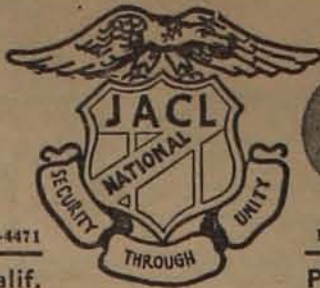


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COLUMN LEFT:

To make the PC self-sustaining

The Pacific Citizen Board wishes to express its appreciation to the many chapters and members for the large volume of Christmas advertising and greetings that went into the 1958 Holiday Issue. Needless to say, they are a tremendous assist to the financing of the publication. We are sincerely grateful to all of you.

However, the fact remains that the finances of the Pacific Citizen are still in a critical state and we who are entrusted with the PC are continuing to devise ways and means to make this enterprise a self-sustaining one.

As a major step toward increasing the all-important circulation, the PC is making a special offer of "20 issues for \$1" to tie in with the JACL membership drive for the coming year.

It is our sincere hope that the chapters will take advantage of this opportunity to introduce the PC to the general membership. The PC Board feels that an offer of such a convenient price, if presented to every person signing up for 1959 JACL membership, will be accepted by a substantial number and eventually, we hope that a good portion of them will become regular subscribers.

A joint effort on the part of the chapters and the PC to push this program will have two pertinent results—both advantageous to JACL. In the first place, the increase in subscriber-membership; and secondly, the increase will be a definite step toward making the PC a self-sustaining house organ. Both results are of vital concern to the organization. It merits the full support from the chapters.

The PC Board strongly urges that every chapter make this "20 issues for \$1" a definite part of its 1959 membership drive.

—George Inagaki,
PC Board
Chairman,

War bride studies for naturalization while in hospital, discharged as citizen

FRESNO. — Mrs. George Tsuruoka, a Japanese war bride who entered the Fresno County Hospital as a tubercular last April, was released last week as a naturalized citizen. Her four children kept her so busy it was only after she was admitted that she had time to study for citizenship and attend classes in the hospital.

Early last month, she was given a pass from the hospital to take her naturalization examination and then granted a second pass to attend the naturalization ceremonies at the federal district

court. Mrs. Tsuruoka's tuberculosis was detected in a routine chest X-ray. Fortunately, the disease was detected in its early stage and she was able to be discharged after a relatively short stay in the hospital.

Example Set for Patients

The hospital said Mrs. Tsuruoka has set an example and now other patients are studying for their citizenship.

Tsuruoka met his wife while he was a sergeant in the U.S. army intelligence service in Japan.

Sansei youth return \$4,000 found in bag given them to wrap small purchase items

Kenichi Maruyama, 18, and Gene Horito, 16, both students at Venice High School, never thought they would have an extra \$50 to spend for Christmas.

But more surprising was their discovery of \$4,000 in bundled currency in a paper bag in which a clerk at a war surplus house at Culver City Shopping Center mistakenly had given them on a small purchase they made Christmas eve.

"We would never have found the missing cash had the boys

Our Lady of Angels School fire, decided to keep them," the grateful store manager told police after the Sansei youths returned it to the store. The boys were rewarded \$50 each for their honesty.

Apparently the busy clerk, without much thought had picked up the first paper bag that came into his hand behind the counter to stuff in the boys' purchases of some undershirts. He was not aware that the bag was used as a guise to keep big denomination money.

Maruyama and Horito were dumbfounded when they later discovered the money and made a bee-line back to the store to return it to the manager.

Meantime, police surrounded the shop after the bosses learned about the plight. More than 20 men in blue were inspecting each customer's paper bags in hopes of finding the cash when the youths came in.

One authority said it was "typical of persons of Japanese ancestry to return what do not belong to them," and praised the students for their honesty.

KAWASAKI TO HEAD CHICAGO J.A. GROUP

CHICAGO. — Corky T. Kawasaki, active community leader and insurance man, was elected chairman of the Chicago Japanese American Council, composed of organizations and church groups which meet when the occasion arises.

The group recently sent \$4,000 to the Japanese Red Cross to aid victims of the September flood. It is now engaged in a \$500 campaign to help victims of the recent

Nisei sets precedent at high school, second in family to win student prexy post

Ken Hayami Kato, youngest son of Mr. and Mrs. Shigeyuki Kato of 411 E. 105th St., was recently elected student body president of Fremont High School in a close run-off. He is the second youth of Japanese ancestry to achieve this distinctive honor at the south Los Angeles school.

The first Nisei who won the honor was his brother Art who was student body president in 1955.

The 17-year-old senior plans to attend the Univ. of California at Berkeley to study chemistry, having been awarded a scholarship to the school.

Summer Scholarship

Last summer he was one of the 10 boys selected to participate in an advance science training program for students at the Hughes Atomic Physics Laboratory where he was paid a salary while he was training in chemistry. The purpose of the program was to encourage science-minded students to go further in the field.

At present, Kato is student body

vice-president and the editor of the school paper. He has served as secretary of the Knights (honor service club) and as the historian for the Scholastica (honor society).

Grace Abe was elected to serve as student body secretary.

SAN MATEO COUNCIL TO ACT ON FEPC

SAN MATEO. — Passage of a fair employment practices law in the city of San Mateo appears likely early this year.

The City Council last week directed City Attorney Arthur J. Harzfeld to prepare an FEP ordinance for council action in January. If adopted, it would become law within 30 days.

At a hearing on the measure, councilmen listened patiently while a parade of speakers called for early passage of an FEP ordinance to "put an end to job discrimination in this city."

The need for an FEP law was introduced in a letter to the council which was urged to begin hearings for such a law. The letter was introduced by an independent committee, formed through the Council for Civic Unity here, in which the San Mateo JACL is represented by Saki Yamaguchi, former chapter president.



Miss Sumi Takemura, "Miss National JACL Bowling Tournament" and official hostess for the 13th Annual National JACL Bowling Tournament, will greet bowlers at the opening mixer to be held at the Man Jen Low Restaurant in New Chinatown on March 2, 1959.

Race bias charged in employment of clerical workers

Charges of discrimination in the employment of clerical workers were alleged against 25 Los Angeles firms in a formal complaint filed in mid-December with the President's Committee on Government Contracts by the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith's Pacific Southwest Regional Office.

Jack Y. Berman, chairman of the League's regional executive committee, explained that the complaint was filed with the President's Committee "because these firms are known or believed to be doing business with the Federal Government and therefore required to adhere to the non-discrimination clause of Executive Order 10479."

Berman pointed out that this was the second complaint lodged by ADL with the President's Committee in 18 months. "Following investigation of the charges made in July, 1957," Berman said, "the Committee established jurisdiction respecting 29 firms. In 21 of these cases the charges have been satisfactorily resolved. Eight are still pending."

Job Orders Discriminatory

Berman stated that discriminatory job orders had been placed in the name of each of the firms cited with one or more local private employment agencies.

"In each instance," he asserted, "the order specifically directed that either Jews, Negroes, Orientals or Mexican-Americans were not to be referred by the employment agency with which the job

RECORD TURNOUT OF BOWLERS SEEN FOR JACL MEET

Over 1,000 bowlers are expected to toe the line during the 13th Annual National JACL Bowling Tournament being held in Los Angeles March 2-7 to make this classic the largest in the history of the event. Easy Fujimoto and Roy Yamadera, co-chairmen announced last week. The new Holiday Bowl, 3730 Crenshaw Blvd., is now making preparations for the record breaking tourney.

Special welcome events will be on the calendar for 300 bowlers expected from Hawaii and for other out-of-town bowlers. The Hawaiian delegation is sending a large shipment of flowers to decorate the halls for the awards dinner-dance to be held at the spacious Statler Hotel on Saturday, March 7.

Tournament entry blanks have been distributed to various Nisei leagues and JACL chapters with a deadline of Jan. 25.

Started in 1947

The history of the tournament started in 1947 in Salt Lake City when those responsible for hosting the annual Intermountain Nisei Tournament decided to expand this local affair nationwide and invite the best Nisei bowlers to compete against each other, and thereby stimulate the improvement of the level of Nisei bowling. Thus the National JACL Bowling Tournament was brought into being. Among those who helped to bring this dream into reality were Maki Kaizumi, chairman of this first JACL tournament, Bill Honda, Choppy Umemoto, Jun Kurumada, Hito Okada, then National JACL President and Doug Muir, Temple Alleys manager.

National JACL Headquarters was then located in the Mormon City, and with its eye on eliminating the racial discrimination clause of the national bodies controlling this sport, it assumed the sponsorship and coordination of this national tournament.

A modest number of 22 men's teams, most of them from the Intermountain area, but also from Denver, Chicago, Los Angeles, and Seattle participated. A women's division was also sponsored by the Salt Lake Nisei Women's Bowling Association. The tournament was a natural from the start with a warm camaraderie existing among participants, and the climaxing awards dinner-dance set the pattern for friendships and associations which make the National JACL Tournament unique among national pinfests.

Hawaiians Enter

Salt Lake City also hosted the second and third annual tournaments in 1948 and 1949 under chairmanship of Bill Honda and Choppy Umemoto, respectively. San Francisco, San Jose, and Fresno added their participation from the West Coast, and 1949 saw a team from Hawaii adding tournament interest and color. In 1949 a Men's Sweeper was added as a tournament event.

In 1950, eighty men's teams and 22 women's teams took part at San Francisco's Downtown Bowl with Gish Endo, tournament chairman. The women's division was incorporated as an official part of the annual national tournament, and the National JACL Advisory Board on Bowling was formed.

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Official Notices

JACL Membership Issue

Those who attended the Salt Lake JACL convention last summer are wondering why the special JACL membership issue did not appear last week, as mandated by the national council. While a number of reasons can be made to explain this situation, it is more important at this time to announce that National Headquarters and the Pacific Citizen have tentatively planned to publish the Special JACL Membership Issue in early February—so that it can reach the majority of the chapters in the midst of their 1959 campaign.

Membership committeemen, who are well aware of the kinds of questions that are being asked, can assist materially if they can submit a series of "Questions and Answers" on JACL.

Members who see the need for JACL is still vital today can help also by telling us in their own words—better known as "testimonials" . . . and we'd like to hear from the rank and file, too. Members of the National JACL Board and Staff also will send in statements. These we'd like to have by Jan. 24.

Additional information of a general nature, which would assist in the membership campaign, will also be included.

This Special Membership Issue — which is to be published in sufficient numbers to provide a copy to each member, as well as potential member—is something National JACL President Shig Wakamatsu felt was needed last year, when he served as national membership chairman . . . This will be in addition to the brochure now being prepared by Headquarters with Thelma Takeda, 1959-60 national membership chairman.

We trust this announcement does not fall on blind eyes or deaf ears. We are serious about this venture. Cooperation will be needed to prepare the "Questions and Answers" and "Testimonials". The PC, in order to print a sufficient number, needs to know by Jan. 30 how many copies will be required from the chapters. Shig Wakamatsu suggests this formula: 2 times the 1958 roster—one for each renewal and one for the prospective member.

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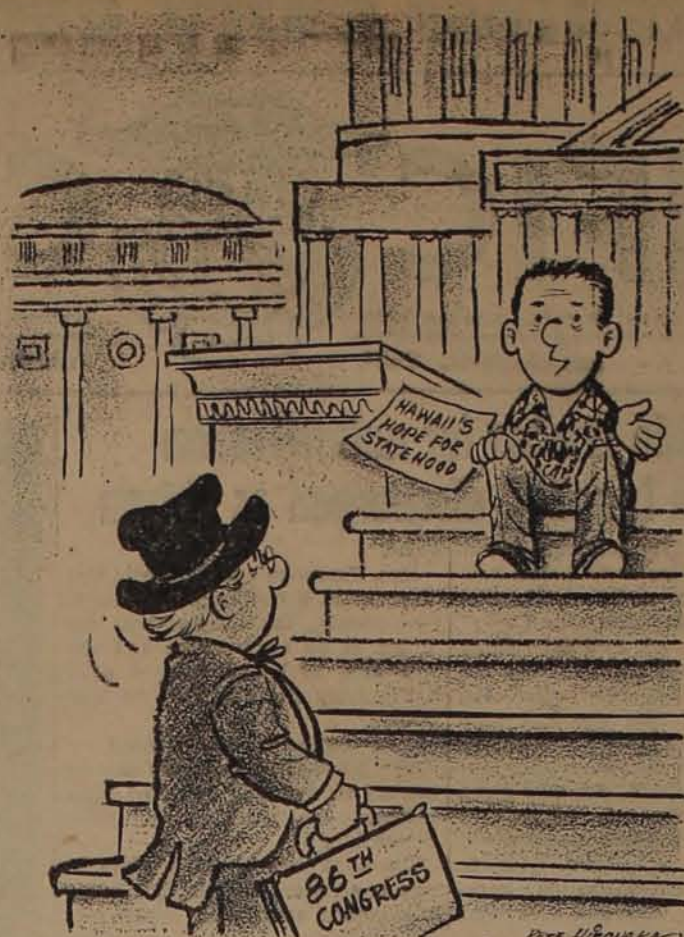
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PRESS COMMENTS:

Entitled to Statehood

(Seattle Times Editorial, Dec. 22, 1958)

Stimulated by Alaska's statehood victory, Hawaiians are preparing to redouble their efforts to become the 50th state of the Union during the coming session of Congress.

The enthusiasm with which the admission of Alaska as the 49th state has been received by the American public has given the people of the island territory new hope that this time their plea for statehood will be successful.

This hope has been bolstered by the November elections, when many of the supporters of Hawaiian statehood in past sessions of Congress were re-elected. Unfortunately, however, it seems likely that many of their opponents were returned to Congress also, since much of the opposition has centered in Democratic Southern states. We trust enough of these will have a change of heart to add a 50th star to the flag during

1959.

Hawaii has been petitioning for statehood since 1903. It has far greater qualifications for statehood than many territories on the mainland have had when they received it.

Hawaii's population—about 500,000 in 1950—has increased to nearly 600,000. It enjoys a gross annual product of around \$2,000,000,000. It pays more federal taxes than ten of our established states. Substantial additions to its economy are in prospect, including a new \$4,000,000 oil refinery and an array of new luxury hotels to accommodate the rapidly growing tourist industry.

There is no valid excuse for withholding longer the full privileges of American statehood from a territory and a people that have exemplified the best American traditions for so many decades.

Southwest Realty Board

California Eagle Editorial, Dec. 11, 1958

The Southwest Realty Board, which seems to make a specialty of showing off its racial prejudice, got into the news last week when a member was virtually forced to hire a Japanese saleswoman.

The Southwest Board is caught in the middle, as the phrase goes. Its members operate in a section of the city where Negro and Japanese occupancy are on the increase. Broker members understandably want these home buyers as customers.

The gimmick is that the Southwest Board subscribes to the code of the National Association of Real Estate Boards which is framed to protect and further residential segregation. No Board member can sell to a Negro or Japanese buyer in violation of that code without running the risk of discipline.

The practical result is that the Board sets itself up as a sort of segregation agency. It decides where Negro and Japanese can, or can't, buy homes.

Obviously, a Japanese or Negro sales person doesn't fit into the Southwest Board's neat little Jim Crow scheme. Such a salesman might break the code.

We suggested some time ago

that the United States district attorney ought to look into the Board's activities to see whether or not it is violating anti-trust laws. We think that it is and that it ought to be brought to book. The Southwest Board has been living above the law too long.

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CHRISTMAS CHEER AIDS 322 NEEDY, \$2,620 RECEIVED

Delivery of food packages, toys and monetary gifts to 322 needy Japanese in Los Angeles county last week marked the successful conclusion of the 11th annual Christmas Cheer, which acknowledged a total of \$2,620 in cash plus staples and toys.

George Fujita, Cheer chairman, said there were 221 adults and 101 children who received Cheer packages this year—compared with 182 adults and 78 children in 1957, and attributed the increase to more indigent aged Issei and mounting number of war bride families in destitution.

Expenses incurred during the drive amounted to less than 5 per cent, it was added.

The final report of donors is as follows:

CHRISTMAS CHEER DONATIONS

\$25—Nisei Veteran's Association;
\$10—Los Angeles Free Methodist Church, Anonymous (Union Church), Jades;

\$5—Mr. and Mrs. Pat Murosako, Mrs. Hisako Takeda, Miss Blanche Shi-

osaki.

Cheer Fund Recapitulation

Total Previously Reported . . . \$2530.00

Total This Report . . . 70.00

Final Total . . . \$2600.00

Other Donations

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Final Report

11th Annual Christmas Cheer Drive

1958

Total Donations Received . . . \$2600.00

Contribution from L.A.

Coordinating Council . . . 20.00

Total Available for

Distribution . . . \$2620.00

Distribution to Recipients

Cash Distribution . . . \$2435.00

Special Gift Items . . . 63.75

Total Distribution to

Recipients . . . \$2498.75

Expenses to Date

Postage . . . \$ 40.00

Stationery . . . 30.37

Packing and Wrapping

Supplies . . . 39.45

Miscellaneous Office Sup. . . 2.49

Total Expenses . . . \$ 112.81

Total Disbursements from

Donations . . . \$2611.56

Balance in Account . . . \$ 8.44

Cash Donations . . . \$2600.00

JACL CONTRIBUTION . . . 20.00

Canned Goods and

Staples in Value . . . 1494.00

Toys in Value . . . 282.50

Miscellaneous

in Value . . . 54.50

Total Donations . . . \$4451.50

Recipients

Adults . . . 221

Children . . . 101

Total Recipients . . . 322

Attorney General

HONOLULU. — Jack H. Mizuha, 45, Lihue district magistrate, was appointed territorial attorney general by Gov. William Quinn, succeeding Herbert Choy who resigned Dec. 1 to resume private practice.

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From the Frying Pan

By Bill Hosokawa

Denver, Colo.

LOOKING BACK—For most of us, 1958 has been a good and rewarding year, marked by material gain and social progress, and portentous with the promise of the future. The bitterness of the evacuation is long past. We seem to be looking more into tomorrow than reminiscing through the memories of yesterday.

As a group we are closer to realizing fully the American dream of school days than ever before in our brief history. Perhaps some of us have seen our dreams come true already. For the rest, the realization is there almost for the grasping, thanks to the opportunities that have been opened up to us.

Not long ago some of us were trying to isolate the reason the older Nisei did so well in school, avoided delinquency, and escaped the neurotic complexes and negative compulsions that seem to plague so many American youngsters today. One person suggested the reason was that most Nisei were so busy learning all they could about the American dream, so busy preparing themselves to pursue it, that they didn't have much time left to get into trouble.

What is the American dream? It's the promise of opportunity not limited by birth or caste, color or religion, wealth or social background. Do they teach this to today's school children? I hope they do, because it is this promise that has made America great. It is the striving for this dream, rather than the attainment, that has given this nation its vigor, drive, ingenuity and ability to meet its challenges. Perhaps it is too much to expect that every last citizen will realize the American dream in our time, but the doors of opportunity are being opened wider each passing year.

AND FORWARD—It takes no crystal ball to see some of the things that will befall us Nisei in the coming twelvemonth. For instance:

There will be a boom in wedding among the Sansei, and more and more Nisei men and women will become known as Grandpa and Grandma.

Similarly, an increasing number of Nisei men and women will get cricks in their necks from tilting their heads forward and back in an effort to get used to their new bifocal glasses.

Many Nisei women will vow to go on a diet following the holiday feasting, but few will keep their vows for long.

Nisei businessmen will continue to prosper. They will be joined by a substantial number of Nisei professional men who will depend increasingly on the patronage of Caucasians.

Nisei scientists, engineers, architects and entertainers will win even greater recognition for their talents. And chances are one or more of them will run into opposition when they try to buy a home in a district commensurate with their incomes and professional standings.

A Sansei will get into trouble with the law and Nisei will cluck their tongues and wonder why the younger generation is drifting away from the immigrant virtues which kept them in line.

On at least ten thousand occasions a well-meaning Caucasian will approach a Nisei and start a conversation this way: "I had the privilege of visiting Japan and I think **your** country is lovely and **your** people are wonderful and . . ." And 9,999 times the Nisei will smile wryly and nod and be polite. But the 10,000th time, some Nisei, completely fed up with this "your people routine", will forget that he is supposed to be well-mannered and he will reply in this manner: "For chrissake Japan is no more my country than it is yours because I'm an American and damned proud of it." Of course a lot of people will be shocked and perhaps even outraged, but I will be applauding the outspoken 10,000th Nisei. It is time, I think, that we stand up on our hind legs and speak out when the occasion demands, even if it means shocking a few folks.



Granddaughter Sharon Ann inspects the gleam and color of Japanese medal conferred on Texas pioneer Minoru Okabayashi, 61, now a naturalized Issei, in recognition of his promoting U.S.-Japan understanding. —Houston Chronicle Photo.

Houston Issei pioneer decorated by Japanese government, home for Christmas

BY R.E. CONNOR

Special to Pacific Citizen

HOUSTON. — A 61-year-old truck grower of prodigious energy, Minoru Okabayashi, waited 41 years to become an American citizen because of legal handicaps.

He waited 44 years to go back to his birthplace on Japan's Shikoku Island for a visit with childhood comrades and their offspring. They received him royally.

Now, Okabayashi was back in time for observance of a traditional American Christmas with his wife, their nine children, several in-laws and 21 grandchildren. His home at 330 W. Gulfbank Rd., at the edge of the city, was adorned for the holidays.

Okabayashi has brought back many gifts for the family which he purchased on tour of the principal islands of the Japan group.

Semanticist writes Satevepost article

The Dec. 27 issue of the Saturday Evening Post carried an article, "How Words Can Change Our Lives," by Dr. S.I. Hayakawa in the 17th of its series on "Adventures of the Mind."

Canadian-born Nisei, Hayakawa, is a professor of language arts at San Francisco State College. His "Language in Action" was written as a textbook and chosen as a Book-of-the-Month club selection in 1941.

In his article Hayakawa states, "The end product of education, yours and mine and everybody's, is the total pattern of reactions and possible reactions we have inside of ourselves."

"What I call here a 'pattern of reactions,' then, is the sum total of the ways we act in response to events, to words and to symbols."

The authority on semantics is married to the former Margedant Peters, live in Mill Valley and have three children. Hayakawa's extra-curricular interests are art, fishing and jazz.

NOTICES

TRAVEL — RESORTS

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He beams with satisfaction over the beautifully artistic kimonos for the grandchildren. He beams even more when showing them a bright medal with yellow ribbon, awarded to him by the Japanese Government. He is gratified for what it symbolizes:

The diminutive son of Nippon has helped to give a good impression of the Japanese people in his adopted land. He has set a good example as a successful farmer; encouraged good relations between Japan and the United States; and has been helpful and considerate of students and other visitors from Japan. The grandchildren, too young to grasp the medal's significance are instantly attracted by it.

In Japan, Okabayashi was grateful, first, for the homecoming greeting from his former schoolmates in an agricultural school. They had read of his first visit in 44 years in a Japanese newspaper and staged a party at Kochi-Shi. Later, some 150 people including childhood friends and their descendants, turned out to honor his visit.

Many questions were asked of his life in America, his production of great quantities of tomatoes, mustard greens, sweet and hot peppers, beans, cucumbers, egg plant and the like. He employs 50 workers in vegetable cultivation and many more at harvest time. The same production in Japan would require four times as many workers. His efficient use of farm machinery interested his countrymen and inspired many questions.

Okabayashi, spent 102 days in Japan and crossed the Pacific both ways by clipper.

First of the grandchildren to be dressed for a photo in Japanese kimonos were Sharon Ann, 21 months old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Kaoru Okabayashi of 234 Red Ripple Rd. and Earl Dean Morrison, 13 months old son of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Morrison of Little York community.

ETO POSTHUMOUSLY AWARDED JAPAN MEDAL

The late Tameji Eto of San Luis Obispo was posthumously awarded the fourth grade of the Order of the Rising Sun by the Japanese government, it was announced by Consul General Shinichi Utsumi of Los Angeles.

The late Issei grower held the fourth grade of the Order of the Sacred Treasure. The new decoration is one rank higher.

Nisei design of TB seal runner-up in national contest

SAN FRANCISCO. — Jane Oka, 1344 Jackson St., commercial artist employed by Patterson and Hall, was selected as one of the top 10 winners in a nation-wide 1960 Christmas Seal design contest, it was announced here last week.

Daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Sadao Oka of Salinas, she was graduated last year from the California School of Fine Arts.

Her design was one of over 400 submitted by American artists in this annual contest. The first place winner receives a \$500 award and his design will be used for the 1960 seals.

As runnerup, Miss Oka received special recognition from the National Tuberculosis Assn., and her design will be held for consideration in future years.

"Since 1956, designs have been chosen from the works submitted by freelance artists," Charles de Limur, the local TB association Christmas seal sales chairman, explained. "Prior to that, the seal design was commissioned. Many well-known artists have designed Christmas seals."

Nisei working on UC Berkeley publicity staff

BERKELEY. — Akira Sano, senior at the Univ. of California, is currently working with the Associated Students publicity and public relations staff, the group that coordinates relationships between the university and the public.

Sano, son of Mr. and Mrs. Densaku Sano of 225 N. Eldorado St., San Mateo, is majoring in political science. He is a 1954 graduate of San Mateo High School.

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VERY TRULY YOURS

By Harry K. Honda

DEVOTING A WHOLE page on the U.S. Nisei, Newsweek magazine Dec. 29 follows up a November story announcing the end of the evacuation claims program under the heading: "Disguised Blessing". And we can't blame Newsweek for its quotes two Chicagoans who feel evacuation was "one of the best things that ever happened" and "a blessing in disguise". The weekly magazine also found a "vast majority of Japanese Americans are not resentful . . . (and) actually glad they were ordered away from the West Coast". They didn't feel that way during those days of early 1942. Newsweek noted that the evacuation broke up the Little Tokios of San Francisco and Los Angeles, forced the Japanese out of their ghettos, ended feudalistic control the Japanese father held over his children, emancipated the women of the Japanese American family, pushed Nisei into the mainstream of U.S. life, improved their economic status and helped pull down the racial barriers against them.

Granted that these appear justifying evacuation, we should not gloss over a point in history that wholesale removal of a group of people solely because of race by government force was the most tragic wartime mistake sustained by our country. Asst. U.S. Attorney General George C. Doubs, one of the main JACL convention speakers at Salt Lake City, in his review of evacuation said, "This oppressive measure was not a military necessity but constituted a tragic failure of principle by the executive branch in accomplishing it and the judicial power in sustaining it."

The 17 years that have intervened since Pearl Harbor was bombed may have mellowed a majority of the Nisei—but the fact remains a grievous error in principle was committed when citizens were placed in relocation centers (concentration camps, U.S.-style) because they happened to live in a particular area and were of Japanese descent. No trial was held, no crime was charged—only the hysterical cry of "Once a Jap, always a Jap" was incriminating. Enemy aliens of German or Italian descent and their citizen children should have been relocated from the East Coast had the same principle of expediency been applied. The Japanese in Hawaii, Issei (non-citizens and therefore enemy aliens) and Nisei, who live closer to Japan, were not removed; but the "more dangerous" enemy aliens were placed in custody.

THE OBVIOUS INJUSTICE of the 1942 evacuation cannot be a seed to a good thing as the Newsweek article leads one to believe. Even the U.S. government recognized this error by permitting claims against it for personal and property losses.

The justification of the success stories of the Nisei, we feel, dwells within the Nisei—not in any rationalization of evacuation. The displaced Japanese American was able to recover because of himself. How the Nisei stands today is a testimony to his individual ingenuity, diligence and ambition—and a strong faith in America.

Hence, to hold that evacuation was a "blessing in disguise" is like saying "injustice results in justice", which is absurd on its face. We cannot see how a thing conceived in error can become a font of good things. Something else was involved—and that we claim is in the Nisei himself.

In fairness to the Newsweek report, it does add that some Japanese Americans are still bitter about their wartime experiences and skimpy compensation for their lost property. "Maybe 5 per cent are bitter now—but they don't talk about it," Newsweek quoted a San Francisco Nisei 442nd veteran. "What relocation actually did for us was permit us to establish ourselves as citizens of the United States."

WE DON'T MEAN to be knocking Newsweek this time. We hacked them hard two years ago for running a letter signed by Lincoln Yamamoto, who went to bat for Iva Toguri D'Aquino or "Tokyo Rose" and further alleged American Nisei considered themselves subjects of Japan first. We only hope enough letters reach the Newsweek editors, straightening them out on evacuation and the injustice of it all.

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Mass naturalization rites of 126 Issei, integration of evacuees into So. Jersey community recalled at Seabrook cherry tree fete

BY AYAKO NAKAMURA

BRIDGETON, N.J.—Over 20 leading city officials, church and civic organizations of Bridgeton and Cumberland County were represented when the Bridgeton Park Commission held an unprecedented recognition program at the City Hall on Dec. 6 to accept the first 57 cherry trees donated by the Seabrook JACL.

Shike Levine, commission vice-president and a member of the JACL who chaired the unique program, explained the impressive gathering resulted from a feeling to share the trees, and that it was the desire of all those present to participate in the acknowledgment.

Chapter President Vernon Ichisaka in making the presentation said, "We hope the cherry trees will blend into the natural beauty of the park, and it is in this lasting spirit of beauty and harmony that we wish to present the trees as a token of appreciation to the people of this area."

"The experiences we share in South Jersey can be a wonderful living example of democracy to the people of the world," he added in thanking the various groups and individuals in making this good relationship possible.

The presentation was formally accepted by Park Commission President Winfield Jess.

Historical Ceremony

David L. Horowitz, former judge and presiding jurist during the historical 1953 mass swearing in ceremony at a special court held in Seabrook School where 126 Issei received their citizenship, reviewed the momentous occasion with words of sentiment.

Cumberland County Clerk Earl M. Wescoat followed with added emphasis on the largest class ever to be sworn in at a mass ceremony at the time in the history of the U.S. Court and reviewed his association with the 210 Issei who have become citizens since the Walter-McCarran Act.

An important figure in the American Legion program, Mrs. Herbert Brauer who was instrumental in conducting naturalization classes preliminary to citizenship, recalled with nostalgia the months of close relationship with the Issei and commended them for their patience and foresight.

Kiyo Hirano to head Salinas Valley JACL, installation Jan. 24

SALINAS. — Newly elected officers of the Salinas Valley JACL will be installed during a dinner on Saturday, Jan. 24, it was announced here through Rev. Shinpachi Kanow, pastor of the Lincoln Ave. Presbyterian Church.

Kiyo Hirano is president-elect of the chapter. His cabinet includes Tony Itani, 1st v.p.; Y. Ichikawa, 2nd v.p.; Fred Sakasegawa, treas.; Mae Osugi, cor. sec.; Henry Hibino, rec. sec.; Tom Miyana, del.; James Tanda, alt. del.; and James Abe and Dr. Harry Y. Kita, directors.

The chapter Christmas party for kiddies was a cheerful success with 200 youngsters attending and being treated to gifts, candies, movies, refreshments and Santa Claus. In charge of the party were Alvin Yamamoto, Helen Kitaji, refreshments; Ikey Miyana, Sumi Iwashige, gifts; Tom Miyana, tree; and Harry Sakasegawa, movies.

Saeda-Satoko marriage

ALBUQUERQUE. — Mr. and Mrs. Tom Y. Saeda, who were married Sept. 2 in Honolulu, have honeymooned half-way around the world and were honored at a reception here Dec. 22. The bride, the former Mildred Satoko of Port Annel, Kauai, is a graduate of Iowa State and is teaching at Minnie Gant School in Long Beach, Calif. The groom, son of Mr. and Mrs. Moriichi Saeda of this city, is a graduate from Univ. of Southern California and presently employed with a Los Angeles architectural firm. George Matsubara was reception emcee.

tience and foresight.

Legion Resolution

Former Chapter President John Fuyume, in a historical resume of events leading to the presentation, quoted the text of the resolution endorsing legislation to extend naturalization privileges to persons of Japanese ancestry as adopted by the American Legion Shoemaker Post 95, in July, 1947.

The resolution spearheaded by the Bridgeton Legionnaires at a time when other Posts were not in full accord, sought its victory at the state and national conventions and later greatly influenced the ultimate passing of the Naturalization Act.

John M. Seabrook, president of Seabrook Farms Co., declared in his testimony that he did not believe in philanthropy or altruism, but given a sound economic opportunity there would be no minority problem in the nation today.

"There is no Japanese Problem in the state of New Jersey," he said, as he reiterated his contention not to single out groups, but rather to place values on individual merits, and stated he was "proud to have some mighty fine employees of Japanese descent."

Also seated among the distinguished array of dignitaries were Past Chapter President Mrs. Masatada Ikeda and Eastern District Council Chairman Charles T. Nagao who both extended fitting

Mrs. Yumori to head Venice-Culver JACL

VENICE. — Mrs. Betty Yumori will serve as 1959 Venice-Culver JACL president, succeeding Pete Furuya. The new cabinet will be jointly installed with the West Los Angeles JACL officers Jan. 17 at the Santa Monica Elks Club.

Assisting Mrs. Yumori will be Louis Kado, v.p.; Sumi Kashiwagi, treas.; Dr. Tak Shishino, 1000 Club; Joyce Imazu, sec.; Jane Yamashita, memb.; Setsu Isoda, social; Marge Furuya, pub.; and Pete Furuya, ex-officio.

The new board with outgoing officers Jan. 8 at the home of Frances Kitagawa.

Jane Yamashita was in charge of the annual chapter Christmas potluck party Dec. 21 at the Japanese Community Center on Brad-dock Dr.

The chapter dance class has been meeting on alternating Tuesdays. Also in progress are the bridge classes.

The chapter-sponsored high school age group, Saireens (formerly the Jolinees), is headed by Kayo Asari, pres.; Julia Kakehi, v.p.; Joyce Morita, sec.; Bev Morita, treas.; and June Hirata, hist. The group recently made up a Thanksgiving basket and presented it to a needy family.

IDAHO FALL JACL PLANS WINTER CARNIVAL; NEW AUXILIARY TO ASSIST

IDAHO FALLS. — Plans are well underway for the annual Idaho Falls JACL Winter Carnival to be held Saturday, Jan. 17, at the local armory. Mrs. Mac Tanaka, Eli Kobayashi and Takashi Watanabe are co-chairmen. Newly-formed Auxiliary will be in charge of the bazaar booth.

Games for all age groups, hot food including chicken noodles and chow mein and refreshments will be on tap throughout the day.

On the committees are:

Games—Deto Harada, Joe Nishioka, Hid Hasegawa, Sam Sakaguchi, Shoji Nukaya, Kazuo Honda, Dan Mikami, Shig Nii, Speed Nukaya, Taka Haga; food—Mrs. Deto Harada and Sach Mikami; Shoji Ueda, Tucker Morishita, Sam Yamasaki, and Donald Foote.

The chapter's Yuletide party was held Dec. 21 with over 250 attending. Children of local JACL members displayed their talents in a delightful program, which was highlighted by Santa's visit.

Mrs. Joe Nishioka and Speed Nukaya were in charge, assisted by Mrs. Deto Harada and Sach Mikami, refreshments.

words of gratitude.

Guest Speaker Aki Hayashi of New York, national JACL treasurer, commended the Seabrook Chapter for their achievements while sounding a reminder against complacency. "We must strive to see that the things we care for are not endangered," he stated, as he proceeded to cite many recent incidents throughout the nation caused by bigotry and ignorance.

Schools Represented

Dr. Catherine, prominent educator representing the superintendent of schools, expressed the excellent relationship existing between the teachers and students of Japanese ancestry, while Deane H. Eadie spoke in behalf of the Bridgeton School Board.

Also contributing with words of tribute were Mrs. Florence Taylor, head librarian at the Bridgeton Public Library, and Ralph Vanzozi of the Bridgeton Hospital Board.

Assemblyman Robert H. Weber referred to the cherry trees as "a symbol of fulfillment and hope," while Earl L. McCormick, Commissioner of Public Safety, praised the group for the excellent record maintained as law abiding citizens.

Among others speaking were Mervin Steinberg, former president of the Merchants' Association, Harmon Hoover of the Veterans association, and Herbert Brauer of the American Legion, as well as Park Commissioners Klaus de Wilde, Wilbur M. Davis and Albert Schrank, all leading businessmen.

Kenji Nogaki, president of the New York Chapter, was also in attendance.

Extending words of welcome at the start of the two-hour program was City Councilman George T. Morris, while the Rev. John W. Hutchinson of the First Presbyterian Church of Bridgeton delivered the invocation and the Rev. John Baird of the Deerfield Presbyterian Church the benediction.

SEEK NISEI LEAD IN 'WHITE KIMONO' FILM

Producer Sam Fuller is desperately searching for a Nisei lad, between 5-10 and 6 ft., between 25 and 30, for his lead in "White Kimono", a tale set in Li'l Tokio. Inquiries from out of Los Angeles may be directed to him, care of Columbia Pictures, 1438 N. Gower St., Hollywood.

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By the Board

BY CHARLES NAGAO, EDC Chairman

SEABROOK. — On the occasion of the recent cherry tree presentation by the Seabrook JACL and Japanese residents here to the Bridgeton (N.J.) City Park Commission, a dedication program was held in the city council chambers. Much to our pleasant surprise, immediately after the presentation of 57 trees by chapter president Vernon Ichisaka to Mr. De Wilde, park commission president, the remainder of the evening turned out to be a marathon speechfest by county and city officials along with other organizations giving recognition to Seabrook JACL for its fine, outstanding qualities of good citizenship and for its many beneficial contributions to the community.

Aki Hayashi, national JACL treasurer, accompanied by Kenji Nogaki, New York chapter chairman, addressed the audience in his usual eloquent manner. He made a tremendous impression with the public and civic dignitaries with his frank statement that as long as individual basic rights to human dignity and freedom are denied in the United States, as exemplified by the incidents of Little Rock and Virginia school segregation, JACL's work to gain equality for everyone must and will be continued.

Responding to the warm and friendly praises paid upon the local JACL were Mrs. Josie Ikeda and John Fuyume, past presidents. Among the numerous participants from all government levels and civic organizations were a State Assemblyman, County Clerk, City Mayor, City Council President, Commissioner of Public Safety, American Legion Post 95, Bridgeton Hospital, City Merchants Assn., Board of Education, High School Principal's Office, City Library and John M. Seabrook, president of Seabrook Farms Co.

The marathon recognition speechfest was ably chaired by JACL's good friend, Shike Levine, a member of the city park commission and school board.

What the Bridgeton Evening News commented editorially the following day expresses the true feeling of brotherhood that any JACL chapter may well be proud of: "We no longer call our Seabrook neighbors Japanese Americans . . . We prefer to call them fellow neighbors, fine friends and excellent citizens."

Friend of Seabrook JACL passes . . .

New Jersey State Senator W. Howard Sharp, 67, passed away on Dec. 17 after a year of failing health. The late Senator was a good friend and constant helper to the cause for whatever the JACL undertook. He had for the past 12 years worked closely with the Seabrook chapter, and on several occasions has officiated at chapter installations. He was also an active participant in the banquet programs at three EDC meetings which were hosted by Seabrook JACL.

I have never known him to refuse or avoid our request to assist in any and all functions of JACL here. Actually through the late Senator's efforts, Gov. Robert Meyner became quite aware of Seabrook JACL and its work to gain fair play as citizens of the state of New Jersey.

Senator Sharp, after serving as Cumberland County judge for five years, was elected to the State Assembly in 1947 and two years later was elected to the State Senate. He was re-elected for his third term last year. As we mourn the passing of a true friend, the Eastern JACL District Council extends deepest sympathy to his wife, Mrs. Thelma Parkinson Sharp.

An invitation for EDC-MDC convention . . .

To all you good JACLers—especially from the Midwest District—we cordially extend an invitation to attend the forthcoming EDC-MDC joint convention in New York over the Labor Day weekend, Sept. 4-7.

This being the third biennial joint convention, groundwork has already been established with none other than that fantabulous Aki Hayashi as general chairman. We can expect a truly fantabulous convention in the world's largest city. Aside from the business meetings, there will be numerous other activities, recreation and tours. Such places as the UN Building, Empire State Building, Statue of Liberty and Rockefeller Center are but a few highspots to be considered.

A warm welcome is also extended to members of the national board and staff.

WARTIME BENEFACTOR OF MINNESOTA NISEI TO ADDRESS UCL INSTALLATION

MINNEAPOLIS. — Mrs. Lawrence Steefel, past chairman of the Mayor's Commission on Human Relations and one who assisted Nisei out of relocation camps find jobs here, will be the principal speaker at the Twin Cities UCL installation dinner, 6:30 p.m., Jan. 10 at the Park Terrace.

On the 1959 slate of nominees for the chapter board of governors, as announced by Attorney Andrew Sato, chairman of the nominations committee, are:

Sadao Akaki, Ben Senzaki, Taro Matsuura, James Mizubata, Yukio Yamaguchi, Yoichi Ito, Mmes. Henry Tsuchiya, and Richard Otani.

Hank Makino, emcee, and Tom Ohno, 1958 chapter president, are dinner co-chairmen. Tickets for the dinner are available at \$3.75 per plate.

Also invited as guests are Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Gould, chairman of the Mayor's Commission on Human Relations, Mr. and Mrs. Wilfred Leland, state FEPC chairman.

According to a sketch of Mrs. Steefel published last week in the J.A. Journal, she spent endless days speaking before business men's groups, unions and many others on behalf of the Nisei during the war years, securing for them employment in trades and skills rather than domestic work. Approximately 2,000 Nisei were placed in jobs.

Mrs. Steefel, who worked her way through high school and college (Radcliffe), came to the Univ. of Minnesota as a teaching assistant in political science where she met her husband, who will be completing 35 years of history teaching this year at Minnesota.

Bill Tsuji elected Marysville CL head

MARYSVILLE. — Bill Z. Tsuji, co-partner of the Tsuji and Inouye farming enterprise in Yuba City, has been elected president of the Marysville JACL Chapter for the coming year.

Assisting Tsuji will be Dr. Yutaka Toyoda, 1st v.p.; Robert Kodama, 2nd v.p.; Shurei Matsumoto, treas.; Kach Tokunaga, rec. sec.; Sakaye Takabayashi, cor. sec.; Dan Nishita, Frank Okimoto, Sam Kurihara, Ben Kawata, Ichiro Yoshimura, Esther Tokunaga and Anthony Tokuno, board memb.; George Okamoto, imm. past pres.

Long Beach Clers plan new dancina class series

LONG BEACH. — A new series of dance classes with Arthur Murray instructors Joe Fletcher and a Miss Brooks is being planned for either Wednesday or Friday nights at the Harbor Community Center starting next week.

Mrs. Barbara Miura, class chairman, is asking those interested in intermediate lessons to call her at GEneva 1-0404 to indicate which evening is preferred. Cost of group lessons is \$11 for eight weeks of two-hour instructions.

Frances Ishii, bridge class chairman, has also announced a new series can be started with Hisashi Horita of Southwest L.A. JACL again available as instructor. Preference for Tuesday or Thursday evening classes should be made with Miss Ishii (HEmlock 5-1381) or Kiyo Fujimoto (NEwmark 2-9604).

Santa Claus visits tots at Omaha JACL party

OMAHA. — Santa Claus (1000er Bob Nakadoi) made young tots beam with joy at the annual Omaha JACL Christmas party Dec. 19 at the YWCA. Kaz Ikebasu, chapter president, and Mrs. Sato Yoden were co-chairmen.

Carolling, dancing, games, gift exchanges for the kiddies and cookie exchanges for adults assured a merry evening. The Pat Okuras donated a delicious ham for refreshments; also contributing were Mmes. Hirabayashi, Yoden and Kanamine.

EDWIN OHKI ELECTED SONOMA COUNTY JACL PRESIDENT FOR 1959 TERM

SANTA ROSA. — In a spirited election which required four ballots, Edwin Ohki, prominent business and JACL leader of Santa Rosa, was elected as president of the Sonoma County JACL Chapter for the 1959 term at its monthly meeting held Dec. 19 at the local Memorial Hall.

Ohki is currently serving as secretary of the NC-WN District Council. He is one of the few chapter members elected as president for a second time and has served in various chapter capacities for the past eight years. He was 1958 chapter president.

James Miyano, another JACL community leader, was re-elected as the chapter treasurer for the fourth consecutive year. Since this office is now a two year term he will serve for five years.

Cabinet-Board Members

With many nominees for each office, others elected to assist Ohki for the coming year were Martin Shimizu, 1st v.p.; George Yokoyama, 2nd v.p.; Lloyd Ellis, 3rd v.p.; Beth Yamaoka, rec. sec.; George Kawaoka, cor. sec.; Frank Oda, 1000 Club; Greg. Hamamoto and Margarette Murakami, social; and Tak Kameoka, hist.

New board members elected for a two year term include Martin Shimizu, Florence Kawaoka, Minoru Matsuda, George Kawaoka, Lloyd Ellis and Joe Furusho. Those re-elected to the board were Greg Hamamoto, James Miyano, Iwazo Hamamoto and Roy Eichi Yamamoto. Iwazo Hamamoto and Yamamoto both Issei members, have served continuously as board members since 1955.

Holdover board members are Johnny Hirooka, Riyuo Uyeda, Pat Shimizu, James Murakami, Oda, Kameoka, Margarette Murakami, Kanemi Ono and Dr. Tets Fuji.

Installation Scheduled

The 1959 officers, board members and Auxiliary officers will be installed at a potluck supper on Saturday, Jan. 10, 6 p.m. at the local Memorial Hall. Pat Shimizu

GEORGE MUTO PRESIDENT OF SAN DIEGO JACL TO HOST PSWDC CLINIC

SAN DIEGO. — George Muto was elected San Diego JACL president for 1959, succeeding Moto Asakawa, at the Dec. 5 meeting of the newly-elected board of governors.

Assisting are Paul Hoshi, 1st v.p.; Sam Sugita, 2nd v.p.; T. Funaki, 3rd v.p.; Mas Hironaka, treas.; and Hedi Takeshita, sec.

Appointed as committee chairmen were Hideo Yoshihara, 1000 Club; Bruce Asakawa, memb.; and Jimmy Urata, Hi-Co.

The chapter is busy preparing for the PSWDC chapter clinic in February.

The San Diego JACL Credit Union annual meeting will be held Jan. 24. Place is to be announced.

Parlier Christmas fete

PARLIER. — A potluck supper preceded the Parlier JACL-Auxiliary Christmas party Dec. 19 at the Buddhist Church social hall. The evening was spent with games, prizes, gifts and treat for all, especially the children.

East L.A. Cler weds

May Ishii, who represented East L.A. JACL in the 1956 Nisei Week contest, of Ely, Nev., and John Nosse of Wahiawa, Hawaii, were united Nov. 29 before the Rev. John Yamashita of Centenary Methodist Church. Groom is a structural engineer.

Nakadoi-Morimitsu wed

OMAHA. — Kenso Nakadoi of Omaha and Kimi Morimitsu of Brighton, Colo., were married Nov. 17 at the Ari-Rang Garden here with the Rev. N. Tsunoda officiating. The groom's brother, Robert, was best man while Mrs. Misao Tsuji served as matron of honor. Roy Hirabayashi emceed the reception attended by over 150 guests.

and Beth Yamaoka, general co-chairman, will be assisted in the arrangements by James Murakami, emcee; Greg Hamamoto, purchasing; and Clara Miyano and the Women's Auxiliary, dinner.

The Santa Rosa boys drill team which won the 1957 national championship in South Milwaukee, will exhibit precision drilling as a feature of the evening.

At its final meeting for the year distribution of funds from the chapter fishing derby held was made. Santa Rosa Boys Club Foundation and Analy High School World Affairs Club were named recipients while a youth organization for the Petaluma area will be named at the next meeting.

The chapter will hold its first meeting for 1959 on Friday, Jan. 9, 7:30 p.m. at the local Memorial Hall. After unfinished matters of the chapter for 1958 are disposed, incoming president Edwin Ohki will preside to formulate the 1959 calendar of activities.

MRS. FLORENCE KAWAOKA TO HEAD SONOMA AUX'Y

PETALUMA. — Mrs. Florence Kawaoka, active community leader, was elected to head the Sonoma County JACL Women's Auxiliary for the 1959 term. Assisting her are Clarinne Sunada, v.p.; Shiz Kawaoka, rec. sec.; Faye Uyeda, cor. sec.; Chiyo Miyano, treas.; Anne Ohki and Mary Hamamoto, social.

Mrs. Clara Miyano, retiring president, announced the new officers will be installed with the chapter officers at the installation dinner on Saturday, Jan. 10 at the local Memorial Hall.

Membership campaign already underway

SANTA ROSA. — Beginning a full month earlier than in previous years, the Sonoma County JACL Chapter membership campaign got underway at the Women's Auxiliary Christmas party held earlier this past month. A large number of members as well as many Pacific Citizen subscribers were signed up at this affair. More membership renewals and PC subscriptions are expected at the annual installation dinner Jan. 10.

Following this event, the house to house canvass will commence with Martin Shimizu, George Yokoyama and Lloyd Ellis as co-chairmen of the membership drive committee. Attempts will be made to surpass the chapter's membership total of 307 members enrolled in 1958. Special emphasis will also be made during the campaign to secure a large number of Pacific Citizen subscribers, chapter officials stated.

Sonoma Countians close with successful Yule fest

PETALUMA. — A large and holiday spirited crowd contributed toward a most successful Christmas party given by the Sonoma County JACL Women's Auxiliary past month at the local Memorial Hall, ending a busy but most successful year for the local young matrons.

Christmas carolling led by Mrs. Clarine Sunada opened the night's festivities followed by games for all ages. Santa Claus appeared in the person of George Kawaoka, distributing presents to children. A 20 foot Christmas tree for the affair was donated by Mr. and Mrs. Riyuo Uyeda.

Holiday refreshments prepared and served by the Auxiliary concluded a most festive evening. Suzy Hirooka and Isbella Ellis were in charge.

WATSONVILLE NEW YEAR DANCE SLATED JAN. 3

WATSONVILLE. — The Watsonville Nisei Memorial VFW Post and Auxiliary will have its New Year dance Jan. 3 at the Veterans Memorial Hall here, it was announced by chairman Fumi Sugidono. Lou Uyeda's orchestra will play from 9 p.m. It is open to the public.

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Los Angeles prep gridders . . .

Four Nisei were nominated to Los Angeles city high school all-star teams in recent weeks by the Helms Board, composed of local sportswriters and coaches. Dickie Masada and Ted Sadamoto, both of Roosevelt High, were picked on the All-Eastern League second team at guard and tackle, respectively. Both are seniors. Defensive signal caller, Masada is only 5 ft. 6 and 150, while Sadamoto is chunkier at 5 ft. 8 and 200. Quarterback Henry Ota of Gardena High was named to the All-Marine League second team, a junior standing 5 ft. 8½ and weighing 154. Guard Ken Nakano of Los Angeles High was selected to the All-Western League second team. The 200-lb. senior stands 5ft. 9 . . . QB Richard Hada, HB Nob Komori and guard Richard Kakita of Long Beach Poly were placed on the L.B. All-City Bee first team. Dave Iwata of the same school was named to a back position on the second team . . . Jim Yamamoto of San Fernando was renamed to the All-Valley Bee first team as one of the backfield stars . . . Gary Yamashita of Seattle's Franklin High was chosen to the all-city defensive team at end by both Seattle Times and Post-Intelligencer.

Two Nisei backs gained honorable mentions for their play this season as the Los Angeles Times-Index 1958 All America Junior College football team was announced last week.

Sei Miyano, the master mind of the East Los Angeles J.C. Huskies, received an honorable mention as a quarterback and Dennis "the Menace" Ekimoto of Antelope Valley J.C. gained a halfback honorable mention.

Shirota winds up No. 2 at Tanforan . . .

The Tanforan winter meeting ended Dec. 20 and Mitchell Shirota finished second in jockey standings for the season here. Marvin Green, an apprentice took top honors with 49 wins in 48 days with Shirota as runner-up with 36 victories. Veteran George Taniguchi, who voluntarily left the track several times to rest up before the big Santa Anita season, ended up with 27 wins. Both Nisei riders and Roy Yaka headed south to ride at Santa Anita.

Omaha JACL bowlers . . .

Omaha JACL Bowling League is in full-swing and approaching its half-way mark. The eight teams competing in the 1958-59 season form a unique league in that age and race are not limiting factors. Oldest bowler is 75-year-old K. Matsunami, father of Mrs. Robert Nakadoi, who is competing for the first time. Tom Arikawa, 73, and father of Mrs. Lily Okura, is a 3-year member of the league, sporting a 100 average. And a flock of teenagers are in the Saturday night league. After the 30-week season, all the bowlers and their families celebrate with a festive picnic . . . Tak Misaki is league president; Mrs. Roy Hirabayashi, secretary-treasurer.

Younger brother may break brother's swim marks . . .

Tosh Imai made swimming history at Tooele (Utah) High School, but it looks as if his kid brother will rewrite the history books. Tosh was one of the great ones, along with Jerry Chadwick, who led Tooele to the first of its long string of swimming championships. At one time Tosh was in the state record books in three different events. Even now he holds the record for the Antelope Island swim, having set the mark last summer when he won the event by the proverbial mile.

But his younger brother Mark, only a freshman at Tooele, looks as if he will be even better. He swims the backstroke and the individual medley and while some other Tooele kids can beat him, he can handle most of the other in the West.

Young Mark is a hard worker and has had intensive coaching for three years both from his brother Tosh and the great Tooele tank mentor, Leigh Pratt.

Mark was one of two Utah youngsters who won a first place in the Far Western meet last summer in San Francisco, winning the backstroke in his age group.



THE Northwest PICTURE

By Elmer Ogawa

THE PICTURE AS 1959 LOOMS

Seattle

Up in this corner, we have never been one for making resolutions. Fact is, we don't remember ever making one, except when it may have been a grammar school classroom assignment. Maybe the practice is getting old hat—don't remember the subject coming up for mention, publicly or privately, any more.

But the passing of the year, (when we replace the old calendar pin-ups with new), is an appropriate time to scan the accomplishments and bloopers of the immediate past, and contemplate the aspirations of the foreseeable future. For the bloopers, we have a poor memory, and as far as the JACL hereabouts is concerned, we just don't remember any. But on the theory that "Past Is Prologue", the pattern for the coming year seems to be pretty well defined.

The nominating committee of the local Seattle chapter has not yet announced its slate for the coming year, but those of us who are of a mind to make book on such things, would confidently predict that chapter president Takeshi Kubota will be nominated or possibly drafted, and the hurricane gale will blow him right into another term.

There is too much unfinished business bearing the mark of Tak Kubota. First in this category is the spade work that has been done toward the repeal of Washington State's anti-alien land law. His past performances in both the national

JACL bowling—

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clause under representations by various national organizations including the National JACL, and the WIBC followed suit.

ABC-WIBC Sanctioned

Thus, the 1951 National JACL Tournament held at the Vogue Alleys in Los Angeles became the first receiving moral support sanctions of both ABC and WIBC. Harley Kusumoto and Dick Fujioka chaired the 1951 tournament which began the codification of the rules and regulations governing the affair. The Men's Classic Sweeper was standardized to six games, and JACL membership became a requirement under the moral support sanction of the national bowling bodies.

This tournament saw the addition of two perpetual men's trophies. The team trophy was donated through the generosity of Ich Fukunaga of H and F Produce, and currently a member of the Advisory Board on Bowling; and singles trophy was given by the W. Fay Co. Up to this time the only perpetual was the men's all-events given by National JACL at the inception of the National Tournament. At this time it was decided to hold every other tournament within the state of California.

Denver's bid for the 1952 tournament was accepted, held at the Elitch's Lanes under the chairmanship of John Noguchi. For the first time teams from Minneapolis, Cleveland, Montana, Wyoming, and Colorado cities outside of Denver were represented. A handicap rag-time doubles was added as a tournament warm-up, but this proved to be so popular that it is still calendared.

The 1953 tournament returned to San Francisco's spacious Downtown Bowl under the leadership of George Inai. The women's four-game sweeper was instituted to match the men's six-game classic. Because of the growth in the tournament itself with several events being added, the decision was made to carry the tournament over four days in order to make it easier for the local tournament committees.

Tournament Queen

Chicago hosted the 1954 National Tournament under chairmanship of the late Dr. Randolph Sakada, former National JACL President. New participation came from Detroit, Seabrook and Cincinnati. One of the tournament highlights was an exhibition by Ned Day, "Mr. Bowler" himself. In recognition of tournament participation by women bowlers, the host Chicago JACL Chapter donated a Women's Perpetual All-Events trophy, and the National Advisory Board on Bowling was expanded to include women representatives. For the first time, a tournament queen, Marji Kikuchi, added glamour by reigning over the festivities.

The 1955 National JACL Tournament in Long Beach proved to be the largest in the tournament's history with a total of 84 men's and 24 women's teams participating. For the first time the men and women divisions were held in separate houses, Ken Mar and Virginia Bowls. The tournament was run off efficiently under the direction of Easy Fujimoto. A pre-tournament mixer for participating bowlers was instituted and Marlene Hada lent her charms as tournament queen.

It seemed only natural that the 10th annual Nisei classic should return to Salt Lake City where it originated with Choppy Umamoto, one of the founders, in the role of tournament chairman. The Pal-D-Mar Alleys and the Ritz Bowling Palace opened their facilities. A significant discussion of team captains was held around the eligibility rules of the tournament setting a fairer basis for participation within the original spirit of the tournament.

BPAA Prexy Hosts

Frank Lacy, president of the



Ted Uyeda (center), 6 ft.-2 in. sophomore end on the Whittier College football team this past season towers over Yukio Hamada (left), sophomore yell leader from Encinitas, and Carolyn Shigetomi, sophomore song leader from Baldwin Park. Uyeda starred at Antelope Valley High.

Berkeley Sanghas, Reedley Manjiettes win Sacramento JACL cage invitationals

SACRAMENTO. — Berkeley's classy Sanghas and Reedley's ever powerful Manjiettes emerged victors in the JACL invitational basketball tournament held two weeks ago here.

The Sanghas downed a game but outclassed Stockton Dante 59-42 in

the men's finals, while the Manjiettes secured revenge for their loss last year to Stockton Busy Bees by edging them 34-31 in the women's finals.

Sanghas won their way to the finals by nosing out Fresno Broncos, 31-27, in the opening round and then tripping 31-26 the Sacramento Counts in the semi-finals.

The Manjiettes thumped the Marysville YBA, 46-4, in the first round and then battered San Francisco YBA 35-21 in the semi-finals.

Fresno Broncos defeated Florin YBA, 49-42, to win the men's consolation finals, while Marysville took a 28-18 decision from Sacramento Girls' Athletic club to capture the women's consolation.

Dick Adachi of Berkeley was chosen the most valuable player, while Ted Tahira of Stockton was voted the most outstanding player in the men's division.

Among the women, Michi "Peanuts" Nishimoto was awarded the outstanding forward trophy, while teammate Fumi Sakata won the outstanding guard honor.

Hole-in-One

SEATTLE. — Mike Yoshimoto added his name to Seattle's list of "aces" in mid-December, scoring his one shot with a six-iron on the 120-yard sixth on Jefferson Park's short nine.

Orange County golfer

SANTA ANA. — Johnny Ohta of Huntington Beach was elected president of the Orange County Nisei Golf Club.

Hi-Fi golfers elect

BERKELEY.—P.A. Shibata of Mt. Eden was elected president of the Hi-Fli golf club for the coming year.

Bowling Proprietors Ass'n of America, hosted the 1957 national tournament at his Albany Lanes. Mo Katow served as hard-working chairman of this tournament which pulled a total of 104 teams. Hawaii figured prominently, not only in sending a record 15 teams, but the Hawaii contingent transformed the site of the awards dinner-dance into a veritable garden of flowers. Pop Stagbar of the Honolulu Bowl-O-Drome presented a women's singles perpetual trophy to the tournament. Katherine Kitajima served as tournament queen.

The tournament went to the Pacific Northwest for the first time in 1958, and was held at the Seattle Bowling Recreation Lanes under the direction of Fred Takagi. Sequoia Nursery finally achieved its third men's team title and retired the perpetual trophy donated by the H and F Co. of Los Angeles in 1951.

Moving the tournament up one day to conclude with the Awards Dinner-Dance on Saturday proved to be popular and welcome. A special scroll citation was presented to Royal Brougham, sports editor of the Seattle Post Intelligencer, "for leading the fight to extend democracy to bowling".

The newly instituted National JACL gold medal for "300" games was presented to 11 Nisei who have rolled perfect games in sanctioned competition. The Seattle Tournament Committee donated a perpetual trophy for the women's team event.

SOMETHING NEW IN NISEI SPORTS: 'CHUTE JUMPING

ALBUQUERQUE.—Something new in sports is parachute jumping and the Albuquerque Parachute Club, now organized for about 10 months, has been demonstrating the sport outside the city limits. Several weekends ago, Michi Yamamoto, secretary to a local attorney, made her first jump.

Triplicate: 205s

PORTLAND.—Rick Itaoka of Seattle fired a 205 triplicate for a special ABC Award in the recent Oregon Nisei Tournament here.

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and state levels show that quiet speaking Tak (who to me is sometimes barely audible on the phone) has the quality of gaining and keeping the attention of legislators and public executive to whom he speaks. He gets the attention which makes him the acknowledged leader and spokesman in the community and to the "upstairs" figures on the outside.

Couple of years ago he was cited by the Association of Landscape Designers and Contractors for his work in restoring landscaping to federal financing under Title I of the National Housing Act. Senators Magnuson, Sparkman, and Fulbright lent their aid in this measure which Tak undertook, thereby benefiting every landscaper in the nation.

Besides the presidency of the Seattle Chapter, Kubota is a hard working officer and committeeman of the First Hill Lions, The Jackson Street Community Council, the Mayor's Committee on Urban Renewal, and others we cannot recall just now.

At this stage, work on the anti-alien land law is progressing in the smoke filled rooms.

In the ever active Puyallup Valley JACL Chapter, which includes Tacoma, an anti-alien land law committee has been formed of Robert Mizukami, Dalichi Yoshioka, and Dr. John Kanda. In an effort of coordination as part of a State wide group, they have met with the Seattle committee, Kubota, Bill Mimbu, and Toru Sakahara, national second vice-president.

In Olympia, the legislative council has approved its sub-committee's resolution recommending the repeal of the land law as discriminatory and obsolete. A joint hearing is indicated for the middle of January, soon after the January 12 opening of the legislative session, and you can bet that the JACL representatives will be there.

THIRTY YEARS AGO

In our reflections over the new year events of the past, suddenly became aware that this week marks the 30th anniversary of Vol. 1, No. 1 of the late Jimmie Sakamoto's Japanese American Courier, the "first Japanese journal all in English." It was dated Sunday, Jan. 1, 1928, although all succeeding issue appeared under a Saturday dateline.

Thirty years later, it may be appropriate to repeat some of the visionary remarks of that first editorial.

"The time has also arrived when the American born Japanese must take his rightful place in the life of the community and discharge his obligations and duties that were inherited by him as a natural born American citizen. Identification with the political life and institutions of the nation, state and municipal governments has become a paramount obligation with him and that obligation must not be looked upon otherwise than the privilege that came to him by right of birth in this country.

"The Courier" is given to understand that there has always been established in this community a citizens' league to stimulate greater political action among the voting American-born Japanese. It is commendable that such an organization has already been formed in this community, and it can well rest assured that it will receive the heartiest co-operation from "The Courier" on any measure or action that she deems will serve justly and genuinely the best interests of the American born Japanese and the community at large."

(Note: The Seattle Chapter was organized Sept. 27, 1921 as the Seattle Progressive Citizens' League. Seattleites claim it is the pioneer chapter. About the remarks, "The Courier is given to understand," Jimmie was in the East and away from local doings from 1921 til November, 1927).

WASHINGTON NEWSLETTER: by Mike Masaoka

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are legend, will also be among the significant battles of the coming session.

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AND, IN THE BACKGROUND will be another kind of fight; this will be among those in both parties who feel that they have a chance for the first or second spot in the 1960 national elections. Their maneuvers, their speeches, their alliances, their votes—all will be interesting to observe as they jockey for position for the grand sweepstakes of November, 1960. No matter what is said in public, there is not a Senator or Congressman who does not secretly aspire to the Presidency or Vice Presidency and hopes that the lightning will strike him. Many, however, are sensible enough to realize the odds against them, so they would become the "powers behind the throne".

And those in the Congress, from the Vice President to the Majority Leader down, will give special attention to those outside the legislative halls who also have aspirations.

Thus, as the new session prepares to convene, let us hope that partisanship and personal gain will not destroy the great potential for "good" of this 86th Congress.

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Masaoka explains his role as 'lobbyist' in 45-min. radio show, urges U.S.-Japan economic groups to understand each other

BY TOORU KANAZAWA

New York

Mike Masaoka, who was described as "the voice of Japan in the halls of Congress," was interviewed by Tex McCrary Monday night, Dec. 8, over Station WOR during the Tex and Jinx show.

In the course of the 45-minute talk Mike was asked how he felt about having been called two "dirty" names during his public career. One was "Jap." The other was "lobbyist." Mike replied without dropping a syllable.

McCrary, after mentioning that this interview was taking place 17 years after Pearl Harbor, a "Day of Infamy," introduced Mike as a "Nisi" who had fought for the United States in wartime and now was the voice of a former enemy in the halls of Congress.

Mike sketched in some historical background—when he had first met Jinx (she was absent because of illness) in 1945 in Italy, of the record of the 442nd RCT, one of two experimental combat teams, and the reactions of the Germans against whom the outfit fought.

With a little over 3,000 personnel, he said, the 442nd suffered more than 9,000 casualties, set by the U.S. army as 309 per cent, received 18,000 individual decorations or about six per man, and seven Presidential Unit Citations.

Use of 'Japs'

Regarding the use of the word "Jap," Mike said that it was drummed up by the racists on the West Coast, where it had connotations as an epithet. He pointed out that it was little used now.

"The wonderful thing about Americans," Mike said, "is when they get to know you they treat you all right."

Regarding the other "dirty" word "Lobbyist," Mike felt that lobbyists were a necessity. Congressmen receive hundreds of bills to consider and they don't have the time or the inclination to wade through all this matter.

"I see the function of lobbyists to see that both sides of a proposition are presented for the impartial judgment of Congressmen." Even the states have lobbyists in Washington, he said, California, he cited an example, has four who work with the representatives of that state in Congress.

'Squeaks'

"One of the wisest Congressmen once told me," he said, "The wheel that squeaks gets the most oil."

He pointed out that there were more than seven thousand lobbyists, all registered, in Washington, who do what they can to advise and influence the some 500 plus Congressmen.

McCrary asked Mike what he was lobbying for.

The Japanese Americans are Americans first, Mike said, but they are so situated and qualified

as to best understand what Japan can do for a world at peace.

In the case of Japan, that country needs to export to the United States to live. It is a necessity, he said.

Facts of Trade

In view of the outcry raised for protection against "cheap" Japanese goods, he said that the fact is lost sight of that after Canada, Japan is America's next best customer. She imports one billion four hundred million dollars worth of goods. The United States imports 600 million dollars worth from Japan. The trade balance is more than double in favor of the United States. "This is good business."

It is his job, he said, to present the facts, to bring about an understanding between economic groups in the two countries so that they may live cooperatively together.

He admitted that some manufacturers in the United States suffered. But they can be likened to casualties in the cold war now being waged, in which Japan is an important bastion.

Japan, Mike said, has a right to live. She must be kept in the camp of the West. She is impor-

tant because she is the only showcase in the Orient. A showcase of free enterprise and democracy working successfully.

Quality Exports

In answer to McCrary's point that "Made in Japan" used to mean cheap goods, and how Japan was coping with this, Mike said that it was true that before the war there were cheap goods sent to the United States. But today Japan is building a reputation for quality, he said, and gave as an example cameras.

As a final argument for better trade relations between the two countries Mike stated that the West is in a rubble war with Russia. The Soviet Union is underselling the West in the world's markets.

The same is true in Asia. Red China is underselling Japan in the markets of the Orient in order to drive Japan out, Mike said. Japan must have favorable trade relations with the United States to live.

In this context, Mike felt that he as a lobbyist was doing a worthwhile and important job.

Hokubei Shimpo.

Alien resident wins back bonds seized by U.S. in 1942, had repatriated to Japan

HONOLULU.—Federal Judge John Wiig ruled that a Japanese citizen living in Hawaii has legal claim to three bonds seized from her during World War II under the Trading with the Enemy Act.

The bonds are three \$1,000 gold debentures of the Oriental Development Co. Present day value is \$5,280, belonging to Mrs. Kimiko Arita of 4732 Kahala Ave., Wiig ruled.

According to U.S. law, seized property may be returned to aliens who were residents of the U.S. at the time of seizure, and who are not enemies or allies of an enemy.

Mrs. Arita's troubles came when she returned to Japan in December, 1945, staying there until 1954.

All this period the U.S. was still legally at war with Japan because the peace treaty was not yet signed.

Rule of Residence

But Wiig ruled on Dec. 16 this residence didn't matter, because Mrs. Aritawas a legal resident of Hawaii when her bonds were seized in 1942.

Her husband, Takazo Arita, who was a barber on Lanai, was interned in 1942. He was sent to an Arizona relocation camp where Mrs. Arita joined him in 1945.

Later the same year they were voluntarily repatriated to Japan where a son was in the Japanese navy and a daughter was a teacher.

VITAL STATISTICS

BIRTHS

COLUMBIA
KATAMURA, William — boy, June 26, Grimes.
YOLO COUNTY
IWAKIRI, Ben—boy, July 12, Davis.
MASUNAGA, Shiro — boy, May 3, West Sacramento.
NAKAGIRI, James — boy, Aug. 31, Davis.
OJIMA, Shizuo—boy, Apr. 12, Woodland.

SEATTLE

CHIHARA, Theodore—girl, Sept. 17.
HONDA, Richard—girl, Aug. 15.
KIMURA, Richard — girl, Aug. 14.
KUNIYUKI, Yoshinobu — boy, Aug. 15.
NAKAMICHI, Frank—girl, Sept. 15.
SHIBAYAMA, George K — boy, TAKEMOTO, Victor—boy, Sept. 4.

ENGAGED

Horiuchi-Watanabe — Bebe Toshio, Detroit, to Frank, Livonia, Mich.
Konno-Narita—Jean to Susumu, both New York.
Kuba-Togasaki—Mary, Honolulu, to Minoru, Detroit.
Suzuki-Fujita—June, San Francisco, to George, Loomis.
Takimoto-Yokomi — Nobuko, Los Angeles, to Akira, Fresno.
Taniyama-Nukaya—Pamela, Potomac, to Ken, Idaho Falls.
Tsumura-Kimura — Junko to Manabu, both Denver.

WEDDING

Asakawa-Tachibana — Oct. 19, Allan, Berkeley; Helyn, Santa Clara.
Fukuda-Honda—Sept. 20, Toyooki, Vista; Yoshiko, Carlsbad.
Fukuda-Ohta—Oct. 4, Dr. Ippu and Kazuko, both Chicago.
Go-Sarusal—Oct. 11, Fumio and Carmen, both Seattle.
Hori-Sugano—Sept. 7, George T. and Helen M., both Pasadena.
Kishiyama-Horiuchi — Oct. 4, Tom and Yayeko, both Brighton, Colo.
Komatsu-Kinoshita—Mitsugi and Shirley, both Acampo.
Kono-Tamiya—Sept. 13, Shigeru and Ayako, both Los Angeles.
Matsuda-Ueno—Aug. 23, Nelson and Sakie, both Seattle.
Matsuno-Iwasaki—Sept. 7, Masayoshi and Teruko, both Los Angeles.
Mayeda-Shiroyama — Oct. 19, John, Watsonville; Ikuko, Layton.
Mori-Takamatsu—Aug. 17, Paul T., Montebello; Nancy, Los Angeles.
Narasaki-Kawamoto — Oct. 12, Toshiaki and Tsuzuye, both Pasadena.
Osato-Ishizuka—Oct. 4, Wallace,

Honolulu; Arlene, Watsonville.
Otani-Hayashida—Nov. 1, Richard and Evelyn, both Minneapolis.
Shida-Yotori—Nov. 8, Koji, Pasadena; Kimiko, Parlier.
Shimane-Fujiwara—Oct. 5, Bert, Gardena; Chiyee, Redondo Beach.
Takemoto-Uota—Nov. 8, Masao and Fujiko, both Sanger.
Tanaka-Shimizu—Oct. 12, Roy T. and Alice, both Los Angeles.
Tatsumi-Fukuda—Oct. 11, Yoshiro and Lorraine, both Los Angeles.
Toyofuku-Kawaoka — Oct. 26, Keiji, Oakland; Sachiko, San Francisco.
Tsunemitsu-Fukuda — Oct. 12, Joe and Ayako, both Portland.
Umemoto-Katayama — Oct. 26, David, San Jose; Emily, Berkeley.
Uyeda-Nakagawa—Aug. 17, Max and Louise H., both Spokane.
Uyenishi-Ikeda — Sept. 7, Ben, Los Angeles; Irene, San Gabriel.
Yoda-Shimoda—Oct. 4, Hayao, Seattle; Rose, Tacoma.

DEATHS

Bando, Tokujiro, 82: San Mateo, Oct. 18.
Beppu, Otokichi, 80: Salt Lake City, Oct. 13.
Doi, Mrs. Satoru: Auburn, Oct. 18.
Endo, Yoshigoro, 73: Clearfield, Utah, Oct. 29.
Hamanaka Haruye, 74: Fresno Oct. 30.
Kinoshita, Knjuro, 92: Chicago, Oct. 23 (funeral).
Miyamoto, Setsuo: Reedley, Oct. 21.
Mizuno, Bunji, 72: Salt Lake City, Oct. 21.
Mizuno, Bunzaburo, 72: Salt Lake City, Oct. 21.
Nakagawa, Tanaye, 77: Chicago, Oct. 26.
Nakamura, Senzo, 70: Lodi, Oct. 3.
Nakazono, Yaichi, 83: Richmond, Oct. 10.
Okamoto, Masao R., 22: Walnut Grove, Oct. 23.
Sera, Iekan: Oakland, Oct. 30.
Sugioka, Genichi, 66: Petaluma, Oct. 18.
Sumida, Shinjiro, 74: Winslow, Wash., Oct. 29.
Uyemura Tatsuye, 66: Chicago, Oct. 24.
Teramae, Hiroichi, 58: Vacaville, Oct. 16.
Tomita, Kanjiro, 82: Loomis Oct. 16.
TOKUNAGA, Kamekichi 81: San Jose, Oct. 3.
Watanabe, Suekichi: Denver, Oct. 23.
Yabe, Mrs. Tomi, 71: Sacramento, Oct. 27.
Yamaguchi, Yoshitaka, 74: Denver, Oct. 15.



Kiyo Onishi, representing the Veledas, was picked queen of the Nov. 29 Portland community dance. Seven area organizations were represented by princesses and each dance ticket entitled holder to one vote for selection of the queen. Portland and Gresham-Troutdale JACL chapters sponsored Kiyomi Kayama and Martha Ann Suzuki, respectively. —Joe Tsunemitsu Photo.



Washington

NEWSLETTER

BY MIKE MASAOKA

86th Congress Outlook

Washington, D.C.

AS THE NEW YEAR dawns, bringing with it new hopes and new dreams, we Americans, as well as the peoples of the Free World, look to the 86th Congress for leadership in a troubled, tension-filled time.

Prospectively, the new Congress that convenes next Wednesday, January 7, can be one that will lay down constructive policies for the Administration to follow in both the domestic and foreign fields and to enact forward-looking legislation that will give added dignity and present greater opportunities to all men.

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WITH PRESIDENT EISENHOWER unable by law to seek another term in the White House, with the Democrats enjoying their greatest majorities since the heyday of the New Deal a quarter of a century ago, and with a presidential election in another year when the Democratic record in Congress may be the decisive issue, there is little doubt that there will be a real movement among most Democrats to try to present and pass their own legislative program for a better America, rather than to revise and modify those that may be proposed by the lame-duck Administration.

With this latter thought in mind, Democratic leaders since the November uprising have suggested their own ideas as to what the legislative objectives of the new Congress should be. In the forefront has been Majority Leader Lyndon Johnson of Texas. The Democrats are not waiting for the President's State of the Union speech to learn what the country needs; they feel that the last election was a mandate from the electorate for more "humane" legislation.

With the experienced leadership duo of Speaker Sam Rayburn in the House and Johnson in the Senate, extremist measures are not expected to be considered. And, with almost two-thirds margins in both Houses—nearly enough to override presidential vetoes—the Democrats can just about write their own ticket. Accordingly, the 1960 sweepstakes for the presidency may well be decided on the basis of the Democratic record in this, the First Session, and next year, in the Second Session. In other words, this biennium may be the factor that will determine whether the Republicans can retain the White House or the Democrats can regain its total domination of the political scene. For the mathematics of their last victory guarantees Senate control in 1960 regardless of the election outcome and practically assures them two years hence House control too.

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IN THE CRUCIAL sphere of international relations, great changes are anticipated, especially in the Senate which, constitutionally, has an important role to play because of its power to ratify treaties and to confirm State Department and foreign service personnel.

Ohio's John W. Bricker who for the past several years has attempted to restrict the President's treaty-making authority was a Republican casualty of the last elections. As a vice-presidential candidate in 1944, he proposed that the West Coast states exercise "local options" as to whether they would allow evacuated Japanese Americans to return to their prewar homes and associations. So was Nevada's George Malone, one of the most outspoken foes of foreign aid and reciprocal trade. During the war, he served as Happy Chandler's investigator for his Military Affairs Subcommittee that wanted to place the civilian War Relocation Authority under Army supervision. Though not an isolationist, Nationalist China's principal apologist, California's William Knowland, who was the Minority Leader for the past four years, will also be absent when the next Congress convenes. Indiana's William Jenner, as rugged an individualist as there was in the past several Congresses, will be another absentee when the roll is called next Wednesday at noon.

That these four stalwarts of the Old Guard of the Grand Old Party will not be in their accustomed places of leadership assures a new look in Senate debate on foreign aid, trade, and other aspects of our relations with the community of free and uncommitted nations.

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WITH SO MANY freshmen congressmen of the liberal persuasion taking seats in the 86th Congress, it is expected that one of the first skirmishes that may lead to a battle in the opening day or days of the next session will be the drive in the Senate to change its rules to allow a majority to invoke cloture after full and free debate and the effort in the House to strip its Rules Committee of its life-and-death control over the bills to be considered by that body.

Without doubt too, there will be renewed efforts to secure more meaningful civil rights legislation, more adequate school construction and aid to public education, more low-cost public housing and aid to those who would purchase homes of their own, more enlightened participation in the nuclear, space age, more economic help for undeveloped areas and otherwise more statesmanlike foreign policy, more intelligent internal and external security practices, more generous immigration opportunities, aid to depressed areas, etc. For the bulk of the recently elected Senators and Representatives come from urban and near-urban areas where human rights are considered vastly more important than mere property rights.

Whether these newcomers to the congressional arena will be able to force through their enlightened measures against the possible opposition of certain Conservative Southern chairmen of key committees, whose parliamentary machinations

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Nisei VFW Post application for Gardena poker palace license stirs controversy

GARDENA. — The long-smoldering controversy over Gardena's poker clubs flared up again last week after Mayor Adam W. Bolton — long a backer of the poker palaces — made a fiery speech to the Gardena City Council urging repeal of the city's ordinance legalizing the card castles.

Mayor Bolton charged that a combine of four card clubs, fighting establishment of a new club which would be licensed to two veterans' organizations, are "trying to run this town."

"It is time to take stock and see who is going to administer the affairs of this city, the card club operators or the duly elected representatives!" cried Mayor Bolton, who has been a member of Gardena's City Council for 17 years.

Fight Background

Background of the new fight is this:

Last Dec. 9, the Council, by a 3-2 vote, approved granting an additional license for a poker parlor to the city's VFW Nisei Post and AMVETS. Four of the city's present six authorized chip chateaux bitterly oppose such a move, reportedly in the belief that the operator of one of the other two clubs is backing the veterans' move.

As a result, embittered operators of the four opposing clubs are now circulating petitions for a referendum vote on the Council's action.

"I insist," Mayor Bolton told the City Council Tuesday night, "that my proposed ordinance abolishing

the card clubs altogether also be placed on the ballot as a proposition if and when a referendum vote is taken."

Several months ago the Gardena Council amended the city's card club ordinance to increase the license fees from \$1,000 a year per table to \$1,400.

(All of the six clubs maintain the maximum of 35 tables.)

The clubs paid the boosted fee under protest.

This was another action which apparently angered Mayor Bolton. In his address to the City Council, he angrily declared:

"This was a reasonable action in keeping with the rising cost of government. Immediately thereafter, however, the legalized clubs displayed their total disregard for legislative authority by paying this legitimate fee under protest and threatened the city with court action to effect recovery of the fees with interest."

Petitions Circulated

According to wholly unofficial reports, the embittered four card clubs now have 500-600 signatures on their petitions for a referendum. They need between 1,500 and 2,000 to swing a special election.

"These four clubs," Mayor Bolton charged at the Council meeting, "are flexing their muscles in an attempt to usurp the due process of authority by the City Council. They are instigating and financing the circulation of referendum petitions to force the matter on the ballot and burden the taxpayers with an additional election expense."

Kabuki authority to live as permanent resident in U.S., entry quickly approved

Mmes. Tokuho Azuma, one of Japan's foremost authorities on kabuki plays, will enter the United States as a permanent resident next April and will make her home in Los Angeles.

The internationally-known kabuki tutor brought her troupe twice before to America and created a sensation among the critics.

Her application to live in the United States was made through Mrs. Sayoko Ogomori, vice-president of the Japanese Music and Dance Institute.

In expressing Mme. Azuma's desire to come here, Mrs. Ogomori said the famed instructor "has just about finished her work in Tokyo. She wants to bring the intricate teachings of the Japanese drama to the Occidental world."

Katsuma Mukaeda, whose offices processed Mme. Azuma's entry permit, declared the application was filed Oct. 20 and was approved Nov. 6, remarking it was one of the quickest application acceptances on record. Artists enter under the "technical skill" category of the immigration quota.

Mme. Azuma, who will be 50 this year, plans to open drama schools in Los Angeles and New

York. She will be active on stage and television to transmit the kabuki art to American audiences.

Job bias—

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order had been placed."

ADL, Berman was careful to say, is not charging the 25 companies with discriminatory employment policies. "But investigation by the President's Committee will disclose whether in each case the discriminatory job order was placed in ignorance or in violation of the firm's policy, or whether management itself encourages practices violative of the principle of merit employment required of U.S. government contractors."

Berman went on to state that the documentation against these 25 firms is a segment of more than 200 new discriminatory job orders which have recently come to its attention. "But we forwarded to the President's Committee only those firms which we are reasonably certain hold government contracts."

While identification of the firms was withheld, they were described as embracing primarily manufacturing, insurance, banking, and oil.

Code System

Concerning the role of the private employment agencies, Berman said that "ADL is deeply concerned by their continuing practice of coding job orders to that minority applicants especially are denoted by numbers and letters." Recognizing that the private employment agency, as "middle man," has little choice but to accept the discriminatory specifications given by some employers, Berman expressed the view that fair employment practices legislation "is probably the only effective way to take the agency off the hot seat."

ADL's latest complaint was filed with Mrs. Eloise Klocke, director of the Western Regional Office of the President's Committee on Government Contracts, located in Los Angeles. According to advices just received from Washington, Berman concluded, "the Committee has already established jurisdiction with respect to 9 of the 25 firms cited by us."

CALIF. NISEI COLLEGIANS VOTE TO DISBAND UNIT

FRESNO. — The California Intercollegiate Nisei Organization, founded by collegians in 1950 to aid Nisei become socially integrated on campus, was disbanded by the vote of delegates attending the 1958 conference here this past weekend.

CINO has already served its purpose of assisting Nisei on campus, the conference declared in its disbanding statement. Furthermore, lack of financial aid and interest in CINO as such were also contributing factors.

In recent years, the emphasis of CINO gatherings turned to selection of campus queens and basketball tournaments. The 1958 queen was Janet Okamoto of UCLA, while the Nisei Trojans of USC won the cage tourney, beating UCLA Nisei 67-48. Ex-Trojan varsity member Kaz Shinzato led with 28 points.

Delegates also noted that if any group in the future desired to form a collegian unit the use of the CINO name be avoided.

The final CINO scholarship of \$150 was awarded to UCLA's James Kato.

Roy Yamadera of East L.A. re-elected

Roy Yamadera was re-elected 1959 chapter president of East Los Angeles JACL, the membership voting to keep him at the helm for another year in view of the superb 1958 program.

Assisting him will be Frank Okamoto (program), Mas Hayashi (memb.), Rose Shinmoto (social), v.p.; Mikie Hamada, treas.; Dorothy Katano, cor. sec.; Jim Higashi, aud.; Shiz Miya, hist.; Hiro Omura, pub.; Ritsuko Kawakami, 1000 Club; Sam Furuta, int. rel.; Sakae Ishihara, legis.-legal.

A recording secretary is to be appointed by the cabinet. Hiro Omura was named youth coordinator.

The chapter will join other Los Angeles area chapters installing the new officers at a dance Jan. 31 at Ole Dixie's, 4269 S. Western Ave. A dinner has been scheduled with the Pasadena JACL prior to the dance at the same locale.

Over 200 attended the Issei Recognition program Dec. 14 at Tenrikyo Hall with Matao Uwate, Radio Little Tokyo announcer, as emcee. Choyei Kondo, popular newspaper columnist, responded in behalf of the Issei.

Calif. strawberry board of advisers includes Nisei

SACRAMENTO. — Six Nisei were named to the 19 member Strawberry Advisory Board for the 1959 term by the State Agricultural Department last week. They were:

(Producers) Fred Yasukochi, San Luis Rey; Masao Nakata, Fresno; Hideo Nakamura, San Jose; (Processors) Tak Higuchi, Watsonville; (Shoppers) Fred Y. Hirasuna, Fresno; and Tad Tomita, San Jose.

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CALENDAR

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Jan. 9 (Friday)
Sonoma County — General meeting, Memorial Hall, 7:30 p.m.
Jan. 10 (Saturday)
Twin Cities—Installation dinner, Park Terrace, 4700 Excelsior Blvd., 8:30 p.m.
Lawrence Steefel, mkr.
D.C.—Installation dinner-dance, Bethesda Country Club.
Sonoma County—Installation party, Sebastopol Memorial Hall.
Jan. 17 (Saturday)
Idaho Falls—Winter Carnival, Armory.
Long Beach—Installation dinner-dance, Currie's Santa Fe, 7 p.m.; dance from 9.
West L.A.—Venice Culver—Inaugural dinner-dance.
Jan. 18 (Sunday)
Southwest L.A.—Inaugural dinner-dance, Nikabob's.
Jan. 24 (Saturday)
Salt Lake City—Natl. JACL Credit Union annual meeting, Art Barn.
Jan. 31 (Saturday)
L.A. Coordinating Council—Installation dance, Ole Dixie's, 4269 S. Western Ave.
Feb. 1 (Sunday)
NC-WNDC—Quarterly meeting, Stockton JACL hosts.

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