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## COLUMN LEFT:

### The danger of joblessness

Congress is considering a measure making a number of important changes in the existing federal-state system of unemployment benefits. It is probably goaded by the persistence of unemployment, despite vigorous recovery from the last recession.

The last government release on unemployment shows a drop of 387,000 for the month of March—said to be normal for that time of the year. The White House was "gratified" over the report and indicated for sure that unemployment this summer would not hit the 5.4 million of last year.

The AFL-CIO held a conference on unemployment several weeks ago, at which time this invocation was read by Msgr. Higgins:

"Deprived of the moral security which results from gainful employment under decent conditions of work, the unemployed may easily get the impression that they are no longer useful to society. This situation endangers the peace and harmony that should reign in the home. The head of the family is humiliated because of his inability to fulfill his responsibilities; he feels that he is a failure. Profound discouragement can easily take hold of him, and his enforced idleness can expose him to all sorts of temptations."

He went on to describe one of these temptations: the feeling of bitterness toward a society unable to utilize his services. It is no accident that agitators exploit the unemployed to foster class hatred and disrupt social order.

More than casual interest by Nisei should be paid as there are more of us today who are salaried employees than Issei who were mostly self-employed. The stakes appear higher in that the spectre of class hatred is present.

Equally haunting is the prospect of minorities—often the last to be hired—would be the first to be fired when times get tough. — H.H.

## FAIR HOUSING ACT IN COLORADO OUT ON SHAKY START

DENVER. — Colorado's new Fair Housing Act is getting off to a bad start, unless the state Anti-Discrimination Commission firmly straightens out its employee who will administer the law, the Denver Post warned last week in its lead editorial.

When the legislature passed the law outlawing racial discrimination in the sale of housing or land, it was the understanding of many of its supporters that the sale of private homes by their owners was to be excluded.

Now Roy Chapman, commission coordinator and administrator of the law, told Denver realtors that he personally thinks even private homes are affected by the Act, the editorial reported. The commission was to have met yesterday to determine the rules of procedure.

"If the commission insists on the all-inclusive definition, it will undoubtedly surround the early life of the Fair Housing Act with considerable conflict. It might kill this promising effort at improving human relations before it even gets off the ground," the Denver Post declared.

If the rules support Chapman's interpretation, the Post felt it would invite litigation over whether or not private homes were included. "This might well tie up indefinitely a beginning of effective housing anti-discrimination work."

## Nisei youths serve as supervisors for the day

Two honor students, Ken H. Kato of Fremont High and Kenneth Yagura of Wilson High, were members of the Los Angeles County board of supervisors this week in the 37th annual Boys Week celebration in local government.

Kato, 17, who is student body president, assumed the post of Kenneth Hahn; while Yagura, 17, who is boy's vice president, took over Ernest Deb's seat.

## WEST L.A. AUXILIARY PUSHES CANCER DRIVE

The West Los Angeles JACL Auxiliary helped gather \$1,750 last week on the 1959 cancer drive, according to local residential chairman Mrs. Milton Inouye, immediate past Auxiliary president.

Co-chairmen were Yuri Tanaka and Mrs. Shigeo Takeshita. Adjacent area chairman Mrs. Sakaye Kawata and her staff with 114 volunteer workers from the Japanese community, solicited the sum on a two-hour canvass.

Other participating organizations were the WLA Community Methodist Church; Women's Christian Service Society; Embers, girls club; Brockton PTA; WLA Buddhist Church; Ladies Guild; and the WLA Junior Matrons.

## Chinese American succeeds in Oakland city election

OAKLAND. — Dr. Raymond Eng polled the second highest number of votes in the race for district 3 councilman in the Oakland city election last week to win a place on the runoff ballot on May 19.

The Chinese American leader polled 12,699 votes, 563 more than the third man in the race, John F. Quinn. In the runoff Eng will face incumbent Howard E. Rilea who polled 21,133 votes of some 71,609 cast.

## Calif. fair housing bill pending in Senate committee

Calling racial discrimination in housing "the top priority" issue before the State legislature, the California Committee for Fair Employment Practices last week urged the immediate mobilization of community support for Assembly Bill 890, authored by Assemblyman Gus Hawkins. It passed the assembly 67-9 and is now pending in the Senate.

"To insure a favorable recommendation by the Senate Judiciary Committee, and passage by the Senate, will require a strong and clear expression of support from the citizenry," declared C.L. Delums, chairman of the California Committee for Fair Employment Practices, pointing out that civil rights legislation has in the past encountered much stronger opposition in the State Senate than in the Assembly. He also praised Gus Hawkins for "his able leadership in successfully guiding the measure through the Assembly."

A.B. 890 would prohibit discrimination on the basis of race, color, or creed in the sale or rental of private or public housing which received any kind of local, state, or federal government assistance such as Veterans Administration or Federal Housing Administration loans or any form of tax exemption.

## Another Anti-Bias Bill

The committee also urged support for AB 113, authored by Assemblyman Ed Elliott, which has also passed the Assembly and is now in the Senate. This bill would prohibit discrimination in rental, sale, or occupancy of any property in a community development or urban renewal project. It would apply not only to residential housing, but also to hotel accommodations and office facilities.

## Union employee cited

ST. LOUIS. — Yuki Kato, formerly of St. Louis, was the recipient of the Local 688 Community Service award for her services to the union. She was the former business manager of the Local's labor health institute. She is presently employed in Washington, D.C., as Mr. Hoffa's secretary.

## Aged Issei dies without known survivors, had refused to make will leaving \$50,000

SAN FRANCISCO. — Another Issei bachelor died without leaving a will, according to attorney Victor Abe who has been requested to search for his next of kin in Japan as there are no known survivors in the United States.

Didn't Feel He Would Die  
Kensaburo Ishihara, 82, who died Monday last week, was a domestic servant in a San Francisco home. He was understood to have left \$50,000 in stocks, bonds and cash—which faces the danger

of being escheated to the state treasury if no relatives are found.

While one has a right to do whatever he wants with the money, the bachelor refused when approached two days earlier to leave a will before he died in the hospital. Ishihara felt he wasn't going to die.

Several weeks ago, another aged Issei died without survivors or a will, leaving \$14,000 in Stockton. San Joaquin county authorities have taken charge of his estate.

## WAKAMATSU TO EXPLORE POTENTIAL OF PSWDC IN CONVENTION ADDRESS

National President Shig Wakamatsu, in his last major address at Detroit, declared JACL should shoot for 50,000 members rather than setting its sight at 20,000—a figure that was reached on the eve of evacuation in 1942.

Arriving late this afternoon at L.A. International Airport from Chicago to attend the sixth biennial postwar Pacific Southwest District Council convention this weekend at the Wilton Hotel at Long Beach, Wakamatsu will deliver another major address tomorrow night, which may help JACL reach the unprecedented heights of 50,000.

## Cue in Column

Writing in the President's Corner last week, Wakamatsu tipped off the message he brings to the PSWDC. He wrote: "The National leadership, the ideas and the support which have come from (the PSWDC). But what is so challenging is the potential it possesses in the largest concentration of persons of Japanese ancestry in this country."

"The opportunities for service, the support to be won, offers a challenge of gigantic proportions to the JACL chapters of Southern California," the Chicago research chemist for Lever Bros. noted.

(The Japanese Chamber of Commerce of Southern California now believes that there are 60,000 Japanese in the metropolitan Los Angeles area—which takes in Los Angeles and Orange counties. We have conservatively estimated 40,000 in Los Angeles and 50,000 in Southern California.—Ed.)

## Bij Job for PSWDC

Indeed, the potential is apparent in Southern California. The greatest job of "selling JACL" to Japanese Americans in the Southland belongs to the PSWDC, which annually has finished second to the

## St. Louis Issei give 200 cherry trees

ST. LOUIS. — An expression of gratitude by local Issei for having gained citizenship rights was made in the formal presentation of 200 Japanese cherry trees to the City of St. Louis for planting in Forest Park.

Sam Migita, one of the eldest Issei of the community, planted the first tree in a quiet ceremony on April 2, coinciding with the National Cherry Blossom Festival in the Nation's Capital, in the Pavilion area of the park.

Palmer B. Baumes of the local park commission accepted the trees on behalf of the city. Paul Maruyama was program chairman. Dan Sakahara served as interpreter during the ceremony.

Members of the JACL Camera Club were present to record the event for posterity. It was one of the most thoroughly photographed events staged here.

## OLD FOLKS HOME IN CANADA DEDICATED, HAS FOUR RESIDENTS

BEAMSVILLE, Ont. — A 10-year dream for opening a home for aged Japanese Canadians was realized April 18 here with the dedication of Nipponia Homes here. A provincial welfare official, who declared the Home open, said the government would match half of funds raised by any organization to support the home.

The home was completed for occupation last December and presently serves four residents.

less-populous Northern California-Western Nevada District Council.

As if preparing for this campaign to bolster the PSWDC, the delegates this weekend will vote upon a new constitution, that calls for a board system to govern rather than a cabinet. The new board members will be installed at the concluding convention event Sunday noon at luncheon.

Tonight at Grisinger's Dining Room, a couple of blocks from the convention mixer site at the Harbor Community Center, an informal reception-dinner will be hosted by the Long Beach-Harbor District JACL for Wakamatsu.

It is Wakamatsu's first appearance in Southern California as national president.

Other national officers who will attend this week include National Director Mas Satow of San Francisco, National 1000 Club Chairman William Matsumoto of Sacramento, NCWDC Chairman Jerry Enomoto of San Francisco, Nat'l 1st Vice Pres. Akiji Yoshimura of Colusa; Dr. Roy Nishikawa of Los Angeles, immediate past nat'l pres.; Frank Chuman, legal counsel; and George Inagaki, past nat'l pres.

## Luncheon-Fashion Show

Business sessions begin at 10 a.m. Saturday at the Wilton Hotel, convention headquarters. It will recess for luncheon which will include a fashion show at their orel Sky Room. Wilma Hastings, charm school director, will serve as commentator. Models will be Mitzi Miya, Nisei Week queen; Sharlene Shiba, Helen Kobata, Shirley Mizufuka and Joyce Miyagawa, it was announced by luncheon co-chairmen Hanako Manaka and Ruby Mio.

A 1000 Club whingding is planned from 4 p.m., preceding the dinner-dance at the Pageant Room in the Wilton from 7. Erie Kawai will be toastmaster. Fukuji Higashi, popular Long Beach baritone, will entertain during the prime ribs banquet. Victor Zolo's orchestra will play at the dance starting at 9:30 with Dr. Kats Izumi in charge of the Operation Cash finale during the dance intermission.

The final business session is scheduled Sunday morning, concluding with luncheon featuring Louis Zamperini as guest speaker. New PSWDC board members will be installed by Wakamatsu. After the luncheon, a bridge tournament has been planned in the Garden Room with Hisashi Horita as director.

## OHIO JOINS CALIFORNIA IN PASSING FEPC LAW

The addition of California and Ohio brings to 17 the total number of states with fair employment practices laws. New York initiated the movement with enactment of its law in 1945.

The California passed its FEPC measure on April 10, and Ohio passed its one on April 15.

The California bill is effective in September. In Ohio, the House of Representatives passed the bill by a 98 to 30 vote.

## Mrs. Sho lino dies

Mrs. Sho Iino, who was the first Nisei Week queen in 1935, died Tuesday morning at St. Vincent's Hospital following a cranial hemorrhage late Saturday. She is survived by her husband, who is a member of the Pacific Citizen Board and a certified public accountant, two sons Tom, 17, and Steven, 11.

The couple had celebrated their 20th anniversary last June.



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VERY  
TRULY  
YOURS

By Harry K. Honda

● **WESTERN PIONEER**, an insurance firm founded on Japanese American capital in California, is going to bat for the safe drivers with its announcement this week of an Individualized Rating Plan, providing discounts to good drivers and charging a higher rate for those who warrant it by their record. . . . A driver free of any loss occurrences in his first year will get a 10 per cent discount on his renewal, 15 per cent after two years and 20 per cent after three years. . . . Standard rates will be applied for drivers with not more than one loss occurrence in the preceding year. Drivers enjoying a discount but incurring one loss occurrence will be returned to standard rates upon renewal. . . . A driver with two loss occurrences within the previous three years, on the other hand, will be charged 25 per cent plus; 50 per cent for three loss occurrences, 75 per cent for four and 100 per cent for more than four. . . . Western Pioneer, under certain circumstances, will consider two moving traffic violations equivalent to one loss occurrence.

Life is priceless, we all know, but judging from the carnage on the California highways it looked pretty cheap. We hope this move by California casualty insurancemen rewarding safe driving habits improves the situation.

● **CROSSWORD PUZZLE FANS** may not be surprised but many of our readers could be surprised to learn there are over 50 Japanese words which have entered the English language. Tooru Kanazawa, English editor of the Hokubei in New York, has compiled a list from the Webster's New International Dictionary as follows:

A. 1-Banzai. 2-Bon. 3-chanoyu. 4-daibutsu. 5-daimyo. 6-fusuma. 7-geisha. 8-geta. 9-Go. 10-gokuraku. 11-harajiri. 12-hinoki. 13-inro. 14-iroha. 15-jinrikisha. 16-jujitsu. 17-kago. 18-kakke. 19-kaki. 20-kana. 21-kanji. 22-ken. 23-kimono. 24-kiku. 25-kiri. 26-Kojiki. 27-koto. 28-kuge. 29-kuruma. 30-kurumaya. 31-kuroshio. 32-makimono. 33-maru. 34-matsu. 35-mikado. 36-mon. 37-netsuke. 38-nishiki. 39-No. 40-obi. 41-ronin. 42-sake. 43-samisen. 44-samurai. 45-Shinto. 46-shoji. 47-soroban. 48-sugi. 49-tabi. 50-tangu. 51-torii. 52-ukiyo. 53-urushi.

And here are the definitions:

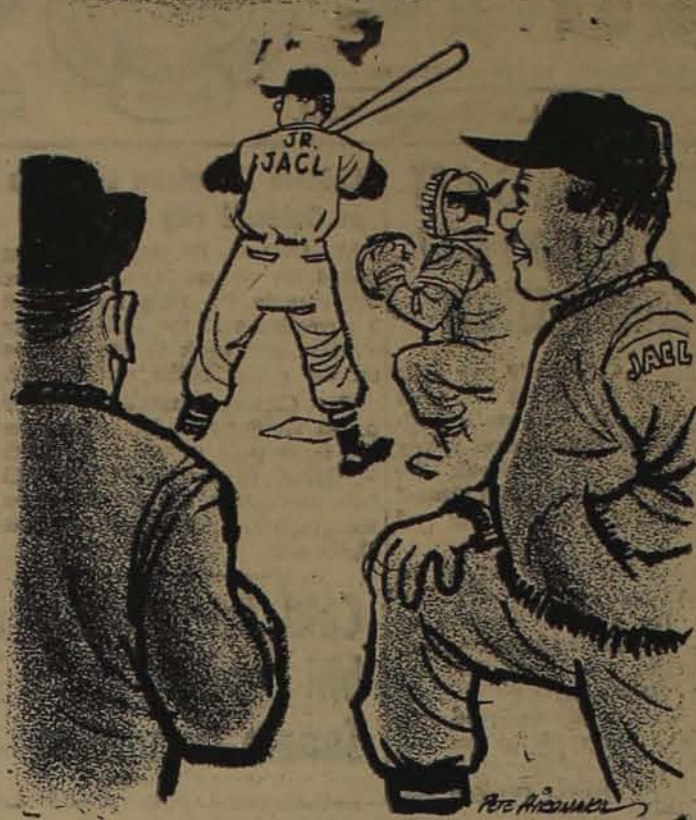
A. 1-Hurrah! lit. May you live (prosper) for ten thousand years! 2-Buddhist festival held from July 13 to 15. 3-tea ceremony. 4-a large image of Buddha. 5-feudal lords in the 17th and 18th centuries. 6-a paper covered sliding door. 8-wooden clogs. 9-a game played on a square board with white and black stones. 10-the Buddhist paradise. 11-suicide by disembowelment. 12-the Japanese cypress. 13-a little chest of drawers for medicine, etc., hung at the waist. 14-the Japanese alphabet. 15-a rickshaw. 16-the art of self-defense. 17-a palanquin. 18-beriberi. 19-persimmon. 20-the Japanese syllabary. 21-a Chinese character. 22-a prefecture. 23-single outer garment or clothes in general. 24-the chrysanthemum. 25-the paulownia tree. 26-the oldest existing book in Japan. 27-a large stringed musical instrument. 28-a court noble. 29-a wheel or cart. 30-a rickshaw man. 31-the Black or Japanese Current. 32-a scroll. 33-a circle. 34-the pine. 35-the Emperor of Japan. 36-a family crest. 37-a carved ornamental button. 38-Japanese brocade. 39-a type of classical drama. 40-a sash. 41-a roving samurai; an unemployed man. 42-Japanese rice wine. 43-a stringed musical instrument. 44-a feudal warrior. 45-one of the religions of Japan. 46-a papered sliding screen. 47-a Japanese abacus. 48-the Japanese cryptomeria. 49-a sock in which the big toe is separated from the other toes. 50-a long nosed, winged goblin; a self-conceited person. 51-the archway leading to a Shinto shrine. 52-a genre-picture. 53-Japanese lacquer.

● **OUR TOKYO CORRESPONDENT** might be passing comments on last week's election of prefectural governors in Japan. The major defeat of left-wingers should quell what ever fears stirred prior to the election, which saw the Socialists clamor for recognition of Red China and Japanese "independence from the United States", while the Liberal Democrats (the Kishi government) favor continuance of U.S.-Japan ties and opposing recognition of Peiping. . . . Of the 2,425 prefectural legislative races, the conservatives won 1,751 to 565 for the Socialists. The Communists won only 6. The Conservatives also won control of 35 of the nation's 46 prefectures, elected 13 governors out of 19. . . . The nation's top gubernatorial post in Tokyo went to Ryutaro Azuma, backed by the Liberals, over Socialist Hachiro Arita, ex-foreign minister, by a 140,000 margin.

● **HAWAII'S ATTITUDE** on race is explained by former Delegate to Congress Betty Farrington thus: "We're not race-prejudiced, we're race-conscious." And the latest Look Magazine on the standst his week portrays it beautifully with 11 richly-colored photos of Hawaiian beauties. . . . We had a difficult time trying to spot the Nisei gal (Hatsuye Han). She and five others were in California on a goodwill tour this week.

● **SMALL WORLD DEPT.:** Tamotsu Murayama reported in last week's PC about the Chubu Nisei Kyokai of Nagoya preparing for the Nagoya-Los Angeles sister city relationships.

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## 'The Youngster Shows a Lot of Promise'

## PRESS COMMENTS:

## The Why of 'Hate' Literature

Christian Science Monitor editorial, April 18, 1959

"Hate" literature has been alarmingly on the increase in recent years, Senator Jacob K. Javits told an audience a few days ago. He, together with Senator Kenneth E. Keating, has introduced a bill to strengthen the hand of the Post Office Department in curbing distribution of what both senators consider incitements to violence. One needs to sample some of these hate sheets to sense the intensity of the malice packed into them. It has been estimated that there are 40 such publications with a circulation (much of it unrequested) of around 1,000,000.

Repulsive as such writings are, they are not a new or mysterious phenomenon in history. They appear in waves, accompanying great social change. Great social changes, viewed at long range in time or distance, often add up to progress. Viewed at short range by those immediately involved, they as often appear as disorganization. For the many smaller changes that make a great change do not obligingly fit smoothly to-

gether. And there is likely to be passionate disagreement and conflict.

The Reformation, for instance, revived Christendom, both the old and the new. But it caused at the time bitter religious wars. The Industrial Revolution eventually freed men from much grinding toil. But it was accompanied by hardship to farmers and by abuses in the factory system. Today dark-skinned peoples of the earth are claiming a better lot. Reverberations are felt even within modern America. And old, seemingly comfortable social patterns are being shaken.

Humans, as everyone knows, find it difficult to see their troubles in terms of impersonal movements. Many look for personal "devils" as explanations of what they do not understand. To such the "hatemongers" appeal.

Hence when one finds what he hears or reads is attacking, not beliefs and opinions but the character of those who hold them—he should look out.

## Racial differences noted in attack of cancer, Japanese high in stomach cases

SACRAMENTO. — The State Department of Public Health reported last week there are "striking differences" in the way cancer appears to attack different racial groups in California.

Previewing a report, "Cancer in California," due for publication, the agency disclosed:

1. Among Japanese, deaths due to stomach cancer far exceed the average.

2. Breast cancer mortality among white women is nearly twice that of Negro women.

3. The actual number of deaths among Chinese due to cancer of the upper pharynx, stomach and liver is several times greater than the average.

4. Mexican-born women show a threefold excess of lung cancer deaths compared with other women in the state.

The department warned in its monthly report to Gov. Edmund G. Brown, that it has not been determined if the differences are caused by racial or by social and economic factors.

Information for the survey was compiled from death records, the

California Tumor Registry, and special studies on cancer conducted by the Bureau of Chronic Diseases.

## FIF UPS INAGAKI, UWATE AS AREA MANAGERS

Recognition of outstanding sales performance was noted in the dual promotion of George Inagaki as area manager and Matao Uwate as his asst. area manager this week by Alfred J. Lee, regional manager of FIF associates, underwriters of Financial Industrial Fund.

Both are members of the FIF Presidents Club for 1957-58. The promotions are rewards for their above national average sales, Lee indicated. Inagaki was formerly district manager, while Uwate was a full time associate.

## West Fresno Rotary

FRESNO. — Shim Hiraoka and Jin Ishikawa are among West Fresno Rotary Club executives for this year. Shim was elected vice-president and Jin is a board of director member.

## PC Letter Box

## 'FALSE SECURITY'

During the 15th Biennial Convention in Salt Lake City, our outgoing national president Dr. Roy Nishikawa reported on the trends towards general complacency and warned against it. This complacency is the mental apathy that seems to prevail when one feels comfortable without apparent reasons to hold up the guards; perhaps, a "false security" in the quiet interlude while in the underbrush the monster sharpens its teeth for another fling.

We will find it wise not to let the present quietness drug our mind into a costly setback. Our task, therefore, calls for vigilance and readiness.

Isn't it conceivable that the present comfort and the quietness we enjoy is the result of the existence of such an efficient and thorough organization, the JACL?

Isn't it conceivable that had we been without it, many, many uncomfortable problems would be probing our existence? Surely, we would not bear to see such valuable holdings slip away from our hands. There is no doubt in my mind. How do other Nisei feel about this? I trust that the Nisei will support this cause with enthusiasm by maintaining their membership active in the JACL.

A.A. MORIOKA

St. Louis JACL.

## DEMOCRATIC MILWAUKEE

Milwaukee JACL is to be congratulated for their democratic action. In 1957, they elected Walter Wong, probably the first Chinese American to ever preside over any JACL chapter. For 1959 they have chosen a Caucasian American.

In both instances it is unique in the annals of JACL to have a person other than that of Japanese ancestry to be its top officer. This democratic attitude is certainly praiseworthy!

KUMEO YOSHINARI  
MDC Chairman

Chicago.

X-Ray technician  
awarded 'best  
paper' rating

The paper on "The Significant Anatomical Aspects of Radiography" by Paul T. Ichino read at the Calif. Society of X-Ray Technicians convention last week at the Statler Hilton won him a gold plaque.

Ichino's technical paper was judged the best of those submitted. The award was made during the closing day dinner which drew nearly 400 technicians.

Ichino is associated with Drs. Gordon Bateman and Leon Wiltse of Long Beach as well as with St. Mary's Hospital.

At the convention, Ichino conducted a two-hour refresher course. He served as an exhibit chairman. During his lecture periods his 6-year-old daughter, Nancy, acted as model.

Ichino resides in Compton with his wife, the former Janet Mariko Yamamoto of Los Angeles, and two other daughters, Joyce, 7, and Laurie, 3.

Formerly he was associated with the White Memorial and the Japanese hospitals in East Los Angeles.

Other Nisei at the parley were George Mikami of White Memorial and Michael Ota, St. Vincent's Hospital.

Iwasaki life member in  
Million Dollar round table

Frank M. Iwasaki attained life membership in the Million Dollar Round Table, highest achievement award in the life insurance industry, the Lincoln National Life Insurance Co. revealed this past week. He is million dollar man for four years in a row.





# Vagaries

By Larry S. Tajiri

## Ladies Have the Spotlight

When it comes to performers of Japanese ancestry, the female of the species has fared much better than the male in Hollywood pictures in recent years. With the exception of Sessue Hayakawa ("Bridge on the River Kwai," "Green Mansions") and James Shigeta, star of the forthcoming Little Tokyo story, "The Crimson Kimono," the ladies have had the spotlight.

Shirley Yamaguchi, already a star of Chinese and Japanese pictures, was brought to Hollywood for "Japanese War Bride" and was starred in "House of Bamboo." MGM used the reigning Japanese actress, Machiko Kyo ("Gate of Hell," "Rashomon") for the Lotus Blossom of "Teahouse of the August Moon." Director Joshua Logan made a star of a Nisei girl in her first picture, casting her opposite Marlon Brando. The girl was Miiko Taka and the picture was "Sayonara." 20th Century Fox found young Reiko Oyama in "Stopover Japan." Director John Huston cast a Tokyo showgirl, tall (5 feet 7) Eiko Ando, opposite John Wayne in the Townsend Harris story, "The Barbarian and the Geisha." The British, in turn, used European-born Yoko Tani in the interracial romance, "The Wind Cannot Read." Nacirema, the Nisei-financed production unit, used a Nisei girl with a firm background in the New York theater, Michi Kobi, as the star of "Tokyo After Dark." Paramount picked Nobu McCarthy as Jerry Lewis' girl friend in "Geisha Boy."

Each one of these actresses made a good impression in their roles. As a result, most of them are in demand for new parts. Miiko Taka is expected to go to Japan to star in William Castle's production, "Michiko," which is an adaptation of the English literary classic, "Confessions of an Opium Eater." Miss Kobi was recently cast in a science fiction thriller, "Twelve to the Moon," which goes into production soon. She and Shigeta were co-starred in a Japanese murder drama on the Oldsmobile Music Theater over NBC.

20th Century Fox would like to use Miss Ando in another film, but the studio has no immediate plans for her. Shirley Yamaguchi retired from films last year when she married a member of the Japanese diplomatic service, and went off to live with him in Burma. But Miss Yamaguchi and her husband are back in Japan and Hollywood agents have been advised that she is available again for motion pictures. Machiko Kyo, on the other hand, is too busy in Japanese films of Hollywood films in prospect which will have Japanese to listen to American offers for a while. (There are a number settings. Among them are Julian Blaustein's "Bridge to the Sun" for MGM, and three planned by William Goetz, producer of "Sayonara." These are Theodore White, "Mountain Road," which will star James Stewart, "Cry for Happy," about GIs taking over a Tokyo geisha house, and "Time of the Dragons," a dramatic story with political overtones which is set in China and Japan).

Yoko Tani recently got the co-starring role opposite Anthony Quinn in a British production, "The Top of the World." The setting is the Arctic and Miss Tani will play an Eskimo girl.

## Letter from the Canadian Rockies

Nobu McCarthy's career is in ascension. Miss McCarthy (she's the wife of David McCarthy, an ex-GI now in the printing business in Los Angeles) had played walk-on roles in three films when she got her big break as the young Japanese widow in "Geisha Boy," the comedy which starred Jerry Lewis. Miss McCarthy ("They tried to get me to use my maiden name, Atsumi, but I insisted on McCarthy. People don't forget a Japanese girl with an Irish name").

We met Nobu the other day on the Paramount lot where she had made "Geisha Boy." A lot of things had happened to her since then.

One of the interesting things was a letter from a small town in the Canadian Rockies. The writer, William Thompson, wanted to know if Miss McCarthy was the child, then six months old, who spent several weeks at the Thompson home with her parents more than 20 years ago. Miss McCarthy doesn't remember, of course, but she had been told by her parents about the incident.

One winter, back in the 1930s, Masaji Atsumi, then a member of the Japanese legation at Ottawa (where Nobu was born) was recalled to Tokyo. He and his wife and his child were aboard a Canadian Pacific train, crossing the Rockies, when a tunnel cave-in blocked the right-of-way. The passengers were parceled out to homes in the little Canadian Rockies town and the Atsumis wound up with a man named William Thompson who, more than 20 years later, read about Nobu and saw "Geisha Boy" and wondered if the beautiful young girl of that film was the infant guest at his home. Nobu has written him assuring that she was.

Miss McCarthy has been busy in TV since "Geisha Boy." She co-starred with Dean Stockwell in a Playhouse 90 on CBS, "Made in Japan," last month. In this drama she is killed by Stockwell, drowning in a river. She was supposed to struggle with Stockwell on the bridge, and a stunt girl was going to be substituted for the actual flip over the bridge rail. But the struggle was so realistic that Miss McCarthy was thrown over the rail herself.

Currently Nobu McCarthy is under a three-year contract to CBS which has made a pilot film about an ex-GI turned private eye, "Man on the Beach." This is an adventure drama about a soldier who returns from Japan with a wife, Miss McCarthy, and he and a Nisei ex-GI, played by George Shibata, go into the private-eye business. If "Man on the Beach" finds a sponsor, Miss McCarthy is going to be very busy. Thirty-eight more half-hours are planned.

## 14th annual Nisei Intermountain Collegiate Conference ends, Furukawa elected president; Don Furuta wins 'NICCer' award

DENVER.—David Furukawa, junior at Colorado University at Boulder, was elected president of the Nisei Intermountain Collegiate Conference, which concluded its three day meeting here, April 24-25. It was the 14th annual conference.

Officers of the NICC, for the 1959-60 school year are: David Furukawa, CU, pres.; Richard Yamaguchi of CU, 1st v.p.; Nancy Tanaka of CSU, 2nd v.p.; Edward Teruya, CU, treas.; Lorraine Yoshimori, CU, rec. sec.; Amy Kanai, CU, cor. sec.; Bernice Koshio, CSU, Social; Ruth Sagara, DU, and Tom Muroya, CU, pub.; and Ken Namba, CU, athl.

Colorado State College won the NICC basketball trophy, followed by CU Hawaiian Club (consolation), and CU Team No. 1 (runner-up). Bob Fujioka presented the trophies, including the Most Valuable Player award to Charles Hastings of CSU, a native of Tokyo.

Y. "Tak" Terasaki, district chairman of the Mountain-Plains JACL, was the principal speaker of the NICC banquet, held at the Albany Hotel, with almost 100 Nisei students attending. Stephen Osuga, retiring NICC president, presented his cabinet, including vice presidents Carl Yorimoto and Norman Yabe, treasurer Rich Yamaguchi, secretaries Ruth Sagara and Nancy Tanaka, social chairman Bev Tani, athletic chairman Dave Furukawa, and publicity chairman Dorothy Okazaki and Marian Tamaya.

During the Saturday seminar "buzz sessions", discussion leaders Clifford Fujii, Ted Saito and Dorothy Okazaki presented William L. Miller, principal of Manual High School; Thomas A. Anderson, student personnel director of Opportunity School; Lino Lopez of the Denver Commission on Human Relations; Sebastian Owens, director of the Denver Urban League; and Gertrude Corkery, director of civilian personnel of the USAF Finance Center.

Beautiful Florence Ozaki of DU, "Sweetheart of the NICC", assisted by her court, including Elsie Shimabukuro of CSC, Amy Kanai of CU, and Bernice Koshio of CSU, were official hostesses for the conference.

### NICCer of the Year

Donald T. Furuta, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ben Furuta of Los Angeles, was named the outstanding "NICC'er of the Year". Furuta, a graduating senior at

### Wayne Kanemoto named 'distinguished' citizen

SAN JOSE.—Attorney Wayne Kanemoto, active JACL'er, was among 10 local residents named "distinguished citizens" during the ninth annual San Jose Civic Week.

Public attention was focused on community problems during the week to obtain larger participation in city-wide activities. Principal event was the presentation of awards to the 10 citizens by Mayor Louis Solari.

### Detroit JACLers sponsor Mothers Day program

DETROIT.—An afternoon of wonderful entertainment and food is assured every mother attending the Detroit JACL Mothers Day program and supper this Sunday, May 3, 2-5 p.m., at International Institute.

Judy Tanaka and Doris Fujioka, co-chairmen, are being assisted by members from the Teen Club, Junior Mr. & Mrs. Club and Motor City Gold Club.

### Fresno community picnic washed out by April rain

FRESNO.—The American Loyalty League sponsored community picnic was rained out last Sunday and rescheduled for this Sunday, May 3, at Kearney Park, slightly southeast of Oaknoll in Sections 1 and 2.

The Picnic Committee reports that every family attending will receive a prize.

the Colorado State College at Greeley, was selected as the most outstanding among four finalists, because of his record of NICC participation for four years as a representative and an officer in the organization. Moreover, Furuta was Distinguished Cadet at CSC AFROTC in 1958, and named Wing Commander for his senior year. He will receive a commission in the U.S. Air Force upon graduation in June, and will serve for five years.

Besides his distinguished academic and ROTC career at college, Don Furuta has been active in community activities, participating in church work and serving as Cub Scout leader.

Other candidates for the NICC'er of the Year award included Ted Saito, a major in fine arts who

served as NICC president in 1957-58; Sam Suehisa of CSU from Hawaii who will be Junior Prom chairman at Colorado State University; and Sam Kobayashi, a Korean war veteran, who had a distinguished career at Northeastern Junior College at Sterling, Colo.

Judges were Robert M. Horiuchi (past Mt. Plains DC chairman), Sam Matsumoto (a past Mile-Hi JACL president), Joe Ariki (teacher at Gilpin School), Min Yasui (chairman of the judging committee) and Robert Y. Uveda, president of the Mile-Hi JACL, who presented a \$25 award to Furuta as a token of encouragement to future Nisei to live up to the high standards set by him in winning the NICC'er of the Year award in 1959.

## School teacher-war hero sees self in special Hawaii showing of 'Pork Chop Hill'

HONOLULU.—Tsugio (Eddie) Ohashi, vice principal of August Ahrens School in Waipahu, relived the battle of "Pork Chop Hill" at a private screening of the movie by the same name recently.

Ohashi is one of the key characters portrayed in the Korean War action film based on the retelling of the hill from Chinese Communists, despite heavy odds.

The film is to be released by United Artists this month with ex-West Pointer George Shibata of Utah portraying the Ohashi role.

Actor Gregory Peck, who was vacationing here and plays the principal role in the film, was at the private viewing along with a score of Ohashi's friends.

Ohashi said the movie "sticks to the facts. It's authentic, but,

of course, some of the lines had to be put in for audience appeal."

The person who walked away most impressed with the film was Ohashi's wife.

She was plainly awed. "You know, he (Eddie) never talked about what he did. I never knew what he had to go through," she said.

Their friends, too, expressed surprise. "He's so modest. He never wants to talk about himself. Boy! What he went through," one of them remarked.

## Western Pioneer to reward safe driving

Drivers insured by Western Pioneer Insurance Co. will now set their own rates by the way they drive. A.D. Erickson, president of Western Pioneer, announced last week. Premiums for policyholders will be based on their individual driving records, he said. Under an individualized rating plan, the company will reward safe drivers with discounts and shift the burden of the cost of accidents to the careless drivers.

Western Pioneer's new rating program is more liberal than the nationwide trend in insurance companies to provide cash incentives for safe driving, and will go further in providing inducements for accident-free driving than most companies, according to Erickson.

### YWCA bridge benefit

Local Nisei bridge enthusiasts are invited to the YWCA duplicate bridge tournament benefit May 8, 7:30 p.m., at 695 S. Catalina, according to Mrs. George Shinno, chairman. A dollar donation is being asked. Further information can be obtained by calling Mrs. Shinno at NO 4-1534.

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## The National Director's Report

By Masao Satow

### Silence Is Consent

San Francisco

Copies of the new membership brochure, "Silence is Consent", are being distributed to the chapters. This "different" brochure was produced under the direction of National Membership Committee Chairman Thelma Takeda with the supervision of San Francisco layout artist Hisashi Tani. PR expert Malcolm Gurbarg and artist Edwin Taber assisted.

In the ICBM membership derby, San Francisco leads with 1,069. Chicago jumps into second place with its initial report of 769 members, and Southwest Los Angeles trails with 640.

Under membership Chairman Jane Yamashita, Venice-Culver Chapter has exceeded its previous all time high in members.

**INTERMOUNTAIN**—It was nice to meet with our Salt Lakers for the first time since our National Convention. The meeting was preceded by a preview dinner at Ben Noda's cozy "Hibachi", Salt Lake's first authentic sukiyaki house. With nary a fork in the place, Utah State Rep. and Mrs. Mickey Duncan were forced to learn to manipulate chopsticks out of sheer self preservation, and we report both did very well. Mt. Olympus Chapter members joined the social period following the meeting and their own dance class.

Despite unseasonal snow flurries, the Intermountain DC in Ogden was well attended. Thanks to the gentle prodding of the IDC and Salt Lake Chapter, the Ben Lomond Chapter was reactivated and the Northern Utah Chapter came into being to bring our National total to 86 chapters.

**PACIFIC NORTHWEST**—A reverse tail wind took us into Seattle earlier than scheduled so we almost missed the welcome of National Second Vice Toru Sakahara. Seattle and Puyallup Valley Chapter representatives met to talk over plans for winning a majority vote of the electorate to erase the Washington alien land law next fall. These two Washington chapters are faced with the task of doing the same PR job done by 50 California Chapters in 1957. The Pacific Northwest District Council started the JACL ball rolling for the campaign with a generous grant of \$500, and we trust other District Councils will also give a helping hand. The PNWDC Convention was set for Jan. 23 and 24 in Tacoma which National President Shig Wakamatsu will return to his former hometown to headline.

**NATIONAL CONVENTION**—Nothing like a Queen to publicize and stimulate interest, so the Sacramento National Convention Board will shortly announce the search for the 1960 National Convention Queen from among the NC-WN Chapters. Plans call for the crowning of the Convention Queen this August at the NC-WN third quarterly meeting.

**NATIONAL NOMINATIONS COMMITTEE**—District Councils have been alerted to recommend representatives for the National Nominations Committee for official appointment by President Shig Wakamatsu in June. Meanwhile, Toru Sakahara has been heading up a Committee on National Election Procedures to make for a more efficient and satisfactory national election. Assisting him are Joe Kadowaki, Cleveland; Abe Hagiwara, Chicago; Pat Okura, Omaha; Dr. George Miyake, Fowler; Tut Yata, Southwest LA; and George Abe, Selma. Among suggestions being considered by the Committee are a requirement that biographical background accompany nominations for these to be official, that candidates be present at the National Convention, additional nominations by a majority of the chapters of the district council supporting a candidate instead of the present three chapter endorsement, and the election of a slate of officers in place of election by individual office. Following discussion of this matter at the National Board meeting in June, a report will be submitted to the chapters for further suggestions and approval.

**CHAPTER REPORTS**—Chapters are reminded that program reports for the first quarter are due at Headquarters for the National Program and Activities Committee. We commend the following chapters for their promptness: Dayton, Detroit, Pasadena, Placer County, San Benito, and Sonoma County.

**FINANCIAL**—The 1958 income and expense statement for 1958 prepared by CPA Jack Hirose shows we spent \$78,804.63 against an income of \$78,239.79 for a deficit of \$564.84. The detailed financial statement will be sent to the chapters as soon as the office breakdowns are made. For the first quarter our National Endowment Fund earned a net interest to JACL of \$1,968.07.

We gratefully acknowledge a \$100 contribution to the National JACL Scholarship Fund from Mr. Mitsuzo Uyeda of San Francisco in memory of Mrs. Uyeda.

**LEST WE FORGET**—JACL representatives met recently with the Golden Gate Nisei Post of the VFW to plan the Memorial Day services at Golden Gate Memorial Cemetery at San Bruno. During the past years, the VFW has taken the initiative in this annual observation. This year some 12 JACL chapters in Northern California who are represented among the 75 honored Nisei war dead at San Bruno will cooperate.

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### IDAHO FALLS CHAPTER HONORS ISSEI

Idaho Falls JACL hosted an Issei appreciation dinner on Mar. 14 at Jack's Chicken Inn in Idaho Falls. George Inagaki's address in Japanese recorded at the Salt Lake national convention last summer was replayed. On the committee were Takeno Sakaguchi, Mmes. Eli Kobayashi, Eke Tanaka and Mac Tanaka, TOP PHOTO: Among those honored (from left) are Mr. and Mrs. M. Mikami, couple with the most children with 10; Mrs. Sakaguchi, accepting tray for her husband who is the eldest in the valley at 83; Mrs. A. Mayeda, 78, oldest woman in the valley; Mrs. Ogata, longest married couple at 55 years; Mrs. R. K. Shikashio; Shikashio and S. Sasaki, the latter two being the oldest pioneer residents, having come in 1905. BOTTOM PHOTO: One of the entertaining features of the evening was the novel sack dance by (from left) Shoji Ueda, Todd Ogawa, Tak Haga and Misa Haga.

## Full dress convention for Hi-Co groups to be staged at PSW parley in Long Beach

**LONG BEACH**—The excitement of the PSWDC convention this week has motivated the Harbor Hi-Co in planning a youth program to be hosted in conjunction with the Long Beach Harbor District JACL.

The convention to be held at the Wilton Hotel located at 210 E. Ocean Blvd., Long Beach has been designed to appeal to high school seniors and/or college-age students interested in participating in round table discussion and various other problems of interest to youth.

Lloyd Nakatani, president of the Harbor Hi-Co, has announced that Jane Wada and Frank Kishiyama will co-chair the May 1-3 convention. The committee members are Dorilyn Goka, Joy Tanigawa, and Darleen Kawano. Discussion group leaders are as follows: Frank Kawase, Roy Kato, Jane Masumura, Grace Okuno, Mike Ota, Bert Yamasaki and Al Edow.

The cost of the "package deal" is \$7 per delegate which will cover the expenses for the entire weekend activities; however, there will be an additional expense of \$2 per night housing, Friday and/or Saturday nights at the Kearney Motel. Proper chaperonage has been provided for all events.

Suggested clothing for the weekend is sports casual for Friday night (guys and gals). Gals: Dresses (heels optional) for Saturday and Sunday, and dressy dresses for Saturday night. Guys: Suits and or coats for you.

The schedule of activities is as follows:

#### Friday, May 1

7:00 - 9:30 Fun Night (Long Beach Poly High girls' gym.)

#### Saturday, May 2

9:30 - 10:00 Registration  
10:00 - 12:00 Business Session  
12:00 - 2:00 Buffet Luncheon  
9:30 - 12:00 Sock Hop (Atlantic and 15th Street).

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## Imperial Valley claims top honors

**CALIPATRIA**—On a percentage basis, the Imperial Valley JACL is claiming the top position as having attained the top position in membership gains this year.

Harry T. Momita, chapter president, reported 64 members were enrolled this year as compared with 27 for last year, the first year of operation as a chapter. The membership drive is still in process, he added.

The increase of 37 new members represents a 137 per cent gain.

### MISS EAST L.A. TO BE INTRODUCED AT BALL

Miss East L.A. will make her debut at the fifth annual East Los Angeles JACL Emerald Ball May 9 at the Old Dixie, 43rd and Western Ave., it was revealed by Mio Fujita, chapter queen committee chairman.

As Miss East L.A., she will represent the area in the 1959 Nisei Week queen contest. She will be introduced by Sumi Takemura, former Miss East L.A. and more recently queen of the National JACL Bowling Tournament.

The sports formal affair is open to the public and ladies are to be admitted without charge. Aaron Gonzales and his six-piece orchestra will play from 9 p.m.

### LONG BEACH CHAPTER IN SEARCH OF QUEEN

**LONG BEACH**—The Long Beach Harbor District JACL is searching for a Nisei Week queen candidate. Chapter members with suggestions are expected to call on Dr. John Kashiwabara, chapter president.

This year's qualifications are (1) 18 years and high school graduate, (2) single, (3) and "100 per cent" Japanese ancestry. Judging will be based upon beauty, personality, poise and speech.

The queen receives a \$200 cash award, while attendants receive \$50. All candidates will be furnished gowns by the Festival queen committee. The contest closes June 30.

### Family potluck supper planned for Sacramento

**SACRAMENTO**—A family potluck supper will be presented by the Sacramento JACL at the Nisei Memorial Hall here May 2, 6 p.m.

The program will be open to the public. Each family attending was asked to bring a dish with enough food for six or seven servings. Mrs. Toshi Tambara, Mrs. Tsugie Kubo and Mrs. Sayoko Fujii are in charge.

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# By the Board

By George Inagaki, Past Nat'l President

There are several items we would like to bring to the attention of the readers of this column today. The first pertains to this publication, The Pacific Citizen, of which this writer is serving as Chairman of the Board at the present time.

For quite some time now, we have been working on an advertising program which would appeal to the business concerns located in the various chapter areas throughout the country. At last, we feel we have come up with something that would be of benefit to those potential advertisers whom we have not been able to interest heretofore.

In a matter of weeks, the Pacific Citizen is going to inaugurate a nominal rate business and professional section listed under different cities. We feel that there will be a wide spread interest in an advertising section of this nature.

For instance, under Los Angeles, San Francisco or any other city, a flower shop advertisement would bring results because whether we live locally or elsewhere we have many occasions to send flowers to our loved ones who may be residing in that particular city. How easy it would be to pick up the PC and send an order to the advertised shop.

Or, it could well be a motel or hotel. In this day of congested travel, a glance in the PC and we would be able to make advance reservations. Restaurants, Real Estate establishments, resorts, and many, many other types of businesses would derive much benefit from an advertising program of this nature in the Pacific Citizen with its wide circulation.

Very shortly, the many professional and business readers of this paper will be approached by chapter representatives for their advertisement. We urge them to give full consideration to the high advertising possibilities that this new program offers.

Secondly, because of the many inquiries received from chapters concerning the recent showing of the motion picture "Go For Broke" by the Venice-Culver Chapter and because we found the reaction to the reshooting of this picture of the Nisei 442nd Combat Regiment so gratifying, we are passing on to the readers the information on how to obtain this film for chapter showing.

The 16mm talkie film is available anywhere in the country through the various branches of FILMS, Inc. Branch offices are located in Hollywood, California; Portland, Oregon; Wilamette, Illinois; and New York City, New York. They will parcel post the film to you and the cost should be about \$22.50.

The picture makes a very good general meeting project and will give the Nisei a boost in spirit and the sansei MIGHT gain a bit more respect for their Nisei parents.



## Chicago Corner

By Smoky H. Sakurada

### New Objectives Sought

Feeling that the original purpose of the Japanese American Service Committee is no longer a vital one, the Chicago Welfare Council and Community Fund recently curtailed its financial assistance. At the same time, the JASC welfare committee was asked to restate its purpose for a future program and plan new objectives. Also suggested was the printing of public information matter covering the Japanese American community general. . . . The City Missionary Society, in an emergency meeting last month, voted to offer the JASC financial assistance by matching any amount raised through membership over and above last year's amount. . . .

**KENWOOD-ELLIS**—The massive old church at 4608 Greenwood once had a congregation of 500-600 members and counted among them several socially prominent Southside families. Today, the 115-member interracial Kenwood-Ellis Community Church is fulfilling its mission with more zeal than ever, according to the Rev. George Nishimoto, pastor, and active Chicago JACLer and credit union director for many years. In an interview with the Chicago Daily News recently, he told of the church's role to keep the adjacent community from becoming a slum. "Our church is a demonstration that Protestantism hasn't abandoned the inner city. We have not given up by a long shot," pointing to the 500 teenagers who

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### NEW YORKERS ATTEND SEABROOK DINNER

Japanese Consul Katsuyoshi Nakamura (center) was among New Yorkers attending the recent Seabrook JACL chow mein dinner. He chats with two pretty entertainers Akemi Nakai and Yuriko Sugimura. Over 1,000 persons attended the annual fund-raising affair. —Jeff Toughill Photo.

## New York telecasting of 'Little Tokyo' movie protested by JACL representative

NEW YORK. — The recent telecast of "Little Tokyo—U.S.A." over National Telefilms Associate station in Newark was protested by the Japanese American Citizens League through Sam Ishikawa, its New York representative.

The anti-Nisei film was shown April 24 on the "Nine O'Clock Movie" program.

Ishikawa, in his letter to the station's production manager the following day, explained that the film "as being the most unfair motion picture ever made in Hollywood" for it depicts a racial group in unfavorable light and contains in its dialogue absolute lies about the loyalty of Japanese Americans during World War II.

"These are the same lies which have been repeatedly disproven by records and documents of the FBI and numerous responsible officers of the U.S. Army and Navy," the NTA official was informed.

"But what is more important, we have it proven in the deeds of Japanese Americans during World War II, and since, then, in the Korean war."

Ishikawa cited the record of the 442nd RCT which sustained 9,486 casualties or 314 per cent of its original strength in its seven ma-

for campaigns in Italy and France and became known as the "Purple Heart Regiment". The unit received 18,143 individual decorations and medals and seven Presidential Unit Citations to be the most decorated unit of its size in the annals of U.S. Army.

"We believe it is only a matter of justice and fair play that films (like "Little Tokyo—U.S.A.") be refrained from being shown over a media where not only adults but children may be viewers," Ishikawa added.

### SERVING SUKIYAKI MONEY MAKER FOR OMAHA JACL, TREAT KIDDIES AT EASTER

OMAHA. — During the month of March, Omaha JACL held two projects: one a money-maker and the other a social.

The chapter on Mar. 10 served sukiyaki to the Chi Omega alumnae at the Commercial Savings & Loan Assn. Bldg. There were over 50 guests present. Mrs. Robert Nakadoi, chairman, was assisted by: Mmes. Ishii Hirabayashi, Nakadoi, Hardy, Holmes, Takechi, Arikawa and Misaki, Misses Matsunami, Hirabayashi, Kaya and Misaki.

It was a chilly day here in the midwest but that did not stop the youngsters from absorbing all the fun at the annual Easter Egg Hunt at Hanscom Park. Under the chairmanship of Mary Misaki, on the preparation committee were:

Mrs. Kaz Ikebasu and her daughter, Cathy, Mary Ann Matsui, Frank Tamai, Bonnie Hirabayashi and Sumi Misaki.

### Flower arrangement

DETROIT. — Flower arrangement classes, sponsored by the local JACL, are meeting Wednesday nights from 8 at International Institute with Mrs. Rose Lendrum, instructor. Both advanced and beginner students are welcome, according to Mrs. Toshi Shimoura, chairman, who added the cost per lesson is \$1.50 for members, \$2 for non-members. The cost includes flowers to be used in class.

### Cake decorating topic of Parlier Auxiliary meeting

PARLIER. — William Bull of the Reedley Bakery demonstrated party cake decorating at the April 21 meeting of the Parlier JACL Auxiliary held at the local Buddhist social hall.

Three cakes were decorated: a sheet cake in a baby shower motif, two florals, one a sheet cake and the other a nine-inch layer cake. One of the cakes was won by Mrs. Flora Doi, who also won the regular door prize for the meeting.

Sue Miyakawa reported on the recent Auxiliary visitations to the three rest homes.

### Pasadena JACL announces titles of benefit movie

PASADENA. — Two Japanese films will be presented by the Pasadena JACL on Saturday, June 27, 7:30 p.m. at Cleveland Elementary School on Washington and Lincoln Aves.

"Otomito Kirareyosaburo" and "Hanawa Nagekazu" are the titles of the pictures.

### OMAHA JACL MIXED KEG END SEASON AT PICNIC

OMAHA. — The Omaha JACL Mixed Bowling League concluded its 1958-59 season last month with a picnic at Hanscom Park. Seventy bowlers and members of their family enjoyed the day, chaired by Mrs. Gladys Hirabayashi, league secretary-treasurer.

The winning mixed foursome, the Fowls, of Alice Kaya, Renelle Withrow, Jerome Sera and William Kagawa, won the bulk of league honors.

## Sam Hirasawa heads L.A. JACL group

Sam Hirasawa, past Southwest L.A. JACL president, was unanimously elected president of the Los Angeles JACL Coordinating Council, composed of six chapters in Los Angeles county. He succeeds Roy Yamadera of East Los Angeles JACL.

Hide Izumo, past Hollywood JACL president, was elected secretary-treasurer.

Other members of the council are the presidents of the six chapters as follows:

Southwest L.A. (Joe Yasaki), East L.A. (Roy Yamadera), Hollywood (Mike Suzuki), Pasadena (Dr. Ken Yamaguchi), Downtown L.A. (Gongoro Nakamura), and San Fernando (Sam Uyehara).

The Coordinating Council sponsors three events a year: the annual joint installation dance, Nisei Relays and Christmas Cheer. It is also a member of the Community Relations Conference of Southern California. More recently, it co-sponsored the National JACL bowling tournament.

## Milwaukee picks homelowner prexy

MILWAUKEE. — Albert R. Popp, recently elected chairman of the Milwaukee JACL board, is a native Milwaukeean, one of ten children born to Dr. and Mrs. Albert Popp.

He is the first Caucasian elected to head a JACL chapter.

Drafted prior to the Korean war, he saw service in the Far East for four years, detached from the army in Japan for a civilian post and met and courted his wife, Yaeko.

Upon his return home, he attended Marquette University and graduated with a B.S. degree in business administration. He is currently an employee of the Continental Casualty Co., serving as one of their office supervisors here. The Poppes have four children.

### Ex-Takarazuka performer dances at JACL meeting

ST. LOUIS. — Mrs. Emiko Schwengerdt, who was a member of the Takarazuka troupe before her marriage, performed two classical dance numbers at the first dinner meeting of the St. Louis JACL at Tokyo Inn recently.

### Fowler Nisei wins Kato memorial scholarship

SAN MATEO. — The Rev. David Shigekawa, second-year theology student at the Berkeley Baptist Divinity School, was named 1959 Kato Memorial Scholarship winner last week.

Youth leader at the Berkeley-Richmond Free Methodist Church and son of the Rev. Yoshimasa Shigekawa of Fowler Free Methodist Church, the selection was made at the Sturge Presbyterian Church. The award is in memory of the Rev. Suzunosuke Kato, who organized the Young Peoples Christian Conference movement in the San Francisco bay area.

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## Pint-Sized Catcher Shows Big Heart

When a baseball coach sizes up his candidates each spring he keeps one eye peeled for a big, beefy kid with 20-20 vision and a good arm. . . . A catcher.

For the last three years at Denver's Manual High, a pint-sized youngster has put on the catcher's mask, planted himself behind the plate, and stayed there. Henry Tobo doesn't have any of the standard physical equipment that catchers are supposed to have. He stands only five feet, four inches, weighs 125 pounds and is partially blind in his right eye. . . . But he's got a heart as big as the moon and for three years there haven't been any of those big, beefy guys able to take Tobo's job.

The fiery Manual ace won't admit that his eye, which was injured in a scissors accident when he was small, has kept his batting average down. Hank hit .185 for Manual last year and sports a .250 average so far this season. "I tried to make him a left-handed hitter," coach Mike Peterson says, "but he just couldn't swing from the left side. You ought to see him bunt, though, and he's only had one base stolen on him this year." . . . Peterson says Tobo can see the outline of a person, but sometimes has a tough time keeping track of the ball and base runners at the same time.

## Hole-in-One Prize Recalled

The Spoon and Tee Golf Club of San Francisco retracted its offer of \$100 to the "first golfer who makes hole-in-one" at the forthcoming No. Calif. Nisei Golf Association tournament. The announcement was made by Maxie Nakahiro, club president, last week. A special meeting this week was to decide "another way of awarding the first hole-in-one player." . . . The \$100 award retraction was made when the club was reminded that it was an infringement of amateur competition regulations to offer a cash prize.

## Yonamine in Ninth Japan Pro Season

Wally Yonamine of Honolulu is playing his ninth season with the Tokyo Giants at first base. He failed to hit over .300 for the first time last year with a .293 mark for third place in the Central League of Japan's professional baseball. Teammate Andy Miyamoto, also from Hawaii, has not appeared in the Giant's line-up, having crashed into a teammate during spring training. . . . Carlton Hanta of Hawaii is an infielder for the Nankai Hawks in the Pacific League and serving as interpreter for Johnny Sardinha of Hawaii, who made his Japanese pro debut on the mound this year and looked upon as a 20-game winner and a candidate for the league's rookie of the year honors.

## Weekend Track Performances

Dual track meets in Southland schools came to an end last weekend and Dave Iwata of Long Beach Poly tied a meet record in the class B 100 with a 10.5 win. He also took first in the broadjump with 20 ft. 8. . . . Mits Yamashita of Banning vaulted 11 ft. 6 to win—and a fine victory for a class B athlete. . . . In the varsity class, Nori Takatani of Belmont toured the 440 in 51.9 to win again. Banning's Ken Ishikawa, who has jumped 6 ft., wound up in a three-way tie at 5 ft. 8. . . .

## Stockton YBA Hosts Surprise in Own Tournament

While Berkeley Sanghas kept the Stockton YBA invitational basketball tournament title for a second year by winning over the Stockton Dantes 67-60, the hosts showed hidden potential by sticking close to the polished champions till the final horn. Stockton was not considered to have rated a championship berth. . . . Ronnie Miyazaki of Berkeley won the "most valuable player" award while Mits Motoyoshi of Fresno was "best defensive". On the tournament all-star squad were Norman Haraguchi (B), Rickey Yamamoto (Richmond), forwards; Ted Tahira (S), center; John Urabe (F) and Ed Yee (San Jose), guards. . . . Eight teams participated.

## Nisei Bowling for Team of Blind

Stephen Hanamura, 15, of Upland, and Richard Sakamoto, 20, of Duarte are members of the bowling team of the California School for the Blind, which recently won the national bowling championship for blind students. . . . The Berkeley School for the Blind won the western championship over seven other schools and then went on to defeat Ohio State for the national title.

## Brand New Sport: Parachute Jumping

Organized just a year ago, the Albuquerque Parachute Club boasts one lone female member: Michi Yamamoto. Jumping time is "nervous time" for Michi but once she's floating downward beneath her big umbrella, "There's nothing like it anywhere". The club gets their thrills from diving out of airplanes and floating earthward rather than skiing, auto racing, speed boating and the like. . . . While some members are ex-paratroopers, the great majority of members are those who inquired, got interested and stayed—like Michi, a 19-year-old stenographer, whose interest was aroused during a visit of Roger Rush, ex-club president, who was in the hospital with a slight back injury. "We got to talking about parachuting and I thought I'd like to try it," Michi recalled. The first jump was easy; the second gave her the jitters until the chute open. "It's while you're floating that you can look around and enjoy the scenery," she added. And it's as safe as walking downstairs. . . . Members learn chute packing, become well-versed in jumping rules and safety procedures. The first five jumps are "controlled" because the novice does not open his chute but opened by means of a long static line controlled from the aircraft by the safety officer. Initial jumps are made from a minimum height of 2,300 ft. Landings are easy with new parachutes which have a slit in them controlled by lines running to the jumper's hand, the speed of fall and direction being governed by the opening and closing of the slit. Impact of the fall is compared to jumping off a 5 to 10 foot shed. . . . No one jumps when winds are over 15 mph. . . . One difficulty Michi encountered in becoming a member was to acquire a football helmet, overalls and boots "certainly not found in any women's clothing store".

## JACL Relays may schedule events for boys 13 & under

With the eighth annual JACL Nisei Relays set for May 31 at Rancho Cienega, entry deadline, committeemen and plans for several events for boys under 13 years of age were announced this week by Joe Iwanaga, 1959 track chairman.

Application and \$1 entry fee for each participant must be filed at the JACL Regional Office not later than May 18, it was announced. Late entries will be penalized an additional 50 cents and their acceptance is at the discretion of the committee.

The new class "C" events for boys 13 and under will be held in the morning along with the weigh-in and preliminary heats to the open and junior division events.

## Committeemen

Assisting Iwanaga on the relays committee are:

Carl Hanaoka, fin.; Fred Takata, pub.; Maebelle Higa, sec.; George Yoshinaga, coordinator; Arnold Hagiwara, Dr. Robert Watanabe, directors; Steve Okuma, head field judge; Edwin Hiroto, clerk of course; Yas Abe, Ted Niya, Iwao Mochidome, timers; Joe Yamashita, registrar; Aki Nishizawa, scorer; Dr. Toru Iura, announcer; Sam Hirasawa, track and field crew; Dr. S. Sakaguchi, meet physician; Steve Okuma, trophies; Fred Takata, awards presentation; Jim Higashi, queen.

Medals will be given to the first three places in the individual events and to the members of the winning relay team. Trophies will also go to the high scoring team and high point man in the open and junior divisions.

The meet is under the sponsorship of the Los Angeles JACL Coordinating Council and is open to Nisei athletes. Invitations have been extended to Northern and Central California chapters.

## Break ground for Pacoima comm. ctr.

The San Fernando Valley Japanese American Club community center in Pacoima at 12939 Brantford Ave. was dedicated last week by civic dignitaries.

A mason brick edifice on a 4 1/2-acre lot will cost \$150,000, include a separate gymnasium and judo area, kitchen, three meeting rooms and shower facilities. Tom Ikuta is center committee chairman. Kazumi Adachi is architect.

Among officials present were Consul General Yukio Hasumi, Councilman Everett Burkhalter of Los Angeles, and Pacoima chamber delegates.

The facilities would be open to all, regardless of their affiliation with the Nisei group composed of 300 members.

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## Over 170 to vie in No. Cal. golf meet

SACRAMENTO. — A line up of 174 players from 15 clubs will be competing for 35 trophies in the forthcoming 11th annual No. Calif. Nisei Golf Association tournament to be held at Del Monte and Pebble Beach courses on May 9-10 under the co-sponsorship of the Sacramento Kagero and Sacramento Nisei golf clubs, it was announced by William M. Matsumoto, general chairman.

The defending champion is Angel Kagiya of Sacramento Nisei, a 9-handicapper, who scored 80-77-157 last year over the same courses.

Other past winners are: 1957 Chick Hinaga, Garden City; 1956, 1955, 1954, Frank Yoshioka, Garden City; 1953, Fred Yoshikawa, Fresno; 1952, Sim Nambu, Golden Gate; 1951, Fred Yoshikawa, Fresno; 1950, Ben Matsuda, Golden Gate; 1949, Fred Yoshikawa, Fresno.

Participating clubs are Cardinal, Palo Alto; Century, SF; East Bay, Berkeley; Fresno Nisei, Fresno; Golden Gate Golfers, SF; Garden City, San Jose; Hi-Fli, Berkeley; Kasumi, SF; Monterey Peninsula Nisei, Monterey-Salinas; Peninsula Fairways, San Mateo; Spoon and Tee, SF; Kagero, Sac'to; Nisei, Sac'to; Stockton Nisei, Stockton; and Eagle, Watsonville.

## Golden Gate VFW

SAN FRANCISCO. — Kay Fujimoto was installed as commander of the Golden Gate Nisei Memorial Post 9879, VFW, here last week.

## 442nd vels sponsor barnstorming prep nine from Japan

HONOLULU. — A Japanese high school baseball team will arrive here either Sept. 1 or 2 for an eight-game series in two weeks against Territorial prep clubs.

Sponsored locally by the 442nd Veterans Club, the Japan all-star team will play at Honolulu and Waipahu and tour the Islands.

A similar Japanese team played here four years ago under 442nd sponsorship.

And Territorial All-Star teams, with players selected from all island high schools on a tryout basis, have toured Japan twice, in 1957 and 1953.

This time the Japanese prepsters will leave Tokyo Aug. 23 and go direct to San Francisco for a series of games there and in Sacramento, Fresno and Los Angeles before coming to Hawaii.

The Mainland portion of the trip will be sponsored by I Company of the 442nd Club of Southern California.

Fat Nakamura was the coach of the last Hawaii prep team to tour Japan that included Wayne Foster, pitching sensation in the Honolulu league; Dave Murakami, now playing baseball for the Univ. of Nebraska; and Alex Jamile, frosh football star for the Univ. of California last fall.

## Student mayor

BURLINGAME. — Ken Imai, student body president at Burlingame High, was mayor of this city during annual Student Government Day Apr. 29.

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## Los Angeles NEWSLETTER

By Henry Mori

### No Community Center Here Yet

The prospect of building a community center in Los Angeles (presumably in the Li'l Tokio area) has been raised time and again. So far, most of the proposals never got off the planning board. Financial campaigns were even conducted before the war but bogged down for lack of enthusiasm after the initial spurt.

Today, the Japanese American community in Gardena and Long Beach have community centers. West Los Angeles, Pasadena, Venice and Hollywood have converted prewar language school buildings for community use. This past week, San Fernando Valley witnessed a ground-breaking ceremony for a new \$150,000 recreation hall on a 4½-acre lot in Pacoima. It culminated a six year dream of the SFV Japanese American Club, which held financial campaigns and benefits that were possible only by extreme personal sacrifice. The club members worked hard to solicit funds—which is evident by the fact that the \$30,000 lot has been paid for.

The new community center will be of mason brick, include a 75 by 50 ft. gym, a 60 by 40 ft. judo arena, kitchen, three meeting rooms which can be converted into classrooms and a shower facility. Some 300-member strong, the club said the place would be open to all regardless of membership or not. "We hope the new recreation hall will be used as an outlet for teenage activities and adult functions for many years to come," one official declared.

Noting that there have been adverse reports on juvenile doings of late, committee chairman Tom Ikuta hopes the hall will help alleviate this situation.

The San Fernando structure will be finished in about five months, according to Kazumi Adachi, architect. This will be a fine achievement for the valley community of some 650 families of Japanese ancestry.

If residents of the suburban areas of Los Angeles can help solve the youth problem by providing such a facility it is difficult to conceive why a similar undertaking cannot be worked out in the city proper. It may be that Los Angeles is too large to accommodate only one community center for persons of Japanese ancestry.

During the few years when the Nisei Week Festival was revived after the war, the Festival hoped to chunk its profit into a community center fund. It never materialized, so we were told, simply because the Festival turned out to be "money losing affairs" rather than profit making.

### THOUSANDER ENTERS FLORAL DERBY

The Las Floritas will hold its annual Headdress Ball tonight at the International Ballroom of the Beverly Hilton. And 1000er Arthur Ito of Hollywood JACL, who operates the Flower View Gardens with his wife Alice, has designed a gorgeous headpiece to be modeled in the Las Floritas competition. It is the first time a Nisei is entering this fabulous—floral extravaganza, which will be televised on KTLA (5) from 10:30 p.m. Joe Shinoda of the So. Calif. Floral Assn. was one of the men responsible for the video innovation.

Art won an award last year for his centerpiece creation. This time, he's out for bigger stakes. The headdress, titled "Around the World in 80 Days", will be modeled by Mrs. William H. McGee.

### MARYKNOLL GIRLS DO IT AGAIN

Breaking into print several times in the past fortnight were the achievements of the Maryknoll Girls drum and bugle corps on parade. On April 19, the unit copped the sweepstakes at the 13th annual Lakewood Pan American parade. The youngsters duplicated the win at the 44th annual National Orange Show last Sunday at San Bernardino, competing against other junior division units. Sister Xavier Marie directs the corps. On the parents committee are Frank Kurahashi, pres.; and Bob Ouye, v.p.

Tomorrow, they are entered in the Loyalty Day parade at Gardena and will be sponsored by the VFW Fourth District Nisei Memorial Post 1961.

### CHICAGO CORNER: by Smoky H. Sakurada

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participate each week at the Kenwood-Ellis Community Center program of educational and recreational activities.

The center also works with other community groups for better housing, fire prevention, conservation and the like. Formerly a part of the church, it operates the Kenwood-Ellis Cooperative Nursery School at a nearby Jewish synagogue.

Kenwood-Ellis, a United Church of Christ mission, is a product of the merger of a young and old church. Ellis Community Church was organized in 1947 to minister to Japanese American resettlers from evacuation camps. At that time, the Kenwood Evangelical Church was still occupying the massive church at 46th and Greenwood, which was built in 1838 to seat a thousand worshippers. The center was constructed in 1923. . . . With most of the original congregants leaving, the membership changed from white to Negro. Its congregation now is about 80 percent Negro, 15 percent Japanese and 5 percent Caucasian.

### VERY TRULY YOURS: by Harry Honda

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We are happy to add that Paul Ito, 35-year-old Chubu Nisei president, is the youngest brother of Art Ito, PC Board member and active Hollywood JACLer. Si, Art was raised in Mexico, too.



### PLANNING NISEI VET MEMORIAL ROOM

The Committee for Nisei Veterans Memorial Project is mapping out various areas in Santa Clara Valley for its solicitation campaign to raise \$10,500 to dedicate a room in memory of county Nisei veterans in the new million dollar YMCA Bldg. in San Jose. The committee is composed of representatives from Nisei organizations and churches from Gilroy to Palo Alto. The drive among Japanese residents gets underway in early May. In the picture are (from left) Tom Ichishita, vice-comm., San Jose Memorial Post 9970, VFW; Phil Matsumura, project p.r. chmn.; Chief of Police Ray Blackmore; Yoneo Bepp, project v.c.; and Frank Shimada, project chmn. and past comm. of the Nisei VFW post. —Tom Yamamoto Photo.

## VITAL STATISTICS

### BIRTHS

#### LOS ANGELES

Aniya, Soshin (Betty Arakawa)—boy  
Sanford, Mar. 12.  
Azama, James (Michiko Ibaraki)—boy  
—boy David Tamotsu, Mar. 14.  
Bennett, Barry (Itsuko Yamashita)—  
girl Vicky L., Mar. 13.  
Craig, Reginald (Term Takagi)—boy  
Reginald II, Mar. 23.  
Duffie, Donald (Midori Nakamura)—  
girl Diana, Apr. 1.  
Fujimoto, Kiyoshi (Shizuko Tanaka)—  
girl Sandy Michiko, Apr. 12.  
Fujino, Isamu (Natsuko Nakamura)—  
girl Cheryl Ritsuko, Jan. 12.  
Fukuda, Fred (Hiroko Mjo)—boy  
David Masami, Jan. 21.  
Goto, Toshio—boy, Mar. 20, Pasadena.

Handa, Kazuo (Motomi Nagatoshi)—  
boy Todd Takashi, Mar. 29.  
Hirakawa, Frank (Nobuko Masato)—  
boy Brian, Mar. 30, Pasadena.  
Hochi, Kenichi (Haruko Tatsumi)—  
boy Ronald, Mar. 20, San Gabriel.  
Hori, Yoshiharu—girl, Mar. 8, Long Beach.

Ichimura, Richard (Ruby Kasai)—girl  
Cynthia K., Mar. 8.  
Inouye, Hajime (Louise Yamada)—boy  
Thomas Jay, Jan. 22.  
Kaneshiro, Morris (Thelma Inouye)—  
girl Donna Keiko, Feb. 19.  
Kawahara, Raymond (Michiko Take-  
da)—girl Lorri Jo, Feb. 25.  
Kawamoto, Masami—boy Edwin, Mar. 2, Altadena.

Kimura, Ben (Gladys Lamadrid)—boy  
Matthew, Mar. 7, Granada Hills.  
Kuwano, Haruo (Betty Teshima)—  
boy Steven K., Mar. 18.  
Kikkawa, Osami R.—girl, Mar. 26, Pasadena.

Kiyotaki, Sam (Shizume Hirano)—boy  
Gene R., Mar. 17.  
Madak, Alexander (Masako Suzuki)—  
girl, Mar. 4, Granada Hills.  
McEachern, Irvin (Tokiko Gushi)—  
girl, Jan. 5.

Minami, Joe (Mabel Ito)—girl Dian L.,  
Mar. 19.  
Mori, Bob A. (Kay Hayakawa)—boy  
Mark J., Mar. 14.  
Morinishi, Bob (Grace Ishimine)—girl  
Gale Misako, Apr. 2.

Nakaki, Hideo (Atsu Tanaka)—girl  
Susan Shizue, Jan. 23.  
Nakamura, Yoshio (Aiko Shinoda)—  
boy Joel C., Feb. 28, Whittier.  
Nakano, Sam (Agnes Yano)—girl Kathy S., Mar. 4.

Nakano, Shunso (Fumiko Takahashi)—  
girl Jane Tsutaye, Mar. 30.  
Nakashima, Tadashi (Setsumi Masuda)—  
boy John D., Feb. 23.  
Nakatani, Katsuya (Fujiko Kakiuchi)—  
girl, Mar. 14, Whittier.

Nakawaki, Tadashi (Kazuko Taketa)—  
boy, Mar. 18, Montebello.  
Nimura, Richard (Reiko Rikimaru)—  
girl Lisa M., Mar. 7.

Nishida, John Y. (Kikuko Yamaguchi)—  
boy Russell Haruo, Mar. 14.  
Nishimura, Robert (Miyuki Sakai)—  
girl Carol Yuri, Mar. 12.  
Nomura, James (Evelyn Furuya)—  
boy Mitchell J., Mar. 15.

Odegard, Warren (Kikuko Ishii)—boy  
Kurt Makoto, Apr. 4.  
Ogata, John Y. (Violet Mori)—girl  
Lori Chieko, Mar. 22.

Ogumori, Tetsuo (Fumie Ginoza)—boy  
Richard, Mar. 21.  
Okamoto, Toshio (Edith Suzuki)—girl  
Sheri Toshie, Apr. 2.

Omori, Dr. Thomas—girl, Mar. 30, Pasadena.  
Oishi, James (Alice Okuda)—boy Robert Yuichi, Mar. 14.  
Ouchi, Tadao (Sachie Fujita)—boy

Craig Satoshi, Apr. 1.  
Pike, Dean (Jane Y. Oshiro)—girl  
Judi-Ann, Feb. 18.  
Ramel Ernest (Fumie Tanaka)—boy  
Fred Tanaka, Feb. 28.  
Romero, Juan (Diane Tanahashi)—girl  
Mar. 18.  
Saito, Edward T. Yasuko Takemoto)—  
girl Lois Takako, Jan. 31.  
Sakaguchi, Thomas (Suzuko Yokoi)—  
girl Terri Liza, Feb. 10.  
Sakaguchi, Yoshio (Masako Sakaguchi)—  
girl Nancy Machiko, Feb. 3.  
Sasaki, Minoru (Ida Nishimoto)—girl  
Leela Miiko, Mar. 1, Canoga Park.

Sato, Clarence (Grace Fujioka)—girl  
Mary Ann, Mar. 15.  
Shiba, Paul (Mary Yamashiroya)—boy  
James K., Feb. 24.

Shimabukuro, Carl (Barbara Shunmon)—  
girl Joni Matsuko, Feb. 23.  
Suetugu, Frank (Fumiko Noda)—girl  
Sanda Akemi, Mar. 15.

Sugita, Yoshiaki (Sachie Endo)—girl  
Ellen Misaye, Jan. 23.  
Sunada, Raymond (Setsuko Hosonuma)—  
boy Glenn, Feb. 1.  
Taira, Francis (Elko Kawamori)—  
boy, Mar. 11.

Takahashi, Goro (Tamae Yamamoto)—  
girl Mikiko, Jan. 13.  
Takei, Toshio (Kazuko Yatabe)—  
girl Susan Etsuko, Feb. 3.

Takemoto, Teruo (Shizue Nishimoto)—  
boy Gary Hideo, Jan. 23, Long Beach.  
Tanaka, James K.—girl, Mar. 19, Pasadena.

Tanaka, Joe (Naomi Ota)—girl Lori L.,  
Jan. 31.  
Tanner, Jack (Toshiko Mimoto)—girl  
Sonja A., Jan. 29.

Tashiro, Tyra (Janet Daishi)—boy Ter-  
rance Mario, Feb. 28.  
Terada, Stanley (May Shishima)—girl  
Cynthia Tomiye, Mar. 13.

Terashi, Teruo (Mary A. Yamasaki)—  
girl Tammy Emiko, Feb. 6.  
Tochiura, Howard (Jane Nakano)—  
girl Barbara Teru, Feb. 4.

Toguchi, Theodore (Judith M. Agata)—  
girl Christine Emi, Feb. 7.  
Toma, Stanley (Ruth Kaneshiro)—girl  
Christine R., Mar. 20.

Tsuchiya, Shigeru (Katsuko Nakatogawa)—  
boy, Mar. 10, Tarzana.  
Uru, Masashi (Miyeko Kawata)—boy  
Ronald Mikio, Jan. 26, Gardena.

Uyeda, Hiroshi (Mitsuko Yamane)—  
boy James S., Mar. 2.  
Uyehara, Howard (Emiko Saisho)—  
boy Patrick F., Jan. 24.

Uyemura, Albert (Hiroko Nakasone)—  
girl Laurieann, Mar. 12.  
Uyeno, Noritsugu (Shizue Kumai)—  
girl Nancy, Feb. 4.

Von Dufenbach, Ernie (Misao Hashimoto)—  
boy, Jan. 15.  
Wada, Jim Y. (Celeste Mizukami)—  
girl Allison Rikue, Feb. 8.

Yamamoto, Frank (Sayuri Mizukami)—  
girl Gail, Mar. 2, Gardena.  
Yamamoto, William K. (Toshie Terazono)—  
girl Cynthia Keiko, Jan. 23.

Yamaoka, Don (Betty Oshiro)—boy  
Jon B., Mar. 31, Pico-Rivera.

Yokoi, Tamiyoshi (Mieko Hatada)—  
boy Victor L., Jan. 28.

Yokoyama, Irvine (Alice Kodama)—  
boy Kevin Isao, Jan. 26, Pacoima.

Yoshinaga, George (Yoshiko Sato)—  
boy Paul Ichiro, Mar. 12, Gardena.

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Ito, Kenji—boy, Mar. 2, Westminster.

### DEATHS

Chiba, Mrs. Ishi, 70: Salt Lake City, Apr. 5.  
Ono, Hichiro, 82: Los Angeles, Apr. 7.  
Ota, Yoshio, 73: Pasadena, Apr. 6.

Sakai, Kichiro, 71: Portland, Mar. 6.

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## GARDENA POKER CLUB FOR NISEI VFW POST APPROVED

GARDENA. — The controversial seventh poker card club referendum was voted in on Tuesday as Gardena citizens passed 3,249 to 2,668 in favor of the measure. The special election issue attracted 48.3 per cent of the approximately 12,000 registered voters which gave a 581 vote margin of victory, according to complete but unofficial returns from 23 precincts.

The vote backs a City Council 3-2 approval to amend a city ordinance to permit a seventh card club. The American Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 30 and the Nisei Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 1961 plan to apply for the seventh license and lease it for \$1,500 a year.

Gerald Kobayashi, Post 1961 commander stated that application was filed this week. The City Council meets next Tuesday and the backers hope it will be on the agenda then.

### Nisei Support Thanked

Kobayashi stated that "We are pleased with the results in which the majority of the voters supported Mayor Bolton, and Councilmen Ware and Jensen in this matter. We are especially grateful to the Japanese American voters who supported us at the poll."

The new club will be established at the Western Cafe and will be operated by Joe Hall.

The measure over which a bitter fight was waged, was opposed by the Nisei Ministerial Association, with the Gardena Ministerial Association taking no stand.

### Nisei critically burned by gas explosion dies

SAN FRANCISCO. — Carl Hirota, 23, died Apr. 22 of first and second degree burns. He was critically burned Apr. 3 when gasoline he was draining from his car for storage exploded. He was to have reported for duty with the Marine Corps.

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NEWSLETTER

BY MIKE MASAOKA

### New Secretary of State

Washington D.C.

**LAST WEEK, WE** paid deserved honor to John Foster Dulles, former Secretary of State who served the country well during his six years in office. This week, we applaud the appointment of Christian A. Herter as the new Secretary of State and wish him well.

Following the rather awkward manner in which he was nominated after the tragic resignation of Mr. Dulles, the unprecedented swiftness and unanimity of his confirmation by the Senate within a day after his nomination was sent to Congress by the President is both a tribute to the popularity of the new Secretary and a commentary on the times.

**UNDER SECRETARY HERTER**, there will be no immediate great changes in foreign policy, any more than there was when Dulles replaced Dean Acheson as the nation's top cabinet officer after the Republicans had captured the White House after 20 years of Democratic control.

Emphasis, method, and formulation—perhaps in this order and in degrees will there be changes as a former politician takes over the reins after two former attorneys. Like the two men who preceded him, however, he seems born to his new role—a childhood spent abroad, education in several languages, training as a diplomat, and a belief in the international responsibilities of our country. In addition, since he served with many present-day Senators in the House—among them Vice President Nixon, Majority Leader Johnson, Minority Leader Dirksen, and Foreign Relations Chairman Fulbright—it is expected that he will have excellent working relationships with the Senate, that congressional body constitutionally delegated responsibilities for foreign policy. Also, his two terms as Governor of the State of Massachusetts should have equipped him to deal with the administrative duties of his new post too.

**AS A RANKING** member of the GOP 80th Congress, he headed a House Foreign Affairs Subcommittee that returned from a visit to war devastated Europe to launch the Marshall Aid Plan.

Compared to Mr. Dulles who was intimately associated with the Far East, our new Secretary of State is predominantly European-oriented. Although now Deputy Undersecretary for Political Affairs Robert Murphy, who served as our first post-World War II ambassador to Japan, will probably be promoted to full Undersecretary, there is every prospect that much of the emphasis may now be shifted from the Pacific to the Atlantic, which is the historic United States concern.

**THE WRITER FIRST** met the new Secretary when JACL opened its offices in the nation's capital in 1946. Then, a Congressman from Boston, he proved interested in the problems of Americans of Japanese ancestry and was helpful in trying to secure remedial and corrective legislation during all the ten years he spent in the Congress.

Since peace with honor in our time is the single most important objective of our national existence, Nisei Americans join in wishing Mr. Herter good health and much success in his new and tremendous responsibilities.

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### Bill of Rights for Labor

**LAST WEEK TOO**, the Senate moved toward labor peace by approving 90-1 the so-called Kennedy labor bill.

In ten days of some of the bitterest debate in the session thus far, the Senate pounded out a labor bill that was acceptable to all but one of the law-makers. The American Federation of Labor-Congress of Industrial Organizations was not enthusiastic about the bill, but did not oppose its final passage.

The measure is now in the House, where it faces an uncertain future. Last year, the Senate approved the Kennedy labor bill upon which this session's measure was patterned, but the House failed to act upon it.

**THE BILL IS** designed to correct some of the abuses highlighted by the 26-month old investigation of labor racketeering uncovered by the so-called McClellan Select Committee on Labor-Management Problems, although it does not go as far as the Administration would like to move, especially into amendments to the decade-old Taft-Hartley Act.

With labor playing an increasingly important role in local, state, and national elections, the Senators dared not alienate the labor leaders. At the same time, there was no doubting that the overwhelming majority of the people were concerned about the infiltration of the labor movement by mobsters and gangsters. This double-loyalty problem probably accounted for the almost unanimous vote accorded the bill.

**THE HARDEST FIGHT** was over the so-called Bill of Rights for laboring men first proposed by Senator John McClellan, Arkansas Democrat. It was passed a week ago Wednesday after the Vice President broke a 45-45 tie. Later, most of the Southern Senators who voted for the amendment had some second thoughts that its injunctive authority might be extended to civil rights cases, and so they joined in accepting a compromise substitute drafted under the leadership of California's GOP assistant leader Thomas Kuchel and adopted last Saturday morning 77 to 14 margin, with only 13 Republicans and one Democrat, Ohio's Senator Frank Lausche, standing by their original vote.

The destinies of four 1960 presidential hopefuls may well have been affected by this labor bill maneuvering—Democrats John Kennedy, Hubert Humphrey, and Lyndon Johnson and Republican Nixon. Kennedy lost prestige, though his bill finally won out. Humphrey was politicking in California when his vote might have defeated the McClellan bill of rights amendment. Johnson lost prestige too by allowing the debate to become so bitter and uncontrollable. Nixon's tie-breaking ballot favoring the McClellan amendment may come to haunt him with labor voters. Seldom have so many high hopes been watered-down by one bill.

## D.C. AREA NISEI WINS FOUR-YEAR NATIONAL MERIT SCHOLARSHIP

(JACL News Service)

WASHINGTON.—Todd Isao Endo, oldest son of Mr. and Mrs. Aiji Frank Endo, 2909 Perego Dr., Kensington, Md., was named one of the 850 high school seniors throughout the nation to be awarded a National Merit Scholarship.

This is the largest and most rigorous scholarship competition in history, with more than 14,500 high schools throughout the country entering 480,000 students in the 1958-9 competition, which began with the National Merit Scholarship qualifying test one year ago. Considered to be the highest honor in the field, it is awarded to about six high school seniors in 10,000.

Todd will major in mathematics at Oberlin (O.) College.

Ever popular with his classmates at Wheaton (Md.) High School, he served as president of his sophomore class, vice president of the Student Council (1957-8), and president of the Student Council (1958-9). He belongs to the National Honor Society and the Key Club, and represented his school in both basketball and golf. He was named to the second team of the All Montgomery County basketball team this year. He was selected by the American Legion to participate in the Maryland Boys' State last year.

Both of his parents are formerly from Los Angeles and both are active in the Washington, D.C. Chapter of the Japanese American Citizens League. His father is an architect.

According to John M. Stalnaker, president of the National Merit Scholarship Corp., the Merit Program is the nation's basic academic talent search, a function that has become increasingly important with recent developments in the international scene. Operating in every state, the funds for the scholarships come from private sources. The 1959 sponsors include about 90 business and industrial corporations of all sizes, as well as foundations, professional associations, and others. The administrative expenses are provided by the Ford Foundation and the Carnegie Corporation. The program itself began in 1955.

### TSUKIYAMA ANNOUNCES CANDIDACY FOR SEAT IN UNITED STATES SENATE

HONOLULU.—Sen. Wilfred C. Tsukiyama, who has served as president of the territorial senate for a number of years, announced his candidacy last week for the U.S. Senate.

He said that he was heeding the wishes of his many friends and associates who have been urging the Nisei Republican to run.

## Japanese rated as 'urgent' language for nat'l defense; on par with math, sciences

HONOLULU.—Three messages—all in one language—about all languages were delivered by Dr. Theodore Andersson last month to an appreciative audience of predominantly language teachers.

From the Univ. of Texas, Dr. Andersson is Carnegie Visiting Professor in modern languages at the Univ. of Hawaii this year.

He was first speaker in a new public lecture series featuring six Carnegie visitors.

His most dramatic point was the recent classification of foreign language training in U.S. public schools as a measure "in the interests of national security."

The 1958 National Defense Education Act earmarks Federal funds to aid public school language instruction—on a par with mathematics, physics and chemistry.

"Urgent" language needs involve Arabic, Chinese, Hindustani, Japanese, Portuguese and Russian.

The value of language training, he said, lies not only in its strategic use in diplomatic contact, but also in the understanding of the people.

"A language is the repository of a culture," he said, giving rich



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The sponsor in the Washington, D.C., area, which includes nearby Maryland and Virginia, is the Washington Gas Light Co., a privately-owned, independent utility company distributing natural gas to consumers in the metropolitan area of the Nation's Capital.

Each National Merit Scholarship carries a stipend according to the student's particular needs, averaging about \$730 per year in 1959. The scholarships are for four years and may exceed \$6,000 for this collegiate period.

## Denver commission on human relations issues 1958 report

DENVER.—More effort toward lessening race prejudice among individuals as well as fighting prejudice in housing and employment should be devoted by Denver public and private agencies, the annual report of the Denver Commission on Human Relations said last week.

It was issued by Edward Miller, chairman, and was prepared by Helen L. Burke, director.

The number of incidents relating to minorities and housing problems showed an increase in 1958, the report added. A recent telephone survey of 20 motels selected at random showed that 13 would not accept Negroes.

The commission also reported it observed a slight increase in 1958 over 1957 of complaints in discrimination in city services and civil service.

insight into national character.

His second major point involved Hawaii's role in this new concentration upon languages.

Our Japanese, Chinese, Portuguese, Spanish and other foreign-language-speaking minorities are the most important resource any program utilizing the new training techniques can have.

These new techniques were Dr. Andersson's third point—a precedent-breaking method evolved from the war-time acceleration of language instruction.

The theory is to teach—to students as young as possible—a language in the manner in which most children learn; understanding the spoken word; saying the words, learning to read; learning to write; studying grammar.

Dr. Andersson noted with great distaste that the traditional method exactly reverses this "normal" procedure.

Using these techniques—with the assistance of tape recorders and other electronic equipment to reduce the cost of the program—Hawaii can make a major contribution to a crash program essential to national security.

## Australian minister still sticks to tight immigration views

HONOLULU.—John McEwen, Australia's Deputy Prime Minister who made some remarks two weeks ago which angered Hawaii's Oriental population, hasn't altered his views on his nation's policy of restricted immigration.

When McEwen passed through Honolulu on his way to Washington, he said it would be unmanageable for his country to "break the line" and make a practice of admitting Americans of Oriental background.

He said that policy was based on economic considerations in order to keep out those of low standards of living.

Here on his return trip, he was asked if the policy might not be more fairly and accurately administered if it were based on annual income or some other measure of living standard, instead of race.

"I think that would be rather too complicated an approach to the problem," he answered.

He reaffirmed his conviction that the people of the Orient understand the policy to be economic rather than racial discrimination.

And he mentioned that 6,000 Asians are studying in the universities and technical schools of Australia under the Colombo plan, a mutual aid program including the British Commonwealth and Southeast Asian nations.

He said that the education of about a third of these Asiatic students is being paid for by Australia.

This, he reasoned, is an indication that the immigration policy is not based on racial discrimination.

### Buddhist Church leader

arriving from Japan May 9

SAN FRANCISCO.—Dr. Shinsho Hanayama, distinguished Buddhist scholar, and his wife are scheduled to arrive here from Japan on May 9 aboard Pan American flight 874.

He will assume the office of bishop of the Buddhist Churches of America, succeeding the late Bishop Enryo Shigefuji.

### CLEVELAND COMMUNITY

PICNIC SET JUNE 28

CLEVELAND.—The annual Japanese community picnic will be held at Weigand's Lake again on June 28. Representatives of various community organizations recently met to start preparations and named Karen Ozaki and Misao Yamane as co-chairmen.

Proceeds derived from the picnic will be placed in the JACL scholarship fund.

### CALENDAR

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May 1-3  
PSWDC—Biennial convention, Long Beach Hilton Hotel.  
May 2 (Saturday)  
St. Louis—Phluck dinner, Golf-Mall Legion Hall, 6:30 p.m.  
May 3 (Sunday)  
Detroit—Mothers' Day program, Detroit Institute, 2-5 p.m.  
May 7 (Thursday)  
East Los Angeles—General meeting, International Institute; Stereophonic demonstration.  
May 9 (Saturday)  
East Los Angeles—Emerald Ball, Ojai, 9 p.m.  
Detroit—Japanese movies, International Institute.  
Chicago—Hobo's "K" night Out, Ann's Hall, 932 W. Sheridan Rd., 8 p.m.  
May 10 (Sunday)  
Philadelphia—Cabinet meeting.  
Stockton—Community picnic, Mickel Grove, 10 a.m.  
May 14 (Thursday)  
Detroit—Cabinet meeting, International Institute, 8 p.m.  
May 16 (Saturday)  
Eden Township—General meeting.  
Long Beach—Issei Parents Night, Harbor Comm. Ctr., 7:30 p.m.  
San Fernando—Dinner meeting, Bill Storey's.  
May 17 (Sunday)  
NC-WNDC—Spring Quarterly session, Leamington Hotel, Oakland, Jr. JACL rally, 10 a.m.  
May 19 (Tuesday)  
San Francisco—Auxiliary meeting, Church of Christ, 8 p.m.; Japanese etiquette, table setting.  
May 23 (Saturday)  
Detroit—Spring Dance, Veteran Memorial Bldg., 9 p.m.  
May 24 (Sunday)  
San Francisco—JACL Olympics, Kezar Stadium.  
May 31 (Sunday)  
Los Angeles—Nisei Relay, Rancho Conega.