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COLUMN LEFT:

Let the TV people know your feelings

An important study, "Taste and the Censor in Television," has been published by the Fund for the Republic. It concludes that efforts to control violence and brutality, suggestive sex, disrespect for law and other unsavory aspects of some TV programs are on the rise.

Dr. Charles Winick, who compiled the survey, believes that for the first time in recent history, some "intellectuals" don't blush when they say there is nothing wrong with censoring mass entertainment for the young. They believe it's time to do something about the standard of taste on TV.

JACL's on-going campaign to protest showing of wartime movies on TV showing Japanese Americans as saboteurs was instigated with the same principles in mind. Such films made during the hysteria of war may have served a propaganda purpose at the time of release, but excuses for showing them today serve no useful purpose—especially when so many young minds are involved. It only perpetuates the "big lie" that the Nisei were disloyal when fact proves otherwise.

To some extent, the concerted protest against anti-Nisei films on TV had effect—but times has mellowed the action or new program directors have been employed, unaware of JACL's protest.

Dr. Winick states that if the American public shows enough interest to write its objections—especially the networks, they can be recalled to responsible good tastes. "An industry that is as aware of public opinion as television is," he avers, "will respond to expressions of opinion. Nisei are not the only ones who rarely express their opinions after noting that 'Gunsmoke' with its weekly audience of 47 million evokes only 25 letters per program.

Means are at hand to improve TV fare. The industry has talent and needs good will. The public must let its wishes be known.—H.H.

COLORADO PASSES FAIR HOUSING LEGISLATION

DENVER. — Discriminatory practice in housing the State of Colorado will be outlawed as soon as the technical differences in the bill passed by the 42nd General Assembly of Colorado last week are ironed out in conference. Governor Stephen McNichol's signature is expected.

(Bill Hosokawa's column this week comments on this piece of state legislation. —Ed.)

Substantially, the bill covers the sales and rental of housing units except home owners if they sell or rent their own homes. But property handled by a real estate agent would be subject to the bill, which makes it unlawful to discriminate in sales or financing because of race, creed, color, national origin, ancestry or sex.

The bill, which was passed by the House 57-3 on Mar. 12 and by the Senate a week later, also prohibits discrimination by agents in the sale of unimproved land on which houses are to be built.

JACLer Hails Action

"Colorado has been in the forefront in pioneering efforts by enlightened states in enacting liberal legislation to protect the individual

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San Francisco JACL passes 1,000 mark in membership push

SAN FRANCISCO.—For the fourth straight year, the San Francisco JACL has signed up over a 1,000 members, it was announced last week by Mrs. Yo Hironaka, vice-president in charge of memberships.

A total of 1,014 paid-up members was reported at the fourth campaigners' meeting. By last Saturday when the chapter held its first get-acquainted mixer, a few more additions were made to boost the total to 1,050.

Many have pledged to join, said Mrs. Hironaka, who now believes the 1,200 goal may be reached.

Reception planned for Buddhist leader in May

SAN FRANCISCO. — Plans to invite civic and religious leaders at a reception honoring Bishop Shinsho Hanayama upon his arrival here in May to assume the superintendency of the Buddhist Churches of America are being prepared, according to Albert S. Kosakura, new BCA board president.

Bishop Hanayama, who will retire from his post at the Univ. of Tokyo on March 31, will be accompanied by his wife and youngest son.

NISEI WEATHERMAN AT SOUTH POLE FOR YEAR

SEATTLE.—A meteorological technician, Fred Mayeda, 29, is on leave from the local weather bureau for a year to work at the South Pole. He has been there since Nov. 16 last year.

His main work is taking surface weather observations and sending up radiosonde to determine temperatures, pressures and other atmospheric conditions.

Meanwhile, his wife and two children, 2 and 8 months, eagerly await messages from amateur radio operators as it's winter down there between March and October with no mail in prospect because no ship movements are possible.

Ill-advised evacuees failing to file claim may get chance

(JACL News Service)

WASHINGTON.—Democratic Representative Thomas J. Lane of Massachusetts, chairman of the House Judiciary Subcommittee on Claims, has introduced a bill at the request of the Japanese American Citizens League to allow claimants who failed to file claims through no fault of their own under the original Evacuation Claims Act to do so within six months after enactment of this legislation.

Proposed as an amendment to the Japanese American Evacuation Claims Act of 1948, as amended in 1952 and 1956, it provides that "any claim filed within six months from the date of the enactment of this proviso shall be considered to be timely filed if the Attorney General on the basis of evidence consisting of affidavits, available Government documents, and other information satisfactory to him shall determine that such claimant failed to file a claim solely because of the inadvertence, negligence, omission or mistake of the following:

"(1) An attorney regularly admitted to the practice of law in the state where such claimant attempted to file his claim;

"(2) An accountant or a bookkeeper;

"(3) An officer or member of an organization, a majority of whose officers and members were citizens of the United States as of January 1, 1950; or"

"(4) Internees or profit and non-profit corporations or organizations who failed to file because of advice given them by attorneys, accountants or bookkeepers, or members of a citizen organization.

37 Million Already Paid

The original deadline under the basic statute for the filing of claims was January 3, 1950. By November 10, last year, when the administrative phases of the JACL-sponsored program was completed, 26,552 claimants had been awarded almost 37 million dollars. Eight claims were referred to the Court of Claims for final determination.

Congressman Lane was chairman of the Judiciary Subcommittee that conducted public hearings in San Francisco and Los Angeles in the summer of 1955 on the last amendment to the law.

Freshmen Democratic Congressmen George A. Kasem and Robert

GOODWILL CREATED AT JACL FUNCTION PAYS OFF FOR THINGS JAPANESE

CHICAGO. — Contacts made through JACL does produce goodwill for persons of Japanese ancestry, Abe Hagiwara recently noted in his public relations report to the Chicago JACL.

Hagiwara, ex-MDC chairman now serving as public relations chairman for the chapter, reported the Adventures Club of Chicago had discussed the prospect of inviting into their membership all foreign consul generals stationed in Chicago as honorary members.

One member was heard to object to accepting Japanese (and other Asiatic representatives), Hagiwara continued. The only member to quickly come to the defense of the Japanese was a prominent Club member who attended the JACL Inaugural Party in late November and who came away tremendously impressed with Japanese Americans and things Japanese, he reported.

W. Kastenmeier of California and Wisconsin, respectively are now members of this Subcommittee. Congressman Kasem represents the District formerly represented by now Vice President Richard Nixon and former Congressman Patriot J. Hillings, who introduced the last successful amendment to the Evacuation Claims Act. Kaz Oshiki, Washington, D.C., JACLer is the administrative assistant to Congressman Kastenmeier.

Republican Congressman H. Allen Smith of California is also a new member of the Judiciary Committee, but not of the Claims Subcommittee.

JACL Attorneys Drafted Bill

The Washington JACL office revealed that the original drafts for the bill were prepared by Frank

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Personal effects vested by U.S. up for sale, protested

WASHINGTON.—An American citizens group protested to Congress last week against the taking and selling of heirlooms under the Alien Property program.

In a letter, mailed to every member of Congress, it called the pending sale of confiscated German and Japanese rings, watches, and watch fobs by the federal Office of Alien Property the "ultimate bureaucratic irrationality." (The auction was scheduled to take place March 23.)

The property consists of seven different lots of personal jewelry and other small items left to Germans and Japanese heirs by relatives over here and by other testators. It was scooped in by the federal government under a 1948 law which condemned as reparations all public and private German and Japanese property located in the United States. Less than a fifth of what was taken, about \$500 million in all, has ever been returned.

The group which lodged the protest is called the Committee for Return of Confiscated German and Japanese Property. The chairman is Frederick J. Libby. Other members include Yasuo W. Abiko, George Inagaki, Judge Learned Hand, Judge Clifton Mathews, Rabbi Abraham Cronbach, Bishop Wilbur E. Hammaker, Msgr. Donald A. MacLean, Clarence E. Pickett, Francis B. Sayre, and William Ernest Hocking.

EASTSIDE, WESTSIDE—EGGS GALORE EASTER

Youngsters on the eastside and westside of Los Angeles can scramble for colored eggs at two JACL chapter Easter Egg Hunts scheduled this Sunday.

At Belvedere Park on the eastside will be East L.A.'s hunt from 3 p.m. with Mabel Yoshizaki in charge.

Across town at Rancho Cienega archery range, Southwest L.A. JACL will hide over 1,300 eggs—some worth special prizes.

Rain may have spoiled the day for some last year, but the weatherman locally says it'll be sunny and warm this weekend.

Statehood leader dies

HONOLULU.—Sam Wilder King, 72, longtime advocate of Hawaiian statehood, died last Tuesday.

Bill introduced to revoke license of biased real estate

Last week Attorney General Stanley Mosk said his office was supporting two bills in the State Legislature which would permit the Real Estate Commissioner to revoke or suspend the license of any real estate licensee who refuses to sell, rent or lease property, or imposes any discriminatory condition at all because of race, color or creed; and damage action against housing promoters found guilty of discriminatory practices.

The bill to revoke real estate licenses, AB 444 introduced by Assemblymen Burton and Elliott, would also penalize any real estate organization that discriminates in membership.

Mosk made the statement at a press conference for William R. Ming, Jr., NAACP legal counsel in Chicago, and national chairman of the American Veterans Committee.

Cal. Assembly votes to outlaw bias in gov't aided housing

SACRAMENTO. — The Assembly on Mar. 16 passed and sent to the Senate a bill to outlaw discrimination in housing built with public funds. The vote was 67-9.

"This bill requires that when an owner partakes of a government feast, he should agree to dine at the table of democracy," said Assemblyman Augustus F. Hawkins, (D., L.A.), the author. The measure (AB 890) would ban discrimination because of race, religion, or ancestry in any housing accommodation built or otherwise aided with public funds, including veterans and FHA loans.

The law would provide for civil penalties and would be enforced by the courts.

WASHINGTON.—The Housing and Home Finance Agency came out last week against writing into a proposed new civil right bill strongly worded provisions to ban discrimination in government-aided housing.

Administrator Norman P. Mason said his agency actively works against discrimination in housing and cooperates with similar efforts by local housing authorities. He said substantial progress has been made.

The bill would provide that no home mortgage shall be eligible for federal insurance unless the mortgagor agrees not to discriminate by reason of race, color, religion or national origin in selecting purchasers or tenants.

Seattle JACLer named Sertoma club official

SEATTLE. — Phil Hayasaka, past president of the Jackson St. Community Council and a Seattle JACL board member, was recently appointed to fill the vice-president vacancy in Totem Sertoma.

Sertoma is a service club, sponsors of the Big Brother movement, and has the motto: "Service to Mankind".

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Official Notices

HAWAII - 50TH STATE

We all rejoice in JACL's latest legislative victory, which now completes the post-war legislative goals.

On Thursday, March 12, the House of Representatives approved, by a 4-to-1 margin the bill passed by a 5-to-1 margin in the Senate the previous day (March 11), to admit the Territory of Hawaii into the Federal Union as a State. The President has already signed the bill. Formal admission of Hawaii as a State can be as early as July 4, more likely in the early Fall but probably too late for participation in this session of Congress.

There were many people and many groups working for statehood through the years, but JACL's contribution was so substantial that it may well have been a deciding factor in tipping the scales.

The principal behind-the-scenes argument against statehood, as we pointed out previously, was the preponderance of persons of Japanese ancestry in the Islands. Our Washington Representative, by his own example, by the example of a national group of good citizens behind him, by his constantly reminding congressmen of the patriotism and outstanding wartime record of Japanese Americans both in World War II and in the Korean War, successfully exploded this racist argument.

The other principal argument of the opponents of statehood, the myth of communist domination of the Islands, was turned against them by Mike's reminding the congressmen that the best method of checking communist inroads in Asia was by our own example of democracy in action, and that the admission of Hawaii would represent the "picture worth a thousand words."

The significance of JACL's contribution is best exemplified by events just prior to passage:

1. Our Washington Representative was the last witness to testify before the Senate Committee - a privileged position.

2. Mike's testimony before the committee was twice cited in the crucial Senate debate, which ended in an overwhelming pro-statehood vote.

3. JACL chapters and members sent so many letters and telegrams to congressmen and senators representing their respective districts and states that the Washington Office received several calls requesting that local chapters be notified that they, the recipients, were for statehood and it was therefore not necessary to bombard them with petitions. Several who previously voted against statehood or had no opinions on the subject decided to vote affirmatively. Not a single senator or congressman from any area in which there is a JACL chapter voted against statehood.

The National Legislative-Legal Committee extends its heartfelt thanks to all JACLers who "heeded the call" with their letters and telegrams.

HAROLD R. GORDON, Chairman
National Legislative-Legal Comm.

Ye Editor's Desk

WE HAVE BEEN hoping for quite some time that our PC Letterbox column would catch fire. It did in the weeks prior to the last national convention when the U.S.-Japan question was being mooted by JACLers of all ranks. It may be that Nisei, by and large, are not endowed with time to sit and compose a piece that gets them on the limb. And when one does write and if the reader disagrees, he is likely to mutter to himself: who does he think he is, in a berating tone. This past week, we received - not a letter - but a three-page typewritten commentary from an El Camino (Jr.) College student, who batters the Nisei students who are overly grade-conscious. He has some worthwhile thoughts, but if our readers disagree, tell us through the PC Letterbox. We're sure the PC readers attending college or who have children there will gain by what is said for both sides of a question.

It is only after both sides are presented can one decide what is best for himself. -H.H.

BY FRANKLIN HAGIO

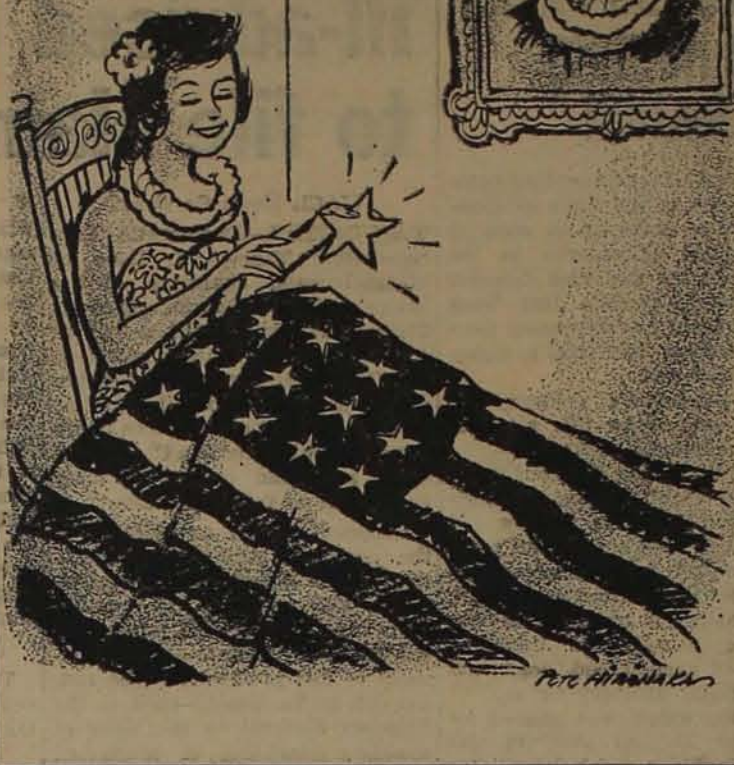
The colleges and universities of today are filled to capacity. Thousands of eager young people striving for that ever important degree, and along the way, good grades. If the degree and grades which the student obtained during his college days are authentic, then this student has truly been educated and not booked.

It seems to me that the present day college student is being steered down a narrow beaten path. Beaten in that hundreds have trodden over this very steadfast path. What is Joe College striving for today? An education or a title? Let us briefly follow a college student of today.

Let us assume that Mr. Joe College wants to become an engineer, not that there is anything wrong with being an engineer, but since there is such a demand for them we will use him for an example. Time seems to be of the essence, so it's rush, rush, rush. Since time is of the essence the only subjects he will enroll in must run parallel or be congruous with his respective major. And the deviation from this goal will be practically nil.

While he is enrolled in college he is given periodical examinations. This is to test how well he has conceived the

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PRESS COMMENTS:

Statehood for Hawaii

Japan Times Editorial, March 14, 1959

The news that the United States Congress has voted to make the Territory of Hawaii the 50th state of the Union has evoked pleasurable interest in Japan where the fortunes of the Pacific archipelago are naturally watched with close attention.

About one-third of the population is of Japanese ancestry, and it is no exaggeration to say that people of Japanese race have been largely responsible for building up the territory to its present degree of prosperity and enabling it to claim statehood with confidence.

At the same time many other races have made valuable contributions to the islands' development, and among the larger such groups enumerated by the census are Hawaiians and part Hawaiians, Caucasians, Filipinos, Chinese, Puerto Ricans and Koreans.

Hawaii indeed has proved a veritable melting pot of the nations, and intermarriage between the various races is still frequent.

The first Japanese to go to Hawaii entered the islands as long ago as 1868, but they were then only a handful. Chinese immigration became a big factor in the life of the country; in fact the Chinese immigrants became so numerous that restrictive measures were applied to them toward the end of last century. It was then that the Japanese began to come to the islands in large numbers, and from the year 1900 onward there was a great increase in the total of Japanese residents. The Hawaiian-born children of all alien residents became American citizens by birth.

The acquisition of statehood by Hawaii is hailed in many quarters as helping to bring together Asian and Western cultures and certainly the presence of so many people of Asian descent in Hawaii should help forward greater understanding and tolerance among the population as they work together to build up their new state. It will also be observed that traditional American institutions, and their modern developments, fit the needs of people of widely different origins who are prepared to live in peaceful cooperation.

The United States has sometimes been accused of allowing a degree of racial discrimination to continue in everyday dealings. Statehood for Hawaii, with its mixed population, should go a long way to show that such discrimination is no part of over-all policy.

The transfer of Hawaii from the status of a territory to that of a state of the Union will not mean any revolutionary changes; it will, however, help the people to a fuller political and economic life and further the prospects, already brilliant, for their future. Japan will be one of the first of the nations to wish the new state the further prosperity and progress its people deserve.

Calling former Co. K
442nd GIs in Midwest

DETROIT. — In order to arouse interest in the 1961 reunion of 442nd veterans in Hawaii, former Co. K members in the Midwest are being asked to notify Dr. James Okubo, 10007 Chatham, Detroit 39, of their whereabouts.

Other "King" men may call on George Iwamoto, 2921 Virginia Ave., Santa Monica, Calif.; Frank Matsuda, 1818 20th Ave., Seattle, Wash.; or Bill Kochiyama, 50 Amsterdam Ave. 3E, New York City, concerning the 1961 reunion.

Mission bell shipped

YOKOHAMA. — The City of San Diego last week presented an historic El Camino Real Mission bell to the City of Yokohama, adding another link of friendship between the two Sister Cities.

Colorado pioneer dies

LA JARA, Colo. — Seiji Hishinuma, 84, a resident of Blanca for 27 years died on Mar. 7. A naturalized citizen, he was a faithful member of the San Luis Valley JACL for many years.

PC Letter Box

PRIVILEGE TO JOIN

Editor: I wish to extend my most sincere gratitude and thanks to Mr. Tom T. Hoshiyama for asking me to become a member of JACL chapter.

I consider this the greatest privilege bestowed upon me and honored being a member of this fine group.

If I may suggest, I should like to see the emblem used on your paper put into pins and rings for members to wear if they wished. This would help promote the good that all are engaged in.

It is my belief that there are many more Caucasians that would feel honored to become a member if only asked.

Why not continue the membership drive on a permanent basis.

CARL HARRIS

San Francisco JACL.

(JACL Headquarters has gold-filled lapel JACL pins available at \$2.—Editor.)

VITAL STATISTICS

Editor: I have been a subscriber for several years and wonder why you do not publish complete vital statistics. I notice that you are just printing birth notices and they are dated back from November, 1958. I think it would improve your paper if you put in the marriage and death notices also. I cannot afford to take all of the Japanese newspapers from different localities and the Pacific Citizen should be a means therein one can obtain information of vital statistics.

SUMI HARADA

Riverside, Calif.

(Compilation in recent weeks has been very limited due to space problem with an eight-page tabloid. We realize many readers across the country look forward to the vital statistics and it's one department we'd like to maintain at par if possible.—Editor.)

NOTICES

CALLING all former members of Co. "K", 442nd Infantry, living in the midwestern United States: We would like to know your whereabouts. Please contact Dr. James Okubo, 10007 Chatham, Detroit 39, Mich.

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From the Frying Pan

By Bill Hosokawa

Denver, Colo.

LONG STEP FORWARD—The Colorado state legislature last week approved a Fair Housing Act which makes racial discrimination illegal in most type of housing transactions. The bill was co-sponsored by about two-thirds of the members of the House, so its passage in the lower body was merely a formality. The bill ran into some lively debate in the state Senate.

George Brown, the first Negro elected to the Colorado Senate, made an emotional plea for the measure. Senator Brown said his father had been subjected to discrimination from birth, Brown himself had been discriminated against as long as he could remember, and he was determined that his daughter would not have to go through it all, too. Most of the opposition to the bill came from rural legislators, but in the end both Democrats and Republicans supported it by a handy margin.

Some minor differences between the House and Senate versions have to be ironed out, but Gov. Steve McNichols has long supported the principles involved and his signature is a foregone conclusion.

DIFFERENCES—The Senate version of Colorado's Fair Housing Act provides that private homeowners are exempted from the law's provisions regarding his own land or residence. In other words, if John Doe, private citizen, does not want to sell or rent his own home to another person for racial reasons, it's his privilege.

In practice this reservation is likely to have but minor effect on the spirit of the law. In instance after instance, private owners have been the first to break the color-line. It is the real estate firms which, on the plea that property values will drop and neighbors will protest, have refused to rent or sell land and homes to racial minorities.

SUPPORT—Various groups concerned with the problems of minorities—including members of the minorities themselves—turned out impressive numbers to support the Fair Housing Act when it was scheduled for Senate debate. Housing discrimination in Colorado has been directed largely at Negroes, and to a lesser extent at Spanish Americans and Orientals. But they were present in the Senate galleries, many members of the JACL included, to give silent support to an important civil rights measure by their mere presence.

With a few notable exceptions, the Nisei in Denver have encountered relatively little housing discrimination. In these exceptions the Nisei usually have chosen to withdraw gracefully and take their business to other desirable areas, of which there are plenty. The result is that Denver Nisei live in virtually every part of the metropolitan area including some excellent upper-income districts.

GOOD RELATIONS—Shortly after the attack on Pearl Harbor, when anti-Nisei hysteria was running high, even high government officials were swept along the bitter tide of uninformed public opinion. Only one western governor, the late Ralph Carr of Colorado, dared stick his neck out in support of democratic principles where the Nisei were concerned. The Nisei, he announced, would be welcome in his state so long as they were law-abiding citizens. Such were the times that this simple enunciation of a civics book principle, as basic as the Constitution, made headlines across the West.

There are some who say that Carr killed his chances to win election to the United States Senate because of his stand on the Nisei. But that would be over-simplifying the complicated game of politics. Carr, however, won deep Nisei gratitude, engendered Nisei affection for Colorado, and set an admirable precedent for fair play that has made itself felt again in the passage of the Fair Housing Act.

Carr's welcome to the Nisei gained for Colorado many worthy, valuable citizens of Japanese extraction. It is likely that the newly approved Fair Housing Act likewise will redound to Colorado's advantage.

Immigration Service issues special papers to strande to settle citizenship

Traveling on what is believed to be the first Certificate of Identity issued under the McCarran-Walter Act, Yoshio Tanaka, 12706 Rubens Ave., West Los Angeles, arrived here last week.

Born in Covina, Calif., in 1919, Tanaka was forced to go into the Japanese Navy during World War II. Because of this, the State Department claims that the Nisei lost his United States citizenship and that the Supreme Court's decision in the Nishikawa case did not apply to him.

However, the Department did authorize Tanaka to come to this country to test that question out before the Immigration and Naturalization Service.

As the result of appeals made

to the Department by his attorneys, A.L. Wirin and Fred Okrand, Tanaka was issued what appears to be the first Certificate of Identity to a Nisei under the 1952 McCarran-Walter Act.

In proceedings started previous to that Act, a number of Nisei were issued a different kind of Certificate of Identity which permitted them to come here for court cases. Tanaka's proceeding will be through the Immigration and Naturalization Service.

If the I&NS recognizes him as a citizen, no court proceedings will be necessary. If the Service rules the same way as the State Department, the matter can further be tested in court, the attorneys said.

Denver public library features Japan in spring program, Mile-Hi Nisei assist

DENVER.—Bill Hosokawa, assistant managing editor of The Denver Post, was featured prominently on the front page of the Denver Public Library News, spring edition, and wrote the feature article on "The Japanese Festival Program" of the Denver Public Library.

In his article, "Our Friend, Japan, Blends Old and New", Hosokawa reviews U.S.-Japan relations and concludes with:

"Not long ago I asked Japanese Foreign Minister Aichi Fujiyama what he thought was responsible for the friendly relations between our two countries. First, he said, was the international situation which found both nations facing a common danger. Second, and almost equally important, was the occupation where by American citizen-soldiers learned to know Japan, and the Japanese who hosted the Americans came to understand the United States. Now civilians, like the citizens of Denver, in programs like those sponsored by the Denver Public Library, are carrying on where our servicemen left off."

The library bulletin then lists over 60 titles available on the shelf, covering travel, history and political life, biography, art, architecture, music and theater, religion, language, Japanese fiction and literature (translated), gardens and nature, customs and games, food and for children.

Other Nisei serving on the committee were Mrs. Jinzo Noda, Mrs. Noboru Tsunoda, Rev. George Ueyamura, Min Yasui, and Robert Uyeda, Mile-Hi JACL president.

Programs to Come

Future programs to be held in the Weyer Auditorium of the main Public Library are: Mar. 28—Brighton Buddhist children dances;

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Housing bill—

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rights of members of minority groups," declared Yutaka Terasaki, Mountain Plains District Council chairman, in hailing the legislative action.

Colorado already has civil rights and fair employment laws.

During the many days of consideration of the fair housing bill, Mile-Hi and Mountain-Plains JACLers attended hearings and meetings in support of the measure. Robert Uyeda, Mile-Hi chapter president, was particularly active and "was in constant attendance at the State House during the crucial debates and voting".

JACL was vitally concerned since it affects the immediate interests of JACLers. Terasaki explained, "Considerable work and innumerable contacts were made by the local JACL organization to support this bill that would safeguard the rights of all persons in Colorado, regardless of their ancestry, color, creed or national origin," he said. "By this effort, it was felt that the best interests of Issei, Nisei and JACLers were best advanced."

Joint Efforts Told

JACL also "enhanced its prestige and stature in the community as being concerned with and active in human relations matters", he added. JACL cooperated with the Colorado Committee Opposing Discrimination, Anti-Defamation League of the B'nai B'rith and other human relations organizations.

Administration of the law would be placed under the Colorado Anti-Discrimination Commission, which now handles fair employment practices. It would have power to investigate the existence, character and causes of unfair housing practices and seek to settle complaints by conciliation. It could subpoena witnesses and conduct hearings.

If evidence of discrimination is found, the commission would make findings of fact and issue cease & desist orders, subject to judicial review. The commission could obtain court orders to enforce decisions.

While bias in housing has been blamed upon the National Association of Real Estate Boards and lending agencies, many of them who operate now because of fear from public reaction would refuse to discriminate against minorities, if a law against it were in effect, said Sheldon Steinhauser, ADL Mountain States regional director.

The bill was introduced by Rep. Robert E. Allen (D., Denver) and co-sponsored by 43 House members.

Apr. 9—Lectures on Japanese theatre, with Kabuki players giving a scene from "Wayfaring"; May 14—Japanese dances, including Sword Dance; koto, samisen and shakuhachi music and judo.

Moreover, permanent displays until May 15 include Hinamatsuri dolls in the Children's Library section, pictures of old and new Japan on the second floor, and exhibits of books on Japanese art in the rotunda of the second floor.

The Japanese Festival program of the Public Library is a second of a series, the first being a "Glimpse of Mexico" during the fall season, 1958. Thus far, films, talks on Japan, and Japanese odori demonstrations have been given during March at the main library, as well as the branch libraries.

Judge who fought evacuation rule dies

SAN FRANCISCO.—Judge William Denman, 86, who strongly criticized Lt. Gen. John L. DeWitt for ordering the evacuation of Japanese Americans in a 1948 decision, was found dead from a self-inflicted bullet wound in his apartment Mar. 9.

Final rites were held the following day for the former chief judge of the Ninth U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals. He was reportedly despondent following the death of his wife on Feb. 8.

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POINTING Southwestward

By Fred Takata

GARDENA CHAPTER MEETING—A couple of weeks ago we made our way through the downtown interchange and out on the Harbor Freeway to that ever growing community of Gardena. The Gardena Valley Chapter was having its first general meeting of the year and we were invited by prexy Ronald Shiozaki to meet with the members. There was quite a novelty added to the meeting, combining it with a pot-luck dinner and the turnout was really terrific. The Gardena members informed us it was the biggest turnout the chapter has ever had for a meeting, and it was really nice to see whole families come out for the occasion. After the meeting in which all the various chairmen gave their reports, cartoon movies were shown for the kiddies. We've noticed lately many of our chapters have pointed their meetings towards family participation and the results have been most successful.

We were really gratified to see the Gardena Chapter come back so strong this year under the guidance of their new Board, after a very shaky position a few years back. Under the new board system composed of outstanding leaders of the community, the chapter has made tremendous strides towards becoming one of the top chapters in the District.

LONG BEACH-HARBOR DISTRICT MEETING—Recently the Long Beach Japanese community was aroused by the action of the Stephens Jr. High School, when it called a special segregated assembly for all the Japanese American students. In order to explain the school action, the Long Beach Chapter held a special meeting inviting both parents and school officials to discuss the matter openly. Principal Dr. Norbert Farrell and Vice Principal Hal Fraser of the school explained to the parents the situations leading up to this assembly. Dr. Farrell emphasized the fact that the Japanese American students are not bad, but the situation that exists today may lead to trouble in the future. It seems that the outstanding leaders of the school are Japanese American students, but some of the students in order to become associated with some group or individuals have started to wear open shirts, trousers low on hips, and hair cuts that stand straight up on end, to school.

In other incidents the youth have been spotted gathering at places where a fight has been designated to take place. Although they are not directly involved in the fight the mere fact that they are there, many people in the community call into the school and complain that Japanese American students are participating in the fight. The school officials are quite aware of this problem, and they have asked the parents to encourage their youngsters to refrain from fights, avoid gathering where a fight is going to take place and take the most direct route to their homes. They also asked that the youth be told to practice common courtesy within the school, avoid crashing cafeteria lines and bumping purposely into other students in the hallways.

Dr. Farrell expressed his appreciation to the parents for the opportunity to meet with them, and explained that this meeting was larger than any of their own PTA meetings. He hoped that many of the parents present would attend the PTA meetings, where many of these problems could be solved. Dr. Farrell also explained that the youth at this particular age have tendencies to make impressions on their classmates and it is very important to get across to them now, the importance of making a good impressions to the adult community, for it is here that they will have to live and earn a livelihood. In five years their classmates will have scattered into the world, while the impressions that they have made in the community shall always remain.

Sgt. A.M. Brown of the Los Angeles Juvenile Division was also present to let the parents know that there has been a sharp increase in juvenile delinquency among our Sansei generation. We had purposely made the trip to Long Beach primarily because of the segregated assembly held at the school. However, we were tipped off that the special meeting at school was held because some of the Japanese American leaders in the community felt that it would be a good idea to have a separate assembly. We didn't raise the question for we felt that it may have been embarrassing to the few individuals concerned.

Since this meeting was such a tremendous success with over 150 parents in attendance, the Long Beach Chapter has gone ahead in planning to have a panel discussion with the parents and youth. We certainly want to thank president Dr. John Kashiwabara for inviting us to this interesting and informative meeting. It looks as if the Long Beach Chapter is out to garner the coveted "Chapter of the Year" honors for the third consecutive year.

STUDENT SEMINAR TO JAPAN—Those of you who may be deciding what type of graduation gift would be appropriate, American President Lines is once again sponsoring a tour to Japan, headed by Noboru Inamoto, professor of Japanese language, history and civilization at the Univ. of Southern California. The entire tour will leave Los Angeles aboard the President Wilson and return in August. Information on the 34 day student seminar is available by contacting 1000 Clubber, H. Okabe of American President Lines, 514 W. 6th St., Los Angeles, MA 8-4321.

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Eden Township JACL advises international relations issues be handled on individual basis, sees no workable policy

HAYWARD.—The Eden Township JACL Board has informed William Marutani of Philadelphia, national chairman of the JACL international relations committee, that it views "no blanket rule or policy could be laid down" on the question of anti-Japanese films and "each situation would have to be considered on its own merits" with the local chapter deciding its own role with respect to the problem of entertaining visitors from Japan.

The decisions were also explained to the chapter membership in the newsletter published last week. The questions were delineated in "Official Notices" of the Mar. 6 and 13 issues of the Pacific Citizen.

The newsletter explained: "Without a doubt the movie moguls of this and other countries take advantage of the sensationalism of our recent history in World War II to make films that could be construed to be derogatory to the people of Japan. The question is whether or not the JACL as

a body should expand its policy of protesting these films as well as other displays through mass media that could serve to reopen healed wounds.

"It was the feeling of the board that no blanket rule or policy could be laid down. It will continue to be necessary to view each occurrence and judge its damage on an individual basis. It is necessary that as an organization we continue to strive to gain recognition of ourselves as being a civic-minded public-spirited group ready to cover any blotches on our pasts with a good turn to others.

"Issue number two concerned the role of our west coast chapters in the entertainment of visitors from Japan. Frequently our groups are called upon to play various roles in the conductance of receptions, welcoming committees and the like.

"Here again a rule is difficult to make and to follow. Our own chapter, as you know, has hosted the Young Visiting Japanese Farmers for the past two or three

years as their part in international relations. Other chapters have other obligations.

"It was felt that each situation would have to be considered on its own merits and the local chapter involved would have to decide its own role. Most certainly we have to consider visitors as guests and treat them as such. Where we can logically serve to make the visit of a guest a greater pleasure, we should all want to do so regardless of policy that may have been made."

CORTEZ JACL DISCLOSES SOCIAL CALENDAR FOR YEAR, SNOW TREK HELD

TURLOCK.—Cortez JACLers treated Cub Scout Pack 32 and their families recently with a day in the snow at Calaveras Big Trees State Park.

Arrangements for toboggans and other snow equipment were made by Tsutomu Sugiura and Mac Sakaguchi, coffee and cocoa by Ray Harkesen and Albert Morimoto.

The chapter social calendar includes a family fishing derby for members only throughout March and April with Yuk Yotsuya as chairman, a community picnic at Hagaman Park April 19 (weather permitting), hosting the district council meeting in May, graduates outing in June and general elections in November, striped bass derby Nov. 8 at Frank's Tract and Christmas party.

Southwest L.A. dance proceeds to aid Issei

Lovers of the Latin beat and good old American foxtrot and swing will enjoy the Southwest L.A. JACL Spring Nocturne sports formal dance to be held at the Los Angeles Breakfast Club, 3201 Los Feliz Blvd., April 11, 9 p.m., according to Shig Uyetake, chairman.

Victor Zolo and his six-piece combo will play. Admission will be \$3.50 for stags, \$1 for stagettes and a considerable reduction for chapter members who present their membership card has been announced.

Proceeds from the dance will be used to assist needy Issei in the Southwest L.A. area. On the dance committee are:

Transportation—Frank Shimazaki, Kats Marumoto, Yumi Hori; Publicity—Lil Nakamura, Margie Akahori; Door—James Anzai; Coat Room—Henry Odano, Kiyoko Kajioaka.

Detroit JACL social to start dance series

DETROIT.—A "brush up" course and a beginners' class in dancing will be revived by the Detroit JACL at International Institute with Margaret Page as instructor.

The first session will open next Friday, April 3, 8 p.m. with a social and classes will be held on alternate Fridays. Open to all, there will be a \$1 charge per student. Mrs. Kay Shimonishi is dance class chairman.

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Importance of U.S.-Japan relations stressed by Masaoka at Portland dinner

PORTLAND.—In spite of the short notice and several conflicting events, the response to the dinner held in honor of Mike Masaoka, Washington representative of the JACL, was quite a success. The dinner was co-hosted by the Portland, Gresham-Troutdale and Mid-Columbia chapters of the JACL.

Among those attending included T. Tamiyasu, president of the Nikkei Jin Kai; Mrs. G. Tsuji, acting president of the Japanese Women's Club; Jim Miyoshi, commander, Oregon Nisei Vets and Mrs. Victor Nishijima, president, Oregon Nisei Veterans Auxiliary.

In his speech, which was given at the Benson on March 6, Masaoka gave a forthright and informative talk on his activities, in the vein of a "family talk" due to the nature of the crowd. He stressed the importance of Japan-

U.S. relationship and emphasized the fact that though "we haven't had it so good" the work of the JACL and the Nisei was not over to insure "our position" in the United States.

He also urged the chapters here to assist the Washington chapters in their work to repeal that state Alien Land Law.

WATSONVILLE GROUPS READY FOR PICNIC

WATSONVILLE.—For the first time since the war, Watsonville will have a community-wide picnic on Sunday, April 12, 10:30 a.m. at the Santa Cruz County Fairground. Watsonville JACL, Watsonville Buddhist Church, Westview Presbyterian Church, and Nisei VFW Post will jointly sponsor the big outdoor event.

The program for the day includes games and races, gate prizes, and refreshments for the children followed by a post-picnic sports dance from 8 to 11 p.m. The locale of the dance will be announced.

A complete schedule of events will be mailed to all Japanese families in the community and neighboring areas soon. Tak Higuchi, representing JACL, is the general chairman.

Over 200 attend S.F. Auxiliary benefit dance

SAN FRANCISCO.—An overflow crowd of 200 persons attended the successful San Francisco JACL Women's Auxiliary's fund-raising dance, "Dancefest with Dick Crest," on Mar. 14 at the Booker T. Washington Center.

Proceeds from the dance will be used for gifts and food items to be distributed to the Issei residents of Laguna Honda Home by Auxiliary members on Sunday, April 12, Mrs. Kay Onishi, service chairman, announced.

FLOWER ARRANGEMENT TOPIC AT NEXT MEETING

SAN FRANCISCO.—A flower arranging demonstration will feature the April meeting of the San Francisco JACL Women's Auxiliary on Tuesday, April 21, 7:30 p.m. in the Church of Christ Social Hall. Mrs. Sunui Uchida, assisted by her daughter, Mrs. Joan Suzuki, will be the demonstrator. Katherine Reyes is the chairman for the evening's program.

BANK OFFICIAL HONORED BY CHICAGO NISEI

CHICAGO.—Donald Magers, who recently became president of the Cosmopolitan National Bank, was honored by his Nisei friends at Azuma House. While he was vice-president, he was helpful to persons of Japanese ancestry following the evacuation and their resettlement in Chicago.

Parlier Aux'y to take homemade 'anpan' to aged

PARLIER.—The Parlier JACL Auxiliary met at the Buddhist Church social hall March 17 to watch a demonstration on making "an-pan" by Mrs. Oda and Mrs. Kuramoto of Selma. There were twenty-three members present.

It was decided by the members to serve coffee, potato salad, and pronto pups at the Parlier Buddhist Church bazaar on April 5.

The members agreed to meet on Wednesday, April 1, to make "an-pan" and take them to the Asoka Old Peoples Home, Kofu Home, and to the Salvation Home for the Aged. This has been an annual project by this organization to visit the homes for the Japanese aged. Those going with the president, Mrs. Mary Kashiki, are Mrs. Ito Okamura, Irene Kozuki, Haru Okuma, and Sue Miyakawa.

EAST L.A.'s EMERALD BALL DATE SET MAY 9

Announcement of the fifth annual Emerald Ball was made by the East Los Angeles JACL this week. The traditional May social will be held on Saturday evening, May 9, at Old Dixie, 43rd and Western, according to Roy Yamadera, president.

Aaron Gonzalez and his six-piece orchestra will provide the "best in dance music" for the sports formal affair. Bids to the couple or stag dance are now in the process of distribution. All ladies will be admitted free of charge.

Church Council head

DAYTON, O.—Dr. Mark Nakauchi, active JACLer, is the new president of the church council of the 2,050-member Shiloh Congregational Christian Church here.

By the Board

By Akira Hayashi, National Treasurer

New York

By the latest count, only 161 days remain until JACLers convene in New York for the 3rd Biennial EDC-MDC Joint Convention over the coming Labor Day weekend. It's time for all good JACLers to start thinking about this New York confab. It's high time New Yorkers get the plans off the launching pad and into orbit.

Time is really flying.

Out-of-town JACLers are urged once again to time their vacation plans to coincide with the convention. The four-day confab is scheduled for September 4-5-6-7, 1959. The convention headquarters is the Park Sheraton Hotel.

Families with school-age children will undoubtedly prefer to arrive in New York during the week or 10 days preceding the Labor Day weekend. There is so much to see in New York, and there are so many things to do here that extra days should be allocated for sight-seeing.

The women-folk will want to go shopping in the famous New York shops. Even window-shopping along Fifth Avenue will be an exhilarating experience for the most discriminating women.

Out-of-towners may write: New York JACL, 9 East 46th Street, New York 17, N.Y. Every letter will be promptly acknowledged. Every inquiry will be given our careful attention.

New Yorkers will be looking forward eagerly to seeing their old friends not only from the two district councils—Eastern and Midwest, but also from the other chapters west of the Mississippi River. The New York confab is open to all. Everyone is cordially invited to and enjoy our hospitality.

There will be the usual social affairs: mixer, luncheon, fashion show, banquet, ball, whing ding, golf tournament, just to list a few. We will have all the convention trimmings to make the 3rd Biennial most enjoyable and memorable. Good fellowship is an all-important ingredient in the New York scheme of things.

The business side of the convention will be ably handled by the two district council chairmen, Charles Nagao (Seabrook) and Kumeo Yoshinari (Midwest). Already the two chairmen are setting up the agenda, and many hours of hard work are foreseen for the official delegates and officers. So it is, and so it will remain at all JACL conventions, both at the national and district council levels.

The next 161 days will pass very quickly. We hope to see you all in New York next September.

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previous lessons. Let us assume he receives straight A's, and during his college career he attains a 3.0 or 4.0 average or thereabouts. How he attained these grades no one knows, that is except for the Almighty. (Did I hear someone say cribbing? That individual should have his mouth washed with soap and water. Such a nasty word!) There certainly isn't any cheating going on in college. Every educated person knows that. Remember, in college you are dealing strictly with adults, (what or whoever they are).

Mr. Joe College finally surmounts that which seemed to be the insurmountable. Yes, he is finally going to graduate. Oh yes, I almost forgot that ever important degree. What was it now? A Ph.D., M.A., B.S.? This is a trivial matter, too trivial to be concerned with. The main thing is that the degree has been earned (?), learned (?), bought (?). All that is necessary now is to find a job. And so in a few weeks' time the job is attained.

Let's see now; our new engineer has a degree and a job. Then he is ready to fit into society and be counted as one of the group. But is he ready? Is this all that is necessary to be counted in as a part of society? How about his ethics, morals and his ability to socialize with society as a whole? How about his ability to converse with people on topics such as art, literature, music, famous novels and novelists, politics, sports and love, human understanding, and the understanding of their needs? Isn't this really what makes man compatible with his fellow man? At this time I would like to deviate a little from the topic. I would like to talk on this subject of love and human understanding. In such a chaotic world as we live in today isn't human understanding and love really essential for cohesiveness among men? Take a look at such things as the United Nations, NATO, etc. These were brought about in an attempt to bring a greater understanding among men of the world.

Getting back to my topic—Grades and degrees have become an obsession with the students of today. I'm not condemning or saying that degrees and good grades are bad, for they are a goal to strive for. And without an ultimate goal

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Detroit shooting for record high: 500

DETROIT. — Striving for an all-time high of 500 members, Detroit JACLers are gearing for the 1959 membership drive under direction of Mrs. June Otsuji, 2nd v.p.

Membership blanks have been sent through the mail to all prospective members in the Detroit area including the suburbs and after April 1, the campaign committee will make a door-to-door canvass.

Its record high of 400 was achieved in 1957.

Tak Shiba installed Gilroy JACL leader

GILROY. — Tak Shiba and his new Gilroy JACL officers were installed by National Director Mas Satow at the Hecker Pass Inn Jan. 31.

On the cabinet are Tom Iwanaga, 1st v.p.; Kiku Okawa, 2nd v.p.; Roy Uyeno, 3rd v.p.; Manabi Hirasaki, treas.; Hiromi Nagareda, rec. sec.; Grace Taoka, cor. sec.; Hiroko Yamano, pub.; and John Kado, cemetery chmn.

Guests for the evening were Judge John Klarich, Councilman Ken Peterson and his wife, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Ventre, who donated the bowling trophies; Mr. and Mrs. Don Wells, sponsors of the winning bowling team; and Mrs. Chiz Satow.

During the evening, the chapter bowling awards were made to Bill Kuwada, Frank Fujita, Moose Kunimura and the Greenbelt Aviation team, composed of Roy Uyeno, Jim Imagawa, George Otsuki, Ray Yamagishi and Willie Iwanaga.

The Chidori Band of San Jose entertained during the dinner. "Let's Go Bowling", a movie short, was also shown.

5,000 anticipated by Placer County JACL at 11th annual community picnic Apr. 12

BY ROY T. YOSHIDA

PENRYN.—Placer County JACL's 11th annual county-wide community picnic has been slated for Sunday, Apr. 12, at the JACL Recreation Park near here with Bunny Nakagawa as general chairman, announced Dr. Kay Kashiwabara, chapter president.

About 5,000 persons are expected to attend this year's spring outdoor get-together for a day of fun and festivities.

As in past years, the picnic program will be planned primarily for the enjoyment of youngsters, according to Dick Nagaoka, chairman in charge of activities. However, there will be plenty of events and games for participants of older age groups, he added.

And the prize committee headed by George Hironaka gives assurance that all participants will be amply rewarded for their efforts.

One of the program highlights will be a presentation of Japanese dances, featuring 100 girls clad in colorful kimonos, disclosed Dick Nishimura, special event chairman. Also under consideration are several other acts, presenting well-known local talents.

Junior JACL and YBA, both very active youth groups, are planning to sponsor a picnic ball on Saturday night, Apr. 11, at the Loomis Memorial Hall. This will be a record dance, it was said.

As soon as the picnic program is completely set, it will be re-

MINNEAPOLIS 1000ER SIGNS WITH CHICAGO

CHICAGO. — Tomo Kosobayashi, MDC 1000 Club chairman, of Minneapolis requested membership in the Chicago JACL this year with this note:

"I can see where Chicago succeeds in enrolling so large a membership—persistent like the Fuller Brush Man. But I don't mind because I can now claim membership in the largest (!!) chapter."

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CHICAGO ADOPTS MISSILE NAMES FOR COMMITTEEMEN

CHICAGO. — In keeping with the times, the Chicago JACL membership campaign is seeking control the ICBG (not M) trophy from San Francisco JACL by naming its committees with appropriate handles:

Thor—Hank Tanabe, Ruth Kumata; Jupiter "C"—Aki Tani, Masako Inouye; Atlas—Ruby Nakagawa, Harvard Fujiwara; Vanguard—Julius Ishida, Tomi Domoto.

The four teams now in their second phase of the project with a door-to-door campaign are competing for a prize which has been labeled "top secret".

According to Joe Sagami, membership vice-president, the first phase (mail renewals) netted over 400 members. Chicago is out to sign 1,250 members including 300 Thousanders.

Gilroy Easter Egg hunt at April 5 picnic

GILROY. — An Easter egg hunt for youngsters has been planned for the Gilroy community picnic to be held on Sunday, April 5, at the Uvas Dam picnic grounds. Other games and races are scheduled, it was announced by Moose Kunimura and Tom Iwanaga, picnic co-chairmen.

Open to all, it was advised that picnickers bring their own refreshments this year as none will be distributed. On the committee are:

Kiku Okawa, games and races; John Kado and Shig Yamane, bingo; Manabi Hirasaki, finance; Easter Egg Hunt, Gilroy Nisei Women's Club.

April 4 potluck

CINCINNATI. — The Cincinnati JACL will hold a square dance-potluck supper social on Saturday, April 4, 7 p.m., at the First United Church of Walnut Hill at Gilbert Ave. and William Howard Taft Rd., it was announced by James Takeuchi, chapter president.

Sonoma Co. JACL lops membership seven years in row

SANTA ROSA. — Sonoma County JACL's 1959 membership drive is significant in that the chapter has improved its previous year mark for the seventh consecutive time.

Lloyd Ellis, Martin Shimizu and George Yokoyama, campaign co-chairmen, announced 312 had been signed, going over last year's mark of 306. Those assisting in the systematic house-to-house drive, which began in December, included:

Beth Yamaoka, Jim, George and Sam Miyano, George Kawaoka, Greg and George Hamamoto, Jim Murakami, Tak Kameoka, Pat Shimizu, Min Matsuda, Hiro Taniguchi, Johnny Hirooka, Riyuo Uyeda, Charles Yamamoto, John Arishita, Tom Mukaida and Ohki.

While the chapter was activated in 1949, it started its remarkable "better than last year" membership record in 1952 with a modest total of 114.27 over the 1951 count.

In subsequent years, the total climbed a few members each year until 1955 when it surpassed the 200 mark for the first time with 249. Last year, it passed the 300 mark with 306.

SAN FRANCISCO FOUNDS SCHOLARSHIP AWARD

SAN FRANCISCO.—The San Francisco JACL has established beginning with this year an annual scholarship award to be presented to a deserving high school graduate of Japanese ancestry. The award will be an annual grant of \$250.

A special fund for this specific purpose has been established. One of the fund-raising projects will be a yearly Japanese movie to be sponsored by the chapter.

The first annual movie will be held on April 10, 11 and 12 at Kinmon Hall. Two movies with English sub-titles have been booked: "Yurakucho De Aimasho" starring Machiko Kyo and Kenji Sugawara and "Onibi Kago" starring Raizo Ichikawa and Michiko Saga.

Any high school senior of Japanese ancestry residing in San Francisco who plans to continue his education upon graduation is eligible to apply. Deadline is June 15. Further details are available from chairman Yo Hironaka or the JACL office.

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Fresno Bowler Hits 701 Series—Best in Area

Sam Yomogida socked a 189-244-268—701 series in the Fresno Nisei Bowling League the second week of March—the first in many years in Central California. According to Nichibei Times records, it's the 27th 700 series in their books by a Nisei bowler. . . . We don't know if Jim Nishiwaki's 740 is included, high scratch series winner of the just concluded Orange County Nisei League season at Futurama Lanes . . .

Orange County Youth Leaps to Dual Meet Record

Noted in the Orange County JACL Newsletter, Santana Wind: Melvin Matsukane of Valencia High leaped 19 ft. 6 in. to break the class Cee dual meet record against Capistrano. He is the son of past chapter president Harry Matsukane.

Sports Calendar Heavy at Hollywood JACL

Ex-UCLA baseball star (prewar era) Joe Suski and now coaching the Hollywood JACL Dodgers landed a 2 lb.-1/2 oz. perch at Zuma Beach to win the chapter's first annual perch derby March 15. His catch was a 1/2-oz. over George Uyeno's fish which led the contest throughout the day until 90 minutes before weigh-in. And the tiny ones were thrown back to sea for next year's perch derby. . . . Tryouts for the chapter junior baseball on Fridays between 4 and 6 p.m. at Echo Park playground have been so numerous that two midget teams are likely, according to Hide Izumo, chairman. The junior team works out Wednesdays at Elysian. On the Hollywood JACL coaching staff are Babe Nomura, Yoichi Hosozawa and Mango Hamano. . . . Recent contributions boosted the Hollywood JACL athletic fund to \$147 plus equipment.

San Kwo Low Lords Win Calif. Nisei Cage Title

Southern California Nisei Athletic Union basketball champions, the San Kwo Low Lords, mopped their NoCal NAU counterpart, Oakland YBA, 72-53. The Southlanders lead 7-6 in the series that determines the Nisei state title. . . . Player-coach Kaz Shinzato was outstanding for the Lords, tanking 22 points on eight goals and six free throws, while Wes Sakamoto paced the outclassed hosts with 18 points.

Women Cagers Garner Fourth Championship

The Naturals, sponsored by Yamato Employment, hooped their fourth straight basketball championship in the So. Calif. Women's Athletic Association "AA" league last weekend by winning a 27-19 playoff game with Lucky Doks, their yearly court rivals, from whom was garnered the first title in a similar playoff four years ago. Angela Kuroiwa, helping with Hi-Co Conference this year, was the leading scorer for the Naturals with 20. . . . The WAA "AA" League boasts four teams, each playing two rounds for the season.

Community Youth Council Basketball Season Ends

L.A. Community Youth Council's first basketball season came to a close with an award night program at Maryknoll auditorium last week, which was chaired by Tak Ushiyama, Southwest L.A. JACL youth veep, and emceed by Atty. Kaz Watanabe. Dr. Hide Uba, basketball commissioner, was introduced, awards were made and Kenny Taniguchi, baseball commissioner, signed up teams for summer play. . . .

CYC, a new sports venture co-sponsored by four civic-minded Nisei groups (Southwest L.A. JACL, Japanese American Optimists, American Legion Perry Post, VFW Nisei Post) to conduct league play for 9-11 and 12-14 years old boys has been successful in that parents of the young athletes show active interest—even to the point of wondering why Junior is on second string and not on the starting line-up. . . .

On 1959 All-American Boxing Team

Heiji Shimabukuro, Hawaii Nisei on the College of Idaho boxing team, was placed on the 1959 All-American team by the Nat'l Intergate Boxing Coaches Assn. He is a 112-pounder. . . .

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to strive for, the fortitude to push on is not as great, or meaningful. If one is able to comprehend the abstract and technical facets of life, he surely would be able to conceive the facets which deal with the appreciation of the esthetic things of life and humanities. I'm not advocating that only through the media of such understanding will we eradicate worldly problems. I realize that we do need a great deal of knowledge of the technical facets of life, for life itself is complex. It just seems to me that these students are missing a great deal of pertinent education (which will be extremely beneficial to them later in life) through this obsession of grades and degrees.

I'm not picking on the engineers alone, or anyone in particular, that is about being driven down this seemingly unalterable path. There are a number of other fields included in the same boat. This includes women as well as men.

In conclusion I'd like to leave with you a quote from Emerson: "It is certain that it is the effect of conversation with the beauty of the soul, to beget a desire and need to impart to others the same knowledge and love. If utterance is denied, the thought lies like a burden on the man. Always the seer is a sayer. Somehow his dream is told; somehow he punishes it with solemn joy; sometimes with pencil on canvass; sometimes with chisel on stone; sometimes in towers and aisles of granite, his soul's worship is builded; sometimes in anthems of indefinite music; but clearest and most permanent, in words."

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Hawaiian bowlers wind up mainland tour with hectic two-day slay in Sacramento

BY SHIG SAKAMOTO

SACRAMENTO. — A group of 70 Hawaiian bowlers, who participated in the National JACL Bowling Tournament, their wives and children wound-up a two-week tour of California here this past week. They were invited to spend two days here by the Sacramento Nisei Bowling Association.

According to Sho Torigoe, Hawaiian bowling delegation spokesman, and Bill Kenzie who arranged the tour, the visitors spent five days in Los Angeles with side trips to Disneyland and Marineland. One group then vacationed at Las Vegas and returned to Los Angeles, but the bulk of the visitors spent two more days in Reno before coming to Sacramento.

Meeting the bus on Wednesday morning in Sacramento, the visitors were housed at the El Mirador Hotel, while bowlers with families were housed in private homes.

Two days of activities were

cramped hourly in Sacramento as members of the committee worked enthusiastically in keeping the Hawaii's newest American citizens occupied.

Highlight was the potluck dinner prepared by the wives and friends of the local bowling organization and JACL chapter were 150 localites were present to honor the visitors at Nisei Memorial hall.

Entertainment by the islanders with leader Joe Kahoaka and emcee Sho Torigoe, featuring dances by queen Violet Aki and comical hula dances by "Biggie" the hula-man, wound up the first night get-together.

An overflow banquet the next night at the Wakanoura, complete with speeches by hosts and words of appreciations by the visitors, entertainment and distribution of prizes for the previous night's special bowling tournament staged at the South Bowl were presented. The special show by the islanders was repeated. Dancing followed.

The visitors enplaned at San Francisco Mar. 15 for home, the 50th state of the United States, their home becoming a state while the group was enjoying California hospitality.

Committee members of the two-day meet were Coffee Oshima, Aya and Yulene Takai, Masa and Meriko Ishigaki, Jean Nakatani, Shig Sakamoto, Bill Matsumoto, Bob Watanabe, Bubbles Keikoan, Ken Shibata, Terry Enkoji and Dubby Tsugawa.

Issei woman hit-run S.F. traffic fatality

SAN FRANCISCO.—For the second time within a week, a Japanese American matron became a traffic fatality. Mrs. Taka Asano, 64, mother of Kathleen Asano, who is secretary at the Japan Air Lines office here, was killed by a hit and run driver Monday night last week. (On the previous Friday, Daisy Uyeda's mother, Mrs. Matsuy Uyeda, 66, was killed after being struck by a municipal bus.)

Mrs. Asano was struck while crossing Divisadero at Washington St. and died of a mass of injuries from a brutal dragging, being carried half way to the next block before she fell from the car, according to witnesses.

Auto accident fatal to Menlo Park Nisei

SAN JOSE. — Naoyoshi "Butch" Kikuchi, 26, of Menlo Park died Mar. 17 from injuries received in an automobile accident early Sunday morning. The Seattle-born engineer was employed at the Lockheed plant at Sunnyvale.

His father, Naoki Kikuchi of Chicago, was at his bedside at San Jose Hospital, when death came almost 60 hours after the collision, during which time he never regained consciousness.

He was a member of the San Francisco JACL.

Reno 1000ers welcome

Squaw Valley participants

RENO. — Participating in a city-wide program sponsored by civic and Olympic officials to welcome top contenders from foreign countries as they arrived to participate in the North American Alpine Championships at Squaw Valley, were Fred Aoyama and Mas Baba, Thousand Clubbers, and Miss Judy Aoyama, ski instructor with the Reno Recreation Department.

The recent North American championships were a preliminary to the 1960 Winter Olympics. Japan, handicapped by some injuries, placed well in each of the events and will bring more than 60 athletes to the 1960 Olympics.

The skiers and coaches from Japan with Dr. H. Kihara and T. Sakata, president and secretary, respectively, of the Ski Association of Japan, were entertained at a dinner given by the Issei and Nisei here.

Ethnic groups compete for Chicago cage trophy

CHICAGO. — The Chicago Nisei Athletic Assn. will sponsor its first annual United Basketball Tournament on Apr. 2-5 at Olivet Institute.

Six teams representing various ethnic groups are competing. They are Caucasians, Negroes, Hawaiians, Chinese, Nisei and American Indians. None of the players will be over 5 ft. 10 in.

Judo ass'n head

FRESNO. — Tom Nagamatsu was elected 1959 president of the Central California Judo Black Belt Ass'n. He was one-time CCDC JACL chairman.

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Nagoya-area Nisei residents organize mutual aid society

BY TAMOTSU MURAYAMA

Nagoya

There are many Nisei residents in the central part of Japan and they recently organized the Chubu Nisei Kyokai as a mutual aid society. Susumu Ito, Los Angeles-born but Mexico-educated Nisei, was chosen as its first president.

A very capable businessman, Ito is president of the Pan-Ocean Trading Co. "They elected me president of the association. I don't know much about the United States," he confided to this writer, "since I was educated in Mexico. But I shall try my best with other Nisei members to aid the welfare of Nisei in Japan."

The welfare of Nisei in Japan has been hurting much since the war and occupation period when many Nisei created illwill and left a general impression that the Nisei are undesirable. One means of curbing this general feeling against the Nisei has been to volunteer their services for good causes.

Along this line, the Chubu Nisei are planning to hold an English oratorical contest to promote the speaking of the English language among students. They also render translating services.

It meets at the American Cultural Center here. Other officers are Mrs. Eiko Kato, George Hata, vp.; Fred Watanabe, sec.; and Shizuko Matano, treas.

Unlike their counterpart in Tokyo, the Chubu area Nisei don't go in much for golf tournaments, card games and high society. What does impress is that the Nisei of Nagoya try to live with the Japanese community here, which is very conservative by comparison with Tokyo, and assist by whatever means they can render.

Many Nisei are engaged in the heavy and other important industries situated here. They have been steadily employed. Evidently, they have been found acceptable to many of the Japanese leaders who have moved here since the difficult war years. The Nisei here seem to understand Japanese psychology and language better than the Nisei elsewhere.

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THE Northwest PICTURE

By Elmer Ogawa

Seattle

"THAT'S NICE", ONE will say upon hearing that Nagoya is to be named sister city to Los Angeles.

Seattle was one of the first cities to experience such a relationship, effecting a tie-up with Kobe couple of years back. The results have been most gratifying in that there have been several cultural exchanges between the two cities. Some were civic in character; others in the mutual interest category between organizations and school children.

One of the most interesting was an exchange student plan whereby Seattle's Cleveland High School students chipped in to finance the trip for personable Hiroko Kikuchi who is today one of the most popular and best liked members of the whole student body.

The effects of the sister city relationship will be evident when the Washington State Eighth Annual Trade Fair opens for its ten day showing April 24 to May 3.

Kobe business firms are establishing a record in sending 8 merchandise displays to the Trade Fair, and Kobe City is setting up two information booths in confident anticipation of the many inquiries due to result from the widespread interest in this area.

Heading the delegation of Kobe exhibitors are industrial representatives of that city, Mr. Tomoichi Yoshida and Mr. Katsuichi Ashida. Seattle importer Kazutaka Tamura represents this city in the intercity cooperative enterprise.

As could be expected, Japan is by far the most prominent exhibiting nation at the Trade Fair which includes exhibitors from the entire Pacific Rim, for example, the Philippines, India, Parkistan, Peru, Mexico, Formosa, Hong Kong, Korea, Malaya, the Republic of China, and for the first time this year, Okinawa, and New Zealand.

THIS YEAR'S SHOW is called the 8th Washington State International Trade Fair. It is actually the 9th such show. The first, inspired in 1949 by a group of Seattle citizens headed by Sol G. Levy was called the Japan Trade Fair.

The original Trade Fair delegation was received with much cordiality by General Douglas MacArthur who was in Japan at the time. The General was deeply impressed with the necessity for Japan to rebuild its foreign trade, develop economic self-sufficiency which would in turn enable Japan to buy the goods needed to rebuild.

Japan up to that time had sent trade missions to the United States with little success. The General lent an ear to what the inspired Seattleites said they could do with a trade fair. He placed his personal plane, The Bataan at the disposal of the Seattle delegation, and they toured Japan talking trade fair, and signing exhibitors for the 1950 show.

The first Japanese Trade Fair was a success, as shown by Port of Seattle figures, and it was the Japanese who suggested the idea of making the fair an annual event, inviting all nations on the Pacific Rim.

After careful consideration, the Seattle group decided to expand, make it a yearly affair, and with the Washington State label the show now bears, came some financial assistance from the State of Washington.

The exact dollars and cents value of the Trade Fair is difficult to determine partly because monetary value of contacts made are confidential to most of the exhibitors, but results are shown in tonnage and all-over total import-export figures. Seattle likewise earns a most favored position in the eyes of Asiatic merchants, and does its share to counteract Soviet economic competition.

WASHINGTON NEWSLETTER: by Mike Masaoka

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sonal contact work in Olympia which had much to do with the friendly reaction of the legislators. His practice of "never taking 'no' for an answer" stood him in good stead with the lawmakers who admired his sincerity and his devotion to principle.

THE PRELIMINARY WORK has been accomplished, but the real effort lies ahead. For just as in California, the voters must be persuaded to repeal this racist law at the next general election.

With the kind of inspired leadership that is inherent in the JACL in the Pacific Northwest, and with the help and cooperation of all the chapters and members throughout the nation, November 1960 should witness the elimination of another state constitutional provision that once was used to circumscribe and restrict the economic opportunities for persons of Japanese ancestry in the United States.

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Kathy Luen Ling, Dec. 19.
Izumi, Rikio (Mikuri Wada) — boy
Lance Takeo, Dec. 22.
Judah, Sami (Yoko Mori)—girl Mori,
Dec. 17.
Kunisaki, Chick (Isoko Tanaka)—twin
boys Richard Tadashi and Jeff-
erson Kiyoshi, Dec. 19.
Matsumoto, Takayoshi (Elsie Frank)
—boy Robert A., Dec. 23.
Morimoto, Chikashi (Kikue Abe)—boy
Chester Koichi, Dec. 19.
Ohsawa, Kazuo (Mitsuye Imai)—boy
Akira Michael, Dec. 21.
Omon, Takayuki (Amy Murayama)—
girl Teresa Keiko, Dec. 18.
Yamamoto, George (Bertha H. Koto)
—girl Janis Midori, Dec. 1.

STOCKTON

Inoshita, Tad—boy, Jan. 19, Lodi.

SAN FRANCISCO

Inouye, Haruo—boy, Feb. 24.

Okawachi, Kimio—boy, Feb. 24.

OAKLAND

Endo, Hiroshi—boy, Feb. 10.

Nomura, Toshio—girl, Feb. 10, Berke-
ley.

Yoshioka, Yoshihiko—boy, Jan. 16,
San Leandro.

PORTLAND

Inouye, Jerry—boy, Feb. 21.

Onchi, Jim—boy Kelvin N., Dec. 21.

Oyamada, Dr. Paul—girl, Jan. 24.

SEATTLE

Aoyama, George—girl Tamra Lynn,
Dec. 24.

Kawamura, Sam—boy Michael, Dec.
15.

Watanabe, Shig—boy Mark, Dec. 14.

CHICAGO

Tsurusaki, Chic—boy Kenneth, Dec.
7.

WEDDINGS

Okazaki-Doi—Dec. 13, Jiro and Nancy
S., both Chicago.

DEATHS

Asami, Yoneichi, 61: Reedley, Mar. 8

Duke, Motonori, 61: Los Angeles, Mar.
9.

Goto, Mrs. Hisako, 44: San Gabriel,
Mar. 13.

Inosaka, Yazo, 78: Los Angeles, Mar.
11.

Ishiguro, Hirotsuke, 75: Los Angeles,
Mar. 7.

Itano, Roy, 49: Chicago, Mar. 16—(w.)
Helen, (d) Pauline, (s) Ronald, moth-
er, brother Joe and sisters Mmes
Sumi Isoda, Lily Araki.

Ishimura Sueko, 42: Los Angeles, Mar.
10.

Kataoka, Kanichi, 76: Sacramento,
Mar. 14.

Kimoto, Ted, 14: Los Angeles, Feb.
27—(m) Bessie.

Kiriyama, Taketoshi, 33: Pasadena,
Mar. 14.

Kiyama, Konami, 64: Sacramento,
Mar. 5.

Komoto, Mrs. Shigeko, 33: Los An-
geles, Mar. 16.

Matsuo, Asajiro, 69: Sacramento, Feb.
24.

Matsuzaki, Naoshichi, 83: Los Angeles,
Mar. 8.

Moriyama, Richard, 17: Clovis, Feb.
27—(p) Mr. & Mrs. Kiyu.

Nagahama, Zenkichi, 80: Fresno, Mar.
7.

Nakamura, Charles G., 51: Ogden,
Mar. 11.

Nakamura, Tomi, 53: La Puente, Mar.
11.

Nomura, Tomojiro, 77: Oakland, Jan.
23.

Ogino, Tokutaro, 78: Los Angeles,
Mar. 1.

Shimizu, Ichinosuke, 70: Salt Lake
City, Jan. 15.

Tanabe, Tsurukichi, 73: San Jose, Mar.
13.

Tono, Kiyoshi W., 18: Los Angeles,
Mar. 13.

Tsuchiya, Rinpei, 90: Glendale, Feb.
27.

Yamada, Sozaburo, 66: Los Angeles,
Feb. 27.

REFERENDUM FILED FOR SAN MATEO FEP LAW

SAN MATEO. — Backers of a referendum on San Mateo's fair employment practices law filed their petitions this past week, aiming to bring the issue to a city-wide vote.

If the petitions qualify, which appears likely, the operation of the city's FEP ordinance passed 3-2 by the City Council Feb. 16 would be delayed.

Dog show champion

ALBUQUERQUE. — Ted Yonemoto's German shepherd Champion Wotan V. Richterbach won the "best of the breed" designation recently at the Westminster Club Show at Madison Square Garden, New York. The Nisei is operator of Lavaland Kennels here.

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"BEST MAN" AT LIONS CLUB-SPONSORED WEDDING
Melvin Iio (extreme left) with bride, groom and Pastor Sloan

Houston Nisei 'spark plug' for venture netting \$12,000 fund for service club

BY R.E. CONNOR

Special to Pacific Citizen
HOUSTON. — Thanks largely to the initiative and perseverance of Melvin Iio, native Houston Nisei and merchant, the Houston-Aldine Lions Club has a \$12,000 fund for providing eye glasses and other helps to needy children.

The fund resulted from an unusual house-building project with the homeseite, materials and much of the furnishings and equipment donated by members and building material and appliance concerns. Labor costs were paid for by the club, which hoped for a sale at \$22,500. The house brought \$20,000 and a net return for the club's welfare fund of about \$12,000.

This project culminated with a "Friday, the 13th" wedding of a young couple in the house, which they bought, with Iio serving as "best man." Contracting parties were Hilmer C. Schmidt, owner of a produce business, and Miss Nelda Faye Howard, who have become staunch friends of "Melvin," as they know him, and patrons of Iio's Fairway Food Center at 9000 Airline Drive. The house project was in Hidden Valley community on the Houston-Dallas Freeway.

While Iio was project co-chairman with O.B. Faber, he was known to be the "spark plug" of the venture, which fellow club members regarded as highly successful, if the house did sell for somewhat less than anticipated.

Iio is an ardent member of the Aldine Dads' Club, although he is a bachelor in his early thirties. Aldine community is a suburb of Houston. He has done creditable work with boys of the community.

Iio was a former member of the board of the Greater Houston Youths' Baseball. He is a member of the Texas Retail Merchants Assn.

Melvin with his brothers Chester

and Herbert, truck growers on a relatively large scale, and sister Alice of the faculty of the Luther Burbank Jr. High School, are children of the late I. Iio, truck grower of the Aldine-Burbank region. His name, "I. Iio," was the only two-letter name in the Houston city directory.

The father was for years a respected member of the pioneering Issei group of the metropolitan Houston area. Daughter Alice became the first Nisei public school teacher in this area, and won the esteem of faculty and parents. All of the family have merited the esteem of neighbors and acquaintances.

Church school opens

A children's school opened at Betsuin Institute, 244 N. Breed St., this week, it was announced by the Nishi Hongwanji Buddhist Temple. Already in session are classes in the Japanese language, Japanese cooking, flower arrangement and social dancing.

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Washington NEWSLETTER

BY MIKE MASAOKA

Washington's Alien Land Laws

Washington, D.C.

THE PAST FORTNIGHT has been a most encouraging one from the viewpoint of legislation affecting persons of Japanese ancestry in this country.

First, the Congress approved legislation admitting the Territory of Hawaii into the Federal Union as our 50th State. This means that no matter who represents the new State in the Congress, Americans of Japanese ancestry who make up more than a third of the population of the Islands need not fear discriminatory legislation directed against those of similar ancestry. This same assurance extends to the Japanese Americans on the mainland too. Moreover, in all probability, soon there will be a United States Senator and a United States Congressman of Japanese ancestry in the Capitol of the United States who, naturally, will make certain that mistreatment, persecution, and discrimination against those of Asian ancestry will not be tolerated in any Federal statute. In a sense, Statehood for Hawaii is insurance that those of Asian ancestry in this nation will no longer be subject to the political whims of our West Coast.

Indeed, it is interesting to speculate how different the history of the Pacific Coast and of the United States itself would have been had Hawaii been a State for the past half century.

Second, the States of Idaho and Nevada repealed their laws prohibiting the interracial marriage of "whites" and "nonwhites". Although some 26 states still maintain this dogma of racial superiority, the beginnings of a real national drive to eliminate these discriminatory statutes is well under way with the salutary actions of these two intermountain states.

Third, the State of Washington, through its Legislature, has disapproved of its alien land law and has authorized a constitutional amendment repealing this reminder of the grim past to be placed on the ballot for November 1960 in the expectation that its voters will ratify the action of the Legislature.

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THE WASHINGTON ALIEN land law as such was enacted in 1921, mostly on the urging of the California Legislature which petitioned all of the western states to adopt alien land laws in order to prevent the Japanese from "taking over" the farm lands of the Pacific Coast.

Though worded somewhat differently than the California statute, Washington's alien land law had the same effect and objective: to prevent the alien Japanese who could not become a naturalized citizen under our Federal naturalization laws from purchasing or owning land, both urban and rural.

Today, with the passage of the Immigration and Naturalization (Walter-McCarran) Act of 1952, under which resident alien Japanese may become citizens of this country, this alien land law is null and void. Moreover, under the decisions of the various courts, from the United States Supreme Court to the Supreme Courts of Oregon and California, there is little question that these racist discriminations are unconstitutional.

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THE SIXTH BIENNIAL Report of the Washington State Legislative Council, which was submitted to the 36th Legislature which has just adjourned (March 12), under the section entitled State Government, had this to say regarding this subject matter:

"Recommendation No. 6 resulted from a request from the Japanese American Citizens League, which urged elimination from our Constitution of the discriminatory provisions of Art. 2, Sec. 33. Almost all other states have already removed such provisions, and although its effect is minimized by federal law changes, and court decisions, the adverse impact of the provision was considered undesirable. The Subcommittee (on State Government) concluded that if any restrictions against other countries were necessary to meet similar provisions of such other countries, they could be provided by statutes allowing reciprocity."

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SUBSEQUENTLY, THE SAME Biennial Report records that the Subcommittee on State Government initiated the recommendation that Article 2, Section 33, of the Constitution be repealed.

According to the Subcommittee, "The purpose (is) to remove all discriminatory language against other races or countries, with reference to ownership of land, as almost all other states have done. The constitutional provision originally became a part of the law of this state, as similar provisions did in other jurisdictions, as a result of anti-oriental feelings prevalent at that time. Today, under present federal immigration laws, no alien is effectively denied the right to own land because such aliens are eligible to become citizens. Therefore, traces of such discrimination should be removed from the state's basic law. Also, a removal of such a provision strengthens our country's international leadership for freedom and equality of opportunity."

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TOO MUCH CREDIT cannot be accorded to JACL's Alien Land Law Repeal Committee, composed of chairman, William Mimbu, former Secretary to the National JACL Board, Takeshi Kubota, two-term president of the Seattle JACL Chapter, and Robert Mizukami, president of the Puysallup Valley JACL Chapter, with National Vice President Toru Sakahara as ex-officio member, for the outstanding leadership which resulted in the favorable action by the State Legislature.

Tak Kubota especially is to be commended for his per-

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Stars & Stripes writer covering 100th Bn. in Italy recalls 'Go for Broke' days

(We are grateful to the Denver Post for passing on Len Smith's article, which unfortunately was crowded out. Smith was a former correspondent for Stars and Stripes and covered the 100th Infantry in Italy.)

BY LEN SMITH
Denver Post Staff

(Special to Pacific Citizen)

Col. Farrant L. Turner outlined the type of infantry warfare of which he and his original 100th Battalion were credited with being America's leading exponents.

By some strange quirk of Army regulation little was written about Turner's dramatic exploits in World War II, until after the 100th Battalion ceased to exist as an individual fighting unit. And even then many of the incidents credited to the successor 442nd Regimental Combat Team in the movies actually belonged to the original 100th's performances in Italy.

American war correspondents who came in contact with Turner and his original Nisei troops, a federalized Hawaiian national guard outfit, tried repeatedly to crack censorship with stories about the tremendous fighting skill of the 100th, but in vain.

The 100th was an Army apart. Fellow American soldiers were puzzled by the aloofness, the "spit-and-polish" look of the boys of the 100th, their almost unbelievable adherence to discipline as demanded by Turner.

Rapido River Campaign

It was this very adherence to discipline, however, that saved one entire company from annihilation in the Rapido River campaign.

It was in this campaign that the 100th under Turner, really earned the "Go For Broke" slogan that became synonymous with the 442nd combat team.

In the line for more than 100 days without relief, the 100th was the target of verbal barbs from the German more devastating than bullets. Day after day the German front line radio would blare out the names of members of the 100th Battalion, to tell them their interned Japanese-born parents had

Claims —

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Chuman, Los Angeles attorney who is the National JACL Legal Counsel. Toru Sakahara, Seattle attorney, who is a National JACL Vice President, and Harold Gordon, Chicago attorney and chairman of the National JACL Legislative-Legal Committee, recommended a number of the changes in language. After consultation with the Subcommittee staff, the final bill was drafted for introduction by Congressman Lane.

Mike Masaoka, Washington JACL representative, explained that this bill is not intended as a raid upon the public treasury, or to reopen the program again.

"It is a very limited, restrictive bill which attempts to correct certain inequitable situations which developed when claimants who failed to file through no fault of their own were deprived of the opportunity to receive awards from the Government for real and property losses suffered as a consequence of the 1942 mass evacuation. It is not intended to open up the program to others who for one reason or another failed to take the time and trouble to file their claims within the original 18 months deadline."

"We studied the private bills which had been introduced in the past several years on behalf of certain claimants and cases where claims were not filed because of the failure of others or because of improper advice by a volunteer helper for a citizens organization. We considered these to be entitled to consideration by our Government and, therefore, prepared and had introduced what will be named the Lane Bill. We trust that the Congress will approve this effort to secure a measure of justice for these few claimants who failed to timely file through no fault of their own more than ten years ago."

been executed by "American imperialists in the concentration camps of Hawaii and stateside." Frequently such macabre messages were pointed up with what were purported to be recordings of final messages to their sons, "smuggled out" of the aforementioned camps.

The daily broadcasts directed "to the Japanese traitors fighting for the American imperialists" were heard all along the tightly-held front line.

"They are the toughest thing we have to fight," Turner once told correspondents. "I have to be chaplain and commander in one. You can understand that these broadcasts just can't be sloughed off; the boys have no way to prove the Nazis are lying."

Hazardous Patrols

However, not a single defection stands in the records of the 100th during those trying days, most of which were spent in hazardous patrol duties. The aim of these patrols was to bring back prisoners for interrogation. In this matter Turner had his single disciplinary difficulty, especially after a group on patrol came upon the bodies of four missing Nisei who had been reportedly shot in the back.

The kill credited to the 100th mounted tremendously after that, and night after night a dozen or more Nazi prisoners were slain "attempting to escape from their captors."

Turner would "chew out" his troops in the harshest kind of GI manner, threaten the most dire punishments, and then, privately remark, "how can you blame them?"

Turner frequently led patrols. One such became a classic of the entire Italian campaign.

C-Ration Cans Polished

On a patrol penetration in force, Turner led a company across the Rapido one night. Before they could withdraw with prisoners the Nisei were pinned down by Nazi fire. Turner ordered the boys to dig in, and "blitz up." Throughout the day, in foxholes, the boys of the 100th used blitz cloths on the cans of C-rations—polishing the cans to exquisite brightness. That night, in the moonlight, shining objects would fly through the air toward the German lines. After a delay of seconds to minutes, a grenade or two would follow.

This was repeated for about six night hours. Then silence fell on the front, and there was evidence of a Nazi pull back of more than 100 yards.

This in turn allowed Turner and his men to return to American lines safely. That morning the Nazi loudspeaker blared a new tune. It went like this:

"To the Japanese traitors. Attention. We know all about you new secret weapon, and have a powerful counter-weapon ready for it."

How they intended to beat off an attack of C-ration cans mixed with a couple of grenades, they never said.

Dave Tatsuno president of PSW Area YMCA council

LONG BEACH. — Dave M. Tatsuno, department store operator in San Jose, was elected president of the Pacific Southwest Area YMCA Council at its 25th annual meeting Mar. 15.

The council represents over 100 YMCAs in California, Nevada, Utah, Arizona and Hawaii.

Fresno Buddhist Church to build youth center

FRESNO. — A youth center and another hall to the Fresno Buddhist Betsuin was announced last week by Dr. Kikuo Taira, chairman of the building plans committee. Construction is expected to start soon. Costs have been estimated at \$150,000.

COLONEL TURNER, 100TH INFANTRY COMMANDER, DIES

HONOLULU. — A military funeral was held last Saturday for Col. Farrant L. Turner, wartime commander of the famed "Go For Broke" 100th Infantry Battalion.

Turner, 63, former Secretary of Hawaii, died Mar. 19. He had been in Tripler Army Hospital since a heart attack March 13.

Members of his old 100th Battalion participated in the requiem service and the burial in the National Memorial Cemetery of the Pacific.

Turner, born in Hilo, was manager of the Honolulu Small Business Administration.

In the five years he served as Secretary of Hawaii, a post similar to lieutenant governor in other states, he took over the job of acting governor 16 times. He attended public schools in the islands and then studied at Wesleyan University in Connecticut.

In World War I he was an artillery captain. He organized the 100th Battalion in 1942 and commanded it through combat in Italy.

Chest X-ray unit for West L.A. Community set

In recent months, a few cases of tuberculosis were detected among the Issei and the Nisei locally by the Los Angeles Health Department. Consequently, it has requested the West Los Angeles JACL's cooperation in making chest X-rays available to the Japanese residents in this area.

On April 16-17, from 1 to 4 p.m., members of the local chapter will be present to assist the X-ray mobile unit, which will be located in the 2000 block on Sawtelle Blvd., across the street from Kay's barber Shop. X-ray is free. This is one of the WLA JACL's community projects.

CALENDAR

- Mar. 28 (Saturday)
San Francisco—Dance Class (6 wks), Park Presidio "Y", 8 p.m.
D.C.—Potluck dinner, Bethesda-Chevy Chase Rescue Squad Recreation Center.
Imperial Valley—Installation picnic, Sunbeam Lake, Seeley.
Chicago—Jr. JACL dance, Conrad Hilton Hotel, 9 p.m.
- March 28-29
Gardena—1st annual JACL basketball tournament, Gardena High.
- Mar. 29 (Sunday)
East L.A.—Easter Egg hunt.
Southwest L.A.—Easter Egg hunt, Rancho Cienega.
- Friday, April 3
Detroit—Dance class social, International Institute, 8 p.m.
Alameda—General meeting, Buddhist Church, 8 p.m.
- April 3-4
Berkeley—2nd annual JACL basketball tournament.
- Apr. 3-5
PSWDC — Hi-Co Conference, Forest Homes, San Bernardino Mountains.
- Saturday, April 4
Cincinnati—Potluck-Square Dance, 1st United Church of Christ of Walnut Hill, 7 p.m.
- Sunday, April 5
Gilroy—Community picnic, Uvas Dam.
- April 8 (Wednesday)
Sequoia-San Francisco—Joint bridge tournament, Lawrence School, San Mateo, 8 p.m.
- April 10-12
San Francisco — Scholarship benefit movies, Kinnon Hall.
- April 11 (Saturday)
Southwest L.A. — "Spring Nocturn" dance, L.A. Breakfast Club, 9 p.m.
Detroit—Japanese Movies, International Institute.
- April 12 (Sunday)
NC-WNDC—Executive Board meeting, Oakland.
- Placer County — Community picnic, JACL Recreation Park.
- Watsonville—Community picnic.
- Fowler — Community picnic, Burris Park.
- Parlier—Community picnic, Kearney Park.
- April 16-17
West Los Angeles—Free chest X-rays, 2000 blk Sawtelle Blvd., 1-4 p.m.
- April 18 (Saturday)
Long Beach—"Big Dance."
- April 19 (Sunday)
IDC—Spring quarterly session, Ogden Cortez—Community picnic, Hagaman Park.
- French Camp — Community picnic, Micke Grove Park.
- April 21
San Francisco — Auxiliary meeting, Church of Christ, 7:30 p.m., "Flower Arrangement".
- April 24-26
Denver — NICC Conference, Albany Hotel.
- April 25
East Los Angeles—Membership dinner-dance, Man Jen Low.
- April 26
Monterey—Potluck.
- PNWDC — Spring quarterly session, Seattle.
- May 1-3
PSWDC—Biennial convention, Long Beach Wilton Hotel.