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COLUMN LEFT:

Welcome Bakersfield, our 85th chapter

Organizationally speaking, the meeting of 40 Nisei to form the Bakersfield JACL Chapter last Sunday was the top news of the week. Upon issuance of a charter, Bakersfield becomes the 11th chapter in the Central California district, the 85th in the national organization.

This item may elicit questions on how a chapter might be organized. Minimum requirements are that (1) 25 or more American citizens 18 years or over sign a petition for a charter indicating they subscribe to the purposes of JACL, have a set of officers, have a chapter constitution acceptable to the National Board.

(Purposes of JACL are quotable from the JACL preamble, which in part says: "... in order to foster American democracy, promote active participation in civic and national life, and secure justice and equal opportunities for persons of Japanese ancestry ...")

Application made to National Headquarters is accompanied by payment of \$10 chapter initiation fees, \$10 chapter dues and \$2 national membership fees for each member. The charter is granted after serving a probationary period of 6 months and recommendation from the district council, of which it will be a member.

If local Nisei groups seek to engage in worthwhile civic activities, such conscientiousness eventually develops a sense of "security through unity". In this modern age of ultrasonic speed and nuclear fission, the verities of that expression are obvious for its antithesis forecasts: "divided we fall". As a JACL chapter, the group would also act "for better Americans in a greater America."

Inquiries are always welcome at National Headquarters, 1634 Post St., San Francisco 15, Calif. In many instances, there are living in the community present or past national JACL officers who can render assistance.—H.H.

BAKERSFIELD NISEI TO FORM JACL CHAPTER

BAKERSFIELD. — Forty Nisei residents met with JACL National Director Mas Satow last Sunday, Feb. 8, and voted to form the Bakersfield Chapter of the JACL. An operating committee was elected consisting of Lloyd Kumataka, chairman; Mary Kinoshita, secretary; and Joe Ono, Dr. Yumibe, Dr. Warren Itokazu, Glenn Sogo, George Tatsuno, Miyeko Okawa, and Guy Murotani.

Also attending the meeting was a deputation from the neighboring Delano Chapter, headed by Dr. James Nagatani, chairman of the Central California District Council; Jeff Fukawa, Delano Chapter president; Lily Misono, CCDC secretary; Ed Nagatani, and former Delano Chapter presidents Mas Takaki, Nob Takaki, George Nagatani, Paul Kawasaki, and Sam Azuma.

A Kern County Chapter existed here prior to the war was organized in 1936.

The Bakersfield JACL is expected to become the 11th member of the Central California JACL District Council and 85th chapter of the national organization.

150 TEAMS READY FOR NAT'L JACL BOWLING CLASSIC

It will certainly be a festive holiday at Holiday Bowl come Mar. 3-7 when a record turnout of 150 men and women teams gather for the 13th annual National JACL Bowling Tournament.

While over half of the bowlers hail from the Southland, 20 teams are coming from Hawaii, 29 teams from Northern California, nine from Utah, five from Denver, four from Seattle, two each from Chicago and Idaho, and one each from Oregon and Central California.

Highlight of the tournament will be the presence of Richard W. Gano of Salt Lake City, president of the American Bowling Congress, who will be awarded the National JACL Scroll of Appreciation at the tournament awards dinner Mar. 7 at the Statler-Hilton Hotel.

Gano, then ABC vice-president, proved himself most helpful in interpreting ABC regulations when

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Salt Lake City wins IDC 'Year' award

SALT LAKE CITY. — Ichiro Doi, Salt Lake JACL president, came home this week from the first quarterly session of the Intermountain District Council hosted by Yellowstone JACL at Rexburg, Idaho, with the 1958 IDC "Chapter of the Year" honors.

George Sugai, nat'l 3rd v.p., as award committee chairman, declared Salt Lake JACL was outstanding "for sponsoring an outstanding national convention last year for which the entire IDC was proud and for signing up over 500 members, ranking fourth nationally, which was a feat in itself."

Joe Nishioka of Idaho Falls, IDC 1st v.c., presided in the absence of chairman Mas Yano of Salt Lake and Mrs. Martha Inouye served as secretary in the absence of regular secretary Toshiko Odow. Ogden JACL will host the next quarterly meeting in April.

Native Son leader of 1941-42 addresses Oakland JACL inaugural

BY HOWARD M. IMAZEKI

OAKLAND. — About 110 members, their friends and guests, who assembled in the dining room of the House of Harvey restaurant, near Oakland Municipal Airport, last Saturday night to honor the newly-elected officers of the Oakland JACL chapter, were silent and tense for a moment when the evening's speaker stood up in front of the mike to deliver his address. It was exactly 9:30 p.m.

The speaker had already been duly but cautiously introduced by Ken Matsumoto, the toastmaster, as being a representative of the Native Sons and Daughters of the Golden West. (This is a powerful political organization in California whose sole aim in the past seemed to have been keeping California "white" by excluding Orientals.)

The speaker, the toastmaster said, was Ed T. Schnarr, past grand president of NSDGW. Schnarr, Matsumoto explained, no doubt with full cognizance of the NSDGW policy in the past, had graciously accepted the speaking invitation extended by the Oakland chapter.

"For making this speech here tonight," Matsumoto added, "Mr. Schnarr may be crucified by his organization."

Schnarr stood in front of the Nisei audience, with a sprinkling of non-Nisei friends, looking every bit like the pillar of the fearful "Native Sons" outfit.

Prior to this, he had already seen a group of Nisei boy scouts advance the colors, heard the Rev. Frederick Yasaki offer the ringing invocation, witnessed National JACL director Mas Satow install the new officers stressing their responsibility of protecting the Constitution of the land, and saw the white-haired little Gold Star Mother and naturalized Issei citizen, Mrs. Chiyo Kajiwara, lead the group in pledging their allegiance to the Flag. And, with the JACL leaders and invited guests at the main table, he had already partaken the sumptuous chicken dinner served by the House.

To those who are familiar with the history of California and the part played by NSDGW in develop-

CHAPTER TO DONATE FLOWERS FOR RITES

HAYWARD. — Eden Township JACL has been annually air-shipping flowers for placement at the graves of Nisei war dead interred at Arlington National Cemetery on Memorial Day.

This past week, the chapter newsletter reported the 1959 contribution of flowers would be diverted to Golden Gate National Cemetery in San Bruno to decorate the graves of Nisei war dead there. With San Francisco Nisei veteran groups in charge of this year's services, National JACL Headquarters is notifying Bay Area next-of-kin of this change.

CALIF. STATE SENATE URGES HAWAII STATEHOOD

SACRAMENTO. — The California State Senate urged Congress to grant statehood to Hawaii this session in a resolution passed 33-1 last week.

The lone dissenter was Stanford C. Shaw (D., Ontario) of San Bernardino County, who told reporters.

"I'm not prepared to vote for having Japanese Hawaiian politicians as members of the House of Representatives and the United States Senate."

ing the economy and restraining the social progress of this state in the past, the first two sentences uttered by Schnarr were very much electrifying and at the same time most gratifying.

"Time heals many wounds," he said, adding quickly: "Time shows many mistakes."

Thus, for the first time publicly the Native Sons and Daughters of the Golden West, who were instrumental in passing the Oriental Exclusion Law of 1924 and in uprooting the Nisei citizens and their Issei parents from California's soil

in the 1942 evacuation, admitted that their past policy was WRONG and recognized their MISTAKE of fighting against the wind-mill.

"Our organization made a mistake," Schnarr repeated emphatically.

The speaker said that he, himself, was an American of German descent and explained that he, too, had suffered, during the first World War, the similar experiences the Nisei had to go through during the second World War.

"You didn't have to prove it

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Ed T. Schnarr, grand president of the Native Sons and Daughters of the Golden West in 1941, addresses Oakland JACL installation dinner. Seated at the main table are (from left) Francis Dunn, chairman of the Alameda County Board of Supervisors; Mrs. Jerry Enomoto of San Francisco; Jerry Enomoto, No. Calif.-West Nevada District Council chairman; and Ken Matsumoto, toastmaster, and wartime national JACL vice-president—Utsumi Photo.

JACLers deeply touched by sincerity of address by past Native Sons leader

Reactions of Ed Schnarr's address before the Oakland JACL of some of the JACLers follows:

Dr. Russell Wehara
Pioneer Eastbay JACler

This was the finest JACL affair I have ever attended. I experienced the wonderful satisfaction of hearing Mr. Edward Schnarr of the Native Sons & Daughters of the Golden West. I was deeply touched by his sincerity. I am proud and happy to see the JACL come this long way to gain new confidence and prestige within our community. I wish to continue to support it in every way possible in the future.

Dr. Charles Ishizu
Stockton JACL pres., 1940

When a man of his calibre and position (Edward Schnarr) comes right out and admits a terrible mistake had been made, the impact is tremendous. It takes a MAN to do this. It is human to make mistakes and it takes a MAN to know how to forgive.

Frank Tsukamoto
Oakland JACL pres., 1940

The direct and heartfelt remarks of Mr. Edward Schnarr came as no surprise to me. It took real courage to admit the mistakes of the past. The future of our nation depends upon this kind of courage and determination to bind all loyal Americans regardless of ancestry or religion into one dedicated brotherhood pledged to our Democratic way of life."

James Tsurumoto
Oakland pres., 1956

A very sincere man who spoke with authority.

Asa Fujie
Oakland pres., 1957

Being of German descent, Mr. Schnarr had himself experienced many trials during the First World War. Naturally he appreciated and understood our feelings.

Ken Matsumoto
Nat'l V.P., 1938-1946

When Ed Schnarr poured out his heartfelt expressions, it was in the language JACLers understood. He was forthright and honest, regretful and humble. It was a demonstration of courage in the finest American tradition. He won the hearts of everyone who heard him and left no doubt of his sincerity. Regardless of any spoken word, his very presence as a representative of the Native Sons & Daughters of the Golden West was in itself most significant and represents another milestone in the great comeback of Americans of Japanese descent.

Mas Yonemura
East Bay pres., 1951

I have known Ed Schnarr for many years because of my legal work here in the Alameda County Courts. He has always been fair to me and impartial in all of his dealings and I hold

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Ye Editor's Desk

NEVER LET IT be said that a JACL chapter should take a back seat to anything. What Oakland JACL commits to print in this week's Pacific Citizen has historic overtures that may well lead to the day when the U.S. Supreme Court would overrule the constitutionality of evacuation. The presence of Ed. Schnarr, 1941 grand president of the Native Sons and Daughters of the Golden West, as the principal speaker at the Oakland installation dinner seems bombastic enough, but his candid statement admitting they were mistaken in their estimate of Japanese Americans is truly monumental.

What transpired at the Oakland JACL installation may well be the seed to eliminate the tragic principle of evacuation as effected by President Roosevelt's Executive Order No. 9066 and sustained by the U.S. Supreme Court in the Korematsu Case. The order authorized the Secretary of War and military commanders to prescribe areas "from which any or all persons may be excluded" and it enabled the Army to carry out the mass evacuation of Japanese, aliens and citizens alike. This was speedily followed by passage within two weeks of a bill introduced by Senator Reynolds of North Carolina and Congressman Costello of California, giving congressional approval to the President's order and it became Public Law 503 (77th Session). It made it a misdemeanor to violate military orders in a designated zone of exclusion and those convicted were subject to a \$5,000 fine or one-year imprisonment, or both, for each count. (The late Senator Taft of Ohio strongly criticized the bill and was never forgotten by the JACL leadership.)

At a time when chapters are wondering what might be done program-wise, Oakland hit the jackpot this week by scoring a history-making installation event that will not be forgotten by the near 125 in the audience. We all owe a vote of thanks to Ken Matsumoto for having Mr. Schnarr as speaker at a JACL function. Ken, who was national JACL vice-president during the war years and organizer of the Cincinnati chapter, however prefers to extend credit to the entire chapter. "It was a team effort all the way" was the way he put it. "That affair may be deserving of some spotlight to show chapters can do better with their programming if they try."

We also want to thank Utsumi Photo Studio of Oakland for hustling the pictures for this week's issue, the JACLers whose quotes round out what was said and Howard Imazeki for his account of the affair.

HISTORICALLY, THE Native Sons and Daughters of the Golden West were among West Coast pressure groups which steered passage of the 1924 Japanese Exclusion Act and led by V.S. McClatchy, Sacramento Bee publisher and spokesman for the Oriental Exclusion League. Other groups included the state American Legion, State Federation of Labor (AFL) and the state Grange. Much of the vigor of this movement died in 1938 with the death of McClatchy. But its fervor was to peak under the Joint Immigration Committee with the outbreak of war and subsequent evacuation of all persons of Japanese ancestry.

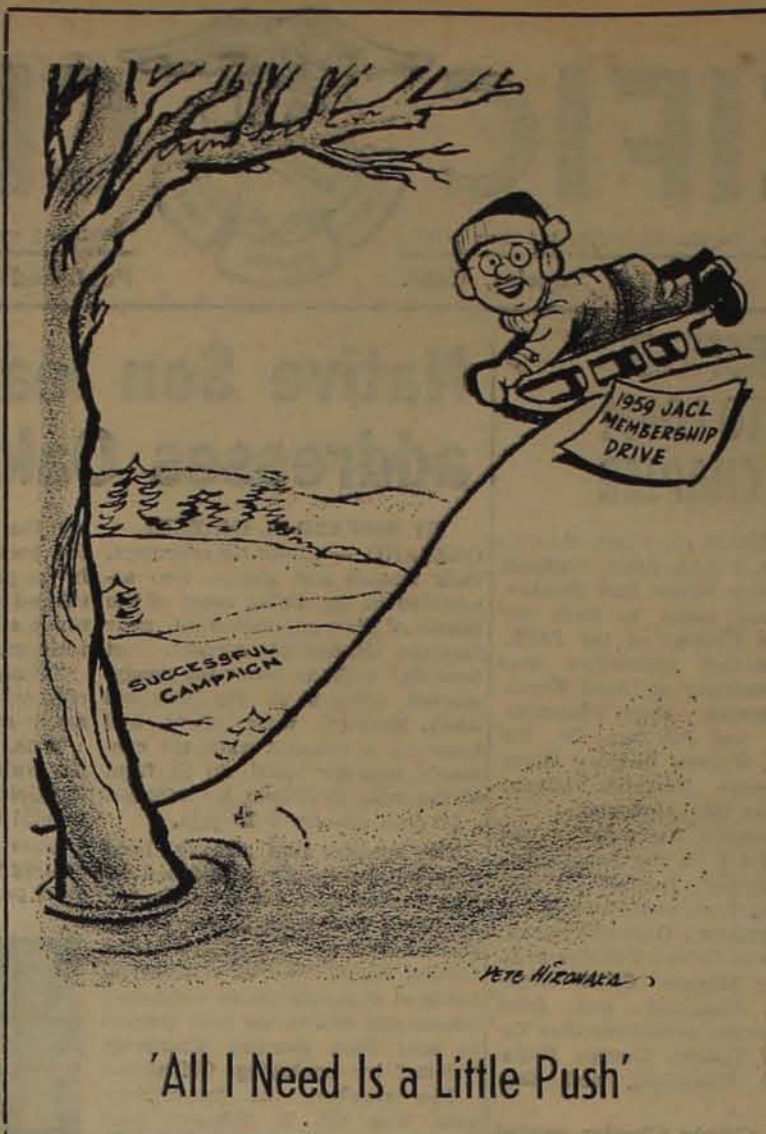
These were the same organizations which were influential in passage of anti-alien land laws in various states, deletion of passages favorable to the Japanese from textbooks used in California, anti-Japanese fishing laws and boosting white supremacy. But the Native Sons of the Golden West and its auxiliary group, the Native Daughters, were the most powerful anti-Japanese force, forever keeping alive the alleged "yellow menace" would eventually crowd out the white race from the Pacific Coast.

After Pearl Harbor was bombed, the Native Son's official publication Grizzly Bear noted it might not have happened if its warnings were heeded. Some of the warnings asked "Jap" propaganda agencies be silenced, legislation enacted to deny citizenship to offspring of all aliens ineligible to citizenship, prohibition of Japanese settlements in strategic areas, and denial of Japanese using California "as a breeding ground for dual citizens (Nisei)." Its grand officers approved forced mass evacuation for all resident Japanese, regardless of citizenship status, at a meeting held in San Francisco on Feb. 14, 1942. It was a meeting presided by Grand President Ed Schnarr—the guest speaker of the Oakland JACL installation dinner last Saturday.

The Native Sons also instituted legal action in July, 1942, to disenfranchise all Nisei challenging the American citizenship of persons of Japanese ancestry born in the United States with Schnarr as committee chairman. But the suit was thrown out of court by Federal Judge St. Sure. The same group campaigned to expatriate and deport all persons of Japanese

JACL had filed an amicus brief, and hailed the brief but dramatic decision as a judicial affirmation of American rights of all Americans regardless of racial ancestry. Three months later, the case was filed with the U.S. Supreme Court,

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'All I Need Is a Little Push'

Reactions—

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him in high esteem. I did not know he was a member of the NSDGW. I was happy that he should honor us on this occasion and my respect for him is greater for what he has said. I believe it was good that he should have this opportunity to meet with our group and to get better acquainted. In my experience with the JACL here in the Bay Area, I believe this was one of the most significant and constructive programs ever presented.

Sim Togatashi,
Nat'l Treasurer, 1932-38

Although the meeting was an outstanding success and everyone was licking their chops to see what would transpire, Mr. Schnarr did not come out and officially represent himself as specifically from a chapter, region or grand lodge of the Native Sons. Perhaps it was presumptuous on my part to think that we could obtain an official retraction.

I believe his audience was too young to remember the scars of evacuation. Perhaps, one fourth of the audience was really there digesting what he had to say.

He impressed me as a very conscientious individual who sincerely regretted the action of the NSGW, however I don't think he was apologizing for the organization. If we could follow up such events with more of the chapters trying to create a rapprochement with them whereby it does not break up into a mutual admiration society, it might be the embryo for "the" movement in trying to wipe out the executive order of President Roosevelt declaring our evacuation constitutional. I think that it would be wonderful for the Native Sons to initiate a drive to get that declared unconstitutional. Our civil liberties are unsafe until that happens.

All in all, it was history making but the expectancy was greater than the thrill of hearing the speech. If he had stated he had brought greetings from the grand president and was permitted to infer that the Grand Lodge had held the same opinion he did, then I would call it history making. We owe Ken Matsumoto a vote of thanks for getting him, but still I wonder if the Native Sons as a group really would be cordial to JACL as an organization. Every-one else has admitted their error

For longevity—eat sashimi and ripe tomatoes, said Issei who lived till 101

HONOLULU. — Fusakichi Kuwata, who died Jan. 18 at the age of 101, attributed his longevity to eating "lots of sashimi and ripe, juicy tomatoes". The Hiroshima native is survived by five children, 15 grandchildren and 11 great grandchildren.

Racial bias at bar hit in California measure

SACRAMENTO. — State Assemblyman Philip Burton (D., San Francisco) last week introduced two major bills in the area of civil rights—elimination of housing discrimination, and revocation of liquor license of any bar denying service for reasons of race, creed or color.

Burton was also named chairman of the Assembly Social Welfare Committee, which acts on measures dealing with mental health and state aid to the aged, blind and needy children.

Lodi Nisei Civic

LODI.—Dr. Hiro Kanegawa was installed president of the Lodi Nisei Civic Society last week.

concerning our evacuation and so it is appreciated, but it's nothing to rave about. Too little too late.

My only wish is that we can imbue the new officers with that sense of community responsibility of serving their fellow men. Give instead of get! I hope these thoughts will not make headlines but make more appreciative of what JACL has done, is doing and can do.

PC Letter Box

SOUTHLAND DAR PIN-WINNER

Editor: May I congratulate you on the fine write-up you gave to the Rev. Eizo Sakamoto of Rocky Ford, Colo., (PC Feb. 6). The recognition deserves a wide publicity, for the recipient of the DAR Americanism medal is not chosen only from among the Issei but from among all naturalized American citizens regardless of national origin. Rev. Sakamoto was selected from among thousands of naturalized citizens in recognition of his contribution to the community.

However, the heading "Issei first to get New DAR pin", as it appeared on the first page of your paper, must have been meant to be in the State of Colorado, because on Nov. 19, 1958, my husband, Dr. Hatsuji James Hara, an internationally known ear, nose and throat surgeon, received the first DAR Americanism medal in Southern California by the recommendation of the Cabrillo Chapter of the DAR, and it was presented by the State Regent, Mrs. John H. Champeau. The Los Angeles Times, the Examiner, the Mirror News and the Herald Express all gave an excellent report in their respective daily columns. The three local vernacular papers did likewise. Across the Pacific, both the Japan Times of Tokyo and the Army Stars and Stripes made favorable comments. The Tokyo radio on two different periods on the same day broadcasted the report as being a significant event in the friendly relationship between Japan and the United States.

Again may I congratulate the Rev. Sakamoto for the excellent translation of the DAR Manual.

MARGARET FARR

HARA, M.D.

Los Angeles.

YEAR OF BOAR

Editor: According to old Japanese tradition, 1959 is to be known as the Year of the Boar. As far as the Hollywood JACL is concerned, I will certainly do all I can to prevent its being remembered as such.

Our chapter really doesn't have too much to worry about (I hope) since under the new system, the development of our chapter will be spearheaded by the 16 elected members and our 7 former chapter presidents.

There's no question that we have a strong board, but in the long run, support and participation of (our) 1959 members will determine how good a year we will really have.

MIKE SUZUKI
President

Hollywood JACL.

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From the Frying Pan

By Bill Hosokawa

Denver, Colo.

COLORADO'S THREE — Colorado is divided into three principal farming areas and several secondary ones. The largest is the valley of the South Platte River, starting just north of Denver and following that shallow and meandering river north and then east toward the Nebraska line. The second is the valley of Arkansas River east of Pueblo and the third is the San Luis valley, a plateau nearly a mile and a half above sea level between two ranges of mountains.

Each of these areas has its Japanese American population, and each has a JACL chapter. Last week, I drove down to the Arkansas valley to visit with the JACLers there and attend their annual installation banquet. It was an impressive gathering held in the El Otero hotel in La Junta, attended by many of the valley's Caucasian dignitaries, and attesting to the high regard in which the Issei and Nisei citizens are held locally.

It was not always so. Ugi Harada, my host and mentor, recalls the time shortly after Pearl Harbor when a similar dinner was held in La Junta, only there were no Caucasians present. And a Caucasian friend of the group advised them it would be wiser to cut the banquet short and go home quietly for anti-Japanese feeling was running high. "We slipped out the side doors and hurried home," Ugi remembers.

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ISSEI CAME EARLY — The Arkansas Valley, in particular the Rocky Ford area, was settled early by the Issei. They came in the early 1900's, drawn by such employers as the Santa Fe railroad, the Colorado Fuel and Iron Corp., and the Holly Sugar Co. They stayed to farm the rich soil which grows incomparable cantaloupe and onions.

Ugi's father, Sadakichi, arrived in Rocky Ford in 1909, sired four sons and five daughters. The boys today run the Harada farms, with a branch operation in New Mexico, and are among the area's largest operators. Tom Nakayama, Jim Hiraki, Saido Mameda are other Nisei whose fathers sank roots in the valley when the century was young. In fact, there are many Nisei families who can boast that their origins go back nearly a half century in these parts.

In the face of a rising snowstorm, Ugi drove me to the Rocky Ford cemetery where 50 or more persons of Japanese origins are buried. Some of the moss-covered tombstones bear names that are remembered no longer by local residents. There are also a number whose deaths occurred during the terrible influenza epidemic of 1919; the stones carry the names of Issei who died in their late 'twenties and early thirties in this harsh and distant land.

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THE SURVIVORS — About all that remains of the hardy band of newcomers is about 50 family groups who add up to a membership of approximately 100 in the Arkansas Valley JACL chapter. Their meetings are held in a former bank building (the vault is still intact) in the town of Swink.

(Swink was named after a pioneer resident. Rocky Ford apparently got its name from a ford across the quicksand of the Arkansas River. Other nearby communities bear Spanish names like La Junta which I suppose means the "meeting place," and Las Animas, or "the spirits." There's also a small group of Nisei at a place with the good old Irish name of Crowley.)

In Colorado, Rocky Ford is synonymous with excellent cantaloupe, and to a lesser degree, watermelons. Gourmets look forward in great anticipation to the arrival of the first Rocky Fords in late summer. Some eastern buyers have standing orders for Rocky Ford melons even though their appearance is inferior to Imperial Valley fruit and their extremely high sugar content makes them poor travelers.

The bulk of these wonderful melons are grown today by Nisei farmers who are keeping the state's reputation as a melon producer alive with hard work, know-how and skilful use of soil, sun and snowwater.



Arkansas Valley JACL officers installed recently are (left to right) Ichiro Suto, treas.; Jim Hiraki, 3rd v.p.; Mrs. George Ushiyama, 2nd v.p.; Elmo Saiki of Las Animas, pres.; Mrs. Ted Maruyama, cor. sec.; Mike Fujimoto, rec. sec.; Gene Hirakata, aud.; and Henry Konishi, 1st v.p. Outgoing president Ugi Harada was toastmaster of the dinner at which Bill Hosokawa, assistant managing editor of the Denver Post, was main speaker. He traced the growth of JACL from the 1920s, then moved into the history of Japanese in America pointing out that they were pioneers as much as early Americans in the west from Europe. Hosokawa also told of his recent trip to Korea, Japan and southeast Asia, cautioned against recognition of Red China, urged continued support of the Chinese on Formosa and praised U.S. technical aid and assistance in Asia.

Japanese doctor quits Tangier Island for western Maryland coal mining town

LONACONING, Md. — Dr. Mikio Kato, who served as the only doctor on a little Chesapeake Bay island for more than a year, will begin practicing medicine in this western Maryland town.

Kato agreed to leave Japan in 1957 at the invitation of residents of Tangier Island, Va. However, after 19 months on the island, the 34-year old Japanese physician realized there was little for him to do.

"I feel as if I'm getting rusty," he explained three months ago. The 1,000 or so islanders were just too healthy.

So he decided to leave the historic community of fishermen and go to the coal mountain country of western Maryland.

Kato received his state medical certificate Jan. 27 and has recorded it at the court house in Cumberland.

He and Dr. Leslie R. Miles, who has practiced in Lonaconing for the past four years, will serve some 8,000 residents here.

While living on the island, Kato married the former Emma Sue Crockett. One of her ancestors John Crockett, settled on Tangier in 1686.

Nisei medico reports diagnosis of flu during epidemic half right, half wrong

CARMEL. — Physicians who depend upon symptoms and medical history to diagnose influenza are no more accurate than a tossed coin, a study made at U.C. student health service has shown.

Even well-trained and alert doctors are apt to call other respiratory diseases "influenza" if there is a flu epidemic in the community. Drs. C.R. Dawson and Kahn Uyeyama recently told the American Federation for Clinical Research here.

And the doctors also frequently miss real cases of influenza when they diagnose from clinical examination alone.

Dr. Dawson, of the U.S. Public Health Service, and Dr. Uyeyama of the U.C. student health service at Berkeley, compared the diagnosis of physicians made in the 1957 influenza epidemic with laboratory studies of throat washings taken from sick students.

The presence of flu virus was taken to confirm the illness as influenza. On this basis, the attending physicians were only 50 per cent accurate in (1) identifying non-influenza respiratory disease and (2) correctly diagnosing proved influenza.

In other words, a layman tossing a coin would do about as well.

Since health department reports on the number of cases of influenza in the community are drawn almost entirely from physicians' clinical examinations (lab studies are quite rare), it follows that headlines like "Flu Epidemic

Strikes Bay Area" are leaning on a frail reed indeed.

Conclude Dawson and Uyeyama: "It is clear that the attending physicians were heavily prejudiced in favor of the diagnosis of 'influenza' by the existence of a known influenza epidemic, where as about half of the actual influenza infections . . . could not be diagnosed by standard clinical criteria."

(Dr. Uyeyama is a prewar San Francisco JACL chapter president.)

Sham marriage lady on 5-yr. probation

SAN FRANCISCO. — Mrs. Adeline Jackson Miyayaga, 49, a four-time married nurse's aide, was placed on five-year probation last week for her part in a sham marriage to Kazumi Miyayaga, 29, Japanese college student who needed a wife to win permanent U.S. residency. She pleaded guilty to making false statements to the U.S. immigration service with the purpose of changing the student's alien status. Federal Judge George B. Harris, noting that she earns only \$210 a month, said he could see no reason to fine her.

The student has been missing since the government began its investigation.

Club 100 president

HONOLULU. — Schoolteacher Richard S. Oguro succeeds Rep. Howard Y. Miyake as president of the Club 100, which recently broke ground on their 3-story 23-unit apartment building, revenue of which will be used for club activities.

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Detroit Cler cited for prize-winning design of home

BY DORIS FUJIOKA

DETROIT. — Wallace Kagawa, A.I.A. and a past president of the Detroit JACL, has been honored with several awards for a prize winning design in the American Home Magazine's annual Citation Contest which was designated by the magazine and its readers as "best house for the money in Michigan." This home was designed by the designer-architect team of Kagawa and Noftz.

Chosen in 1958 as one of the three finalists from the state of Michigan by the first American Home Citation, this design was awarded a grand prize in competition with other finalists on a nationwide basis.

Votes and comments from American Home readers stressed not only the beauty of the exterior but the practicability and inner beauty, the spaciousness, and convenience of this three bedroom, 1½ bath contemporary ranch house. The prize winning design can be seen in the February, 1959 issue of American Home. This house was also cited by the Saturday Evening Post.

Kagawa, formerly associated with Yamasaki, Leinweber & Associates, is currently working on custom designed homes in the \$25,000 - \$100,000 range, commercial projects and was designer for a builders sub-division in Florida.

Born in Honolulu, he received his education at the Univ. of Illinois, and is married to the former Yori Yamasaki of Modesto, Calif., and has three children, Kathryn, Paul, and Kenneth. They live at 12011 Beaverland, Detroit 39, Mich.

Redevelopment project moves final Nisei store

SACRAMENTO. — The Yorozu, managed by Eugene Okada, operating in the only building on the block now being razed for civic redevelopment, announced it will move this week to 322 O St., reopening Mar. 10.

The Yorozu is the last of the business houses south of Capitol Ave. which had been forced to move because of the redevelopment project.

Japanese merchants in the redevelopment area on 4th St. north of Capitol Ave. are expected to move out during March and April.

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POINTING Southwestward

By Fred Takata

BLANCHE BIDS US FAREWELL: The Regional Office is now in one heckuva mess now that Blanche Shiosaki has left us. But we hope to have a replacement soon and dig our way out of the pile of letters before us. We really appreciate the wonderful help she gave us, adjusting ourselves to the office routine and learning all the short cuts that would have probably taken us years to catch. Last Sunday, a testimonial dinner was held at Man Jen Low to pay her tribute for the fine work at the JACL office the past seven years. About 1000 CLers braved the cold night and the Chinese fire-crackers. MC for the evening was Frank Chuman, who didn't relish the name of "toastmaster" as it appeared on the program, because the only "toastmaster" he knew of was the one that popped up and down . . . Well, he did keep popping up and down like a piece of toast . . . The occasion was far from sad. Each speaker made little digs at Blanche, all in fun, of course! Although Blanche has left us, we know she'll continue to be an active JACLer, and with her enthusiasm and drive, she will go far in her new endeavor.

The hard working committee making the testimonial possible were Miwa Yanamoto (Hollywood), Sue Joe (Long Beach), George Fujita (SWLA), and Jim Higashi (ELA). All of the local chapters were represented and we were honored to present her with a gift of appreciation on their behalf. The Hi-Co group also made a presentation . . . Again, Blanche, may we wish you the best of luck and success!

VENTURA INSTALLATION: The past few weeks have been busy ones, attending installation affairs throughout the PSW. For the Ventura County installation at the Old Colonial House at Oxnard, we were accompanied by Tats Kushida, keynote speaker of the evening. After a delicious steak dinner and entertainment, we installed the following officers: James Muraoka, pres.; Tsugio Hiji, 1st v.p.; Shig Tanaka, 2nd v.p.; Harry Miyamoto, treas.; Dr. M. Yoshimoto, sec.; Dr. G. Kanamori, aud.; Nao Takasugi and Akira Kurihara, membs.-at-lrg. MC was Dr. Roy Nishikawa's brother-in-law, Izzy Otani. We met Izzy earlier in the day, dropping by at his fish market where he was hauling a huge white seabass out of the box. When he told us that he recently landed one twice that size right off Oxnard, we were sorry we didn't pack our fishing gear. We left Oxnard about 10:30 p.m., and still had time to attend the L.A. Coordinating Council installation dance at Old Dixie. We were surprised to see 300 dancers taking advantage of the smooth music of Aaron Gonzales. It was a huge success.

ORANGE COUNTY'S 25th ANNIVERSARY: As usual, the Orange County affair was really plush with over 200 attending. The chapter also celebrates its 25th anniversary this year. We were surprised to see George Kodama, Mr. and Mrs. Kats Nakagawa and Mr. and Mrs. Sam Sugita all the way from San Diego at the Disneyland Hotel affair . . . We installed George Ichien as chairman with the rest of the chapter board composed of Dr. Fred Kobayashi, Harry Matsukane, Tad Munemitsu, Paul Nagamatsu, Mits Nitta, Dr. Tad Ochiai, George Saito, Dr. Paul Sakaguchi, Stephen Tamura, Dr. William Yamamoto and Seiji Yamauchi . . . MC chores were masterfully handled by Stephen Tamura, who kept the audience in high spirits with his jokes. (Talent scouts—please take note!)

Keynote speaker was Judge Kenneth E. Morrison. Orange County juvenile court judge, who spoke on delinquency. During his seven years on the bench, he said there were over 9,400 juveniles appearing before him—and only one Nisei amongst them all. He blamed parents who are too busy socially or economically to give their children the companionship on their return from school. In many cases, divorces or mutual separation result in child neglect. The Judge also stressed that many parents make the mistake of trying to choose their child's companions, and suggested instead of chasing the child's friend away because he happens to be "bad", they open their home and try to improve the individual. Stressing the importance of education, he asked parents to encourage youngsters to take academic courses because the majority of cases going through juvenile court today are found to be taking nothing but shop courses. "If the youth are kept busy with homework, they wouldn't have the time to get into trouble," stated Judge Morrison . . . He also disclosed that 98 percent of the youth going through the courts, together with their parents, have no religious background. He did add that 78 percent of the youth going through the courts do make good.

The judge has been active with Boy Scouts for the past 42 years, encourages others to take active part in youth work, and not lose the opportunity to help them. Many might say they won't have time, but "we can all find time, if we wanted to." It was indeed a real pleasure for us to meet the judge and join with the many oldtime JACLers of Orange County.

COACHELLA VALLEY (AND SUNSHINE): Our final trip for the week was to sunny Coachella Valley and out of an L.A. rainstorm. (We need the rain though.) It seems strange but the same weather conditions prevailed when we made our last trip to Coachella Valley to install officers at their annual picnic. We had to call Tom Sakai long distance again to find out if the weather there was OK. He assured the sun was shining brightly . . . This year, the chapter had invited an MRA group as well as many Japanese farm laborers, who entertained with singing and music. We watched the MRA group perform in L.A. previously . . . We really had a bangup time and it was with regret that we had to leave all that sunshine and return to the wet L.A. rain.

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Welcome JACLers Your Host: George Furuta, 1000er



Chicago JACL will sponsor its second annual Brotherhood Dinner Feb. 22 at Honolulu Harry's Waikiki Restaurant. Eminent chemist Dr. Percy L. Julian will be guest speaker. These are some of the girls serving as hostesses: (from left) Betty Hiura, Lois Oyama, Josephine Kawnaga, Tonka Muraoka and Reiko Hidaka.

Negro chemist to address 2nd annual Chicago JACL Brotherhood dinner Feb. 22

CHICAGO. — The Chicago JACL will sponsor its second annual Brotherhood Dinner on Sunday, Feb. 22, 2:30 p.m., at Honolulu Harry's Waikiki Restaurant, 804 W. Wilson Ave. The popular Japanese dish, sukiyaki, will be served.

Guest speaker will be Dr. Percy L. Julian, eminent Negro chemist, educator and president of Julian Laboratories, Inc. In addition to his important contributions to the

scientific field, he is active in many social and educational groups in Chicago as well as nationally. He is an executive board member of the National Conference of Christian and Jews, chairman of the council for social action of the Congregational Christian Churches of America, and a member of the Public Welfare Commission of Chicago.

Among the many awards he has received is that of Chicagoan of the year for 1950 by the Junior Chamber of Commerce and the Chicago Sun-Times, and a citation by the Jesuit Centennial Jury as one of 100 outstanding Chicagoans in 1957.

Puerto Ricans Invited

The JACL will have as its special guests of honor, citizens of Puerto Rican and American Indian descent.

As Japanese Americans are particularly grateful for the warm way in which Chicagoans received them upon their arrival from relocation centers during the war years, they are, in turn, sponsoring this dinner as a welcoming gesture to other Americans who are comparatively new to this community. Entertainment will be provided by children representing the Puerto Rican, American Indian, and Japanese American groups.

The dinner is open to the public at \$2.75 per person. Reservations should be made by Tuesday, Feb. 17, with the Midwest Regional Office, MOhawk 4-4382.

Maudie Nakada, dinner chairman, is being assisted by:

Program: Dan Kuzuhara (chmn.), Toshiko Misaki, George Iwasaki, Henry Tanabe; promotion: Abe Hagiwara (chmn.), Ruth Kumata, Richard Kaneko, Lillian Kimura, Kay Yamashita; hospitality: Jean Kimura (chmn.), Sumi Miyaki, Fumi Iwatsuki, Esther Hagiwara; exhibits: Kenji Nakane, Harvey Aki; treas.: Akira Fujioka; assistants at large: Hiro Mayeda, Dr. Frank Sakamoto, Kumeo Yoshinari.

SAN DIEGO VICE-MAYOR TO ADDRESS PSWDC MEET

SAN DIEGO.—The annual PSWDC Chapter Clinic will be hosted by San Diego JACL at the Lafayette Hotel here this weekend. The keynote speaker for the Saturday evening banquet will be Ross G. Tharp, vice-mayor of San Diego. During the luncheon on Sunday, the speaker will be Frank Chuman, JACL legal counsel. The Chapter of the Year award will be made at this time.

The \$6.50 package deal includes registration, banquet, dance, and luncheon. There will be a special ticket available for the world famous San Diego Zoo at \$1, covering admission and the bus ride through the entire zoo.

DETROIT NICHIBEI CLUB HOLDS '59 ELECTIONS

DETROIT.—James Shimoura, Jr., was recently elected president of the Detroit Nichibei Club, organized last year under sponsorship of the local JACL chapter.

Assisting are Frank Ebisuya, Dick Kadoshima, v.p.; Mrs. M. Kosai, sec., and K. Ambo, treas.

The group last week hosted a "thank you" party for those who staged the successful engeikai Jan. 24.

Better Business Bureau leader addresses San Francisco JACLers at installation

SAN FRANCISCO. — A warning against the "vultures and vampires" in today's business world was made to some 100 members of San Francisco JACL chapter and auxiliary last week at the 1959 installation dinner at A. Sabel's on Fisherman's Wharf.

Mrs. Muriel Tsvetkoff, prominent in Better Business Bureau circles, was the main speaker who reminded the Nisei of the existence of unethical businessmen preying upon the unsuspecting public and told them to report such practices to proper authorities immediately.

In her talk, entitled "Vultures, Vampires and Volunteers," Mrs. Tsvetkoff, who is dean of women at the Golden Gate College, inspired the audience with the feeling of volunteer work that is necessary in the working of healthy democracy.

Outgoing president Jack Kusaba was master of ceremonies who handed over his gavel to the in-

coming president Steve Doi. John Yasumoto gave the highlights of the chapter during the past year evoking a ripple of laughter for his mirthful presentation of the 1958 history.

New officers installed by National Director Mas Satow were:

Steve Doi, pres.; Mrs. Yo Hironaka, 1st v.p.; John Yasumoto, 2nd v.p.; Don Negi, 3rd v.p.; Dr. Leo Nakayama, treas.; Chibi Yamamoto, rec. sec.; Janice Muramoto, cor. sec.; Naomi Shibata, hist.; Jack Kusaba, del.; Tad Ono, alt. del.; Yone Satoda, Newsletter editor; board members—Jiro Arakawa, Barbara Nagareda, Sam Sato, Tatsu Sumida, Shig Yuzuriha, Richard Tsutakawa, Dr. Himeo Tsumori, Mutt Matsumoto and Hideo Kasai.

Auxiliary — Miyuki Aoyama, pres.; Tess Hideshima, v.p.; Mrs. Charlotte Doi, rec. sec.; Marie Kurihara, cor. sec.; Kathy Reyes, pub.; Mrs. Kay Onishi, service.

Tulare County benefit movie celebrates '25th'

DINUBA. — Tulare County JACL is sponsoring a benefit movie to night from 7 p.m. at the Dinuba Buddhist Church as part of its "25th anniversary" celebration. Aside from carrying on chapter projects such as the Junior JACL, Women's Auxiliary and regular JACL projects, the chapter is considering this year additional Silver Jubilee projects.

Conversation class

PORTLAND. — A class in conversational Japanese with the Rev. Z. Kodachi as instructor is being formed under sponsorship of the Portland JACL. Kimi Tambara is class chairman.

Kitayama to head Eden Township CL

HAYWARD. — Kae Kitayama, who is the younger brother of Mayor Tom Kitayama of Union City, will be installed as Eden Township JACL president at the Red Rooster, 510-17 St., Oakland, tomorrow night.

Other officers are Frank H. Saito, 1st v.p.; Tok Hironaka, 2nd v.p.; Sam Kawahara, treas.; Haruka Nomura, rec. sec. and Harry Kurotori, cor. sec. Selection was made at a recent meeting of the chapter board members.

Elected by the membership to serve on the board were Sam Kawahara, Kae Kitayama, Harry Kurotori, Masako Minami, Musky Saito, Tets, Sakai and Sho Yoshida. Holdover members include Dr. Keichi Shimizu, Haruka Nomura, Dr. Frank Saito, Dr. Robert Okamura, Sam Kuramoto, Tok Hironaka, Dr. Steve Neishi, 1958 president, is ex-officio. Kenji Fujii is NC-WNDC board representative.

Jerry Enomoto, NC-WNDC chairman, will be the principal speaker. Robert Lateer will be emcee. Other dinner committeemen are:

Harry Kurotori, inv.; Mrs. Kazuo Sakae, flowers; Dr. Steven Neishi, hospitality; Sam Kawahara, inv.; Kenji Fujii, install.; Tets Sakai, awards; Masako Minami, pub.

Shimidzu re-elected third time as credit union head

CHICAGO.—Lincoln Shimidzu was voted Chicago JACL Credit Union chairman for the third consecutive year and will be assisted by Thomas Okabe, v.p.; Ruth Nakaya, sec.; Ariye Oda, treas.; and Esther Hagiwara, asst. treas.

Other appointments include Gus Hikawa, credit comm. chmn.; Thomas Okabe, supervisory comm. chmn.; and Roy Iwata, education comm. chmn.

Southwest L.A. joins in Brotherhood event

In observance of National Brotherhood Month in February, the Southwest Los Angeles JACL will participate in the Olympic B'nai B'rith program Feb. 17, 8:30 p.m., at Factor Hall, 6075 W. Pico, it was announced today by Fred Yasunaga, special events v.p.

The chapter has secured the services of lyric soprano Shigeko Iinuma to represent the Japanese Americans.

Sequoia JACL bridge class announces results

REDWOOD CITY. — Weekly duplicate bridge sessions of the Sequoia JACL Bridge Club continue to be held on Wednesdays from 8:15 p.m. at Okamura Hall here. Master points are given on the second Wednesdays of each month, it was announced by Hiroshi Honda, club president.

The San Jose JACL has been invited to join the Mar. 11 play. Exact time and locale are to be announced.

Winners of recent weeks are as follows:

January 23

North-South winners — 1. Hiroshi Honda and Shozo Mayeda, 2. Mrs. Yaeko Kashima and John Enomoto, 3. Mrs. Helen Utegaard and Dr. George Hiura.

East-West winners—1. Tosh Mori and George Nakano, 2. Mr. & Mrs. Jira Nakano, 3. Gen. Utsumi and Sei Hanashiro.

February 4

North-South—1. Gen. Utsumi and Kay Yamaguchi, 2. Ken Takahashi and Sei Hanashiro, 3. Shozo Mayeda and Teru Tamura.

East-West—1. Toshi Mori and George Nakano, 2. Florence Yoshiwara and Tom Okazaki, 3. Yaeko Kashima and John Enomoto.

SALT LAKE JACLERS HEAD FOR ELKO, NEV.

SALT LAKE CITY. —With the local JACL quizzers winning on a recent TV show, a bus load of some 30 members will depart for Elko, Nev., Feb. 14 for an overnight stay of fun. The trip is a part of the prize.

SONOMA COUNTY CRABFEED DATE POSTPONED A WEEK

SANTA ROSA. — The Sonoma County JACL Crab Feed slated tomorrow has been changed to Saturday, Feb. 20, at the request of many chapter bowlers attending the Sacramento JACL tournament this weekend.

By the Board

By Henry T. Kato, PNWDC Chairman

Portland, Ore.

Issues of particular interest in the Pacific Northwest concern the alien land law in the state of Washington, which has been mentioned in this column by Toru Sakahara of Seattle, and the land use tax problem here in Oregon, which I shall endeavor to explain.

Oregon Nisei who live outside the metropolitan area of Portland are virtually all engaged in farming and are vitally concerned over the present method of assessing agricultural land on a "true cash basis", resulting in increased evaluation of farming lands adjacent to residential subdivisions and industrial property. The taxes we pay (and I am a farmer) for agricultural land are not realistic with the present farm economy.

The present method of assessment has created a tax burden upon farm lands adjacent to such developments as listed above and it is impossible and impractical for all farmers in any area to sell their farms at the same time to sub-dividers and industrial property developers. There is a limit to the acreage of good productive land suitable for berries, vegetables and other crops. The state is also taking good land out of agricultural production for highways, housing, industries, etc. Hence, we feel it is important to retain as much as possible for agriculture.

As a member of the Multnomah County (Portland) Farm Bureau, we are on record asking the state legislature this year to change the assessment method of farm lands from highest use valuation to a "realistic basis of agricultural productivity value", so long as the land is being farmed and regardless of values of adjacent lands being used for other purposes.

Several agricultural states with heavily populated areas already have the land use tax method in operation.

We had an opportunity last fall to meet with Secretary of Agriculture Ezra Benson during his short visit in Salem with the Oregon Farm Bureau Federation. He stated that farm income on the national average was up 3-17% from previous years, but many Nisei farmers are not in this category because we produce berries, most vegetables, potatoes, onions and apples among the low priced crops.

Another tax burden farmers here face is the fact that our personal property is taxed on a 100% cash value, whereas other groups or business have a 20% reduction on fixture and equipment. For example: a farmer's tractor with a loader will be assessed at 100% cash value against the same tractor and loader used by a contractor at 80% of cash value. The assessor's office explained that the farmers haven't complained. Our complaint is now with the State Tax Committee.

Other problems facing the farmers touch on the sugar tax imposed on the food processor and agricultural worker standards. There is a 4% of value tax for sugar used in processing agricultural products such as frozen or canned berries and fruits held in storage, which tax burdens the grower. If the proposed code of the Wage and Hour Commission for agricultural workers is strictly enforced, it will work a hardship upon the farmers and make farming an unprofitable venture.

Now, for some JACL highlights—

We are happy to report that Puyallup Valley Chapter under the leadership of hard-working old timer Bob Mizukami will host the 1959 district convention. A homecoming welcome for National JACL President Shig Wakamatsu will be included in the Issei appreciation dinner being planned, so that many Issei and Nisei friends of our national president can renew old acquaintances.

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Kay Yamaoka (left), incoming president of the San Benito County JACL, accepts gavel from Sam Shiotsuka, who was presented the past-president's pearl-studded pin.—Hollister Free Lance Photo.

Mayor swears in San Benito cabinet

HOLLISTER.—Kay Yamaoka was installed last month as president at the annual dinner meeting of the San Benito County chapter of the Japanese American Citizens League.

Other new officers are Sam Shingai, 2nd v.p.; Akije Yamanishi, 2nd v.p.; Bozo Kamimoto, treas.; Iremen Shimonishi, cor. sec.; and Henry Yamaoka, rec. sec.

Yamaoka accepted the gavel from Sam Shiotsuka, who was presented a past president's pin. The installation was conducted by Mayor F.M. Bishop. Joe Shingai served as master of ceremonies.

The installation was followed by a talk by Farm Advisor Roy McCallum, who presented colored slides taken during his year in Chile, where he was an agricultural advisor to the Chilean government. The meeting followed a steak dinner at the Villa Pace.

'This Is Your Life' skit to be installation fete for Contra Costa JACLers

RICHMOND.—Fun, fellowship and good food are promised all attending the Contra Costa JACL installation dinner tonight at Yamato Sukiyaki, San Francisco.

A skit on the local chapter growth will be a feature attraction with such stellar performers as Marvin Uratsu and Sho Kimura in a take-off of the popular "This Is Your Life" program on television.

Masao Satow, national director, will install Dr. Yoshiye Togasaki, county public health officer, and her cabinet. Rich Komatsu, outgoing president, will be emcee.

Special guests include A.L. Bernes, Richmond School District personnel and services division chief; Concord City Manager Raymond Doran, County Superintendent Floyd Marcus and Daisy Uyeda, national JACL administrative assistant.

Nisei Views on U.S. Foreign Policy

BY T. SCOTTY MIYAKAWA
(Continued from Last Week)

Boston

Another important factor in the seeming arrogance is in our very citizenship in the most powerful nation in the world. Our way of speaking, our manners, our very posture all too easily exude what I have termed before as the "unconscious arrogance of conscious power." We may assume without realizing it that the power of the United States somehow gives us special merit personally. Only the more sensitive and wise can look on himself with sufficient detachment and perspective to make the necessary adjustment.

Thoughtless Americans can—and some do—reveal the worst characteristics of the nineteenth century Colonel Blimps, except that in the mid-twentieth century no one will accept such nonsense as the proper order.

WE ARE also missing connections all over the world through timidity, lack of policy, or misunderstanding the force and speed with which nationalism is sweeping everywhere and many people are taking seriously the American and Allied war promises for independence. Thus, the growing Arab hostility has jarred the West and may impair our very existence.

Yet, the Western powers this year completely miscalculated the crucial trends in Iraq although a friend (and other thoughtful observers) had long warned us about the weakness of the old regime and the rising tide of nationalism. Ironically, a leading national mag-

azine eliminated his detailed prediction of the revolt in an interview with him which it had published some months earlier.

While wailing about the dangerous Arab situation, we have significantly done very little of the things that can be done. Thus, Tunis is an Arab Moslem country trying to be friendly with the West. Why must we repeatedly insult it, fail to give it real economic aid, and increasingly make it difficult for its Western minded government to remain in power?

An obvious reason for this scandalous ineptness is our lack of guts, brains, policy, and initiative and our suicidal tendency to coddle the worst of the outmoded imperialists, the French version of Colonel Blimp, whom de Gaulle and the socialists of France alike reject.

Why is Washington less courageous than even the French politicians who are directly subject to "colon" pressure?

When opportunity stares at us in the face, we not only refuse to recognize her—we slap her in the face. Again, despite the American complaints about the anti-Westernism of the Arab intellectuals (a small but influential elite), we have not even tried to assist Tunis to found a truly scholarly university and research center of first rank where the Arab intellectuals could study, exchange ideas, and do research in a free environment. Such a center of objective scholarship could serve as a rallying point for intellectuals from all the Arab world.

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Matsumoto elected Sacramento top man

SACRAMENTO.—The 1959 officers of Sacramento JACL will be installed on Saturday, Feb. 28, at a dinner at Sacramento Inn. National Director Masao Satow will conduct the installation ceremonies.

Richard Matsumoto was elected president, assisted by Tak Tsujita, v.p.; Kay Hamatani, treas.; Helen Sakata, sec.; Masako Furuhashi, cor. sec.; Toko Fujii, 1000 Club; Gladys Masaki, hist.; Joe Matsunami, del.; and Dr. George Takahashi, alt. del.

Mike M. Masaoka, Washington Representative, will be the main speaker for the evening.

Tickets have gone on sale on the first come first serve basis and, according to reservation chairman Percy Masaki, the tickets are limited and all reservations must be made by Feb. 15.

The Rev. George Nishikawa will be banquet emcee and Henry Taketa is in charge of general arrangements.

Mas Teramoto heads Twin Cities UCL

MINNEAPOLIS.—Mas Teramoto was sworn in as president of the Twin Cities United Citizens League (JACL) at the chapter's annual banquet Jan. 10 at Park Terrace Cafe.

Mrs. Lawrence D. Steefel, well-known to local Nisei for her help in placing qualified Nisei from relocation camps to suitable jobs in the Twin Cities, was the principal speaker.

She spoke on the "Full Dimensions of Citizenship", urging Nisei should participate more actively in civic affairs at the city, county and state levels. She observed that many Nisei are capable of serving and eventually accept positions on policy-making boards.

JACL Still Needed

She hastened to add, however, that it did not mean activities as carried on JACL or the Japanese American Community Center should be abandoned.

Mrs. Steefel, past chairman of the Mayor's Commission on Human Relations, also lauded national JACL for their part in maintaining sanity and exerting leadership during the West Coast evacuation period.

Other members of the UCL board are as follows: Tom Ohno, Simpey Kuramoto, Evelyn Otani, Jim Mizuhata, Ben Senzaki, Taro Matsura, Norman Kushino, Yoichi Ito, Yuk Yamaguchi, Steve Iwago, Yuk Okamoto, Yukio Akaki, Bill Hirabayashi and Kodo Kawamura. Tomo Kosobayashi, MDC 1000 Club chairman, was the installing officer.

Reedley JACL reveals committee appointments

REEDLEY.—A general meeting of the Reedley JACL was held last week at Reedley Hall to discuss the annual picnic and nominate various committee chairmen to serve with the chapter cabinet for the year, according to Frank Kimura, president.

The annual community picnic is co-sponsored with the Kyogikai here. Mas Okamura and Henry Hosaka were appointed by the chapter cabinet as general chairmen for this event.

Also appointed were Toru Ikeda, Dr. James Ikemiya and Dr. Akira Tajiri to serve again on the chapter's high school scholarship committee.

The membership drive was also officially launched with Kit Suga and Yosh Yamada to be in charge.

Jack Kusaba named to Civic Unity Council

SAN FRANCISCO.—Nisei attorney Jack Kusaba, immediate past chapter president, was one of the seven new directors elected last week to the board of the Council for Civic Unity of San Francisco. Attorney William M. Brinton was elected CCU president.

SOCIAL SECURITY:

Retirement Test

(This is the tenth in a series of articles prepared by the Los Angeles Social Security District Office, to explain the changes made last year in the Nation's Social Security Law.)

All persons receiving Social Security payments (with the exception of those receiving disability checks) are only permitted to earn \$1,200 in a year and still receive all of their Social Security checks for the year. This rule has been in effect since 1955, and it still applies. In fact, most of the "old rule" still applies. For example, if a person earns over \$1,200 in a year, a check is usually deducted for every \$80 (or multiple of \$80) in excess of the \$1,200.

But there are a lot of people, who only work part time or do seasonal work. Many of these persons earn well over \$1,200 in a year, but there are other months when they earn little or nothing.

Up through the year 1958 (under the old law), a Social Security check may be paid if there are any months in a year when a person does not earn wages exceeding \$80 a month. This permitted payment to many people who did seasonal work. But there were many others who could not limit their "off season" work to this amount.

Under the 1958 changes, effective with January 1959, a Social Security check may be paid for any month in which a person does not exceed \$100 in wages, regardless of his total earnings during the remainder of the year. This will make it much easier for persons doing seasonal work, and even those retiring in the middle of the year to continue working on a part-time basis and still receive their Social Security payments.

EXAMPLE: Teruko Isobe worked at Palm Springs from September through May of each year. During this winter season, she made \$2,100 in wages. From June through August, her "off months", she could take work as a Camp Counsellor room and board, amounted to \$95 a month. Under the old law, since she exceeded \$1,200 in the year and had wages of over \$80 in all months, she could not receive any monthly payments. In 1959, if her situation is the same, she will be able to receive checks for the months of June through August because in those months she did not earn over \$100.

As mentioned above, this procedure went into effect from Jan. 1, 1959. All persons receiving Social Security checks who think they will earn over \$100 in 1959 and who in 1959 have months when they do not earn over \$100, should contact their Social Security Office during the month they do not go over the permitted amount so that their checks may be issued.

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

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which refused to review the case, thus sustaining the lower court decision, which had dismissed the suit because of the Supreme Court decision in the Wong Kim Ark case of 1898: an American-born Chinese was an American citizen even though his Chinese parents were ineligible to citizenship, ancestry to Japan after the peace.

About the time President Roosevelt endorsed the Army's action in February, 1943, to organize the Japanese American combat team, the Native Sons pressed its case to cancel Nisei citizenship rights in the appellate court. The Regan case, named for grand secretary of the Native Sons, was filed against Cameron King, San Francisco county registrar of voters, asking that all Japanese Americans names be stricken from the rolls on the basis of racial ancestry. Judge Wilbur of the seven-member court interrupted the city attorney who arose to defend King. "It is not necessary for this court to hear further argument. The decision of the lower court is sustained."

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San Jose keglers
in 3144 team effort

SAN JOSE. — The bottom team in the local Nisei Classics league last week pounded out games of 1084-1039-1021 for what is believed to be a Mainland Nisei bowling record of 3144 scratch. Even the team effort of three 1000 games is believed to be a record.

All five bowlers bettered 600 series led by John Watanabe's 667 including a 279 game (11 strikes with a spare in midgame stopping him for a perfect game), Tak Abo 651, Joe Nakano 617, Tad Hashimoto 605 and Sakie Yamauchi 604.

The session at Sherman Oaks also produced 15 out of 40 bowlers going over the 600 mark.

Bowling—

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The Nisei classic was staged under its moral sanction clause in 1951 for the first time. It was in 1950 that ABC "made a historic contribution to democracy by eliminating race as a qualification for membership". His helpfulness, however, was beyond that of an ABC official fulfilling his duties, according to Mas Satow, national JACL director, for he "continuously maintained a personal interest and (gave) friendly encouragement during these ensuing years as the JACL tournament developed and gained in stature".

(The Pacific Citizen is again publishing the roster of teams within the next two weeks.)

The schedule of men's bowling is as follows:

Sweepers (6 squads): Mar. 4 from 11 a.m.; Team (5 squads): Mar. 5 from 8 a.m.; Doubles (11 squads): Mar. 5 from 9:30 p.m. till Mar. 6, 5 p.m.; Singles (11 squads): Mar. 6 from 6:30 p.m. till Mar. 7, 2:30 p.m.

The schedule of women's bowling is as follows:

Ragtime Doubles (4 squads): Mar. 3, 6 p.m.; Sweepers (2 squads): Mar. 4, 2:30 p.m.; Team (4 squads): Mar. 5 from 8 a.m.; Doubles (9 squads): Mar. 5 from 9:30 p.m.; Singles (9 squads): Mar. 6 from 6:30 p.m.

Easy Fujimoto, one-time, Long Beach JACL president and tournament director of the Long Beach "JACL Nationals", and Roy Yamadera, East Los Angeles JACL president, are co-chairmen. Miss Sumi Takemura is serving as official tournament hostess.

Nisei elected officers
of Placer-Nevada League

LINCOLN. — Two Nisei were among the officers of the Placer-Nevada Baseball League for the coming season elected at a league meeting here. Frank Hironaka of Auburn was named the league treasurer while Homer Takahashi was chosen to continue as publicity chief.

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Foreign Policy

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ample of our lack of policy and leadership.

I cite Tunis as an obvious example. For years the government of this beautiful island (The Pearl of the East) was friendly to the West. Even at the famous Afro-Asian Conference at Bandung, Ceylon spoke eloquently for the West.

But, the United States, on the plausible excuse of economizing a few million dollars, refused to buy Ceylonese rubber and other products which with some thought could have been added to our stockpiling program. Granted that the long years under the British had left Ceylon with an unbalanced economy and granted that colonialism had also left its ruling classes insufficiently concerned with the welfare of their middle and lower classes, especially those in the villages, still, modest purchases of Ceylonese products probably would

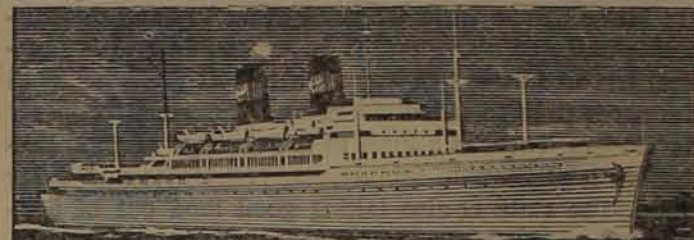
have saved the Western-minded government then in power.

Now, that country has a demagogic cabinet which pursues highly dubious policies and unleashes riots (including the diabolical "Singhalese only" gimmick)—much to the great delight of the communists who now are exerting real influence on the trends.

In a partial effort to offset the strategic loss we suffered, we must now spend billions on billions more than otherwise for arms, a truly tragic consequence of the Neanderthal mentality in certain high circles, a policy of being penny wise and millions foolish while losing a major strategic position.

Similarly, we lack constructive policies toward Kenya & Rhodesia where major social explosions will take place soon (and we shall be left again supporting the rejected imperial rulers) as well as to Tanganyika, Nyasaland, Algeria, to say nothing also of nearly all the newly independent nations of South Asia and the Near East.

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東洋への旅行には最も評判のよい船内換気装置のプレジデント船を利用しましょう。これ程費用のかからなくて、種々の特等のある旅行は外にはありません。
横濱までの船賃は エコノミー・クルーシクルクラスでは ドメトリ 二百九十五円から。ファミリー・スタイルは 三百四十五円から。乗船の事をききましょう。
五月十日に横濱につくプレジデント・クリブランド號に乗り込む計画を今からたてましょう。

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THE Northwest PICTURE

By Elmer Ogawa

Olympia Page Boy David Mambu

Seattle

DAVID W. MIMBU has been having the time of his life and also has been acquiring a world of experience as page boy in the Washington State Senate. He is the son of attorney William Y. Mambu, past national JACL secretary to the board, and active member on the board of the Seattle Chapter.

On Tuesday, Feb. 10 (also his 14th birthday), David Mambu relinquished his 30-day tenure of the honorary job, and came back to Seattle to resume his classroom studies at Nathan Eckstein Junior High.

Originally sponsored by State Sen. Wilbur Hallauer, David has attained a position of enviable popularity down state at the Capitol, and from the reportorial gleanings, our conclusion is that he is a little reluctant to give up the exciting life and settle down to the school grind.

But the honor of putting in a 30-day session as page boy, as we understand it, is awarded only to lads who are well ahead in their school work and can thus afford the month or so leave of absence; all of that besides having a dad who rates in a big way with the majority party.

Nearly all of the page boys serve the 30-day term, so it's back to school for all of them including David Mambu, the youngest of the bunch. Somehow we think that the experience in the State Capitol will enrich his slant on the academic studies, and also the extra curricular work in audio visual pursuits and in boy scouting.

Oh, and after checking with prominent members of "the other party" who would remember these things, can confidently report David Mambu as another "first" (as page boy in Washington) among all minority groups.

AT THE PRESENT writing we are speaking of a future happening, but it is perhaps a coincidence that another event is scheduled for Feb. 10, which, as we have said, is David's last day on the job, and also his birthday anniversary.

On that day, SJR-4 (Senate Joint Resolution No. 4) which is the resolution to bring repeal of the Washington State Alien Land Law, goes before the scrutiny of the Constitutional Committee.

Although the time set is 8:45 a.m., the local JACL committee of President Tak Kubota, Toru Sakahara, and Bill Mambu will be there. The Puyallup Valley (Tacoma) committee composed of Robert Mizukami, Daiichi Yoshioka, and Dr. John Kanda is also expected to be among those present.

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YOUR CORRESPONDENT is old enough to reflect on the sentiment and popular attitude at the time the anti-alien land law was passed. We also consider the present situation where a Sansei page boy is rated number one in popularity, not only with the legislators, but amongst his colleagues; a grandson of the muchly maligned generation once described as "aliens ineligible to citizenship." Only a super fool would bet against repeal legislation in this session.

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BACK IN THE old days (the '30s) when most of the east side of Lake Washington was farmland broken up by an occasional village, there used to be an organization known as the "Bellevue Committee of the JACL of Seattle". Although this committee was quite active during, and immediately after the late Jimmie Sakamoto's term as National JACL President, the feeling was felt (to some, if we may put it that way) that they were being treated like country cousins—like "Inakapei."

Today, the east side Lake Washington communities have grown to thriving populous suburbs, with branch department stores and all the accoutrements. The single four-lane floating bridge to the east side, has for years been considered obsolete and inadequate, and as of today, a second bridge, at long last is in the planning stage, and a third contemplated.

Since the war, the Bellevue Nisei Club has been formed, many still holding on to their farms despite the encroachments of real estate planners. This east side group, although not a part of the Seattle Chapter, is not unaware of the JACL program. In a couple of weeks, about the time that this column is due to come out again, we expect to have big news about these wonderful east-siders and the alien land law program.

WASHINGTON NEWSLETTER: by Mike Masaoka

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indifference of the North is already responsible for more than one assault upon democracy, and every such attack reacts as unfavorably upon whites as upon blacks. Discrimination once permitted cannot be bridled; recent history in the South shows that in forging the chains for the Negroes the white voters are forging chains for themselves. 'A house divided against itself cannot stand'; this government cannot exist half-slave and half-free any better today than it could in 1861.

"Hence we call upon all the believers in democracy to join in a national conference for the discussion of present evils, the voicing of protests, and the renewal of the struggle for civil and political liberty."

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A FOOTNOTE TO history would be that several of the signers of the 1909 declaration were active in the spring of 1942 protesting the arbitrary mass evacuation of persons of Japanese ancestry from the west coast solely because of our "affinity with the enemy". The two best remembered by the Nisei are Rev. John Haynes Holmes, former National Chairman of the American Civil Liberties Union, and Rabbi Stephen S. Wise, president of the American Jewish Congress.

San Mateo Issei couple toasted at golden jubilee

SAN MATEO. — Mr. and Mrs. Kyusuke Yamaguchi, residents here since 1915 and owners of Sunrise Cleaners here, celebrated their golden wedding anniversary here Feb. 1 with some 100 relatives and friends.

Active at Sturge Presbyterian Church here, Yamaguchi is an elder and was among founders of the Japanese Independent Union Church of San Mateo about 35 years ago. The church became a Presbyterian fellowship in 1951.

The children are George, Kuneo and Saiki Yamaguchi, Mrs. Shizu Tabata and Mrs. Sachi Yamagishi, all of San Mateo. They have eight grandchildren.

Barbecued spareribs on square dance menu

"Getting to Know You" is the theme of the Southwest Los Angeles JACL square-social dance mixer Feb. 21 at Ardmore Playground. Barbecued spareribs will be featured in the \$1.50 per person box lunch prelude from 7 p.m.

Committeemen include George Fujita, box-lunch; Charlotte Murata and Kathy Sugimoto, reservations and transp.; Shig Uyetake and Maybelle Higa, mixer.

POINT SYSTEM USED IN MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

RICHMOND. — Under the leadership of Sam Sakai and Ted Tashiro, the Contra Costa JACL membership drive has taken concrete form in recent weeks.

Chapter-wide participation in the 1959 campaign is being abetted by a point-system contest, which is closing Feb. 28. Ten points are given for each new and renewal member and 30 points for 1000 Club membership. Top prize of \$10 has been announced with three additional awards of \$5, \$3 and \$2 to runners-up.

Chapter membership rates here are \$3.50 per person, \$6 per couple and \$26.50 for 1000 Club membership.

Fowler JACL preparing for April 12 picnic

FOWLER. — With the selection of Tom Mayebo as chairman, the 1959 Fowler community picnic plans are being coordinated. Sponsored by the local chapter, it has been tentatively scheduled for Sunday, April 12, at Burris Park near Kingsburg.

Other committeemen include: Mrs. Kari Morita (Buddhist Sunday School), Mrs. Dorothy Hirose (Fowler Methodist Church), prizes; Harley Nakamura, Frank Sakohira, tickets; Jitsu Otani, fin.; Thomas Yamakawa, refreshments; Thomas Toyama, p.a. system.

The chapter also announced Jitsu Otani would be treasurer, following the resignation of James Morishige, whose wife passed away.

Issei-Nisei church spared in Oakland redevelopment

OAKLAND. — Long-range plans for civic redevelopment in the West Oakland area are not expected to affect the West 10th Methodist Church and its hall on the corner of West and 10th Sts. However, it is in an zone on both sides of Nimitz freeway between 1st and 10th Sts., due to be cleared as soon as plans are approved.

Wins Volkswagen

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BIRTHS

LOS ANGELES

Akira, Bill N. (Sadami Tanaka)—girl
Candace Fusaye, Nov. 12.
Aayama, Chikara (Misa Hatakeyama)—
boy Peter Jiro, Nov. 15.
Arai, Albert M. (Mildred Kohama)—
girl Debralyne Matsue, Nov. 13.
Deigado, Carlos (Takako Tamaki)—girl
Naomi, Nov. 13.
Fukuda, Milton (Michiko Yamaguchi)—
boy David G., Nov. 14.
Hayata (Hiro Nakamura)—girl Donna
Aiko, Oct. 28.
Higuchi, Ronald (Joyce R. Tsujimura)—
boy Darren Sean, Nov. 9.
Iseri, George K. (Harriet Muraoka)—
boy Kenneth Akio, Nov. 14.
Ishii, Minoru (Mitsuko Mitsuoka)—girl
Donna Yumiko, Nov. 7.
Kamiyama, George (Emiko Iwashita)—
boy Wesley Tsuyoshi, Nov. 13.
Kawakami, George I. (Toyoko Kitajima)—
girl, Oct. 11, Culver City.
Maeda, Ralph H. (Marie S. Honda)—
girl Robin Ann, Nov. 9.
Masuda, Frank (Toshiko Kudo)—boy
David Keiji, Nov. 15.
Matsumoto, Gene (Amie Oku)—boy
Randy R., Nov. 11.
Miyahara, Hidemi (Tomeyo Hirouji)—
girl Susan, Reiko, Nov. 13.
Miyahira, Hiroshi (Tomaru Honda)—
girl Ramona Keiko, Nov. 9.
Miyasaki, Noboru (Riyeko Matsumoto)—
girl Susette Hisano, Nov. 12.
Morimoto, Kazuo (Yoriko Suruki)—girl
Kathi Kim, Nov. 13.
Numamoto, Richard (Esther Hayano)—
boy Richard D., Nov. 6.
Ogata, Roy K. (Hideo Shiozaki)—girl
Julie Kimi, Nov. 13.
Ogawa, Jerry (Jane Harakuni)—girl
Teresa M., Nov. 9.
Sugimoto, Jack (Yoko Sugimoto)—boy
Mike Tadashi, Nov. 11.
Tabata, Akio (Yoko Ono)—girl Nobuko
Grace, Nov. 15.
Takahashi, Tamotsu (Ruty Kamitaki)—
boy Gary, Nov. 10.
Takara, George S. (Jeannette Hotta)—
girl Debra Takeko, Oct. 29.
Takeda, Kiichi (Shizuye Kasuyama)—
girl Joyce Sakaye, Nov. 13.
Tanaka, Kenneth (Chizuko Nakanishi)—
girl Naomi Misao, Nov. 12.
Tomomatsu, Henry (Yuki A. Uno)—
boy David, Nov. 7.
Toyama, Sam (Beulah Barrington)—
boy James K., Nov. 11.
Tsubaki, Reginald (Takako Oka)—boy
Dennis Masaru, Nov. 13.
Yamaminami, Seiichi (Kazuko Shiroishi)—
boy Leo Masashi, Nov. 14.
Yamamoto, James T. (Yuriko Tanino)—
boy James K., Nov. 13.
Yamamoto, Kiyoshi (Yayoi Kurita)—
boy Norman C., Nov. 12.
Yamashiro, Masatoshi (Tsuruko Uyesu)—
boy Ken Masao, Nov. 8.
Zoriki, Mike (Ruby Kata)—girl Jan E.,
Nov. 13.

SAN JOSE

Murakami, Yoshikazu—girl Krystal P.,
Dec. 23.

SAN MATEO

Hinoki, Frank—boy, Nov. 3.
Nagata, Ray—boy, Oct. 13, South San
Francisco.

SAN FRANCISCO

Kataoka, Motoi—boy, Nov. 16.
Kawamoto, Nobuo—boy, Nov. 9.
Tok, Masao—boy, Jan. 6.

OAKLAND

Fujii, John N.—girl, Oct. 5, Berkeley
Hayashima, Alan—boy, Nov. 19, Berkeley.

Kashiwagi, Thomas—boy, Oct. 12.
Konno, Hayato—boy, Jan. 8.
Norio, Dick—boy, Dec. 23.
Tatal, Koh—girl, Oct. 3.

BERKELEY

Uyeda, Kosaku—boy, Jan. 18.

STOCKTON

Ito, Raymond K.—girl, Dec. 16, Acam-
po.

Kiriu, James—girl, Oct. 17, Lodi.
Morita, Henry—girl, Oct. 11.

SACRAMENTO

Abe, Ben—girl, Oct. 28.
Abe, Kazumi—girl, Dec. 31.
Hitomi, Noboru—girl, Dec. 15.
Koyasako, Sueo—boy, Nov. 4.

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Masumoto, Hideo—girl, Dec. 19.
Nishimi Ralph—boy, Dec. 6.
Okino, Roy C.—boy, Dec. 11.
Shoji, George—boy, Dec. 9, Rio Vista.
Takemori, Masaki—boy, Dec. 23.
Tokunaga, Hideo—girl, Dec. 14.
Toyama, Donald K.—girl, Dec. 18.
Yamaguchi, Joseph—boy, Dec. 16.
Yamamoto, Mitsuo—girl, Dec. 22.
Yamasaki, William—twin boys, Dec. 13.

YUBA CITY

Mizogami, Pete—girl, Dec. 30.
ONTARIO, ORE.
Saito, Paul—girl, Dec. 29, Weiser, Ida-
ho.

PORTLAND

Oka, Shigeo—girl Serena, Jan. 4.
Onishi, Harold—girl Marita L., Jan. 8.

SEATTLE

Hasegawa, James—twin girls, Nov. 1.
Konishi, Robert—boy, Dec. 30.
Suguro, Takashi—boy, Dec. 29.
Tamada Henry S.—boy, Oct. 6.
Tsutsumi, James—girl, Oct. 22.
Yonaka, Clarence—boy, Nov. 10.

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Washington

NEWSLETTER

BY MIKE MASAOKA

Lincoln Birthday Call 1909

Washington, D.C.

PERHAPS NO AMERICAN is more universally revered for personifying those ideals which he himself so eloquently coined—"government of the people, by the people, and for the people" and "with malice towards none, with charity towards all, with firmness in the right as God gives us to see the right"—than is Abraham Lincoln, whose sesquicentennial we celebrate this week.

Certainly among minority Americans, and especially Japanese Americans, Abraham Lincoln symbolizes the American ideal of equal rights and equal opportunities, of human dignity and human aspirations, of civil liberties and civil obligations.

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THIS WEEK, 150 years after the birth of the Great Emancipator and 97 years after his Emancipation Proclamation, the problems of equality under law for all without regard to race, color, creed, and national origin, are still very much with us, especially as they concern our colored citizens. Five years after the United States Supreme Court struck down the doctrine of "equal but separate", the public schools in the states of the Old Confederacy remain—except for little islands of token integration—segregated. Eleven years after our highest tribunal declared unconstitutional racially restrictive covenants in housing, most areas throughout our nation continue to practice this discrimination. Two years after the Congress enacted the first civil rights bill since Reconstruction Days, the Congress is again about to consider the need for additional and meaningful legislation in the field. Everywhere throughout the land there are glaring examples of inequities and injustices towards some of our citizens.

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FIFTY YEARS AGO, on the occasion of the centennial of Abraham Lincoln's birth, in another troubled times like these, more than 50 distinguished Americans from all walks of life and of all religions, sounded a call to take stock of the nation's progress in civil rights. The resulting conference gave birth to the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People.

Today, many organizations, including the JACL, and many prominent leaders of all faiths and professions, are again calling for another national conference, this time under the sponsorship of the President of the United States.

As one reads again the Lincoln Birthday Call of 1909, one is reminded of the great and heartening progress that has been made in the field, but also of the tremendous challenge that remains for those who truly believe not only in Lincoln's credo but also in the American dream.

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"THE CELEBRATION of the Centennial of the birth of Abraham Lincoln, widespread and grateful as it may be, will fail to justify itself if it takes no note of and makes no recognition of the colored men and women for whom the great Emancipator labored to assure freedom. Besides a day of rejoicing, Lincoln's birthday in 1909 should be one of taking stock of the nation's progress since 1865.

"How far has it lived up to the obligations imposed upon it by the Emancipation Proclamation? How far has it gone in assuring to each and every citizen, irrespective of color, the equality of opportunity and equality before the law, which underlie our American institutions and are guaranteed by the Constitution?

"If Mr. Lincoln could revisit this country in flesh, he would be disheartened and discouraged. He would learn that on January 1, 1901, Georgia has rounded out a new confederacy by disenfranchising the Negro, after the manner of all the other Southern States. He would learn that the Supreme Court of the United States, supposedly a bulwark of American liberties, has refused every opportunity to pass squarely upon this disenfranchisement of millions, by laws avowedly discriminatory and openly enforced in such manner that the white men may vote and black men be without a vote in their government; he would discover, therefore, that taxation without representation is the lot of millions of wealth-producing American citizens, in whose hands rests the economic progress and welfare of an entire section of the country.

"He would learn that the Supreme Court, according to the official statement of one of its own judges in the Berea College case, has laid down the principle that if an individual State chooses, it may 'make it a crime for white and colored persons to frequent the same market place at the same time, or appear in an assemblage of citizens convened to consider questions of a public or political nature in which all citizens, without regard to race, are equally interested.'

"In many states Lincoln would find justice enforced, if at all, by judges elected by one element in a community to pass upon the liberties and lives of another. He would see the black men and women, for whose freedom a hundred thousand soldiers gave their lives, set apart in trains, in which they pay first-class fares for third class service, and segregated in railway stations and in places of entertainment; he would observe that State after State declines to do its elementary duty in preparing the Negro through education for the best exercise of citizenship.

"Added to this, the spread of lawless attacks upon the Negro, North, South, and West—even in the Springfield made famous by Lincoln—often accompanied by revolting brutalities, sparing neither sex nor age nor youth, could but shock the author of the sentiment that 'government of the people, by the people, and for the people, should not perish from the earth.'

"Silence under these conditions means tacit approval. The

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IKE SUBMITS 7-PT. PROPOSAL ON CIVIL RIGHTS

WASHINGTON.—President Eisenhower last week asked Congress to make it a federal crime to use force or mob violence to block integration of schools under court orders.

It was part of a seven-point civil rights program submitted in a brief but special message, followed through with the dispatch of seven bills by the Justice, Labor and Welfare departments.

Other proposals would:

2. Make it a federal offense—with a maximum penalty of \$5,000 fine and five years imprisonment—for anyone who bombs or tries to bomb schools, churches or similar institutions to flee across state lines.

3. Provide financial and technical help to make it easier for states and communities to make the changeover from segregated to integrated schools.

4. Let the government educate children of military personnel who had been attending public schools that were closed in integration disputes.

5. Require preservation of federal election records and authorize the Justice Department to inspect them.

6. Give a basis of law rather than presidential executive order to a government committee which polices non-discrimination clauses in government contracts.

7. Continue the Civil Rights Commission for two years beyond its September expiration date.

JR. JACL OFFICER MAY ATTEND WEST POINT

(Special to Pacific Citizen)

CALDWELL, Idaho.—Ted Yamashita, senior at Caldwell High, was informed this past week by U.S. Sen. Frank Church of his nomination as third alternate to West Point Military Academy for the class beginning July 7.

The son of Mr. and Mrs. Mas Yamashita, both active Boise Valley JACLers, the youth is Key Club president, marshal in the DeMolays, lettered in baseball and football, attended Boys State as delegate from Loren Trotter Post and the National Key Club convention in Chicago last summer and elected permanent judge of the Gem Boys State in Boise.

More recently, Ted was re-elected Jr. JACL vice-president. His father was JACL baseball coach and active in judo and Boy Scout circles.

CANADA-BORN MINISTER TO HEAD BUDDHIST WORK

SAN FRANCISCO.—The Rev. Takashi Tsuji, former minister of the Toronto Buddhist Church, will head the new department of Buddhist education as director, it was announced by the Buddhist Churches of America.

A program conducted in English seeks to bring greater understanding of Buddhism to Nisei, Sansei and Caucasian members of the 50 churches in the United States under the BCA.

Born in Mission City, B.C., he studied in Kyoto before returning to serve at the Vancouver Buddhist Church in 1941. He was in a Canadian Japanese relocation camp for three years and resettled in Toronto in 1945, culminating in building a new church in 1955.

FEPC meet delegates

Sakae Ishihara of East Los Angeles JACL and Mark Kiguchi of Southwest L.A. JACL will represent the PSWDC Legal-Legislative Committee at the FEPC Leadership Conference this weekend at the Hacienda Motel in Fresno. The conference will be attended by representatives of many organizations supporting the State FEPC campaign.

Nisei Veterans elect

STOCKTON.—Dr. Kenneth K. Fujii was elected president of the Stockton Nisei Veterans Club.

SAN FRANCISCO DECIDES TO BACK STATE FEPC, WOULD DROP OWN AGENCY

SAN FRANCISCO.—The city of San Francisco will back state legislation enforcing a ban on racial discrimination in employment and set aside the city's own fair employment practices law.

The decision was made by a Board of Supervisors committee which noted that it would be better for the state to assume responsibility for guaranteeing fair employment practices in California.

Committee members agreed to support the bill, noting that San Francisco's own commission was created to serve only until such a state law was passed.

If approved by the legislature, it would eliminate the seven-member commission set up after San Francisco enacted its fair employment practices law in 1956.

Issei-Nisei savings and loan ass'n may be in operation

Barring any technical complications, the first savings and loan association principally financed by persons of Japanese ancestry was expected to receive its charter this week from the State of California, according to Ben Adachi, who was elected president of the Nichibei Savings and Loan Assn.

Application was made on Monday at which time Adachi testified before the state banking commissioner Frank J. Mackin and his assistant, James M. Laurent, that "there is still discrimination in housing to prevent Issei and Nisei prospective home buyers from purchasing the site of their choice."

"In many instances, a person of Japanese ancestry would not be able to buy a certain home because loan companies will not handle his mortgage problems," Adachi said.

On the board of directors are Gongo Nakamura, George Inagaki, Saburo Kido, Dr. Wallace T. Nagata, Andrew W. Rockton, David M. Shaby and Norman D. Vaughan. The necessary capital to begin the company has been amassed, the officers noted. Minimum requirement is \$300,000.

SENATE SUBCOMMITTEE SLATES STATEHOOD MEET

WASHINGTON.—The Senate Subcommittee on Territories will open a three-day hearing on Hawaii statehood Feb. 25. Sen. Henry M. Jackson (D., Wash.), subcommittee chairman, predicted the full Senate Interior and Insular Affairs Committee would approve a statehood bill early in March.

He said that only new testimony would be considered at his group's hearings.

Fountain Valley mayor named 'young farmer'

SANTA ANA.—Mayor James Kanno, 33, of Fountain Valley was selected the "Outstanding Young Farmer of 1958" in an overwhelming vote by the Orange County Junior Chamber of Commerce.

The mayor, who gained prominence two years ago when he became the first Nisei mayor in the United States, represented his county at a state competition in Modesto last weekend.

Kanno and his wife, are active Orange County JACLers, and have two children, David 4 and Deedee 3.

NISEI CAUSING DEATH FROM JUDO FREED

FT. LEWIS, Wash.—Master Sgt. Minoru Oda of Norwalk, Calif., was cleared last week on an involuntary manslaughter charge arising from the death last Nov. 30 of Sgt. Ralph Morgan.

Morgan was found dead in a car a few hours after an altercation at the Ft. Lewis Inn in which he sustained a fatal liver injury from a judo throw. The court found Oda, inn cashier, had attempted to quiet an unruly patron.

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(loyalty). But you did, in spite of everything." His eyes glistened with increased moisture.

"You people love flowers," he said commenting on the flower industry developed by Nisei in California. "And you have given me that flower planted deeply here," Schnarr said placing his large hand significantly over his heart.

He extolled the Nisei audience to protect the ideals of the United States "rooted in the principle of justice and equality."

Contrary to his usual practice, the speaker explained, "I speak on this occasion here tonight without any notes." It was all very extemporaneous — "from my heart."

A thunderous ovation enveloped the guest speaker at the end of his short emotion-packed 15-minute talk.

And the historic evening was brought to a close immediately thereafter by toastmaster Matsumoto with this observation: "We have arrived."

Schnarr was later mobbed by grateful Issei and Nisei who were aware of the fact that their patience and humanity "in spite of everything" had finally aroused an organization such as the Native Sons and Daughters of the Golden West out of their provincial thinking into the main stream of real American idealism.

"Grateful, yes—to forever just and Almighty God," one elderly man said humbly. "The bigness of a people lies in admitting their mistakes," said another philosophically.

In a post-speech interview with The Hokubei Mainichi, Schnarr stressed that "Oriental exclusion will never again become an issue" as far as his organization was concerned, adding: "You can quote anything I've said tonight."

Ken Matsumoto and the Oakland JACL should be commended highly for taking leadership in bringing about this memorable evening.

—Hokubei Mainichi.

Honolulu 442nd Club lining up 1961 reunion

HONOLULU.—Fred Ida was installed as 1959 president of the 442nd Club here, which will spearhead the 1961 Nisei Veterans Reunion scheduled here. Royce Higa was appointed reunion chairman.

CALENDAR

Feb. 13-15
Sacramento—JACL Bowling Tournament, South Bowl.

Feb. 14 (Saturday)
Florin—Installation dinner, Wakana-ura Chop Suey, Sacramento, 7 p.m.; Bill Matsumoto, spkr.

Eden Township—Installation dinner, Red Rooster, 510-17th St., Oakland, 6:30 p.m.; Jerry Enomoto, spkr.
Pocatello—Valentine party, Sonoma County—Crab Feed, Memorial Hall, 6:30 p.m.

Feb. 14-15
PSWDC—Chapter Clinic (San Diego JACL hosts, Lafayette Hotel, 2223 El Cajon Blvd., 12n (Sat.), 9 a.m. (Sun).

Feb. 17 (Tuesday)
Southwest L.A.—Brotherhood Program, Factor, Hall, 6075 W. Pico Blvd., 8:30 p.m.

Feb. 20 (Friday)
Pocatello—Youth Group meeting.

Feb. 21 (Saturday)
Southwest L.A.—Box-Lunch and Square Dance, Ardmore Playground, 7 p.m.

Detroit—Installation dinner-dance, The Whittier.
Orange County—JAYS Spring Dance, Harbor Community Center, Long Beach, 8:30 p.m.-12m.

Feb. 21-23
Pocatello—JACL Jamboree, Pine Bowl.

Feb. 22 (Sunday)
East Los Angeles—Snow Hike (tentative).

Feb. 24 (Tuesday)
San Francisco—Auxiliary meeting, Church of Christ, 8 p.m.

Feb. 26 (Thursday)
Mt. Olympus—Parents Appreciation night.

East L.A.—General meeting, International Institute, 8 p.m.

Feb. 27 (Friday)
Seattle—Installation dinner, Chamber of Commerce Bldg., Mike Masaoka, spkr.

Feb. 28 (Saturday)
Sacramento—Installation dinner, Sacramento Inn, Mike Masaoka, spkr.

Mar. 2-7
Los Angeles—National JACL Bowling Tournament, Holiday Bowl, 3750 Crenshaw Blvd.

Mar. 7 (Saturday)
Los Angeles—JACL Bowling Tournament Awards dinner-dance, Statler-Hilton Hotel, 6:30 p.m.

Pocatello—JACL Carnival, Memorial Hall, 1 p.m.

Mar. 11 (Wednesday)
Sequoia—Joint Bridge Club session with San Jose JACL.