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Justice Dept. admits 'mistake' of evacuation

COLUMN LEFT:

PC service to business-pro group

By this week, our chapters should have the PC businessmen's and professional directory rate card on hand. On it are the actual sizes and type-faces to be used in the new advertising feature we plan to inaugurate the first week of June. As stipulated in the accompanying message from business manager Fred Takata, the first orders should be submitted by the end of May.

The advertising value of this type of directory cannot be matched by any other Japanese American publication in the country. Each week, readers across the country will know which firms and professional men are supporting JACL through its official publication. At the same time, it reaches a national readership, we feel, in a financial position to appreciate the services or products they have available.

To a prospective advertiser reading this column, let us assure them the rates are nominal: from \$21 to \$60 per half-year—the sizes ranging from about 3/8 to 1 1/4 inch. The directory will be set in one-column widths only. Call your chapter president for details.

The fraternal aspect is being pursued by one advertiser who has already signed for a half year. He is letting it be known that he is a 11th year Thousand Club member. This may be an "extra pull" that escapes advertising in a vernacular newspaper. Somehow the loyalty of 1000ers has a way of stretching into business matters.

Let's trust this column will serve as a timely reminder to the chapters to submit at least two orders by May 30 as a starter of the directory serving their particular area. We feel that once this feature catches on, it can grow and help sustain the PC. This campaign is one answer to meet the problem of rising production costs that have besieged newspapers in general.—H.H.

LACK OF CIVIL RIGHTS IN U.S. SEEN AS THREAT TO WORLD PEACE

(JACL News Service)

WASHINGTON. — Contending that Communists may well use the deprivation of the civil rights of many Americans to foment war against the free world, just as the West Coast's prewar anti-Japanese agitation contributed to the Pacific war, the Japanese American Citizens League urged the Senate Judiciary Subcommittee on Constitutional Rights to speedily enact "effective, enforced" civil rights legislation.

The Senate Subcommittee, under the chairmanship of Sen. Thomas C. Hennings, Jr. (D., Mo.), was urged by Mike Masaoka, Washington JACL representative, to examine the historical background of racial discrimination and persecution against persons of Japanese ancestry in California especially to learn that "one of the tragic consequences of the now historic anti-Oriental agitation, particularly against the Japanese, on the West Coast, and especially California, was World War II in the Pacific".

Though conceding that this racial discrimination alone did not bring about the war, the JACL statement added, "But we do submit that this bigotry and prejudice of officials have admitted this fact".

According to JACL research,

"about 50 years ago, when the ultra-nationalists and military cliques decided that Japan's manifest destiny was to dominate Asia, they determined upon warfare as an instrument of national policy. Having by then defeated Russia to her west, and with China embroiled in civil wars, these empire-builders saw the United States to be a substantial contributory factor. And, historians, political scientists, sociologists, diplomats, and even government and congressional leaders as the major threat to these ambitions. Accordingly, these cliques deliberately set out to 'brainwash' the Japanese people—who traditionally are friendly

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MAS YAMASHITA
Idaho Sansei to West Point

Mas Yamashita first Idaho Nisei named to Military Academy

(JACL News Service)

WASHINGTON. — Sen. Frank Church (D., Idaho) has informed the Washington Office of the Japanese American Citizens League of his appointment of Ted K. Yamashita of Caldwell, Idaho, to the United States Military Academy at West Point, N.Y.

The son of Mas Yamashita of Route 3, Caldwell, he is the first American of Japanese ancestry to be named to any of the service schools from his State.

According to the Senator, Yamashita was nominated to West Point on the basis of competitive examinations given by the Civil Service Commission and has since passed his final entrance examinations.

A 1959 graduate of Caldwell High School, Yamashita won varsity letters in football and baseball, and as Key Club President was a delegate to the international convention. He ranked among the top ten percent of his class in scholastics. As a delegate to the Gem Boy's State, he was elected a supreme court justice. Yamashita will report to the Academy July 7.

While hailing this latest appointment of an American of Japanese ancestry to a national service academy, the Washington JACL Office recalled that the first Nisei to be appointed to West Point, or any of the service schools, was George Shibata of Utah, now a law student at the University of Southern California, who resigned his commission after piloting a jet in Korea. He was appointed by the late Sen. Elbert Thomas, Utah Democrat, who during World War II was chairman of the Senate Military Affairs Committee.

Remarks made at ceremony ending administrative program for renunciants

(Special to Pacific Citizen)

WASHINGTON.—Attorney General William P. Rogers declared that the evacuation of Japanese from the West Coast during the early days of World War II was a "mistake", reported the Washington Office of the Japanese American Citizens League yesterday.

The remarks were made by the Attorney General during an official ceremony held in his office Wednesday to announce that the administrative program of the Department of Justice for the restitution of citizenship to Japanese American wartime renunciants have been completed.

The Attorney General recalled that, as a war measure following the attack on Pearl Harbor, the Army removed more than 72,000 native Americans of Japanese ancestry, men, women and children alike from their homes on the West Coast to war relocation centers. As a consequence, many sustained staggering property losses as well as the loss of their means of livelihood.

Camp Hysteria

In 1945, after nearly three years of confinement in the camps, 5,766 renounced their American citizenship. Over 5,300 of these renunciants were signed in January and February, 1945, at the Tule Lake Camp at Newell, Calif., as a result of a wave of bitterness and hysteria.

Rogers said that citizenship has now been restored to 4,978 of the 5,409 renunciants who applied for restoration. All but 78 of the 3,735 renunciants, who choose to remain in the United States and sought recovery of their citizenship, have now regained their status as American citizens. There were 2,031 renunciants electing repatriation to Japan; 1,674 of these later applied for restoration of American citizenship and 1,327 have not regained it. Restitution has not been approved in the case of 347.

New Policy in 1956

"Shortly after Mr. Doub's appointment in 1956 as head of the Civil Division," Roger said, "he proposed an entirely new policy in renunciation cases, designed to effect prompt restoration of citizenship in all cases where no persuasive evidence of disloyalty to the United States was disclosed."

"To accomplish his purpose, he recommended a basic liberalization of the standards applied to each case in determining whether the Civil Division would oppose an action brought in court to recover citizenship. He also recommended a careful review and redetermination, under the liberalized standards, of all cases where restoration of citizenship has been denied because of inadequate affirmative proof of loyalty."

"This policy was adopted immediately by the department and procedures developed which facilitated the granting of administrative relief and accelerated the disposition of all citizenship cases."

Program Shortened

"Before the adoption of the liberalized standards, the many difficult questions presented in the renunciation cases were regarded primarily as problems to be resolved by decisions of the courts. A continuance of the former policy would have meant that a majority of

these loyal Americans would have had to wait for years to regain the rights they signed away in fear and apprehension, and while still suffering from prolonged emotional stress."

"It is probable that many would not have lived to see the recognition by their country that they had been unjustly deprived of their precious heritage."

Dean Eugene V. Rostow of the Yale Law School was a guest of honor at the Justice ceremony. The Attorney General said, "It is appropriate that Dean Rostow should participate in these proceedings because he is not only an outstanding legal scholar, but his able and painstaking Yale Law Review article published in June, 1945, analyzing the legal basis of the Japanese American evacuation program demonstrated its questionable constitutional basis."

Rostow Comments

Dean Rostow said, "This is a day of pride for American law. We are met to celebrate the correction of an injustice. The law has no higher duty than to acknowledge its own errors. It is one of the vital ways in which law draws strength from the conscience of the community, and helps by its example to further the moral development of our people."

"The long, difficult and devoted labors which we honor here express the finest qualities in American life. The government's programs of restitution towards Americans of Japanese ancestry who were removed from the West Coast during the war rest on a premise bluntly put in a committee report of the House of Representatives back in 1947:

House Report Quoted

"To redress these loyal Americans in some measure for the wrongs inflicted upon them... would be simple justice."

"Today we confront the fact that as a nation we are capable of wrong, but capable also of confessing our wrongs, and seeking to expiate them."

"It is not hard to understand the program which was undertaken to remove persons of Japanese blood from the West Coast during the bleak winter of 1942. Pearl Harbor, Corregidor, the Battle of the Coral Seas, and Malaya were heavy on our hearts. Submarines prowled off Norfolk. Tobruk was still to fall. Midway, Stalingrad and Tunis were far ahead. It was a time of defeat and fear."

"Sometimes men act irrationally when they are afraid. While we did not succumb to panic in Hawaii or on the East Coast, we did so in California, Oregon and Washington. Our sense of panic was institutionalized."

"Over 100,000 men, women, children, some 70,000 of them citizens of the United States, were removed from their homes and taken into preventive custody, without indictment or the proffer of charges, on the theory that sabotage and espionage were especially to be feared from those of Japanese blood."

Moral Concern Shown

"From the beginning, however, the conscience of the nation was enraged. Men were troubled by a persistent sense that the relocation policy was wrong. The moral con-

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Class of 170 Hawaiian Issei finish naturalization course, average age 73

CAPTAIN COOK, Hawaii. — It was a mature group, not given to hasty decisions, that received certificates one night this earlier month for completing 40 hours of citizenship classes.

The average age of the 170 Japanese men and women was 73.5 years. Ceremonies were held in the

Konawaena gym with about 125 friends and relatives on hand.

The four oldest students given special recognition were Naoki Kawamoto, 89; Shinjiro Takemoto, 89; Sankichi Nonaka, 88; and Hi-kokichi Takimoto, 86.

Three members of the class are nearly blind, and two are semi-paralyzed.

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Official Notices

JACL STATEMENT ON CIVIL RIGHTS
(To All Chapter Presidents and Members)

JACL has already joined the many national organizations in advocating meaningful civil rights through the Leadership Conference on Civil Rights in order to conserve the time of the subcommittee, chaired by Rep. Emanuel Celler of New York, as it completes its long drawn-out public hearings. But the Washington JACL Office has submitted the following letter "in order to record its special views on this vital subject":

(Continued from Last Week)

THE CONTINUING DEFIANCE and subversion of the decisions of the United States Supreme Court in the Deep South, the bombings in both the North and the South, the return of lynch law last week to Poplarville, Mississippi—these and other incidents all serve to remind us that we, as a people and as a nation, have far to go before we reach our American ideal of equality and brotherhood.

The recent events emphasize the obvious shortcomings of the so-called Civil Rights Act of 1957, which we supported as the only legislation of its character that could have been enacted that session and in the hope that it would establish a precedent for the passage of more meaningful measures after the congressional roadblock existing since Reconstruction Days after the Civil War—almost three-quarters of a century earlier—was breached.

Racial Bigotry Not Confined to Negroes

While there is no question that current headlines have highlighted the necessity for corrective and remedial legislation for our Negro American citizens—and we are all in favor of this—we feel that it is our obligation to remind this Committee and the Congress that whatever meaningful civil rights statutes are enacted will be of benefit to other Americans too, for racial discrimination and bigotry are not directed against the Negro alone and are not confined to that portion of our country below the Mason-Dixon line.

In addition to the Negro, we know that the American Indian, the Latin-Americans, including Puerto Ricans and Mexican-Americans, the Orientals, and the Jews are among those who also feel that lash of mistreatment and indignity.

WE ARE AWARE that, during the course of these hearings, there were those who sincerely recommended a "piecemeal" approach of treating different aspects of this problem in separate measures and on their respective "merits".

We are also aware of others, equally sincere, who suggested that this Committee report a bill containing only those provisions that had a "reasonable" chance to be accepted by both the House and the Senate, with the notation that the House historically was more "liberal" in these matters than the Senate.

In the past, JACL has been persuaded to go along with both of these approaches, even though we have thought that they were "defeatist", as a surrendering of objectives before the battle was joined.

JACL now respectfully urges this Committee to report out an effective, comprehensive civil rights package that includes all the major civil rights problems in a single, all-inclusive bill.

Record Vote on Omnibus Civil Rights Bill

We believe that many people are sickened and disgusted with the hypocrisy of the situation where in certain sections there are breakdowns of law and order while in other sections discriminatory and derogatory practices are accepted as commonplace.

We believe that the American people are entitled to know just how their respective congressmen—in both the House and the Senate, and of both parties—feel about every phase of this momentous matter.

We believe that the time has come when every Representative and every Senator should be given the opportunity to stand up and be counted on every aspect of civil rights.

In order that the people may know, we propose that this Committee report legislation that embraces the subjects of all of the legitimate, major civil rights bills introduced in the Congress in the past ten years. We further propose that a record vote be taken on the floor on each of the individual subjects covered by the legislation.

Only in this way—when each issue is clearly presented and voted individually—will the electorate be properly able to evaluate the civil rights "conscience" of their congressmen. Compromise and "piecemeal" measures offer too many opportunities to "explain" or "excuse" a particular vote on a particular subject.

If an omnibus civil rights bill is voted provision by provision, with a record of every vote on the individual provisions, we are confident that a better and more comprehensive civil rights measure will emerge than if one already reduced in scope and effectiveness is presented for consideration. We have the faith that this would be the case in both the House and the Senate.

With the conditions as they are in this country and with the world as concerned as it is, JACL believes that the time for a real showdown on civil rights has arrived. The time for equivocation and evasion has past. Now is the time for decision.

And the voters in the 1960 elections will express approval or rejection of the voting record on civil rights of their congressmen if they feel—as we do—that this is among the overriding issues of the day.

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Climb to Another Summit

Civil rights —

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with Americans—to accept the idea of eventual war with the United States. The jingoists and racists needed incident after incident to make us appear as bigots and hypocrites to not only the Japanese but to all Orientals.

"And, unfortunately, Californians and other Americans obliged—unwittingly, it is true enough, but nevertheless effectively," the statement said.

The JACL then summarizes some of the discrimination directed against the Japanese, with particular reference to the "Japanese-baiting" which became "the accepted practice in every legislative session in California up to and including the war years."

"The ultra-nationalists and the militarists did not create this issue of race discrimination; for wide sections of the Japanese public were aware of what was taking place in California and elsewhere in the United States. They deeply resented this discrimination which the warmongers manipulated—with the enthusiastic cooperation of the controlled press—to infer that Americans considered the Japanese to be 'inferior' people."

Immigration Was Welcome

"In this context, it should be remembered that the Japanese themselves did not instigate immigration to this country; it was welcomed and encouraged by those Western interests who desired to fill a labor vacuum. And, once the Japanese were admitted for permanent residence while denied naturalization privileges, we had unwittingly created a situation that the predatory cliques in Japan could exploit to their advantage, especially with Californians indulging in the rankest displays of discrimination and violence."

"Then, when the Federal Government at the insistence of these Western pressures slammed the door against all immigration from Japan, the chauvinists had a field day."

The momentous consequences in Japan of the 1924 Immigration Act which included the Japanese Exclusion provisions are recounted. Robert A. Smith, author of "Our Future In Asia" (1940), is quoted as concluding that "the American (government) attitude towards Japanese immigration has had a major influence on everything that has taken place in the relationship of the two countries since that time". Other pundits are listed who have stated that the Japanese Exclusion Act undercut the liberal and pro-American movement in Japan and encouraged the emergence of the military regime.

JACL Explanation

"Summed up, the anti-Japanese agitation on the West Coast was used by the nationalists and militarists in Japan to inflame Japanese public opinion against Ameri-

ca, to smokescreen her aggressions in Asia, to excuse her ever-growing military and naval expenditures, to exploit domestic issues within Japan, to demand quid pro quo in dealing with the United States, and to divert widespread social discontent in Japan into chauvinistic channels," JACL alleged.

"The yellow press of the West, led by the Hearsts and the Mc Clatchys, carried on their campaigns as if to vindicate the pratings of the Japanese newspapers. President Theodore Roosevelt was moved to write, about July 10, 1907, to Senator Henry Cabot Lodge: 'I do not believe we shall have war (with Japan); but it is no fault of the yellow press if we do not have it. The Japanese seem to have about the same proportion of prize jingo fools that we have'."

"Though most newspapers followed the Hearst-McClatchy lead, the San Francisco Call suspected that the Japanese might be deliberately fomenting the situation on the West Coast for their own ends. An editorial as early as November 12, 1906, declared: 'In the solemn game of diplomacy, it is the ancient policy to cultivate and cherish open sores. Japan wants an offset to our claim that American trade is not being fairly treated in Manchuria. Further, the Japanese do not want extreme measures taken against their sea poachers in the Aleutians'."

War-Mongers Unconcerned

"This evaluation of the early days of anti-Japanese agitation proved to be correct through the years, for the warmongers in Japan were not particularly concerned with the welfare of the more than 137,000 persons of Japanese ancestry in the United States—according to the 1940 Census—but only in how the discrimination against them in America could be exploited for their nefarious plans."

"When World War II in the Pacific broke out, partly because of the racist deprivation of the civil rights of persons of Japanese ancestry on our West Coast, most of the Japanese nation were either conditioned to, or had no other recourse than to accept the fact of armed conflict."

"And, on the West Coast, and especially in California, the organizations and individuals who had so long fomented hate and prejudice against the Japanese were able to create the myth of 'military necessity' and forced the arbitrary removal of more than 110,000 human beings—more than two-thirds of whom were native-born citizens—from our homes and associations to virtual prison camps in the desert wastelands of the interior."

"Several historians have already assessed this as the greatest mass violation of the civil and property rights of Americans in our history. Morton Grodzins documents the

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Fujihira disgusted
at Korean denial
to be granted visa

BY TAMOTSU MURAYAMA

TOKYO. — Toge Fujihira, 44-year-old Seattle-born cameraman with Films Production International in New York, has concluded a week's shooting of motion pictures in Osaka but was thoroughly disgusted at the loss of an assignment in the Republic of Korea after a visa was refused him.

Heretofore, many Nisei GIs have served in Korea to defend the young nation, but very few of them have been able to visit there as civilians.

George Higa, Hawaiian Nisei known as the Pepsi Cola man here and a promoter for the Dodgers baseball team, was rumored to have been refused permission to visit Korea but at the last moment was able to continue with his goodwill baseball trip there. His case was the only one coming to this reporter's attention here. Toge's case is the second—only it resulted in a flat refusal.

To Film Church Work

The Presbyterian Foreign Mission Board in New York had applied for Toge's visa to shoot Christian activities in South Korea. The ROK government refused—presumably on grounds of his Japanese ancestry. Byron Skelman, another cameraman, was dispatched to Korea.

Finishing a three-month assignment in Viet-Nam, Fujihira said: "I was really enthusiastic to do these films for the Presbyterian Church in Korea, which is doing so much for the natives there. In 1953, I intended to go there for the same mission but was advised not to go."

"I just cannot understand the attitude of the Koreans. If the ROK government refused my visa on the grounds of my Japanese blood, it is something we have to think about. This kind of racial discrimination has hurt my work a great deal."

Toge stayed at the home of T. John Fujii, who happens to be an old-time friend from New York days. John was critically ill but has recovered and is busily editing his popular "Tokyo This Week".

Nursery, flower
industry eligible
for marketing act

SACRAMENTO. — Gov. Edmund G. Brown signed a bill on May 5 permitting the state cut flower industry to organize under the California Marketing Act and conduct a self-help program.

The legislation, AB 714 co-authored by Carl A. Britschgi, (R., Redwood City), and Gordon H. Winton (D., Merced), will allow the industry to establish a program to eliminate or reduce economic waste in the marketing of its commodities.

In signing the bill, Gov. Brown declared:

"This law recognizes the \$100-million floricultural and nursery industry as one of the important agricultural producers in California, harvesting one-seventh of the nation's cut flowers alone."

"With this law, the state now makes the floriculture and nursery industries eligible for the time-tested, self-help provisions of the State Marketing Act." One provision of the bill authorizes inclusion in marketing orders of prohibitions on unfair trade practices.

One of the witnesses to Brown's approval of the measure was Joe Grant Masaoka, legislative representative of the California State Florists Association.

Raisin board member

FRESNO. — Jack Noda of Denair, active Cortez JACLer, was named alternate member again to the Federal Raisin Advisory Board by the U.S. Dept. of Agriculture last week. The board consists of 20 members and alternates, selected by the industry.

Pharmacy frat

Milton Momita, son of Imperial Valley JACL president Harry Momita, succeeds Howard Otamura as president of the pharmacy fraternity at USC, the Alpha Iota Phi.



From the Frying Pan

By Bill Hosokawa

Denver, Colo.

PHILOSOPHER—Pat Suzuki, the little girl with the big voice who is cutting a wide swathe in the entertainment field these days, will be quoted in the May 31 issue of This Week Magazine, America's biggest syndicated Sunday newspaper supplement. Pat appears in a collection of prize quotations compiled by Bennett Cerf.

Says Pat according to Cerf: "My father's philosophy will do till a better one comes along: Think big, work hard—have a dream."

The hope, courage and wisdom of the Issei shines through that simple philosophy. They had to think big, work hard and have a dream to make their way and raise their families in a strange land.

Pat Suzuki, incidentally, is in fast company in Bennett Cerf's article. She shares space with such sundry notables as Dr. Konrad Adenauer, Zsa Zsa Gabor, Maurice Chevalier, Winston Churchill, Anne Morrow Lindbergh, Mark Twain and Benjamin Franklin.

RECOLLECTIONS — Pat Suzuki's recollection of her father's philosophy brings to mind something my own Dad used to say when my brother and I were in perpetually hungry stage. He loved to see us put away the groceries even though at times it was a struggle to keep the bills paid.

"Eat first," he would say. "Eat first and work second."

He was remembering the hungry days of his own youth when he urged us to eat our fill. He had come to America at age 15, equipped with little more than the great appetite that is characteristic of boys of those years. But food was scarce to come by.

In mellow moments, he recalled working first on a railroad section gang, and then as a houseboy. He was always hungry. The lady of the house would say, "Eat potatoes, Roy, they are good for you and filling." But he didn't like potatoes. He used to say his growth was stunted because he couldn't get enough to eat. That's why he wanted us to eat first and worry about the rest later.

NONCHALANCE—I can remember a few years ago when our older daughter, Susan, took part in her first piano recital. She practiced diligently, going over her simple little piece again and again. And when it was time to play, both her father and mother sweated out the performance, palms damp, while she performed like a little troupier.

Last Sunday our second daughter, Christie, had her recital. Christie is a blithe character who refuses to worry about anything. When she should have been practicing, she was out chasing around the neighborhood. The previous year she forgot her piece in the middle, and there was a long, excruciating silence while she tried to remember how the tune went.

So this year we went to the recital with no little trepidation, fearing the worst.

Christie, as usual, took the performance in stride and did passably well. And this year we, too, discovered that some of her nonchalance had worn off on her parents. We weren't nervous at all.

HERITAGE — Drive through Denver's better districts this time of year and you're sure to see Issei and Nisei gardeners at work. They are in high demand for a skill with living things that seems to be inborn in them. Perhaps heredity has something to do with their ability to mow the grass just so, to arrange flower beds with uncanny artistry and trim the shrubs faultlessly.

Japan has been called a nation of gardeners, and the description is an apt one. Their farms are little more than gardens, each square foot of soil tilled and utilized with the care one lavishes on the precious. The love of working close to the soil would seem to have been transplanted to the American descendants of Japanese farmers, and our yards and gardens are richer for it.

Tokyo-born New Yorker wins Nat'l Merit scholarship, attending school at Groton

NEW YORK. — Frank Hirai, 17-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Hirai, 35-34 163rd St., Flushing, was one of 850 high school seniors awarded a National Merit Scholarship for 1958-59. (Young Hirai is the fifth Japanese American high school student being named for this coveted award. —Editor.)

A student at Lawrence Academy, Groton, Mass., he plans to attend Harvard or Cornell next fall, when he will enroll in an engineering course of study. He is photography editor of the yearbook, "Lawrentian," and is a member of the Cum Laude Society.

Interested in sports, he is a member of the school's lacrosse team and also plays hockey and soccer.

He has just passed a U.S. Civil Service examination for trainee in engineering, and will spend his summer at Brooklyn Navy Yard or some other service installation in this area.

Seattle-Born Mother

Born in Tokyo Sept. 17, 1941, he is a United States citizen through his mother, formerly Masa Furuya of Seattle. His father, an importer and exporter, is a naturalized citizen.

He has an older brother George

Southland youth club survey starts

A youth club directory is being compiled by JAY, Inc., through co-operation of Southland JACL chapters and other adult groups. It is expected to include basic data in the field of youth activities as well as survey the need among Nisei.

A questionnaire is calling for a list of youth clubs being sponsored by the adult group, projects or activities, facilities; and whether a parent education program to combat juvenile delinquency is being conducted.

Clubs desiring to be listed are expected to call the JAY Office, 112 N. San Pedro St., MA 6-9449. No questionnaires are being sent to youth clubs.

Kenji Ito, JAY president, hopes the survey and directory will foster wholesome youth activities and thereby combat delinquency.

JAPANESE FESTIVAL TAPED FOR VOA RADIO

DENVER. — The "Japanese Festival" sponsored by the Denver Library which gave its final show on May 14, in the Wyer Auditorium has been partially taped for re-broadcast over the Voice of America programs to Europe and Asia.

Mrs. Noboru Tsunoda who assisted as mistress of ceremonies will be heard giving commentaries on the program. The Denver Judo Dojo which gave demonstrations under the directorship of George Kuramoto, with Dr. Yoshio Ito giving commentaries, will also be a part of the program.

Mrs. Jinzo Noda and Mrs. Harry Ariki, accompanied by Fukunao Kineya, Rokumino Kineya and Chisano Kineya, gave various Japanese odori demonstrations. Chisato Yonehiro and Junko Tsushima demonstrated the Japanese tea ceremonies, and little 8-year-old Jean Kinuko Yamakishi gave a vigorous interpretation of a Japanese samurai sword dance.

Minister's wife dies

ONTARIO, Ore. — Mrs. Mary Fujimori, 43, died in a Boise hospital on May 2. She was the wife of the Rev. Junichi Fujimori, pastor of the Community Methodist Church here.

Born in Fresno, the couple were married in Florin eight years ago. She is survived by two sons; father, brother and three sisters all in Japan.

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who is attending Hofstra College on Long Island.

The 850 who received scholarships were among 480,000 students in 14,500 high schools throughout the country who took part in the 1958-9 competition which began with the National Merit Scholarship Qualifying tests a year ago.

The highest honor in the field, the scholarship is awarded to about six high school seniors in 10,000.

Nisei named to D.C. housing association

WASHINGTON. — Mike Masaoka, Washington representative of the Japanese American Citizens League, was elected to the Board of Directors of the Washington Housing Association, a citizens association dedicated to decent housing and better planning for the Washington metropolitan area.

He was elected to one of the six three-year terms on the Board at the 25th Anniversary meeting at which Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt was the principal speaker. Mrs. Roosevelt also was the principal speaker at the organization meeting a quarter of a century ago and served as the first honorary president of the Association.

Charles Horskay, an attorney who was active in association with A.L. Wirin of Los Angeles and Dean Acheson of this city in a number of cases involving the civil and property rights of persons of Japanese ancestry before the United States Supreme Court, is the president of this community housing and planning association which includes all segments of the society of the Greater Washington Metropolitan Area.

Top Graduate of Ontario high wins Elks scholarship

ONTARIO, Ore. — Beverly Kariya, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Mas Kariya, was recently named winner of the local Elks scholarship contest and was fifth in the annual DAR citizenship statewide competition.

Top student of her class at Ontario High with 1.04 (a 1.00 pt. is perfect) grade points, she was announced as valedictorian by Robert McConaha, principal.

Hood River Sansei first girl president of Wy'east High

HOOD RIVER, Ore. — The halls of Wy'east High School here are no longer bedecked in their campaign posters with "Vote for Joan" and many others. The 1959-60 student body elections are now over and Joan Yasui, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ray Yasui, was chosen as the school's first girl student-body president recently.

She was also chosen a Wy'east delegate to Oregon Girls State, which is being held June 15-21 at Willamette University in Salem.

The president-elect has been active in school, being a member of at least 10 organizations including the National Honor Society, Majorettes, Band, Pep, Latin, Horizon clubs and the girls league. Outside of school, she is extremely active in 4-H and Methodist Youth Fellowship, serving as assistant organist at the Odell Methodist Church.

She also has held a number of student offices: student body secretary this past year, sophomore class vice-president, freshman class secretary, head majorette for two years, and a member of the White House Conference on Children and Youth. Among the many school and club awards she has won are 4-Her of the Month, delegate to the National 4-H Congress in Chicago, service, band and majorette awards, numerous 4-H ribbons at the county and state levels and summer school scholarships.

The school paper headlined the election results with: "Yas Ma'am, Prexy!" It appears to be evidence how popular Miss Yasui is at Wy'east, her surname being clipped to a single syllable.

Her parents are active JACLers in the Mid Columbia Chapter; her father, known as "Choppy" to his friends, is a 1000 Club life member.

Two brothers confess Arizona church burning

PHOENIX. — Two brothers, 14 and 15, confessed to sheriffs here to setting fire to the Arizona Buddhist Church, which was burned last Mar. 13. The boys, neither of them Nisei, said they threw a lit cigarette into the ladies' restroom but had no intention of burning the building.

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POINTING Southwestward

By Fred Takata

PSWDC Executive Board

This past weekend we attended the first meeting of the new Executive Board of the PSWDC at the home of Chairman Kango Kunitzugu. The attendance of the new board was almost 100 per cent with twelve of the fourteen members present. Mas Hironaka from San Diego and Mits Sanbonmatsu from San Luis Obispo were the ones who traveled the greatest distances to be present.

Kato Kunitzugu really went all-out to load the table with a variety of delicacies from fried chicken to you name it. During the all-afternoon session, various committees were established to carry on the work of the District. Heading the following committees are: Finance—Ronald Shiozaki (Gardena); Newsletter—Dr. Tak Shishino (Venice-Culver); International Relations—Dr. Dave Miura (Long Beach); Youth—Mrs. Miki Fukushima (Hollywood); Grievances—Sam Hirasawa (SWLA); Hawaiian Committee—Kay Nakagiri (San Fernando); Constitution—Joe Noda (WLA); Community Affairs—Joe Noda; PC With Membership—Mas Hironaka (San Diego). The Legal Legislative and Public Relations chairmen will be appointed later. Other board members in attendance were secretary Frances Ishii (Long Beach), Gongoro Nakamura (DTLA), Mits Sanbonmatsu (SLO), and Regional Office Secretary Maebelle Higa.

With a turnout such as this for the new Board, we are confident that the PSWDC will go far in the coming years.

ELA EMERALD BALL—We were invited by the ELA Chapter as a guest at the recent Emerald Ball held at the Old Dixie. As usual this annual dance gathered a huge crowd from all parts of the city and was a real success financially as well as in attendance.

The ELA Chapter was the first group to introduce their Nisei Week candidate in Rose Matsui. The tall 5 ft.-6 in. beauty will be a real contender when the Festival rolls around in August. We were quick to ask the charming gal for a dance but our romantic ego was thoroughly deflated, when she innocently said, "Gee, you OLD GUYS sure know how to dance. We young ones do the rock and roll, but you OLD GUYS know all the steps!" Gosh, in their eyes we really must be over the hill. Oh, well, such is life! For our epitaph may we say, "We OLD GUYS never die, we just fade away." It was worth a barrel of laughs at the time, but some of our local JACL wags aren't letting us forget it—darn 'em!

8TH ANNUAL NISEI RELAYS—Final preparations are being made for the 8th Annual Nisei Relays to be held at Rancho La Cienega on Sunday, May 31. Applications have been pouring into the Regional Office with over 100 participants already signed up. We note that one of the participants for the meet is Pfc. John Kanaya, coming all the way from New Mexico to compete. We note that the teams are pretty well balanced this year and should make it very close as far as the team competition goes. Each year records are broken, which shows the improvement among the Japanese American youth in this event.

This Friday evening the beautiful queen for the Nisei Relays will be selected at the home of Carl Tamaki in Baldwin Hills. We've been asked to be one of the judges, a chore which we enjoy in taking part, which is probably reserved for us OLD GUYS! This year's meet should be one of the largest and most exciting of all meets held to date, with the addition of the Midget class, and we're looking forward to a tremendous turnout of athletes and spectators.

PACIFIC CITIZEN—We are coming out with a new Directory ad service. Needless to say, it will help the PC financial status and we hope that the Chapters can come through for us. The new rate cards have been sent to Chapter Presidents and more rate cards are available by contacting our office. We are also sending out a survey sheet to some of our readers picked out of our files at random to get an idea of what the PC should contain in reading matter. We hope that readers receiving this sheet will answer the questions and return it to us, so that we may improve or make changes wherever possible.

BREEZING AROUND—The Gardena Valley Chapter is sponsoring a dance at Elk's Lodge on Memorial Day to raise funds for their youth program. Music will be furnished by Victor Zolo and his Orchestra. They recently played for the PSWDC Convention in Long Beach. Admission will be \$1.75 per person. Music starts from 9 p.m. See you all there! ... The San Fernando Valley Chapter put on a dinner meeting last week with Dr. Steve Abe as guest speaker for the evening. Prexy Sam Uyehara said there was really a tremendous turnout. Prexy Joe Yasaki of SWLA Chapter was the guest speaker at the Legal Secretaries Association meeting last night. The Chapter will have their Queen selection for Nisei Week on June 7 at the home of Fred Wada, and the winner will be announced at the Southwest Chapter's Queen time Ball to be held at Old Dixie on June 13. ... The East Los Angeles Chapter is sponsoring a genuine Hawaiian Luau at Kono Hawaii in Anaheim, May 29. ... Prexy Mike Suzuki of Hollywood informs us that they had close to 200 attending their recent showing of "Challenge" and "Go For Broke." Mike suggested to see if JACL couldn't purchase the film "Go For Broke", since most chapters are requesting the film for showing in their Chapters.

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Pvt. Ben Frank Masaoka memorial award deadline June 15, one nominee per chapt.

SAN FRANCISCO. — Nominations from JACL chapters are now being received by National Headquarters here for the 1959 Pvt. Ben Frank Masaoka Memorial Scholarship, it was announced by Masao Satow, national director.

An outright grant of \$200, the scholarship is given by Mrs. Haruyo Masaoka, mother of the fallen member of the 442nd RCT. The scholarship is open to any Japanese American high school graduate of this year who will be continuing his or her education in the fall, whether in university, junior college or trade school.

National JACL is also awarding four supplemental \$200 scholarships each to the four rated next highest by the judges.

All nominees must be recommended and sponsored by a JACL chapter, but limited to one candidate. Nominations by letter must reach the scholarship committee, care of National Headquarters, 1634 Post St., San Francisco 15, by June 15.

Candidates, upon nomination by a chapter, will be sent an application blank listing particulars of their achievements.

TED SAKANO INITIATED INTO CAMPUS HONORARY

ONTARIO, Ore. — Theodore K. Sakano of Ontario was one of nine outstanding juniors at Oregon State College initiated this week into the Blue Key, top campus honorary for men.

The 1956 Pvt. Ben Frank Masaoka scholarship winner is majoring in science. Scholarship, leadership in campus affairs and character are considered in the selection of Blue Key members.

EDEN TOWNSHIP CHAPTER FORMS JR. JACL GROUP, NAKASHIMA IN TOP POST

HAYWARD. — The Eden Township Jr. JACL, elected Doug Nakashima president at a meeting held May 8 at the home of Alan Tanisawa.

Other officers elected were Butch Hara, v.p.; Dianne Mura, rec. sec.; Ruth Matsumoto, Monica Hashimoto, cor. sec.; Aki Kuramoto, treas.; Nancy Tanabe, Alan Tanisawa, Richard Kuramoto, bd. membs.; and Mas Yoshioka, adv.

Fifteen members were present at the constitutional meeting held at the home of Dianne Mura on April 24. Also present were two advisers and six members of Oakland Jr. JACL. The junior group meets tonight at the home of Dianne Mura.

A potluck supper is being planned by the parent chapter for new members, new farm trainees from Japan and the Jr. JACLers at Ashland Grammar School tomorrow.

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1000 CLUB NOTES

SAN FRANCISCO.—The first half of May report of 1000 Club new and renewal memberships shows a total of 60, National JACL Headquarters announced this week.

TWELFTH YEAR
CCDC—George S. Mochizuki.
ELEVENTH YEAR
Gardena Valley—Joe Kobata.
TENTH YEAR
Gardena Valley—Kazuo Minami.
Washington D.C.—Ira Shimazaki.
NINTH YEAR
Livingston-Merced—Frank Suzuki.
Tulare County—Kenji Tashiro.
EIGHTH YEAR
Downtown L.A.—Judge John P. Aiso.
Twin Cities—Charles Tatsuda.
SEVENTH YEAR
Santa Barbara—Caesar Uyesaka.
SIXTH YEAR
Washington D.C.—Tad T. Masaoka.
Marysville—George Y. Okamoto.
Hollywood—Hiwako Yamamoto.
FIFTH YEAR
Livingston-Merced—Eric Andow, Ba-ichi Kajiwara, Norman Kishi, William S. Koda, Yo Kuniyoshi, Kazuo Masuda, Kenji Minabe, Tetsu Morimoto, Robert Ohki, Roy Okahara, Lester Koe Yoshida.
Southwest L.A.—Dr. Hiraku Ishida, Dr. Shig J. Masuoka.
Washington D.C.—Hissaki Sakata.
Chicago—Richard H. Yamada.
FOURTH YEAR
Livingston-Merced—Fred H. Hashimoto, Frank Shoji, Taro Tanji, Gordon H. Winton Jr.
Venice-Culver—Dr. Mitsuo Inouye, Dr. Takao Shishino.
Selma—Mrs. Mae Kataoka (formerly Parlier).
Twin Cities—Henry Makino.
Fresno—Dr. Chester S. Oji.
Cincinnati—James M. Takeuchi.
Tulare County—John E. Yamamoto.
THIRD YEAR
Downtown L.A.—Fathor Clement.
Washington D.C.—Atji Endo, Barry Tsuda.
Cleveland—Jiro W. Habara.
Livingston-Merced—Gene A. Hamaguchi, George Yagi.
Arizona—Tom Inoshita.
San Jose—Wayne M. Kanemoto.
Fremont—Yasuto Kato.
Hollywood—Paul K. Kawakami.
Philadelphia—Mrs. Chiyo Koiwai, Dr. Eichi K. Koiwai.
Southwest L.A.—Tate Nonura.
St. Louis—Dr. George Sato.
New York—George G. Shimamoto.
SECOND YEAR
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By the Board

By Kumeo Yoshinari, MDC Chairman

CHICAGO.—During the past decade the continuous support of our loyal Thousand Clubbers has kept our JACL financially solvent. At best, this source of revenue is a temporal measure, for who will carry on when the present era of supporters have passed on?

It takes no imagination to realize that our Sansei are rapidly reaching maturity. This fact should make us, the Nisei, soberly aware that every human generation seeks to will its heirs a more abundant life than the one in which he was the direct beneficiary.

Then isn't it about time for us to consider what it is that we shall mutually leave as our legacy to our successors? To this writer there is nothing more fundamental in assuring the posterity that the activities of an organization like our JACL will continue than to guarantee the availability of operating funds to maintain its existence.

The founding fathers of our JACL perceived that a million dollars in trust would be the answer to our financial dilemma. Thanks to the generous donations of evacuation claimants, we have reached a point almost one-fourth of that original goal. We must now consider other sources of income if we are to ever fulfill the golden dream; because funds from the claimants will shortly cease due to the completion of that program.

Today, when our entire efforts are not needed to man the external battlefronts of prejudice, bigotry, and hate, isn't it an opportune period to internally strengthen our organization so that we can proudly bequeath its future to our children?

If so, it is hoped at the coming National Board meeting in San Francisco, that steps will be taken to bring new focus on the Endowment Fund and in the immediate years ahead that it will receive top priority consideration and furthermore, an all-out effort be made to make the million dollar dream come true!

It is suggested that several basic changes be made to affect membership interest and appeal. First, the Board of Trustees should be an elective and representative body with definite tenure of service. The Board should be given complete management control and answerable only to the National Council. Second, the present investment procedure should be liberalized in order to permit greater dividend earnings.

In retrospection we owe to our Issei the wonderful heritage and the basic philosophy of our attitudes. Let us in similar reverence make it possible that our Sansei will be ever grateful to us for our foresightedness in providing them with funds to make the JACL a self-supporting servant for their needs.



Chicago Corner

By Smoky H. Sakurada

Art Institute Prize Winners

Art Institute's 62nd annual exhibition of Chicago artists, now being shown until June 28 at Gunsaulus Hall on the first floor below the East Wing Galleries, featured 22 prize-winners, three of them Japanese Americans. In 7th place (\$300) was Miyoko Ito for her oil Oriental, "Act III by the Sea", in subdued palette, calligraphic in design with strong flowing off-black paths tracing through the composition. The Berkeley-born Nisei has exhibited in major exhibitions throughout the country, recipient of many awards and is represented in the Art Institute permanent collection of prints. She has also been honored with a one-man exhibition at the Institute. In private life, she is Mrs. Harry Torao Ichiyasu. In 11th place (\$200) was William Tokeshi, born in Brawley in 1925 and a former student at the Institute of Design. His "Untitled" oil is done in simplicity showing an overall pattern of short black wiggly dots and dashes on an unadorned white background. This is his first major exhibition and also his first award. He is employed as a design engineer. In 13th place (\$200) was Joseph Goto's oxy-acetylene welding sculpture, "Landscape", a method he learned while in the army. It extends 6 ft. in width and 3 ft. high, a graceful linear expanse of steel which draws the eye through twists and turns of balance and imbalance upon whose fulcrum a springy mobility is apparent. A graduate of Art Institute, the Hawaiian-born Nisei was awarded the Logan Medal of \$1,500 in 1955, awarded the Blair Prize of \$600 and has exhibited widely in midwest universities and museums. The Museum of Modern Art purchased one of his stainless steel-sculptures in 1952.

MOUNTAIN-PLAINS DIST. COUNCIL CHAIRMAN SPEAKS TO CHURCHMEN

DENVER.—Y. Tak Terasaki, Mountain-Plains district chairman was one of principal speakers during the 91st Annual Meeting of the Colorado Congregational Conference, held here May 17-19.

Others participating in the Racial and Minority Problems section of conference included Sebastian Owens, director of the Denver Urban League; Lino Lopez, consultant for the Council on Human Relations; B. Cortez Tipton of the Denver Council of Churches, and Louise Bashford of the Colorado Migrant Ministry.

Terasaki presented the story of the evacuation, and wartime contributions of the Nisei and Issei, and told of the long struggle for naturalization and equality under the laws by persons of Japanese ancestry.

Every Gardena Hi-Co youth to serve on committee

GARDENA.—High school and college age Japanese Americans here have organized a Hi-Co group under sponsorship of the Gardena Valley JACL, meeting on the fourth Sunday of each month at Teen-Age Center, 1651 Market St. It meets next on May 24, 1:30 p.m.

Forming the first cabinet are Kik Yamamoto, pres.; Robert Arai, v.p.; Masako Uyeno, sec.; Roland Minami, treas.; Aiko Nakawata, hist.; and Dennis Nakatani, parl.

The youth group is placing emphasis on social, athletic, cultural, vocational-educational and service activities and each member elects to join one of the five as committee members, actively participating in the planning of a major project of interest for the entire group.

Committee Advisers

An adult adviser heads each committee. These volunteer observers are Ryo Komae, Ken Kajiya, Frank Fukuzawa, Dr. M. Uriu, and Frank Kuida. Leon Uyeida is advisory chairman.

The parent chapter is sponsoring its first all-out social event at the Gardena Elks Hall, 1735 W. Market St., on May 30, from 9 p.m. Proceeds will support the youth program.

New York JACL holds election meeting

NEW YORK.—Color slides and an exhibit on the lighter side of Japan life were shown by George Kyotow, who has just returned from 45 days in Japan, at the New York JACL meeting this week.

The chapter also voted in four new members to serve two-year terms on the board. Nominated were John Iwatsu, Shig Kariya, Tetsu Yasuda and Kenji Nogaki.

Kyotow, Canon Camera representative here, is a member of the chapter board.

Also featured were some prize-winning Japanese amateur sound films.

Sumi paintings of Utah Nisei in New York show

NEW YORK.—The sumi paintings of Utah-born artist Matsumi Kanemitsu, on exhibit at the Wildfield gallery here, "reflect the skill with which the Japanese handle black inks," the New York Times said last week.

"But if the skill is distinctively Japanese, the style is not. Kanemitsu does not depend on calligraphic device alone.

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GUEST COLUMNIST:

Make PC a Paying Proposition

(The appeal by Roy Yoshida, Placer County JACler who writes "Speaking Freely" for the San Francisco Hokubei Mainichi, for more JACLers to subscribe to the Pacific Citizen was made last week. We hope our readers can help us by getting a few more readers. We also appreciate the fact that the Hokubei Mainichi editorially supports Roy's appeal.—Editor.)

JACL'S PACIFIC CITIZEN has chapters acted perhaps unknowingly as accessories by not having supported PC as strongly as they should have.

WE ARE OF THE opinion an organization of 17,000 members should be able to keep its house organ solvent. In fact, we feel PC should be making money.

That it isn't, as is sadly the case, means it's high time something was done about it.

We have said it before and we say it again—make PACIFIC CITIZEN a part of every JACL household. In short, PC with membership.

This plan, however, should be made equitable so as not to penalize any family having more than one member in the organization.

Now, the "bite" of PC with membership will not be as painful as its "bark."

Since PC subscription rate of \$3.50 a year is predicated upon its present circulation, PC with membership will hike circulation to a point where this rate could be lowered appreciably. And with greater circulation it is not unreasonable to expect an increase in advertising revenue. Between the two we can look for PC subscription to be pegged at a very reasonable sum.

THERE IS ONE SOLUTION of the several offered for curing PC's financial ills that we are definitely against—going back to once a month operation. Throttling the voice of JACL by making PACIFIC CITIZEN a monthly publication may save money but it will also make PC an impotent, pathetic reading matter.

We can ill-afford to lose at this time "the only national weekly devoted to persons of Japanese ancestry."

Free trip to New York's EDC-MDC offered, may be taken by time this reaches print

MINNEAPOLIS.—A round-trip train fare to New York and EDC-MDC convention package deal are being offered by the Twin Cities UCL, which needs a delegate to attend the Labor Day weekend conference, according to Simpey Kuramoto, chapter president.

Because of business reasons, Mas Teramoto, who was elected chapter president for 1959, resigned last month and Kuramoto was chosen to fill the vacancy.

The chapter held its first meeting of the year on May 1 at the JA Community Center and featured movies taken at the recent Festival of Nations in St. Paul. A noted Chinese cook is scheduled to demonstrate his art at the next meeting May 29.

Summer activities due are fishing derby, golf tournament and steak fry, it was pointed out.

Membership chairman Tom Oh-

no reports the campaign is progressing satisfactorily. Renewals by mail (with check payable to the United Citizens League) should be sent to 4428 Clinton Ave. S., Minneapolis 9. The 1959 dues are \$3.50 per person, \$6 per couple, and \$26.50 for 1000 Clubbers.

GARDENA CHAPTER HITS 1959 GOAL OF 200

GARDENA.—The recently completed membership drive of Gardena Valley JACL has manifested rejuvenated interest in the organization as it attained its goal of 200 members, its chapter newsletter disclosed.

Tosh Hiraide and Yo Kobata, membership co-chairmen, were assisted by the following area captains: Hank Ishida, Dorothy Dohi, Sam Minami, Ryo Komae, Frank Kuida, John Fujita, Tats Aoki, Jack Sakauye and Ronald Shiozaki.

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Hawaiian Bowlers Invite Women Champions

The Hawaiian newspapers in recent weeks have featured the invitation of five Nisei women bowlers to Hawaii for a series of exhibition matches the first week of June. The five being invited are Judy Sakata (only Nisei woman rolling a 300 game), Dusty Mizunoue, Kayko Harada all of Los Angeles, Nobu Asami of Oakland and Lois Yut of Seattle. Of interest to JACLers is the fact that these girls are being invited by the bowlers of Hawaii in appreciation of the warm hospitality they have received in attending JACL's National Bowling Tournaments for the past several years, so explained Sho Torigoe of Honolulu, a member of the National JACL Advisory Board on Bowling. Next year, the Hawaiians want to invite five men bowlers and then hope to alternate in succeeding years. The advisory board will help select the representative bowlers from those participating in the National JACL classic.

Mas Satow is also being invited to introduce the girls and emcee the exhibition matches in the Islands. The girls are to roll from June 7 in Honolulu. Mas, who will be attending the National JACL board and staff meeting the same weekend, is departing on Monday, June 8.

George Ige Fires 156 to Win SCNGA

George Ige of Air Flite Club, Los Angeles, snared low gross honors in the second annual So. Calif. Nisei Golf Assn. 36-hole championships at Torrey Pines with a 75-81, outlasting Dave Yamamoto of Brookside and George Seki of San Diego who came in with 157s last Sunday. Ted Niya won low net in the championship flight with 168-18-144, while George Inase claimed the same in the Aye flight with 166-20-146.

Nisei Trackmen in Final Meets

Denver's East High Doug Uyemura, city 880 champion this year, competed in the state meet at the CU oval and finished fifth. Winning time was a speedy 1m.58.8s. The other Nisei city champ in the pole vault, Ed Mayeda of East High, didn't show. Little Sakamoto of Norwalk's Excelsior High (that's New York JACL representative Sam Ishikawa's alma mater) covered himself with glory taking a double victory in the CIF southern section "C" semi-prelims Saturday at Bellflower High. He won the 100 and 180 sprints in 10.2 and 18.1s, respectively, qualifying for the section finals tomorrow at Long Beach. Scarcity of Sansei in the L.A. city school track meets was most noticeable this past weekend with only one qualifying for the City finals tomorrow. University High's Cee broadjumper Setoguchi was ninth with 19 ft.-2½ in. Other point-gainers during dual meet competition failed to place in the city prelims. There were six Nisei qualifying for the San Francisco all-city meet this past week, most of them in the lightweight 120 and 130 lb. divisions.

The Hawaii High School Athletic Assn. held its first track and field championships recently. Competing were some of Japanese Americans with enviable performances, to wit: Warren Higa of Waipahu with a 9.9 in the 100; Al Yamashiro of Iolani with a 22.9 in the 220; Joji Yoshioka of Waipahu with a 2m.56s. in the 880; Rodney Anzai of St. Louis with a 4m.45s. in the mile; Ken Nishibata of Farrington with a 21s. in the 180 lows; Cal Mizuguchi of Roosevelt with a 21 ft.-7 in. in the broad jump; and Stanley Yasutake of Lahaina-luna with a 5 ft.-9½ in. int he high jump.

The Waipahu flash won the 100 in 10.2 and the 220 in 23.3s. on a muddy track, beating Yamashiro who was third in the century and second in the furlong. Mizuguchi was the only other Nisei to win, broadjumping 21 ft. 6½ in.

Ford Konno to Teach in Kauai School

Olympic swim champion Ford Konno, 26, will join the Waimea (Kauai) High and Elementary School faculty in September and will coach the Waimea High swimming team, teach physical education and mathematics. He is a 1959 mid-term graduate of Ohio State University, where he majored in physical education and starred in the long races—400 and 1,500 meter events. Waimea is only one of three public schools in the new state of Hawaii with a swimming pool. Ford, now married to the former Evelyn Kawamoto (a top-flight freestyler in her heyday), began his swimming career in the mid-40s at Nuuanu YMCA and attracted national attention as a freestyler at McKinley High. He won the gold medal in 1,500 meters and a silver medal in the 400 meters at the 1952 Helsinki Games and was a member of the U.S. 800-freestyle relay team at the 1956 Melbourne Games. Evelyn finished third in the women's 400-meter freestyle at Helsinki to wind up her competitive career which saw her winning many national AAU titles in the breaststroke, individual medley and freestyle events.

Canadian Nisei Swimmer Aspires for Olympic Berth

In a few weeks, Larry Ebisuzaki, 10th grader at Central Technical School in Toronto, will compete in the Canadian swim championships with strong hopes of eventually representing Canada in the 1960 Olympics, the British and Pan American games. He was named the school's top athlete for 1958-59, competing in football, track, rowing and swimming. He has records in the 50 and 100-yd. breaststroke in the bantam and junior divisions of the city high school association. The 16-year-old athlete hopes he can enter an American university on a swimming scholarship. In San Francisco, Hasegawa of Galileo High was clocked 1m.23.8s. to win the 100-yd. breaststroke in a dual meet.

Richard Naka of L.A. Dorsey High splashed to a double victory in the Cee 100 freestyle and 50 butterfly, breaking records enroute. His 1m.16s. in the 100 is a new school mark, while the 28.3s. in the butterfly is a new Southern League standard. Warren Nagata of Dorsey took the Bee 50 and 100 freestyle events in the dual meet with Washington High on times of 27.6s. and 1m.06s., respectively.

Bowling Magazine Covers JACL Tournament

The current (May) issue of Bowling Magazine, official publication of the American Bowling Congress, which is circulated to officers of all ABC-sanctioned leagues in the country, carried an article of the recent 13th annual National JACL Bowling Tournament with top scores and a picture of Mas Satow, national JACL director, presenting Richard W. Gano, ABC president, with the JACL Scroll of Appreciation.

DENVER SANSEI WINS 4-YEAR SCHOLARSHIP

DENVER. — Eugene T. Miyazawa, son of Mr. and Mrs. Tad Miyazawa of 800 S. Lowell Blvd., was one of the 14 state-wide winners of the Gates Foundation Scholarship for 4 years. He will be graduating from West High.

Gates Foundation Scholarships are awarded on the basis of school and community activities, leadership, creative abilities, scholastic record, and interviews.

Sen. M. Kido vies for Hawaiian post

HONOLULU.—Sen. Mitsuyuki Kido this past week announced his candidacy for lieutenant governor in the coming statehood elections.

He is the fourth Democrat to come out for the second highest post in the state.

Maui-born and a graduate of the Univ. of Hawaii in 1928, Kido was a public school teacher for 11 years and served in the last legislature as chairman of the Education Committee.

Sen. Kido began his political career in 1946. He was elected to the House of Representatives and served three successive terms.

After serving in the House he was elected to two terms as member of the Board of Supervisors. He has on more than one occasion served as acting mayor.

In announcing his candidacy he said, "The people of Hawaii willing, I wish to play a part in the administration of our new state in the exciting years ahead."

"Hawaii will show startling growth and progress and will fulfill its destiny as the bridge of understanding and friendship between the Occident and the Orient."

Kido is also active in real estate and investment. He is officer and director of numerous businesses.

JAYs sponsor 15 to youth congress

Fifteen Sansei high school students participated in the annual Congress of Youth Coordinating Councils of Los Angeles County at the USC campus May 9 with Masako Uyeno of Gardena High and Bob Uyeda of Cantwell High reporting the activities to their sponsors, JAY, Inc., this past week.

This year's conference emphasized youth in community affairs. Ken Shanks, speech consultant to the Delinquency Control Institute of USC and conference speaker, urged youth to speak up in their communities and participate more in community activities.

The congress is a coordinating body for youth coordinating councils, organized throughout the county. Each YCC is sponsored by an adult council.

Hawaii-Japan cable

TOKYO. — A submarine telephone cable linking Hawaii and Japan, over 3,400 miles long, will be the longest upon completion in the mid-1960s as the International Telephone and Telegraph Corp. of Japan and the American Telephone and Telegraph Co. have reached "an agreement in principle" this past week.

No. Calif. JACLers join Golden Gate VFW at annual San Bruno Memorial Day rites

SAN FRANCISCO. — The Golden Gate Nisei Memorial Post 9879's annual Memorial Day program will be held at the Golden Gate National Cemetery near San Bruno and this year 12 local JACL chapters will join actively in the rites.

This year's program will start at 10 a.m. in the southeast section of the cemetery, it was announced following a meeting of VFW post officials and Northern California JACL regional office representatives last week.

Joe Grant Masaoka, formerly a member of the National JACL staff during wartime and Northern California JACL regional director during the immediate post-war years, will deliver the Memorial Day address. Jerry Enomoto, NC-WNDC chairman, will chair the service.

Following the service, VFW members assisted by Japanese American Boy Scouts will decorate the individual graves with flowers furnished by the Eden Township JACL Chapter.

Program for the day:
In Memoriam—Robert E. Lynch, junior past comm., 15th Dist., VFW.

Invocation—Archbishop Nitten Ishida (Gold Star Father), Nichiren Buddhist Churches of America.
Honor Roll Call—Katsuyuki Fujimoto, comm., VFW, Golden Gate Memorial Post 9879.

Introduction of Guests of Honor—Gold Star Mothers; Kaz Mori, 42nd RCT; Joe Mizutani, MIS, South Pacific, atchd. to 5th Air Force; Mrs. Harry Makita.

Memorial Day Address—Joe Grant Masaoka, National JACL Staff, 1942-1951.

Benediction—Father Joseph Gueffoe, St. Francis Xavier Church; Taps—Boy Scout Troop.

More than 40 Nisei veterans of World War II and Korea are buried in Golden Gate National Cemetery.

For about a dozen years after World War II, JACL observed a special Nisei Soldiers Memorial Day on Oct. 30 with a service at Arlington National Cemetery and services by various chapters throughout the country on the closest Sunday to that date.

Attending the preparation meeting Tuesday for the San Bruno service were:

Kay Fujimoto, Golden Gate post commander; Shig Miyamoto, Jim Machida, VFW; Masao Satow, Jerry Enomoto and Steve Doi, JACL.

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Anyone who can't pay proper respect to the 12-course Chinese dinner (which means eating with chopsticks only) doesn't belong the Seattle Gourmet Club, which has been in constant monthly sessions. A part of the membership (left to right) are Maggie Haglund, Joe Nolen, Mr. and Mrs. Ed Rombauer, Joe Tsujimoto, Henry Chin and Mr. and Mrs. Bob Terao.

Gourmet Club in Session

Seattle

THE LOCAL GOURMET Club mentioned hereabouts at its conception some six months ago has been faithfully and enthusiastically keeping up the monthly meetings.

The minutes of the last meeting (if we had them) would show that the members took a look around, each to the other, and came up with the remarkable discovery: "Why heck, 95 percent of those in attendance here are old Colony Club hanger-outers and friends of Pat Suzuki."

Sure enough, it must have been a sort of subliminal motivation that inspired the formation of the eating group, because Pat more than anyone loved to dig the chopsticks into some well selected Chinese chow after the club doors closed in the wee small hours. Her second choice was Italian cuisine. We say WAS because it's a strong hunch that the poor dear kindred soul is very likely living on vitamin pills instead of good nourishing food in order to keep up with the exacting requirements of the Linda Low role.

So we immediately dashed up to the diggings to get the camera to make a picture to send to Patti (that's the way she signs her name on a letter) but haven't sent the pics yet 'cause maybe it's a dirty trick to send such a reminder to a "starving Armenian."

The eating club's membership is restricted in numbers to insure an attendance of about 20 at each meeting, for the principal reason that the chef's creative talents should not be overtaxed, and one of the courses which might be a suckling pig (10 to 12 lbs.) is just right for that number of people.

Scanning the attendance at this particular meeting which is a little shy of Nisei because of a competing event that night, we find attorney Clay Nixon, past national commander of the Marine Corps League, and three models—only one is not a model but a policewoman who recently quit the job. The charming ladies are Mindy Kobbervig, Lois Trafton who is now doing public relations for the Vesta Cutting Agency and Kelly Girls, and Marguerite Gardner who brought her teenage daughter Janet Fogman. There is Detective Lt. Hank Schulteis who must always wear a hat on the job because otherwise he'd be instantly recognized in a multitude. There's private eye Allen Claiborne whose number almost came up once while on a job in the Philippines, Cathay Post legionnaire George Beck whose Chinese face doesn't quite fit the name, Legionnaire Winston Lung (sorry, don't recall his occupation,) and there is also D.A. attorney Dan P. Danilov.

At the other table (see above photo) sits Maggie Haglund, RENOVATED former spouse of Ivar, the nationally famous restaurateur; Joe Nolen, interior decorator and collector of "baubles" who wisely gave up a career as photographer; Marge and Ed Rombauer (attorney), dispensers of potables Joe Tsujimoto and Henry K.W. Chin; and Pat and Bob Terao.

The Teraos, in a partnership with cousins are about to open a "modest" little rathskeller type sukiyaki house (cost \$150,000) in our Jackson Street neighborhood. Big name chef Yoshio Morizawa has been brought from Tokyo to preside at The Nikko, at last, we are glad to say, because a month ago, gossip in the trade had it that his visa was being held up because of a rival restaurant owner's skulduggery.

This then, is the roll call of the last meeting of the bon vivants; all Pat Suzuki's Seattle friends. The next meeting will be a first night affair at THE NIKKO to appraise the culinary artistry of chef Morizawa. We wish Patti could be with us.

WASHINGTON NEWSLETTER: by Mike Masaoka

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and efficient administration of his many duties but also has the "common touch" which enables him to carry on his activities with humaneness and magnanimity within the law, thereby making more meaningful for all the true spirit of our country and of our way of life.

Americans of Japanese ancestry particularly are fortunate that a man of Mr. Doub's calibre and understanding, as well as courage, has been in charge of two of the more important activities involving our welfare. Under a lesser man, the problems of evacuation claims and the renunciants would not only remain unresolved but the human values ignored or neglected.

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WEDDING

Fujita-Suzuki—Mar. 22, John, Loomis; June, Salt Lake City.
Haratani-Kaneko—Apr. 5, Nobuo, Hawthorne; Ikuyo, Gardena.
Hirano-Shimizu—Mar. 22, Kazuo and Jean, both Los Angeles.
Inouye-Yatomi—Apr. 19, Yoneo and Yuriko, both Los Angeles.
Kasada-Watanabe—Apr. 11, Hatsuo and Yaeko, both Fresno.
Maekawa-Urakawa—Mar. 21, William and Sanaye, both Seattle.
Mishima-Mori—Apr. 4, Harry and Midori, both Portland.
Nakahara-Mayeda—May 2, Sab and Edna, both Seattle.

DEATHS

Antoku, Eitaro, 81; Reedley, Apr. 14.
Eshita, Akino, 73; Venice, Apr. 14.
Harada, Alan K., 17; San Fernando, Apr. 18—(p) Mr. & Mrs. George. (s) Tami.
Hirashima Mrs. Sami, 80; Glendale, Apr. 16.
Honda, Gary, 7; Idaho Falls, Apr. 11—(p) Mr. & Mrs. Kazuo.
Inui, Tani, 77; Los Angeles, Apr. 9.
Isaka, Nobukichi, 81; West Jordan, Utah, Apr. 16.
Kataoka, Shizuko, 57; Sacramento, Apr. 16.
Kubota, Mrs. Kuma, 68; Gardena, Apr. 6.
Kusao, Takegoro, 73; Los Angeles, Apr. 19.
Mayeda, Seishiro, 73; Mountain View, Apr. 5.
Mihara, Mrs. Shizuko; Omaha, Mar. 4—(s) Kuniaki, (d) Joyce T.
Mori, Miyako, 72; Berkeley, Apr. 7.
Mori, Sen, 91; Los Angeles, Apr. 7.
Morishita, Iwao, 34; Los Angeles, Apr. 22—(p) Mr. & Mrs. Kusu. (b) Kenichi, (s) Mmes. Kazuo Minato, Kumiiko Hidaka.
Muto, Kichiro, 78; San Fernando, Apr. 17.
Mayeda, Hidebumi, 64; Los Angeles, Apr. 4.
Nagata, Kumagoro, 77; Fresno, Apr. 16.
Oda, Seihachi, 75; Los Angeles, 3.
Sunada, Ikutaro, 87; Los Angeles, Apr. 17.
Tanaka, Hatsuyo, 66; West Sacramento, Apr. 21.
Tomura Minosuke, 85; Stockton, Apr. 4.
Tsukida, Shiki, 67; Altadena, Apr. 17.
Yamamoto, Kanzo, 63; Los Angeles, Apr. 5.

Civil rights—

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shameful events leading up to this evacuation in his "Americans Betrayed," published by the University of Chicago Press in 1949. Even the President's Committee on Civil Rights, in its historic 1947 Report, described "The Wartime Evacuation of Japanese Americans" as "The most striking mass interference since slavery with the right to physical freedom."

Evacuation Exploited

"In the framework of this submission, it should be pointed out that both Japan and Germany exploited this evacuation and relocation program to its fullest. Japan especially highlighted this racist action in its propaganda to the nations and peoples of Asia as proof positive of our bigotry and hatred towards those of Oriental ancestry. The fascist war leaders of Japan used this example to try to reduce World War II to the level of a race war between the 'white' and the 'Asians'."

The statement then points out "the melancholy resemblance between the West Coast organizations which spearheaded the campaign against the Japanese to the White Citizens Councils and other comparable groups in the South today."

JACL explains the remarkable change of West Coast attitude towards those of Japanese ancestry and lists the impressive actions taken by our Government since the end of World War II to demonstrate our regard for those of Asian ancestry.

"But, it is not enough to point to these achievements, and to the great progress made in race relations generally in this country, when we are engaged in the kind of ideological conflict that is part of the cold war. Neither is it enough to point to the caste systems and the racial discriminations which still exist in many other countries, or to the communist record in Hungary and Tibet.

Distaste for Non-Whites

"The Little Rocks and the Poplarvilles, the Montgomeries and the Norfolks; the bombings in both the North and the South—these and more are magnified by the Sino-Soviet propagandists and broadcast not only to their own captive nationals but also to the two-thirds of the world's population that is not 'white' as samples of our way of life, of our disregard for law and order, of our distaste for the colored peoples, whether from Asia or Africa."

"And as long as there is defiance of the courts and disregard for law, so long will we be providing gleeful Communist conspirators with gratuitous ammunition

Detroit-Windsor cities plan international freedom festival, JACL joins celebration

DETROIT. — Asked to participate in the first annual International Freedom Festival, co-sponsored by the cities of Windsor, Ont., and Detroit June 28-July 4, the Detroit JACL will be among different nationality groups staging various cultural events with their Canadian counterpart across the Detroit River.

The celebration will be marked by the observance of Canada's Dominion Day July 1 and United States' Independence Day July 4. Other days in the week will be devoted to Freedom of Religion on Sunday, June 28; culture, sports and nationality, industry and labor, and the armed forces.

Highlight will be the visit of Queen Elizabeth II on July 3.

Detroit JACLers will take part in the two parades scheduled during the week—Dominion Day in Windsor and Independence Day here. The chapter also plans to provide Japanese entertainment and man a booth in the old world atmosphere.

Wally Kagawa and Walter Miyao, co-chairmen, will be assisted by:

Karl Nomura, float; June Otsuji, Sud Kimoto, booth; Helen Fujiwara, Mitzi Kinoshita, entertainment; Dick Kadoshima, parade; Ruthe Fujishige, recruitment.

Miyao and Helen Fujiwara represent the chapter on the Detroit city planning committee.

Orange County women aid retarded children

SANTA ANA. — The So-Phis, Orange County women's group, contributed \$150 to the Nat'l Assn. for Retarded Children at their second annual installation dinner recently at Kono-Hawaii. Dr. D.S. Stylianou, guest speaker, accepted the check.

Frankie Fukuda succeeds Keiko Sadakane as club president. Mrs. Hitoshi Nitta was installing officer.

Picks 'queen envelope

PORTLAND.—By picking a sealed envelope containing a slip marked "queen", Pat Honma of Milwaukie High reigned as Hi-Y May queen. She was among six finalists selected on the basis of talent. The daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ed Honma, she is an accomplished dancer.

for the minds and hearts of men whom we hope to win over to our Free World philosophy and way of life. . .

"In such a time as this, we cannot afford the luxury of race discrimination and bigotry, for we have seen how fascism in Japan fed upon the subtle poison of racism in one part of our country and threatened the welfare and security of our country and the world.

"Communism is far more ruthless, more cunning, more opportunistic, more successful than fascism ever was. And as racism was the chief weapon of the Nazi, so it may well be for the Communists."

The JACL statement on civil rights concludes with the solemn warning issued under the title "International Reason" by the President's Committee on Civil Rights in its 1947 Report: "The United States is not so strong, the final triumph of the democratic ideal is not so inevitable that we can ignore what the world thinks of us or our record."

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Washington NEWSLETTER

BY MIKE MASAOKA

Nisei Renunciants

Washington D.C.

THIS PAST WEDNESDAY, the Attorney General of the United States announced that his Department of Justice had completed the administrative review of all Nisei who renounced their citizenship in the spring of 1945 following their bitter experiences in the arbitrary, mass evacuation and confinement which began in 1942.

He noted that, though 5,766 renounced their citizenship, 4,978 of the 5,409 who had applied for the restoration of their former status had had their citizenship restored after individual examinations of their respective records revealed no actual evidence of disloyalty to the country of their birth. Of the 3,735 who remained in the United States, all but 84 have regained their citizenship.

AS AN EVACUEE who remembers intimately and vividly the tragedies and sufferings of that awful 1942 experience, it is easy to understand why any normal human being would be bitter and disillusioned. Therefore, the wonder to me is not that some Nisei renounced their citizenship, but that so few took advantage of that specially devised procedure. In retrospect, I can hardly conceive of any other nationality or minority group in America that could have endured what we were called upon to suffer, with so few becoming so resentful of their mistreatment that only a very small percentage would register their disgust by renunciation.

And, even the small total of renunciants is grossly misleading, for—as the courts have stated—many were minors who failed to understand the consequences of their act. Many more were the spouses or children who renounced only because they did not want to become separated from their families whose parents in many cases were automatically designated as "enemy aliens" under Federal law which prohibited them from naturalization as citizens.

Moreover, the announced fact that practically all of those who renounced were restored their citizenship after individual investigations of loyalty, indicates that most of these renunciations were more the expression of momentary irritation and disillusionment than of disloyalty and anger with our Government and way of life.

THE REAL WONDER of the evacuation experience to me is that the overwhelming majority of Americans of Japanese ancestry had enough faith in the ultimate triumph of justice and fair play to remain steadfast to our allegiance and to our ideals, even though it might have been more understandable and human to forsake citizenship in a land that had mistreated a loyal segment of its population so shabbily.

Even more inspiring is the gallant and heroic epic written by so many Americans of Japanese ancestry who volunteered from behind the barbed wire enclosures of the camps in which our Government had confined us to fight—and if necessary to die—for our country.

Others, including our "enemy alien" parents, helped on the production lines at home to win the victory. Still others engaged in intelligence work for our military in the Pacific war.

And, despite the renunciants, according to all official sources, there was not a case of espionage or sabotage by any resident person of Japanese ancestry before, during, and after the attack on Pearl Harbor.

To this unparalleled record of devotion and service, and not to the tiny number of renunciants, we Americans of Japanese ancestry choose to point as the yardstick of our loyalty and allegiance to the country of our citizenship.

AT THE SAME TIME, this whole problem of these renunciants remained to cloud our current acceptance as Americans, for too few understood and appreciated the motivations and the facts of the circumstances that caused a few to sign away their birthright.

There are some who charge that the JACL was less than enthusiastic about seeking a resolution to this troublesome subject. This may be, but the primary obligation of the JACL was to the overwhelming majority who were strong enough, and who had faith enough, to remain unswerving in our trust.

NEVERTHELESS, JACL HAS consistently—from the very beginning—advocated expeditious administrative individual review of these cases, for we have been painfully aware of the many citizenship and civil rights implications involved, not to mention our personal knowledge of the circumstances under which most of these ordinary mortals gave up their heritage. Also, many of these renunciants were friends and neighbors, and some were even members of our own families.

JACL certainly could not be—and was not—indifferent to their plight.

At the same time, JACL did not want—and does not now want—a single Nisei who had been disloyal in fact and deed to our United States to enjoy the priceless privilege of citizenship.

WE, THEREFORE, ARE most grateful to Assistant Attorney General George C. Doub and his staff in his Civil Division of the Justice Department for restoring the citizenship of so many who in an understandable moment of weakness and misunderstanding abandoned their birthright.

We recall that some three years ago when this distinguished Maryland attorney was named to his high responsibility, he met with us and discussed the problems not only of evacuation claims but also of these renunciants. His thoughts demonstrated his convictions regarding the whole evacuation experience and his attitude revealed his insight into the human aspects of that tragedy.

Every once in awhile, our Executive agencies are blessed with a public servant who is not only dedicated to the effective

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WHITE HOUSE INVITES JACL TO REFUGEE MEETING

(JACL News Service)

WASHINGTON.—President Dwight D. Eisenhower has invited Mike Masaoka, Washington representative of the Japanese American Citizens League, to a White House meeting May 21 and 22 to discuss United States participation in the World Refugee Year.

The invitation was extended by telegram last Friday morning and read as follows:

I invite you to participate in a White House meeting in Washington, May 21-22, under the direction of Deputy Under Secretary of State Loy W. Henderson, for the purpose of discussing United States participation in World Refugee Year.

This special year, beginning in June 1959, was established by resolution of the United Nations General Assembly and is intended to focus world attention on refugee problems and to encourage additional opportunities for permanent refugee solutions. I hope we can count on your attendance to discuss necessary plans for American participation.

Upon receiving your acceptance, details of the meeting will be sent to you.

JACL Role Recalled

In accepting the invitation, Masaoka declared that it was an honor to be asked to participate in such a high level gathering and that it indicates appreciation of the part JACL has played in recent immigration legislation, especially as champions of increased immigration opportunities for the Far East.

"While persons of Japanese ancestry probably are not involved in the world refugee problem, nevertheless JACL is aware of the traditional haven that our country has become for the victims of totalitarian and communist oppression. We also realize that our nation must be the leader in this, as well as other aspects, of free world leadership if we are to gain the ultimate victory," the JACL representative said.

Nisei VFW files fee for poker palace

GARDENA.—Application for a seventh poker club here was made here this week jointly by the Amvets Post 30 and VFW Nisei Memorial Post 1961, filing a \$10-100 fee to establish the proposed club at the former Western Club.

The fee covers a \$7,000 quarterly advance for 20 tables, \$3,000 for the license and \$100 inspection.

An injunction was filed last week to halt issuance of the permit but, according to Tosh Hiraide, Nisei VFW legal counsel, a plea based on alleged intimidation by city officials prior to the recent referendum would not "hold water" in court.

None of the veterans are to be physical operators of the card house. Proceeds of the venture will be used for community welfare, youth work and charity, the veterans assured.

YAMASAKI DESIGN AMONG TOP 1959 AIA WINNERS

SAN FRANCISCO.—The American Institute of Architects announced its annual design awards, and Minoru Yamasaki and Associates of Birmingham, Mich., was again among the top winners.

The firm took two of the 15 awards in the 1959 competition. Entries were submitted by architect groups throughout the country.

Yamasaki won one of the five first honors for his design of the McGregor Memorial Community conference center in Detroit.

NISEI COOPERATE IN INTERNATIONAL STUDY

DENVER.—Mr. and Mrs. Jinzo Noda of 3211 Clayton St., hosted an informal dinner for Prof. Katsumi Nishii of Kanazawa University May 5, touring the United States under the auspices of the Institute of International Education. He is primarily interested in occidental history.

While in Denver, Dr. Nishii met with local Issei and Nisei, who have been cooperating with the Denver branch of the Institute, under the direction of Miss Elizabeth Blanc.

Evacuation —

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cern was soon translated into characteristic programs of action.

"The famous Nisei regiment which fought so well in Europe symbolized one aspect of that effort. Proposals for changes in the relocation program itself soon followed.

"Despite the weakness and as I should say, the error of the Supreme Court's disposition of the problem, the people were not satisfied. They realized that acts can be wrong even though they are constitutionally permissible. No large voting group or bloc entered the fight. No great political leader made this cause their own.

"Nevertheless, earnest men and women from all parts of the nation, in Congress and in the executive branch, continued their quiet effort. The problem had been treated, through the 16 years, without reference to party politics, as a matter of decency, and of decency alone.

Doub Congratulated

"I know I speak today for all who respect and revere the law, in congratulating the Attorneys General who have carried the programs of financial restitution through to success, and, even more important, have speeded up and completed the program for restoring citizenship to those who renounced it in the heat of a troubled moment.

"I especially congratulate the Assistant Attorney General George Cochran Doub and his excellent staff. They have made this battle their own, with a fervor which speaks their dedication to the highest value of our culture—the conviction that the most exalted office of the state is to do justice to the individual, however, small his cause.

"I hope that those who have suffered from the actions we took against them during the war have the charity to forgive their government, and the generosity, indeed the grace to find that what has been done to right these wrongs deepens their faith in our common citizenship, and in our common democracy."

Ennis at Ceremonies

Edward J. Ennis, another guest of honor, now general counsel of the American Civil Liberties Union and head of the Alien Enemy Control Unit in the Dept. of Justice at the time of the evacuation, said,

"The citizenship renunciations were directly caused by the shock of the special evacuation treatment to which the Japanese Americans were subjected and of course by the incredible condition of confusion and terror prevailing at Tule Lake. But I cannot help but believe that a contributing factor was the basic failure of the United States to integrate Japanese American minority into the American community by withholding naturalization from the Issei, the foreign-born parents of the Nisei.

"The remarkable fact is, considering all these circumstances, how few of the Nisei detained in relocation camps chose renunciation and how steadfast the group as a whole remained under the adversity visited upon them.

"I think the Department of Justice has responded magnificently to the problem presented by taking practically all of the 'divorced' citizens back into the family of our American community."

Doub Comments

Acknowledging the congratulations which he and his special staff received, Doub, assistant attorney general in charge of the Civil Division said:

"This ceremony today concludes a colorful chapter of American history.

"We have assumed, unless the contrary was indicated, that the renunciations were not free and voluntary acts but were accomplished under duress and we have given the benefit of doubt in favor of citizenship restoration. We acted upon the assumption that the United States was under an imperative moral obligation to restore citizenship in every case where there was no substantial evidence of disloyalty.

"The only applications which we have denied are those where reliable evidence of disloyalty to the United States was found. Most of these were Kibei, American-born Japanese educated in Japan. We will vigorously defend our adverse determination of these comparatively few cases in the courts where these renunciants are entitled to have our decisions reviewed.

"I am personally satisfied that the decisions which we made favorable to the renunciants were morally required. We may not escape the conclusion that our government was founded and exists upon a duty

FAIR HOUSING BILL IN MINNESOTA NOT ACTED

ST. PAUL.—The Minnesota fair housing bill died in the Senate judiciary committee, the Minneapolis Joint Committee on Equal Opportunity recently reported. The joint committee is now planning an educational program among community leaders to boost support for its passage in the 1961 legislature.

of public morality and as Elihu Root once wrote, 'Above official power stands always the conception of public right.'

"I would like to believe that our liberal policy of citizenship restitution has conformed to the hope and promise of sound American ideals. There is nothing so demonic as reason entirely divorced from moral will.

Lesson of Evacuation

"The lesson of the wartime Japanese American evacuation program is that Americans must discipline themselves to resist hysteria and emotional stress in times of alarms and danger in order that American ideals of justice may not yield but be protected and successfully maintained.

"It is a remarkable tribute to the fortitude of the Nisei that comparatively few surrendered their American citizenship under the prevailing hysteria conditions in the WRA camps. They were indeed so loyal that from them came the soldiers of the 442nd battalion whose casualty notices were delivered to parents behind the barbed wires of the camps.

"I wish to commend Enoch E. Ellison, chief of the Japanese claims section of the Civil Division, for his outstanding administrative and legal work in supervising the citizenship cases.

"Special acknowledgment should go to Charles M. Rothstein, director of Alien Enemy Control, who came from the Immigration and Naturalization Service to assist us, and to Miss Ollie Collins of our Japanese claims staff for their painstaking and very effective efforts to insure that uniform justice was done."

Tad Masaoka of the Washington JACL Office attended the meeting at the invitation of the Attorney General.

San Francisco 'Y'

SAN FRANCISCO.—Mrs. Kay Okamoto, co-chairman of the Buchanan St. YM - YWCA, was elected recording secretary of the San Francisco YWCA for the current term.

CALENDAR

May 23 (Saturday)
D.C.—General meeting: George Soderbom, spkr. "Mongolia".
Eden Township—Potluck supper, Ashland School.
Chicago—"Howdy Doody" party, Olivet Institute, 8 p.m.
Detroit—Spring Dance, Veteran Memorial Bldg., 9 p.m.
May 24 (Sunday)
Salinas Valley—Yamato Cemetery clean-up.
San Francisco—JACL Olympics, Kezar Stadium.
May 28 (Thursday)
Salinas Valley—Benefit movie.
May 29 (Friday)
Twin Cities—Meeting, J.A. Comm. Center; Chinese cooking.
Watsonville—Scholarship Benefit movie, Buddhist Church hall.
East Los Angeles—Luau, Kono-Hawaii.
May 30 (Saturday)
NC-WNDC—Joint Memorial Day services with Golden Gate Nisei VFW Post, San Bruno Nat'l Cemetery, southeast sec., 10 a.m.
Gardena Valley—Benefit dance, Elk's Lodge.
May 31 (Sunday)
Los Angeles—Nisei Relays, Rancho Conega.
June 6 (Saturday)
Detroit—Teen Club bowling.
June 5 (Friday)
Tri-Idaho Chapters—Graduates' dance (ten).
June 5-7
San Francisco—Nat'l JACL Board and Staff meeting.
June 7 (Sunday)
Yellowstone—Community picnic, Rexburg.
June 11 (Thursday)
Detroit—Executive meeting, International Institute, 8 p.m.
June 12 (Friday)
Philadelphia—Meeting, International Institute; Henry Shimanouchi, spkr.
June 13 (Saturday)
Detroit—Japanese movies, International Institute.
Southwest L.A.—"Queentime" ball, Ole Dixie, 43rd & Western Ave., 9:30 p.m. (Introduction of Miss SWLA for Nisei Festival).
June 14 (Sunday)
East L.A.—Family picnic (tent).
Monterey Peninsula—Community picnic.
Idaho Falls—Community picnic.
June 20 (Saturday)
Chicago—Jr. JACL dinner-dance, Sheridan Plaza.
Chicago—Men's Nite.
June 21 (Sunday)
Salinas Valley—Picnic, Sheriff's Posse Ground.
Pocatello—Community Picnic, Southeast Idaho Fairgrounds.
Pasadena—Introduction of "Miss Pasadena" for Nisei Week at Gardeners Assn. picnic, Brookside Park.