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COLUMN LEFT:

Don't fumble the (membership) bill

Our talented Dayton Daily News artist Pete Hironaka who prepares our cartoons each week scores again with his most timely suggestion: "Don't fumble the ball." By the time this week's issue reaches our readers, our JACL chapters should have on hand the 1959 membership forms.

As we all know, members signed up since Nov. 1 are good for 1959.

While winter months are not traditionally the period to canvass the community for membership, it would make a fine Christmas gift from the outgoing cabinet to the incoming cabinet to have the membership committee machinery at least in first gear — working on the renewals, for instance.

We know it would be a big task to ask chapters to sign members for 1959 at this time. The chapters have been busy with PC holiday issue solicitation, for one thing, and all seem to be ready for Christmas season activities. And individual members will be laden with many personal affairs associated with the merry season: gift-shopping, Christmas cards and decorating the home. But, a start on the 1959 membership drive now would be a "Christmas" gesture for the men and women who take the reins of the chapter next year.

We wouldn't think it out-of-order to have a renewal campaign start at some chapter Yuletide function, if it were proposed that the outgoing officers wanted to make a little Christmas gift of so many members signed up for 1959 to the new officers. For each renewal obtained this year may mean more time to add new members next year when the membership drive shifts into high gear.

Those chapters which have their 1959 officers elected, this proposal is still intact as the 1958 cabinet can still take action. The point is that chapters have activities in December and provide a wonderful opportunity to solicit membership.

—H.H.

NISEI THANKSGIVING STORY:

American way vindicated as losses of evacuation compensated by gov't

Washington, D.C.

This Thanksgiving 1958, we Nisei Americans have much to be thankful for. And, as we look about the world today and read the headlines about the troubles and the tragedies of the times, we can be more thankful than ever that we are privileged to live in the United States, and to enjoy the miracles of the American way.

Much that we have to be grateful for in this year of our Lord 1958 is epitomized by the simple ceremony that took place on Monday afternoon, November 10, in the office of the Attorney General of the United States.

At four-twenty-six that Monday afternoon, Attorney General William P. Rogers signed the 26,552d award authorizing payment of \$19,704 to George M. Yanagimachi of the New Washington Oyster Co. of Willapa Bay, Wash.

With his signature, he formally terminated the administrative program that in ten years provided \$36,874,240.49 in payment for some of the real and property losses suffered as a consequence of the military evacuation of all persons of Japanese ancestry from the West Coast in the spring of 1942.

End of an Epoch

In a real sense, though, the ceremonies marked the end of an epoch for Americans of Japanese ancestry that began when bombs fell on Pearl Harbor that fateful Sunday morning, December 7, 1941, and ignited a chain reaction that forced those of Japanese ancestry on the Pacific Coast to undergo fearful odyssey unprecedented in American history.

That epoch also embraces the saga of the JACL, which has kept watch and ward over the destinies of Americans of Japanese ancestry through the period of our greatest travail.

But, it is most of all the story of the American way, for what happened could have happened only here in America. And what has happened to us Nisei Americans is the epic proof that democracy can—and does—correct its mistakes.

Impressive Ceremonies

The short ceremonies that brought to an end a unique and heroic chapter in Americana was impressive in its simplicity, eloquent in what was left unsaid.

About fifty officials, some with their wives, most of whom had served at one time or another in one capacity or another in the claims program, gathered in the magnificent chambers of the chief law officer of the nation late in the afternoon of November 10.

It may have been coincidence that the Department of Justice, where the rites took place, was the last Government agency to capitulate to the "military necessity" for the evacuation. Be that as it may, press and radio reporters were present, as were newsreel and television cameras to record this bit of history for posterity.

How different from the times when the evacuation orders were first promulgated, or even when the administrative program itself was initiated a decade ago. Then, there was no fanfare, no ceremony.

George C. Doub, Assistant Attorney General in charge of the Civil Division that supervised the Japanese Claims Section in the administration of the program and the man most responsible for ex-



A typical interior of the barracks home during the evacuation period (1942-45), this WRA photo was taken at Jerome, Relocation Center in Arkansas.

pediting the project to completion, opened the formalities by reviewing the evacuation and the congressionally authorized program.

Attorney General Responds

The Attorney General then responded, saying in part that "All of us are very pleased that substantial restitution has now been made to these American citizens of Japanese ancestry for their property lost as a result of the extraordinary demands made upon the claimants by our Government in time of war and particularly when this group of our citizens has had such an admirable reputation for integrity, industry, obedience to law, civic responsibility, and loyalty to the United States."

There were those in the listening group who had hoped that the Attorney General would follow the example set by his Assistant Attorney General Doub in addressing the recent 15th Biennial National JACL Convention in Salt Lake City, Utah, last August by setting the record straight on the necessity for the mass movement and the failure to prevent it. But they were doomed to disappointment.

The Attorney General did, how-

ever, specifically single out the JACL and its Washington representative for their "helpful cooperation", thereby acknowledging the leading role played by JACL in the entire program.

Then, Mike Masaoka, Washington JACL representative who has been living with this subject matter from the time of the evacuation itself and especially through its legislative and administrative phases, commended the Department for the successful completion of a difficult assignment.

Enoch E. Ellison, chief of the Japanese Claims Section, concluded the ceremonies by commenting that they had just worked themselves out of a job. In so doing, it might be added, few other—if any—government claims programs are ever completed, especially in such a short period of only ten years.

Restrospective Views

Although it has been 16 years since the evacuation, it is not difficult to recall the insistent, aggressive campaign of hate and bigotry that demanded the mass and arbitrary evacuation of 110,442 persons of Japanese ancestry—65 per cent of whom were native-born citizens and 40 per cent of

whom were under 21 years of age—from our West Coast homes and associations.

Who among us will ever forget—or forgive—General DeWitt's "a Jap's a Jap" philosophy that conceived of military necessity without trial or hearing, without accusation or conviction of any action or crime, and without a declaration of martial law, as was done in Hawaii.

Then, being herded off like cattle to civilian control stations in race tracks and fairgrounds under armed guard while leaving behind everything except what could be carried in one's arms. Then, shipped off to ten barrack-city camps behind barbed wires in the deserts and wastelands of California, Arizona, Utah, Idaho, Wyoming, Colorado, and Arkansas to suffer a prison-like existence.

And thanks to God that a humanitarian like Dillon S. Myer directed the program, for as bad as it was it could have been much worse. Consider how the General would have operated the camps.

Activation of 442nd

Then came the turning point, with the activation of the 442nd Regimental Combat Team composed of Nisei volunteers from the camps and from Hawaii. And, though the road back was long and hard, Nisei Americans can be proud—and thankful—that we not only made it back but advanced to greater acceptance and opportunities than ever before.

We were helped on the comeback by thousands and millions of Americans of goodwill who, once they learned the facts, tried mightily to "make-up" for the tragedies, the sufferings, the indignities, and the humiliations of the evacuation. And the same Government that authorized the evacuation proposed, and the Congress enacted, remedial legislation that in principle acknowledged that in the hysteria of war the loyalties and allegiances of Americans of Japanese ancestry had been badly misjudged.

The American way was vindicated. Democracy again had demonstrated not only its ability but also its will to correct a mistake.

Chronological Review

Perhaps the easiest and most graphic way in which we can relive the ordeals of evacuation and appreciate just how fortunate we are to live in a society where such miracles as those that have happened to us can take place, is to list chronologically the high-points in our trials and tribulations of the past 16 years, lest we forget.

As we remember what transpired to us as individuals and as a group, let us give thanks this Day, and every day, that we are Americans who have participated in making more meaningful the American dream not only for ourselves but for all others throughout this tension-filled world to see and to believe.

1941

December 7: Japanese planes attacked Pearl Harbor, Hawaii.

December 8: Congress declared war against Japan.

December 10: Attorney General Biddle assured persons of Japanese ancestry, citizens and aliens alike, that they would be treated

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Supreme Court rules Alabama Pupil Placement Law valid on 'limited grounds'

WASHINGTON—The United States Supreme Court Monday declared the Alabama Pupil Placement law constitutional on its face, leaving open the question whether the law would be valid as applied in individual cases.

It upheld a special district court decision which found "it possible for the law to be applied so as to admit qualified Negro pupils to nonsegregated schools".

Parents of four Birmingham Negro children had challenged the placement law and appealed to the Supreme Court to review and reverse the lower court ruling.

(The JACL has been vitally interested in the school segregation cases since the organization was first founded over a quarter century ago when Nisei in California were taught in segregated schools in some instances.)

The Supreme Court's one-paragraph opinion said it was affirming the lower court's ruling "on limited grounds" on which the

lower court had relied. The special court held the law "furnishes the legal machinery for orderly administration of the public schools in a constitutional manner by the admission of qualified pupils upon a basis of individual merit without regard to their race or color."

"We must presume that it will be so administered," the special court added. "If not, in some future proceeding it is possible that it may be declared unconstitutional in its application."

The Alabama pupil law gives local school boards authority to determine whether any pupil attends public schools. Among factors considered by the school board are available rooms, teaching facilities and transportation, scholastic aptitude, effect of admission of pupils on progress of classmates; possibility of friction among pupils and of disorder or economic retaliation within the community.

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Ye Editor's Desk

WE NEEDN'T CALL attention to the fairly comprehensive review of the evacuations claims program, which concluded its administrative aspects Nov. 10, in this week's PC. It's on the front page . . . The special feature was prepared by the Washington JACL Office—with the timely thought that Thanksgiving Day 1958 would be especially meaningful to persons of Japanese ancestry in the United States. But what we'd like to emphasize is that chapter historians should keep this week's issue on file—for it reviews Japanese American history chronologically. We are certain that occasions will arise in the future when this review will prove to be of some value.

LAST FRIDAY'S EXAMINER had more in Vince Flaherty's column on "anti-Japanese war films". He noted there was a steady flow of mail in response to a couple of suggestions which he made—that "distasteful and insulting movies should be ruled off the television screens" . . . While a majority of the mail was sent by people with the usual run of American names, a letter from Mrs. Jean M. Ushijima summed up the sentiments in particular. She wrote:

"I have just finished reading your article and am writing my first letter to a newspaper. My 8 months-old daughter is a fourth generation Japanese American. I dread the day she hears herself called 'Jap' by her friends.

"I grew up in the war camps during World War II, so perhaps I am used to people's feelings regarding 'Japs'. I still don't think it's right for people to hate me for the Pearl Harbor bombing. I can truthfully say, that since I was 9 years old in 1941, I was not a master saboteur. You may not hear from many Japanese Americans since it is not in their nature to speak out about their feelings. But I wanted you to hear from at least one of us who appreciates your printed views on the subject."

Flaherty wanted to assure her that "nobody hates her for anything". And continuing: "I received many letters from Japanese Americans. But Mrs. Ushijima's should read the many letters from her fellow Americans of other races. They deplore the showing of these movies on TV. Several suggested that all war movies should be ruled out, including one in which Germans are called "krautheads" among other disparaging names. It is my firm conviction that Japanese Americans are admired—but I'd have a hard time proving the point as long as television is allowed to hurl these deplorable movies over the air." . . . To which we simply add—"Amen".

One final thought: we're wondering how the local TV stations are reacting to Flaherty's protest . . . If the Los Angeles area didn't have so many stations (there are 7 here), it is conceivable better programming may come about. As it is, some of the independents to fill out the day spend their hard earned money for blocks of film and can't afford to set aside the objectionable movies or even edit them.

THE RECENT 35TH anniversary celebration of the Fresno American Loyalty League caused our Tokyo correspondent Tamotsu Murayama to write of Thomas K. Kanase, who was a prewar member of that chapter. He is the only Nisei to have passed the stiff Japanese bar examination after graduating from the Chuo University school of law—well known for its jurisprudence course . . . There are Nisei lawyers practicing in Japan, but studied law in the states and registered with the Japanese bar to practice in Japan, Tamotsu adds . . . But for Kanase, the road was tougher. He had to master the language first. Now, he has his office in the Fukoku Bldg., an indication that his practice is successful. Among the prewar Nisei doing good in Japan today, he appears distinguished with his long beard.

CREDIT LINES: Our thanks to Mrs. C. Tatsuda of Edina, Minn., for calling attention to a front-page story in the St. Paul Dispatch about photographer Paul Iida . . .

— HARRY HONDA

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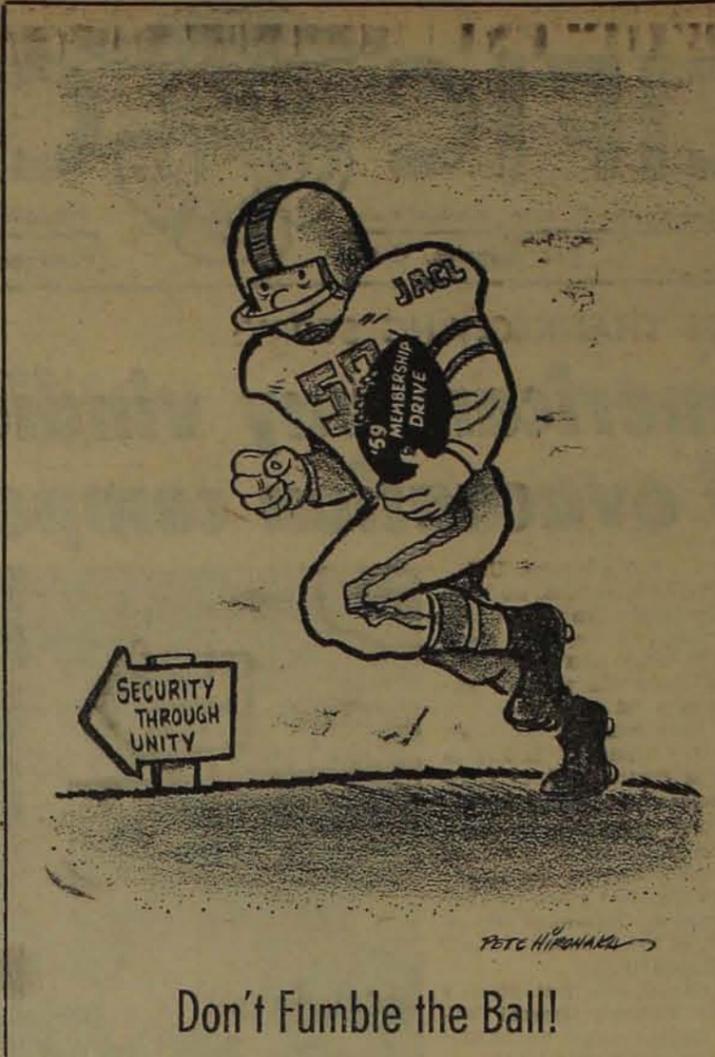
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PRESS COMMENTS:

An Error and Atonement

(Idaho Statesman Editorial, Nov. 15, 1958)

Hysteria, which seems to be an inherent element of warfare, led to gross injustices some 15 years ago which this country has since recognized and for which it has been endeavoring to make some amends.

A concluding stage in this process of atonement was reached lately when the attorney general of the United States signed papers for the last negotiated payment in restitution to Americans of Japanese ancestry—the Nisei—who were forcibly moved from West Coast homes into detention camps—one of them on then desert area of southern Idaho—as potential enemies in the tense days after Japan's attack on Pearl Harbor brought this country into World War II.

The award in this case, No. 26552, brought the total of reimbursements through negotiation to \$36,874,240.49. Manifestly it's a sum totally inadequate to compensate for distress sales of homes, farms, businesses and personal possessions, to say nothing of intangible losses and the suffering and mental anguish of loyal citizens temporarily treated as aliens.

Nor can there ever be adequate recompense for the patriotic devotion and heroism exemplified by the fighting men of the "go for broke" corps of Nisei under the

American flag.

Quite appropriately, a brief, simple ceremony marked this discharge of the national obligation.

Significantly, it was a ceremonial in which there was no voice of rancor from those who had suffered, nor of self-justification for the government.

The Attorney General observed that this was an occasion to pay tribute to "the thousands of American citizens of Japanese ancestry who have such an admirable reputation for integrity, industry, obedience to law and loyalty to the United States" and who had conducted themselves with "magnificent dignity in a trying period of our history."

Speaking for the Nisei, Mike M. Masaoka, Washington representative of the Japanese American Citizens League, referred simply to the hardships involved and added that the restitution arrangements showed "democracy has the ability to correct some of its mistakes—it is a tribute not only to the American way but to the democratic ideal. Democracy can take care of its mistakes."

It's eminently fitting, and wholesome, that we should be thus reminded of the truth that there's no more genuine attribute of greatness than the readiness to admit an error, and, in so far as possible, to make amends for it.

Nisei press photographer's dramatic photo picked for '59 Red Cross poster

ST. PAUL, Minn. — A dramatic picture taken by Paul Iida, St. Paul Dispatch staff photographer, has been selected by the American Red Cross for its 1959 fund campaign poster.

Iida, with other Dispatch photographers and reporters, went to western Wisconsin last June when a tornado ripped a trail of devastation, killing a number of persons and causing millions of dollars in property damage.

The picture chosen by the Red Cross from among hundreds taken across the nation by professional photographers shows the silhouette of a shattered home framed by gaunt stumps of trees.

The Nisei press photographer made the exposure near Colfax, one of the hardest hit of the western Wisconsin communities.

The photograph first appeared

on the front page of the Dispatch on Friday, June 6.

The Red Cross poster is a drawing of the photograph made by New York artist Anthony Saris, who donated his work to the Red Cross. His illustrations have appeared in Reader's Digest, Colliers, American Heritage, Life and other magazines.

Iida is married, has four children and lives at 1263 E. Junction Ave., Maplewood.

Peace group member

MODESTO. — Tokuo Yamamoto of Clovis was named one of the three regional chairmen for the membership drive of the California Freestone Peach Association that opened Nov. 15. He is an active Clovis JACLer.

PC Letter Box

HOPES FOR 1959

Editor: As the year draws to a close, I have found it fitting to look back upon my inaugural message at the time of the installation of officers for 1958. I found it to be optimistic, with high hopes for great accomplishments and wide member participation.

Now, although there were much more that could have been done this year, I feel that some basic steps were accomplished which should provide a springboard for larger gains in subsequent years. Many new ideas have been formulated, new plans have been proposed and most important, patterns and procedures have been set.

For these contributions and accomplishments, I have grateful appreciation to a responsive and cooperative board which has proven itself so dependable, hard working and done so much to reduce my shortcomings. I also extend my appreciation to the membership-at-large for their patience and kind indulgence.

I know that the board next year will be of the same calibre, the officers capable and hard-working. I trust that they will receive all the help and cooperation from the members for a successful year in 1959.

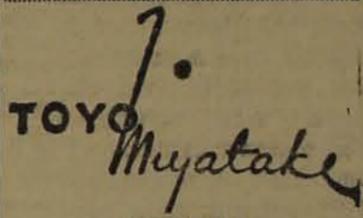
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THE Northwest PICTURE

By Elmer Ogawa

Urban Redevelopment Comes

Seattle

Just three weeks ago, Washington D.C. put the stamp of approval on Seattle's Urban Renewal plans. It meant that Federal funds would be added to local monies, in the proportion of 2 to 1 to the financing of loans; or for condemnation and rebuilding where indicated. About 60 blocks of this old neighborhood is at the head of the line for renewal as part of the city-wide plan.

To the Jackson Street Community Council's executive director Ray Baker, president Phil Hayasaka, and vice president Tak Kubota, the announcement came as a timely recognition for years of hard work in developing the community improvement program. It came also as a stimulus to grappling new problems with an assurance of a solid workable program.

The program as it is planned by this community, can be called double barreled in two respects, and both are already well under way as if in response to an official starting gun.

One aspect of the community improvement is the rehabilitation of the downtown Jackson-King Street business area (which includes Chinatown) to rebuild the whole into a colorful international community and shopping mall. The other part of the program is built around conventional financing of property improvement in business and residential areas, and in paying the expenses of condemnation where necessary, preparatory to resale of such properties.

In the first category, the Seattle First National Bank led off on its own initiative, in taking over by long term lease, the quarter block at Sixth Avenue South and Jackson, and is razing the 70 year old Welcome Hotel with its 40 foot stilt foundations. The bank will build a modern International Branch with parking facilities.

Within five days after the Federal sanction was announced, a leading Chinese owned night club got set for a complete renovation of its building and engaged widely experienced architect Glen Morgan to head the inspiration department.

And during the past couple of weeks, building management and investment firms have inquired of the Jackson Street Council about the over-all plan as it applies to properties in the area. The general attitude was in line with cooperation with a proposed master plan, a situation which is most heartening, indeed.

ORIENTAL COMMUNITY

Besides Glen Morgan, architect Ted Bower, and city employed urban renewal coordinator Talbot Wegg are hard at work on the aforementioned master plan to make a show place of an Oriental community that suffered a many sided deterioration during the war years. They meet weekly at the Jackson Street Council office, and are working on the layout and decoration of streets that are already tentatively approved for partial closure to traffic. Almost without exception, local businessmen are enthused over the plans which will make this section a prime tourist attraction.

Moreover, the freeway now under construction in the north end of the city will border the eastern limits of this proposed exotica which just "can't miss", so say community visionaries.

Up the hill from this area, some of the most objectionable properties have been singled out for special attention. One owner has agreed to tear down a nondescript structure which has been vacant for 20 years. Another, after considerable negotiation, has been ordered to level a Jackson Street eyesore or answer to contempt charges. The building has been vacant for nine years.

NEW HOUSING CODE

In line with current developments, a new minimum housing code is in the process of development. When finished it will be subject to the approval of the City Council.

In Seattle there are over 300 Japanese hotel and apartment owners. The properties house the high and the low in the economic gamut. Some are in the million dollar class, but others located in the lower fringe neighborhoods, or in the skidrow area will have to make improvements should the new housing code become a reality, as it almost certain.

Some of these few will cry about being "burned" by these civic improvement, health and welfare measures, but the almost universal result is that all parties benefit in the end.

(Larry Tajiri's column did not arrive in time for inclusion in this week's Pacific Citizen.—Editor.)

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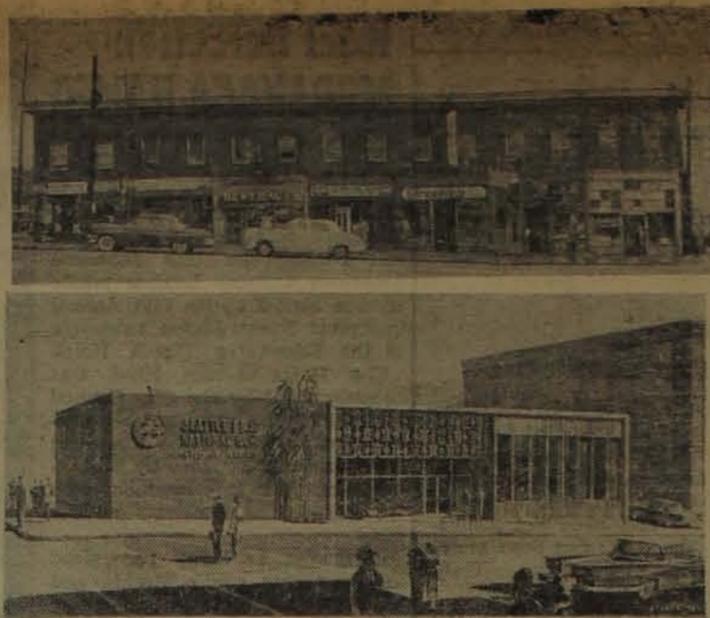
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A dramatic contrast between the old and new is shown as Seattle First National razes a 70-year-old landmark to make way for its new International Branch. The project ties in with a community-wide face-lifting now that federal help in the Urban Renewal program has come to Seattle. Local citizens now see the feasibility of rebuilding a community once torn apart by the upheavals of World War II.

—Top Photo by Elmer Ogawa

Critics note Kunie Imai's debut at Met with kindly advice, audience enthusiastic

(Two weeks ago, Tooru Kanazawa of the New York Hokubei Shimpo interviewed Miss Kunie Imai, first person of Japanese ancestry to sing a role at the Metropolitan Opera House. This past week he tells of his reactions, swelling with "Buddhahead pride" at the success of the Japan-born soprano.—Editor.)

BY TOORU KANAZAWA

NEW YORK. — A music critic's evaluation of Miss Kunie Imai's debut in the role of Cio-Cio-San at the Metropolitan Opera House's production of Puccini's "Madama Butterfly" on Saturday, Nov. 15, must be left to the experts. We'd like to record a few personal impressions of the drizzly night on which a poor girl from the backwoods of Japan, so to speak, made history on the stage of the Met. When one considers the distance involved, the odds against a young girl in the small town of Imabari, Ehme Province, ever being discovered, then hers is a real Cinderella story.

As we waited at the Met door for the good wife, we watched the incoming crowd. Tuxedos, evening gowns and flashing jewelry may be seen on opening night but they were not common this night. Business suits and cocktail dresses with handsome hairdos predominated. There was a fair sprinkling of Japanese faces among the arrivals. Among these were embassy and consular officials.

We took one of two elevators to the Grand Tier floor, one of five tiers above the orchestra. These are horseshoe shaped with the stage at the open end. The seats and the front of the boxes, along the top of which ran thick brass rails, were covered with dark red plush or velvet.

Reveals "Italian" Voice

In the past we had always ex-

pected Japanese voices from singers coming to this country from Japan. Beautiful on occasion perhaps, but not strong or with volume. Although Miss Imai had sung with opera companies in Spain and Italy, the home of opera, had been signed by the Met, and we had been told by her voice teacher that she had an "Italian voice," we awaited the rise of the curtain with some reservations.

From the first notes that she sang off stage as she approached to make her appearance we knew that hers was no "Japanese voice." It was beautiful, rich and strong, by Verna's standards an "Italian voice."

She appeared chubby and short, but you forgot this as you listened to her sing. Escorted by the chorus she walked along the terrace in a bright orange kimono and descended broad steps to the garden pool where, standing on a large flagstone, she received the plaudits of the crowd.

At that moment we felt a "Buddhahead pride" in the knowledge that a Japanese was going to make the grade at her Metropolitan Opera debut. It softened us up for the tragic story that followed. And the wonder grew on two counts, that she should be blessed with a voice rare and good enough to be heard in the best opera houses of the Continent and America, and at the vagaries of fate, destiny or what have you that transported her from a small country town to the Met stage.

Forced High Notes

Of her singing the Times' Edward Downes wrote: "Her diminutive figure enhanced her appeal, yet her voice was strong enough for the powerful sonorities Puccini asks from his flower-like, 15-year old heroine.

"Through most of its range Miss Imai's voice has an attractive clarity and firmness. The low range has an agreeably dark, throaty quality, rather than the sort of chest tones one associates with a heavy dramatic or mezzo-soprano.

"Miss Imai's difficulty, perhaps resulting merely from debut nerves, was a tendency to push her highest range. The climactic final note of the first act duet and that of her aria, 'Un bel di,' were the only ones she forced so hard she drove them off pitch.

Gains Adherents

"This surely can be corrected, for the soprano made her first appearance on any operatic stage only a year ago in Seville, Spain. Her already appealing Cio-Cio-San

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Endowment fund over \$200,000 as 81 donors add \$7,700

SAN FRANCISCO. — Recent contributions to the National JACL Endowment Fund amounting to \$7,795.45, boost the total to \$202,638.34, it was announced today by Masao W. Satow, National JACL Director.

Satow expressed the appreciation of the national organization to the following eighty-one individuals and organizations who have contributed to this permanent trust fund in appreciation for the receipt of their evacuation claims awards from the government for wartime losses.

ALASKA: Juneau—K. Komatsubara \$25.

CALIFORNIA: Albany—Y. Takahashi \$40; Buena Park—Tomitaro Tanaka \$15; East Palo Alto—Wataru Kameda \$35; Fresno—Arthur S. Yamabe \$10; Gardena — Enosuke Amemiya \$30; James Z. Imamoto \$10, Kinsaku Miyagishima \$5, Mrs. Yoshi Miyagishima \$5; Guadalupe—S. Iwazuma \$20; Hayward —Robert I. Shinoda \$22.22; Kingsburg —Kingsburg Buddhist Church \$100; Livingston—John K. Nakashima \$70; Lodi—Satoru Uyeno \$100; Long Beach —Mrs. H. Iriye \$10, Masakazu Iwasaki \$15, Seisuke Kaneshima \$25, Mrs. Kiyo Kawashima \$2, Anonymous \$450; Loomis—Japanese Young Men's Club of Loomis \$100;

Los Angeles—F. H. Hirohata \$10, K. Kurata \$100, Fujiko Kushida \$25, George K. Mukai \$25, Kansaku Sakabu \$25, Mrs. Shizuko Sumi and Miss Aiko Honda \$500, Mr. and Mrs. U. Takaki \$10, Yoshimi Tsujimoto \$100, Fred S. Wakayama \$150, F. Yamamoto \$10; Monrovia—Mrs. Frank Y. Morimoto \$15, Niland Farmers Association \$100; Montebello—Joe Onno \$25; Niles—Mrs. Masu Kitayama \$205.87; Norwalk—Mrs. Yoshi Adachi \$25; Oxnard—Ventura County JACL \$30; Richmond—Minoru Shinoda, Takiko Shinoda, Henry Shigeru Shinoda, Rose Mariko Shinoda, Mary Aiko Shinoda, Estate of Yuhei Oshima, Yoshi Oshima, Estate of Fred Oshima, \$1,863; Sacramento—H. K. Masaki \$100, Shigeo Takeda \$5; San Francisco—Ginji Ono \$50, Wesley K. Oyama \$135; Santa Ana—Hitoshi Nitta \$65.78, Minoru Nitta \$108.50, Isojiro Oka \$100; Stockton—Arata Hayashida \$25, Linden Community Hall \$70; Walnut Grove Japanese Association \$100; West Los Angeles—Robert K. Goka \$500, Frank Tanaka \$15.

COLORADO: Denver—Kazuichi Hoshijima \$20, Taneharu Tajiri \$192, Mutual Fish Company \$125.

ILLINOIS: Chicago—Tom Katayama \$25, Mrs. Tamano Morita \$10, Mrs. Toshiko Nakamura \$5, Shunji Toda \$100, Anonymous \$470.75; Evanston—S. Kamishiro \$10.

NEW YORK: Manhasset—Mrs. K. Yamamoto \$25; New York—Mrs. Futami O. Hasegawa \$125.

OREGON: Hood River—M. Kawachi \$50.

UTAH: Salt Lake City—Ikuta Miyake \$200.

WASHINGTON: Bellevue — Hunts Point Greenhouse \$250; Kent—Frank S. Okimoto \$775; Seattle—Mrs. Kisa Hashimoto \$85.56, Ikuta Higashiyama \$3, Hamao Hirabayashi \$32.15, HiroWatanabe \$3, Blaine Memorial Methodist Church \$50, Seattle Japanese Presbyterian Church \$10; Spokane—Shiosaki Family \$100 (in memory of Kisaburo Shiosaki).

HAWAII: Hanapepe, Kauai—Rev. T. Kouchi \$25.

SESSUE HAYAKAWA TO STAR ON "WAGON TRAIN" TELECAST

Sessue Hayakawa will guest star as a Samurai warrior lost on the American plains during the 1860's on the "Wagon Train" episode to be telecast Wednesday, Dec. 3. In the title role of "The Sakae Ito Story," Hayakawa is attempting to return an urn containing the ashes of his deceased master to Japan. On the way to San Francisco by covered wagon, he and his servant (played by Robert Kino) are saved from starvation by the passing "Wagon Train."

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By Fred Takata

COMMUNITY SERVICE ORGANIZATION TESTIMONIAL

We were invited by the Community Service Organization to attend their testimonial banquet held in honor of Saul D. Alinsky and Fred W. Ross, two who were instrumental in helping CSO organize and establish 32 chapters. CSO is made up mainly of Mexican Americans and the CSO has done a magnificent job bolstering their voting ranks and even get Americans of Mexican descent into public office. CSO has been growing year by year and now has ambitions of becoming a truly national body with chapters across the U.S.A.

The successful banquet was chaired by Anthony Rios, national CSO president, and the emcee assignment was ably handled by George Thomas, executive director of the Los Angeles County Conference on Community Relations. The main banquet speaker was State Senator Henry B. Gonzales of San Antonio, the first Texan of Mexican descent to serve in the Texas Senate since 1892. He achieved national prominence when he filibustered for 36 hours and 2 minutes, campaigning for civil rights in Texas, and just recently was a candidate for the governorship of Texas.

Senator Gonzales emphasized to the CSO and to many representatives of other organizations present, that fear of ancestral background is not a true deterrent for running for political office. He spoke of the many experiences in his campaign, and of how people tried to discourage him on the grounds that he was not "pedigree". Being a brilliant speaker with a sharp sense of humor, he told how he squelched the "pedigree" business—once and for all. At a huge Texas gathering, he told them he intended to run for office and that if the election was to be based on ancestry he would be very happy to run against his opponent on that basis, since half of his ancestors came over on the Santa Maria with Columbus and the other half of his ancestors were already here to welcome them. No further mention was made about "pedigree".

During the banquet, the senator, being a Texan, began extolling the large state of Texas, when a voice in the rear of the room asked: "What about Alaska?" The senator promptly replied: "Well, when all that ice and snow melts away, who knows?"

Senator Gonzales praised the CSO for its outstanding work in civil rights in the past, and stressed what it means to be able to go to any hotel, restaurant or night club without being embarrassed in the state of California. But these problems still exist for the Mexican Americans and other minorities in Texas. He pledged his continued effort in eliminating these problems, and expressed to the CSO that there should never be any fear of duplication in this field because with more organizations fighting for civil rights, the better the chances for success. The senator also stated that many states look towards California for leadership, for what we are able to accomplish here, others will be inspired to follow. We in JACL are fortunate in having such an organization as the CSO join with us in our fight for the same principles.

We are certainly thankful to Mr. Rios for giving us this opportunity to be with them and to hear Senator Gonzales, who was most inspiring and rewarding to hear. Maybe in the future, JACL may have the privilege to hear Senator Henry B. Gonzales from the Lone Star State.

FINAL TRIBUTE TO TAMEJI ETO

This past weekend we journeyed north to San Luis Obispo to pay our final respects to Tameji Eto, an Issei pioneer who dedicated his life to his family and service to the community. Mr. Eto arrived in this country in the early 1900s and helped to develop the agricultural field with his new farming techniques, which he shared with many agricultural schools and his fellow farmers, and was responsible for the development of this industry in the United States. Mr. Eto was a community leader and belonged to so many organizations that it would be almost impossible to list them here within this column. He was a strong supporter of the JACL and was among the first of our naturalized citizens.

Mr. Eto made frequent trips to Los Angeles, and has always made it a point to drop into our office, to see how we were getting along and to say hello. It was during this time that we really became acquainted this great citizen. We personally admired Mr. Eto for his keen interest in JACL, and his generous offer of asking us if there was anything he could do to assist us in our program. He has also attended many of the San Luis Obispo Chapter activities and was among the many of the JACLers attending the District Meeting held in Pismo Beach early this year. As a new American citizen he has served on a jury, and even from his sick bed insisted he wanted to vote and was able to cast his ballot bedside in the recent election. As native born Americans, we Nisei can honestly say that this Issei pioneer has really made us feel very humble.

Tats Kushida and Yoichi Nakase, who joined us on the trip to San Luis Obispo, were amazed at the huge funeral held at the Veterans Memorial Hall. There were people from all parts of California and the United States who came to pay last respects to this great Issei. There were hundreds of telegrams, many from foreign lands, that just a few selected by the family were read; among them a wire from Mike Masaoka, our Washington representative.

To the Eto family we extend our deepest condolences in their great loss, and we in JACL feel that we too, have truly lost a good friend and leader.

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NISEI DETECTIVE MURANAKA NAMED FOR JACL AWARD

CHICAGO. — Anthony Muranaka, Chicago's only Nisei policeman, will receive the 1958 Japanese American Citizens League public service award at its 14th Annual Inaugural Dinner-Dance tomorrow at the Edgewater Beach Hotel.

The Hawaiian-born Nisei was recently cited by the City Council for making the most notable contribution in solving the Margaret Gallagher murder case by submitting himself to imprisonment with the suspect at the risk of his life.

Muranaka is being recognized for promoting closer kinship and understanding between Americans of Japanese ancestry and fellow Americans by his police work and devotion to duty.

A special citation unique in the history of the organization will be presented to Harold Gordon, attorney, for contributing "far more than most to the improved status and welfare of Japanese Americans". Gordon has served as national chairman of the JACL Legislative-Legal Committee for the past 10 years. He was a James M. Yard Brotherhood award recipient last year.

The evening's program will include the installation of newly elected officers and directors, presentation of national and chapter awards, and entertainment by members of Chicago's newest Japanese Americans, the soldier brides. A newly organized choral group will sing the "JACL Hymn" at the dinner.

Gift-exchange party to follow election meet

SAN FRANCISCO. — A prelude to the Christmas holiday season will be the traditional Christmas gift exchange party of the JACL Women's Auxiliary on Friday evening, Dec. 5. This fun-filled event is to be held at the Booker T. Washington Community Center, Sutter St. and Presidio Ave.

A short business meeting, including the election of new officers for 1959, will precede the party from 8 p.m.

All Auxiliary members and friends are invited to this party, and are asked to bring a gift costing \$1 for exchange during the evening.

Games in keeping with the Christmas spirit will be led by Mrs. Amey Aizawa, Sumi Utsumi and Kathy Reyes.

The gift exchange period will be chaired by Dorothy Murata and Rosie Takushi.

A telephone committee headed by Mrs. Yo Hironaka will contact new members, urging them to attend this gay affair.

Mrs. Joyce Enomoto, Mary Hamamoto, and Lucy Adachi are in charge of refreshments.

Daisy Uyeda is general chairman for the event.

HI-CO OBTAINS PERMANENT SUPPORT FROM PSWDC

SANTA MONICA. — Permanent support of Hi-Co with a \$100 contribution each year was approved by the PSWDC here Nov. 16, it was revealed by David Yokozeki, district council chairman.

The delegates approved the sum after Frank Kawase, 1958-59 Hi-Co chairman, made his report on the activities being planned for the high school and college-age students.

Added interest in youth programs was shown in the \$100 contribution made to the Japanese American Youth, Inc., recently organized to combat juvenile delinquency in Los Angeles. Roy Yamadera, East Los Angeles JACL president, reported on the JAY's activities.

Fire board nominee

NILAND. — The three-man board of the Niland Fire District has petitioned the Imperial County Board of Supervisor to appoint Leo M. Kunisaki to its board. He is among the charter members of Imperial Valley JACL.



Terry and Kathy Yamada, children of Mr. and Mrs. James Yamada of Wilder, Idaho, were junior division winners in the recent eighth annual Boise Valley amateur talent contest sponsored by the American Legion Capitol Post 136. James Yamada is Boise Valley JACL chapter president.

Delinquency topic of Oakland CL meeting

OAKLAND. — Under the auspices of the Oakland Japanese Citizens League, a program on juvenile delinquency will be presented Monday, Dec. 1, 7:30 p.m., at the Oakland Methodist Church, 10th and West Streets.

Guest speaker will be Robert Shaner, assistant director of Alameda County Juvenile Hall.

Shaner, a graduate of the School of Criminology in Berkeley, has specialized in this field for a number of years, having been associated with the probation service, correctional field and in the juvenile and adult divisions. At present he has been lecturing at the University of California on probation parole.

A general discussion will follow. The program is open to the public and the Oakland JACL urges all those interested to attend.

"The ever increasing problems of juvenile delinquency faces each of us daily and we can never be sure when it will strike within our own homes. The prevention of this problem is most important and cannot be overstressed," declared Aiko Yokomizo, 1st v.p., in charge of program.

Salt Lake JACL reveals 1959 nomination slate

SALT LAKE CITY. — The Salt Lake JACL nominations committee, headed by Seiko Kasai, revealed the slate of candidates for the 1959 term as follows:

Pres., Ichiro Doi; 1st v.p., George Yoshimoto, Bill Mizuno; 2nd v.p., Elna Miya; treas., Shiz Sakai, Grace Kasai; rec. sec., Amy Tomita, Keiko Nakahara, cor. sec., Chieko Mayeda, Rose Kanzaki; hist., Josie Hachiya, Miki Kobayashi.

Members assisting Kasai were Kuni Kanegae, Alyce Watanabe, James Konishi and Rae Fujimoto.

Sonoma County youngsters sought for 'King and I'

SANTA ROSA. — At least 12 Sansei youngsters have been signed for the Santa Rosa Jr. College drama department production of "King and I" to be presented in April, 1959. Several vacancies still exist for youngsters between the ages of 2 and 12, according to Mrs. Mary Nakagawa (SW 5-4809).

Rehearsals begin in February and the musical will be staged on two successive weekends, April 10-11, and April 17-18. Last spring, the college players staged "Tea-house of the August Moon" before a sell-out theater and which included a number of Nisei in the cast.

MTN.-PLAIN JACL REGIONAL OFFICE MAY BE REOPENED

DENVER. — Official delegates to the Mountain Plains JACL district council meeting here on Thanksgiving weekend will tackle a wide variety of subjects at the business meeting Nov. 29.

A major problem under discussion will be maintenance of a JACL office, to be operated by either the Mile Hi chapter or the district council.

Proponents of this measure are expected to point to decreased JACL membership in the Mountain Plains area and to the fact that three JACL chapters have become inactive since 1954 as evidence for need of such an office. The chapters which have been dissolved are the Northern Wyoming, Rio Grande Valley and the Albuquerque JACL groups.

Also on Agenda

Other subjects listed on the agenda released this week include budget quotas, naming of a committee and chairman on international relations, recognitions programs for chapter members and a youth program.

Mas Satow, national director, will give a report.

The business meeting, which will be chaired by Tak Terasaki, district council chairman, will follow an informal luncheon at the Sarashina restaurant.

Highlight of the weekend meeting will be a dinner tonight honoring Bill Hosokawa, assistant managing editor of the Denver Post. Hosokawa was named Nisei of the Biennium by the National JACL in August, and will give the main address at the banquet to be held in the Century Room of the Cosmopolitan Hotel.

Special guests at the banquet will include Robert Knous, lieutenant-governor-elect, and Mrs. Knous. They will represent the governor's office.

Dance to Follow

The Nisei Intermountain Collegiate Conference, under Steven Osuga, president, will be in charge of the dance following the banquet. The Nisei student group will also provide a committee of one dozen to act as hosts and hostesses at the dinner.

Locale, orchestra for New Year's Eve hop set

MONTEREY. — Locale for the annual Monterey Peninsula JACL New Year's Eve dance has been set for the San Carlos Hotel Pacific Room, it was announced this past week by co-chairman Jim Uyeda.

The other co-chairman Clifford Nakajima and committee after auditioning several orchestras have decided upon Joe Fratangelo's group. The party will start at 9:30 p.m.

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PRESS COMMENTS:

Tamejiro Eto

(Shin Nichibei, Nov. 21, 1958)

BY SABURO KIDO

Although reports had been received during the past week that Mr. Tamejiro Eto was in a serious condition, we were hoping that he would pull through to enjoy life a little longer.

Among our many Issei pioneers, he was one of those who worked hard behind the scenes for every worthy cause. Until we took up residence in Los Angeles after the exclusion ban was lifted, we had known of him chiefly through his family members.

His daughter, Kofuji Fukunaga, was one of the first JACL women chapter presidents. I believe Mrs. Miya Kikuchi, wife of Dr. Y. Kikuchi of this city, was the first. She headed the Stockton chapter when the JACL was a young organization.

Masaji Eto, his son, was active with the San Luis Obispo chapter as a member and officer, including that of president. Karl Taku and Pat Nagano, who are his nephews, were also active with the JACL there.

We came to know Mr. Eto well during the height of the escheat cases and the campaign to raise funds for the Immigration and Naturalization bills.

Eto Street

Of course, we had been anxious to meet and know him because of the reputation which had preceded him. There was no doubt about his being highly regarded because a street in the city of San Luis Obispo had been named after him. Although it is not the main thoroughfare, I asked a friend once to drive me to the street in order that I may see with my own eyes the recognition the community had extended to an Issei pioneer.

When one delves into the activities of Mr. Eto, there is no doubt that he was an active leader. With his two brothers, Taku and Nagano, he had a great deal to do with the development of agriculture in San Luis Obispo County. In order to open the market for the farmers of that area, a vegetable exchange, a cooperative, was started to sell the products to the Eastern markets.

During the past few years, Mr. Yaemon Minami and Mr. Eto were frequent visitors to Los Angeles. It is a distance of about 200 miles. Almost every weekend, their faces would be seen at various functions. We used to kid both of them about their energies because even a younger person would be tired out with such a pace.

Mr. Eto used to smile and tell us that he was still young in spirit. He would have some member of his family drive him down to Guadalupe and from there come to Los Angeles with Mr. Minami. Instead of using their own cars, they began to use the Greyhound Bus. Both of them claimed that this was easier on them because they would not have to impose on the family members.

Past Recalled

When we are having peaceful relations in our community today, it is not good to recall the turbulent past. However, we must mention the fact that men like Mr. Eto helped the Nisei to push the naturalization fight when even some of the vernacular newspapers were indifferent or unfriendly, belittling what the JACL was trying to accomplish. The same was true when the escheat cases were being fought under the banner of the Civil Rights Defense Union.

He was an active worker for the Buddhist church. I remember his traveling up and down Southern California to raise funds for the Buddhist college which was under consideration at that time.

His decoration by the Japanese government was a foregone thing. We were in hearty accord because if anyone deserved such recognition, he was at the top of the list. Of course, we know that many others should be awarded this honor. However, from the age standpoint and contributions, we believed that it was time that he should be recognized. Consequently, we were happy that the Japanese government did decorate him.

Young Farmer

During the last few years, he was active in helping the young farmers from Japan to come to California to study conditions here. Then he supported the supplementary farmers (seasonal workers) program.

One of the personal memories we have is the evening we enjoyed supper at his home. The famous Pismo clam was served raw like sashimi. This was our first experience so he kidded us about not knowing what is a real delicacy.

Mr. Eto was a good friend. His passing means that a great pioneer has left us. We will miss his influence.

To the members of his family, we extend our deepest sympathy.

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Cleveland typically American, JACL part of VOA broadcasts

CLEVELAND. — Every phase of life typifying everyday America for broadcast by the Voice of America for its overseas listeners was recorded recently here and 12 recordings were made depicting the activities of Japanese Americans, the Cleveland JACL Bulletin reported this week.

Cleveland was selected from among 25 possibilities as being the most typically American in demonstrating most effectively the cooperation among groups of varying national backgrounds.

"Here is no gilding, no acting, but the words of people young and old, official and non-official, set forth without coaching or rehearsing," noted the Cleveland Plain-Dealer writer Spence D. Irwin of the VOA visit here during the week of Oct. 12-18. "The whole Cleveland coverage (is) one of the finest programs that VOA had put together."

Included among 32 different language groups which comprise the Voice of America is a Japanese contingent consisting of Taiji Nomura, one of Japan's outstanding political radio announcers, and Koso Takemoto, interpreter with the U.S. Information Agency, Washington, D.C.

Through Mr. and Mrs. Mitsuo Tanji, 1786 W. 52nd St., personal friends of Takemoto, the Cleveland JACL was invited to participate as technical advisers in the selection of a representative sam-

pling of Japanese American activities here.

Among the highlights selected to show the development of Japanese community life in Cleveland were (1) Cleveland Nisei and JACL, (2) Cleveland Issei, (3) Japanese war brides, (4) Japanese students, (5) Thoburn Dunlop, a school teacher; and (6) the Shoji Dance Group.

Nisei and JACL

One of the recording packets made here to explain Nisei and JACL was accomplished in interview fashion with Joe Kadowaki, Cleveland JACL president, Henry Tanaka, Mitsuo Tanji and Gene Takahashi. They told in detail the historical background of the Nisei, covering significant points as the Nisei status before World War 2, effect of the war upon the Nisei, relocation of Nisei to the Cleveland area, and experiences encountered during resettlement.

Also stressed were the achievement of JACL in the legislative field, the progress of Nisei since the war, current chapter emphasis on community participation, Nisei views toward Japanese culture and heritage and prospects which Nisei and JACL can adopt toward improving U.S.-Japan relationships.

Cleveland Issei

Maj. Ainosuke Ichida was interviewed about his work in the Salvation Army rehabilitation center, recognized as a pioneer institution working with habitual al-

coholics.

His active work with Issei welfare and his present task as pastor pro-tem of the Issei Christian Church has made him well aware of the problems and life of the Issei here.

Japanese War Brides

Three prominent Cleveland war brides, Mrs. Yoshiko Parker, Mrs. Cynthia Keith and Mrs. Miwako Lutz, related their experiences since their arrival here, telling of their gradual acceptance into a new and vastly different community.

Formation of the Fuji Club, whose membership consists entirely of Japanese war brides, was an important factor which helped to bridge with amazing speed and success the wide cultural gap during this transition period, they pointed out.

Mrs. Parker's proficient use of English has enabled her to bridge a communication barrier which often prevails between Issei and Nisei. She is also Japanese news editor of the Cleveland JACL Bulletin.

Japanese Students

Kit Tada, Dai Harada and Jim Miyazawa, Japanese students who are furthering their education in local schools, gave their impressions of Cleveland and the United States in another recording packet.

They were interviewed at Fenn College, education center of many students from Japan. Some of the students have been recipients of the Sgt. Jordan Fund, created voluntarily by Master Sgt. Charles R. Jordan from his Army pay to support Japanese students attending Fenn.

School Teacher Dunlop

Thoburn Dunlop, commerce teacher at Maple Heights High School (also an active Cleveland JACLer), formerly taught at Carrollton, Ohio. He has a deep interest in Japanese culture to the extent that his Carrollton house was furnished in a Japanese motif, including a teahouse.

In addition, he had three famous Akita dogs, does the ondo and sings Japanese songs. He presented Japanese culture in his high school classes and the students went so far as to do a Japanese dance at their senior prom which was atmosphered with cherry blossoms. This is perhaps not unusual, the Cleveland JACL Bulletin noted, but the fact that it happened in Carrollton is—since Carrollton is the town that was literally wiped out of the ceramic field by Japanese competition.

Shoji Dancers

The broadcast covering the Shoji Dance Group began with the little Sansei girls singing their theme song, followed by a discussion of the reasons for its formation.

The troupe has performed at a variety of benefits and appeared before church, civic and cultural groups as well as television. A further discussion led to a personal interview of Mrs. Dolly Semmonco, widowed war-bride who related her personal experiences with the group and of herself in this area in a separate broadcast packet.

CCDC chapters to install 1959 cabinet at mass rites; Chuman keynote speaker

FRESNO. — Attorney Frank Chuman of Los Angeles, national JACL legal counsel, will be the keynote speaker this Sunday when the Central California District Council holds its ninth annual convention at the Hacienda Motel.

A highlight of the dinner will be the mass installation of 1959 cabinet officers from the 10 chapters comprising the district by George Inagaki, past national JACL president, of Los Angeles. And as guests of the chapters will be many civic dignitaries. Fred Hirasuna of Fresno will be banquet toastmaster.

The day will begin with registration at 9 a.m. with Dr. James Nagatani of Delano, convention chairman, opening the meeting. George Abe, CCDC chairman, will preside during the business session. Reports will be made by Akiji Yoshimura, national 1st v.p., of Colusa, National Headquarters; and Bill Matsumoto, national 1000 Club chairman, of Sacramento.

Fashion Show

Styles of original Nisei designers and from Gottschalks will be featured in the Holiday Fantasy fashion show from 3 p.m. in the Yosemite Room. The Nisei designers and models are:

Designers: Miss Tomoko Ikuma of Clovis, Mrs. Yas Kubo of Parlier, Mrs. Charles Taguchi and Mrs. Masaru Abe of Reedley, and Mrs. Gary Kadani and Mrs. Masuo Kurata of Fresno.

Models: Mmes. Silas Chinn, James Ikemiya, Henry Kebo, Masao Kurata, Minoru Omata and Misses Sue Kasamatsu, Shirley Kumano, and Mildred Sakamoto.

With Miss Christy as commentator for Gottschalk's, the models are:

Mmes. Segundo Bucol, Bonnie Kawahata, Tom Nakamura, Kenny Nishida, Robert Okamura, Frank Sakohira, Henry Tanouye and William Ueki; Misses Arlene Abe, Jane Kubota, Akiko Nii, Gayle Okazaki, Josephine Slocum, Jessie Shohara and Beverly Takahashi; George Nagatani and Paul Takahashi; (Children's fashions) Tina Komoto and Mark Saito.

Welcoming guests at the fashion show are wives of past and current CCDC chapter presidents:

Mmes. George Abe, Larry Hikiji, Jin Ishikawa, Johnson Kebo, Hiroshi Mayeda, Tom Nagamatsu, Ben Nakamura, Dale Okazaki, Yoshito Takahashi, Noboru Takaki, Kenji Tashiro, Mikio Uehiyama, Bill Watamaru, and Eddie Yano.

Mmes. Ted Takahashi and Tok Yamamoto of Clovis are fashion show co-chairman, assisted by:

Mrs. Kaz Komoto, Mrs. Yas Kubo and Eleanor Doi of Parlier and Mrs. George Abe and Mrs. Dale Okazaki of Selma, fashion models; Mrs. James Nagatani and Lily Misono of Delano, hospitality and tickets; Mrs. James

Morishige and Yuko Tsuchiguchi of Fowler, original fashion models; Mrs. Frank Kimura and Mrs. Charles Taguchi of Reedley, decorations; Mrs. Kenji Tashiro and Mrs. Hiroshi Mayeda of Dinuba, music; Mrs. George Shimizu and Mrs. Kay Takahashi of Clovis, program; Mrs. Tom Nakamura and Mrs. Robert Kanagawa of Sanger, finance; and Mrs. Hugo Kazato and Mrs. James Murashima of Fresno, general arrangements and publicity.

Sierra Nisei VFW Post 8499 has detailed color guards for the banquet with Tad Mori, post commander, leading the Pledge of Allegiance. Rev. Yuri Kyogoku of the Buddhist Churches of America will deliver the invocation.

After introduction of guests, Shirley Kumano will render a vocal solo, accompanied by Mrs. Charlotte Harmon. Greetings will be extended by Wallace D. Henderson, Fresno deputy mayor; followed by the installation of JACL officers.

Special awards will be made by Johnson Kebo of Sanger, sapphire pins by Akiji Yoshimura, and past president pins by Bill Matsumoto.

The CCDC Chapter of the Year award will be made by Hiro Mayeda of Tulare County. Other awards in bowling, golf and softball are scheduled.

Assisting Dr. Nagatani on convention preparations are:

Miss Toy Hoshiko of Fresno, sec.; Larry Hikiji of Sanger, gen. arr.; Miyeko Takaoka of Fresno, regis.; Mas Takaki of Delano, banquet; Tak Naito of Reedley, printing of programs, tickets and invitations; James Matsumura of Tulare County fin.; Dale Okazaki of Selma, reception; Bill Watamura of Parlier, entertainment; Mrs. Ted Takahashi and Mrs. Tok Yamamoto of Clovis, fashion show; Tom Mukai, bowling; George Umamoto of Fresno, golf; Thomas Toyama, pub.



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The season for newspaper all-star selections is here . . . The Denver Post has two Nisei on its all-city team named last week. Jack Miyamoto, a 205-lb. converted fullback, was picked second team tackle. The 5 ft.-11 senior at Manual High gained "Athlete of the Week" honors last month for spear-heading the defense that held West High to only 36 yards rushing in their 32-0 romp. His teammate, Floyd Ito, made honorable mention.

Nisei women bowlers impressive . . .

Some impressive series were tallied by Nisei women bowlers in recent weeks: June Nagatogawa copped the Sacramento Women's Bowling Ass'n "Aye" class championship tournament with a 648 for a trophy and \$25 cash award . . . Fumi Shima of Cleveland, 167-average bowler, rolled three 600 series in one week's competition in league play—including a high of 658. Mrs. Shima, mother of two adopted children, is a wicked wielder of the tennis racket and can shoot in the 80s with her golf clubs. Incidentally, she is the sister of Ken Uyesugi, prominent Orange County JACler . . . Fumi's husband, John Shima (both are active Cleveland JAClers) won most of the golf club awards this year: best average, low gross, low net and qualified in municipal tournaments . . . Mats Ito of Denver put together games of 232, 187, 216 for a strong 635 series.

Kajikawa misses 'big game' for Boy Scouts . . .

All for getting the record straight, Bill Kajikawa is chairman of required physical education program at Arizona State University, which means handling a program for about a thousand freshman students. He missed ASU's big game against Arizona Saturday to speak at Maryknoll School's Troop 145 and Post 145-X court of honor Sunday. While he reminisced of his days at Maryknoll School some 30 years ago, it was a happy surprise to see him unfurl his faded but cherished red neckerchief with "145" and before going back to Tempe, his scoutmaster Bro. Theophane presented him with the latest one in bright yellow with fancy troop insignia.

WASHINGTON NEWSLETTER: by Mike Masaoka

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friendship and understanding.

We remember him most for his unstinting support of the JACL, and especially of our drive to eliminate discrimination against persons of Japanese ancestry. When many other Issei leaders, particularly in Southern California, refused to endorse and join the JACL campaigns for equality in naturalization and evacuation claims, Tameji Eto rallied to the cause. Though in his seventies, he often drove the more than a hundred miles from his home to Los Angeles, to give his undoubted influence and prestige to the great causes of the past 15 years that have resulted in such widespread acceptance and lack of discrimination against persons of Japanese ancestry in the United States. A naturalized citizen of the land of his adoption, he is of that heroic mold that Californians proudly boast as "men that match" her mountains.

We Americans, in and out of JACL, will miss his advice and guidance; more, we will miss his spirit and his vision. But, we trust that from his example we shall gain inspiration to be selfless leaders in our communities and the nation, to be above pettiness and personalities, to be worthy of being a member of the human race.

To his bereaved family, we extend our heartfelt sympathies and condolences. And to all America, we acknowledge the loss of one who by his life made our lives the better for his having been one of us.

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.22 bullet striking Nisei not ricochet

STOCKTON. — The .22 caliber bullet which struck a Nisei spectator at the COP-San Jose State football game Nov. 8 was apparently a straight shot and not a ricochet, Detective Capt. Rex Parker said this past week.

Ken Matsuda of San Jose, varsity halfback at San Jose State last year, was struck before the game as he and his wife were sitting with another couple.

Matsuda at first thought he had been struck by a rock, but the bullet was removed in the San Jose State infirmary two days later.

Capt. Parker said that a spectrographic analysis at the state criminal identification and investigation bureau disclosed the bullet carried no fragment of steel, concrete or other material, and thus did not ricochet before striking Matsuda.

Local police are continuing the investigation.

The bullet apparently traveled a considerable distance, and its power was almost spent when it struck Matsuda. Matsuda's injury was not serious.

Kanazawa —

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may be expected to gain finish and relaxation. She was warmly applauded."

At the end of the act she received about five curtain calls and from the "Bravos" heard above applause one would gather that she had gained quite a few adherents.

After the performance Miss Imai was photographed and interviewed backstage, and received well-wishers in her dressing room. Asked by a reporter if she thought she had done well, she said she would have to leave hat up to the audience.

Miss Toshi Suzuki, special assistant to the director and designer interpreted for her when she spoke in Japanese. When her voice teacher, Verna, interpreted for her, she spoke in Italian, quite possibly with a Japanese accent.

Miss Imai said that she enjoyed her stay in New York and that she felt greatly honored at the opportunity to appear at the Met. She hoped that she would be able to return again this winter, but she is scheduled to leave this weekend to fulfill contracts for performances in Turin, Como, Naples, Rome and Parma, a rather heavy schedule.

Miss Imai, who was enabled to go to the Madrid Conservatory to study through the aid of Father Santamaria of the Dominican Fathers in Hiroshima, had never attended an opera in Japan.

Won Several Prizes

At the Madrid Conservatory, where she studied the usual conservatory courses, together with singing under Lola Rodriguez Aragon, she won an award from the National Ministry of Education in Spain, the conservatory's first prize, Mozart Prize and Lucrecia Azcuna Prize. She graduated in 1957 after four years of study.

Although her chief interest at the conservatory was in Spanish and German songs, she knew enough operatic arias to audition at the Barcelona Opera House. At the general manager's suggestion she enrolled to study under Verna in Milan.

According to Verna, Italian voice teachers are not inclined to accept singers from Japan with much enthusiasm because they don't have "Italian voices." Miss Imai is an exception.

She seems destined to bring authenticity and a very good voice to the role of Cio-Cio-San. She appeared at home in the sets and costumes designed by Motohiro Nagasaki and under the stage direction of Yoshio Aoyama, both brought here from Japan by the Met to create an authentic background for the Met's productions of "Madama Butterfly."

Of the settings Miss Imai said that in Europe the opera companies throw anything together with the idea that nobody will



Tokyo Topics

By Tamotsu Murayama

Hayashi Visiting Japan

Thomas T. Hayashi, prominent Nisei lawyer from New York City and a past national JACL vice-president, has convinced Japanese leaders here of his capabilities as an attorney and his sincerity as a personality. Tom, visiting Japan for the first time, has a remarkable command of conversational Japanese and his knowledge of Japan is something of which he can be proud.

Although this writer has long known Dr. Terry T. Hayashi (of San Francisco), one of the pioneer Nisei leaders and a backbone helping Tokutaro Slocum gain naturalization rights for World War I veterans of Oriental ancestry, I never knew he and Tom are cousins.

Tom is representing the Japan Trade Center and Japan Camera Center of New York, as well as many other Japanese firms in America. He is handling the camera litigation involving Franke & Heidecke (makers of the Rolleiflex) and Yashima Industrial Optical Corp. (makers of Yashima cameras).

The lawsuit concerns the confusion on the part of the buying public between the two cameras, charging the Japanese product as an imitation. Tom believes the case will be settled amicably.

He told Japanese officials and business leaders that Japan need not engage in unfair competition among Japanese businessmen in America and pointed out various important aspects of U.S.-Japan trade. Japanese camera dealers are beginning to compete strenuously among themselves, tempting to undersell to each other. Tom feels a reasonable price can be maintained without cut-throat practices. What he has presented to Japanese international trade is believed to be of tremendous significance for the future of U.S.-Japan trade. Tom should be highly complimented for his accomplishments here—not only for his profession but Nisei as a whole.

The leading New York papers

know the difference anyway. Of the opera's story itself she feels that it strains the credulity, particularly the "hara kiri" suicide scene at the end.

Needs Experience

The consensus seems to be that she has the physical equipment and needs only further training and experience to reach the top rank as an operatic star.

The Tribune's critic, in a more critical vein, said: "To her credit, then, Miss Imai provided a portrayal that was real, that projected and absorbed the attention."

"Her singing of the heroine, however, had about it certain flaws that tended to lessen the vocal luminosity of the role. Her soprano is not possessed of much body, and when she pushes to make a big sound it goes a mite shrill and edgy. This was especially true in the top register where, in search of climactic notes, she defaulted in pitch precision and sacrificed what is, at best, a not over-generous color supply."

"As it happens, Miss Imai made her operatic debut only last year in Seville . . . and conceivably the seasoning that follows experience will add roundness to her singing and warmth to it also."

IKEBANA EXHIBIT AT ORANGE BY NISEI

ORANGE. — Mrs. Lillian Nakayama of Riverside and Mrs. Alyce Ichien of Garden Grove, recently promoted as ranking U.S. instructors in the Hyogen-Ha school of flower arrangement, will hold a one-day exhibit of their works at the Orange Women's Club here tomorrow from 1:30 p.m.

gave Tom front-page coverage for his work in connection with the determination for tax purposes the distance of the newly-acquired residence for Japan's Ambassador to the United Nations from UN Headquarters. (See PC, July 25.) Town officials wanted to assess the residence because it was over 15 miles—but Hayashi's office proved that it was less than 15 miles as the crow flies. (It was 500 ft. less 15 miles.)

Tom is quite impressed with things Japanese and hopes to return to Japan with his family on the next visit.

West L.A. auxiliary names '59 cabinet

BY BARBARA NISHI

A new cabinet to lead the West Los Angeles JACL Auxiliary for the coming year was elected at a recent meeting held at the home of president Mrs. Milton Inouye. The 1959 cabinet will be headed by Miss Ruth Miyada, an active JACL member. Those serving with her will be Mrs. Shigeo Takeshita, v.p.; Miss Yuri Tanaka, rec. sec.; Mrs. Sueo Hirashima, cor. sec.; Mrs. Sidney Nakanishi, treas.; and Mrs. Kenneth Yamamoto, pub. hist.

Installation will take place at a dinner-dance to be held on Jan. 17, at the Santa Monica Elks Club in conjunction with the WLA and Venice-Culver JACL chapters.

It was also decided at this meeting that a check for \$200, the funds raised at the recent benefit dance, will be given to Mrs. Harry Jones, chairman of the "Jobs for Juniors" project. This community project aids youths to obtain jobs and earn money during their leisure hours. The Auxiliary joins other community organizations in supporting this worthwhile project.

As a Christmas aid project, the Auxiliary chose to give to a family in the community whom they felt deserved aid during a critical emergency.

The Auxiliary will next meet at the home of Dr. and Mrs. Kiyoshi Sonoda Dec. 15. A Christmas party will be in store with Mrs. Chuck Shishido, v.p., in charge.

Philadelphia JACL

PHILADELPHIA. — A revised Philadelphia JACL directory of persons of Japanese ancestry in the area is being planned. Tadafumi Mikuriya, 19 Peace St., Trenton 8, N.J., is chairman of the directory committee.

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ADACHI, Ichiro (Michiko Matsuda)—boy Warner K., Sept. 30.
FUJIMOTO, Hisashi (Noriko Shintani)—girl Miki, Sept. 21.
IHA, James (Frances Miura)—boy Craig Sansuke, Sept. 22.
IKEZOE, Kishita (Nancy Festejo)—boy Kenneth, Oct. 15, Gardena.
ITAGAKI, Hideo (Motoko Nitta)—girl Julia Masayo, Oct. 1.
KANEGAWA, Masumi (Betty Yamane)—girl Patricia Michiko, Oct. 15.
KIMURA, Norman (Carolyn Kaneko)—boy Michael Noboru, Oct. 11.
KIMURA, Roy (Kiyusun Kim)—girl Margaret Rika, Oct. 15, West Covina.
KISHABA, Harry (Lillian Sansui)—girl Traci Lee, Sept. 24, Thermal.
KOGA, Kenneth (Elizabeth Rubie)—girl Paula F., Oct. 14.
KOTO, Richard (Betty Yamada)—boy Thomas Satoshi, Oct. 12, Santa Monica.
KOYAMA, Daniel (Keiko Nakamoto)—girl Kathryn Eiko, Oct. 12.
MURASHIGE, Toshio (Asako Nishimura)—girl Terry A., Oct. 2.
NAKASONE, Ernest (Jane Nagamine)—boy Dean Fumio, Oct. 13.
SUGAHARA, Raymond (Mildred Kinoshita)—boy Wayne Mitsuo, Sept. 23.
SAKAMOTO, Tom (Sumiko Sasaki)—boy Ronald Keigo, Sept. 21.
TAKAMATSU, Toshio (Emiko Hamai)—boy Michael G., Oct. 16.
TAKEUCHI, Peter (Bessy Nishi)—girl Karen Kimiko, Nov. 4.
TANIOKA, Takeshi (Yukiye Nishiyama)—girl Susan Kei, Oct. 9.
TOMITA, Lester (Marjory Aoki)—girl Leslie A., Oct. 15.
UBA, Dr. Hideo (Lillian Inouye)—boy Gregory M., Oct. 9.
YAHIRO, Andrew (Fumi Iwata)—girl Corren A., Sept. 27, Covina.
YAMAMOTO, Kazuo (Aiko Miyamoto)—boy Ernest K., Oct. 15.
YAMAMOTO, Yoichi (Jeanne Kagiwada)—boy John Y., Oct. 15.

YOSHIOKA, Tsutomu (Yoshiko Nakamoto)—girl Nancy Ikuko, Sept. 27.
FRESNO
ARIE, Ted—boy, May 8.
IBARA, Mits—boy, Mar. 9.
KIMURA, John—boy, Sept. 6, Parlier.
MIYAMOTO, Nobu—boy, June 8.
MIYAMOTO, Shinn—girl, Apr. 10.
OKUBO, Minoru—boy, June 24, Selma.
OMACHI, Dave—girl, June 8.
SEKIYA, Takeo—twin girls, Sept. 5.
SHIMADA, Hideki—girl, June 1.
SHROYAMA, Fumio—boy, June 28, Lodi.
JOTA, Masami—girl, Apr. 2, Raisin City.
UYEMARUKO, Kenji—boy, May 11.
WADA, James—girl, May 10.
YAMAMOTO, Frank—boy, Apr. 7.
HANFORD
WATANABE, Mitsuo—boy, Mar. 21.
STOCKTON
HAMAMOTO, Takashi—boy, Aug. 5.
HIGASHI, Shigeki—girl, Mar. 29.
MORINAKA, Hideo—boy, July 20.
MORODOMO, Mark—boy, Aug. 7.
SASAKI, Frank—girl, May 21, Lodi.
SHIDA, Atsushi—boy, Apr. 30, Lodi.
TAJIMA, Ronald—girl, Aug. 8.
MARIN COUNTY
YASUDA, Harry S.—boy, Aug. 20, Sausalito.
RICHMOND
HIRAKAWA, Harry—boy, May 7, Albany.
NIIZAWA, George—girl, Mar. 9.
NISHITA, Satoru—girl, June 18, Albany.
NONAKA, Masahide—girl, Mar. 14.
VACAVILLE
TANIGUCHI, Andrew—boy, June 10.
YUBA CITY
KINOSHITA, Richard—boy, Mar. 9.
MARYSVILLE
ITAGAWA, Elmer—boy, June 22.
TSUDA, Gus—girl, June 5.
ONTARIO, ORE.
HORI, Kiyomaru—boy, Aug. 25, Nyssa.
ONO, Richard—boy, Aug. 26.

Evacuation claims program summarized as action hailed as 'miracle' of America

Continued from Front Page fairly and without discrimination.

1942
 January 19: Attorney General Biddle issued first of a series of orders establishing limited strategic areas along the Pacific Coast and requiring all (German, Italian, and Japanese) enemy aliens to be removed from these areas.

February 13: West Coast congressional delegation sent a letter to President Roosevelt urging the "immediate evacuation of all persons of Japanese lineage . . . aliens and citizens alike" from the "entire strategic area" of California, Oregon, and Washington.

February 14: General DeWitt, commanding general of the Western Defense Command, sent a memorandum to Secretary of War Stimson recommending the evacuation of all Japanese from the West Coast.

February 19: President Roosevelt signed Executive Order No. 9066 which, in effect, authorized the evacuation by the Army.

Exclusion Order
 March 2: General DeWitt issued Public Proclamation No. 1 designating the western half of Washington, Oregon, and California and the southern third of Arizona and announcing that all Japanese would be removed therefrom. The Proclamation also urged the Japanese to "evacuate voluntarily" on their own.

March 7: National JAACL Council met in emergency session in San Francisco and agreed to cooperate in the evacuation movement as a patriotic contribution to the war effort, though protesting its necessity and legality.

March 18: President Roosevelt established the War Relocation Authority to assist the evacuees after the Army (War-time Civil Control Administration) had completed the actual evacuation program.

March 21: President signed Public Law 503 (77th Congress) making it a federal offense to violate any orders issued under authority of Executive Order No. 9066. Curfew and travel restrictions were imposed on all persons of Japanese ancestry as a prelude to evacuation.

March 22: First large contingent of evacuees moved from Los Angeles to Manzanar, then a reception center, later a relocation center.

March 27: General DeWitt stopped all voluntary evacuations and "froze" all Japanese to their homes.

May 21: Group of 15 evacuees left Portland Assembly Center for seasonal agricultural work.

June 2: General DeWitt proclaimed all of California a military zone from which all Japanese would be removed.

Myers Appointed
 June 17: President Roosevelt appointed Dillon S. Myers director of the WRA, replacing Milton S. Eisenhower who resigned to become Deputy Director of the Office of War Information.

July 20: WRA adopted its first leave policy permitting evacuees to leave the centers for employment in the Midwest.

August 7: Western Defense Command announced the completion of the evacuation movement.

November 25: Emergency meeting over Thanksgiving in Salt Lake City of National JAACL Council, with delegates from the ten relocation centers and the free zone. Among decisions reached were those calling for military service for qualified Nisei, expedited leave clearances, and consideration of compensation for evacuation losses.

1943
 January 28: Secretary of War Stimson announced activation of 442nd Regimental Combat Team at Camp Shelby, Mississippi, and invited Nisei to volunteer for combat service.

May 17: United States Supreme Court unanimously upheld rights of American-born Nisei to citizenship in a suit brought by the Native Sons of the Golden West (John T. Reagan v. Cameron King, as registrar of voters for the

County of San Francisco).
 June 21: United States Supreme Court unanimously held to be valid exercise of the war powers the curfew (Minoru Yasui) and the travel (Gordon K. Hirabayashi) restrictions imposed by General DeWitt.

1944
 January 20: Selective Service System reopened to eligible Nisei.
 February 16: President Roosevelt transferred the WRA from an independent status to the Department of the Interior.

June 30: Jerome, Arkansas, relocation center, the last to be opened, was the first to be closed.

Exclusion Revoked
 December 17: War Department announced revocation (effective January 2, 1945) of the mass exclusion orders which had been in effect against persons of Japanese ancestry since the spring of 1942.

December 18: United States Supreme Court ruled six to three that the mass evacuation was a constitutional exercise of the war powers of the President (Fred T. Korematsu). The same afternoon, unanimously, the Court held that loyal American citizens could not be detained in relocation camps (Mitsuye Endo).

1945
 May 7: V-E Day.
 May 14: Secretary of Interior Ickes publicly denounced incidents of West Coast terrorism and violence against returning evacuees.

August 15: V-J Day.
 September 4: Western Defense Command issued Public Proclamation No. 24 revoking all individual exclusion orders and all military restrictions against persons of Japanese ancestry.

1946
 February 26-March 4: Ninth Biennial National JAACL Convention met in first postwar meeting. Among resolutions unanimously adopted were those urging the enactment of federal legislation to extend naturalization privileges to resident alien Japanese and to authorize evacuation claims.

March 20: Tule Lake Segregation Center, last of WRA camps, closed down.

May 15: Last of WRA field offices closed.
 June 30: WRA officially liquidated.

1947
 March 27: H.R. 2768, an evacuation claims bill drafted by the Department of the Interior, was introduced by request by Chairman Earl C. Michener, Republican, Michigan, of the House Judiciary Committee.

June 27: H.R. 3999, a committee revised evacuation claims bill, was reported by Congressman John W. Gwynne (Republican, Iowa), chairman of the Judiciary Subcommittee on Claims.

July 23: House unanimously passed H.R. 3999.

1948
 January 19: United States Supreme Court, in a 6-3 decision, held that a Nisei, simply because of his Japanese ancestry, could not be deprived of his rights as a citizen to receive and own land (Kajiyo Oyama). This case to all intents and purposes nullified the infamous alien land laws of the western states which had, more than any other statute, circumscribed the lives and opportunities of persons of Japanese ancestry since the early 1900's.

May 3: United States Supreme Court unanimously ordered that racially restrictive covenants could not be enforced by the courts. This ruling established the precedent for the subsequent decisions outlawing racial discrimination and segregation in public places of accommodation and recreation, transportation, school, etc.

June 4: First Nisei war heroes (Privates First Class Fumitake Nagato and Saburo Tanamachi) interred at Arlington National Cemetery with full military honors.

Takahashi Decision
 June 7: United States Supreme Court, in a 7-2 decision, declared unconstitutional California's wartime law denying persons ineligible to naturalization the right to

CHRISTMAS CHEER

Spearheaded by a \$50 contribution from the Nisei Pioneerist his past week, the 1958 Christmas Cheer campaign now stands at 74 per cent of its \$2,000 goal. With \$279.27 received at Christmas Cheer offices (JAACL Regional Office), the current total is \$1,494.

Donors for Nov. 17-22 were as follows:

- \$50—Nisei Pioneerist
- \$25—Clearwater Baptist Church, Maryknoll Fujinkai
- \$20—Nanka Okayama Kei Club
- \$15—Fukui Mortuary, Senshin YABA
- \$10—Anonymous, Mesdames (Pruden-na), Suyeiki Uyemura, Green Star Farms, Gardena Valley Baptist Church Women's Circle, Devonnes, Nanatsu Dokuyoinkai
- \$9—Danaes; \$5—Mrs. W. Katako, Frank Matsumoto, K. Arai, Enbun Co., F. M. Hiyake, T. Isono, Leo R. Mesuro, Seinan Realty; \$3—Mr. Tanaka Sawtelle Barber Shop, T. Suyehiro; \$1—H. K. Nakamura.

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earn a livelihood (Torao Takahashi), in this instance prohibiting the issuance of a commercial fishing license.

June 16: Senator John S. Cooper (Republican, Kentucky), chairman of the Senate Judiciary Subcommittee on Claims, reported H.R. 3999, with amendments.

July 2: President Truman signed H.R. 3999 into Public Law 886 (80th Congress).

July 23: Department of Justice established a Japanese Claims Section to adjudicate evacuation claims.

1949
 December 16: Tokuji Tokimasa, Los Angeles, California, received a Government check for \$303.36 as the first evacuee to be paid under the law.

1950
 January 3: Statutory filing deadline for evacuation claims showed 23,924 claims timely filed for a total of \$129,996,589.80.

1951
 August 17: President Truman signed Public Law 116 (82nd Congress) authorizing the compromise settlement of all claims up to three-quarters the amount of compensable items or \$2500, whichever was less.

December 12: Yujiro Sakuragi (San Francisco) acquitted of attempting to defraud Government by making false claims for property. He is the first and only person so accused, and he was found not guilty.

1952
 April 27: Treaty of Peace with Japan became effective.

June 27: Immigration and Nationality (Walter-McCarran) Act enacted over President Truman's veto, extending naturalization privileges to all, including Asians, without discriminations based on race, and repealing the Japanese and other Oriental Exclusion Acts by providing annual immigration quotas to all nations of earth.

1954
 May 17: United States Supreme Court unanimously ruled unconstitutional racial segregation in public schools.

1956
 July 9: President Eisenhower signed Public Law 763 (84th Congress) providing (a) authority to the Attorney General to compromise and settle all claims up to \$100,000; (b) without requiring the automatic 25 per cent deduction of the amount of compensable items as required in the earlier \$2500 compromise-settlement law; (c) judicial review in the Court of Claims for unsatisfactory Government offers of compromise; (d) judicial determination of all claims over \$100,000; (e) consideration as timely filed claims postmarked prior to the January 3, 1950 deadline; (f) consideration for timely filed claims of West Coast internees; and (g) timely filed claims by profit and nonprofit corporations and organizations.

1958
 November 10: Attorney General Rogers signed final award, terminating the evacuation claims program except for eight suits appealed to the Court of Claims for judicial settlement, and closing the chapter on Japanese Americans in World War II.

SOCIAL SECURITY:

Removal of 'Offset' Provisions

(This is the fourth in a series of articles to explain the changes made this year in the Nation's Social Security Law.)

As explained in our previous article, the Federal Social Security program has been making cash monthly payments to permanently and totally disabled workers, age 50 or over. The old law required that the payments be reduced by the amount payable by a state industrial accident program or by any other Federal agency for the same disability. This meant that all persons who were receiving benefits from the Veterans Administration because of a non-service-connected disability, or persons who were receiving money because of an industrial accident, could not receive their full Social Security checks.

But, starting with payments for the month of August 1958 this has been changed. Now, even though a person is receiving another type of disability payment, he may still receive his full Social Security check. For persons who are receiving payments, this adjustment will be made automatically — there is no need to contact the Social Security Office. In fact, the Social Security Administration made these adjustments in checks which were mailed out in early September for the month of August.

But, there may be people who have not bothered to file for disability payments because they were receiving payments from another agency and felt they would not be able to qualify because of the "offset". It is to this group that a reminder is made. Even though these persons could not receive any payments before, they may now be eligible for some payments from Social Security because of their disability.

NEXT ARTICLE: No longer need current work to qualify for either disability payments or for disability "freeze".

(Los Angeles area readers may call on Jimmie M. Okura, SSA field representative, 836 S. Figueroa St.; RI 9-4711, ext. 1115, with questions or further information.)

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Washington NEWSLETTER

BY MIKE MASAOKA

Election Notes

Washington, D.C.

SENATOR LYNDON JOHNSON of Texas, who served as Senate Majority Leader in the past two Congresses and who is expected to be re-elected by his colleagues to continue his leadership in the forthcoming 86th Congress, was quoted last week in the newspapers as predicting that the new session will be a "can do" one. He declared that the heavy majorities rolled up by the Democrats in the recent elections would cause the new Congress "to be responsible, to be progressive without being radical, to be prudent and conservative without being a mossback, a standpatter".

Together with his old mentor, Speaker of the House Sam Rayburn, also of the Lone Star State, Senator Johnson is expected to continue in the congressional leadership at a time when the legislative branch may seize the initiative from the executive branch. This possibility is seen in that 1960 will be a presidential campaign year and the Democrats are eager to regain control of the White House, that the Democrats have such an overwhelming majority in the House and the Senate that they can write their own laws without too much interference from the Chief Executive, and that the President—being ineligible to run again for a third term—as a "lame duck" can not exercise the authority and influence and prestige that he might otherwise effect.

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AS THOSE WHO are familiar with congressional maneuvering know, the committees and their respective subcommittees are where the real work for the entire Congress is done. It will be interesting, therefore, to note just how the new committee assignments will be made by the Texas duo since this will be a tipoff to the type of legislation that will be considered in the next two years. For instance, there is some talk that "liberals" will be placed on the potent House Rules Committee in order to assure that "liberal" legislation will be reported for consideration on the floor. In the past, conservative Southern Democrats have teamed with conservative Republicans to bottle-up "liberal" bills. There is also talk that the present House Labor and Education Committee may be divided into two separate standing committees, not only to assure that "education" legislation will be reported but also to provide major committee assignments for many of the newly elected members. This latter suggestion is to be discounted in the opinion of the Newsletter, because it would do violence to the Congressional Reorganization Act and would cause many old members to resent such arbitrary action.

THE OVERWHELMING replacement of Republicans by the Democrats in the last election will give the Democrats enlarged majorities of about two to one on most of the committees. In the past two Congresses, the Democrats usually held only a single vote majority on most committees in the Senate and a few more in the House.

Despite the "liberal" sweep generally, the committee chairmanships, because of the seniority rule, will remain in the hands of the conservatives from the South in the main, just as it was in the last session.

In the Senate, there will be no changes in the chairmanships, while in the House there will be only two major ones. Democratic Congressman Thomas S. Gordon of Illinois retired from the Congress because of ill health. He will be succeeded as chairman of the House Foreign Affairs Committee by Democrat Thomas E. Morgan of Pennsylvania. Democratic Congressman Clair Engle of California successfully ran for the United States Senate seat of GOP Leader William F. Knowland. He will relinquish his chairmanship of the House Interior and Insular Affairs Committee to fellow Democrat Wayne N. Aspinall of Colorado.

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THE DEMOCRATIC LINE-UPS of most major standing committees will remain the same as in the last Congress, except that their respective majorities will be considerably increased with the addition of newly elected members.

On the GOP side, however, defeats and retirements will result in major reshuffling of members, with new faces moving into positions of seniority.

By congressional rules and custom, committee memberships are allotted between the two parties on the basis of their comparative numbers in the House and the Senate, except that there must always be some members of the minority on every committee and subcommittee.

The next Congress, therefore, may see no new Republican members added to some committees even though a majority of Republicans on that committee may have been defeated or retired in the recent election. There will be considerable reapportionment of Democratic seats, though, except for the influential House Rules Committee and the powerful House Ways and Means Committee, which have traditional divisions of eight from the majority and four from the minority and a 15 to 10 ratio, respectively.

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Tribute to Tameji Eto

WE PAUSE TO PAY tribute to Tameji Eto, of San Luis Obispo, California, who passed away last week. One of the really great Issei pioneers, he was a legend for developing the agricultural resources of his area for the past several decades. And, in addition to contributing to the civic improvement of his region, he found the time to become one of the outstanding leaders among the Japanese of America. The Japanese Government recently decorated him with one of its highest awards for his efforts on behalf of Japanese American

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JACL JOINS NATIONAL CAMPAIGN TO END FILIBUSTER IN SENATE

(JACL News Service)

CHICAGO. — Shigeo Wakamatsu, national president, has signed on behalf of the Japanese American Citizens League a letter sent to the prospective leaders of the United States Senate next session by 17 national organizations urging a revision of the cloture rules to prevent filibusters and the threats of filibusters to nullify efforts to secure necessary liberal legislation, including those in the field of civil rights.

The letters were sent to Senate Majority Leader Lyndon Johnson of Texas and to Senate Minority Whip Everett M. Dirksen of Illinois who is expected to be elected to the Minority Leadership vacated by Senator William F. Knowland of California who was defeated for the governorship of his State by Democrat Pat Brown.

Among other signers of the letters were the American Civil Liberties Union, the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, the Americans for Democratic Action, the American Veterans Committee, the United Auto Workers, AFL-CIO, the American Jewish Congress, and the American Jewish Committee.

Bipartisan Support

The letters pointed out that a bipartisan group of lawmakers, led by Senators Paul Douglas of Illinois and Hubert Humphrey of Minnesota, Democrats, and Jacob Javits of New York and Clifford Case of New Jersey, Republicans, have announced that on the first day of the new Congress January 7 a motion will be made to take up the consideration of the Senate rules to govern the 86th Congress.

If this motion is successful, it

will be followed up by another motion to revise Rule 22 which currently requires two-thirds of the entire Senate membership to invoke cloture, or the closing of debate. The letters request the support of the Democratic and Republican leadership in this effort to substitute majority vote after full and free debate for the present rule which has never been effectively achieved to prevent a filibuster.

Noting newspaper reports of proposed compromises by various senators, including one by Democratic Senator Richard Russell of Georgia, a leader of the so-called Southern bloc, the letters reject these compromises as "spurious" and an effort to "evade or deny the principle of the right of the Senate to adopt new rules by majority vote at the opening of a new Congress . . . The time has come for a roll-call on both the great issues before the Senate—its right to adopt its own rules and whether those rules shall include majority cloture."

Civil Rights Bill

The letters clearly state the hope and the confidence of the national organizations involved that if the cloture rules are revised appropriately meaningful civil rights legislation will be passed by the next session of the Congress. The suggestion that consideration of civil rights legislation be postponed until after the report of the President's Civil Rights Commission a year from now is also rejected in the letters to the Senate leadership.

"Action to implement the Supreme Court's school desegregation decision is long overdue. We are in our fifth year since the Supreme Court acted and Congress has not made a single move to support the Court. Closed schools in Little Rock and Norfolk and bombings in dozens of citizens demand Congressional as well as Executive action.

"The time to act on civil rights legislation is now. The cooperation of substantial numbers of Senators in both parties is clearly essential to the enactment of effective civil rights legislation. Rather than waiting for the bitter partisanship of an election year, 1960, we urge action at the first session of the 86th Congress in a calm, deliber-

Human Rights week set for Dec. 7 - 17

WASHINGTON. — President Eisenhower this week proclaimed December 7-17 as Human Rights Week.

In a proclamation, Mr. Eisenhower said:

"I call upon the citizens of the United States to observe this week by reading and studying the Bill of Rights in the Constitution of the United States and the universal declaration of human rights of the United Nations, that we may all be reminded of our many responsibilities and privileges as a people blessed by a heritage of freedom and equality."

Omaha Sansei students in active school roles

OMAHA. — Local Sansei students in high schools are taking an active role in extracurricular activities, reports M. Misaki of Omaha JACL.

Natchi Matsunami, younger sister of Mrs. Robert Nakadoi, was chairman of the student council convention last weekend for Omaha schools. She is a senior at Central High and a student council member.

Stephen Takechi, Central High junior, also assisted and ran for council treasurer.

Ronald Misaki, Central High junior, has been elected secretary-treasurer of the ROTC Non-Commissioned Officers Club.

Cheyenne student wins nursing title

DENVER. — Miss Eiko Ashizawa of Cheyenne, Wyo., a senior at St. Joseph's School of Nursing, is Colorado's Miss Student Nurse of 1958. The 21-year-old student was recognized at a recent session of the Colorado Student Nurses Assn., at the Continental Denver.

She was selected from a field of candidates nominated by nursing school faculties and students of the state's 10 nursing schools. Her sister, Mrs. Evelyn Kirimura Okamoto, of Cheyenne was a prewar editor of the Pacific Citizen.

JACL contributes \$100 to NAACP for its fight in South

(JACL News Service)

WASHINGTON. — A token contribution of \$100 to express the admiration of the Japanese American Citizens League to the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People for its continuing and courageous fight for the human rights and dignity of all Americans has been made.

The contribution was sent to Roy Wilkins, national executive secretary of the NAACP, in New York City, where the Association has its headquarters, by Harold Gordon, chairman of the National JACL Legislative-Legal Committee, of Chicago, and Mike Masaoka, Washington JACL representative.

At the recent 15th Biennial National Convention in Salt Lake City, the National JACL Council adopted a resolution commending the NAACP for its valiant and vigilant fight, particularly in the South, against racial discrimination and violence, with particular reference to the problems involved in public school desegregation. A token contribution of \$100 was voted by the delegates.

Appreciate Fight

In the letter of transmittal, Gordon and Masaoka, who were authorized by the National Council to arrange for the token contribution, declared that "All of us who have experienced hate, hysteria, and even violence appreciate the continuing battle which your organization is carrying on, particularly in the South, to make meaningful for all Americans human dignity and civil rights.

"As a token of our admiration and esteem for the NAACP, we are contributing \$100 to your Freedom Fund. We wish that we might contribute more, but our limited resources prevent us from doing so. At the same time, we hope that our contribution, small though it is, will serve to reassure you and your associates that the JACL endorses your activities and pledges its support whenever possible to the continuing fight for decency and dignity."

ate, and bipartisan spirit," the letters conclude.

CALENDAR

- Nov. 28 (Friday)
 - Twin Cities—General meeting, J. A. Center, 8 p.m.; Paul Siegal, spkr.
- Nov. 28-29
 - Mt-PDC—Annual convention, Denver.
 - IDC—Annual convention, Ontario, Ore.
 - PNWDC—Annual convention, Portland.
 - Long Beach—Basketball tournament, L.B. City College.
- Nov. 29 (Saturday)
 - Watsonville — Installation dinner-dance, Aptos Beach Inn, 7 p.m.
 - Chicago — Inaugural dinner-dance, Edgewater Beach Hotel, dinner from 6 p.m.
 - CCDC—JACL Bowling Tournament.
- Nov. 29-30
 - Gardena Valley—Benefit movies, Community Center, 7 p.m.
- Nov. 30 (Sunday)
 - CCDC—Annual convention, Fresno Hacienda Motel.
- Dec. 1 (Monday)
 - Oakland—Meeting, Oakland Methodist Church, 10th St. and West St., 7:30 p.m.; Robert Shaner, spkr.
- Dec. 4 (Thursday)
 - East Los Angeles—Election meeting, International Institute, 8 p.m.
 - Florin—Election meeting.
- Dec. 5 (Friday)
 - Contra Costa—Christmas Potluck, Pullman School Community Room, S. 39th and Florida Ave.
 - San Francisco — Auxiliary Gift Exchange party and elections, Booker T. Washington Center, 8 p.m.
- Dec. 6 (Saturday)
 - St. Louis—Inaugural dinner, Roncaro's, Southwest L.A.—Hele Mai.
- Dec. 13 (Saturday)
 - Sonoma County—Auxiliary Christmas Party.
 - Chicago—Family Christmas Party, McCormick YWCA, 8 p.m.
- Dec. 14 (Sunday)
 - East Los Angeles—Issei Recognition program, Tenrikyo Hall, 2 p.m.
 - Philadelphia — Christmas Party and Elections, International Institute.
- Dec. 15 (Monday)
 - West Los Angeles—Auxiliary meeting, res. of Dr. & Mrs. Sonoda.
- Dec. 16 (Tuesday)
 - New York—General meeting, Japanese Society Auditorium, 18 E. 50th St.
- Dec. 20 (Saturday)
 - Long Beach—Christmas party.
- Dec. 31 (Wednesday)
 - St. Louis—New Year's Eve dance, American Legion Hall, University City.
 - Monterey Peninsula—New Year's Eve dance, San Carlos Hotel, 9:20 p.m.
 - Orange County—New Year's Eve dance, Huntington Beach Memorial Hall.
 - Millie-H—New Year's Eve dance, Cosmopolitan Hotel.
 - Salt Lake City—New Year's Eve dance, Rose Garden.

City names street for Fremont JACler

BY MASAKO MINAMI

FREMONT. — Henry Y. Kato of Warm Springs was recently honored by the Fremont City Planning Commission by having a street named after him. Kato Avenue is a street adjacent to West Warren Avenue by the Nimitz Freeway to San Jose.

The name of Kato Avenue was proposed by Fire Chief Frank Madruga of Fremont and accepted by the Planning Commission without any opposition.

Henry Kato has been active in local civic affairs for a good number of years. He has been a volunteer fireman in Warm Springs for about five years and at one time he was the Fire Commissioner of the now defunct Fremont Fire Dept. He was recently appointed Fremont's Industrial Commissioner by Mayor Michael Overacker of Fremont. He is now serving in that capacity.

Kato has been an active member of the Fremont JACL and served as president in 1957. He lives in Warm Springs with his wife, May, and their three children. Mrs. May Kato is presently the president of the Warm Springs Grammar School PTA. She is the first Nisei to serve in that capacity in the Fremont Area Public Schools.

442nd Club president

NEW YORK. — Walter Bjork, veteran of the South Pacific and long-time 442nd Club member here, was installed club president Nov. 14 at a clubhouse dinner.