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COLUMN LEFT:

Hawaii's multi-racial population intricate

One of the burning questions prominent in the Hawaiian statehood issue deals with population. Often asked is whether it is desirable to admit a territory with a large group of Orientals.

A recent estimate gives the Islands 184,000 residents of Japanese ancestry; 90,000 of Polynesian or part-Hawaiian; 82,000 of various Caucasian; 61,000 of Filipino ancestry; 30,000 of Chinese; 10,000 of Puerto Rican; and 7,600 of Korean descent—for a total of 533,600—which is more than the total of Delaware, Vermont, Nevada or Wyoming.

The population has an intricate racial complex. There are Americans, British, Germans, Norwegians, Spaniards, Portuguese, Negroes, Chinese, Japanese, Filipinos, Koreans, Micronesians and native Hawaiians and a sprinkling of other ethnic groups.

There are no racial majorities—even among Mongoloids, which total 221,600 or less than half of the entire Islands' population.

Because all are minorities, it probably accounts for the surprising lack of racial prejudice or racial disturbance on the Islands. And racial bloc action in politics is nil.

Southern Democrats who oppose Hawaiian statehood because of race prejudice fear admission would mean more votes for civil rights, as a memo to the JACL membership in recent weeks explained. When Arizona and New Mexico became states, they had—and still have—large Indian and Mexican populations and our Southern states are predominantly Negro. Hence, to defeat the bill appropriately tagged H.R. 50 in the House and S. 50 in the Senate, now on racial grounds would seriously hurt U.S. prestige abroad, especially in its dealings with the Asian nations, whom we are trying so hard to win to our cause.

Let's pray that with the bill off to such an early and promising start, it will not be lost in the annual adjournment rush next summer.—H.H.

Hawaii Statehood passes Senate group; JACler hopes future pleas unnecessary

WASHINGTON. — The Hawaiian statehood bill sailed unanimously through the Senate interior committee Tuesday.

Chairman Murray (D., Mont.), predicted the bill would be brought up "very quickly" for a vote by the full Senate.

(JACL News Service)

WASHINGTON. — Mike Masaoka, Washington representative of the Japanese American Citizens League, was the final witness before the Senate Interior and Insular Affairs Subcommittee which last week completed public hearings on

the bill admitting Hawaii as a state into the Union.

Prior to his testimony, Sen. Henry Jackson (D., Wash.), chairman, and Democratic Senators John A. Carroll (Colo.), Frank Church (Ida.), Ernest Gruening (Alaska), and Frank E. Moss (Utah), and Republican Senators Thomas H. Kuchel (Calif.), and Barry Goldwater (Ariz.), all members of the Subcommittee, expressed their endorsement of statehood for Hawaii, particularly because of its special significance to the nations and peoples of the Asia-Pacific area.

Expressing the hope that as the last witness, this would be the last time that any one would have to testify in favor of statehood for Hawaii, Masaoka noted that it was appropriate that one representing Americans of Asian ancestry, who comprise more than half of the Territory's population, was the final speaker.

Refutes Ex-GAR Official

In addition to submitting a 10

page mimeographed statement which answered the two major questions not involved in Alaska statehood—Hawaii's cosmopolitan population and alleged Communist problem—the JACL spokesman replied to the charges of Mrs. Margaret Hopkins Worrell, past president of the Ladies Auxiliary of the Grand Army of the Republic, who spoke as president of the Wheels of Progress.

The first was that because of the language of the law annexing the Republic of Hawaii to the United States more than 60 years ago, there was some question regarding the application of federal citizenship and immigration laws. Masaoka cited the Immigration Acts of 1917 and 1924 and the Walter-McCarran Immigration and Naturalization Act of 1952 to underscore that the same laws that relate to the mainland apply to Hawaii and that a person born in the Pacific Territory is also a citizen of the United States regardless of his ancestry.

In reply to the charge that Hawaii's mixed population so predominantly Asian and Polynesian in ancestry, he declared that with world conditions as they are this was an argument for—and not against—statehood. He applauded the earlier statements of Subcommittee members which recognized that half the world's population would look to the treatment accorded Hawaii as indication of American good faith and attitude of goodwill towards those of Asian extraction.

Pass Tests of Assimilation

To the old charges that the Japanese and other Orientals could not be assimilated into the American culture, Masaoka pointed to the records established by those of Japanese ancestry in law obedience, in education, in civic and community participation, and especially in the armed forces during World War II and in Korea.

"If these are the tests of assimilability," he declared, "Japanese Americans are among the most assimilated and integrated citizens in the land". He noted that after December 7, 1941, Japanese Americans were subjected to discrimination, prejudice, and persecution, yet had enough faith in the American way to volunteer and to die in the service of our country. He emphasized that there could be no greater test than this.

Since the preceding witness had referred to the report of the House Un-American Activities Committee on the extent of the Communist menace to Hawaii, the JACL representative called attention to the testimony of Congressman Francis E. Walter, chairman of this same Committee, last week in which he unqualifiedly urged statehood for Hawaii.

In addition, Masaoka quoted from the Constitution for the new State of Hawaii, drafted nine years ago, which specifically prohibits public office and employment to Communists and fellow travelers. To his knowledge, no other state constitution contains such prohibitions, he stated.

Hits 'Commie' Weapon

As a matter of fact, Masaoka argued that statehood for Hawaii would deprive the Communists of one of their most effective arguments against the United States by proving that we do practice what we preach.

He rejected the suggestion that either independence or common-

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Guest speaker Dr. Percy Julian (left) chats with toastmaster Noboru Honda and Shigeo Wakamatsu, national JACL president, at recent Chicago JACL Brotherhood Dinner at Honolulu Harry's Waikiki Club.

LIP SERVICE TO BROTHERHOOD IDEA NOT ENOUGH, CLERS TOLD

CHICAGO. — An ethnic cross-section of Chicago heard Dr. Percy L. Julian, distinguished Negro chemist and educator, challenge them with the question, "Do you mean what you say?" in the second annual Chicago JACL Brotherhood dinner on Washington's birthday.

An overflow crowd of 300 persons attending the dinner at Honolulu Harry's Waikiki Room included citizens of Puerto Rican and American Indian descent, who were special guests and are comparative newcomers to the community.

Referring to the general acceptance of brotherhood as an ideal through lip service, Dr. Julian issued his challenge. He emphasized that noble statements and verbiage on brotherhood and democracy are not enough in the present world of fear and anxiety.

Relating the history of injustice perpetrated upon Negroes and others, he stated that the most important freedom yet to be attained is "freedom from public defamation as a group." He pointed to disenfranchisement of Negroes, ghetto-like housing and inability to eat freely in public places as examples of public defamation as a group.

Using the words of a mythical future historian from Mars he reviewed the history of practiced discrimination which is contrary to the verbal sanction of the ideal of brotherhood. "Shall future historians look upon us as having pointed the way to true liberty or will we be associated with the greatest swindle in history, spiritual swindle?" he asked. He stated that the time has come to be done with evasiveness and to act on what we say and believe.

Brotherhood Award

The program included the presentation of the 1959 JACL Brotherhood Award which went to the Rev. Gyomay Kubose of the Chicago Buddhist Church for his work above and beyond his calling as a minister. Reverend Kubose per-

sonally aided many Japanese Americans in being successfully relocated in Chicago and has continued to spread goodwill and understanding throughout the community through meetings, lectures, and personal contact. The award was presented by Kenji Nakane, director of the Japanese American Service Committee in Chicago and recipient of the 1958 Brotherhood Award.

Greetings Extended

Greetings were extended by Hiro Mayeda, chapter president, and Shig Wakamatsu of Chicago, national JACL president. Invocation was given by the Rev. Soyu Matsuo of the Zen Buddhist Church. Noboru Honda, former Midwest District Council chairman and charter Chicago JACler and chapter president, was toastmaster. Benediction was rendered by the Rev. Stanley Johnson of the Lakeside Japanese Christian Church.

Maudie Nakada, dinner chairman, was assisted by:

Dan Kuzuhara, Mrs. Toshiko Misa-ki, Henry Tanabe, program; Abe Hagiwara, Kay Yamashita, Ruth Kumata, Richard Kaneko Lillian Kimura, promotion; Mrs. Jean Kimura, Mrs. Esther Hagiwara, Mrs. Sumi Miyaki, Fumi Iwatsuki, hospitality; Kenji Nakane, Harvey Aki, exhibit; Akira Fujioka, treas.; Hiro Mayeda, Dr. Frank Sakamoto, Kumeo Yoshinari, adv.

A dramatic presentation entitled "The House I Live In," prepared by Mrs. Jean Kimura, served to introduce numbers from the special guests at the dinner as well as from the Japanese American community.

Children of Puerto Rican descent sang two numbers, one in Spanish and one in English. Several Indian dances were presented by members of the dance group of the American Indian Center in Chicago. A Japanese dance was performed by five Nisei girls.

The entertainment portion of the program was climaxed by the appearance of Earl Robinson, composer and folklorist, who sang his own composition, "The House I Live In," and on which the skit was based.

PHOTO TAKEN BY NISEI BOOSTS RED CROSS DRIVE

ST. PAUL, Minn. — The month of March is American Red Cross month and the billboards across the country are promoting the 1959 campaign with a picture taken by Nisei photographer Paul Iida of the St. Paul Dispatch-Pioneer.

It shows a house and tree scoured by a tornado with debris scattered about, which was taken last June at Colfax, Wis.

His wife is a Red Cross volunteer blockworker in suburban Maplewood.

Idaho governor signs marriage bill

BOISE. — Idaho removed its ban on interracial marriages Mar. 2 as Gov. Robert E. Smylie signed a bill passed 48-5 by the House and 43-0 in the Senate repealing a 92-year-old anti-miscegenation law.

(A detailed report is expected in "By the Board" next week when George Sugai, nat'l 3rd vice-president, of Payette, Idaho, reports on the successful legislative campaign to eliminate another vestige of discriminatory laws.—Editor.)

Calif. FEPC legislation due fight in state senate

"Undercover schemes to load the pending FEPC legislation with crippling amendments in the State Senate are now out in the open," declared the California Committee for Fair Employment Practices in a statement which praised the Assembly for "standing firm in the Feb. 19 65-14 vote to adopt A.B.91 without change."

Assembly Bill 91, patterned on the fair employment practices laws in effect in New York and 12 other states, prohibits employment discrimination based on race, color, religious creed, national origin, or ancestry, and establishes a Commission to implement its provisions.

"Efforts to maneuver the Senate into adopting crippling amendments to A.B.91 are now out in the open," said C.L. Dellums, state chairman of the Committee, as the bill was sent to the upper house for study and action. "Various public statements have already been made concerning proposed amendments."

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Official Notices

Outlines of two issues for consideration by chapters, district chairmen of International Relations Committee and National Board members on (1) Films Derogatory to the People of Japan and (2) Entertainment of Visitors from Japan were prepared by William Marutani, national chairman, International Relations Committee, 8112 Algon Ave., Philadelphia 15, Pa. He asked for reactions by April 30, admitting that the suggested "target date" may not correspond too well with a particular district or chapter schedule. At the same time, some cut-off date had to be established so that recommendations to the National Board could be made in time for its meeting June 6-7 in San Francisco. Marutani asked that when replying, a suggested set of standards by which various issues should be viewed and evaluated by submitted.—Editor.

ISSUE NO. 1 - FILMS DEROGATORY TO THE PEOPLE OF JAPAN

STATEMENT OF FACTS

The Film. Recently, a British-made film entitled, "Camp on Blood Island" was distributed throughout the U.S. While this writer did not subsidize the film by seeing it, information is that the picture is based upon bad treatment of prisoners of war by the Japanese. Newspaper advertisements tended toward sensationalism and the ads and marquee billboards depicted swarthy "Jap" soldiers despoiling women and waving samurai swords over kneeling victims.

Reaction. A number of non-Japanese, as well as Nisei, have called this film to JACL's attention and inquired what JACL was going to do about it. The Japan-America Society of Los Angeles protested the showing of this film and this protest was conveyed to Eric Johnston, President of the Association of Motion Picture Producers, Vincent X. Flaherty, a Los Angeles Examiner columnist, in criticizing the current showing of wartime films detrimental to the Nisei, also included films unfriendly to the people of Japan. Two general reactions are:

- (a) Affects us. Some feel that since we have Japanese faces, anything derogatory to the Japanese in general affects us also and therefore should be protested by JACL on this basis as well as because of the harm it causes toward a maintenance of friendly relations between our country and Japan.
- (b) Based on fact. On the other hand, some feel that since such bad treatment of prisoners of war by the Japanese has some basis in fact, there is little ground to protest even though such treatment may be exaggerated.

QUESTIONS

1. General question. Shall the JACL expand its policy of protesting films derogatory to persons of Japanese ancestry in the United States, to protesting those films which show the people of Japan in a derogatory light?
 2. Other mass media. What about similar use of other mass media: cartoons, television programs, publications and public addresses?
 3. Films in Japan. What about films exhibited in Japan which depict America in a bad light? Recently a Japanese picture justified Japan's attack on Pearl Harbor and claimed that U.S. high officials knew of the impending attack but failed to notify the commanders at Pearl Harbor. The U.S. State Department made an official protest of this picture and JACL was solicited to express a similar protest.
- Along this line, what about the recent U.S. Army leaflet (which was withdrawn) which discouraged marriage by U.S. soldiers to Japanese girls? This leaflet, while couched in seemingly innocuous and "reasonable" arguments was, at least in this writer's opinion, clearly fraught with a basic concept of racial and cultural inferiority as well as incompatibility. Does this constitute an area of protest by JACL?

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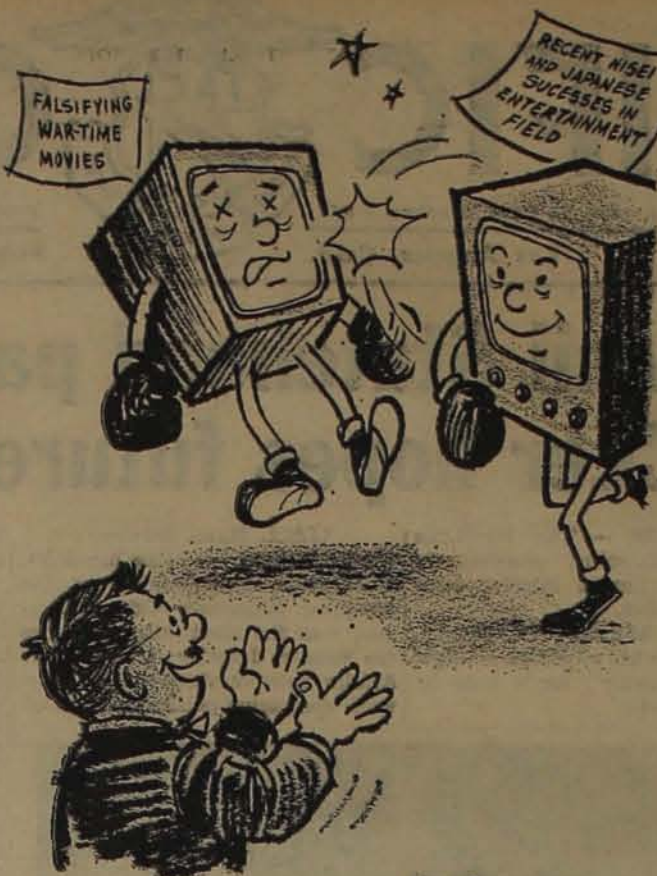
Ye Editor's Desk

THE AMERICAN JEWISH Committee executive board, we understand, has completed a study of the increase in distribution of hate and racist literature. The sick-minded stuff reached a new high in 1958. The AJC is to be congratulated for having shown the race bigots are not solely directing their hate against Jews, but defame Negroes, Catholics and any shade of "liberal" and against anyone who is not "100 per cent American". To meet this threat, the committee has suggested community action.

The New York Times, which has opposed literary censorship, editorialized on Jan. 25 to curb this evil by law. "Most of our statutes concerning the distribution of printed matter are concerned with only two things, obscenity and fraud," the paper pointed out. But hate and bigotry, it added, can certainly be as corrosive of our social well-being as fraud or obscenity.

MAYBE THERE'S A parallel in matters of budget and finance between California's budget of \$2.1 billion and JACL's annual budget of some \$80,000. To balance a record California budget, Governor Brown is asking for a \$256,000,000 tax increase. While some of the newspapers which backed him in November lauded him for his courage, some of his strongest campaign backers including leading labor leaders denounced

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Encore!

San Francisco JACL expected to top 1,000 mark today

SAN FRANCISCO. — Team captains of San Francisco JACL's 1959 membership campaign reported 744 paid-up members as of Feb. 27 with prospects that it would go over the 1,000 mark by tonight when the final captains' meeting would be held.

Mrs. Yo Hironaka, membership vice-president, earlier announced a goal of 1,200. Thirteen teams with some 90 solicitors are actively engaged in canvassing the Issei-Nisei population here.

The following are team captains and members:

- (1) Jiro Arakawa, capt.; Howard Imazeki, Tom Hoshiyama, Yukio Kumamoto, Mary Morishita, William Toba, Tomi Yasueda. (2) Hid Kasai, capt.; Tosh Kodama, Maxie Nakahiro, Marshall Sumida, Thelma Takeda, Himeo Tsumori, Tad Ono. (3) Mutt Matsu-moto, capt.; Sumako Fukumori, Yukio Isoye, Ken Kiwata, Tooru Mochida, Norm Sugiyama, John Yasumoto. (4) Barbara Nagareda, capt.; Jane Okada, Mary Okamoto, Marie Kurihara, Misa Sumida Tats Sumida. (5) Don Negi, capt.; Francis Hoshimi, George Kato, Kay Onishi, Mary Negi, Daisy Uyeda, Yukio Wada. (6) Fred Obayashi, capt.; Yutaka Handa, Dick Nishi, Helen Okubo, Suzy Toda, Sumi Utsumi. (7) Katsy Reyes, capt.; Lloyd Hiura, Fred Hoshiyama, Sumi Honnami, Masa Nakamura, Marie Kogawara, Toshiro Hara. (8) Sam Sato, capt.; Joyce Enomoto, Steve Doi, Aney Alzawa, Hats Aizawa, Kuni Koga. (9) Yone Satoda, capt.; Lucy Adachi, Elsie Chung, Miyuki Aoyama, Tokuji Hedani, Motoso Itatani, Tess Hideshima. (10) Naomi Shibata, capt.; Willie Hoshiyama, Loise Koike, Mabel Iwata, Bess Sonoda, Michi Onuma. (11) Richard Tsutakawa, capt.; Chiz Satow, Yas Abiko, Mariko Soma, Mabel Ando. (12) Chibi Yamamoto, capt.; Hisashi Sakai, Kei Hori, Janice Muramoto, Shiz Yoshimura, Wil Maruyama. (13) Shiz Yuzuriha, capt.; Rene Kondo, Cal Kitazumi, Bill Fukumitsu, Ruby Sasaki, Tosh Hamamoto, Hiro Fujimoto.

First Japan-born officer in Canadian army dies

TORONTO. — The first Japan-born officer in the Canadian army, Richard Suzuki, 55, died Feb. 18. Born in Tokyo, he came to Canada and was graduated as a chemical engineer from Upper Canada College. With the outbreak of World War II, he enlisted in the Royal Canadian Engineers, went overseas in 1940 and demobilized with the rank of major.

EXHIBIT OF SUMIE AT CHICAGO JASC

CHICAGO. — Sumie works of Ryouin Watase of the Nanga School will be exhibited Mar. 6-8 under sponsorship of the Society of Fine Arts and Kiyu-Kai at the Japanese American Service Committee Bldg., 1110 N. LaSalle St.

LONG BEACH CHAPTER PUSHES MEMBERSHIP CAMPAIGN BY MAIL

LONG BEACH. — Hopeful that chapter membership renewal by mail would succeed, telephone reminders will be made before the Long Beach-Harbor District JACL campaign closes Mar. 15, it was disclosed by Mrs. Sue Joe, membership chairman.

Last year, under the able chairmanship of Mrs. Ruby Mio, the chapter had an all-time high of 404. "We hope to meet the same number of total members and add another 50 to the list," Mrs. Joe added.

Team captains assisting in the four-week drive are:

Ruby Mio, Easy Fujimoto, Barbara Miura, Frances Ishii, Martha Takade, Hattie Izumi, Hanako Manaka and Dorothy Matsushita.

Chapter dues are \$3.50 per individual, \$6 per couple, \$5 or more for supporting memberships and \$25 for 1000 Club.

Jim Okita, 1000 Club chairman, has promised several chapter wing-dings for 1000ers this year. Dr. John Kashiwabara is chapter president.

S.F. credit union declares 3.3 pct.

SAN FRANCISCO. — The San Francisco JACL Credit Union declared a 3.3 per cent dividend for 1958, it was announced at the annual meeting held Feb. 15 at New Rex Cafe.

Ichiro Sugiyama, the secretary-treasurer, reported that the total shares in the local credit union now amounts to \$170,015.35 and profits from 1958 operations came to \$5,124.

In the annual election, the following four were chosen:

Seizo Oka, supervisory; Kei Hori (re-elected), credit; Al Kimoto and Yasuo Abiko, directors.

Holdovers are: George Kaz Sakai and Mickey Kuroiwa, supervisory; Fred and William Hoshiyama, credit; Dr. Tokuji Hedani, Wallace Nunotani, William Morozumi, Maxie Nakahiro and Sugiyama, directors.

Selma JACLers hear talk on wills

SELMA. — Vernon Vickers, local bank official, spoke on the planning and workings of wills at the Selma JACL meeting last Tuesday. His talk was translated into Japanese by Mikio Uchiyama, Fowler attorney, for benefit of Issei and other Japanese-speaking members.

PC Letter Box

COMBATING DELINQUENCY

Editor: Boston University professor William C. Kvaraceus believes that delinquency is a neighborhood problem and the question is: "Can you cure a neighborhood, not can you cure an individual?"

Chicago's Japanese Americans provide Olivet Institute, 1441 N. Cleveland Ave., a settlement house with urgently needed repairs and modernization.

By seeking to improve neighborhood facilities for youngsters, these do-gooders are striking at the very heart of the juvenile delinquency problem.

BERRY SUZUKIDA

Chicago.

CONFLICT OF CUSTOMS

Editor: ... about the use of the word, "Jap". Here there is, I think a conflict between a rigid custom of social usages in Japan which naturally would think of it as an insult and the national American pastime of using nicknames for everyone and every group.

As a teacher in a rural high school in the midwest during my earlier years I was accustomed to being the "prof". Doubtless, a Harvard professor would be insulted at the use of the appellation in connection with him. But actually as I heard it applied to me, it was complimentary, much as many people call their most respected medical practitioners "Doc", even though the medics themselves never use the term in speaking to each other.

PAUL C. GREENE

Temple City, Calif.

(Were the expression "Jap" as complimentary in usage as "prof" was in your own particular case, there would be little said against usage of the expression, "Jap". But it was popularized during the anti-Oriental days in the West and used in a derogatory fashion. Perhaps, in generations to come the meaning and usage of the term may change upon revival. Meantime, we're trying to eliminate its usage.—Editor.)

PSW credit union declares 3 pct.

The Pacific Southwest JACL Credit Union, at its annual meeting Friday at Lem's Cafe, declared a 3 per cent dividend for 1958.

Lynn Takagaki, treasurer, reported an income of \$7,251.26 and expenditures of \$3,037.36. Total loans amounted to \$98,344.94 to 125 members for the year.

During the discussion period led by Saburo Kido, chairman, the matter of raising the life insurance to \$2,000; requirement that every new member be a JACL member in good standing; a three-month's membership before becoming eligible to borrow were brought up. The board of directors is expected to resolve some of these questions this year.

Elected to serve this year were Tom Ito, Lynn Takagaki, Fred Takata, board of directors; Joe Ito, Henry Tsurutani, credit; Jerry Isonaka, Yoshiko Sakurai, supervisory.

Nisei bridge player helps U.S. team win over Italian champions

SANTA MONICA. — San Francisco Nisei bridge instructor Don Oakie was a member of the U.S. team, which defeated Italy's world championship bridge team here last week.

The Western All-Stars finished with a margin of 29 international match points—the equivalent of 2,700 pts. in ordinary bridge scoring. It was the first major defeat since 1956 for the Italians who had defeated the Eastern U.S. All-Stars two weeks ago.

Oakie, whose given name is Donald Akira Aoki, was one of six members of the winning American team.



Vagaries

By Larry S. Tajiri

Call for Oriental Talent

LAST TIME WE were in New York City, and that would be better than a month ago, Richard Rodgers and Oscar Hammerstein were auditioning singers, dancers and actors of Oriental ancestry for the projected London company of "Flower Drum Song."

A London edition of R&H's latest show, the biggest musical hit of the current Broadway season, is contingent on the producers' success in recruiting a company in New York. There's not enough talent in England and Europe of Oriental men to cast "Flower Drum Song." Besides, though the performers are supposedly Chinese, the setting is San Francisco's Chinatown and they are Americans as well.

It's not often that the producers of a Broadway hit send out a blanket call for talent—usually there's a surfeit of it—but Rodgers and Hammerstein are doing it with "Flower Drum Song." Applicants of Oriental ancestry are being urged to send photos and biographical material to the Rodgers and Hammerstein office (488 Madison Ave., New York 22, N.Y.).

Along Broadway a lot of theater folk doubted R&H's insistence on casting "Flower Drum Song" with Orientals. The general assumption was that there weren't enough performers of Asian ancestry to carry a big Broadway musical. Rodgers and Hammerstein's aides, and Director Gene Kelly (the film star), went out and held auditions in Los Angeles, San Francisco, New York and way points. They assembled a cast of 50 of which some 30 are of Oriental descent. There are a dozen Nisei in the company, as well as singers and dancers of Chinese, Korean, Filipino and Hawaiian ancestry. There's even a girl named Shawnee Smith who claims she's part-Indian, American Indian, that is.

"Flower Drum Song" is a pleasant show, but it isn't the best of Rodgers and Hammerstein productions, as New York critics were quick to note. The music and lyrics are derivative of such R&H successes as "South Pacific," "Carousel" and "Oklahoma!" What makes "Flower Drum Song" the delight it is and an established success is the performance of its splendid company, particularly the charm of its two female stars, Pat Suzuki and Miyoshi Umeki. Without them, and with the usual lot of Broadway chorines instead of such talents as the dancing of Yuriko, Jo Anne Miya, David Toguri and George Minami, to name only four, "Flower Drum Song" might have been just another show.

Rodgers and Hammerstein have proved their point, and they're just as insistent on an Oriental company for London. There's even a possibility, if talent is available, that a national company may also be mounted to tour the United States. Reason is that the New York troupe will be playing the St. James theater in New York indefinitely. Mail orders are now being taken through January, 1960, and the box office is selling tickets through July. It is reported that Rodgers and Hammerstein now have \$1,500,000 in advance ticket orders for "Flower Drum Song."

IF RODGERS AND Hammerstein were watching, NBC's Chevy Chase a month ago introduced a couple of talents which would be ideal for another company of "Flower Drum Song," if R&H fail to come up with Chinese Americans for the leads. These would be Jimmy Shigeta, the Nisei from Hawaii who is Japan's leading popular male vocalist, and Izumi Yukimura, rated Nippon's favorite girl singer.

Shigeta and Miss Yukimura made a hit generally with the TV audience, and their Chevy Chase, consisting of imported Japanese talent, was so well received that it will be repeated by NBC this summer. Shigeta grabbed off the leading male role, as the Nisei cop, in Producer Sam Fuller's Little Tokyo murder drama, "The Crimson Kimono," which is being produced for Columbia and he is currently busy making the film. He and Miss Yukimura, incidentally, have been recording for RCA Victor and it's presumed a long-play album will be issued soon featuring these two voices.

Shigeta would be ideal physically for either the romantic juvenile role of Wang Ta or that of Sammy Fong, the nightclub owner, in "Flower Drum Song," and his voice is better than that of any of the males in the New York company. Miss Yukimura certainly could undertake the part which Miyoshi Umeki has made her own, that of Mei Li, the Chinese picture bride who comes to America to marry a man she's never seen. Then there's Teal Joy (Elsie Itashiki), a Nisei girl from San Francisco with a big voice, who has been singing on the night club circuit. Miss Itashiki was impressive in her first album (Bethlehem), and she might be a possibility for the Pat Suzuki part in a second company, though it's difficult to imagine anyone but Pat in the role of the brash and brassy Linda Low.

No castings have been announced as yet by Rodgers and Hammerstein for the London company, but it's understood the troupe is beginning to take shape.

MEANWHILE, New York is still in the midst of its Oriental entertainment boom. Currently at the Roxy are Don Takeuchi and his Imperial Japanese Dancers, a troupe which has played the Mocambo in Hollywood and Las Vegas as well. Takeuchi, a Los Angeles Nisei who once had a dance act with Reiko Sato, had his troupe on Garry Moore's "I've Got a Secret" CBS-TV show the other Wednesday. Takeuchi and his girls do everything from a classic Japanese dance movement to the wildest rock and roll.

The New York City Center is following the trend with a revival of "Lute Song," a musical with a Chinese setting which Mary Martin and Yul Brynner did on Broadway more than a decade ago. Ben Piazza has been set as one-half of the cast of the forthcoming drama, "Kataki," a two-character play which will star Sessue Hayakawa in his first Broadway appearance in 33 years. Piazza makes his movie debut currently as the boy in Warners' "The Hanging Tree."

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Washington's governor, Seattle mayor, Mike Masaoka address

BY CATHERINE FLOOD
(Special to Pacific Citizen)

SEATTLE. — Last Friday night I had a small experience in being a member of a minority group.

But with what a difference from the heritage and experience of nearly everyone else there! I was given warm welcome as a long-time friend of Elmer Ogawa, Toastmaster Bill Mambu and others; of the Japan America Society—and for myself. Yet I was one of scarcely half-a-hundred Caucasians, including Gov. Albert D. Rosellini of Washington State and Mayor Gordon S. Clinton of Seattle, among about 250 persons at the installation dinner and reception of Seattle Chapter, Japanese American Citizens League.

The entire evening was impressive, from the stirring presentation of colors by Seattle Buddhist Church Boy Scout Troop 252 of which we are all so proud (these fine young Americans have won many well-deserved honors), through other patriotic ceremonies and introductions (especially to Yoshiharu Takeno, Consul General for Japan, and Mrs. Takeno), to the solemn installation of officers and the meaningful oath, the report of President Takeshi Kubota (who was re-elected); the thought-provoking main address by Mike Masaoka and the closing ceremonies.

For entertainment, there was a Japanese dance, faithfully in tradition, by Mrs. Fred Ito, with Mrs. Ralph Ricker at the Koto and the voice of Mrs. Jean Herbert, an aficionado of everything Japanese, who later sang accompanied by Mrs. M. Homma at the piano. Mayor Clinton paid tribute to "you of Japanese descent—not separate, but an important part of our cosmopolitan community to which we turn to make our city a better place to live, and a community which we love."

Governor Rosellini, champion of civil rights and especially of the rights of minorities, spoke regarding state legislation, especially the alien land-law bill: "We are going to keep after that legislation until the Legislature passes it." He expressed his interest in HB 70 (for adequate legislation to protect minority rights), and he said he hoped the evening's main speaker Mike Masaoka could address a joint session of the House and Senate on his return to the Pacific Northwest next week.

As always, Mike M. Masaoka of Washington, D.C., who needs no further introduction to PC readers, was received with great acclaim. He briefly sketched the history of national anti-discriminatory legislation, recounted a typical day (actually, the one just before his arrival in Seattle) which included appearances, several times as a witness, before committees in the national capitol and New York, about alien land and other discriminatory legislation (such as housing), foreign trade, etc.

Mike, who is a great favorite with press and other communications groups in Seattle, spoke on a constructive note regarding JACL "being able to help America to solve the great dilemma of peace or war", saying "... we face the awful responsibility of ... explaining to the United States ... and to Japan ... just what the conditions are," mentioning that the State of Washington is one of the two states (with Arizona) which have not yet repealed the alien land law ...

"Not until every anti-Japanese law is off the books," he said, "can we escape our duty. JACL must work to repeal miscegenation laws, such as those in 28 states and, in eight states, even more restrictive legislation, including the rights to survivors. JACL," he said "must be warned against complacency ... the pride of prejudice ... as against 'how close to the razor's edge we are between war and peace.'"

Mike's fine, optimistic talk with its emphasis on a constructive, "think-for-the-future" note, carried the theme that "if only a few who believe will carry the torch," JACL will (1) help America to understand and to keep American

leadership, (2) win the anti-alien landlaw campaign (which MUST be won) and ... (3) Seattle JACL should put in its bid for the national convention in 1962.

The Bellevue Nisei Club presented a check for \$1,000 to the

Seattle JACL "to use as you wish and with thanks for all you have done for us".

MY! I was proud to be part of that small minority group. May I wish my favorite other one as well!



Bellevue Nisei Club president Mutsuo Hashiguchi (standing right) hands \$1,000 check to Seattle JACL president Tak Kubota (at left) as Mike Masaoka (center) and Bill Mambu (seated at right), principals at the Seattle JACL installation dinner, look with approval. —Elmer Ogawa Photo.

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The National Director's Report

By Masao Satow

Encampment for Citizenship

The National Encampment for Citizenship annually brings together outstanding young people between the ages of 18-23 in a six-week workshop in democracy. It is sponsored by the American Ethical Union with the cooperation of many national agencies, among them JACL. Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt is the Honorary Chairman of the Encampment.

The Encampment has been held in New York for a number of years, but last year, a West Coast Encampment was established and held at the International House of the University of California. JACL sponsored Judy Aoyama of Reno, 18-year-old daughter of active JACler, Fred Aoyama. She records her impressions herewith. The Encampment this year will again be at the International House, June 28 to August 8.—MWS.

REPORT BY JUDY AOYAMA

E.F.C. IS AN abbreviated description of the 1958 ENCAMPMENT FOR CITIZENSHIP; the same letters could well be interpreted as Education, Friendship, and Cooperation which were the primary objectives. The concept of a six-week agenda filled with work, study, and play among individuals of widely varied ethnic backgrounds is overwhelming.

Perhaps foremost of the tangible accomplishments was the development of a new awareness in each camper as a citizen of his community, state, and nation. It was not uncommon to hear a student say, "I've known about this for quite some time, but I didn't realize just how important it is to do something about the problem."

This increased awareness is due, in part, to the eye-opening value of the educational program focused on the meaning of democracy and the current issues confronting the American community. Through lectures, discussions, and field trips to the urban centers, the individual was able to gain an astute understanding of our democratic processes.

The six-week enlightenment period was devoted to:

1. The meaning of Democracy—its history and philosophy
2. Human relations—minority problems
3. Economic policies—labor-management problems, farm problems and conservation
4. International relations—United States foreign policy

Also included in the educational program was a workshop conducted for each student to analyze his own community problems and to learn how he can utilize resources and practical techniques of action to solve them.

WHAT HIGH SCHOOL or college semester ever offered so much in new and challenging information to its students? One can add to this the close friendships formed, the unity developed, and the relaxation of just enjoying leisure time with others. Likewise, there were ever so many diversities from the daily routine such as the delightful weekend spent at Asilomar or perhaps a hike through the rolling hills behind the Berkeley campus.

However, the intangibles were the most precious of the six weeks... the earthiness of the group songfests, the time a speaker squirmed out of an embarrassing question, and all the imperceptible moments that were the essence of life for those brief few weeks.

As I recall the memories of this valuable experience, my foremost thoughts include the cooperation, fun, laughter, sadness, and new experiences I shared with my roommate. Together we gained a better understanding of the diversified cultural backgrounds which constitute the kaleidoscopic picture of America. From our talks, I was given an insight to the Jewish religion, while my friend enjoyed listening to what little I had to offer about Japanese customs and traditions. As the weeks drifted rapidly into the past, we became more tolerant and sympathetic regarding each other's problems.

All in all, the program was most enjoyable—lasting friendships, a valuable education, and that something more which can't be described except as the treasure locked in everlasting memories.

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Welcome JACLers Your Host: George Furuta, 1000er

Harry Momita re-elected Imperial Valley president, 3rd naturalized Issei leader

CALIPATRIA. — Touting itself as the "only JACL chapter below sea level," the Imperial Valley JACL re-elected Harry Momita as president, thus becoming the third naturalized Issei in the national organization to assume a top chapter post. (Other Issei chapter leaders are Gongoro Nakamura, Downtown L.A., and James Takeuchi, Cincinnati.)

Other officers are George Kodama (Imperial), 1st v.p.; Esther Hashimoto (Westmorland), 2nd v.p.; Harry Kodama (Imperial), treas.; and Margaret Momita (Calipatria), sec.

Various projects discussed at the first cabinet meeting held last week at the Momita residence included formation of an auxiliary, family picnic with barbecue Mar. 28 at Sunbeam Lake in Seeley and installation of officers, and participation at the county fair manning a Japanese booth. The chapter queen for the fair is Jeanie Umosa, daughter of JACLers Mr. and Mrs. Frank Umosa, a junior at Calipatria High School and who reigned as Queen Cleopatra at the recent Niland Tomato Festival.

The chapter, which was only organized last year, is currently trying to double its membership of 27. And it appears likely as 21 newly naturalized Issei of the valley were honored at banquet held in the Brawley Women's Community Clubhouse. Approximately 120 attended.

Hatsuo Morita, prewar Brawley JACL president, read greetings from Fred Takata, So. Calif. JACL regional director; while Momita reviewed in Japanese the role JACL played in enabling naturalization of Issei and passage of the Evacuation Claims Act.

Honorees were:

Mrs. Noriko Cuddy, Mrs. Hanna Hashimoto, Tokichi Hashimoto, Mrs. Miharu Hosokawa, Toshizo Hosokawa, Mrs. Hifumi Howenstein, Ichigoro Imai, Mrs. Mine Imai, Mrs. Konami Kakiuchi, Mrs. Ume Kobayashi, K. Kuramochi, Harry Momita, Mrs. Toshiko Norwood, Frank Okamoto, Mrs.



Jean Umosa reigned as Japan Day queen Mar. 3 at the California Mid-Winter Fair at Imperial. She was sponsored by the Imperial Valley JACL, which is manning the Japanese booth at the fair which closes this Sunday.

Misayo Otsuka, Frank Otsuka, Katsuzo Sahara, Mrs. Yoshi Sahara, Ryohei Tsujimura, Mrs. Kume Uchida and Kwan Uchida.

All were presented corsages, boutonnieres and a gift (Parker "51" pens with name of recipient engraved). Dinner was prepared by the Nisei of the Valley. Dr. Frank Nishio of El Centro was emcee. Invocation was given by Kwan Uchida. Frank Okamoto gave the response in behalf of the Issei citizens.

Entertainment included musical numbers by Marilyn Hoshizaki, vocal solo; Dennis Shimamoto, trumpet solo; and Sally Howenstein, piano solo. Miss Hoshizaki and Shimamoto closed with a duet rendition of "God Bless America". Also shown were "This Is Your Life—Harry Momita" and films showing the construction of the world's tallest flagpole.

Orange County JACL board pick straws to determine one- to two years tenure

SANTA ANA. — A few days after the installation of the Orange County JACL board of directors headed by George Ichien, president, the following appointments were made to round out the cabinet.

Seiji Yamauchi will be secretary and Dr. William Yamamoto will be retained as treasurer.

To determine length of each director's term of office, straws were pulled with the following results:

One year—Paul Nagamatsu, Dr. Tad Ochiai, Dr. Paul Sakaguchi, Dr. William Yamamoto, Seiji Yamauchi and George Ichien.

Two years—Dr. Fred Kobayashi, Harry Matsukane (1957-58 president), Tad Munemitsu, Mits Nitta, George Saito and Kap Tamura.

Hereafter, six directors will be elected for two-year terms.

George Kanno will head the membership drive, assisted by Elden Kanegae, 1000 Club chairman. A goal of 300 was set.

A new constitution and by-laws

will be presented at the next board meeting by Kap Tamura before final approval by the chapter.

The chapter's annual Easter Egg hunt has been set for Irvine Park Mar. 21. "The poultrymen are already grooming their chickens for the big push," commented Ichien. "and Mits Nitta will be around mooching eggs. The Orange County Matrons will arrange and stage the affair."

Salinas chapter adopts board system

SALINAS. — Adoption by by-laws concerning election procedures highlighted the first meeting of the Salinas Valley JACL Feb. 18 under new president Kiyoshi Hirano at the Lincoln Ave. Presbyterian Church.

A slate of 20 candidates is to be prepared, under the new election by-laws, and the top 10 persons will be elected to the chapter board. Successful candidates will then decide among themselves which office they will hold.

The membership felt this mode of election would give the chapter its strongest cabinet.

John Terakawa, blood bank chairman, reported the chapter has 25 pints to its credit.

Tom Miyana, chapter delegate, reported on the recent NC-WNDC quarterly session hosted by Stockton-French Camp JACL. He added the next quarterly meeting would be held in Oakland, May 13.

For the past few years, some of the members here have felt the chapter should have its own headquarters. A committee composed of Harry Shirachi, George Tanimura and Craig Yama was appointed to study the needs and feasibility for having such an office. They will report at the next chapter meeting, Mar. 18, at the Lincoln Ave. Presbyterian Church.

1000 CLUB NOTES

SAN FRANCISCO. — National JACL Headquarters acknowledged 86 new and renewal memberships in the 1000 Club for the last half of February for a monthly total of 123. Current total is 1,272 members in good standing.

ELEVENTH YEAR

Hollywood—Arthur T. Ito, D.C.—Mike M. Masaoka.

NINTH YEAR

San Francisco—Yasuo W. Abiko, D.C.—Mrs. Etsu Masaoka.

EIGHTH YEAR

Downtown L.A.—David Y. Nitake, Philadelphia—Dr. H. Tom Tamaki.

SEVENTH YEAR

D.C.—Mrs. Sally Furukawa, Downtown L.A.—Harry K. Honda, San Mateo—Haruo Ishimaru, Cortez—Nobuhiko Kajioaka, Sam Kuwahara.

Parlier—James N. Kozuki, Gerald M. Ogata.

Southwest L.A.—Tatsuo Yata.

SIXTH YEAR

Parlier—Noboru Jerry Doi, Ted Katsura, Ralph T. Kimoto, Byrd H. Kumataka, Richard Y. Migaki, Tomio C. Miyakawa, Robert I. Okamura, Kengo Osumi, Ronald K. Ota, Bill Tsuji.

Southwest L.A.—James Y. Higashi, Philadelphia—William T. Ishida.

Hollywood—Noboru Ishitani, San Francisco—Kenji Kasai.

Cortez—Ken C. Miyamoto, Joe A. Nishihara.

Ft. Lupton—Lee Murata.

FIFTH YEAR

Southwest L.A.—Charles K. Asawa, Mrs. Michi K. Asawa.

Cortez—Mark Kamiya, Jack Noda, Hollywood—Robert K. Kato, Kenneth T. Sato.

Parlier—Kaz Kawate, Harry T. Kubo, Sholchi Tsuboi.

Ft. Lupton—Floyd Koshio, Jack Tsubara.

San Francisco—Dr. Leo Nakayama (ex-Washington, D.C.), Takeo Okamoto.

D.C.—George I. Obata.

Seattle—Ted A. Sakahara, Placer County—Tom Yero, Jr.

FOURTH YEAR

Southwest L.A.—Benjamin T. Adachi, Mas Kataoka, Dr. Ryo Muneoka.

Philadelphia—Shoji Date, Tomomi Murakami.

San Francisco—George T. Inai, Parlier—John Kashiki.

Boise Valley—George Koyama, Hollywood—Mike Suzuki.

Ft. Lupton—Dr. George H. Uyemura, Mrs. Margie Uyemura, Frank Yamaguchi.

THIRD YEAR

Chicago—Isamu Inouye.

Parlier—Fred Nagare, Harry S. Nakata.

Ft. Lupton—Sam Okamoto, Southwest L.A.—Tatsuya Ueno.

SECOND YEAR

D.C.—Frank Baba.

Parlier—Akira Chiamori, Cortez—Shinjiro Sugliara, Bill M. Watanamura.

Seattle—Dr. Terrance M. Toda.

FIRST YEAR

San Francisco—Steve Doi, George Obana.

Reno—Mas Baba, Sanger—Peter K. Hasegawa, Tom T. Moriyama.

Fresno—Gunzo Miyamoto, Philadelphia—Mrs. Mary D. Murakami.

Cincinnati—Fred Morioka, Tad Tokimoto, Kaye Watanabe.

Delano—Jeff Fukawa, San Mateo—Hiroshi Ito.

Parlier—Tak Kimoto, Tom Koga, Sam I. Miyakawa.

Seattle—Roy Y. Seko.

Chicago JACLers in bid for 300 Thousanders

CHICAGO. — With the first phase of Chicago JACL's 1959 membership campaign by mail about to conclude shortly, the second phase is expected to take shape this week with a door-to-door canvass.

Dr. Frank Sakamoto, chapter 1000 Club chairman, at the same time, is shooting for 300 Thousanders.

With a campaign slogan, "I've Got Mine for '59", all members are being asked to solicit at least one new member this year to enable the chapter to reach an all-time high of 1,250.

Joe Sagami, 3rd vice-chairman in charge of membership, announced Mark Yoshimura, Harry Sabusawa and Harry Yamamoto would be in charge of the intense house-calling campaign.

The Chicago chapter is one of the first to employ a well-plotted direct-mail campaign to solicit JACL memberships.

Selma JACL donates cherry trees to school

SELMA. — The Selma JACL presented 30 Japanese cherry trees to Selma Union High School in behalf of its members, the majority of whom were graduated from Selma High School, and the naturalized Issei for their appreciation of classes in helping them obtain American citizenship.

Alan Matsumoto, chapter president, and George Okazaki, chairman of the project, made the presentation to George Quantin, district superintendent.

By the Board

By Toru Sakahara, Nat'l 2nd Vice-President

Friday, February 27, was very eventful for Washingtonians. During the day the state Senate unanimously passed Senate Joint Resolution No. 4, as amended by the House. In the evening Mayor Gordon Clinton of Seattle and Governor Albert Rosellini attended the JACL Seattle Chapter Installation Dinner. Both gave their greetings on behalf of city and state and Governor Rosellini pledged his support to the principles behind Senate Joint Resolution No. 4.

Mike Masaoka, as principal speaker for the banquet, gave a rousing, inspirational address to the almost 300 persons attending the banquet. He was well received and his help during the coming week to the Northwest Chapters in Oregon and Washington will pep up JACL.

At the Thousand Club shindig, after the banquet, a good time was had by all. Thousand Club Chairman,



Enjoying the 1000 Club whingding are (from left) Mrs. Kelly Yamada, Dr. Kelly Yamada, Mrs. Toru Sakahara, Consul General Takeno, Mike Masaoka, Mrs. Howard Sakura and Frank Hattori, chapter 1000er chairman. —Ogawa Photo.

Frank Hattori, did a fine job. He is very happy because before the evening was over, new and renewed Thousand Club members for the Seattle Chapter went "over the top". Seattle now has 67 on the roster, a real increase compared with 36 members in 1958 and a goal of 65 for this biennium.

Mike is in the Northwest under special arrangements with National and without additional compensation. His address showed his enthusiasm for JACL and personal dedication to the objectives of JACL.

His presence at this time is timely. Especially so because the House amendment to Senate Joint Resolution No. 4 may result in the referendum to repeal the Anti-Alien Land holding provision of Section 33 of the Washington State Constitution, coming on the ballot in the General Election of November 1959, instead of 1960.

During the coming week Mike will meet with the Puyallup Valley and Seattle Chapter committees to lay the groundwork for the coming repeal campaign.

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Contra Costa president Dr. Togasaki, Sam Sakai presented JACL silver pins

BY GEORGE SUGIHARA

RICHMOND. — The highlight of the Contra Costa JACL installation dinner at the Yamato Suki-yaki in San Francisco was the presentation of president-elect Dr. Yoshiye Togasaki and Sam Sakai as recipients of the JACL silver pin. Forty-eight attended the dinner.

Officers who were inducted to assist Dr. Togasaki in the 1959 cabinet are:

Chizu Iiyama, v.p.; Sho Kimura, treas.; Ruby Peterson, cor. sec.; John Hannah Yasuda, rec. sec.; Bill Akagi, editor; Marvin Uratsu, del.; George Sugihara, pub.; Sam & Nellie Sakai, memb.; Tamaki Ninomiya, Issei adv.; Lilly Niino, Steve Niino, Norma Ingell, Sam Kitabayashi, Kimi Adachi, Tosh Adachi, Ted Tashiro, Shig Komatsu, bd. memb.

Guests of the chapter included: National Director and installing officer Masao Satow and Mrs. Satow, County Superintendent of Education Floyd Marcus and Mrs. Marcus, Richmond School District Personnel and Services Chief A.L. Bernes and Mrs. Bernes, Concord City Clerk Miss Mary Brown, and Concord City Manager Raymond Doran and Mrs. Doran.

Ernest Iiyama was master of ceremonies. Following the pledge of allegiance, dinner, and introduction of guests, Ted Tashiro sang

a solo in English and Japanese. Shig Komatsu, outgoing president, presented the recognitions award to Dr. Togasaki and Sam Sakai. Mrs. Shig Komatsu was cited for her assistance to her husband during the year.

A Japanese dance was performed in costume by Misses Judy Tashiro and Kay Morodomi.

Prize Skit Shown

A humorous and historical skit, "This Is Your Life—Contra JACL" written and directed by Chizu Iiyama and performed by members of the cabinet, was well received by the audience.

Dr. Yoshiye Togasaki presented the past president's pin to Shig Komatsu.

The concluding feature of the program was a questionnaire presented to the chapter members by Chizu Iiyama.

Chizu Iiyama, in charge of arrangements, was assisted by: Sachi Yamada, Yo Wada, Ernest Iiyama, board members.

Parlier community picnic set Apr. 12

PARLIER. — New JACLers were welcomed last week at the Parlier JACL membership party at the local Buddhist Church social hall in a program co-chaired by Bill Tsuji and Bob Okamura. The chapter auxiliary were in charge of dinner with Mary Kashiki as chairman.

Also welcomed were Jr. JACLers, which has been organized along the format found successful by Tulare County and Sanger chapters.

James Kozuki, membership vice-president, was in charge of the 1959 campaign.

The date for the annual Parlier community picnic has been set for April 12 at Kearney Park. John Kashiki, president, said the planning committee is being organized. In case of rain, an alternate date of April 19 was announced.

Auxiliary Meets

Auxiliary members watched Mrs. Helen Umade of Selma make sweet rolls at their Feb. 17 meeting. Mrs. Sue Miyakawa won the evening door prize. The group also decided to assist the Buddhist Church bazaar April 5 by manning one of the food booths. Mrs. Mary Kashiki is Auxiliary chairman.

Hayashida inducted Boise Valley head

CALDWELL, Idaho. — Seichi Hayashida was installed as 1959 Boise Valley JACL president by George Sugai, nat'l 3rd v.p., here recently. This is Hayashida's second term though not consecutive, succeeding Jim Yamada.

Other members of the cabinet are Mary Inouye, 1st v.p.; Jim Oyama, 2nd v.p.; Sam Fujishin, 3rd v.p.; George Koyama, treas.; Chiye Tamura, rec. sec.; Takeco Kawano, cor. sec.

Board members include Masa Nishihara, Harry Hamada, Steve Hirai (3 yrs.), Tom Arima, Mas Yamashita, Manabe Yamada (2 yrs.), Jim Yamada, Hayashida and Henry Suyehira (1 yr.).

Reedley JACL community picnic date set Mar. 22

REEDLEY. — Further appointments were announced by Reedley JACL to cover special events for the year, which will be headed by the annual community picnic Mar. 22 at Burris Park in Kingsburg. Mas Okamura and Henry Hosaka are co-chairmen.

Ed Yano, chapter 1000 Club chairman, has also commenced his campaign to enroll for members. The appointments, announced Feb. 6 at the regular monthly meeting at the local Japanese Hall, are as follows:

Ed Yano, dinner meeting; Sam Nakagawa, family outing; Kei Kitahara, fishing; Fred Nishida, benefit movie; Sam Tsutsui, athletics; Ed Yano, Dr. Henry Sakai, Mas Abe, youth activity program; Dr. James Ikemiya, Ed Yano, fiesta.

Mike Hide reelected by Santa Barbarans

SANTA BARBARA. — Mike Hide was re-installed as Santa Barbara JACL president at a dinner Feb. 24 with Fred T. Takata, regional director, as installing officer. Delmar Branch, general secretary of the local YMCA, was guest speaker.

Other members of the 1959 cabinet are:

Harumi Yamada, 1st v.p.; Tom Tsunoda, 2nd v.p. and memb.; Jerry Kawano, treas.; Kay Lee, sec.; Tom Fukumura, Tom Hirashima, co-social; Yo Mori, Ikei Kakimoto, Tad Kanetomo, Art Endo, Rok Fukumura, Mrs. Lillian Nakaji, Lilly Iwamoto, memb.-at-lrg.

The dinner was held at Palm's Restaurant, Carpinteria.

East Los Angeles JACL starts 1959 campaign with 106 members signed

The current East Los Angeles JACL membership campaign started with 84 renewals and 22 new members before pushing its official canvass which opened last Wednesday, reported Roy Yamadera, chapter president.

Yamadera, who was the lone awardee of the JACL sapphire pin at the recent PSWDC chapter clinic at San Diego, said an extensive campaign to surpass the 381 mark of last year has been planned. Meantime, the chapter has surged renewals be made by mail.

Issei parents frolic at Mt. Olympus buffet

SOUTH SALT LAKE. — In the spacious auditorium of South Salt Lake City Hall, over 150 Mt. Olympus JACLers and parents recently enjoyed a mouth-watering buffet of turkey and ham with all the trimmings.

The Parents Night program included entertainment of vocal numbers, dances and an out-of-this-world fashion show. The Issei then engaged in some hilarious relay games. The evening ended with a Cake Walk with 12 lucky Issei going home with some of the luscious-looking home made cakes.

George Tamura and Mary Matsumori were evening co-chairmen.

Pocatello Clers to fete Issei at Blackfoot inn

POCATELLO. — Every effort to insure another successful Issei Night has been planned by Pocatello JACL on Mar. 16 at the Colonial Inn in Blackfoot.

The committee in charge hopes every member buys a ticket so that the Issei of the community might be adequately honored.

PROJECT TO AID ISSEI OLD FOLKS IN HOMES AIRED

Both a short term and a long-range studies to assist the aged Issei residing in so-called "old folks homes" are being held under advisement by the Southwest L.A. JACL, it was reported in its recent chapter newsletter.

Roy Sugimoto, long-time chapter member and school teacher, has made a pilot study of the problem and felt that such Issei tended to be forgotten with the current (although much needed) emphasis upon youth work.

With the project tentatively assigned to board member Tosh Terasawa, who is also on the Shonien board of directors, the chapter board discussed a short-range program aimed at meeting immediate needs, such as providing manpower to paint and repair existing facilities, clothing drive, etc., and a long-range study to determine fully what the needs of such Issei are and how the chapter and community can be most helpful.

The chapter board also unanimously voted to donate 10 pints of blood to the Mt. Vernon Jr. High School PTA blood bank, which went into the "red" for a Nisei student requiring surgery. The school experienced difficulty in replenishing the blood borrowed and Mrs. Arthur Kawabe, PTA president, turned to the chapter for aid. Last week, she was advised 10 pints would be donated within 60 days.

Donors may call on chapter president Joe Yasaki (RE 5-6940) or George Fujita (GR 7-7209) for an appointment.

Watsonville JACL picnic plans due

WATSONVILLE. — Local church and veteran groups have been asked to join Watsonville JACL sponsor the first Japanese community picnic since the war on Apr. 12, according to Louie Hayashida, chapter president.

Tak Higuchi, general chairman, is expected to call a picnic committee meeting soon to make definite plans. The local Buddhist Church and Westview Presbyterian Church have agreed to join. The local Nisei VFW has also been asked.

An appreciation dinner concluding the membership campaign, headed by Masato Tsudama, was held lastweek at Mon Desir dining room near Aptos. With prospects of several more members due to join, it was announced 103 have paid up for 1959.

Gene Bechis, mayoralty candidate, was guest at the dinner and introduced by Shig Hirano.

Wyoming official joins Suyematsu in law firm

CHEYENNE. — Attorney General Thomas Miller is joining two of his assistants and former Justice of Peace Tosh Suyematsu in forming a law firm here. The two assistants are Ellen Crowley, deputy attorney general who is Mrs. Suyematsu in private life, and Robert Duncan, assistant attorney general.

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Chicago Corner

By Smoky H. Sakurada

Chicago

A SPECIAL CAMPAIGN to raise \$5,000 towards a modernization program for Olivet Institute, 1441 N. Cleveland Ave., has been organized by its Nisei friends with Dr. Thomas T. Yatabe as chairman. For the past 15 years, Olivet continuously served the Issei and Nisei for meetings, socials, basketball games, movies, church services and special events. During all these years, Olivet was unable to give proper attention to maintenance and repairs; but two years ago, it decided to do something about it and drafted a \$200,000 restoration program. This past year, \$59,000 was raised to meet some of the most urgent needs.

The Japanese American committee took upon itself to modernize the assembly hall, where many of the Nisei dances and Japanese movies are held, and install new gym locker room facilities to better accommodate Nisei basketball teams.

Yatabe is one of the board trustees. Abe Hagiwara, active JACler, is employed as activities director; Lillian Kimura and Mildred Sasaki, both JAClers, are also on the Institute staff as group work supervisor and nursery teacher, respectively.

SEVERAL APPOINTMENTS were announced by the Japanese American Service Committee as follows: Ben Chikaraishi, picnic; Harry Y. Tanaka, talent show; Rev. Michael Yasutake, social welfare; Tomonao Iino, Rev. Mukushina, education; Dan Kuzuhara, pub. rel.; Kohachiro Sugimoto, Bunji Takano, Enjiro Watanabe, Yutaka Kanemoto, Richard Yamada, Noboru Honda, memb.; Thomas Masuda, ways & means; Tadaichi Okuhara, bldg.

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him.

It seems people voted for bigger public expenditures but what is doubtful was their willingness to pay the bill.

We note, also, that some JACL chapters are asking for a reduction of their financial quotas. The Pacific Southwest District Council is trying to resolve the question by asking each chapter to present their own idea of what the quota should be and Saburo Kido, wartime national president, has suggested if chapters want a reduction, it should be done by reducing the overall national budget.

In either case, whether it be additional taxes in California or reapportionment of JACL chapter quotas, it's a headache!

● **WE HAD HOPED** the special membership issue due for publication sometime in February would materialize and while some chapters responded with orders, the number was too few to warrant the added expense. . . . But Chicago is receiving a special printing of 1,000 copies of this week's issue by air to augment their house-to-house canvass underway. To the new readers, we invite them to try our introductory offer of 20 issues for a \$1.

● **HENRY MORI'S COLUMN** this week bemoans the fact that Sansei aren't speaking Japanese at home. Aside from various assets accruing to knowledge of a second language, it outwitted a local bank bandit this week. Bank teller Mrs. Lily Matsumoto, who learned her Nihongo at Fresno Bukkyokai, whispered in Japanese to a fellow Nisei, Mrs. Jean Sakita that she was being robbed. With the alarm turned in, the bandit was arrested several minutes later waiting for a bus to make his final getaway. . . . It could have been another story had it been a Sansei teller not knowing how to say "I'm being robbed" (Dorobo yo!) in Japanese. . . . And bandit-minded readers who saw the story in the L.A. press will remember not to hold up a bank employing two Nisei tellers.

● **HAPPY POSTSCRIPT DEPT.:** Among the many mementos received this past week, I must relate the creative efforts of our PC cartoonist Pete Hironaka who shows Yours Truly putting the Pacific Citizen to bed and rushing in from the side is Mr. Stork delivering Teresa cradled in a diaper about to take over. . . . Putting the PC to bed (for some six years now) is certainly a more hush-hush operation by comparison.

VAGARIES: by Larry S. Tajiri

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. . . And the biggest new dramatic hit in New York is "A Majority of One," a warm romantic story of the love of two middle-aged persons, a Jewish woman and a Japanese man, played by Gertrude Berg and Sir Cedric Hardwicke.

And "The China Doll Revue of 1959" is back at the Thunderbird in Las Vegas. The musical show features such acts as Keiko, the leading dancer, and the team of Toy and Wing, for two decades headliners in nightclubs and presentation houses. Miss Toy, of course, is the former Dorothy Takahashi of Los Angeles.

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SAN JOSE, SAN FRANCISCO BID FOR 1961 JACL KEG TOURNAMENT

BY PHIL MATSUMURA

SAN JOSE. — Making its strongest bid in years to wrest the coveted National JACL Bowling team championship this week in Los Angeles, San Jose is being represented by five power-packed teams, all averaging better than 900.

San Jose is also bidding with San Francisco to stage the 1961 JACL classic. The 1960 event, already determined last year during the Seattle tournament, will be staged by Mile-Hi JACL and the Denver Nisei Bowlers.

(San Francisco JACL at its February board of directors meeting endorsed a motion to join the San Francisco Nisei Bowlers to bid for the 1961 date, California cities bid for the JACL tournament on alternating years.)

San Jose with several new bowling houses recently established is capable of handling the tournament.

Leading the locals will be California Bowlers with a 972, the top average team in this week's competition. Among the team members are Sak Yamauchi who has a 742 this season, one of the highest in San Jose; and Jim Saka-

moto who has an enviable 287 game on the books this year.

Asa Yonemura, who boasts the highest Nisei league average with 199, and Frank Sakamoto, San Jose NBA president, are bowling for Futurama (961). Other local entries are San Jose NBA I (954), Stanford Cleaners (930), San Jose NBA II (906), and two women squads: Saratoga Lanes (827) and San Jose NBA (772).

Representing San Jose at the captains' meeting will be Joe Tenma and Sachi Ikeda.

(San Francisco, it was learned, will again rely on the advantage of centralized facilities at 40-lane Downtown Bowl, hotel accommodations in the immediate area and other attractions to secure the 1961 tournament. It hosted the 1950 and 1953 meets.)

297 game in 762 series bowled in open play

Hiro Kinjo climaxed a night of tremendous bowling at Angelus Bowling in open competition recently with a 297 game. He had cleared the lanes with 11 straight strikes. His 12th pitch missed the head pin and he got a seven count.

For his series, Kinjo rolled 213-252-297-762.

NC golf group plans incorporation

SACRAMENTO. — The No. Calif. Nisei Golf Association board of directors meets this Sunday at the Elbo Room to discuss plans for incorporation, tournament budget and the North-South tournament, following a directors' tournament at Bing Maloney course starting at 7:24 a.m.

Lad in coma 17 days recuperates at home

WATSONVILLE. — In a coma for over 17 days, Leigh Sakaguchi, 12-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Shiochi Sakaguchi, was released from the local hospital Feb. 21 after being confined for head injuries sustained from an auto accident.

He was knocked off his bicycle Jan. 30 while riding on San Andreas Rd.

Santa Rosa Nisei women bowlers win city title

SANTA ROSA. — Plenty of excitement climaxed the Santa Rosa Women's City Bowling Championship recently when over 80 teams participated in one of the biggest ever held at Santa Rosa Bowl.

Mill's Patio captured the team event behind the "real red hot" bowling of Anne Ohki, Mary Hamamoto, Suzy Hirooka, Shiz Kawaka and Beth Yamaoka, who eased out the Santa Rosa Bowl for the top position, 2982-2966.

The Nisei team placed in the 1958 WIBC tournament in San Francisco and more recently at the S.F. Nisei Bowling Association Tournament held in January.

The championship sponsor's trophy as well as the individual bowler's trophy will be presented to the Nisei women at the Santa Rosa Bowling Association dinner in April.

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Tickets are still available at Holiday Bowl for the JACL Bowling Tournament awards dinner-dance, which will be held tomorrow night at the Statler-Hilton. The event is open to the public.

Richard Gano, ABC president, will be the guest speaker.

Entertainment highlight will be the floor show staged by the Hawaiian bowlers. Manny Harmon and his orchestra will play for the dance. Prices: \$5 per couple for dance only, \$6 per plate and including admission to the dance.

SEQUOIA JACL BRIDGE CLUB INVITES SAN JOSE

REDWOOD CITY. — Winners of the Sequoia JACL bridge tournament held Feb. 18 at Okamura Hall here were as follows:

North-South—(1) Mays Soules-Nancy Sakuda, (2) Gen Utsuni-Kunio Yamaguchi.
East-West—(1) Mae Ura-Tosh Mori, (2) June Kumagai-George Nakano.

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North-South—1. Hiroshi Honda-Mary Tsukushi, 2. Sei Hamashiro-K. Yamaguchi, 3. Marina Todd-Edith Hinchman.

East-West—1. Dr. George Hiura-Dr. George Baba, 2. Y. Okumoto-Henry Hamasaki, 3. Lucy Masuda-Tosh Mori.

The next Master Point award night Mar. 11 with San Jose JACL and non-club members invited to play will be held at Palo Alto Buddhist Church, 2751 Louis Rd.

300 in Pee wee loop

SAN FRANCISCO.—Over 300 are expected to compete in the Golden Gate (Nisei) Optimist Club pee wee baseball league opening on April 5, it was announced by Cy Towata, baseball commissioner.



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Los Angeles NEWSLETTER

By Henry Mori

Sansei Seldom Speak Japanese

THE JAPANESE CHAMBER of Commerce last Friday night honored five W'59 high school graduates, who were the first semi-annual winners of a \$100 scholarship. Each received a Certificate of Achievement. It must have been a very memorable occasion for them to sit at a dinner in Li'l Tokyo and receive the congratulations of Superior Court Judge John F. Aiso and other Chamber dignitaries who made the program possible.

Judge Aiso served as chairman of the Issei and Nisei panel which made the selection of the five winners, including three runners-up from a group of 15 candidates.

The \$100 awardees were Eleanor Kumiko Nakano, Fremont High School; Aiko Matsumoto, Polytechnic now in San Fernando Valley; Jane Sachiko Kodama, Roosevelt; Brian Tadao Shiomi, Los Angeles; and Richard Kenji Miura, Jefferson High School.

Honorable mention citations went to Grace Mitsuye Namba, Polytechnic; Joyce Yukiko Yoshimoto, Roosevelt; and Bernice Ono, Gardena.

One of the repeated questions fired by the judges at the contestants during the five-minute interview was whether they spoke the Japanese language at home and if they knew how to read or write it. If their negative answers are an indication of what the other Sansei are like, we can sadly say the Japanese language will be "dead" by the coming fourth or fifth generation Japanese Americans.

While Brian Shiomi who was in Japan the 12 of his 18 years and who is expected to know the language, the rest declared they spoke little if any Nihongo at home, let alone read or write. "I can understand what my mother is saying in Japanese, but I can't answer her but in English," was the standard reply.

Since the competition was based on their scholastic standings and school activities, the bi-lingual ability was not included as one of the qualifications for winning. Besides, the scholarship will be used to further their studies in universities or colleges.

The Nisei, until the war years, had been pressured by their parents to learn Japanese. As a result we have some outstanding second generation leaders who can bridge between the Issei and Nisei in good public relations work—when such occasion arises.

Somehow persons of Japanese ancestry are weak in mastering a foreign language. At the outbreak of World War II, the Nihongo was labeled almost as a "subversive" language because some of the older textbooks had teachings on the imperial family.

Times have changed, however. Anxious non-Nisei wanting to learn and study Japanese culture and arts ask a Japanese American if he knows his parents' mother tongue. They are surprised when the answer is "no," or "not enough."

We often wonder how the local Japanese language schools will fare, say 10 years hence. It may not be unusual to see the more ambitious non-Nisei taking advantage of the course that we tend to shy away from gradually and one day find it rare for a Japanese American knowing the Oriental lingo.

BODY RETURNED FOR BURIAL WITH SPOUSE

The remains of Mrs. Sachiko Furusawa, 74, who passed away in Tokyo on Feb. 20, has been returned to Los Angeles for final burial. But not without much ado and mix-up. It was to have been cremated in Japan and then brought here for a memorial service and interment with her late husband, Dr. Takashi Furusawa.

The Fukui Mortuary, which is handling arrangements, was buzzing with phone calls since the night before her plane arrived. Some 80 persons turned up at the International Airport last Saturday about 6 a.m., then waited until 10 o'clock when the craft landed.

WASHINGTON NEWSLETTER: by Mike Masaoka

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pay.

"Any concept of permanent inferiority for the residents of any American Territory who have qualified for statehood by every historic and economic standard, and the vast majority of whom fervently desire it, is foreign to the American ideal. On the basis of principles established 170 years ago, our people heretofore have always recognized the right of an incorporated Territory to receive statehood as soon as it demonstrates conclusively that it can meet the requirements for statehood. Hawaii with its large, thoroughly American population, with its economic development, the splendid war record of its people in fighting and dying for American ideals in both Europe and Asia, and the desire of its people for statehood, fits perfectly into the historic pattern under which our Nation has grown great."

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JOHN YOSHINO PICKED NAIRO REGIONAL OFFICIAL

NEW YORK. — John Y. Yoshino has been appointed as Middle South regional chairman of the National Association of Intergroup Relations Officials, it was announced this week by Margaret Garrity, NAIRO president. Yoshino, who serves as liaison officer for the President's Committee on Government Contracts will represent a six-state area covering Delaware, Maryland, West Virginia, Kentucky, and Tennessee.

Organized in 1947 as a professional association of those engaged in intergroup relations work, NAIRO currently has a membership of almost 500 practitioners employed in public and private agencies throughout the United States.

Mike Masaoka, Washington JACL representative, was among NAIRO's founders and served on its first elected Board of Directors; Tats Kushida and Mrs. Mari (Sabusawa) Michener are among other JACLers who have been active in NAIRO since its founding.

In addition to his regional duties, Yoshino will serve as a member of the Board of Directors of NAIRO. He is also president of the Washington, D.C. Area Conference on Intergroup Relations.

L.A. Japanese hospital plans \$300,000 expansion

Expansion of the Japanese Hospital of Los Angeles, only Japanese-operated institution of its kind on the U.S. mainland, with addition of a third floor and purchase of adjacent property for automobile parking was announced last week.

A major portion of the \$300,000 improvement cost is expected to be subscribed by the Nisei doctors here.

It will mark the first major change in facilities since the Boyle Heights hospital was built in 1929.

O.C. Matrons meet

WINTERSBURG. — The Orange County Matrons hold its first meeting of the new year Monday, Mar. 9, 7:30 p.m., at the local church with Mrs. Jean Ikeda demonstrating hair styles.

NISEI LEGAL SECRETARIES TO HEAR DR. STEVE ABE

Clinical psychologist Dr. Steve Abe will address the Mar. 11 dinner meeting of the Nisei Legal Secretaries Ass'n at Angelo's, 114 W. 6th St. New Officers will also be installed.

Motorcyclist dies

FRESNO. — Norio R. Moriyama, 17, son of Mrs. Kiyo Moriyama of Clovis, was instantly killed Feb. 27 when the motorcycle he was riding collided with a pick-up truck on U.S. Highway 99 near Tipton.

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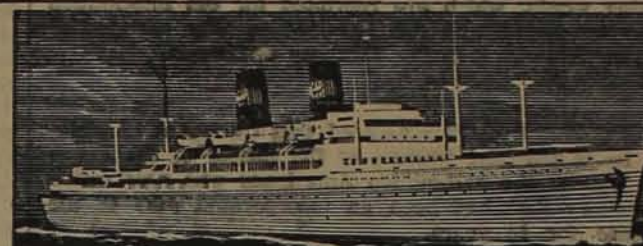
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DEATHS

Asamoto, Kumajiro: Cleveland, Jan. 23.
Date, Naminosuke: San Diego, Feb. 3.
Fukumoto, Kumakichi, 75: Los Angeles, Jan. 18.
Funada, Waka, 62: Los Angeles, Feb. 2.
Hayakawa, Chiyo, 64: Los Angeles, Jan. 3.
Hirata, Jiro, 70: Los Angeles, Jan. 16.
Hiroshima, Dennis K., 11: Santa Monica, Jan. 25—(p) Mr. & Mrs. Arthur, one brother, two sisters.
Hishiyama, Hana, 77: Los Angeles, Feb. 2.
Ikemoto, Kesa, 88: Los Angeles, Feb. 9.
Inouye Tota, 73: Los Angeles, Jan. 1.
Isaki, Susumu, 37: Los Angeles, Dec. 30—(m) Koto (b) Akira.
Itami, George Y., 46: West Los Angeles, Feb. 3—(w) Noriko, (s) Bruce, (d) Gail, two brothers and three sisters.
Kaibu, Kazuo, 77: Hawthorne, Jan. 25.
Kaizoji, Wakayo, 63: Los Angeles, Jan. 6.
Kihel, Arata: Los Angeles, Feb. 3.
Kaneoka, Zenichi, 77: Los Angeles, Jan. 13.

Kikuchi, Walter W., 81: Los Angeles, Feb. 2.
Kita, Han, 65: Torrance, Jan. 1.
Kito, Jun, 33: Los Angeles, Jan. 23.
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Matsumoto, Matsu, 78: San Diego, Jan. 21.
Mitsuhashi, Masanno, 75: Los Angeles, Jan. 4.
Mukaye, Tsuneko, 81: Los Angeles, Jan. 27.
Murakami, Haru, 84: San Fernando, Jan. 29.
Ohira, William S., 70: Los Angeles, Jan. 4.
Saito, Yoshinaga, 77: Long Beach, Jan. 10.
Sekiyama, Dr. Isami, 67: Los Angeles, Jan. 17.
Tamaya, Yusaburo, 79: Los Angeles, Jan. 20.
Tanaka, Shigenori, 67: Los Angeles, Feb. 3.
Torabayashi, Yuki, 63: Los Angeles, Feb. 8.
Ujiye, Tome, 82: Gardena, Jan. 18.
Uneda, Izaemon, 73: Los Angeles, Jan. 30.
Yamachika, Seitsuchi, 77: Orange, Jan. 20.
Yamamoto, Kotaro, 80: Los Angeles, Jan. 29.
Yanai, Frank T., 56: Los Angeles, Feb. 5.
Yano, Kiemon, 77: Los Angeles, Feb. 8.
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Washington NEWSLETTER

BY MIKE MASAOKA

Reasons for Hawaiian Statehood

Washington, D.C.

THIRTY-SIX STATES have been previously admitted into the Federal Union by the Congress and none of them have been so thoroughly studied as Hawaii. Since 1935, the House and Senate Interior and Insular Affairs Committees have held 22 hearings, heard more than 6,000 pages of testimony from 650 witnesses in both Washington and Hawaii, and issued 12 favorable reports.

The recent Report of the House Interior and Insular Affairs Committee, submitted by Chairman Wayne N. Aspinall (D., Colo.), summarizes all of the many reasons for statehood in the following words, which are reprinted for the information of JACLers concerned with this issue of equality and justice for our fellow Americans in the Territory of Hawaii.

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"THE COMMITTEE IS convinced that the grant of statehood will be in the best interest of the people of the entire Nation as well as the half-million Americans who now reside in the Territory that has been an incorporated part of the United States for 58 years.

"In considering the benefits to the Nation of the grant of statehood to any particular Territory, it has never been possible at the time of admission to prove in precise mathematical terms the exact extent to which the residents of the older States would be benefited. The specific advantage accruing to the Federal Government from the admission of any one of the 36 States admitted since the formation of the Union could not have been set forth in concrete terms to the Congress considering admission.

"Yet our dramatic history and greatness of our Nation today prove conclusively that acceptance of new States has benefited the older areas as much as it has the citizens of the new State. Ever since enactment of the Northwest Ordinance in 1787, our people have recognized that our Nation cannot grow strong and prosperous except on a basis of full political equality for every incorporated area the people of which are willing and able to share the burdens of statehood.

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"THE CITIZENS OF Hawaii are in precisely the same legal and political status today as were the residents of the Northwest Territory when they were admitted to full citizenship. First, they are citizens of an incorporated Territory, one to which the Constitution was extended by the 55th Congress more than half a century ago, thus incorporating it into the Union. Second, the population of the Territory is sufficiently large and its resources sufficiently developed to support statehood. Third, its people are thoroughly imbued with American traditions and ideals and earnestly desire statehood.

"A major difference, however, is that Hawaii today has a larger population than five of our States (Vermont, Delaware, Wyoming, Nevada, and Alaska), and that with approximately 613,000 people its population is larger than that of any State at the time it entered the Union except Oklahoma. Also, Hawaii is the richest Territory in the point of economic development ever to enter the Union—in fiscal year 1958, Hawaii paid \$166 million in Federal taxes, a sum greater than that paid by many of the present States.

"THE ADMISSION OF Hawaii would constitute a singular achievement in diplomacy. What could be better proof than this to the critical Far Eastern area that the United States is still the land of promise for all people of all backgrounds? The Hawaiian-Americans of Japanese and other oriental backgrounds will be the living example that we live by principles of freedom and determination for all people. These thoroughly American people of oriental background can be a catalyst of untold value in accomplishing understanding where understanding is most needed.

"The American people believe that statehood is in the best interest of the Nation. Public polls taken over the past ten years indicate that during that period the public has favored statehood by a majority of three to one or more. The latest reported poll indicates that the present favorable majority is more than eight to one.

"The platforms of both major political parties call for immediate statehood as they have for some years past, and President Dwight D. Eisenhower has strongly urged it throughout his administration as did former President Harry S. Truman.

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"ADMISSION OF HAWAII to statehood would give it full and equal participation in the American system of government. It would accord the half-million American citizens who are also citizens of Hawaii the following specific rights which they do not have under the present Territorial system of government:

- "1. The right to voting representation in both the Senate and the House of Representatives;
- "2. The right to vote for the President and the Vice President of the United States;
- "3. The right to choose their own Governor and to carry on functions of government by their own elected officials instead of Federal administrators;
- "4. The right to determine the extent of the powers to be exercised by their own legislature;
- "5. The right to have local justice administered by judges selected under local authority rather than by Federal appointees;
- "6. The right to freedom from overlapping of Federal and local authority; and
- "7. The right to a voice in any proposed amendment to the Federal Constitution, as well as on taxes which they must

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JACL replies to statehood anti-

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wealth status be granted to Hawaii on the grounds that 60 years ago Congress decided that it was in the national interest that Hawaii be incorporated as a territory with statehood as its ultimate end, while the Philippines and Puerto Rico were taken into the United States as island possessions, with independence assured the Philippines at that time. Besides, he declared that the people of Hawaii want neither independence or commonwealth status, they want only statehood.

In closing, he expressed the hope that action on statehood would be completed in time for Hawaii to become the 50th star in our Federal Constellation this Fourth of July, which is the official day when new stars are added to the Flag.

Classmate Introduces

Utah's freshman Democratic Senator Frank E. Moss introduced Masaoka to his colleagues on the Subcommittee as a fellow classmate and debater at the Univ. of Utah who had become an outstanding citizen of the state and nation.

Idaho's Democratic Senator Frank Church also congratulated him on his "eloquent contribution", noting especially his comments that under statehood Hawaii would be better able to cope with the Communist problem and that statehood would deprive Communism of one of its most effective weapons.

Chairman Jackson repeated his belief that the JACL position as to the value of Hawaiian statehood in terms of foreign policy in the Far East was entirely correct. He said that Hawaii's contribution to the United States would be greater than the mainland's to Hawaii if statehood is extended to her.

In his prepared statement on behalf of the JACL, Masaoka stated that:

JACL Stand Unanimous

"Ever since the end of World War II, every biennial National JACL Convention unanimously has resolved to urge statehood for Hawaii as being in the national and international interest of our nation, as well as a measure of justice to the residents of this Pacific Territory. In our opinion, every passing biennium has increased the urgency of statehood. And, since Alaska was admitted into the Federal Union as a state in the last session of Congress, in the words of the President, any further delay would be 'unconscionable'."

On Alaska, he said:

"Alaska, with its scattered, scant population, with its vast land mass, its undeveloped economy, its proximity to a potential enemy, its distance over foreign land from the nation's capital, was admitted—and rightfully so—as our 49th state last year.

"In that historic action, the Congress answered all the legitimate questions regarding Hawaii's qualifications in the affirmative, for these Pacific Islands by every standard previously used are as qualified—if not more so—than was our Northern Territory last session.

"But, there are two major charges advanced—often surreptitiously at least as to one—which supposedly disqualify Hawaii for statehood: her cosmopolitan popu-

lation and her alleged Communist problem.

"That such prejudicial appeals as these are used are indicative—to us—of the complete lack of any real grounds for denying any longer statehood to Hawaii."

International Aspects

On the international aspects, he emphasized:

"In the Orient there is a saying that 'One picture is worth a thousand words'.

"The Communists have much to say, and more to promise, to the restless peoples of the Far East who, stirred by the spirit of nationalism, are yearning to break the bonds of colonialism and to gain acceptance and dignity among the nations of earth.

"Thus far, we have demonstrated our good faith and our belief in the self-determination of peoples. We granted independence to the Philippines as we promised. We helped reconstruct and rehabilitate defeated Japan along democratic principles and then restored her sovereignty. We made the major contribution to the defense and the existence of Free Korea. We are responsible that a Free China continues to survive. We have bolstered the fighting forces and the economies of Southeast Asia with our foreign aid.

"While on one hand we have demonstrated our goodwill towards those of Asian ancestry, on the other we have continued to deny equality of status and have discriminated against an integral part of our nation, an incorporated territory for more than 60 years, whose voters overwhelmingly time and time again expressed their determination to be full-fledged, participating citizens of the United States.

"To the millions of dark-skinned people who predominate on earth, regardless of our explanations, the only reason they understand to deny statehood to Hawaii is because there are so many persons of Asian and Polynesian ancestry resident there. This apparent discrimination is emphasized by Alaska's admittance last year into the sisterhood of states, leaving Hawaii as the only remaining incorporated territory in our country.

Positive Step

"The grant of statehood to Hawaii, with its many persons of Japanese, Polynesian, Chinese, Korean, Filipino and other ancestries at this time would—in our opinion—be a positive, constructive step in our efforts to prove that our practices live up to our professions.

"To our mind, more than any other single act that might be undertaken by this Congress and Government, statehood for Hawaii would be the picture of democracy in action that will offset the thousands of worlds poured out by the Communist hatemongers against us."

Masaoka refuted what he called "old slanders against persons of Japanese ancestry" by reciting the great prewar and World War II contributions of the alien and citizen Japanese to Hawaii and the nation, especially the war record of the 442nd and in military intelligence in the Pacific. He pointed to the recent election to demonstrate that Japanese Americans would not vote as a bloc but as individual citizens with individual

preferences.

Reds Against Statehood

On the issue of Communism, the JACL summed up its views in these words:

"It is our considered judgment—regardless of what the official Communist line may be—that the Communists do not want statehood for Hawaii, for such equality of status would deprive International Communism of one of its most effective and dramatic illustrations of alleged western disregard for persons of Asian ancestry.

"Statehood—now—would be a potent weapon against Communism; for Communism feeds or discontent, humiliation, indignity, and a persecution complex. We do not imply that Hawaiian Americans fit this description, but the Communists paint their inability to achieve equality with their mainland citizens in these terms because those they seek to indoctrinate, relate these conditions with those they know in their respective countries.

"Statehood for Hawaii is more than a political issue of the moment; it is an international token of our real intentions in dealing with the problems of this difficult world in the nuclear, space age. Only illogically and self-defeatingly can we preach democracy to others while denying proper and long-overdue recognition to a deserving territory in our own front yard because of its cosmopolitan population.

"The admission of Hawaii as a state would deprive the Communists of one of their most effective weapons in the cold war, while immeasurably contributing to our international relations."

Statehood This Year

The prepared statement closed with these paragraphs:

"Statehood would be in the national and international interests of our nation. But it would also be fitting recognition for the loyalty and allegiance of Hawaii to the United States for more than half a century; a compensation to her people for the taxes they have paid into the national treasury, the land they have built, and the lives they have given to our common destinies.

"Too long by delay have we denied justice and equality to the people of Hawaii.

"May this be the long-awaited year when Hawaii will be welcomed into the partnership of the United States on the full and equal basis which she deserves."

CALENDAR

- Mar. 7 (Saturday)
Fremont—Recognition Dinner, Brandt Arn Restaurant, Mission San Jose.
San Francisco—Membership Mixer, Park-Presidio "Y", 8:30 p.m.
Los Angeles—JACL Bowling Tournament Awards dinner-dance, Statler-Hilton Hotel, 6:30 p.m.
Pocatello—JACL Carnival, Memorial Hall, 1 p.m.
- Mar. 8 (Sunday)
Hollywood—Family outing, Elysian Park Lodge, 2:30 p.m.
- Mar. 11 (Wednesday)
Sequoia-San Jose—Joint bridge tournament, Palo Alto Buddhist Church, 8 p.m.
- Mar. 14 (Saturday)
Detroit—Japanese movies, International Institute.
San Francisco—Auxiliary benefit dance, Booker T. Washington Center, 9:30 p.m.
- Mar. 15 (Sunday)
Detroit—Membership meeting, potluck supper, International Institute.
- Mar. 17 (Tuesday)
Southwest L.A.—Meeting, Centenary Methodist Church, 7:30 p.m.; Dr. Robert Haas, Mrs. Eva Schindler, both of UCLA, speakers. "It's Hard to be a Parent."
- Mar. 18 (Wednesday)
Salinas—Membership meeting, Lindholm Ave. Presbyterian Church.
- Mar. 20-21
Sonoma County—Benefit movie.
- Mar. 20-22
San Francisco—Ski club outing, Squaw Valley.
- Mar. 21 (Saturday)
Orange County—Easter Egg Hunt, Irvine Park, 1:30 p.m.
East Los Angeles—Benefit dance.
- Mar. 22 (Sunday)
Sequoia—Jr. Tri-Villes dance, Palo Alto Buddhist Church, 8 p.m.
Reedley—Community picnic, Burris Park.
- Mar. 26 (Thursday)
East Los Angeles—General meeting, International Institute.
- Mar. 27-28
Gardena Valley—1st annual JACL basketball tournament, Gardena High gym, Normandie and 182nd St.
- Mar. 28 (Saturday)
Imperial Valley—Installation picnic, Sunbeam Lake, Seeley.
Chicago—Jr. JACL dance, Conrad Hilton Hotel, 9 p.m.
- Mar. 29 (Sunday)
East L.A.—Easter Egg hunt.
Southwest L.A.—Easter Egg hunt, Rancho Cienega.
- Apr. 3-5
PSWDC—Hi-Co Conference, Forest Homes, San Bernardino Mountains.

JACLer testifies for row-crop group at Oregon legislature on farm labor bills

ONTARIO, Ore. — Opposition to proposed state laws regarding migrant labor was explained this past week by representatives of the potato, sugar beet and onion industries on Malheur County headed by Joe Saito, who testified at state legislative committee hearings at Salem.

Saito, a prominent Snake River Valley JACLer, urged local districts be allowed to offer a pilot summer school program for migrant children before state supervision and assistance with heavy tax expenditures be adopted as proposed.

Also opposed by the group was a bill to create an interagency

committee on migrant labor. Saito pointed out that the governor has authority to appoint such a committee, if needed, and saw little reason for establishing one by statute.

The bill fixing standards for vehicles used in transporting workers was unopposed but Saito asked that all persons be informed of hearings by the Dept. of Motor Vehicles and require it to prepare a tentative safety code and have it widely circulated beforehand.

Opposition was also expressed against a uniform standard of housing and sanitation in labor camps and licensing of labor contractors.