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## COLUMN LEFT:

### Taxes—the price of civilization

Property owners in town have had to pay their first installment of taxes this week and with Christmas shopping still to be done, it smacks the wallet hard. There is ample evidence that taxation has always fostered resentment.

There is no mystery about the idea that taxes are a nuisance and sometimes an intolerable burden. Nor is the feeling hard to justify when corruption, inefficiency, waste, extravagance and bureaucracy feed itself on tax funds.

However, much that is good can be said about taxes. Many services are provided without which our lives would be not only less pleasant but far more difficult and hazardous. For example: some states are well ahead of others in education, parks, highways and public welfare. While the comparison between progress and revenues is not perfect, it does show when government is starved it gives less in return.

There is no suggestion that more taxes means better government. The philosophy which holds "that government is best which governs least" is not entirely outmoded as the realities of waste and corruption are yet pertinent. With these reservations duly noted, we paid our taxes cheerfully—understanding that taxes are the price of civilization.

JACL chapters, which face the problems of meeting their "taxes"—or quotas, may note a similarity. It must be said the stewardship of funds since National Headquarters employed full-time professional personnel has been admirable—stretching the membership dollar as far as it would go. No voluntary organization, such as JACL, could long last if waste were permitted.

If we are to maintain the broad program enunciated at national conventions, it is important that the budget to sustain it is met on time and "cheerfully". Quotas, if we must paraphrase, spell the worth of JACL's program to protect the welfare of Japanese Americans.

—H.H.

## RACIAL BIAS IN DENVER REALTY DEALS CHARGED

DENVER. — A Negro real estate broker charged last week that 95 per cent of Denver's white realty men refuse cooperative listings of houses in non-minority areas.

The broker, Earl West, told the Colorado Advisory Committee on Civil Rights Dec. 1 that real estate men "have always had a restriction on houses they are willing to have us show cooperatively."

West, chairman of the housing section of the Denver Commission on Human Relations, appeared before the state committee to testify on discrimination in housing in Colorado. The committee met in the New Customhouse to hear testimony.

### Prejudice by Color

"The darker a man's skin is—whether he is Negro, Spanish-American or Oriental—the more distinguishable prejudice becomes," West said.

He blamed discrimination in housing on "gentlemen's agreements." Such agreements, he said, are much harder to deal with than written ones.

Asked if minority groups are encountering prejudice in Denver suburban areas, West said:

"There is no information to support the fact, but, to my knowledge, there are no Negroes living in suburban areas where new houses are being built."

### Rental Patterns

West said the pattern of rentals to minority groups is much the same as home ownership. He told the committee he did not know of any minority housing available outside "the ghetto area."

Earlier a Federal Housing Administration official told the committee that if there is discrimination in housing it starts when a person tries to borrow money from a private lending institution.

Bruce H. Baumann, FHA Denver zone insurance program adviser, said "financing is pretty well accomplished by the time an application comes to the FHA office."

He said the FHA lists cases by number and has no way of knowing race, creed or color.

## 'Koshinaga' fatal to Ft. Lewis GI

FT. LEWIS, Wash.—Master Sgt. Minoru Oda, 26, of Norwalk, Calif., winner of the Bronze Star and Purple Heart in Korea, was under arrest last week for the death of a fellow soldier.

An Army spokesman said Oda and Sgt. Ralph Morgan, 33, Waycross, Ga., fought on the base Nov. 30. Morgan was thrown to the floor with a judo "hip roll."

The older man was found dead several hours later in a car being driven by another soldier toward Aberdeen, 60 miles west of here. An autopsy showed Morgan died of a ruptured liver.

Oda, who joined the Army 10 years ago, holds the Good Conduct Medal with two clasps, the spokesman said.

His wife and three-year old son live in nearby Tacoma.

### School paper manager

SAN JOSE.—Irene Yamamura, advertising major at San Jose State College, was recently appointed business manager of the campus newspaper, the Spartan Daily, by the student council. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Kaneto Yamamura of Sacramento, and active in Gamma Alpha Chi, national advertising society.

## Nevada marriage law upset

RENO.—Harry Bridges, west coast longshore leader, went to court Wednesday and won the right to marry Noriko Sawada, Los Angeles-born Nisei—gaining a judge's decision that the Nevada law barring mixed marriages is invalid.

"Marriage is a right, not a privilege," ruled District Judge Taylor Wines. Bridges received his court records just before 5 p.m. and presented it to a county clerk who previously refused to issue a marriage license.

Bridges, 58, was rebuffed when he planned to marry the attractive San Francisco Nisei legal secretary. They left for Reno Monday.

(Arizona has a statute barring interracial marriages.—Ed.)

Miss Sawada, who lives at 158A Fell St., is employed by Garry, Dreyfus, McTernan v Keller, 703 Market St.

### Assisted in S.F. JACL

Born in Los Angeles, she attended schools in that area prior to the evacuation. Her parents, both dead, were Santa Ana truck gardeners. She returned several months ago from a trip to Japan where she had taken her father's ashes for burial.

Following the war, Miss Sawada moved to San Francisco and aided in the reactivation of the San Francisco JACL chapter.

Charles R. Garry, senior member of the law firm for whom Miss Sawada has worked for 11 years, said he went to San Francisco International airport Monday night to see the couple off on a plane for Reno.

He said he didn't know what their plans were, but presumed they would be back shortly.

"We're very pleased," Garry added. "We think a lot of both of them."

The attorney added that he wasn't exactly sure how the romance between the middle-aged labor leader and the young Nisei girl developed, but he had been aware they had been going out together for some time.

Nisei friends of Miss Sawada said that she and the colorful labor leader have been moving in the same circle of friends for many years.

Bridges joins several other leaders of his International Longshoremen's and Warehousemen's union in marrying Nisei.

Jack Hall, Bridges' right-hand man in the Hawaiian Islands and ILWU chief there, is married to a Nisei. Hall's chief assistant, Harry Schmidt, also had a Nisei wife at one time.

Bridges, a stormy and colorful labor leader who has fought an almost continuous fight against deportation to his native Australia since he arrived here in 1920, has been married twice before.

## 1st vandalism case in L.A. courts ends in retrial

A jury of eight women and four men (including one Nisei) in Judge John G. Barnes' court was unable to agree on the guilt or innocence of George Campeau, accused of hurling a rock through the window of a home purchased by a Negro.

The deliberations took all day Dec. 2 and split eight for conviction and four against. When the hung jury reported shortly after 4 p.m., Judge Barnes scheduled a new trial for Jan. 14.

The case was the first of its kind to reach Los Angeles courts. In fact, in all of the acts of vandalism that have occurred here, no suspects have previously been arrested.

### Window Broken

The trial grew out of a citizen's arrest made by Harold L. Clark, 37, a mild-spoken veteran who is a designer of test equipment for missiles, who happened to be in the home he had purchased at 2230 Cheremoya Avenue in the Hollywood Hills when a chunk of concrete crashed through the living room window last Sept. 16 about 10:45 p.m.

Clark claims that the concrete hit him on the leg and also struck the leg of his friend, Donald Rousseau, who was with him at the time.

Clark identified Campeau as the man who threw the concrete. He went to the police station, whereupon, he, Rousseau and an officer proceeded to the nearby Campeau home and made the arrest.

### Prejudice Denied

Campeau denied that he had any prejudice against Negroes, and also denied that he had molested his new neighbor. He told how prior to the Sept. 16 incident he hired many Negroes for his masonry contracting jobs and how he even permitted Negro children to use his swimming pool along with his own children.

Both Clark and Rousseau took the stand to tell of the rock-throwing.

It was the task of the jury to determine which of the conflicting stories told from the witness stand were correct. They were unable to agree upon this.

## PC's Japan correspondent won over by Crown Prince's fiancée—Michiko Shoda

BY TAMOTSU MURAYAMA

TOKYO. — It is only natural curiosity for people wanting to know what kind of a young lady won the heart of the Crown Prince of Japan and become his wife—and someday Empress of Japan.

The foreign correspondents have been dispatching this story for more than a month ahead of the actual decision as was announced on November 27 after an imperial court conference. Japanese newsmen knew months in advance that the Crown Prince was in love with Michiko Shoda, making many attempts to interview her.

Tokyo reporters also heard she was determined to decline the Crown Prince's proposal and that former members of the Imperial families and peers were strongly opposed. When the newsmen began to converge on the Shoda family, she went on a trip to avoid them and she even phoned the Crown Prince, asking him to forget her.

However, the Crown Prince did not give up. He wanted her. He

did not want a "high brow" girl from the titled families. He just wanted a common girl with common sense. The Crown Prince confessed his love to his sister, Princess Suga, who only encouraged him on. Michiko, though not a Catholic, was an outstanding student, the tops in English, when graduated from Sacred Heart Women's College.

### Hounded by Newsmen

He was determined, tried to get together with her, but the newshawks were equally desperate in tracking her down. Her home was practically surrounded by reporters and cameramen—day and night. One day she left the house to go shopping and was chased by cameramen—finally taking refuge for two nights at Sacred Heart college to avoid newsmen. She was once caught at a beauty shop. She couldn't stand them, and began to cry. And cameramen took many pictures of her weeping.

Finally, Dr. Shinzo Koizumi, tutor to the Crown Prince, asked the cooperation of the Japanese press in order to protect the romance as well as keep the peace until all was settled. Dr. Koizumi visited the Shoda family often, but his visits proved in vain. The Shoda family refused, even after Dr. Koizumi explained it was the Emperor's wish that Michiko become betrothed to the Crown Prince.

By this time, the Crown Prince was telephoning his sweetheart every night, persuading her to change her mind. The answer was Continued on Page 2

## Nat'l JACL credit union annual meeting scheduled

SALT LAKE CITY.—The National JACL Credit Union annual meeting will be held on Jan. 24, 1959, at the Art Barn, it was announced by Shig Ushio, board chairman. Buffet supper and dancing will follow the business meeting.

As of the end of October net earnings were \$14,244.48, as compared to \$10,994.42 for a similar period in 1957. All indications are that a good dividend will be declared for 1958. A possible patronage refund to borrowers was also discussed.

### Fred Omatsu, 70

Fred I. Omatsu, 70, died Dec. 3 of a heart condition that kept him from taking his naturalization oath on Veterans Day, 1954, in mass ceremonies at the Hollywood Bowl. However, U.S. Judge Pierson M. Hall administered the oath to the bedfast retired produce buyer two weeks later at his home, 1157 Irolo St. He is survived by his wife, four sons George, Frank, Paul, Hoover, and daughter Mrs. Grace Ogawa.

## PC Holiday Issue for 1958 to be off the presses next week—Watch for it!

The Pacific Citizen Holiday Issue—at least 64 pages—will be published next week and reach our readers before Christmas.

Among the features will be the meaningful address given by Bill Hosokawa, 1957-58 Nisei of the Biennium winner, in which the "wider horizons" Japanese Americans have yearned are depicted; the biennial reports of the Washington JACL Office and National JACL Headquarters, as suggested by delegates at the

last national JACL convention; and special stories by our corps of columnists which we'd like to keep secret for a week.

We are heartened by the support given by the Intermountain District Council, which urged each chapter to order a PC Holiday Issue for their non-subscribing members. We are also happy to note some chapters have responded to our call for more support.—Editor.



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## Official Notices

FROM: William Matsumoto, National 1000 Club Chairman

Masao Satow, National Director

TO: All Chapter Presidents, Chapter 1000 Club Chairmen

(This past week, JACL Headquarters sent to each chapter a complete roster of its 1000 Club members, current and expired. As members renew their memberships or new ones are added, a copy of the letter of acknowledgement from Headquarters will be sent to the chapter president or 1000 Club chairman.)

**RENEWAL NOTICES:** Approximately one month before a membership is to expire, the 1000 Club member receives a notice of expiration with a self-addressed business reply envelope. The member also receives a notice from the Pacific Citizen advising that his subscription is also expiring. However, the Pacific Citizen is continued for one month after a member's 1000 Club membership expires, but if the membership is not renewed within that time, the subscription is canceled.

When a 1000 Club member renews his membership, the renewal is dated from the time the membership is received at National Headquarters, unless the member requests a late renewal be credited back to the date of his expiration. If the renewal is received before the expiration of the current membership the renewal is dated from the time the current membership is due to expire.

While 1000 Club certificates of membership with the date of joining are sent to first year members, for renewal members only a seal designating the year of membership is sent.

**PACIFIC CITIZEN WITH MEMBERSHIP:** A year's subscription to the Pacific Citizen is included in the 1000 Club membership. If the person who joins the 1000 Club is already a Pacific Citizen subscriber, the subscription is extended to conform with his 1000 Club membership date.

In the event that two members of one family join the 1000 Club, only one PC is usually sent. However, if such a family wishes to have both copies, both will be provided. Also, if it is desired that one of the two copies be sent to someone else, this will be done upon request.

**RELATION TO LOCAL CHAPTER DUES:** The amount of 1000 Club membership of \$25 includes the member's regular National dues. Thus, if a member has already paid the regular chapter dues and then joins the 1000 Club, he may join for \$23 since he will have already paid his \$2 National dues.

Some chapters automatically give local chapter membership to their 1000 Club members without additional payment to the local chapter, upon the basis that the 1000 Club member is doing more than his share in helping the chapter meet its National quota. In addition, several chapters also give automatic local chapter membership to spouses of the 1000 Club members. Other chapters, however, require the 1000 Club member to pay an additional chapter due before he chapter membership card is issued. For example: The regular chapter membership is \$3.50 and the chapter retains \$1.50 and sends \$2 to National. In this case, the 1000 Club member pays \$1.50 to the chapter in addition to his \$24 1000 Club membership in order to receive a local chapter membership card.

Upon the recommendation of the National Council, a separate 1000 Club membership card is now being developed for 1000 Club members which will bear the year of membership and the date of expiration. The \$25 membership is deductible on personal income tax report.

**LIFE MEMBERSHIP:** The 1000 Club Life Membership is now \$500, but previous years of 1000 Club membership will be credited toward Life Membership. Thus, if a person has been a member for seven years and paid in a total of \$175, he may convert to Life Membership by paying the balance of \$325. If a member has joined the 1000 Club for twenty years, he will automatically be considered a Life Member.

Only \$25 of the Life Membership is credited to the chapter for the first year, and then \$25 each subsequent year. However, the Life Member may deduct the total amount contributed on his personal income tax report for the particular year.

Life Members and Tenth Year 1000 Club members are sent a special 1000 Club pin attachment for their JACL pin. Life Members are also given a special Life Membership certificate.

**CHAPTER 1000 CLUB CHAIRMEN:** We urge every chapter to elect or appoint a 1000 Club Chairman to handle all matters pertaining to the 1000 Club for the chapter.

## Ye Editor's Desk

AS OF THIS writing, our PC Holiday Issue has found some bright lights among the chapters and a few gloomy spots—our overall performance with One-Liners, which is the "baby" we wanted to really hoist, is better than last year by 200 names. . . . But unless a last minute performance ordains otherwise locally, our general advertising is lagging by 100 accounts. All of this means we shall be unable to come forth with another 72-pager as in previous years. Maybe 64. . . . The letdown in advertising might account for the somewhat easing of pressure with Holiday Issue editing we have experienced in past years. And this is one pressure we anticipated as the feeling after a big Holiday Issue is something rare for any Nisei editor.



## Yearly Difference of Opinion

### PRESS COMMENTS:

## Akihito Sets the Pace

(Hokubei Mainichi Editorial, Dec. 1, 1958)

San Francisco

We are somewhat surprised to find the number of Issei who are not happy about the history-shattering event that took place in the imperial household of Japan (Nov. 27) the betrothal of Crown Prince Akihito to Miss Michiko Shoda, a commoner.

With all due respect to these Issei people, we stand today being critical of their "living in the past." Let it be emphasized clearly, however, that we have no idea of driving any cleavage between the so-called "Issei" and "Nisei" worlds: for any cleavage that did exist between the Issei and Nisei, say 25 years ago, has since been reconciled with the maturity of the Nisei and the mellowing of the Issei in general after the evacuation turmoil.

Some of these Issei people, nonetheless, were disappointed to learn that Akihito did not pick some one of the "royal" blood for his future consort but did become engaged to a commoner. One Issei was so enraged that he took down the picture of Crown Prince Akihito that was hanging on the wall of his parlor. Another Issei was reported to have exclaimed, somewhat incoherently, "I'm glad I've become a naturalized citizen of the USA!"

### Nisei Reaction

We doubt very much that any Nisei showed this sort of reaction to the Tokyo announcement. On the contrary, we are sure that all thinking Nisei were extremely happy to learn that Akihito was adamant in his choice of Miss Shoda to be his future bride. It just happened that the object of his affection was a commoner, that is all. The important thing is that the young man did have his choice.

We believe the English pages of The Hokubei Mainichi reflected the Nisei reaction when we spotlighted the Tokyo dispatches under these bannerlines: "The Boy & The Girl" and "The Triumph of Youth and Love." And we might add that we are proud of the fact that we did give so much space to this history-making event in Japan. We believe Akihito followed in the footsteps of his father for the democratization of Japan and for the continuance of the Japanese imperial household. His father, Hirohito, divested himself of "imperial divinity" 13 years ago.

His great grandfather, Emperor Meiji, some 80 years ago, made his intelligence and power felt in the continuous existence of Japan as an independent nation when he encouraged westernization of his country.

We believe the young Akihito—perhaps unknowingly—has taken a step this time that will ensure the continuous existence of the Japanese imperial household for some generations to come yet, as did his father and great grandfather. He has brought a "new blood" into his household. It means further opening of the so-called "Chrysanthemum Curtain!" It means a closer relationship between his household and the people of Japan. Akihito has set the trend. And this trend will continue to work in favor of his household.

### Changing Japan

If the trend were otherwise, there is no knowing how long his household can hope to continue its existence in the ever-growing democratization of Japan. For such an institution as "the imperial household" is anomalous, after all, in a truly democratic nation. If one were to make this sort of statement in Japan 13 years ago he could never hope to stay free. He would be behind Kempeitai bars. But in Japan today one can say it, and get away with it. That's how Japan has changed in the past 13 years.

Under the constitution of the New Japan, the emperor's power is defined as merely "the symbol of the Japanese nation." He no longer has the sovereign power. Sovereignty now rests with the people. Their governmental institution now exists for the people, by the people, of the people, by the people, of the people. Let us not forget, that is Democracy.

The people of postwar Japan are now imbued with this sort of political and social philosophy. That is the reason why the people over there welcome wholeheartedly the announcement of Akihito's betrothal to a commoner. Let no one turn the clock back. Progress lies ahead. —Howard M. Imazeki

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### WRONG IDENTITY

Editor:—Thank you for inserting our president's farewell message in your Nov. 28 issue.

Also, there is one correction: S. Richard Komatsu is the 1958 President of the Contra Costa Chapter—not the undersigned.

Shig, as he is known here, is a prominent Richmond architect active in organizations and civic affairs. He brought to our area not only a great capacity for leadership but also imparted to the members the mind to continue with all JACL ramifications.

This is a chance to congratulate you and your staff on every weekly publication through the years as the one substantial fact connecting the advantages of JACL with every personal life of the Nisei.

GEORGE SUGIHARA

Richmond, Calif.

## Murayama —

Continued from Front Page  
"no" for months. Some of the calls lasted for nearly three hours.

In the early part of November, the Shoda family held a conference at Hakone to decline the Imperial proposal but Miss Shoda by this time was determined to accept the Crown Prince's love. The conference ended with the final decision resting upon the young daughter. The romance made smooth progress from then on—and the announcement was made on Nov. 27.

### Press Conference

The next day, a press conference was arranged and the entire corps of newspapermen as well as the Japanese nation fell in love with Michiko, too. Nobody thought she could handle the press so well. By this conference, she won the press and the entire nation.

One American newsman said: "I am completely moved with her wonderful poise and personality. What a girl! She is a great girl!" This is what everyone wanted to say about her.

Today, Miss Shoda is in the spotlight of popularity. Never before in Japanese history has a commoner been selected to reign as empress. She must be a great girl because she caught the attention and love of the Crown Prince.

We have to give a big hand to Princess Suga, who more or less protected her brother's love. She was a big encouragement for the Crown Prince. His younger brother, Prince Yoshi, also helped in this historical love affair as they have done a great deal in getting the Emperor's consent.

Ambassador Asakai in Washington, D.C., is distantly related to the Shoda family.

Let us now wait for the wedding bells—for the whole world loves the lovers.

### MIDWEST BUDDHIST AUXILIARY ELECTS

CHICAGO. — Phyllis Taketa was named 1959 president of the Midwest Buddhist Church Auxiliary. The group recently held a successful bake sale and clothing drive to aid the Olivet Institute day nursery.

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## Vagaries

By Larry S. Tajiri

### Issei Artist in New Mexico

SANTA FE, N.M. — It was somewhat ironic that Chuzo Tamotzu's latest exhibition of his drawings was opened on Dec. 7, for artist Tamotzu is a man of peace.

Until last Sunday we had met Tamotzu only once before, and that was 18 years ago in New York's Greenwich Village, before Pearl Harbor. But it was a time of heightening tension, and a number of persons of Japanese ancestry had gathered to emphasize their loyalty to these United States.

We remember a painting of Tamotzu's which we saw at the time. It depicted a Japanese soldier and it was prophetically titled: "Beware of Japanese Militarism." Tamotzu did the painting in 1939 and it is probably the only one he still has from that period.

"I keep it to prove not all Japanese wanted war," he says.

But war came, and the artist went to war as well. Tamotzu volunteered. "My enemy was not the Japanese people, but the war lords who dominated them." The Donovan Committee (later the Office of Strategic Service, the cloak-and-dagger OSS) assigned Tamotzu to use his art and his talent in propaganda. (A number of other Japanese artists in the United States, Taro Yashima among them, similarly worked for OSS).

Tamotzu worked in New York and Washington, and he was sent on assignments to India and China.

After the war Tamotzu and his wife, Louise, wanted a place to work outside the urban pressures of New York. They found the red earth, the good light and the pinon country of Santa Fe. He has maintained his studio in Santa Fe for the past ten years. The hundreds who attended his reception at the Paint Pot gallery Sunday attest to his popularity in the artistic community.

Chuzo Tamotzu was born in Oshima in Kagoshima, Japan, 67 years ago. He studied politics and economics in Tokyo and took art instruction from private tutors while attending college.

Tamotzu was 23 when he left his home in Japan to travel the world. He has not been back there since. "I followed the mode of artists of ancient times," he says, "taking with me only my brushes, tucked in my kimono."

He traveled from family to family, from country to country, leaving his paintings behind to pay for room and board. His route took him from Korea to China, Malaya, Java, Borneo and India. He went to Europe, working and painting in France, Belgium, Holland and England. In 1920 he reached New York. He has been a resident of the United States since then.

Tamotzu's oils have been exhibited by the Metropolitan and Whitney museums in New York, and by other leading galleries.

In Santa Fe, Tamotzu has been instrumental in arranging an exchange of art works between the school children of the New Mexico city and those of Hiroshima.

Tamotzu's current show harks back to his early training in Japan. Most of the artists work over the years has been in oil, but this time he has used brush and ink in the manner of the Japanese wall scrolls. "People seem to like them," he said.

### Broadway's Biggest Hit of '59

The critics' notices are in, and Rodgers and Hammerstein's "Flower Drum Song" is officially Broadway's biggest hit of the new season.

All during the war years and after, Japanese and Nisei roles on stage and screen were taken by performers of Chinese descent (Keye Luke, Richard Loo, etc.), but turn-about's fair play and a baker's dozen of Nisei and Japanese are among the leading players of "Flower Drum Song."

The critics were charmed by Miyoshi Umeki, who plays the shy picture bride who comes from China to marry a Chinese American in San Francisco's Chinatown in the adaptation of C.Y. Lee's bittersweet novel. And the scribes were impressed by Pat Suzuki as the brash torch singer and strip teaser who almost takes the groom away from the bride-to-be. Miss Suzuki has been described (by Newsweek) as something of a combination of Judy Garland and Ethel Merman. Like both these estimable ladies, she can belt out a song and proves it in "Grant Avenue," "Sunday" and "I Enjoy Being a Girl."

Ed Kenney, an Eurasian from Hawaii, is the young man of the story, while Keye Luke plays the father whose traditional ideas clash with those of the younger generation.

Nearly all the performers in "Flower Drum Song" are of Oriental ancestry except for a chorus girl named Shawnee Smith ("She claimed she was part Indian," said Richard Rodgers). Juanita Hall rates as an honorary Oriental at least, having played the Tonkingese Bloody Mary for at least the past ten years in various versions of "South Pacific".

One deserved success is that of Goro Suzuki, a Nisei from Oakland, Calif., who has been on the threshold of entertainment's big time for some years. Goro is billed as "Jack Soo", the name he used when the only job he could get after the war was that of an m.c. in a Chinese night club in Cleveland. O. Goro plays virtually plays himself in "Flower Drum Song," his role being that of a night club m.c.

Yuriko (Kikuchi) is the leading dancer of the company. She is no stranger to Rodgers and Hammerstein, having been featured for years in "The King and I" on Broadway. Others in the cast include Eileen Nakamura as Mme. Fong, and Fumi Akimoto, Helen Funai, Betty Kawamura, Jo Anne Miya, George Minami, David Toguri and Yuriko's daughter, Susan Lynn Kikuchi.

# Kido visits Arizona on own business, winds up 'JAC Ling'

BY SABURO KIDO

"Why don't you write something about the Arizona chapters? We haven't heard from it for such a long time so I am sure the readers will be happy to hear about what the chapter is doing," asked Harry Honda, the editor.

After exhausting whatever material I had in my Shinichi Bei column, my first reaction was to tell Harry to quote from what I had already written. However, I am acceding to his request with my fingers crossed.

My recent visit to Arizona was for the express purpose of soliciting advertisement for the directory which is being prepared to be printed in Japan. It was not on JACL business. However, about 27 JACLers and Issei got together for one of the finest chop suey dinners I have tasted anywhere, including the famous Chinatown of San Francisco. It was at Toy's Shangri La, a very swanky place. The proprietor is a schoolmate of George Kishiyama, the chapter president.

Since I have not been attending the Pacific Southwest District Council meetings, I did not know that the Arizona chapter has been absent quite often during the past year or so. Come to think of it, Arizona was absent at the last national convention.

After that delicious food, it seemed a shame that we had to talk on serious matters about JACL and International Relations, quotas and assessments and so forth. Naturally, I was interested in finding out what position the chapter had or would have taken on this issue. The members may have been soft-soaping me; but they were nice enough to say that they were in agreement in my position.

During the days of John Tadano, the Arizona chapter wielded a great deal of influence in the district council as well as the national council. Considering what Arizona did for the naturalization and immigration bill, it deserved to occupy the prominence accorded it.

One of the questions raised was that their chapter quota was too high. I jokingly mentioned about how in the pre-evacuation days, the national council had to debate more than a day for a 10 cent membership fee or a \$300 appropriation. Today, it is amazing how a \$70,000 budget is passed within half an hour.

I told the members that the time to fight for a lower quota was at the national council meeting. A large budget means a high assessment per chapter. Therefore, in order to have a lower quota, it is too late to complain at the district council level. The stand should be made at the national convention.

The Pacific Citizen finances came up. I had to frankly state that the dream of making money for national headquarters was not realized. It is going to require

a review of why we cannot make money. One of the obvious reasons is the additional costs which have resulted because of paying commissions to the chapters for subscriptions (this much was eliminated by the national council—Ed.) and Christmas edition advertising.

We did not have time to go into the likes and dislikes pertaining to the weekly as it is being published today. I feel that something has been amiss for a long time. Ever since the last national convention, I believe the editions have become more interesting. I told the chapter members that it is up to them to tell the PC management what it wants.

At any rate, I obtained a promise that the Arizona chapter will give the PC more support than it has given in the past few years. I do not recall what difference this will make; but if every chapter gets a few ads during the year besides the Holiday Issue, finances should pick up.

Another interesting subject today concerns juvenile delinquency. What I said was supposed to be off-the-record. I would not care to divulge what statements were made.

The Japanese population of Arizona is claimed to be around 400 by some and around 700 by others. In any event, the people are concentrated around the city of Glendale as the central point. When I mentioned about the present organization splitting into two or three groups, it was generally agreed that there are not enough members in Mesa or Phoenix to form separate chapters.

As I traveled around, there was no doubt that Arizona, if the Phoenix-Glendale-Mesa districts were to serve as a criterion, is in the midst of a land boom. People from the East, Middle West and other parts of the nation are moving to the Southwest, which includes Arizona and New Mexico.

Those Japanese who own lands are faced with the same situation in California. Land values have skyrocketed four or five times the purchase price. If they should sell, they will realize profits. On the other hand, income tax and the replacement costs would eat up the profit so everyone is sitting tight. The reasoning is that it is better to remain on land one knows about than to buy into a new area.

The Tomooka family is farming one section. Cotton and vegetables are the principal crops. It is easy to talk about one section; but one must remember that this means 640 acres. This is a large scale operation in any man's language when truck farming is considered.

Then there are the Tanita brothers with Shig as the head of the clan. They own large acreage and do their own shipping. It certainly is a busy place as orders are being issued and received from the fields via two way radio.

The prosperous ones, according to rumor, were those who were

growing flowers in the so-called South Mountain district for example, the Kishimotos have a Lincoln Continental among the many cars at their disposal.

Harry Matsunaga, who used to operate a nursery in Gardena, is now living in Arizona. Modestly, he admitted that his land values went up like all the others. He stated without hesitation that he was going to stick with Arizona. I can't blame him. He has all the sunshine he wants and a swimming pool when the sun gets bothersome.

I have a special message for the unmarried girls outside of Arizona. Tadashi Tadano, John's older brother, who farms on a fairly large scale, told me that their girls are moving out to the West Coast. So there are too many eligible bachelors running around loose at home. They are successful farmers or have good jobs.

The Salt River Valley is a vast domain. I realized for the first time what the race baiters were fighting for in the 1930s when the agitation to drive out all persons of Japanese ancestry from Arizona was at its height. Today, there is very little animosity. In fact, Carl Sato has been accorded recognition by the Jr. Chamber of Commerce. He is busily participating in many activities which are outside the Japanese community.

There is no doubt that Arizona is the land of opportunity. Like all other areas, it is susceptible to the weather changes; but it has the potentialities. Tad Kadamoto, former chapter president, should know. He is in the insurance, real estate, investment and notary public business. I am confident that he will strike it rich one of these days. Patience is what he needs most because he has to deal chiefly with non-Japanese clientele.

Until I made this trip, Arizona seemed to be a distant place. But when I found out that it takes only 2½ hours by air from Los Angeles to Phoenix, the mental block I had has disappeared. I am going to take advantage of the invitation extended to me to come at least once a year. I believe it is going to be most interesting to watch this young state continue to grow.

Arizona weather is more wholesome than Los Angeles because the smog does not make one's eye sore or make one sneeze and create an uncomfortable feeling.

John Hirohata, Mr. and Mrs. T. Takamori, George Tadano, Dr. Y. Miyauchi, Dr. S. Kuwata, and many others were met during my four days' sojourn in Arizona. This was my first visit in five

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## POINTING Southwestward

By Fred Takata

**CCDC CONVENTION:** This past week we were invited to the annual CCDC convention in Fresno. On our way up, we had a chance to stop in Cutler and talk to a few of the Tulare County Jr. JACLers, and then visit our cousins, the Hosaka Brothers in Reedley. It's been about a good five years since we've visited their home, and they really treated us as royalty, and gave us a chance to rest our weary bones.

We were greeted at the District meeting by Chairman George Abe, who really did a bang up job this past year, and we hope he'll continue his fine work as immediate past chairman and as a member of the new cabinet. We were quite impressed on how the meeting ran right on schedule without too many arguments, which is quite the contrary of our PSWDC meetings. It must be the way George cracks the whip!

At the conclusion of the afternoon session, we went upstairs to the Yosemite Room to take in the beautiful fashion show put on by the women auxiliaries of the CCDC. The models performed as if they were real professionals, including the male models who showed the latest in men's wear.

The Banquet Installation was really tremendous with all cabinet officers from each of the nine chapters being installed in mass by George Inagaki. Many of the Jr. JACL officers were installed along with their parent chapter cabinets, and it was really a wonderful sight to watch from the head table. The newly elected District officers sworn in were Dr. James Nagatani (delano) chmn.; Fred Hirasuna (Fresno) 1st v.p.; Mikio Uchiyama (Fowler) 2nd v.p.; Miss Toy Hoshiko (Fresno) sec.; Tak Naito (Reedley) treas.; James Matsumura (Tulare) pub.; Ralph Kimoto (Parlier) hist.; Ben Nakamura (Fresno) 1000 Club chmn.; George Abe (Selma) imme. past chmn.; and Kenji Tashiro (Orosi) execu. past pres.

Toastmaster for the evening was Fred Hirasuna, who really proved to be a master at the chore. We were really honored to have had the privilege of sitting between Mayor Arthur L. Selland of Fresno, and Mrs. James Nagatani, charming wife of the new CCDC Chairman. The keynote speaker of the evening was Frank Chuman, who stressed that in the past we as an organization have received a lot of benefits, and we should not feel that our work has come to an end, but should concentrate our efforts in giving benefits back in the way of community participation.

We were also happy to get together with Akiji Yoshimura, Bill Matsumoto, and Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Enomoto, who made the trip down from the north. On behalf of all of us from the north and south, we wish to thank the CCDC for all the courtesies extended to us.

**SAN DIEGO BOARD MEETING:** We filled our gas tank and headed south on Highway 101 towards the sunshine city of San Diego to meet with the San Diego Chapter. Copilot T. ts Kushida and radioman Roy Yamadera joined us on this pleasant trip, which enabled us to make the round trip in one night. As we traveled south and out of the L.A. smog, we nearly choked on the fresh air we haven't breathed in weeks.

As we pulled into San Diego, we stopped at President Moto Asakawa's Presidio Nursery and had quite a time tracking him down in all the flowers and plants. Moto is now in the process of expanding his nursery and all we can say is, he better get a two way radio or he may get lost for days in that nursery jungle. Moto invited all of us to dinner out on the point of Shelter Island to a really beautiful spot called Bali Hai. If you really want to feel like your in the South seas without leaving the mainland, brother, this is the place! We were joined at dinner by Dr. Tad Imoto, who we learned was the Chairman for the coming Chapter Clinic to be held in San Diego, Feb. 14-15.

We later went to Jimmy Urata's Restaurant to attend the meeting, and was quite surprised to see Jimmy, whom we haven't seen in over twenty years. We didn't think he would remember us, but when he called us by our Japanese name, as his kid sister Sachi, and it was about that time we buried wow, what a memory! We used to attend the same school our Japanese name, when people had such a hard time pronouncing it. What is our Japanese name? That's a secret!

The meeting was scheduled to begin at 7, but since all of the board members were men, we watched the championship fight on TV, before getting down to business. We were quite amazed at how the board members volunteered for different offices without the usual so-called "Railroad!" For the coming year the new officers will be George Muto, pres.; Paul Hoshi, 1st v.p.; Sam Sugita, 2nd v.p.; Masaaki Hironaka, treas.; Hideo Takeshita, sec.; Masato Bruce Asakawa, membership; Hideo Yoshihira, 1000 Club; James Urata, Hi-Co; Mr. T. Funaki, Issei. We were given a little time to discuss the Chapter Clinic, and plans are now underway to insure all delegates a wonderful time. The plans call for the meeting to begin Saturday afternoon (Feb. 14), with a get together in the evening, and conclude the meeting Sunday noon. This would give delegates who have to travel long distances, plenty of time to head home, and also enable them to take in many of the wonderful sights in this beautiful city of San Diego.

**BREEZING AROUND:** We regret to report Mrs. Miki Fukushima, our PC Circulation Manager was forced to leave her job due to her mother's illness. We certainly hate to lose her, but at the same time we want to welcome Mrs. Pearl Mugishima, who has taken over the circulation dept. . . . We were invited by Takasumi Mitsui, Seichi Shirane, and Tatsuji Seki to attend the Moral Re-Armament's musical, "Turning of the Tide." We were highly impressed, and would recommend all of you to see it if you get the opportunity. We hope that we will be able to obtain the recording of the song "Turning of the Tide", it's really beautiful piece of work.

## DR. NAGATANI OF DELANO PICKED CCDC CHAIRMAN

FRESNO. — Dr. James Nagatani of Delano was elected and installed as chairman of the Central California JACL District Council for 1959 here Nov. 30 during the district's ninth annual convention which was attended by some 400 persons.

During the Nov. 30 business session, the campaign for a state FEPC was re-endorsed and delegates decided Central California chapters will join other JACL units in the state with contributions of \$10 each.

As both Northern California-Western Nevada and Pacific Southwest groups have already approved contributions, the 50 California chapters will donate \$500 to the state committee which will campaign for an FEPC law at the state legislature next year.

District officers elected to serve with Nagatani are:

Fred Hirasuna (Fresno), 1st v.p.; Mikio Uchiyama (Fowler), 2nd v.p.; Miss Toy Hoshiko (Fresno), sec.; Tak Naito (Reedley), treas.; James Matsumura (Tulare County), pub.; Ralph Kimoto (Parlier), hist.; Ben Nakamura (Fresno), 1000 Club chmn.; George Abe (Selma), imme. past chmn.; Kenji Tashiro (Tulare County), exec. past chmn.

As district chairman, Nagatani also becomes a member of the national JACL board.

### Must Fight Bias

Frank Chuman, Los Angeles attorney and National JACL legal counsel, was main speaker at the convention banquet, the largest to date.

He told the Nisei "it is our duty to fight against discrimination and not to view the bombings of churches and segregation in schools with apathy or indifference if we accept the basic American premise that all persons are created equal."

"A good American sincerely and deeply feels that all persons, regardless of race, color or creed should be equally treated," he said. "If we accept this idea, it is incumbent upon us to take measures against all forms of discrimination and prejudice."

### Fresno Chapter

The annual Central California Chapter of the Year award was won by the Fresno JACL.

National JACL sapphire pins for 10 or more years of service to the league was awarded to:

Kazuo Komoto of Parlier, Hiroshi Mayeda of Tulare County, and Jin Ishikawa of Fresno.

Special awards for their long service to the JACL were presented by Johnson Kebo at the banquet to:

Mrs. Ethel Tashiro, formerly of Selma and now of Orosi, Miss Toy Hoshiko of Fresno, Thomas Toyama of Fowler.

Past president's pins were presented by Bill Matsumoto of Sacramento, National 1000 Club chairman, to:

Yoshito Takahashi of Clovis, Mas Takaki of Delano, Mikio Uchiyama of Fowler, Ben Nakamura of Fresno, Ed Yano of Reedley, Bill Watamura of Parlier, Larry Hikiji of Sanger, Dale Okazaki of Selma, James Matsumura of Tulare County.

Cabinets of all nine chapters in the district were installed by George Inagaki, past national JACL president, in an impressive ceremony. Presidents of the chapters for 1959 are:

Bob Mochizuki of Clovis, Jeff Fukawa of Delano, George Teraoka of Fowler, George Takaoka of Fresno, Frank Kimura, John Kashiki of Parlier, Peter Hasegawa of Sanger, Allan Masumoto of Selma, Doug Yamada of Tulare County.

The new women's auxiliary heads are:

Mary Kashiki of Parlier, Ethel Tashiro of Tulare County, Mikie Baba of Selma.

Mayor Arthur Selland of Fresno greeted the delegates on behalf of the city, and Fresno County Supervisor Norman Foley extended his greetings on behalf of the county.

### Christmas party planned for Stockton CL families

STOCKTON.—The annual Stockton JACL Christmas party has been set for Sunday, Dec. 14, 5 p.m. at the YBA hall at 148 W. Washington St.

A pot-luck supper will be served, followed by a movie, the appearance of Santa Claus and treats.

## Sequoia JACL Bridge Club organized; to award master and rating points

REDWOOD CITY. — Formal organization of a cooperative bridge club on the San Francisco bay peninsula was announced here last week.

The club, to be known as the Sequoia Chapter JACL Bridge club, will be sanctioned under a Master Player franchise of the American Contract Bridge League and will award master and rating points from Jan. 7, 1959.

The club will meet each Wednesday night.

Hiroshi Honda was elected as chairman, and John E. Enomoto, secretary-treasurer. Named to the board of directors were Dr. George Hiura, Shozo Mayeda, Teru Tamura, Ken Takahashi and Genji Utsumi.

Charter membership, with the privilege of playing at reduced rates, will be open until Jan. 28 to any interested duplicate bridge player.

Interested players should contact Mrs. May Soules, the club's

### San Fernando Valley JACLers meeting tonight

BY SATSUKI KUBOTA

SAN FERNANDO. — "Juvenile Delinquency" is the subject of San Fernando JACL's meeting tonight at the Branford Clubhouse in Pacoima. Mike Suzuki, Shonien director, and who last Sunday broadcast on the subject on Radio Li'l Tokio, will be the speaker.

The chapter has extended an open invitation to Valley Nisei groups to attend the 7:30 p.m. meeting.

The chapter will hold its Christmas potluck party for members and their families tomorrow, 7 p.m., at the Fernangeles Playground, Sun Valley. Mrs. Chiyo Yamamoto is in charge of the party with games, gifts, music and dancing scheduled.

### Bob Mochizuki elected Clovis JACL president

CLOVIS.—Bob Mochizuki was installed as Clovis JACL president at the recent CCDC mass ceremonies at Hacienda Motel.

He will be assisted by Herbert Yoshida, 1st v.p.; Yukio Ikuma, 2nd v.p.; George Shimizu, treas.; Ted Takahashi, rec. sec.; Fumiko ma, Hifumi Ikeda, del.; Tok Yamamoto, Futoshi Kubota, alt. del.

Delegates-at-large representing five neighborhood districts are:

James Miyamoto, Dr. Masao Yamamoto, North Clovis; Yoshito Takahashi, Bob Nakagawa, South Clovis; Sus Uyemura, Roy Matsutakahashi, cor. sec.; Harry Ikumoto, East Sunnyside; Tom Koga, Sam Murakami, West Sunnyside; and Harry Shintaku, Kiyomi Tawahashi, Blackstone.

### MILWAUKEE CHAPTER DEC. AFFAIRS TOLD

MILWAUKEE. — Two seasonal events have been announced by the Milwaukee JACL this past week. First will be a Christmas party for children tomorrow at the Mitchell Park Pavilion.

The chapter will frolic Dec. 31 at the Cameo Cub to greet the new year.

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tournament director, for further information. Mrs. Soules may be reached at 98 Clay Ave., South San Francisco, PLaza 6-0383.

Mrs. Soules also will instruct interested players in the Don Oakie method of contract bridge.

After the organizational meeting Dec. 6, a Howell duplicate tournament was held in which Dr. Hiura and Mrs. Soules were winners. Namiko Honda and Marina Todd were second.

The group's next meeting will be at Okamura hall, 925 Woodside Rd., Redwood City, Wednesday, Dec. 17. Play commences at 8 p.m.

### Frank Kimura president of Reedley JACL for 1959

REEDLEY. — Frank Kimura will head the Reedley JACL as 1959 president, succeeding Ed Yano who has taken over the 1000 Club chairmanship.

Other officers elected were Fred Nishida 1st v.p.; T. Kai, 2nd v.p.; Sam Nakagawa, 3rd v.p.; Yosh Yamada, treas.; Michi Ikeda, rec. sec.; Shiz Tsutsui, cor. sec.; Tak Naito, del.; Bill Minami, alt. del.; Kiyo Kawamoto, pub.; and George Okamura, hist.

### San Francisco New Year's Eve frolic is 14th annual

SAN FRANCISCO. — The 14th annual San Francisco JACL New Year's eve dance will be held in plush Terrace Room of the Fairmont Hotel, atop Nob Hill.

Plans for this traditional event are now rapidly being completed, announced co-chairmen Yo Hironaka and Steve Doi. Tickets are now being distributed and are available from JACL members at \$7.50 per couple.

The renown society orchestra of Al Wallace, who plays for the top social occasions in the bay area will furnish the danceable music for this festive evening from 10 p.m. to 2 a.m.

Heading the committees for this dance are Barbara Nagareda, favors; Sam Sato, tickets; Hats Aizawa, posters; Jack Kusaba and Johnny Yasumoto, gate.

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# By the Board

By Tak Terasaki, Mtn.-Plains DC Chairman

**COMMUNITY TRIBUTE TO BILL HOSOKAWA:** In addition to the extensive newspaper reports brilliantly written by Marian Guyo Tajiri, covering the Mountain-Plains JACL dinner honoring Bill Hosokawa on Nov. 28, at Mountain-Plains JACL district chairman, we would like to add a few personal impressions concerning this major effort by the local JACL chapters in this area.

Although Mas Satow, our national director, first conceived of a rather small, informal group, in order to present Bill Hosokawa, the latest Nisei of the Biennium award winner, an engraved scroll, the public relations aspects of such a gathering and as a means of showing our esteem for a truly outstanding Nisei in this region, generated real enthusiasm for a large public meeting, capitalizing on the fact that Bill Hosokawa is widely known through out the Rocky Mountain Empire, as The Denver Post loves to proclaim.

We were fortunate in having Yurino Starr, who during war-time and the hectic years of evacuation and relocation, headed the New York office, available to assist us. Yurino Starr, in keeping with her past experience in JACL work and competence, coordinated the huge task of setting up a formal banquet in the Silver Glade of the Cosmopolitan Hotel.

With more than 260 Nisei bowling enthusiasts gathering in Denver over the Thanksgiving Day weekend, under the guidance of John and Bob Noguchi, Denver Nisei bowling big-wigs, the 6th Annual Mountain-Plains JACL Bowling tournament was held at Dahlia Lanes in conjunction with the District Council meeting in Denver.

With an over-flow crowd of more than 300 people anticipated, committee work was headed by Bob Horiuchi, with the solid support of John Masunaga, Mile-Hi JACL chapter president, who hosted the gathering.

Since it was an opportunity to sell JACL to the community, special efforts were made to secure the attendance of civic officials and community leaders. The Brighton J.A.A. group cooperated wonderfully by bringing all of their important county officials, and Kish Otsuka out of Sedgwick invited farm officers in his area. As a result, most of the important community organizations were represented at the Mountain-Plains JACL banquet, and it was an impressive sight to see Supreme Court justices mingling with city councilmen and organizational heads, as well as our own local and rural Nisei leaders.

It was a tremendous public relations program, and it impressed us to know that the community at large turned out to honor Bill Hosokawa and the JACL. Sometimes we feel that the hakujin community has more respect for the JACL than the average JACL member... and we deplore this lack of understanding by some of the Nisei.

**MAS SATOW ON TELEVISION:** As a result of the Hosokawa banquet, Gene Amole grabbed Mas Satow as a special guest for his Saturday night telecast. Mas was able to present the broad picture of the JACL program and activities to the metropolitan Denver area in a very dignified, and yet effective manner.

We have noted that reaction was extremely favorable. The head of NBC branch office in Denver commended both Amole and Satow for their presentation of the problems of an effective minority group.

These immeasurable benefits, accruing to persons of Japanese ancestry, whether they live in the Rocky Mountain region, or on the Pacific Coast, are a fundamental part of the JACL program. The over-all effect of good feeling, and we hope, actually better understanding of the Nisei in every community, cannot be itemized nor measured. But, it is our conviction that they do contribute to the benefit of all of us.

**MOUNTAIN-PLAINS JACL COOPERATION:** We cannot close this column without comment upon the contribution of Shig Wakamatsu, our national president, who flew in from Chicago in order to participate in our program. Despite his busy schedule, he came to explain JACL's position in international relations, which tied in with Bill Hosokawa's report on the Far East.

Moreover, our ever-loyal supporters, Pat and Lily Okura braved the 500 miles of snow, sleet and ice, from Omaha, Nebraska to add to the JACL presentation.

Roy Inouye and Shiro Enomoto of San Luis Valley, a blue-ribbon chapter from southern Colorado; and Sam Okamoto, Frank Yamaguchi, Floyd Koshio, Lee Murata, Jack Tsubara, and others from the Ft. Lupton chapter aided in the Mountain-Plains JACL meeting.

With justifiable pride, we believe, in the past record of this region, and with bright hope of the future, the Mountain-Plains JACL looks to welding Nisei and Sansei in Montana, Wyoming, Nebraska, Colorado, New Mexico and Texas as an integral part of the National JACL.

## SANGER CHAPTER, JR. JACL OFFICERS NAMED

**SANGER.** — Peter Hasegawa was recently elected 1959 Sanger JACL president while Ronald Bungo will helm its Jr. JACL.

Other officers on the chapter board are George Urushima, 1st v.p.; Bob Akahori, 2nd v.p.; Tom Moriyama, treas.; George Ohama, rec. sec.; Misao Hikiji, cor. sec.; Robert Kanagawa, del.; Eddie Nishimura, alt. del.; Mike Ichihana, hist.; Sam Kawahata, pub.; and Frank Yamamura, ath.

Sanger Juniors have named Frank Matoba, v.p.; Ruth Yamaguchi, sec.; Tomiko Ikuma, treas.; Alan Masaoka, pub.; and Jim Takeda, host.

## Sonoma County JACLers to hold election tonight

**SEBASTOPOL.** — Election of 1959 Sonoma County JACL board members and officers is slated tonight at the final meeting of the year at the local Memorial Hall. Frank Oda, chapter president, will be presiding. Also on the agenda are various annual reports.

Nominations are also in order for the Chapter JACLer of the Year and Community Service Award, which are made at the installation dinner. Riyuo Uyeda, Greg Hamamoto and Kanemi Ono are accepting nominations. The installation is scheduled for Jan. 10 at the same hall.

The membership will choose 10 members to fill vacancies created by retiring board members who have completed two-year terms as follows:

Iwazo Hamamoto, Eiichi Yamamoto, Jim Miyano, Johnny Arishita, Paul Otani, Walter Taniguchi, Tom Furusho, Fred Yokoyama, Jean Miyano and Greg Hamamoto.

Holdover board members are: Johnny Hirooka, Riyuo Uyeda, Pat Shimizu, James Murakami, Frank Oda, Tad Kameoka, Margaret Murakami, Kanemi Ono, Georg Yokoyama, Dr. Tetsu Fuji, Edwin Onki and Beth Yamakoa.

Sonoma County JACL will commence its 1959 membership drive with three newly-elected vice-presidents in charge after the elections.

## SONOMA AUXILIARY PLAN YULEFEST FOR CHILDREN

**PETALUMA.** — A larger crowd than last year's is expected tomorrow at the Sonoma County JACL Auxiliary Christmas party for the children here at the Memorial Hall.

The gay affair starts at 7:30 p.m. with games, carols, door prizes, entertainment and refreshments planned by Suzy Hirooka and Isabella Ellis, co-chairmen.

In lieu of admission, a gift not exceeding 50 cents for each child attending is being asked and these will be distributed by a Santa Claus decked out in a brand new outfit.

## 150 participate in Sonoma County fish derby

**PETALUMA.** — Over 150 local and out-of-town striped bass derby enthusiasts participated in the Sonoma County JACL fishing contest Nov. 30 at Nelson's Resort on the Napa River, according to derby chairman Riyuo Uyeda.

There were 35 fish caught, ranging in weight from 3½ lbs. to 29¾ lbs. Uyeda's 24-pounder was 2nd.

Proceeds of the derby are distributed to local youth groups.

## Issei-Nisei life featured on Denver TV program

**DENVER.** — Gene Amole of KLZ-TV, who had Mas Satow, national JACL director, on his show over the Thanksgiving weekend, featured the Japanese American community of Denver last Tuesday on his "Panorama" show.

The cultural contributions of Japanese Americans to the community was depicted.

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## 'Good luck money tree' best-seller at Detroit JACL booth at Old World Market

BY BEBE HORIUCHI

**DETROIT.** — The business decline in Detroit has directly or indirectly hit most of the populace. There are times, however, when even a recession can work to advantage. Such was the case at the International Institute Old World Market. One of the fastest selling items was, surprisingly enough, a branch of celluloid cherry blossoms hung with gold foil money and good luck charms.

"What is that?", asked many a puzzled shopper. "This is a good luck money tree—only 55 cents", we replied with the emphasis on good luck. The customers looked impressed. They must have imagined a remote Japanese ancestor of ours invoking some mysterious power to bring about all this luck—all for 55 cents.

Clutching the money tree like a magic wand, the customers walked away with an expression of incredulity and hopefulness written on their faces.

The JACL Old World Market booth was masterminded by Johnny Miyagawa. From Nov. 20 to 23, Johnny spent some twelve hours per day working under the festivity decorated curved pagoda roof.

Mae Miyagawa and Hifumi Sunamoto were in charge of recruiting volunteers. Over 40 JACLers participated in selling Japanese goods during the four day run of the market.

### Kokubo Scholarship Fund

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## SELMA CHAPTER, AUXILIARY '59 CABINET REVEALED

**SELMA.** — Allan Masumoto succeeds Dale Okazaki as 1959 Selma JACL president. Mickie Baba is the new Auxiliary president.

Cabinet officers assisting Masumoto are Ben Ono, 1st v.p.; George Baba, 2nd v.p.; Mickie Baba, 3rd v.p.; Max Kawano, treas.; Katherine Okazaki, rec. sec.; Yo Kataoka, cor. sec.; Dale Okazaki, del.; Takami Misaki, alt. del.; Nancy Matsunaga, cor.; Akira Iwamura, hist.

On the auxiliary staff are Mitzi Iwamura, v.p.; and Betty Jo Yamamoto, sec.

### New Year's Eve dance

**SACRAMENTO.** — Gary Nelson's orchestra will provide music for the Sacramento JACL and Junior JACL annual New Year's Eve dance at the Masonic Temple from 9 p.m.

row up to \$500 per semester. The maximum amount that one student may be allowed during his college career is \$1,000. There is no interest charge if the loan is repaid within six months of graduation or withdrawal from school. An interest charge of 4 percent per annum begins after six months.

Any Japanese student morally, mentally and physically worthy and competent is eligible to apply. For further information contact Wallace Kagawa, 12011 Beaverland, Detroit 39, Mich.

## San Francisco JACL '59 nominees bared

**SAN FRANCISCO.** — Fifteen San Francisco JACLers have been nominated for 10 vacancies on the 1959 chapter board of governors, according to the election ballot distributed to some 1,000 members here.

Deadline for returning the ballots to the chapter office, 1759 Sutter St., has been set for Wednesday, Dec. 17.

John Yasumoto, nominations committee chairman, announced the following nominees:

Mas Furuta, mechanical engineer; Mrs. Yo. Hironaka, medical secretary; Hid Kasai, investment and insurance representative; Kaz Maruoka, school teacher; Dr. Leo Nakayama, physician; Don Negi, insurance agent; Marion Sasaki, registered nurse; Sam Sato, production control supervisor; Naomi Shibata, school teacher; Herbert Shimamoto, electrical draftsman; Richard Tamura, business manager; Dr. Himeo Tsumori, physician; Richard Tsutakawa, bank public relations; Chitose Yamamoto, librarian; Shiz. Yuzuriha, pharmacist.

### Holdovers are:

Jiro Arakawa, Steve Doi, Lloyd Hira, Mutt Matsumoto, Janice Muramoto, Barbara Nagareda, Tad Ono, Tats C. Sumid, John Yasumoto.

### Retiring members are:

Tess Hideshima Yone Satoda, Wil Maruyama, George Miyamoto, Mary Minamoto, Shiz. Yoshimura, Mrs. Elsie Chung, Jack Kusaba, Mrs. Hironaka, and Sato.

## Children's Christmas party in Detroit slated

**DETROIT.** — A children's Christmas party is being sponsored by Detroit JACL for Sunday, Dec. 21, 2-4 p.m., at International Institute with Roy Kaneko as emcee.

Mary Fukuda and Y. Inouye, co-chairmen, have promised a gay time with choral groups, telling of the Christmas story, cartoons, Santa Claus with his gifts and refreshments. On the party committee are:

Toshi Shimoura, Jane Togasaki, Tom Ishii, program; Satsu Fujioka, reception; Mariko Matsura, gift; Cathy Ishio, Margaret Matsui, refreshments; Tom Hashimoto, gen. arr.

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## Brick Muller Award . . .

Pete Demoto, Cal's junior left guard, was named winner of the Brick Muller award as the most valuable lineman on the Golden Bears varsity this past season.

He was presented with the award trophy at the 21st annual football banquet Tuesday night at which all 55 members of the 1958 squad were guests of the Berkeley Breakfast club.

Joe Kapp, star quarterback of the Rose Bowl-bound Pacific Coast conference champions, won three of the other six trophies awarded at the banquet.

The Berkeley Nisei guard was placed this week on the second team of the Associated Press all-coast team and Honorable Mention on the Pacific Coast All-American team.

Domoto made the third team in the United Press International's all-coast selections.

Tom Koshiyama, fleet San Jose City College halfback, was named to the second team of the San Francisco Examiner Northern California all-star jaycee grid team . . . According to Joe French of the Examiner, the line between first and second team choices was very thin in several cases, and that Koshiyama was on of those who barely missed the first team.

## SOCIAL SECURITY:

### Deadline on Disability

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

"I became disabled in 1945—I just found out that I should do something about my Social Security account. 'Freezing', I think someone told me. 'Can I qualify?'"

Until the 1958 changes to the Social Security Law, the answer would have been, "No—You're a little too late."

As was mentioned in our previous article, a person must have five years of work during the 10 year period immediately before his disability began to qualify for either the disability "freeze" or for disability payments at the age of 50.

When the disability provisions were first incorporated into the Social Security Law, a time limitation was set as of July 1958 to allow persons who became disabled years ago to qualify for this protection. However, after July 1958, it was intended that a disabled person filing could not establish his disability further back than one year before the date of filing. For an example, let's take the case of Jack Johnson. He worked steadily under Social Security from 1937 until 1947 when he had a serious heart attack—he has not been able to work since. He contacted the Social Security Office in 1955, just after the disability provisions became effective, and filed application to "freeze" his Social Security Account. It was explained to him at that time that since Social Security payments are based on average earnings, his payment would be much higher if his account was "frozen" at the time he was last able to work. Since he filed in 1955, his account could be "frozen" as of the time he became disabled. Jack just turned 50 last month and is now drawing Social Security disability payments.

Jack's neighbor, Jim Blake, also worked under Social Security for many years. He became permanently disabled in 1949, but when Jack went to the Social Security Office, Jim said, "why should I—I'm not going to get any money 'cause I'm not old enough." So, Jim delayed calling at the office until July 1958, when he also turned 50. But, when Jim called at the office he was told that since he could not establish his disability (under the law at that time) further back than one year, he would have to have had 5 years of work during the 10-year period from 1948 through 1957. In this period, Jim only had two years of work so he could not qualify for any disability payments even though he was 50 years of age and permanently disabled.

Now, under the 1958 changes in the law, people like Jim are given a "second chance". They will have until June 30, 1961, to make application. This applies to persons over 50 who might be immediately eligible for payments, and also to those under 50, even though they will not be able to draw payments right away. As in Jim's case, if one delays until after June 30, 1961, future rights to all types of payments may be lost.

(Southern California readers may call on George Nakamura, SSA field representative, 836 S. Figueroa St., Los Angeles, RI 9-4711, ext. 1115; or Jimmie M. Okura, now transferred to the Long Beach SSA office, 1318 Pine St., HE 5-8975, with questions or further information.)

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## Gardena cops L.B. cage invitational, beats Diego 62-60

LONG BEACH. — In true story-book fashion, the second annual Long Beach JACL Invitational Basketball Tournament came to a climactic close with Gardena edging San Diego 62-60 in overtime play in the championship game.

Interestingly enough this was almost a duplication of last year's championship game when Gardena lost to the Orange County Jays in the last second of the game.

San Diego had distinct height advantage over Gardena in the forms of Tom Yonekura, Sas Yamamoto, and Kurts Yamamoto, all six footers, and led by eight-points going into the fourth quarter. However, sparked by Richard Nishimoto, Gardena tied to play into overtime.

The tournament summaries:

### FIRST ROUND

WLA Jesters 65, ELA Maryknoll Youth Club 43.  
Pasadena JACL 31, Gardena JACL 33.  
Valiant Jrs., Venice Culver City JACL 17, Long Beach Hi-Co 49.  
San Diego Hi-Co 44, Orange County Jays 37.

### CONSOLATION PLAYOFF

ELA 41, Pasadena 36.  
Valiants 13, Orange County 73.  
Orange County over ELA, forfeit.

### CHAMPIONSHIP ROUND

WLA 34, Gardena 37.  
Long Beach 29, San Diego 47.  
Gardena 62, San Diego 60.

Awards were made at a Victory Dance sponsored by the Long Beach-Harbor Hi-Co: most inspirational—Richard Nishimoto (Gardena), team sportsmanship—Valiant Jrs. (Venice Culver).

All-star trophies were presented to Ron Kiino (G), Dave Tamura (OC), Tom Yonekura, Sas Yamamoto, Kurts Yamamoto (SD). On honorable mention were Jiro Takahashi (ELA), Roger Kobata, Dick Hada (LB), John Kurokawa, Shoji Yasuda (WLA), Robert Yoshioka (OC), Kik Yamamoto (G), Nelson Kakita (V-C), and Ted Sugawara (Pasa).

Mas Butsumyo and John Kashiwabara, tourney officials, will make a formal presentation of the new perpetual trophy to Gardena at their future JACL function.

## BOISE VALLEY JACL BOWLING TOURNAMENT DEC. 27-29 AT NAMPA

BOISE. — The 10th annual Boise Valley JACL bowling tournament will be held during the Christmas holidays, Dec. 27-29, at the recently remodeled Nampa Bowling Center, which has installed automatic pinspotters on its 12 lanes.

Prize money and awards will be made at the tournament dance, Dec. 29 at the Legion Chateau. Bill Nishioka and Harry Kawahara are tourney co-chairmen. Assisting are:

Lois Itano, sec.; Chickie Hayashida, pub.; Mary Inouye, Frances Yamamoto, tickets; Tak Ninomiya, Joe Koyama, trophies; George Koyama, treas.; Paul Takeuchi, Bernice Widau, tabulators; Jim Kawano, Cliff Abe, souv. prog.; Etsu Nishioka, women's chmn.; Yosie Ogawa, Frances Kimura, dance; Seichi Hayashida, scheduling.

## Boise Valley keglers bag most of IDC prizes

ONTARIO. — George Hironaka rolled the IDC bowling tournament single high game of 282 with 10 strikes in a row over the Thanksgiving weekend here. Jim Kawano of Caldwell was men's all-events winner.

In the women's division, Mary Ogura on Ontario claimed the high scratch series with 585 while Tosh Ogura of Ontario won the all-events. The Boise Valley keglers won the bulk of the prizes, with Joe Koyama as men's singls champion; Jo Koyama and Jim Kawano as men's doubles champions; Simplot Soil Builders taking the women's team and Frances Kimura-Tekeco Kawano the women's doubles.

## Top Flite club leader

George Nakatsuka, Japan Food Corp. vice-president here, was elected Top Flite Golf Club president for 1959, succeeding George Aratani. Nakatsuka is recuperating from an auto accident sustained in Denver last month.

## Yas Mikuriya to head SoCal Nisei golfers

Yas Mikuriya of Brookside Club, Pasadena, was elected president of the So. Calif. Nisei Golf Association for the coming year. Paul Ryono was appointed handicap chairman.

Mikuriya, commended the retiring cabinet and especially lauded Ty Saito who was instrumental in coordinating and consolidating the handicap system. Saito's efforts as

## SANGER GOLFER WINS CENTRAL CAL TOURNEY

FRESNO.—Ervin Morishita of Sanger JACL won the annual CCEC golf tournament with a low gross 73 and has retained the perpetual trophy. In the low net race, Noboru Takasaki outpointed a fellow Fresnan, Kazuma Takemoto, by a digit, 63-64.

handicap chairman for the past three years has netted results, he commented.

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## THE Northwest P I C T U R E

By Elmer Ogawa

### Alien Land Law Repeal

Seattle

In the first of a series of fund raising ventures to bring about the repeal of the State's alien land law, the Seattle Chapter last weekend promoted a showing of Japanese movies.

Subscribers to the fund got their money's worth—two current hits, plus a lusty swording swinging "western" of the Samurai type—a triple bill in all.

Altogether, the movie goers, in this first attempt did manage to match the \$1,200 that the local chapter allocated from its treasury to start the ball rolling in the campaign to gather in repeal funds.

But the \$1,200 thus far grossed from the two nights showing of the movies does not represent the whole story. There were expenses aplenty, and to make clear what the problems are, we herewith go into detail concerning the venture.

Two thousand form letters were sent out. With the letter, two tickets to either one of the movie nights. There was no price on the tickets. Movie goers and others who could not attend the shows, were afforded the opportunity to donate whatever they wished toward the worthy cause.

The Buddhist auditorium was packed to capacity (600) on Saturday, the first night of the showings. An estimated 200 showed up on Sunday. The \$1,200 grossed represents what was taken in at the door, and what was mailed to the Chapter treasurer, Heitaro Hikida.

A full financial report of this first venture cannot be given in detail at the moment because of several factors. Checks are still coming in from the 1,930 recipients (70 were returned by the P.O.) of the letters and tickets. The bill for film rental has not yet been received, and ditto for the printing bill, both of which are to bear special discounts because of the special service nature of the enterprise.

So, adding to the certainty of \$80 spent of postage, we can tentatively count on an expenditure of about three bills for the films, couple more for the hall, and maybe another for the printing of letters and tickets, to roughly net about half of the total receipts to date.

During an intermission, Chapter President Tak Kubota gave a talk in both Japanese and English.

His talk described many of the problems concerned with the repeal of the State of Washington Alien Land Law, which by now are familiar to most Pacific Citizen readers. Facts such as: (1) That judicial decisions and Federal legislation have rendered such anti alien land laws obsolete, (2) Washington alien land law is part of the State Constitution, and its in the statute books and (3) Such law, inconsistent with the principles of fair play and justice to a minority group deserving of better treatment, should be repealed.

Kubota described the task as one presenting many difficult problems, since, as it was in California, the State of Washington alien land law is part of the State constitution, and it repeal will require first of all, a two-thirds vote by both houses of the State Legislature before it can be submitted to the voters in the elections of 1960. It was further emphasized that California Japanese raised large sums of money for the purposes of voter information, and it is up to Washington to do the same, because this is a problem of dissemination of knowledge from the ground up.

The painful actuality is a challenge to any Citizen Leaguer. Talk to your friends, and be surprised how high a percentage know nothing of the land laws their present status legal wise or anything pertaining thereto—and we do mean otherwise well informed people—people who are well up on everything, but cannot even recall the most basic facts on naturalization for Orientals, for example.

So much for that, and in conclusion, happy to state that we have seen a copy of the first draft of a Joint House Resolution to go before the Washington Legislature at its opening in January, 1959.

It is a resolution proposing an amendment to the Constitution, Section 33, Article II, as amended by amendments 24 and 29.

The resolution recommends that "Restrictions against alien ownership of land within the state be removed" and further describes under the heading of Purpose: "To remove, as other states have done, disabilities originally designed to discriminate against the Japanese alien."

And to be brazenly emphatic about it, here's hoping that many more checks will be coming in to Mr. Hikida.

### WASHINGTON NEWSLETTER: by Mike Masaoka

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for full and free debate are provided and it is hard to see how the Senate could make it any more difficult to limit debate without accepting the full principle of the filibuster.

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THE JACL IS on record for revising the cloture rules of the Senate because bitter experience has shown that the filibuster and the threat of such talkathons has prevented consideration of important liberal legislation for the common good. A few—sometimes one or two—determined Senators can hold up the legislative process of the nation and dictate to the majority of Congress what they may, and may not, consider. Such minority domination is alien to the democratic way and often deadly to the cause of civil and human rights legislation.

Since full and free debate—which is the boast and the practice of the Senate—will be adequately protected under the proposed revision, JACL has joined with its associates of the National Leadership Conference on Civil Rights to urge that on January 7, 1959, the Senate proceed to revise Rule 22 to allow the majority to vote, after exhaustive discussion has taken place, on legislation that they believe to be in the best interests of the nation.

## Christmas Cheer needs \$61 more to top \$2,000 goal

Contributions of canned goods, staples and toys will be gathered for Christmas Cheer this Sunday in various Southland Japanese churches, according to George Fujita, Cheer chairman.

Meantime, it was announced the fund drive received \$135 this past week to reach 96 per cent of its \$2,000 goal. The average per capita cash gift to needy Japanese here in past years as been \$8-10 per adult. "However if the present \$2,000 goal is substantially exceeded, the amount to be distributed will be increased accordingly," Fujita noted.

Donors this past week were:

### CHRISTMAS CHEER DONATIONS

December 1-6

\$25—Chi Alpha Delta (UCLA), Sen-shin Sr. YBA.  
\$15—Nishi Hongwanji Jr. Matrons.  
\$10—Gardena Buddhist Jr. Matrons, T. Takeuchi, Okinawa Club, West Adams Christian Church Fujinkai; \$5—P.S.-K.S. M. Uyeno, Hideo Fujino, Johel Saisho, Mrs. K. Suruki; \$3—T. Shintaku; \$2—Harry Hayashigawa.

### RECAPITULATION

Total Previously Reported ..... \$1804.50  
Total This Report ..... 135.00

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Other Donations  
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## Kido—

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years. Consequently, the changes impressed me very much.

From members who live in a state which is growing and growing, we can expect lots of activity. In fact, I heard that the chapter had 8 Thousand Clubbers this year. If this pace is continued, meeting the quota will not be a problem.

On the other hand, the chapter must send delegates to protect their own interest. I offered to be their proxy if they cannot send any representative; but it would be better if someone else came to fight the battle for better consideration of Arizona's position.

A proud group must have reasons for asking for a lower quota. I would say that every question has two sides. Therefore, Arizona as well as all the chapters should give serious study to the matter of the over-all national budget and the fair basis of assessment for the quota allotted to the individual chapters.

With the renewed interest which has been created, it will not be surprising to find Arizona JACL once more taking an active role in the affairs of the JACL.

There is one other thing which was mentioned at the discussion we had after the delicious dinner. It pertained to the programs to be sponsored by the chapters. As far as I know, this has been a problem ever since the JACL was organized. When the national legislative program was being pushed, the chapters complained that they had no time for local activities.

Now that they have to go on their own, many of the chapters find it difficult to sustain member interest. During the war years, duties which belonged to the local chapters were delegated to national headquarters. I have been one of those who felt that the sooner local autonomy was restored, the better it would be for the organization as a whole with the district councils as the pivotal point. This also would be one way of reducing the national budget. In other words, the chapters must do more for themselves instead of relying upon national headquarters.

When I speak at the joint West



Miss Kiyo Yoshida, recipient of an incentive award for excellence of her work during her tour of duty in Baghdad with the International Cooperation Administration's mission to Iraq, is being presented with the award from Clarence R. Liggit, deputy director of the U.S. Operation Mission to Iraq. She has returned to the United States and will visit with parents in Philadelphia.

## Nisei secretary with ICA Mission in Iraq wins award, now home on leave

Kiyo Nishida, a Nisei secretary who won an incentive award for excellence in work while on assignment with the International Cooperation Administration in Baghdad, Iraq, is on home leave and has been visiting her sister, Mrs. Tak Shindo, over the Thanksgiving holidays.

The globe-girdling secretary left Los Angeles last week to see some friends in Phoenix, en route to visit with her family in Philadelphia and sister in New York.

Miss Yoshida joined the ICA staff after reading an article on the women's page of a newspaper explaining the service which American women were rendering abroad under the U.S. Mutual Security Program.

### Land Reclamation

Progress in Iraq, the ancient land of Mesopotamia, is creating a new land from her own human and natural resources. Land re-

clamation, bringing renewed fertility to the valley of the Twin Rivers, is the largest of these development projects, which include rural improvement, education and public health facilities, highway construction and public administration. Most of the program is financed by revenues from Iraq's oil production.

The Mutual Security Program is contributing technical assistance in the form of American advisers and the use of modern methods of teaching and training Iraqi technicians. The joint program is designed to increase the productive capacities of this nation and raise the standard of living of its people. It continues to be one of the major goals of the new regime in Iraq.

In Baghdad Miss Yoshida had the exacting responsibilities of secretarial assistant to the program office of the ICA mission. She will return to this position following home leave.

### Attended Fashion School

Born in Vashon Island, Wash., in the Puget Sound area, Miss Yoshida moved to Philadelphia with her parents in 1945. She attended the Traphagen School of Fashion in New York after completing high school and in 1946 entered the business field in New York. After serving as secretary and assistant to the public relations director of the American Management Association, she became secretary to Egmont Arens, industrial designer, of New York.

Miss Yoshida visited Japan for the first time en route to the United States.

## Quinn appointed head of Council for Civic Unity

SAN FRANCISCO.—Appointment of Frank A. Quinn as executive director of the San Francisco Council for Civic Unity was announced by the Council board of directors which also voted to promote Dr. Helen E. Amerman, acting director, to the position of associate director.

Quinn, a native San Franciscan with a wide experience in the field of human relations, was appointed to succeed Edward Howden, who resigned after 13 years service to become the director of the San Francisco Commission on Equal Employment Opportunity. He will assume his new duties January 1.

## MRS. ETHEL TASHIRO HEAD TULARE AUXILIARY

DINUBA.—Mrs. Ethel Tashiro will head the Tulare County JACL Women's Auxiliary for 1959.

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

Los Angeles and Venice Culver installation next January, I hope I can summarize the things which are being done so that it may be of some help to those chapters which are wondering what to do.

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## Washington NEWSLETTER

BY MIKE MASAOKA

### Election Notes

Washington, D.C.

**THE BIG BATTLE** of the 86th Congress, First Session, opens at noon, Wednesday, January 7, when the new Congress convenes. On the outcome of that fight may well rest the legislative history of the next biennium as far as Congress itself is concerned, for the pattern that will be settled then will dominate the type of bills the Senate will consider and pass in this forthcoming term.

The battle will be to revise famous Rule 22 of the United States Senate under which two-thirds of all the members of that body must vote to stop debate before a filibuster can be broken and a vote taken. In the history of civil rights legislation since Reconstruction Days following the War Between the States almost a century ago, no Senate has ever mustered the necessary two-thirds to invoke cloture under these circumstances.

The generals who will master-mind the revisionists are a bipartisan coalition of two Midwestern Democrats and two Eastern Republicans—Senators Paul Douglas of Illinois and Hubert Humphrey of Minnesota and Jacob Javits of New York and Clifford Case of New Jersey.

The commander of the opposition forces is able, realistic Senator Richard Russell, Georgia Democrat who, already appraising the rising sentiment against "unlimited debate", has retreated to a prepared position of compromise—two-thirds majority of those present and voting, plus applying this new formula also to rule changes. This, according to the anti-filibusters, is worse than the existing rule because it would tie the hands of future Senates to try to change the rules, which now require only a majority of those present and voting on the opening day of each new Congress.

The man in the middle, and the one who will have to come up with a suitable compromise between the two opposing forces to avoid a showdown, is Majority Leader Lyndon Johnson, an acknowledged past master of the compromise. This may well be his most difficult assignment.

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**THE PRESENT RULES**—Wherry-Knowland Amendment—were adopted in 1949. In the intervening four Congresses—82nd, 83rd, 84th, and 85th—efforts to liberalize Rule 22 have been unsuccessful even though the Rules Committee in the 82nd, 83rd, and 85th Congresses reported bills to revise cloture.

Under current rules, 66 Senators (now that Alaska will be represented in the Congress) are required to stop debate regardless of how many are present and voting on the issue. Furthermore, since this procedure does not apply to a motion to consider a change in Rule 22, even 90 Senators present and voting cannot close debate on a motion to consider a change in this rule, according to the four Senators who are spearheading the drive to revise cloture requirements for the next Congress.

It is for this reason that the effort to change Rule 22 must be made as the first order of business on the first day of the new Congress, that is January 7. At that point, the Senate can proceed under the Constitution and under general parliamentary law, including those set forth in Jefferson's Manual, on the basis that it has no other set of rules and a majority of members can adopt any rules of procedure that they deem proper to govern the business of the Senate. Then, and only then, by moving the previous question under general parliamentary law, can debate be closed and a vote reached on a change in the rules free from the shackles which Rule 22 places on the amending process itself.

In the past, it has been the practice of the Senate of a new Congress to simply acquiesce in the old rules and thereby constitute them the rules of the newly-convening Senate.

Two years ago, on the opening day of the 85th Congress, an effort was made to change the rules. Vice President Nixon who was then in the chair, as he most certainly will be next January 7, ruled that the motion to consider rules to govern the Senate was in order. But, led by Majority Leader Johnson, the majority voted to lay the motion on the table. On January 7, 1957, 38 Senators (three absentees also recorded themselves in favor) voted for the defeated motion. This was twice as many as voted to change the rules four years earlier, in the 83rd Congress. A switch of only nine votes for a total of 50 will be needed on January 7 to win the motion.

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**THE DOUGLAS-HUMPHREY-Javits-Case Coalition** has two objectives—(1) to establish the explicit Constitutional right of the Senate in each new Congress to determine its own rules unfettered by the past, just as the House does, and (2) to enact a new cloture rule that will enable a majority of the total Senate to reach a vote after full and fair debate.

To demonstrate that the Senate is not a "continuous body", as contended by the opposition because two-thirds of the Senators continue into a new term without running for re-election, it is pointed out that each new Senate must consider anew all bills and resolutions, nominations, treaties, etc., that were not acted upon in the previous Congress, just as the House does. The same goes for the election of officers and the assignment to committees.

The revision being supported by the bipartisan group provides for the closing of debate by an affirmative vote of two-thirds of those present two days after the filing of a cloture petition by 16 Senators, or cloture by a majority vote of the total Senate (50) 15 days after the petition is filed. Even after cloture is affirmatively voted, each Senator would be entitled to speak for an hour. In practice, the cloture petition would not be filed by 16 Senators until after considerable discussion—say two weeks. Thus, adequate safeguards

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John Yoshino (left), liaison officer with the President's Commission on Government Contracts, and Gordon M. Tiffany, staff director, U.S. Commission on Civil Rights, were recent speakers at the National Association of Intergroup Relations 12th annual conference in Pittsburgh. JACLers will recall a member of Tiffany's staff spoke at the Salt Lake national convention and announced Mas Satow's appointment as member of the California advisory committee.

## LESSENING OF EMPLOYMENT BIAS ON RACE CITED BY PRES. COMM.

(JACL News Service)

WASHINGTON. — A gradual Federal program is making significant progress in reducing job discriminations based on race, color, creed, and national origin by employers and companies holding United States Government contracts, the President's Committee on Government Contracts reported to the President last week in a summary covering the first five years of the Committee's activities.

"Job opportunities for minority group members are multiplying," the Committee declared. Besides opening more jobs to minority groups, the Committee claimed that employers are cutting down on discrimination in promotions and training programs.

Vice President Nixon, chairman of the Committee, called the report "highly encouraging."

### JACL Cooperates

The Japanese American Citizens League is cited as one of the voluntary private cooperating agencies that has worked closely with the Committee ever since its inception by presidential proclamation in 1953 to encourage compliance with non-discrimination clauses in all federal contracts.

John Yoshino, who was nominated this past summer for Nisei of the Blenheim honors, is the compliance officer. A prewar JACLer, he is currently a member of the Washington, D.C., chapter.

The Committee, as established by President Eisenhower five years ago, receives complaints, carries on educational work and studies, and makes recommendations. Enforcement is the responsibility of Government contracting agencies.

### 644 Complaints Received

Growing knowledge of the Committee's work increased the number of discrimination complaints received to 351 in the fiscal year ending June 30, up from 88 the year before, according to the report.

Of the 644 complaints in five years, 493 cases have been closed. "Effective resolution" of 188 of these complaints is reported. The Committee lacked jurisdiction in 266 other cases because Government contracts were not involved, 29 cases were closed because of inadequate information, and ten

complaints were withdrawn voluntarily.

The Committee said the five-year record of complaints included 446 allegations of discrimination because of race, 217 based on religion, 29 on national origin, and 25 not specified. Some of the 644 complaints contained more than one allegation.

The report includes 52 case histories of companies that have reduced job discrimination—both on their own and at the Committee's urging. Several of these are in areas where Japanese Americans probably are employed, as in California.

### Nisei on Quiet Side

Since several thousand Nisei are employed in industries engaged in Government contract work, the achievements of this Committee are most significant, Mike Masaoka, Washington JACL representative, explained. He noted that Nisei as a general rule do not file complaints of racial discrimination, though he thought that some of them might be victims of this un-American practice.

At the same time, Masaoka hailed the current acceptance of Nisei in all types of skilled and professional employment, contrasting the situation with that in prewar days when President Roosevelt's Fair Employment Practices Committee first heard from JACL witnesses the story of discrimination in almost every industry and job that required skill and training that restricted Nisei employment to vegetable markets, janitorial and menial positions, and Japanese companies.

### Farm trainees returning to Japan on APL liner

SAN FRANCISCO. — Forty-seven Japanese farm trainees, who have participated in California's visiting farmers program, returned to Japan Monday on APL's President Cleveland, after a year's study on California farms.

Since the program was started in 1952 by Governor Earl Warren, more than 300 Japanese have spent the summer on California farms. The University of California extension service is overseer of the program with an Issei-Nisei group and the International Farmers Association.

### Fountain Valley wants federal census count

FOUNTAIN VALLEY. — Mayor James Kanno and his city council are quite certain that the population of their city in Orange County is more than the 800 listed in the last available estimate.

At its meeting this past week, the council authorized city clerk Mrs. Elsie Hoffman to begin proceedings to ask for a federal census.

Fountain Valley intends to find out for sure if it is the most sparsely populated city in the county by having a federal census.

Mayor Kanno said he thought there are approximately 1,000 persons now living in the area.

It was also announced that Charles Ishii, a councilman and city treasurer, has resigned his post as treasurer. No appointment to fill the vacancy has been made.

### Dismiss \$17-G Nisei damage suit against Denver policeman

DENVER. — Ruling there was no evidence of wilful negligence, Judge Robert H. McWilliams last week dismissed a \$17,000 damage suit brought against a Denver police officer who mistakenly shot a service station attendant.

The plaintiff, George K. Tanaka, 36, of 3085 Wilson Ct., asked damages for injuries suffered when Patrolman Lyle E. Hamlin, 43, of 1754 S. Gilpin St., shot him in the left cheek.

The shooting occurred after midnight, Dec. 10, 1956, after a merchant policeman Ray Isley, was shot and killed as he attempted to halt a robbery. Albert Kostal, 37, and Arthur Watson, 39, California convicts, were subsequently charged and convicted of murder.

In testimony before Judge McWilliams, Hamlin told the court he was off-duty when he heard a police radio pickup for a car owned by Maurice Goodgaine, 29, of 2054 Downing St.

Unknown to Hamlin, the car later had been checked out and cleared by police.

Hamlin spotted the vehicle, in which Tanaka was a passenger, and when it stopped in the 2000 block of Downing St., the officer jumped out of his car with his pistol drawn. Hamlin said he fired when he saw Tanaka get out of the car with what he thought was a pistol.

## CALENDAR

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- Dec. 13 (Saturday)  
Milwaukee—Christmas party, Mitchell Park Pavilion.  
San Fernando—Christmas potluck, Fernangel Playground, 7 p.m.  
Eden Township—Christmas party, Ashland School Multi-Purpose Room, San Leandro, 7:30 p.m.  
Sonoma County—Auxiliary Christmas Party.  
Chicago—Family Christmas Party, McCormick YWCA, 8 p.m.
- Dec. 14 (Sunday)  
Stockton—JACL Christmas party, YBA Hall, 148 W. Washington St., 3 p.m.  
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. 19 (Friday)  
Omaha—Christmas party.  
Parlier—Auxiliary potluck, Buddhist Recreation Hall, 5:30 p.m.
- Dec. 20 (Saturday)  
Long Beach—Christmas party.
- Dec. 21 (Sunday)  
Detroit—Christmas party, International Institute, 2-4 p.m.  
D.C.—Christmas party, Glenmont Recreation Center, Wheaton, 2-5 p.m.
- Dec. 27-29  
Boise Valley—10th Annual Bowling Tournament, Nampa Bowling Ctr.
- Dec. 31 (Wednesday)  
Milwaukee—New Year's Eve party, Cameo Club.  
St. Louis—New Year's Eve dance, American Legion Hall, University City.  
Monterey Peninsula—New Year's Eve dance, San Carlos Hotel, 9:30 p.m.  
Orange County—New Year's Eve dance, Huntington Beach Memorial Hall.  
Mile-Hi—New Year's Eve dance, Cosmopolitan Hotel.  
Salt Lake City—New Year's Eve dance, Rose Garden.
- Jan. 2 (Friday)  
CCDC—New Year's semi-formal ball, Rainbow Ballroom, Fresno, 9 p.m.
- Jan. 10 (Saturday)  
D.C.—Installation dinner-dance, Bethesda Country Club.  
Sonoma County—Installation party, Sebastopol Memorial Hall.