



COLUMN LEFT:

Will it be a happy new year?

With holiday spirits overflowing from Christmas and surging ahead to New Year's day, it might be difficult to make JACLers realize they have on hand a very significant and "high priority" project. It concerns JACL's role in urging senators to amend Senate Rule 22, thus help end the filibuster.

As the first order of business when the new 86th Congress convenes next Jan. 7, debate will commence on Senate procedures and as explained by Mike Masaoka in his Dec. 12 Washington Newsletter, "the outcome of that fight may well rest the legislative history of the next biennium as far as Congress itself is concerned". A bipartisan group of senators led by Douglas (D., Ill.), Humphrey (D., Minn.), Javits (R., N.Y.) and Case (R., N.J.) has been pressing for closing of debate by two-thirds of those present and voting after two days, and by a majority of the Senate of 15 day's debate. Under present rules, 66 senators are required to stop debate regardless of how many are present and voting on the issue.

National JACL Legislative-Legal Committee, headed by Harold Gordon of Chicago, has undertaken to circulate 18,000 copies to JACLers through the chapters of a memo explaining why Senate Rule 22 should be amended.

This is a real opportunity for JACL to take the lead in a project in which all organizations interested in civil rights and in minorities will lend enthusiastic cooperation. JACL chapter presidents should take immediate steps.

Since time is of essence — with Congress about to convene in a matter of days, JACLers should understand that this intensive drive is the most important project ever conducted on a national scale since JACL secured its major legislative goals several years ago.

It would be a happy new year in 1959 if we have Senate Rule 22 reworded. — HH

Filibuster rule up for fight, JACL urging liberalization

(JACL News Service)

CHICAGO. — The Japanese American Citizens League, co-operating with the National Leadership Conference, has initiated an intensive letter-writing campaign to members of the Senate in a drive to bring about an end to filibusters when the Senate takes up this question at the opening on Jan. 7, 1959.

A memorandum containing a dis-

ussion of the historical background of filibusters, prepared by Harold R. Gordon, national Legislative-Legal Committee chairman, has been circulated to each member in every chapter.

Gordon pointed out in the memorandum that at the opening of the Senate on Jan. 7, there will take place one of the most important far-reaching and significant debates and votes in legislative history—a vote on whether or not Senate Rule 22 shall be amended so as to eliminate filibusters.

The memorandum also reveals that only four times, from 1917 to 1931 (out of a total of 22 attempts), was it possible to close off debate and that no such attempt has succeeded since 1927, a period of 31 years.

It also points out that a threat of filibuster has prevented a vote on Statehood for Hawaii, one of JACL's objectives for many years, and that the Civil Rights Bills (another JACL objective) which was passed in the last Congress was greatly weakened when a threat of filibuster caused the removal of Section 3, which would have given the Attorney General enforcement powers.

Each JACL member is being urged to write two letters, one to each of his senators urging him to amend the Senate rules at the moment of the opening of the Senate so that filibusters may be abolished.

Anti-miscegenation law still on books for Californians

SAN FRANCISCO. — The same law as Nevada applied earlier this month against union leader Harry Bridges and the Nisei secretary he wanted to marry in that state, remains "on the statute books of California . . . though unenforceable", Franklin H. Williams, West Coast NAACP leader reminded the state in his address before the merger convention of the CIO and AFL here.

The anti-miscegenation law was outlawed by the State Supreme Court in 1948, after a lawsuit brought by Los Angeles Attorney Daniel G. Marshall, in behalf of a Mexican girl and Negro youth, but Williams said California's legislature "has refused to repeal it even though it is unenforceable by court edict."



RICHARD IKEDA
Scholar from Seabrook

SEABROOK SCHOLAR WINS POST-DOCTORAL AWARD

BRIDGETON, N.J. — Richard M. Ikeda, son of Mr. and Mrs. Masatado Ikeda, 1619 Third St., Seabrook, has received a National Science Foundation post-doctoral fellowship in chemistry and has been associated with the Dr. George B. Kistiakowsky at Harvard University.

After graduating from Juniata College in 1955 with a B.S. degree in chemistry, he continued with his studies at the Univ. of Illinois and was graduated with a Ph.D. degree last summer. During the summer he was engaged by the Atomic Energy Commission as a researcher.

While at Bridgeton High School, Ikeda was a member of the football team, an Eagle Scout and senior patrol leader of Troop 47.

Delano pharmacist attacked, robbed

DELANO. — Ernest Takaki, pharmacist and owner of his drug store at 1031 Dover Pl., was slugged, bound and robbed of a safe containing between \$6,000 and \$8,000 two Saturdays ago.

About to leave for home, Takaki, an active Delano JACLer, had locked the front door and was just outside the rear entrance when a man pointed a gun at his face and shoved him back into the building and into a store-room, where he slugged on the head, gagged, blindfolded and bound.

Before he was blindfolded, Takaki told police he saw four men, three Filipinos and one Caucasian. There was evidence the robbers attempted to take narcotics as a cursory examination of the stock indicated an amount of it was missing.

Strong membership push in Gardena set

GARDENA. — An all-out membership campaign has been planned by Gardena Valley JACL beginning Jan. 1 with Tosh Hiraide and Yo Kobata as co-chairmen.

A team-captain system will be employed with 10 groups mapping a door-to-door canvass.

Hiraide indicated that the chapter, now operating under a 20-member board headed by Ronald Shozaki, has adopted enthusiastic youth programs for 1959, including organization of a Hi-Co, sponsorship of basketball teams in the NAU and bowling clinic for the Sansei.

Publication of a monthly bulletin was also anticipated.

HENRY SUEHIRA NAMED TO IDAHO ADVISORY GROUP ON CIVIL RIGHTS

TWIN FALLS, Idaho. — The Idaho Advisory Committee for the Intermountain Commission on Civil Rights held its organization meeting here Dec. 7 and elected Henry G. Suehira, Emmett truck gardener, as vice-chairman.

Suehira was named to the five-man Idaho state advisory committee on civil rights in late November and is the second Nisei in the United States appointed to assist the national commission on

civil rights established by the last Congress.

Masao W. Satow, national JACL director, was appointed to the California nine-man advisory board last August.

Suehira, among charter members of the Boise Valley JACL in 1937 and president the first two years, is active in numerous civic affairs. He is a past VFW commander and a director of the Emmett Lions.

Future of nation's prosperity depends on full employment of minority groups

CANTON, O. — A look into the future of this nation's economic development shows the necessity for utilizing fully the supply of minority group workers.

That opinion was expressed by John Y. Yoshino, a member of the President's Committee on Gov-

ernment Contracts, at a Merit Employment Institute here recently.

Thirty-two persons attending the panel discussion sponsored by the vocational services advisory committee of the Canton Urban League were told by Yoshino that by 1965 the nation will need to produce more than \$560 billion in goods and services to support a population of 190 million. The work force will increase by 10 million more.

Minority Group Workers

"The production goal will not be reached," he said, "unless minority group workers are fully utilized."

Other speakers were Arthur H. Evans, plant personnel manager of RCA's Cincinnati plant; H.R. Fink Jr., chief draftsman of Macomber, Inc., and Clarence A. Thomas, executive director of the Urban League.

Each outlined their firm's programs of merit rating and described their success.

The program was in observance of Equal Opportunity Day.

NISEI NAMED HAWAIIAN SENATE PRESIDENT

HONOLULU. — Sen. Nelson K. Doi of Hawaii was named president of the Territorial Senate at a recent Democratic caucus, ousting Herbert K.H. Lee of Oahu, who was selected majority floor leader.

However supporters of Lee predicted Doi's victory would be short-lived, since he lacks majority support required to make his claim to the presidency stick when the Senate reconvenes in February.

Funeral for Hood River Nisei one of biggest

HOOD RIVER, Ore. — One of the largest funerals ever held in Hood River Valley was held for Harold Y. Okimoto, 41, who died in Portland Nov. 30 after a long illness.

Okimoto, active Mid-Columbia JACLer and 1090 Club member was born in Colorado, served with the 52nd Artillery (attached to 442nd RCT) and discharged as first sergeant. A prominent orchardist here since the war, he was a member of the Parkdale Grange, VFW 6987, Booster Club, Hood River American Legion Post 22, and Parkdale fire department.

He is survived by his wife Yukiko, three daughters Cheryl D., Donna J., Debra S., four brothers and two sisters.

JAPANESE SOUNDING NAMES NOT ALWAYS SO

WASHINGTON. — The D.C. News Notes, in soliciting greetings for its Christmas issue, dispatched 440 letters and was gratified by its 30 per cent response. Experts point out 10 per cent is the usual response.

A fear that some Japanese sounding names may prove to be non-Japanese was well-founded in the following note from John W. Hino shows:

"Thank you for the invitation. However, I am not of Japanese ancestry. For your information and possible future use, as far as I can find out, the name is of Lithuanian origin."

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The National Director's Report

By Masao Satow

Holiday Lull at Headquarters

San Francisco

With everyone busy about the Holiday season, Headquarters has taken advantage of the lull in correspondence requiring immediate attention by concentrating upon other necessary paper work. Our first project has been to revise and bring up to date the pages of the Chapter President's Notebook and reproduce enough copies to supply new chapter Presidents for the next three years. Along with the President's Notebook, new chapter president's who were not in attendance at the National Convention will be sent the official Convention Minutes for their guidance.

We have been in conference with National Membership Chairman and creative artist Hisashi Tani in racking our brains for a helpful membership leaflet for chapter membership solicitors. We also met with Oakland attorney Mas Yone-mura and Don Negi, who just passed the State Bar exam, in preparation of a leaflet to attorneys and their clients on a bequest program for JACL's Endowment Fund. Preparatory to bringing up to date our JACL public relations brochure, we scanned back volumes of the PC and our annual reports since 1952.

Mailed to the chapters were a memo defining our policy with respect to attendance of National officials at various meetings and travel in connection therewith, a complete run-down on the various National recognitions, and an explanation of our National practice on quota rebates to the chapters.

45 CHAPTERS OVER QUOTA: A checkup shows that 45 chapters have oversubscribed their quotas for the year to date, and more than \$4,000 will be returned to them for their local chapter programs. The Central California District Council has done an especially outstanding job with every chapter exceeding its quota. In addition, under the direction of CCDC Vice Chairman Dr. George Miyake, the non-chapter districts in the area were tapped for support. The Eastern District Council chapters are also 100 per cent in going over quota.

NATIONAL BOARD MEETING: We have had some preliminary discussions on the 1959 meeting of the National Board authorized by the National Council. It appears that the meeting will take place the first part of June. San Francisco would be the most logical locale in order to keep the cost down, since eleven of the 21 persons due to attend are from the west coast.

NISEI INTEGRATION STUDY: Rod Holmgren and Dorothy Stroup, graduate students in journalism at Cal, have been coming in for consultations on their study of the degree of integration and assimilation of the Nisei in "key California communities. Incidentally, the University of California probably has the most complete library of material about the Nisei during the war and postwar years.

HUMAN RIGHTS: Our California Advisory Board to the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights this month heard a report that a number of voters in the east Los Angeles area were challenged by strangers at the polling booths on their ability to speak and write English fluently. While most of those challenged were Mexican Americans, it appears that a number of Japanese Americans, presumably Issei, were also involved.

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PACIFIC CITIZEN INTRODUCTORY OFFER

TO: All Chapter Presidents

On the 1959 membership cards, unfortunately, the special introductory offer of 20 issues of the Pacific Citizen for \$1.00 was inadvertently omitted. We think this is a good deal, helpful not only to individual members, but to JACL as well as to the Pacific Citizen.

We think a goodly number of members who are not receiving the Pacific Citizen will go for this if it is pushed at the local level. While the National Council rejected the idea of including the Pacific Citizen within the membership dues; to some extent due to technical reasons, there was a general feeling on the part of the chapters that the Pacific Citizen was worthwhile and every effort should be made to circulate it more widely among the members for a more informed membership.

Membership solicitors, upon collecting this additional dollar, please indicate such introductory subscriptions by marking "\$1.00 Special" after "Amount received" on the Pacific Citizen portion of the 1959 membership card.

MASAO SATOW, National JACL Director



The Eternal Light



THE Northwest PICTURE

By Elmer Ogawa

'Bachelor Orphans' Christmas Party

SEATTLE. — Pat Suzuki's many friends and well-wishers are thrilled no end about Time Mag's cover, lengthy story, and the Life feature which so feelingly portray the backgrounds of Miyoshi Umeki and Pat.

The hoydenish gamin of The Colony with her pep and infectious grin lifted many a Colony-goer out of the dumps and made him just glow a feeling that life is most certainly pretty wonderful after all.

At this season, can't help but reflect on the memory of the Christmas day party that Pat and Norm Bobrow gave for a group which Pat called her "Bachelor Orphans". As the name suggests, the group (co-educational) was

made up of people not too firmly attached by home or family ties on Christmas day. The gesture was so characteristic of Pat. Any wonder that so many around here have such a big measure of affection for her.

This is a good a time as any to say that Pat is not the only Seattleite in the "Flower Drum" caste. Keye Luke, who plays the part of the venerable Chinese elder is known throughout the country for his Hollywood portrayals these many years. He is a Franklin High graduate, class of '22. This is not hearsay. We were his classmate. A talented cartoonist, he did all the illustration and art work for the school annual and weekly. His sketch and sig made up the most proudly exhibited page of our autograph book.

Keye Luke left Seattle for the

LONG BEACH CHAPTER HOLDS YULETIDE FROLIC

LONG BEACH.—An eventful year for Long Beach-Harbor District JACL came to a close last Saturday with the fun-packed glitter of Yuletide at the annual family Christmas party at the Harbor Community Center.

Grace Nakahara and Fukugi Higashi were in charge were Dr. Masao Takeshita as emcee. Caroling, movies and Santa Claus distributing gifts for all children were scheduled.

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AFTER TWO TERMS

Editor: After holding office for two years, much has transpired. Why does one take a job that holds no particular honor, prestige or any material benefits? Nothing but a nagging sense of responsibility and a lot of time spent away from home.

I know some of you think a person has to be a little crazy to accept such a position and I'm inclined to agree at times. To some, it is hard to realize or even conceive the magnitude and the importance of JACL in conjunction with our lives and future.

As I look back and think of the unbelievable hardships that our parents endured and the limited opportunities, mental agonies and downright prejudice that we the Nisei have experienced, the thousands of gallant young men who marched off to war to sacrifice so much in blood and tears—for what?

Finally, I look at our children and wonder what the future holds for them. Certainly, we don't want them to suffer the kind of suffering that has taken place. Mankind should progress with each generation. We have made great strides, but there is still a long way to go.

I am thoroughly convinced had it not been for JACL, many of our dreams would not have materialized; and I am also convinced that it is the only organization with the strength and ability to do things for the Japanese Americans in America at the present time. It seems I am constantly repeating this statement but too much emphasis cannot be placed upon the need for JACL.

Although, I have been criticized, pressured and ignored and I am aware of my shortcomings, I have devoted two years to what I believe a duty and service to my fellowmen. I believe that it is time to add new blood to stimulate new ideas, prevent stagnation and keep our chapter progressively alive.

I have been extremely fortunate in having a conscientious and capable group of officers who have unstintingly contributed their time and efforts towards making my job easier. The cooperation that I have received from the membership has been most gratifying and I hope that the new president will receive the same.

NOVO KATO
President

Pocatello JACL.

Southland soon after his graduation, so now it takes a real old-timer to recall the well-known personality as a high school kid in knee pants.

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From the Frying Pan

By Bill Hosokawa

Denver

THOUGHTS ON AN APPROACHING CHRISTMAS—A pre-weekend storm has laid a white mantle over the city, and tonight it is cold enough to stir thoughts of a white Christmas. This is a holiday that evokes many memories. Although merchants and manufacturers (and advertisers, too) seem to be trying their mightiest to change Christmas from a religious observance to a pagan festival of materialism, the warm, mellow peace-on-earth fellowship historically associated with the season continues to shine through the tinsel.

I'm sure there have been many memorable Christmases for you, as there have been for me. There was, for instance, the one we celebrated in Tokyo exactly 20 years ago in Tad Kimura's tiny, frigid apartment with Jack and Mary Maki. Alice and I were far from home, and just a little lonely, and we temporarily expatriated Americans felt a wonderfully warm kinship as we talked and feasted together in that bleak Japanese wartime winter.

This year the Makis are in Japan again. Jack is on a Fulbright grant to research Japanese supreme court decisions involving constitutional interpretation, the objective of which will be a book. I wonder if they will remember that long-ago Christmas?

CHRISTMAS IN WYOMING—Then there was an equally bleak and memorable Christmas at Heart Mountain WRA center, where winter has a bite and the knife-edged wind howls banshee-like. The rough wooden benches and tables in the messhall were cleared away, and we had a party for the children.

Bob Kodama, I think it was, poured his ample figure into a makeshift Santa Claus suit, donned a whiskered mask, and clumped into the messhall with a sackful of donated presents, ho-ho-ing merrily. The year was 1942, and our Mike, now a college student, was a mere toddler. It was the first Santa he had ever seen. His eyes were like saucers, filled with wonder and delight and astonishment. After that, Christmas behind barbed wire was just a little brighter.

FIVE-CARD BRIDGE—Our Mike is home for the holidays, and among the tales he had to tell were some sorry ones about students who, enamored with the game of poker, have gambled their school money away. Poker is a game of skill and deceit as well as luck. It requires concentration and study, patience and discipline. It calls for practical application of psychology. A good poker player is both bold and discreet, daring and cautious. He must exploit his opponents' indecisions and curiosity and mask his own emotions. It is, as someone has remarked, the most exciting and challenging of card games. Naturally, it has many devotees among the Nisei.

Just for fun, Mike and I and the other kids played a few hands of poker for purely imaginary stakes, and Mike astonished me by his ignorance of the fine points of the game. And for some odd reason, all this reminded me of the long evenings about this time in 1941 when those of us of Japanese parentage on the west coast were confined to our homes by the curfew.

With much on our minds and very little to do—we had no television then—we played a lot of penny ante poker. The big winner would pocket maybe \$1.75 or \$2.50, which was a pretty fair pile of jack in those days. I was a fairly consistent loser and my Dad, who had learned his poker in fast company, seemed to win more than he lost.

I must have impressed him in those sessions as a mighty green and naive card player, just as Mike does now. I tried to show him as much as I could. But one thing about poker, you don't gain skill by being told. It is a demanding game which one learns to play well only after the payment of much tuition over a long period of time. And some of us never become really skillful, even though we are fascinated by its challenge.

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CHRISTMAS CHEER HITS ALL-TIME HIGH AT \$2,530

Christmas 1958 was made meaningful to 300 needy Japanese Americans in Los Angeles county this week by the Christmas Cheer Committee, which reported an all-time high in cash donations of \$2,530, boosted by a \$378.50 total received this past week. The sum includes a door-to-door campaign conducted by Long Beach Harbor District JACL.

George Fujita, Cheer chairman, publicly thanked the support from churches, clubs and hundreds of individuals to make the 11th annual drive the best ever.

A special Long Beach-Harbor District JACL campaign to solicit Christmas Cheer funds pushed the 11th annual drive over the \$2,000 top by reporting \$121 for a Dec. 14 total of \$2,151.50.

Heading the Long Beach drive were Mrs. Barbara Miura and Mrs. Martha Takade.

Delivery of the Cheer packages was made last Saturday to approximately 50 Japanese American families. It was noted there was an increase of cases involving soldier brides from Japan this year.

Acknowledged were: CHRISTMAS CHEER DONATIONS December 8-13

Long Beach-Harbor District JACL: \$20—Dr. David Miura; \$10—Dr. Shigeichi Okami, Hayashiwabara Bros., Long Beach-Harbor District Buddhist Church; \$5—Dr. Masao Takeshita, David Aoki, Santa Fe Jewelers, Sakura House of Beauty, Oriental Food Market, Fred Ikeguchi, Frank's Nursery, MiHara's Nursery, Mrs. Frank Ishii, Seko Bros., George Mio, Sue Joe, George Hiroshi; \$3—Hino's Barber Shop; \$2—Santa Fe Pet Shop; \$1—Mrs. Murakami.

Other Donations

\$20—San Gabriel Valley Japanese American Association; \$10—S. Y. Kushiya Teen Club Coordinating Council (International Inst.), Flower View Gardens, West Adams Christian Church (Issei Division), Gardena Valley YABA, Southern California Women's Athletic Assn.; \$5—Ralph and Mary Nakasui; \$3—Keiji Yamauchi, Roy Amimoto.

CHRISTMAS CHEER Dec. 15-20

Long Beach Harbor District JACL: \$20—Long Beach Harbor District JACL, Nikkeijin Kai, Dr. Itaru Ishida; \$15—Dr. John Kashiwabara; \$10—Harbor Fujinkai, Dr. K. Izumi, George Tagashira; \$5—Mr. and Mrs. Jim Okita, Azuma Gift Shop, Dr. Richard Kumashiro, Yamasaki Market, Anonymous; \$3—Mr. and Mrs. Takade Nisei Mobile Garage; \$2—George Yamagata; \$1—George Shiroishi.

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Vagaries

By Larry S. Tajiri

Oriental Talent Still Available

Denver

Broadway's Oriental season already is a smash success, with both the Rodgers and Hammerstein "Flower Drum Song" and the Josh Logan "World of Suzie Wong" playing the sellout houses nightly. (We will have more complete reports on both after we see them during the week of Jan. 11.)

"Flower Drum Song", in particular, was no haphazard success. As far back as last spring, Richard Rodgers and Oscar Hammerstein started their hunt for performers who "looked" Chinese to play the citizens of San Francisco's Chinatown in the musical adaptation of the C. Y. Lee novel. Auditions were held in Los Angeles, San Francisco and New York. R&H scouts even went into Canada to bring back dancer David Toguri, and others.

Yuriko Kikuchi was signed early to do the lead in the ballet sequence, as was Jo Anne Miya, a Nisei from Hollywood. Yuriko, of course, is no stranger to Rodgers and Hammerstein, having been the lead dancer, as Eliza, in "The King and I" for nearly three seasons on Broadway and the road.

Eileen Nakamura, who has done such classic roles as the lead in "Antigone", was obtained for a dramatic part, as was Conrad Yama, who portrays the old generation parent, in the "Flower Drum Song" theme of the clash of the two worlds.

Rodgers and Hammerstein were indeed fortunate in their choice of the two feminine leads. Miyoshi Umeki came to them with a ready-made reputation, from Arthur Godfrey's TV shows and from night clubs, as well as her Oscar-winning portrayal of Red Button's bride in "Sayonara". She got the role of the picture bride, brought from China to marry a new generation young man.

The producers also had another important distaff role, that of the soubrette, the role of the young Chinese American strip-teaser and torch singer. R&H wanted Pat Suzuki for the part, but Miss Suzuki, then on the upbeat careerwise, was hard to come by. Miss Suzuki has been rated the year's most exciting new personality in the popular song field. Her first album, "The Many Sides of Pat Suzuki" (Vik), was selling well and her career had been boosted by no less than Bing Crosby who had heard her for the first time in a little Seattle night club called the Colony. Now Las Vegas wanted "Miss Pony Tail", and she was in demand in Chicago, Hollywood and elsewhere.

It took some convincing before R&H convinced Miss Suzuki and her manager, Norman Bobrow, to take the plunge on Broadway. Miss Suzuki, incidentally, probably will earn more money this next year than any other Nisei. Trade talk is that she will be in the \$100,000 class with her income from "Flower Drum Song", her records and her TV guest shots.

It took a lot of doing for Rodgers and Hammerstein to assemble their nearly all-Oriental cast.

There are more than a dozen Nisei in the cast. Several Japanese Americans, incidentally, are billed under Chinese names. One example is Jack Soo, who nearly walks away with several scenes as the m.c. in the Chinatown night club. Soo, of course, is Goro Suzuki who lived in Oakland, Calif., before the war and attended UC. Suzuki knows his role from experience, having been a night club master of ceremonies and a singer. (He won the 1934 national JACL convention oratorical contest. —Editor.)

Although R&H scoured the United States and Canada for Oriental

talent, and got some of the best for their Broadway show, there is still enough around for at least another musical.

One is already in the works, though actual production won't begin for some time. This is Kermit Bloomgarten's "Cry Happy", the story of some GIs who buy a geisha house in Tokyo. There is reportedly a Nisei GI among the leading characters, as well as one important feminine role.

Speaking of Oriental American talent, there is Sono Osato, once with the Ballet Russe de Monte Carlo, who became a Broadway musical star in "One Touch of Venus" and "On the Town".

Michi Kobi, the lead in the Paramount drama, "Tokyo After Dark" (it was formerly entitled "Dateline Tokyo"), has been seen in such off-Broadway dramas as "Wedding in Japan" and sings as well as emotes. Miss Kobi also had had leading roles in a number of TV dramas this past year.

There is the dancing team of Toy and Wing (Dorothy Takahashi and Paul Jew), who have been headliners on the international variety stages for two decades.

Michiko Iseri had an important dancing role in both the stage and film versions of "The King and I."

Reiko Sato, dancer and actress, had the lead in the touring company of "Teahouse of the August Moon".

Don Takeuchi has appeared in such spots as the Mocambo in Hollywood and in Las Vegas with his troupe of Japanese dancers.

Bob Kino is another who both sings and acts and was seen most recently in TV's "Wagon Train" program, "The Sakai Ito Story", in which Sessue Hayakawa, as a samurai in the Old West, taught the frontiersmen how to fight the Indians with a sword.

Dorothy Maruki has acted in a number of TV shows and has danced with the San Carlo Opera ballet company.

There are many others . . . including the charming Nobu McCarthy who does so well as Jerry Lewis' girl friend in the film, "Geisha Boy."

The availability of Nisei and Oriental American talent probably will prompt other producers to take a chance of shows requiring performers of Asian ancestry.

"Flower Drum Song" and "The World of Suzie Wong", in which several Nisei have important roles, have proved such shows can be box office successes.

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By the Board

Salute to the MDC People

By Kumeo Yoshinari, MDC Chairman

CHICAGO. — During the past year this writer has had the privilege of visiting every chapter within the Midwest District Council. Much could be written about the interesting places, the unique programs, the unusual activities, but space will not permit such a comprehensive report; thusly, the subject will be a salute to the "people" that make possible the dynamic MDC.

ST LOUIS is home to Richard Henmi, the 2nd Vice Chairman of the Council. Dick, an architect, ably fills in wherever his many talents can best serve. Kiichi Hiramoto, current President, has commendably fulfilled his duties. He is the plant superintendent at the Apco Products Company. Some of the old stalwarts of the St. Louis Chapter are Dan Sakahara, landscape engineer; Dr. Al Morioka, dentist; Joe Tanaka, a native St. Louian and civil engineer; George Hasegawa, civil engineer; Dr. Mas Ohmoto, surgeon; Harry Haysi, and Rose Ogino.

The TWIN CITIES CHAPTER in the land of the sky-blue waters still seems to be the haven for eligible bachelors among who are Tomo Kosobayashi, MDC 1000 Club Chairman and a design engineer; Mas Teramoto, proprietor of a pen shop; Hank Makino, chemist; and Henry Omachi, electrical engineer. No longer qualified in this group is the 1958 President, Tom Ohno, who recently became engaged. Professionally he is a high school teacher. Howard Nomura, pharmacist and a long-time JACler from Portland, is a highly regarded counselor. Feminine supporters, to name a few, are Kay Kushino and Sumi Teramoto.

DETROIT is a good example of what a well integrated membership can mean to a chapter. Many former Hawaiians are today prominent leaders. They are Ken Miyoshi, math instructor, currently serving as Treasurer of the Council; Wallace Kagawa, an architect, and the chairman of the Taizo Kokubo Memorial Student Loan Fund; and Dr. James Mimura, physician. Chapter President Charles Yata, a civil engineer by profession, has done much this year to make the Issei feel akin to the chapter. Past presidents Yo Kasai, Sadao Kimoto, Min Togasaki, Lloyd Joichi, and others have been the bulwarks of inspiration. Older timers like Pete Fujioka and Roy Kaneko give balance to this chapter. Able writers Miyo O'Neill, Kay Miyaya, and Bebe Horiuchi have kept the "Auto Capitol" in the limelight especially in the P.C.

CINCINNATI is a homey place with placid living conditions. It is only natural to find sedate inhabitants. Such are these people... Kaye Watanabe, the Publicity Director of the MDC and a jeweler by trade... Masaji Toki, thrice president of the chapter and sanitary engineer with the city; and Dr. James Takao, dentist. Former presidents and anchor men are James Hashimoto, Hy and Joe Sugawara and always dependable Mrs. Mutsu Takao.

DAYTON could boast of being the best small chapter in the entire national organization with almost 100 per cent possible total of the potential membership and consistently over-subscribing its budget assignments. It claims such distinguished members like Dr. James Taguchi, chief cardiologist at the VA Hospital, president of the local and member of the Ohio State Board of Directors - American Heart Association, and currently serving as MDC Recognitions Chairman; his wife, Tillie, is the chapter President and supervisor of Domiciliary Nursing Service at the VA Hospital; Dr. Ruby Hirose, biochemist, is the MDC Historian. Dr. Mark Nakauchi, dentist and Mas Yamasaki, assistant sales manager of the Borden Milk Company, are the old reliables. Frank Sakada, co-owner of the fabulous Dorothy Lane Super Markets, is a success story of the post-war era. Pete Hironaka, staff cartoonist for the local daily, contributes his bit to the Pacific Citizen.

CLEVELAND is just beginning to realize its sinew. Much of this awakening can be attributed to its extroverted President, Joe Kadowaki, who has done a remarkable job in correlating the chapter's possibilities to the extent that the whole community is aroused. Credit goes to George Ono, the MDC 1st Vice-Chairman, for unceremoniously keeping the chapter hopes alive during the lean years with much faith supplied by his wife, Helen. Among the staunch supporters are Frank Shiba, who is the general manager of the Cleveland branch of the Builders Structural Steel Fabrication Corporation, and Bill Sadatani, who is the manager of the miscellaneous division of the same company. It's a real honor for them to hold down such topmost positions in a multimillion dollar firm. The up and coming leaders of whom you'll be hearing much are Gene Takahashi, efficiency expert for the IBM; Henry Tanaka, sociologist; Augie Nakagawa, civil engineer on the city planning board; Min Iwasaki, and Jiro Habara.

MILWAUKEE quietly brews not only beer but its chapter effervesces with silent operation. Helen Inai, the MDC Recording Secretary, is an office manager. President Satoru Nakahira has administered a good year. The past presidents give guiding comfort to the new leaders coming to the fore. They are James Momi, electrical engineer; Tak Kataoka, Harry Shinozaki, and others. Nami Shio and Sachi Ishii are indispensable.

CHICAGOANS will be purposely deleted here for lack of space; however, it would not seem right not to cite the unselfish, dedicated services of Dr. Frank Sakamoto. He will be concluding an unprecedented three consecutive term as the Executive Board Chairman. By his spirited enthusiasm, he infects his co-workers to give of their very best to the JACL. Kay Yamashita, the MDC Corresponding Secretary, has just returned from her lengthy world tour to further add to her omniscience.

From the aforementioned survey it is no wonder that the MDC has prospered, but an even more glorious future lies ahead for our strength lies in the inherent capabilities of the people who constitute our membership. An apology is due to the deserving individuals whose names could not be included herein; such could be the sequel to another article.



The 1959 Idaho Falls JACL cabinet members recently installed are (left to right): Seated—Takako Nukaya, cor. sec.; Yuki Harada, social; Kiyo Sakaguchi, pub.; Aki Tokita, hist.; Masako Watanabe, pub.; Standing—Leo Hosoda, treas.; Tucker Morishita, del.; Sam Yamasaki, 1000 Club; Shoji Nukaya, v.p.; Bud Sakaguchi, pres.; Sach Mikami, social; Margaret Yamasaki, pub.; George Tokita, del.; Mac Tanaka, sgt.-at-arms; and George Kobayashi, sgt.-at-arms. —Fred Ochi Photo.

Washington, D.C., JAClers approve slate headed by Hisako Sakata for 1959 term

WASHINGTON. — Members of the Washington, D.C., JACL went down the line in approving the 1959 slate submitted by the nominations committee at the November meeting. With half of the chapter's 189 members returning their mail ballots, the following have been elected:

Hisako Sakata, pres.; Harry Takagi, 1st v.p.; Joe Ichiuji, 2nd v.p.; Minoru Iwatake, treas.; Setsuko Hada, cor. sec.; Chisato Ohara, rec. sec.

The ballots were tallied at an executive board meeting held at the home of Jack Hirose, outgoing chapter president. Miss Sakata served as first vice-president this past year.

The new officers will be installed Jan. 10 at the Bethesda Country Club. Mrs. Toshi Moriyama is general chairman of the dinner-dance. Bill Gold, popular daily columnist in the Washington Post and Times-Herald, will be the principal speaker at the dinner. John Yoshino will be program emcee. The Nightingales will provide the dance music from 9:30 p.m. Tad Mas-

oka is in charge of intermission entertainment.

Miss Sakata is also one of the advisers to the recently organized teen-age youth group, which has been meeting at the home of various parents.

MIYUKI AOYAMA ELECTED S.F. AUXILIARY LEADER

SAN FRANCISCO. — Miyuki Aoyama was elected president of the San Francisco JACL Women's Auxiliary for 1959 during a business meeting preceding the Christmas gift exchange party.

Other officers are Tess Hideshima, v.p.; Charlotte Doi, rec. sec.; Marie Kurihara, cor. sec.; Marie Kogawara, treas.; Kathy Reyes, publ.; Kay Onishi, service.

The outgoing officers are Thelma Takeda, pres.; Miyuki Aoyama, v.p.; Kuni Koga, rec. sec.; Lucy Adachi, cor. sec.; Sumako Fukumori, Treas.; Louise Koike, publ.; Tess Hideshima, service.

Chairman for the evening Daisy Uyeda was assisted by Kathy Reyes, Aimey Aizawa and Sumi Utsumi, games; Rose Takushi, distribution of gifts. Delicious refreshment was served by Lucy Adachi and Joyce Enomoto.

Mid-Columbia JACL picks C. Nakamura

HOOD RIVER, Ore. — Clifford Nakamura was elected 1959 president of the Mid-Columbia JACL at a general meeting held Dec. 13.

Assisting him are Taylor Tomita, v.p.; Tom Sumoge, treas.; James Ishizaka, rec. sec.; George Watanabe, cor. sec.; Ray Yasui, 1000 Club; Ray Sato, Noboru Hamada, del.; Homer Akiyama and Sumio Fukui, social.

The chapter held a Christmas party for Nisei families and friends of the valley Dec. 12 under the able chairmanship of Grace Fukui and her committee. Delicious food and clever table decorations put everyone in a happy holiday mood and the children were not disappointed as good old Sana made his appearance distributing gifts.

Salt Lake JAClers win Elko trip TV quiz

SALT LAKE CITY. — A JACL quartet composed of Ichiro Doi, Rupert Hachiya, Jeanne Konishi and Ruth Okawa matched wits against the Footprinters in a recent TV quiz show and won a free weekend trip to Elko, Nev. Spokesman for the Footprinters was City Judge Marcellus Snow and other members of the team were prominent men of the law. So as not to offend the dignity of city officials, the show emcee settled for a tie score.

New Year's Day dance

SAN JOSE. — San Jose JACL's third annual New Year's day dance, Jan. 1, will be held at the Hawaiian Gardens Terrace Room.

Hero Shiosaki heads Pocatello JACL

POCATELLO. — Hero Shiosaki was elected 1959 president of the Pocatello JACL at its Dec. 12 meeting with installation set this coming Monday at the Country Club with a dinner-dance.

Assisting will be Bob Endo, 1st v.p.; Seiji Endow, 2nd v.p.; Mildred Thatcher, treas.; Susan Sato, rec. sec.; Alice Konishi, cor. sec.; Will Kawamura, Ronnie Yokota, social; Harry Watanabe, editor; Novo Kato, del.; Masa Tsukamoto, alt. del.; Marianne Endo, hist.; Mike Abe, ath.; Novo Kato and William Yamauchi, bd. mems.

New officers were also announced by the chapter auxiliary, JACLyns, with Kae Sumida as president. Also elected were Jane Ugaki, 1st v.p.; Junko Yamashita, 2nd v.p.; Tatsuko Shikashio, sec.; Mildred Thatcher, treas. The group assisted the chapter's annual Christmas party last Monday at the Elmwood School in Blackfoot. Francis Yamada was program chairman.

W. Miyao elected Detroit JACL prexy

BY BEBE HORIUCHI

DETROIT.—For a second straight year, a Detroit city employee has been selected to head the Detroit JACL. Walter Miyao, principal medical technologist for the Health Department, was unanimously elected at the Dec. 7 elections to head the 1959 cabinet, succeeding Charles Yata, who is associate civil engineer for the city.

Other cabinet members are Charles Oguro, 1st v.p.; June Otsuji, 2nd v.p.; Helen Fujiwara, 3rd v.p.; Stan Malecki, treas.; Fusa Tagami, cor. sec.; Helen Sugiyama, rec. sec.; Mae Miyagawa, hist.; Doris Fujioka, pub.; and Dick Kadoshima, Sud Kimoto, Ed Shinno, Muscles Oshiro, membs.-at-lrg.

The chapter held its Christmas party for children last Sunday at International Institute. Roy Kaneko was emcee. On committee were:

Yoshiko Inouye and Mary Fukuda, co-chmn.; Toshi Shimoura and Jane Togasaki, prog.; Setsu Fujioka, reception; Mariko Matsura, gifts; Cathy Ishioka, Marge Yata and Margaret Matsui, refr.; Ed Shiroma, gen. arr.; Wally Kagawa, flyer.

Detroiters will usher in a happy new year at the American Legion Hall ballroom at Cass and Lafayette on New Year's Eve. The Play Boys will furnish music from 9 p.m. The \$3 admission will include refreshments and party favors. On committee are:

Ai Hatate, Sud Kimoto, Ben Oshika, Fred Mitta, Kay Mio, Tas Yamada, Stan Malecki, George Otsuji, George Fujiwara Helen Sawai and Rex Oyafu.

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Senate Rule 22

BY HAROLD GORDON, National Chairman, Legislative-Legal Committee

Chicago At the opening of the Senate on January 7, 1959, there will take place one of the most important far-reaching and significant debates and votes in our legislative history - a vote on whether or not Senate Rule 22 shall be amended so as to eliminate filibusters.

"Filibuster" (Webster's Col. Ed.) is the device whereby "a member of a minority group of a legislative body, especially the Senate, obstructs the passage of a bill by making long speeches, introducing irrelevant issues, etc."

Historical Background

In relatively recent history, it has been possible for a small minority of the Senate, by filibuster, to prevent passage of laws or, by threat of filibuster, to have laws rewritten in a manner acceptable to such minority.

Filibustering historically was unknown in the early days of our republic. The presiding officer ruled the Senate with a firm hand, and any senator who spoke on matters irrelevant to the issue at hand was "called to order." Moreover, it was possible for any senator at any time to call for a

vote on the question at hand at any stage of the debate.

Alexander Hamilton, a staunch conservative, in his Federalist Papers condemned such rule by the minority.

"The public business must, in some way or other, go forward. If a pertinacious minority can control the opinion of a majority respecting the best mode of conducting it, the majority, in order that something may be done, must conform to the views of the minority; and thus the sense of the smaller number will overrule that of the greater."

It wasn't until after the Civil War that senators began to talk measures to death by long and extended speeches, and it wasn't until 1872 when the then Vice President Colfax ruled that a senator shall be the judge of what is pertinent to the pending issue that the "rule of relevancy" was abandoned and senators were permitted to adopt devices, such as reading from a newspaper or almanac, merely to kill time.

The filibuster is unique with the United States Senate. Most of the state legislatures in the United

States, including most southern states, allow a majority vote to close debate.

First Cloture Amendment in 1917
In 1917 (because of the emergent nature of measures required during World War I), the first cloture amendment was adopted providing that two-third of the senators present and voting could cut off debate. This was amended in 1949 to require a vote of two-third of the membership of the Senate.

Even under the 1917 rule requiring a two-third vote of those present and voting, there have been 22 cloture votes subsequent to 1917 and only four succeeded. Since 1927, a period of 31 years, it has never been possible to effect cloture.

1949 Amendment

The 1949 Amendment now in force, requiring two-third of the membership of the Senate or 68 votes, makes cloture virtually impossible. Let us assume that a civil rights bill is up for debate. The 30 senators from the 15 southern states make it their business to be present, and all they need is five votes from their northern

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Fair Employment Practices in the Retail Food Market

That's one of the basic issues at stake in the dispute between the Food Markets and the Retail Clerks Unions. The Unions have asked for elimination of discrimination in hiring because of race, color, creed, sex or age. The Food Employers Council has rejected this demand.

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Los Angeles NEWSLETTER

By Henry Mori

Good News and the Bad of 1958

THIS IS THE DAY after Christmas . . . Before we let down the trimmings from the tree let us take time out to reflect on some of the things which made news in 1958.

The tragic killing of a 16-year-old Sansei youth during a gang fight early in April has indeed alerted the Japanese American community here to take steps to minimize juvenile delinquency.

A life had to be lost wastefully to awaken families to what was going on among the younger generation Japanese.

It was also an year of deaths of many Los Angeles Issei leaders: Koroku Hashimoto, in February; Hitoshi Fukui, Jutaro Narumi in March; and Jisaburo Kasai in April. Up in San Luis Obispo, Tameji Eto expired last month. All contributed their leadership to promote the welfare of persons of Japanese ancestry as well as give strong assistance to the JACL.

The year 1958 provided more Nisei participation in politics, both Democrats and Republicans. There were non-partisan groups formed by JACLers to support certain candidates for non-political offices.

Now that the Nisei Republicans will be on the "outside, looking in," we wonder how the Democrats will fare. We take special note that a strong bond has been created between the various GOP officials and the Nisei during the last decade. The Nisei Democrats must now carry the initiative to also maintain that tie.

And as far as smog is concerned, a little more than a year has passed since we've gone without the backyard incinerators, but the situation has been none the better.

It was after one of those East Los Angeles JACL meetings that we had the pleasure of chatting again with Akira Hasegawa, the 1948 postwar charter ELA president. Akira is a brass at the Air Pollution Control District and this provided fuel for us to say, "what the H-- you boys doing up there?" His long dissertation on the scientific attempts to curb foul air didn't convince us, however. (Cough, cough! It's still there!)

BUT ALL 1958 news wasn't bad.

There was the appointment of Joe Yasaki as state deputy attorney general, Los Angeles office, by Gov.-Elect "Pat" Brown. Joe, with whom we became acquainted as the result of his new office, was elected president of the Southwest L.A. JACL chapter for 1959.

The 18th annual Nisei Week Festival in August was the "smoothest" ever operated since the war and it made profit, a rarity on that event. Los Angeles Nisei Veterans Reunion committee was also able to draw nearly a 1000 delegates from all parts of the country, plus a large group from Hawaii, for their "big week's show" the same month.

And late in the year, Lil Tokio businessmen rejoiced over the installation of parking meters along First and San Pedro Sts. "It does make a difference," one storekeeper commented. "As long as cars must move under meter time, it means more of them can park during the day." It has even enhanced the appearance of the streets: less cars on given space.

To top it off, the annual Christmas Cheer program under George Fujita of Southwest L.A. JACL chapter as chairman surpassed the \$2,000 goal.

Happy new year, everyone!

WASHINGTON NEWSLETTER: by Mike Masaoka

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seniority are Congressmen William M. McCulloch (Ohio), William E. Miller (N.Y.), Dean P. Taylor (N.Y.), Richard A. Poff (Va.), William C. Krumer (Fla.), Arch A. Moore (W. Va.), and H. Allen Smith (Calif.).

Again, as in the Senate, several Democratic members will probably be assigned to this influential Committee, but the Republican situation remains unclear because of their heavy losses in the recent elections.

While Congressman Walter will undoubtedly remain chairman of Subcommittee No. One which handles immigration matters among other subjects and his fellow Democrats who served with him last year will continue on this Subcommittee, Republicans Hillings and Hyde who constituted the minority will have to be replaced.

Since the death of Senator Pat McCarran of Nevada, with whom he co-authored the Immigration and Naturalization Act of 1952, Congressman Walter has been the undisputed Mr. Immigration of the Congress. Whether there will be any significant revisions or amendments to his Act depends pretty much on his will in the next Congress.

Congressman Lane will remain as chairman of Subcommittee No. Two, which has responsibility for claims among other matters. Congressman Burdick who served on this Subcommittee for the past several terms retired. Any amendment to the 1948 Evacuation Claims Act will have to be approved by this Subcommittee, which has proved to be friendly and sympathetic in the past.

Chairman Celler of the full Committee also chairs the Civil Rights Subcommittee, which should assure that some meaningful legislation should be reported by the House Committee at least.

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Senate Rule 22 tagged as 'silent executioner' of meaningful legislation as CLers urged to write Senators to amend rule

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ally, which have always been easily procurable. On the other hand, an absentee among the group favoring the closing of debate is equivalent to a vote against cloture under the 1949 Amendment.

This virtual impossibility of closing off debate and the threat of filibuster through the years has affected all forward-seeking legislation. For example it has affected two measures in which JACL is vitally interested.

Statehood for Hawaii

This measure, which has been one of JACL's stated objectives for a number of years, has not even been brought to vote in the Senate because of the threat of filibuster by a small group of senators opposing the measure (though it has passed the House on several occasions). (In this connection, it is interesting to note that Statehood for Alaska was similarly held up for ten years; and when the threat of filibuster was removed and the measure was called up for a vote, 75 senators voted for admission.)

Civil Rights

Civil rights measures in which JACL has been vitally interested, such as anti-lynching and anti-poll tax legislation, have either been filibustered to death through the years or the threat of filibuster has prevented the calling-up of these measures for vote on the calendar. This power to block civil rights measures by a small group in the Senate is openly flouted by members of this group. As long ago as 1922, Senator Underwood of Alabama, in the course of a filibuster which killed an anti-lynching bill of that era, said:

"I think all men here know that under the rules of the Senate when 15 or 20 or 25 men say that you cannot pass a certain bill, it cannot be passed."

In the last session of Congress, a civil rights bill was introduced. However, because of the threat of filibuster, the teeth of the law (Section 3) was removed. Section 3 was the section which gave the Attorney General power to intervene in all civil rights matters by civil action. It would have given him the right to move into Arkansas and Virginia to combat and defeat state action, which is today denying many children of these states their right to an education.

Efforts to Amend Rule 22

In the last four sessions of Congress, a bi-partisan group of senators led by Sens. Douglas (Dem., Ill.), Humphrey (Dem. Minn.), Fawcett (Rep. N.Y.), and Case (Rep. N.J.), have been pressing for a liberalization of Rule 22. Senate Resolution 17, introduced by Senator Douglas in the last Congress, provides for cloture by two-thirds of those present and voting after two days, and by a majority of the Senate after 15 days' debate. This will allow ample debate before a majority of the Senate can impose cloture. As Senator Douglas said in support of his resolution:

"The resolution is a reasonable attempt to provide for or-

Retail Clerks union seeks anti-race employment

Joseph T. DeSilva, executive secretary of the Retail Clerks Union Local 770 and spokesman for 36,000 food clerks in the nine local unions in Southern California, last week declared a strike may be necessary to back up one of the demands for elimination of discrimination in hiring on the basis of race, color, creed, age or sex.

Other demands involve a 35 cents an hour increase for food clerks and 45 cents an hour in fringe benefits. Present wage is \$2.30 per hour plus 45 cents an hour in fringe benefits. "Two thirds of our wage demands could be met by the 26 cents an hour they could save by closing the stores on Sundays, holidays and late at night," DeSilva explained. In the event of strike, 300 employers (smaller chains and individually owned markets) will remain open as they have signed interim agreements.

derly and responsible representative government. It is not a gag rule; it has no effect on free speech. All it does, and all it attempts to do, is to provide that a small group of determined Senators shall not have the arbitrary veto power contained in the present rule over necessary action through threat of unlimited time-consuming talk, simply to prevent the Senate from voting on the question before it."

In the 1951 session, such a resolution was introduced but not acted upon.

In 1953 a motion to table the resolution passed 79-21 (after a promise by the Senate leadership to take the matter up later in the session, which promise never materialized). In 1955 the resolution was not placed on the calendar for vote (again after a promise that it would be).

In 1957 (in spite of another promise to take the matter up later in the session), 38 senators voted against the motion to table (three absent senators were also of similar mind), a total of 41 senators or twice as many as 1953. A switch of only nine votes in 1959 will bring victory. (With the admission of Alaska 50 votes are now required.)

During the closing days of the last Congress in July, the same bi-partisan group of senators served notice that if the motion to change the rules was not brought up and immediately voted upon, as had been promised many times by the Senate leadership, that they would move for a change of rules at the moment of the opening of the next session of Congress in 1959.

It is most important that the issue be raised at the moment of opening because at that time the rules can be changed by a majority vote of the Senate, and no filibuster is allowed. (Whereas, later in the session, a similar motion can be killed by filibuster.) It is also important that no compromise be accepted which will require more than a majority vote of the Senate after full debate.

Chances for Victory Bright

Because of the results of the recent election, chances for a victory for the anti-filibuster forces appear more hopeful than at any time in our history. It is up to every one of us in JACL to take an active part in this all-important fight. Amendment of Rule 22 was one of the legislative mandates at the recent National Convention.

National JACL President Shig Wakamatsu has declared that the JACL was proud to be counted among the many national organizations committed to secure a revision of the cloture rules of the Senate in order that the majority may no longer be frustrated by

the minority.

Pointing out that the recent acts of terrorism and hoodlumism throughout the nation, and the continuing efforts of several states to nullify the decisions of the Supreme Court outlawing racial segregation in the public schools require that meaningful laws be enacted to protect the persons and the property of every American in every part of the nation and to extend equal opportunities for all Americans to enjoy the benefits of the democratic system, the National JACL President directed the Washington Office to continue its co-operation with the National Leadership Conference, of which JACL is a charter member, in its program to revise the cloture rule of the Senate as the first important step towards the enactment of worth-while civil rights legislation.

What Can I Do?

You have been asked many times before to write your congressmen and your senators, and your response has helped JACL win much-needed legislation.

Once again you are asked to write both of your senators and urge them to vote at the opening of the Senate in favor of the amendment to Rule 22. A sample letter is attached. However, for variety's sake, you might choose any one of the points in this memorandum and use it in your letter. If one of your senators was recently elected, you might add your congratulations on his election (or re-election).

It is very important that you send your letters so that they will reach your senators before the opening of Congress. Please report the gist of any replies you receive to your chapter president, so that he, in turn, can report to me and I, in turn, can advise our Washington Office as to the stand of each senator.

Chicago JACL credit union meeting Jan. 16

CHICAGO. — The annual business meeting of the Chicago JACL Credit Union has been scheduled for Jan. 16, 6:30 p.m. at Bamboo Inn, 11 N. Clark St., according to chairman Joe Maruyama.

The new board of directors for 1959 will be elected.

SOCAL GOLF HANDICAP WIPES PENALTY SLATE

Penalties will be waived as of Jan. 1, 1959, for members of the So. Calif. Nisei Golf Association, it was announced by Paul Ryouo, NGA handicap chairman. But a two-stroke penalty will be assessed for all incomplete cards for the month of December, it was added. Inactive players are expected to sign leave of absence cards.

CENTRAL CAL DISTRICT COUNCIL SPONSORING JAN. 1 DANCE AT FRESNO

FRESNO.—Central California District Council will sponsor for the first time since its organization a semi-formal New Year's Ball at the Rainbow Ballroom here. Lou Monte's orchestra with the company of eight will furnish the dance music from 9 p.m. to 1 p.m. The admission is \$3.50 per cent; the ladies are free.

An entertaining evening is in store with many door prizes to be given away. The prizes will be contributed by the nine chapters that comprise the CCDC: Fresno, Fowler, Clovis, Selma, Parlier, Sanger, Reedley, Tulare County, and Delano.

Gloria Bucol, Fresno JACLer, entertainment chairman has scheduled special numbers during intermission.

Past CCDC Chairman George Abe of Selma will also introduce the new 1959 Chapter Presidents and the new CCDC chairman Dr. James Nagatani.

The dance committee members are Ben Nakamura, chrmn., Fresno; Mikio Uchiyama, Fowler; Yoshito Takashi, Clovis; Dale Okazaki, Selma; Bill Watanabe, Parlier; Larry Hikiji, Sanger; Ed Yano, Reedley; James Matsumura, Tulare County; and Mas Takaki, Delano.

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