, the private bottle clubs keep going until 5 every morning. Definition: Bottle Club—you bring your own booze, the club sells the mix (water and ice 30 cents). One such club even has the cold water taps in the washrooms turned off! Because of the liquor laws the drinking is hard and fast here—a spirit of "kill the bottle," back rooms and dark alleyways substituting for bars.

Salt Lake City claims beauty and correctly so. The cleanliness of its skies, streets and buildings, the greenness of its many trees, the purple of its foothills, and the spectacular Wasatch Mountains in the background give to Salt Lake City a handsome stateliness.

A tourist "must" would be the beautiful canyon drives—for instance, the drive to the site of the convention outing at Brighton Resort through Big Cottonwood Canyon. Another must is the Bingham Copper Mine—it may be just a big man-made hole-in-the-ground but still fantastic! Great Salt Lake (where they are breeding a special brand of vicious mosquitoes this year) is just another body of water to look at and if you look at the salt beds from which salt is being harvested—dirty gray stuff—you will look askance at your salt cellar the next time you use it.

All in all, Salt Lake City is a wonderful place for a convention. The people here are extra friendly—their attitude towards visitors is that of helpfulness and never that of suspicion nor contemptuous gouging. There will be fun here with PIP, the convention spirit in full swing, air conditioning for summertime comfort and the camaraderie of all JACL gatherings.



Parley site again for the Japanese American Citizens League, which is holding its 15th biennial national convention next week-end, Aug. 22-25, is the 500-room Hotel Utah, east of the historic Mormon Temple Square, in Salt Lake City. To the west of Temple Square is Hotel Utah's new multi-million dollar Motor Lodge, where many of the convention social activities are scheduled. JACL held its 10th biennial convention at the same hotel ten years ago.

'PC with Membership' seen as close link between Headquarters and JACL member

"PC with Membership" is one of our favorite subjects and is expected to be among the major issues at the forthcoming 15th Biennial national convention. We haven't been favored with much comment on this subject in the vernacular press until our Placer County friend chose to do so last week. Thanks, Roy—Ed.

BY ROY YOSHIDA
(From Hokubei Mainichi)

San Francisco

It is no secret the percentage of JACL members subscribing to the Pacific Citizen, the organization weekly referred to as PC, is very small, in fact, it is so out of proportion it verges on the pathetic.

We find it difficult to understand why so many members care so little about what's going on in their organization. Or, for that matter, what manner of an organization they are supporting.

They do not seem to realize that JACL is their spokesman and, as such, what it says or does has a definite bearing on their welfare—locally and nationally. It is, therefore, highly incongruous that they should lack the interest of "checking up" on what is being said or done in their behalf.

This "line disconnected" situation has another drawback. It makes it difficult for National Headquarters to inform the membership on what may happen, what is happening and what has happened regarding JACL activity. Memos to chapters are not always satisfactory—not all members attend chapter meetings and only half who do are paying much attention. All of which tends to generate misunderstandings and grumblings at the grass roots when something happens that displeases them.

Editor Harry Honda has done

Committeemen announced for fashion show-luncheon

SAN FRANCISCO. — Committeemen for the San Francisco JACL Women's Auxiliary luncheon-fashion show to be held Sept. 20 in the Fairmount Hotel Venetian Room were announced this week by Thelma Takeda, Auxiliary president and event chairman.

Mrs. Yuki Yui, formerly associated with the House of Charm, will be the fashion show coordinator. In charge of the committees are:

Kuni Koga, tickets; Mrs. Yo Hironaka, models; Lucy Adachi, hostesses; Sumi Utsumi, program; Sumi Honnami, srans.; Margie Shigezumi, favors; Tes Hideshima, guests; Sumako Fukumori and Louise Koike, special service; and Miyuki Aoyama, pub.

a fine job since taking over the editorship from Larry Tajiri. He has kept PC rolling along on shaky support and lean budget. And notable improvements have been made in newsworthiness, readability and service to warrant the support of every JACL family.

This matter of keeping PC's head above water has been a constant source of worry for Harry, National Director Mas Satow and the PC committee. All sorts of means have been tried to increase circulation and put it on a self-supporting basis. But pleading, cajoling, pampering and even shaming seem to have little effect on membership sales resistance. So now we come to the "PC with membership" plan, which will be discussed at the coming national convention in Salt Lake City. The idea here is, for a fraction of the subscription price which is said to be very nominal, tacked on to chapter dues, every member will receive the Pacific Citizen.

The plan, however, is not without objections. For instance, those already voiced are:

Issei members who are unable to read English will be penalized; Families with two or more members will get unnecessary extra copies; and

Chapters will lose members if dues are raised.

Assuming these objections are valid, they may not be as bad as they seem on the surface. First two can be ironed out in some equitable manner. Third may be a bit more difficult to live with. But even here, if the chapters put in little more effort in the membership drive and properly promote the idea that members will get a lot more at a small additional cost, the loss can be kept at a minimum.

On the other hand, this plan will enable every member to become better acquainted with the moving parts of JACL machinery. It will make for better informed membership JACL-wise, which in turn will make for a stronger, closer-knit organization.

What's more, when you hear that oft-repeated query, "What do I get for my dues?"—you have a ready answer: PACIFIC CITIZEN.



'1000' CLUB NOTES

SAN FRANCISCO. — As the 15th Biennial national convention opens this week, National JACL Headquarters is happy to announce that the current 1000 Club membership count is the highest in its history—1,287.

Sixty-four new and renewal memberships acknowledged last week for the period of Aug. 1-15, are as follows:

LIFE MEMBER
Snake River—Kay Teramura.
TENTH YEAR
Marysville—Akiji Yoshimura.
NINTH YEAR
Santa Maria Valley—Frank K. Ito.
Snake River—Mamoru Wakasugi.
EIGHTH YEAR
Orange County—Harry Matsukane.
Dayton—Dr. James Taguchi.
D.C.—Harry I. Takagi.
SEVENTH YEAR
Reno—Fred Aoyama.
Seattle—William Mimbu.
Dayton—Frank Y. Sakada.
SIXTH YEAR
Fowler—Dr. George Miyake.
Idaho Falls—Fred I. Ochi.
Seattle—George T. Okada, Toru Sakahara.
Snake River—Kayno Salto.
Monterey Peninsula—Minoru C. Uyeda.
FIFTH YEAR
San Luis Obispo—Tameji Eto.
San Francisco—Jack Hirose, Kei Horl.
Seattle—Joe S. Hirota, James M. Matsuoaka.
Chicago—Harry T. Ichiyasu, Satoshi H. Nishijima.
Berkeley—Tokuya Kako.
Hollywood—Charles K. Kamayatsu.
Puyallup Valley—H. James Kinoshita.
Pasadena—Takashi Kishi.
Philadelphia—Noboru Kobayashi.
PNWDC—Tetsuo Nobuku.
FOURTH YEAR
Twin Cities—Dr. Isaac Iijima.
Alameda—Haruo Imura.
Delano—Paul H. Kawasaki.
Downtown L.A.—Yasuhiro Kawasaki.
Chicago—George K. Kittaka.
Pasadena—Kay K. Monma.
Seattle—Mrs. Kiyo Motoda, Peter I. Ohtaki.
San Francisco—Hisashi Tani.
THIRD YEAR
San Diego—Jack T. Hamaguchi.
Milwaukee—Helen Inai, Sachii Ishii.
Delano—George Y. Nagatani.
Downtown L.A.—Gongoro Nakamura.
Portland—Tom T. Okazaki, Bob Sunamoto.
Southwest L.A.—Tom T. Shimazaki.
Snake River—C. Shima.
San Mateo—George T. Sutow, Tomiko Sutow.
Detroit—Tes T. Tada.
Cleveland—Robert N. Takiguchi.
Tulare County—Mrs. Ethel Tashiro.
SECOND YEAR
Snake River—Larry N. Fujii.
San Mateo—Mary Sutow.
FIRST YEAR
Chicago—George Iwasaki.
Fresno—John Kubota.
Puyallup Valley—Dr. Victor I. Moriyasu.
Snake River—George Mita, George Nishimura, Jack Ogami, Mark M. Sumida, Heizi Yasuda.
DECEASED MEMBERS
Ray Kihara, Seattle; Takeo Nogaki, New York.

O.C. JAYS TO INSTALL NEW OFFICERS AUG. 29

SANTA ANA. — Plans for the fourth annual Orange County Japanese American Youth installation banquet Aug. 29, 7:30 p.m., at Knott's Berry Farm's Chicken House were announced by Mike Ota, dinner chairman and president-elect.

Elaborating on the evening theme, "United We Stand", will be guest speaker Dr. Robert P. Shuter of the First Methodist Church here.

Other highlights include the pre to the boy and girl high school graduate, Blue and White Award going to the JAY member who Mike Ota, pres.; George Mura, v.p.; Jean Yukihiro, sec.; Nari Hasegawa, treas.; Teddy and Yoko Ohara, co-social chmn.; Stanley Ishii and Larry Kubota, co-athletic chmn.; Roy Take-no, pub.; and Joyce Asahi, hist.

Members-at-large — Sage Kodama, Garden Grove; Kenny Kubota, Huntington Beach; Margaret Kishiyama, Anaheim; Brian Tamura, Santa Ana; Orange; and Susu Kishiyama, Fullerton.

Assisting in the banquet are: Yoko Ohara, David Tamura, Eleanor Yukihiro, Eddie Hatanaka, Nancy Kikuda, Joan Ota, Jane Asari, Evelyn Nagamatsu and George Kanno, (adv.).

Omaha JACLers frolic at annual summer picnic

OMAHA. — Over 100 enjoyed the annual Omaha JACL picnic recently at Pleasant Hill under the co-chairmanship of Robert Nakadoi and Mike Watanabe. There were games and pony rides for the youngsters and games and gate prizes for the adults. Assisting were:

Carol Doi, Mrs. Em Nakakoi, Frank Tamai, James Egusa, Jerome Sera, Grover Yamamoto, Roy Hirabayashi, Stevie Takechi, Ronny Mtsaki, Pat Okura and Manuel Matsumani.



VERY TRULY YOURS

By Harry K. Honda

In a Nostalgic Mood

Here we are—in Salt Lake City again. It was the 1948 convention here that yours truly attended as an official delegate for the first time, representing a new Downtown Los Angeles chapter.

I remember raising the question of whether a comma was being placed properly in a resolution concerning evacuation claims. And I still seem to have trouble placing commas in copy today. I also remember placing a bid for the 1950 convention. Efforts were quite feeble, compared to the felicitous appeals made by Tokuzo Gordon and the late Randy Sakada of Chicago. I guess I wanted to go to Chicago more than hustle at home then.

And I remember telling the national council the public relations value of staging such a celebration as Nisei Week, when discussion came on the floor about sponsoring cultural events with a Japanese flavor for the community-at-large. Since that time, JACL chapters in various communities have made a name for themselves with such types of programs. And the Nisei by participation, undoubtedly, have come to appreciate their heritage a little bit more.

All of the nostalgia of the Salt Lake City convention of a decade ago was prettily prompted (and here's why) last week when Mrs. Shig Kawai of Pasadena sat next to me at a Nisei Week "thank you" dinner. She was JACL's first convention queen, the former June Yoshimoto, representing the Pacific Southwest District Council. Still easy on the eyes and gracious with poise, June was among the many Nisei Week committeemen at the party. She was in charge of the successful Festival fashion show.

While we're waxing nostalgia, I remember Nisei Week of a decade ago, too. We had those hectic sprees for queen contest ballots—something the girls today are missing. The talent shows were sellouts for two nights—only one night was allowed this year and we missed it last year.

But some pleasant changes were evident in this year's festivities—for one thing, it was a money-maker. New ideas were innovated for the grand finale—the ondo parade. There were two trophies to parade participants: the best float, the best kenjinkai feature. Orange County JAYs, prototype of Jr. JACL clubs being encouraged today, had the best float, depicting "Teahouse of the August Moon." The Shizuoka Club (only one responding) did a commendable job with their samurai costume parade. If this tradition of parade trophies lingers, the line of march may become too long for the five or six blocks involved.

I am only repeating what Henry Mori (L.A. Newsletter) said last week about this year's Festival general manager Matao Uwate, "papa-san" to nine girls in the queen's court. The genial FIF salesman and Japanese radio show producer handled the chores as if he were an old hand at the game, yet this was his first time. With the kind of cooperation he was able to muster, it's a cinch he'll be at it again.

Enough of this memorabilia—but this is the respite we needed as we get into the business on hand at the 15th Biennial national convention: "PC with Membership" and the "JACL Japan Policy" questions, to name but a few.



Tom Aoki, son of Mr. and Mrs. Shigeo Aoki of Oakland, will represent the No. Calif.-West Nevada JACL District Council in the forthcoming national JACL oratorical contest at Salt Lake City. A pre-med student at Univ. of California, he is active in Oakland Jr. JACL.

—Utsumi Photo.

Seven youth orators to vie in nat'l JACL confab speechfest

SALT LAKE CITY. — Seven young orators representing their respective JACL district councils are ready to speak on "What JACL Means to a Japanese American Youth" here at the 15th Biennial JACL convention official luncheon on Saturday, Aug. 23.

Mas Yano, contest chairman, said all the plans are now completed. The speakers are:

Tom Aoki (Oakland) ... NC-WNDC
Nancy Kubo (Long Beach) ... PSWDC
Yumiko J. Kubota (Delano) ... CCDC
Pauline Nagao (Seabrook) ... EDC
Dennis Okamoto (Snake River) ... IDC
Darryl Sakada (Dayton) ... MDC
Frances Sumida (Portland) ... PNWDC

The judges are:
Prof. Elmer Smith, Prof. George Adamson, both Univ. of Utah; K. Patrick Okura, Boys Town, Neb.; Prof. Morris Clinger, Brigham Young University.

The young people will compete for a grand prize of a \$250 war bond and secondary prizes. They will be the guests of the host Salt Lake Chapter during the 15th Biennial National JACL Convention.

The general public will be invited to attend the Oratorical Contest, which is slated at 1:30 p.m. following the luncheon in the Lafayette Room, Motel Utah.

Issei entertainment billed for San Francisco Sept. 5

SAN FRANCISCO. — Another free entertainment program for the Issei has been planned by the San Francisco JACL, according to co-chairmen Mary Minamoto and Tess Hideshima. It will be held Sept. 5, 7:30 p.m., at the American Friends Center.

Four travelogues on Japan through courtesy of Japan Air Lines and a program of modern Japanese music by the local Shin Sei band have been scheduled. Refreshments will be served and transportation home will be arranged for all who request it.

Crucial issues —

Continued from Front Page
school, college) clubs as well as sports programs for the youth. This is the first postwar convention in which the youth will take a very active role and become a major subject matter before the national council.

Headquarters Building

Several alternatives will be studied with reference to the National JACL Building question by the national planning committee, with Harry Takagi of Washington, D.C., as chairman. Briefly, they are: (1) status quo until such time as the San Francisco building plans are more definite; (2) moving National Headquarters to more suitable quarters and including a \$1,500 rent item in the budget; and (3) embarking upon a capital fund campaign with help of chapters to build or purchase a National JACL building.

The choices stem from a misunderstanding of the San Francisco JACL proposal to earmark its 1956 convention profits toward a building to house National Headquarters. The actual offer was to set aside such profits to erect a building in San Francisco and providing space for National Headquarters.

The prospect of a capital fund campaign appears unlikely, it has been pointed out, because of chapters having had difficulty raising present quotas, very few comparable organizations own buildings and that it was inadvisable to build for a national staff of three persons.

Constitutional Changes

The planning committee will also consider four amendments to the JACL constitution, dealing with (1) election of the Thousand Club chairman, (2) annual national board meetings, (3) designation of national council agenda at least one month in advance to all chapters, and (4) telegraphic and mail voting, clarifying the present section so that the majority of the actual replies received would rule rather than allowing assent by silence as currently ordained.

It has been estimated that annual board meetings would require an additional budget item of \$2,500.

The same committee will discuss the convention travel pool put into operation this year for the first time; JACL scholarship programs (De Vry, supplementary sums to the annual Masaoka memorial scholarship); JACL personnel policy; JACL endowment and reserve funds.

Some of the questions raised on the travel pool are: (1) What happens if a majority of the chapters do not participate? (2) What if chapters pay into the pool but are not represented at convention? (3) Can travel pool sums be supplemented from convention profits?

Program and Activities

Seven main topics scheduled for the program and activities committee, chaired by Jerry Enomoto of San Francisco, are: (1) Arlington National Cemetery Committee, (2) national oratorical and essay contests, (3) chapter programming with reference to Issei participation, better understanding of Japanese culture, and understanding and appreciat-

ing other minority groups; (4) scholarships, (5) exchange of chapter programs and ideas, (6) "chapter of year" or "chapter of biennium" awards, and (7) problem of the aging.

The Arlington cemetery committee is recommending that since the public relations purpose of Nisei Soldier Memorial Day (last Sunday in October), namely the success of JACL's legislative program, has been accomplished, that chapters join with local groups in honoring the Nisei war dead on Memorial Day; that this committee become a responsibility of the Washington, D.C., chapter; and that JACL place a plaque at the Arlington shrine for the Unknown Soldiers of World War II and the Korean conflict.

A rather complete report and recommendations on the problem of the aging were presented at both the 1954 and 1956 convention. Delegates are now being asked: "... does JACL have a continuing responsibility in this field?"

Suggestions on format, topics and how to stimulate youth participation in the national JACL oratorical and essay contests are also expected.

Budget-Finance

Serious study on the JACL budget-finance, endowment fund and reserve fund will be given by the budget and finance committee, under chairman Kumeo Yoshinari of Chicago acting for national treasurer Aki Hayashi of New York, who is unable to attend.

While the proposed 1958-60 budget is approximately the same as the past biennium, the committee will have predetermined increases to be borne by the district councils in the event certain recommendations are adopted which involve boosts in the quota.

Programs which involve quota increases include (1) national JACL scholarship program, (2) national building plan, (3) PC with Membership, and (4) annual national board meeting.

Each national committee meeting has been allotted 3½ hours for discussion and national council sessions relegated 1½ hours, of which three will be used this morning for calling the convention to order by national president Dr. Roy Nishikawa of Los Angeles, calling of the roll by secretary to the National Board Mrs. Lily Okura of Omaha, presentation of reports from national officers and committeemen and greetings from convention general chairman, Rupert Hachiya.

Social Activities

Separating the national council sessions are the various social festivities, which the host chapter of Salt Lake City, led by convention chairman Hachiya and chapter president Ichiro Doi, has been preparing meticulously the past year. (Schedule of social activities is listed in the "Calendar" on the back page.)

Dr. Nishikawa will be the keynote speaker at the opening ceremonies tonight, using the convention theme, "The Past Is Prologue" as his topic. Special recognition to the outstanding JACLer of the biennium will be paid at the luncheon tomorrow. Proving that the 15th Biennial is not a "watered down" convention as once anticipated, the mixer tonight, the 1000 Club whing ding, Saturday Night Social, all-day outing at Brighton Resort Sunday and gala Sayonara Ball have been slated to rival the big conventions of the past.

Traditionally the convention climax, the recognitions banquet Monday night at the Hotel Utah motor lodge auditorium features the presence of distinguished guests. Rep. Dalip S. Saund (D., Calif.), first person of Asian ancestry elected to Congress, will be the principal speaker. Presentation of gold and silver JACL medallions to the "Nisei of the Biennium" will be made also. Twenty-four were nominated, the largest number ever considered at one time by the judges. And special recognition will be paid to two Justice Department officials, Asst. Atty. Gen. George C. Doub of the civil division and his Japanese claims section chief, Enoch E. Ellison, for their efforts in connection with the evacuation claims program.



Mrs. Jeanne Konishi (left), editor; Paul Hasegawa, cover artist; and Miki Kobayashi art director of the 15th Biennial National JACL Convention Souvenir Booklet look over a copy of the just-published 100 page booklet. Others who served on the booklet staff were Mas Horiuchi, associate editor; Tomio Ushio, editorial staff; Kaizo Shiotani, art staff; Toshi Odow, Grace Kasai, and supervisor.

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THE Northwest PICTURE

By Elmer Ogawa

URBAN REDEVELOPMENT

Years of work in the interest of community improvement finally brought some substantial gains this week.

At a press conference, Mayor Gordon S. Clinton declared a 120 block area of Seattle, (including all of the region regarded as of special interest to the Jackson Street Community Council), a blighted area and subject to the legal and financial aid provisions of the federal urban renewal program. The first step will be to request federal study funds, from which several projects may develop.

Oldtimers from Seattle will perhaps recall the Welcome Hotel building on the southwest corner of 6th and Jackson. It is a structure so old that the city records fail to show when it was built. The book of building permits which was started in 1897, show among its early records, permits to repair this building.

A casual glance shows that it was there before the Jackson Street regrade, which commenced in 1907. The structure is virtually built on stilts, sometimes over 30 feet above the ground below, and surrounded by a wavy wooden sidewalk.

Prior to the Mayor's declaration, this property was bought by the Seattle First National Bank, to be filled in as a foundation and parking lot for a new bank building for its International Branch, which since 1934 has been housed across the street in the premises formerly occupied by the old Hirade Department Store.

The Bank development is just on the border of the area earmarked by the Jackson Street Community Council for construction of a Chinatown, Nipponmachi, International Center for the day when Urban Renewal and community rehabilitation would become a reality.

The entire program ties in with plans for the new freeway plans which will overpass Jackson Street between 8th and 9th avenues. Razing the sleazy hotels and upgrading the neighborhood will make this area a presentable southern gateway to the metropolitan area, as well as making this onetime solely oriental community more presentable to Seattleites on an evening out.

Being Council president is paying off for Y. Philip Hayakawa. He is being booked by TV stations to present the up-to-date development of this onetime dream.

10 SHARES OF AT&T RESTORED

Not expecting anyone to remember, but in 1956, this column related the story of Sono Hoshi, a shy, serene, diminutive Nisei girl who went to Japan on a visit in 1940. Her boat turned back to Japan at Pearl Harbor time, and she was stuck there for the duration. After, during the occupation, she got an air force civilian job, and didn't return to the United States until 1955.

She then learned that the Telephone stock she had in safe deposit had been turned over to the attorney general, as the legal date for filing a claim for its return had long ago expired.

When the reporter from this column visited Miss Hoshi in 1956, she was reluctant to discuss the matter at all, but after a lot of persuasive arguments were made, consented to make a few remarks if it would help other people "in the same fix."

So now today's news bears the story that both Houses in Washington have passed a special bill to restore Miss Hoshi's ten shares of A.T.&T. now worth 3,500 dollars. Original sponsor is that famous democrat Senator Warren G. Magnusen, and supporter in the House is Thomas M. Pelly, Republican, and one time president of the Seattle Chamber of Commerce.



Chicago Corner

By Smoky H. Sakurada

"Teahouse of the August Moon" was presented this past week at the Fullerton Pavilion in Lincoln Park—though there was no big moon to be seen in the sky. Mrs. Nancy Shiozaki appeared in the leading fem role of Lotus Blossom; Kenji Nakane, Service Committee director who acted as technical director, had the role of Mr. Oshira. Other Nisei in the cast include Mrs. Susi Sabusawa, Nob Asato, Wallace Nakamoto, Elchi Kanda, Rickie Kobayashi, Tab Okubo (villagers) Frances Hashiguchi, Debbie, Rikilyn and Betty Sabusawa, Joan Nakayama (children), Martha Deguchi (Ladies' League) and Nancy Kondo (geisha).

The Hawaiian-born singer-dancer, Emiko Suzuki, who made a hit in the leading role of American Opera Co.'s production of "La Traviata" recently, won first place in the dramatic soprano division of the Chicagoland Music Festival last week. She is the wife of Paul Watanabe, 416 Surf St.

CHICAGO CHATTER—Over 4,000 attended the JASC community picnic at Northwestern Woods Aug. 3. Among the greeters were Abe Hagiwara and Consul General Akira Sono . . . JASC's membership campaign has reached 625 or 62 per cent of the goal. Chicago JACL's membership has hit 992 . . . New club presidents: Yuki Mishima of the Cosmo (soldier bride group), Clarence Nagamoto of the Hawaiian Club . . . Jake Higashiuchi's daughter Joan was married Aug. 2 to Stephen Schanuel, Ph.D. candidate who has a teaching fellowship at the Univ. of Chicago.

Major world league in baseball proposal endorsed by semanticist Dr. Hayakawa

SAN FRANCISCO. — Dr. S. I. Hayakawa, internationally celebrated professor of semantics at San Francisco State College, added his endorsement to a "world league," with the object of better understanding among nations, in a letter to Will Connolly, sports columnist for the San Francisco Chronicle.

"I believe you are quite right in saying that Cuba, Mexico, Puerto Rico, Venezuela, Argentina and Japan are important sources of baseball material . . . in the event of expansion of major ball . . . from reservoirs yet untapped," Hayakawa wrote Connolly.

"We should think in larger terms, now that the pattern of big league baseball, frozen for half a century, has begun to be radically modified, especially with the advent of plane travel."

Connolly, in discussing the letter in his column Monday, said: Professor Hayakawa envisions, 10 or 20 years hence, all sorts of majors that would really make

the "World Series" world.

Transpacific League

For a starter, a Pacific league which would embrace San Francisco, Los Angeles, Seattle, Vancouver, Honolulu, Manila, Tokyo, Osaka—and perhaps Portland and San Diego.

Flight time with jets would be no problem.

The professor's Northeastern league would be New York, Boston, Cleveland, Detroit, Philadelphia, Pittsburgh, Montreal, Toronto and maybe San Juan because of Puerto Rico's affinity for New York.

His Central league would be Winnipeg, Minneapolis, Chicago, Milwaukee, Kansas City, St. Louis, Dallas, Mexico City—and add Denver and Monterey.

The Southeastern league would be Baltimore, Washington, Atlanta, New Orleans, Houston, Caracas, Rio de Janeiro and Buenos Aires. Tack on Miami.

A semanticist's field is the significant meaning of words, so we'll have to condense Dr. Hayakawa's letter a little. He is not working on space rates, being gainfully employed.

Future 'World Series'

His conclusion: "When the day comes when World Series preliminary playoffs have to be done in Caracas and Kansas City, while the series itself is played off in New York, Toronto or Tokyo, then we shall have taken a big step towards cultivating those shared enthusiasms which will make the people of different nations less suspicious and hostile towards each other."

It's a pleasure to edit Dr. Hayakawa. He uses "will" and "shall" in the proper places, and is a fast man on his feet with the subjunctive.

English is a disorderly language.

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PHOENIX. — Bill Kajikawa, a spunky little fellow who won more friends than games in nine years as Arizona State basketball coach, was the man of the hour at the coaches' clinic this past week in Flagstaff.

The All-Star high school basketball and football games Aug. 22-23 will be dedicated to Kajikawa, who used more heart than size as an outstanding football player at Phoenix Union and Arizona State.

"More important than the watch Kaji will receive at halftime of the football game Aug. 23 is the vast number of friends he has counted over the years," said Frank Michelbach, president of the Flagstaff Townjacks, co-sponsor of the 10th annual coaches' school.

In Teaching Post

Kajikawa, a 5 foot-7, 135-pounder, resigned as Sun Devil basketball coach in 1957, but remained at the school to head the required physical education program for men.

He was named Border Conference coach of the year after the 1954-55 season when his team staged a remarkable comeback after losing 11 of the first 12 games.

That year, Arizona State climbed from dead last to third in the Border Conference, beating the University of Arizona twice for the first time in 13 years.

The second win was the fabled 104-103 triumph over the Wildcats in one of the Cactus Circuit's most memorable games.

For years Kajikawa was the only Japanese American head coach in a major sport in any American college. He saw artillery combat service in Europe during World War II.

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MILE-HI CHAPTER MAY RETIRE BRIDGE TROPHY

SALT LAKE CITY. — Permanent possession of a National JACL Convention perpetual trophy will be at stake during the bridge tournament of the 15th Biennial National JACL Convention, Tournament Chairman Bill Mizuno announced today.

The perpetual trophy was donated by Drs. George and William Hiura at the 1953 San Francisco National Convention. At that time the trophy was won by Mrs. Jack Noda and Jim Kimoto representing the Cortez chapter. At Los Angeles in 1954, Denver won the trophy through efforts of Mrs. True Yasui and Sam Matsumoto.

At San Francisco in 1956 Denver won the second leg of the perpetual trophy with Dr. Charles Fujisaki teamed with Bee Uyeda of Mt. View.

"If the Mile-Hi JACL Bridge Club again wins the total high points," said Mizuno, "they will retire the Hiura Trophy."

The Convention bridge tournament will be held at the Brighton Resort Alpine Ski Lodge on Sunday, Aug. 24, 1 p.m. Entries for the bridge tournament will be accepted until Aug. 23 (\$1.50 entry fee for delegates.)

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Los Angeles NEWSLETTER

By Henry Mori

LOCAL FEELINGS ON U.S.-JAPAN AFFAIRS

Several months ago when some of JACL's top men began discussing the possibilities of revising the organization's policy to include international relations in its future program, this column commented that "the League was not in the position, at least not today, to tackle such a vast field." We said there seems to be enough work for the chapters to undertake on the home front. Youth activities can contribute to the curbing of juvenile delinquency. Some interest can be shown in behalf of the old folks. On the humanitarian side, the wartime stragglers and renunciants can be given certain legal assistance.

Emotionalism has entered into this controversy of whether the JACL should, or should not, enter international politics. The proponents have come out with such glowing selling points as U.S.-Japan amity, better trade relations, or fighting Communists in Japan when they advocate the liberalizing policy.

Nothing concrete has been offered by the proponents other than their belief that the idea is progressive and to let the organization bask idle in its present form may mean the eventual distancing of the members.

When the East Los Angeles JACL chapter had its three meetings to settle the issue on how their two delegates were to vote, it was Saburo Kido, PC general manager, who convinced the members just what the new movement meant. He said bluntly that he would rather see the JACL dissolve itself first before it goes to any lengths in taking stands on international relations. We agree with him.

Kido was not against Nisei or Sansei taking active part in politics, domestic or foreign. He also wished the Japanese Americans would become strong politically so they would not have to be shoved around as they were at the outbreak of World War II.

Unfortunately the JACL was the only active voice in 1942 and that was not enough to hold back the evacuation of persons of Japanese ancestry. But Kido knows that because JACL was not involved in foreign issues or overtures before Dec. 7, 1941, that the Issei and Nisei were able to come out of the war as well as they did.

Imagine the wholesale branding of evacuees had the organization taken any active position on U.S.-Japan relations before that fatal bombing of Pearl Harbor. Kido insists that it was the "clean skirt" of the JACL that saved them.

The attorney-publisher said the JACL "should work itself out of existence" and the JACLers join other community-wide groups if their own work on the domestic front is over.

LONG BEACH TO VOTE 'NO'

The rising tide of opposition, especially from local chapters and from those in the Central Calif., prompted this column for a statement from the Long Beach chapter, which has been advocating the "hands off" policy right along.

In a collective statement opposing any change, Dr. David Miura and Tomizo Joe, president and past president, respectively, indicated the JACL is not a source to settle international differences or take a stand on any issue unfamiliar to the membership. It cited one example—the recent tuna importation case—in which there were diversified opinions even among JACLers who were directly involved because tuna was their livelihood.

"The Nisei have come of age where there is no longer unanimity of thought merely because of their racial background. Rather than venture into fields where inevitably there would be disharmony within the membership we should encourage them to participate in the already established groups to express their views," Dr. Miura, who is one of the two biennial convention delegates from Long Beach, said. Sapphire pin awardee Mrs. Sue Joe, wife of Tomizo, is the other delegate.

As long as there is doubt in the membership on the proposed change—and there are many who realize the dangers of treading into the unknown—it would be wise to restudy the policy before giving it an affirmative vote.

Certainly it is not being "backward" when there are other things which the JACL can do to directly benefit persons of Japanese ancestry in this country.

We mustn't lose our sights on the basic reason for the organizing of the JACL in the 1930s.

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Fountain Valley annexes new 2½ square mile tract

FOUNTAIN VALLEY. — The agricultural city of Fountain Valley is growing as voters on a new 2½-square mile tract north of the present city limits favored annexation 34-15, the office of Mayor James Kanno announced this past week.

Included was Mile Square Airport, a naval reserve emergency landing field which has been suggested as the future site of a four-year state college.

Confab hostesses hear model's advice

SALT LAKE CITY. — Now in the final stages of convention preparation the Salt Lake JACL chapter members, hosts to the 15th Biennial National JACL Convention, heard Georgia Hamblin of the Utah Models Guild give witty and practical advice on being hosts and hostesses.

A group of 60 Salt Lake JACLers who take their host duties seriously gathered at the Christian Church, August 13 and hear Mrs. Hamblin express some down-to-earth etiquette points interlaced with some practical applied psychology.

"A friendly enthusiasm toward people will make for naturalness and assure your having a good time. And, when you have a good time, those around you will also enjoy themselves," Mrs. Hamblin told the group.

Hostesses for the Friday afternoon tea at Hotel Utah will be:

Miki Yano, Betty Gikui, Elna Miya, Rae Fujimoto, Josie Hachiya, Chiye Aoyama, Amy Doi, and Lessie Yamamoto.

For the Saturday Recognitions Luncheon, the reception and hostess committee will include:

Emiko Tokunaga, Virginia Fushima, Eleanor Yamamoto, Joan Sato, Keiko Nakahara, Kim Nishijima, and Miyoshi Oki.

Others who will share hostess duties for the many convention social events include:

Ann Miya, Betty Miya, Rose Kawa, Patty Kishimoto, Bessie Kawa, Lillian Kano, Yuri Endo, Kiyoko Miya, Jean Shiozaki, Joanne Shiozaki, Jean Tawa, Judy Takeno, Lillian Sugihara, Pat Mitarai, Joanne Sueoka, Lillian Sueoka, Yo Nodzu, Yaeko Ikegami, Ruby Tamura, Tomi Tamura, Peggy Mukai, Mary Sugaya, Uta Ikegami, Margaret Takenaka, June Koda, Mitzi Inouye, Sego Matsumiya, Mary Uifusa, Joyce Kubota, Masako Sonoda, Pat Kiyoguchi, Julia Kiyoguchi, Joyce Akiyama, Judy Komatsu, Elsie Yamada, Jean Terashima, Naomi Terashima, Kim Adachi, Tamiko Adachi, Alice Sekino, Sachiko Tokunaga, Emiko Tokunaga, Kitty Sunata, Janie Imamura, Una Nakamura, Kim Ju, and Toshiko Odow.

CCU director Howden named to FEPC staff

SAN FRANCISCO. — Edward W. Howden, executive director of the Council for Civic Unity and one of the city's leading experts on race relations, was named staff chief of San Francisco's new Fair Employment Practices Commission last week.

The 39-year-old Cal graduate was unanimously selected by the 7-man commission, headed by C.J. Goodell, retired justice of the state appellate court.

As the agency's first full-time director, Howden's salary will be \$10,800 a year. He will resign from his CCU post and take office as a city employee Sept. 15.

He is married to the former Ann Saito, also a U.C. graduate and who served on the CCU staff for a number of years.

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JAPANESE PRESS STILL IGNORES PROGRESS OF U.S.-BORN NISEI

BY TAMOTSU MURAYAMA

TOKYO. — Sen. Wilfred Chomatsu Tsukiyama, distinguished senator in the Hawaiian territorial legislature since 1940 and president of that body between 1948 and 1950, was practically unrecognized by the press during his recent stay here. He was on his way to Hiroshima to visit his mother-in-law, who is ill.

As a leading legislator in Hawaii and a great promoter of Japanese-American relations, Sen. Tsukiyama was not publicized as he should have been in view of his tremendous political accomplishments.

On the other hand, Congressman Yukishige Tamura of Brazil came to Japan to join in the 50th anniversary celebration of Japanese emigration to Brazil. He was decorated by the Emperor with the Third Order of the Sacred Treasure, a highly coveted honor. No Nisei has been so recognized, in spite of contributions for the benefit of the two nations.

It now appears that the Japanese here must be told of the progress of Nisei in Hawaii and States.

Served in First War

Sen. Tsukiyama, born on Mar. 22, 1897, graduated from McKinley High School when the first World War broke out and joined the Army. He was a duty sergeant upon discharge.

Winner of several scholarships, he went to Coe College in Iowa and the Univ. of Chicago, where he earned his law degree in 1924. He returned to Honolulu and became the first Nisei to pass the territorial bar. He was city-county attorney from 1929 to 1940, then elected to the Senate, where he served as chairman of the judiciary committee. He won great distinction when elected Senate president, the first person of Asian ancestry to be picked.

Recalling his college days, Sen. Tsukiyama said, "I really worked my way through and I'm proud of it, although I could not get top honor due to such handicap. While in school, I was a regular member of the Univ. of Chicago baseball team, playing shortstop and pitcher."

Tribute Paid to Issei

He also praised the Issei who sacrificed to send their children through school. "I really don't know how our Issei pioneers did it to educate their children. I have to take my hat off to them for their tremendous sacrifice and devotion in educating the Nisei. Their income was very small, but they sent their children to the highest institutions of learning," declared the visiting senator.

As a legislator in Hawaii, he explained it was his objective to make the "melting pot" idea of the Islands real by eliminating all Oriental discriminatory laws.

"The old-fashioned laws discriminating the Orientals were completely amended. We are, really proud of the Melting Pot," he added.

Statehood for Hawaii

As one who has traveled to Washington, D.C., many times for the cause of Hawaiian statehood, Sen. Tsukiyama was "sure" that "it would come in the future". Sen. Tsukiyama called upon Prime Minister Kishi, pointing out

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the severity and unfairness of the Japanese Exchange Control Law, "which does not allow anyone to take his own money other than traveler checks," as it was explained to this reporter. "No profit is permitted to leave the country, yet Japan wants foreign investment and the flow of U. S. dollars into the country. This monetary control law must be revised if Japan wants to have a smooth flow of trade and more foreign capital.

"Fortunately, the Japanese leaders have listened to me," he continued. "I wish to have more time to discuss important matters with the leaders when I return here in the fall."

The senator appears dignified with his white hair. He has a dynamic command of the Japanese language and his oratory in Japanese is already well-known in Hawaii.

Fresno JACL's 35th year fele planned

FRESNO. — Plans for the 35th anniversary celebration of the Fresno JACL this year were initiated with the appointment last week of Dr. Kikuo Taira as general chairman.

Chapter officers also voted its support to the movement to establish a University of California branch in Fresno.

The actions were taken during a meeting of the Fresno JACL cabinet Aug. 13 at the Fresno Buddhist Church.

Named as official delegate to the National JACL convention in Salt Lake City was Rikio Yamamura.

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Washington NEWSLETTER

BY MIKE MASAOKA

Ten Years Ago

Washington, D.C.

SOMEHOW, IT DOESN'T seem as if a decade has passed since Salt Lake City entertained the last National JACL Convention. Yet, it was back in 1948 that the Salt Lake City and Mt. Olympus chapters joined in co-hosting the 10th Biennial.

National Headquarters was still located in the Utah Capital with Mas Satow serving as Acting National Secretary. It was at that Convention he was appointed as National Director. At this Convention, he rounds out a decade of devoted service as administrative head of JACL.

Hito Okada was the National President, with George Inagaki, the late Dr. Randolph Sakada, and William Yamauchi, as his First, Second, and Third National Vice Presidents, respectively. Kay Terashima was the National Treasurer and Dr. Takashi Mayeda the Secretary to the Board.

District Council Chairmen were Ken Uchida for the Intermountain, Henry Tani for the Midwest, Thomas Hayashi for the Eastern, George Minato for the Pacific Northwest, Tad Hirota for Northern California, and Frank Chuman for the Pacific Southwest.

This was the Convention at which so many currently active chapter, district council, and national officers became intimately acquainted with the JACL program, including Dr. Roy Nishikawa, now National President, and Shig Wakamatsu, nominee for the 1958-60 national presidency.

SHIGEKI USHIO, who will serve as Banquet toastmaster this Convention, was chairman, with Alice Kasai, who is serving as Convention publicity director, as his associate.

Dr. Jun Kurumada was president of the Salt Lake City chapter and George Fujii of the Mt. Olympus chapter.

Many of those who were active in making the 10th Biennial such a memorable affair are active again this year, as well as many newcomers to the JACL scene, thereby assuring another outstanding event.

HIGHLIGHT OF THAT Convention was a special panel commenting on the "Nisei Comeback", featuring Miss Annie Clo Watson of San Francisco, Gen. Charles W. Pence of Fort Benning, Georgia; Robert M. Collum of Washington, D.C.; A.L. Wirin of Los Angeles, Edward J. Ennis of New York City, and Dr. Thomas T. Yatabe of Chicago.

The participants recalled the tragic days for Nisei after the outbreak of World War II and recounted how the Nisei had slowly fought their way back into the general acceptance of their fellow Americans.

THE MAJOR OBJECTIVE for the organization determined by the Convention was legislation for the naturalization of persons of Japanese ancestry and the elimination of the Oriental and Japanese exclusion bars for immigration purposes. These objectives were achieved in 1952.

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TEN YEARS AGO, following enactment that summer by the 80th Congress of evacuation claims legislation, the National Council devoted most of its time to considering ways and means of implementing that remedial statute. This Convention, the successful termination of its administrative phases will be celebrated, when JACL presents National Recognitions Scrolls of Appreciation to Assistant United States Attorney General George C. Doub and Chief of the Japanese Claims Section Enoch E. Ellison.

Ten years ago, the National JACL Hymn—words by Marion Tajiri and music by Marcel Tyrrel—was introduced and officially adopted.

Ten years ago, the National Nisei Soldiers Memorial Day observance was set apart as a day on which not only might Issei and Nisei pay homage to their soldier dead but also so that all Americans might be reminded of the heroic sacrifices of the Nisei fighting man in World War II.

Ten years ago, the last National JACL Oratorical Contest was held with Joe Tanaka of St. Louis, Missouri, acclaimed as champion. In those days, the contest was specifically reserved to JACL members only. This year, the contest is being revived, with greater interest than ever, with emphasis on the participation of youth (high school and junior college students).

Ten years ago too, the first National JACL Queen Contest was held, with Miss Junko Yoshimoto of Los Angeles crowned Miss National JACL. Since that time, the rules have been changed to provide that the host district council queen preside over the Convention as Miss National JACL.

Ten years ago, then President Harry Truman included these greetings to the delegates: "... The world is now in a period of uncertainty and international unrest, when it is essential that the United States demonstrate to other countries its national unity and the validity of its democratic processes. Japanese American citizens of the United States can do much in this cause. I am confident that in so doing they will continue to earn the gratitude of all the American nations."

MANY WHO ATTENDED the 10th Biennial in Salt Lake City ten years ago will participate again. Many new members will also take part, as delegates and boosters, in the activities and deliberations which go to shape the future of the Japanese American minority in the nation and the world.

We know that under the chairmanship of Rupert Hachiya and Salt Lake City chapter president Ichiro Doi, together with their many chairmen and committee members too numerous to mention, the 15th Biennial National Convention will be another memorable affair.

Let us hope that out of the National Council sessions will come the kind of statesmanlike programs that has made JACL great in the past, and that the delegates and boosters will rededicate themselves to the spirit and the glory of JACL.

Well done, Rupe, et al . . .



Key personnel comprising the 15th Biennial National JACL convention board are as follows (left to right): Sitting: Kay Terashima, finance and treas.; Grace Kasai, cor. sec.; Rupert Hachiya, gen. chmn.; Ichiro Doi, Fordnik, asst. chmn.; Sue Kaneko, sec. to the chmn. and Convention Banquet; Jean Konishi, Booklet Editor; Second row—Maurea Terashima, reg.; chmn. Betty Gikiu, board reception; Alice Kasai, pub.; Mas Yano, Oratorical and Essay Contest and Opening Ceremonies; Bill Mizuno, Bridge; Toshi Odow, Outing; Kazuko Terazawa, hist.; Bishop S. Aoyagi, Issei Recognition Dinner; George Yoshimoto, gen. arr.; Henry Kasai, Booklet bus. mgr.; Back row: Mas Horiuchi, 1000 Club Lou Nakagawa, Sunday Outing Dinner & Dance; Jeri Tsuyuki, Golf; Alice Sekino and Emiko Tokunaga, Youth Program; Mary Ujifusa, Mixer; Lessee Yamamoto, Hospitality; Kuni Kanegae, Saturday Night Social; Isamu Watanuki, Queen Contest; Bill Inouye, photographer. Missing are: Rae Fujimoto, Hospitality; Shiz Sakai, Sayonara Ball; Iwao Nagasawa, trophies; Howell Ujifusa, photography; Ben Terashima, photography; rec. sec. Tomoko Yano; Frances Takeno, Official Luncheon; Kay Nakashima, Housing; Mike Kobayashi, Art Director.

—Terashima Photo.

CONGRESS APPROVES BILLS TO AID ALIEN STATUS ADJUSTMENT IN U.S.

WASHINGTON. — In the closing days of this session, the Congress has approved two bills amending the Immigration and Nationality (Walter-McCarran) Act of 1952 to expedite the adjustment of status of certain aliens in the United States, the Washington Office of the Japanese American Citizens League noted this week.

Both bills were introduced by Francis E. Walter, (D., Pa.), co-author of the Walter-McCarran Act and chairman of the House Judiciary Sub-committee on Immigration and Naturalization.

One bill would broaden the discretionary authority of the Attor-

ney General to adjust the status of certain aliens temporarily admitted into this country as non-immigrants to that of aliens lawfully admitted for permanent residence and to grant nonquota status to first preference aliens whose petitions were approved by the Attorney General prior to July 1, 1953.

The other bill would authorize the Attorney General to register as lawfully admitted certain aliens who entered surreptitiously prior to June 28, 1940, and who have resided in this country continuously since.

The first measure eliminates the so-called pre-examination procedure under which certain qualified aliens who have been admitted into this country legally as temporary visitors, such as students who subsequently marry American citizens, may have their status adjusted to that of permanent residents without leaving the United States. Under the present procedure, they have to be admitted into Canada to be issued a visa with which to re-enter the United States in their new status.

In addition, the bill authorizes aliens with special skills and training urgently needed in this nation, and their spouses and children, to enter this country on a nonquota basis if their petitions have been approved by the Attorney General prior to July 1, 1953.

The registry legislation provides that an alien who is in the country without any record of lawful entry and has been continuously resident here since June 28, 1940, may apply to the Attorney General to be recorded as one lawfully admitted, provided that he is a person of good moral character, is not ineligible for citizenship, and is not a criminal.

According to the Washington JACL Office, both bills are expected to be of considerable aid to alien Japanese in this country who need to adjust their status or require registry as a lawful entrant.

Thieves, police raid

DENVER. — Safecrackers broke in during the night, drank themselves sick, ransacked the Cathay Legion Post office and made off with \$1,500 in cash and \$500 in checks Aug. 6. Police investigating the safecracking found a storage room filled with dusty gambling equipment—apparently unused for sometime.

Judge Saund—

(Continued from Front Page)

riage, his naturalization as a citizen, and his political career, climaxed by his sensational, nationally and internationally important 1954 campaign to win his seat in the House of Representatives.

According to Mike Masaoka, Washington JACL representative, the Convention is fortunate and honored to have Congressman Saund as its Banquet speaker.

"More than any other member of the Congress, he has lived the life that most of us have lived, so he knows from personal experience the trials and tribulations of Americans of Asian ancestry. What he is in his person and what he will say will be real inspiration to all of us," Masaoka declared.

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Aug. 22 (Friday)

Issei Recognition Dinner, Lafayette Room, Hotel Utah, 6-8 p.m.; Rev. S. Aoyagi, chmn.

Opening Ceremonies, New Auditorium Hotel, 8:30-10 p.m.; Mas Yano, chmn.

Get-Acquainted Mixer, New Auditorium Hotel, 10 p.m.-1 a.m.; Mary Ujifusa, chmn.

Aug. 23 (Saturday)

Golf Tournament; Jerry Tsuyuki, chmn.

Official Luncheon, Lafayette Room, Hotel Utah, 12-2 p.m.; Frances Takeno, chmn.

Nat'l JACL Oratorical Contest, Lafayette Room, Hotel Utah, 2-4:30 p.m.; Mas Yano, chmn.

Youth Forum, Junior Ballroom, Hotel Utah, 4-5:30 p.m.

Hi-Co Dinner, Harman's Cafe, 250 W. North Temple, 6 p.m.

1000 Club Whing Ding, Red Chimney, 6-9 p.m.; Mas Horiuchi, chmn.

Evening Social, Hotel Auditorium, 9 p.m.; Kuni Kanegae, chmn.

Aug. 24 (Sunday)

Golf Tournament.

Convention Outing, 12-5 p.m., Brighton Resort; Toshi Odow, chmn.

Bridge Tournament, Brighton Resort; Bill Mizuno, chmn.

Artist's Retreat, Brighton Resort; Fred Ochi (Idaho Falls), John Mizuno, co-chmn.

Fishing Contest, Brighton Resort.

Outing Dinner-Dance, Old Mill Club, 6 p.m.; Mt. Olympus JACL, Lou Nakagawa, pres., chmn.

Aug. 25 (Monday)

Recognition Banquet, Hotel Auditorium, 6-9 p.m.; Sue Kaneleo chmn.

Sayonara Ball, Hotel Auditorium, 9-12 p.m.; Shiz Sakai, chmn.

Aug. 30 (Saturday)

Orange County—Chapter Izuu, Kona Hawaii, Anaheim.

Aug. 30-31

Long Beach—Community carnival.

Aug. 31 (Sunday)

East Los Angeles—Fishing derby aboard "Island Clipper."

Sept. 12-14

Chicago—Weekend at Forest Beach.

Sept. 13-14

East Los Angeles—Overnight Outing, Presbyterian Conference Grounds, Big Bear Lake.

Sept. 14 (Sunday)

Portland—Bazaar.