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### COLUMN LEFT:

'What you can do to fight communism'

Recently made available by the Federal Bureau of Investigation is a poster: "What You Can Do to Fight Communism" and here is the text:

Alert Yourself—learn the true nature and tactics of communism.

Make civic programs for social improvement your business.

Exercise your right to vote; elect representatives of integrity.

Respect human dignity—communism and individual rights cannot co-exist.

Inform yourself; know your country—its history, traditions and heritage.

Combat public apathy toward communism—in difference can be fatal when national survival is at stake.

Attack bigotry and prejudice wherever they appear; justice for all is the bulwark of democracy.

In drawing up the poster, the FBI is plainly dealing only with the domestic phase of anti-communism, for it explains the absence of any reference to foreign programs and the military aimed to bolster the free world.

Undoubtedly recalling that nations and empires have fallen from within rather than without, the FBI poster outlines a basic scheme to keep U.S. strong. The founding fathers of JACL have said the same thing over 30 years ago and have made similar cautions concerning the communistic conspiracy.

JACL's policy statement against communism, we might add, is contained in the President's Notebook published by National Headquarters. JACL made its first declaration against all forms of totalitarianism at the 1936 Seattle convention and reaffirmed it at the 1954 Los Angeles convention. —H.H.

### OREGON GOVERNOR NAMES JACLER TO STATE AGRICULTURAL BOARD

ONTARIO, Ore.—Joe Saito, prominent Snake River Valley farmer, was appointed to the State Board of Agriculture last week by Gov. Mark Hatfield, according to an announcement made by the Governor's office in Salem.

Saito is replacing Loyd Key, who was elected to serve in the State Senate and could no longer serve on the board. Saito is the second appointment to the board from this area in recent years. He is probably the first Japanese American in the United States appointed by a governor to a state board.

Saito was born and reared near Oregon City and moved to Malheur county with his parents in 1934. He entered the U.S. Army prior to World War II and since 1946 has been farming with his brothers.

In 1953 he was named winner of the distinguished service award given by the Ontario Junior Chamber of Commerce. He is a charter member and served as the first president of the Malheur Onion Growers Assn.

The new appointee is also a member of the Malheur Potato Growers Assn., the Ontario Lions, Sugar Beet Growers Assn., Snake

River Valley JACL, American Legion, Masonic Lodge and First Baptist Church.

He is married and the father of three children. (Both he and his wife, Nell, are 1000 Clubbers.)

According to Travis Cross, assistant to the governor, Saito will be re-appointed to the board the first of the year when a new law governing membership of state boards goes into effect. At the present time, all members are Democrats, but under the law which goes into effect Jan. 1, only four members for one party will be allowed on seven member boards.

### CHERRY TREE PROJECT APPROVED BY IDAHO JACL CHAPTERS FOR BOISE PARK

POCATELLO. — Sometime ago, as the story is reported in the Pocatello JACL Newsletter this week, a Mr. Morrison of the M.K. Construction Co. donated a tract of land to the city of Boise in memory of his deceased wife.

George Sugai, national JACL third vice-president, of Payette, was approached by a state senator at the last legislature to start the ball rolling for a Japanese cherry tree project for the memorial park.

The idea gained momentum as more and more became interested and the facts were revealed for the first time at the April meeting of the Intermountain District Council at Ogden. The Idaho chapters agreed to carry on the project in appreciation for what the state legislature had done for JACL in the past.

The cold facts in dollars and cents amount to \$150 or \$30 per chapter.

### Control of Seabrook farms transferred

CAMDEN, N.J.—Control of Seabrook Farms Co., huge south Jersey frozen foods pioneer, was formally acquired by the Seeman Bros., Inc., of New York last week for \$3,000,000.

Charles F. Seabrook, 77-year old founder and board chairman of the multi-million dollar packing firm, delivered voting trust certificates representing better than 68 per cent of the company's voting securities.

Seabrook Farms was one of the first and major areas of relocation for evacuees released from WRA centers during World War II.

At one time well over 1,500 Issei and Nisei were there. Several hundred are still there or in nearby Bridgeton, N.J., and a number of the Nisei now hold important positions in the operations of the farm.

Seabrook JACL is one of the four chapters in the Eastern District Council.

### Scout executive

FRESNO. — Dr. Kikuo H. Taira, prominent Buddhist layman, was elected a member of the Sequoia Boy Scout Council executive board recently.

### Toronto editorial asks Canadian gov't to apologize for its Japanese evacuation

TORONTO. — With news of a formal apology released May 21 by the United States government regarding the evacuation of Japanese Americans during the Second World War, the following appeared in the editorial pages of the Toronto Daily Star, May 26, by editorial staff writer, Mark Gayn:

"When the U.S. government last week offered its formal apologies to the Japanese Americans for their ill treatment in World War II, it served to remind Canada of one of her less noble wartime acts.

"Seventeen years have now passed since some 20,000 Japanese Canadians—none of whom was ever found to be disloyal—were driven from their homes, deprived of their property, and, at least half of them, put into the 'ghost towns' of British Columbia. Under the whip of hysteria, the Japanese Canadians, three out of every five of them born in this country, were reduced to the status of prisoners in their own land—bidden to travel freely, to live in certain areas, or to own a home, an automobile or even a radio.

"This shameful chapter was climaxed in 1946 with a 'voluntary

### BUDDHIST CHURCH LEADER TO ADDRESS SEMINAR

SAN FRANCISCO. — Bishop Shinsho Hanayama, recently appointed head of the Buddhist Churches of America, will make his first lecture since arriving in the United States at the July 10-12 BCA summer seminar at Asilomar Conference grounds. The noted authority on Japanese Buddhism will speak on the "Characteristic Points of Japanese Buddhism".

This week and next, he will tour Buddhist churches in the Northwest area, accompanied by his wife. He returns here June 10 before resuming a tour of Southern California congregations.

### Nisei pastor elected civic unity group head

SAN MATEO.—The Rev. Abraham H. Dohi, pastor of Sturge Presbyterian Church here, was elected president of the Mid Peninsula Council for Civic Unity last week. Also elected to the board of directors was Haruo Ishimaru, San Mateo JACL president.

### Hi-Y 'Boy of Year'

HUNTINGTON BEACH. — Stanley Ishii, graduating this month from Huntington Beach High, was chosen Hi-Y "boy of the year" of the combined Huntington Beach-Newport districts. He is also active in the Orange County JAYS, serving as co-athletic chairman.

He was a member of the track team as a hurdler.

### ONE DAY'S RECEIPTS OF CAR WASH COLLECTED FOR REEDLEY SCHOLARSHIP

REEDLEY. — Proceeds from one day's operation of a car wash at a local service station went toward Reedley JACL's scholarship fund this past week.

Ed Yano, Frank Kimura, Fred Nishida, Dr. James Ikemiya and John Morita were in charge of the various shifts which began at 7 a.m. and ended by 9 p.m.

Ken Kawasaki was the 1959 recipient with Frank Kimura chapter president, making the presentation at the honor assembly last week.

The scholarship is open to all Reedley High School graduates, regardless of nationality, who plan to enter Reedley College.

### 2,600 U.S. ISSEI NATURALIZED IN 1958 FISCAL YEAR

(JACL News Service)

WASHINGTON.—The Immigration and Naturalization Service has informed the Washington Office of the Japanese American Citizens League that 2,623 resident aliens from Japan were naturalized during the last fiscal year (1958).

The largest number of aliens to be naturalized for the year ending June 30, 1958, from Asia was from Japan, with China next with 1,705 and the Philippines third with 1,442. Altogether, 9,000 immigrants from Asia were naturalized last fiscal year.

Of the Japanese who became American citizens, 425 were admitted prior to 1920, 183 from 1920 to 1929, 20 from 1930 to 1939, 61 from 1940 to 1949, 7 in 1950, 95 in 1951, 358 in 1952, 259 in 1953, 478 in 1954, 338 in 1955, 213 in 1956, 152 in 1957, and 34 in 1958 (all fiscal years).

Prior to the enactment of the Immigration and Nationality (Walter-McCarran) Act of 1952, Japanese resident aliens were not eligible to naturalization, and no Japanese were eligible for immigration for permanent residence.

Accordingly, the Washington JACL Office believes that the Japanese aliens recorded for admission from July 1, 1924, to December 27, 1952, were visitors, treaty traders, students, etc., who were able to have their status adjusted to that of permanent residents after JACL sponsored laws were on the books authorizing such adjustments.

### Miyamura appointed to Gallup planning commission

GALLUP, N.M. — Hiroshi Miyamura, only living Nisei Medal of Honor hero, has been appointed to the Gallup City Planning Commission. The new board was convened last week.

### HEART SPECIALIST GIVEN \$9,000 RESEARCH GRANT

SALT LAKE CITY. —Dr. Hiroshi Kuida, instructor in medicine, Univ. of Utah College of Medicine, was named among three Utah scientists receiving awards of \$20,735 from the American Heart Assn. to conduct research on diseases of the heart and blood vessels. It was announced last week by Dr. Kenneth A. Crockett, president of the Utah Heart Assn.

Dr. Kuida received a grant of \$9,350 for blood volume and blood pressure studies.

### OREGON NISEI VETS HONOR ONTARIO GRAD

ONTARIO, Ore. — Beverly Kariya, Ontario High valedictorian, was named one of two scholarship winners in the state by the Oregon Nisei War Veterans, Inc. The \$150 award is for her use at a college of her choice.

### Pioneer Japanese family of Denver interviewed for NBC minority series

(Special to Pacific Citizen)  
DENVER. — The Y. Terasaki family of Denver was interviewed by tape recording to be re-broadcast over NBC's national minority problems series from New York.

Masaemon and Sei Terasaki, parents of Tak Terasaki, were old-time Issei pioneers to the Denver area, and had seven children, including three sons and four daughters.

Yutaka "Tak" Terasaki is chairman of the Mountain-Plains JACL,

and has been active in JACL and community affairs. Terasaki is manager of drug store in Denver. His wife, Mitchee, is a secretary in the Governor's office. Both are native Coloradans.

The Terasakis have two children, Alene, 13, who is attending Grove Jr. High, and Melanie, 9, who is attending Stevens school.

The radio program will present three generations, Issei, Nisei and Sansei, as it relates to minority group problems in this area.



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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 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)

## Anti-Alien Land and Miscegenation Laws

Though not the subjects of bills dropped in the congressional hopper, there are two other civil rights matters which directly concern Japanese Americans—and others too—which we commend to this Committee for inclusion in any comprehensive civil rights legislation.

They deal with the so-called anti-alien land laws and interracial marriages.

(a) **Anti-Alien Land Laws.** In the early years of this century, California and most of the western states adopted laws prohibiting "aliens ineligible for citizenship" from owning, purchasing, or having direct or indirect interest in land. The Immigration and Nationality (Walter-McCarran) Act of 1952 removed the racial discrimination against naturalization and thereby nullified these laws. The United States Supreme Court, in the Oyama case, struck down as unconstitutional the presumptions of this law against United States citizens of Japanese ancestry. A number of state courts, including the Supreme Court of California, declared the law unconstitutional.

Today, only three states have such laws on their statute books—Washington, Arizona, and Wyoming.

This past session, the Legislature of the State of Washington acted to place its law on the ballot at its next general election, November 1960, in order that its voters might remove this racist provision from the State Constitution.

The Arizona law applies only to aliens, but the Wyoming law applies to both aliens and citizens.

(b) **Interracial Marriages.** Some 26 states—we understand—have laws prohibiting interracial marriages. In eight of these 26, even cohabitation of mixed couples is illegal.

This past year, two states—Idaho and Nevada—repealed their so-called miscegenation laws. The California Supreme Court recently ruled the interracial prohibition in that state unconstitutional. The United States Supreme Court a few years ago remanded a Virginia case involving both interracial marriage and cohabitation to the Supreme Court of that state for further consideration.

In states where interracial cohabitation is unlawful, it should be pointed out that this applies, for example, even if the husband is an honorably discharged veteran of our Armed Forces who married a Japanese while overseas and with the approval of his commandant. Their children, if any, are considered illegitimate and the rights of survivorship are in doubt. In other cases, both parties are native-born citizens, but their marriage and cohabitation are equally illegal.

The right to marry one of one's own choice and to live in any state in the Union seems to us a civil right equally as important as any other. We, therefore, urge consideration of this civil right for inclusion in any omnibus legislation on the subject.

**ALL IN ALL,** though, compared to the immediate past and to most other minority groups, we today enjoy unprecedented acceptance. This does not mean, however, that we still do not encounter discrimination and prejudice in certain areas of human endeavor and contact.

The enactment of a comprehensive civil rights law will help in alleviating the situation not only for us Japanese Americans but also for all other Americans.

## Civil Rights Law Will Go Far

JACL does not—and has not suggested that the mere passage of civil rights laws will remove prejudice and bigotry from the minds and hearts of men. But, out of our own experience, we do know that it will go far to restrain men of illwill from committing acts of racial discrimination if they know that by doing so they are liable to fine and imprisonment, or both, from the Federal Government.

Discrimination when sanctioned and sanctified by the law creates a climate that invites further discrimination and lawlessness.

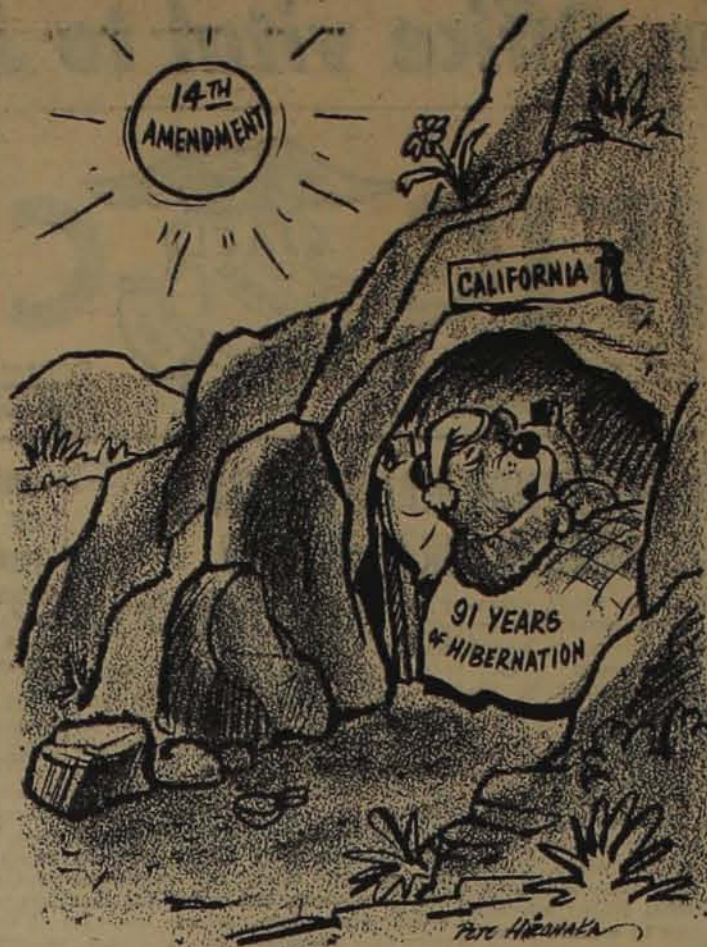
But, when that sanction is removed and those who would practice discrimination know that thereby they would be committing a federal crime, which the Federal Government will prosecute most certainly to the fullest possible extent, a great deterrent is imposed against all bigots.

Criminals—regardless of their type—are far more fearful of Federal intervention than they are of state and local authorities. And, if certainty of enforcement is added to the Federal character of the crime, we are of the opinion that civil rights will be a meaningful concept and practice in our land.

**MOST AMERICANS**—we believe—hold to the theory of government that only when the states are unable to do what is required in the national interest should the Federal Government step in.

In this particular field of civil rights, the record seems clear enough to us—the states have proven themselves over half a century unable or unwilling to eliminate racial discrimination. Because of their failure, the Congress has no alternative but to enact protective laws to implement the 14th

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The Late Sleeper

## PRESS COMMENTS:

## Righting a Wrong

Washington Daily News, May 26, 1959

No man should ever be ashamed to admit he once had been wrong, counseled Alexander Pope. Neither should a government. But it rarely happens that a government freely confesses a past guilt.

Recently, the United States government did just that. It said, through its Attorney General, that we were wrong, sadly wrong, to pass merciless judgment on the loyalty of 72,000 Japanese American residents in this country after Pearl Harbor.

They were packed off, almost overnight, from their homes to 10 internment camps on the theory they would aid Japan in the war. Of this number, 5,766 in understandable bitterness renounced the citizenship to which they had been born. The rest humbly accepted their fate, continuing to conduct themselves as loyal Americans.

They provided more than half the famed 442nd Nisei regimental combat team which won more awards for bravery than any other U.S. Army unit per capita.

Now, 17 years later, we have completed a program to restore citizenship to most of the Nisei who gave it up—to practically all of the 5,409 who requested it back. Moreover, all damage claims arising from the hasty evacuation have been settled. Among the whole group, evidence of disloyalty was almost nil.

Said Attorney General William Rogers: "Our country did make a mistake. We publicly recognized it, and as a free nation publicly made restitution." Open confession is good for the soul. Now there can be grounds for pride, and a regrettable incident is closed.

## Restitution to the Nisei

Christian Science Monitor (Boston), May 22, 1959

Dean Eugene Rostow of the Yale Law School, and the federal Justice Department deserve gratitude from Americans for painstakingly righting a grave injustice done to some 72,000 of their fellow citizens in 1941-42.

In the heat of indignation at the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor, these Nisei (Japanese Americans) were unconstitutionally rooted from their homes and held in "relocation" camps for three years. When the war ended, 5,766 renounced their citizenship because of the treatment they had been given. But most of these later applied to regain it.

This week at a ceremony in the Justice Department, Attorney General Rogers and Dean Rostow signaled the end of the long process of making legal and financial restitution to those who

had lost their homes, their jobs, or their citizenship.

Mr. Rostow's words were to the point, and apply also to those unfortunate periods when some Americans have thoughtlessly kicked dachshunds or called every opponent a Communist. "This," he said, "is a day of pride for American law . . . The law has no higher duty than to acknowledge its own errors . . . 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."

This, we feel, gets at the basic difference between a totalitarian state and a democracy. The former seeks only to justify its wrongs, while the latter labors hard to repair them with justice.

## End of a Wrong

Washington Star, May 22, 1959

Our Government now has formally completed a unique program making amends for a serious injustice done to a large group of our fellow-citizens during the Second World War. Shortly after the attack on Pearl Harbor, more than 72,000 of these native-born Americans—the so-called Nisei, of Japanese ancestry—were uprooted from their homes on the West Coast and placed under surveillance in "relocation centers." The action was taken in a moment of crisis and deep emotionalism, but it was nonetheless wrong, especially in the sense of casting altogether unjustified doubt on the

loyalty of practically all those victimized by it.

Indeed, well over 5,000 of these individuals were so shocked and embittered by the measures taken against them that they renounced their American citizenship after having spent three years of confinement in places like the Tule Lake Nisei camp in California. With the end of the war, however, our official attitude in the matter changed, and virtually all of the renunciants, on their own initiative and with the apologetic cooperation of the Justice Department, have since been restored as

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## PC Letter Box

## REUNION AFTER 16 YEARS

Many thanks to the PC! Through its columns we found out that Rev. Shinpachi Kanow of Salinas, Calif., would be attending the National Presbyterian Conference in Indianapolis. So we got in touch with him. He was able to come down to Dayton for a short visit, which we all enjoyed. He brought a bit of California to us, which we haven't seen in 17 years. The last time we saw "Pachi" was 16 years ago in Jerome, Ark.

FRANK M. ONO

Dayton, O.

(And Rev. Kanow is our able chapter correspondent of the Salinas Valley JACL.—Ed.)

## Learns English by teaching children culture of Okinawa

ST. PAUL. — A full color picture of five Caucasian girls clad in kimono playing an Okinawa version of hopscotch was featured on the front page of the St. Paul Pioneer Press society section two Sundays ago.

Mrs. John Songas (nee Kiyo Kishimoto) began teaching her young pupils in suburban Circle Pines to say a few words in Japanese after school one afternoon a week after moving into the friendly neighborhood in 1955. She then began telling folk tales of Okinawan cave monsters and bearded fish that look like men, introduced the group to folk songs and dances with authentic Okinawa recordings.

When they were studying native costumes, she cut patterns so their mothers could make the kimonos, which were shown in the seven-column picture.

"While I've been teaching them Okinawa culture, I've been picking up modern English," she said. Her husband is a chemical engineer with Minnesota Mining & Manufacturing Co.

## FIF representatives attend policy meeting

Los Angeles representatives of FIF Associates, area manager George Inagaki and assistant area manager Matao Uwate, were among 17 key managers from California, Illinois and Michigan attending a policy planning conference at the Denver home office last week.

Financial Industrial Fund, Inc., a 23-year-old mutual investment trust fund with total net assets of over \$150,000,000, reported its highest level was gained last year with over \$64,000,000.

## Cathay Post in elections, pick Boys State delegates

DENVER. — John Nakashima was elected Cathay Post 185 commander, succeeding Yosh Arai, and installed May 22 by charter member Jim Nakagawa.

The post announced Robert Shiozaki of Manual High and Milton Shioya of West High were picked as delegates this year for Colorado Boys State.

## Fashion award

SEATTLE. — Mrs. Dorcas (nee Suyematsu) Yamashita was happy and all smiles for being the first winner of the newly established Seattle Fashion Group's scholarship award, enabling her to finish her studies in designing at the Univ. of Washington.

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## From the Frying Pan

By Bill Hosokawa

**THE LAST AND THE FIRST**— This is the season for extending recognition to the scholars in our midst. In high schools and colleges across the land the honors are being handed out with sheepskins, and a goodly number of Japanese names are among the recipients. These are last of the Nisei and the vanguard of mainland Sansei, youngsters with a proud heritage of scholastic achievement.

**But the world that today's Nisei-Sansei graduates are entering is a far cry from that of a generation ago.**

Back in the 'twenties and 'thirties, the Nisei graduate was faced by a blank wall of prejudice in many professional fields. He studied hard, won good grades and gained knowledge, only to find he couldn't find the job for which he had prepared. So he put his diploma away and took any job he could find. It was usually a menial one.

**PERSISTENCE**—Nisei students of a generation back were realists enough to know that they faced nearly insurmountable employment barriers. They understood that very few doors leading to Caucasian employers would be open to them. They knew they could have all the necessary qualifications and more, but the color of their skin and the shape of their eyes would be against them.

**Still, they dreamed the American dream. They believed virtue would be its own reward, and they had faith that someday the door of opportunity would be opened.**

So they and their parents made excruciating sacrifices to go to school so they would be ready when the day came. Well, the day did come, but meanwhile it took a lot of hoping and just plain stubbornness to ignore the facts.

You didn't have to go far to see examples of what seemed to be futility. A fellow with a law degree running the family grocery store. An electrical engineer graduate driving a truck. An accountant polishing apples and trimming lettuce in a produce stand.

**REALISTS**—These lessons were not lost on the Nisei, who after all, had to be realists to survive. Some of them studied pharmacy—a fellow could always open his own drugstore. Others became foreign trade majors in the hope they'd find a role in trans-Pacific commerce.

**They soon discovered that the great Japanese mercantile firms would employ you only if you understood enough Japanese (which few Nisei did), and even then you were pretty much doomed to the position of an overworked, underpaid flunky of all sorts for the somewhat less than competent bosses sent overseas by the home office.**

Some of the more perceptive profs were not unaware of the deadend that faced their Nisei students. In a moment of rare frankness one of my instructors warned me there would be mighty little chance I would ever find a job on a West Coast metropolitan newspaper and urged me to consider studying something other than journalism. Such discouraging experiences were not unique among Nisei students.

**AND TODAY**—The Nisei-Sansei graduate in 1959 A.D. can literally set his sights on the moon and know that the only thing that can hold him back is himself. Prejudices against the Nisei are gone or going. Job opportunities are broad. The incentives to success are as vast as space.

All of us are familiar with the heartbreak and sacrifice that had to be endured to produce this new atmosphere of opportunity. The Issei and older Nisei can be proud of their part in helping to bring about change. They will be well rewarded if today's graduates remember a little of their heritage and make the most of their opportunity. And thus endeth today's lesson.

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## Editorial samplings of nation's press supports Justice Dept. view on evacuation; one columnist terms it 'bootlicking'

The Pacific Citizen has received more editorials from readers this past week commenting favorably upon the Justice Department's recent ceremonies marking the end of its administrative phase to restore citizenship to Nisei renunciants.

Three of them are being reprinted in full under this week's "Press Comment" on the inside page 2. Because space limits re-publication of other editorials in full, their main excerpts follow:

**Denver Post (June 1):** "Justice for Nisei, Lesson for All" . . . The injustice done to 72,000 West Coast Americans of Japanese ancestry in the early years of World War II has troubled the national conscience for more than a decade.

The best we can do now is to acknowledge our error and seek to compensate the Nisei in some way for the wrong that was done them. This our government has attempted to do . . .

At the (recent) Justice Department ceremonies, Dean Eugene Rostow of the Yale Law School declared that the acknowledgment of error is one of the highest duties of the law. "Today," he said, "we confront the fact that as a nation we were capable of wrong, but capable also of confessing our wrongs and seeking to expiate them."

Expiation, however late, is good for the national soul. And the best expiation of all is a firm resolve never to repeat the same mistake. Let us hope that the case of the Nisei will alert the national conscience if a similar crisis arises in the future.

**Chicago Sun-Times (June 1):** "A Big Nation Admits Error" . . . To admit an error publicly calls for moral courage and honest dedication to truth. This is true of nations as well as individuals and Americans should be proud that their government recently confessed it had been wrong, sadly wrong, in its treatment of 72,000 Americans of Japanese ancestry after Pearl Harbor.

This is the way a free people confess error and ask forgiveness. If this happened behind the Iron

Curtain, there'd be no survivors or record today showing it happened at all."

**Worcester (Mass.) Evening Gazette (May 25):** "A Mistake Acknowledged" . . . despite the fact that we are a democracy, we are not immune to error. A grave injustice was committed to our citizens of Japanese ancestry during World War II. We should not forget it.

**Dayton Daily News (May 24):** "Japanese Americans" . . . America's treatment of native-born citizens of Japanese ancestry after Pearl Harbor stands as a blot in our history . . . By finally asserting that the United States must grant citizenship automatically with the burden of proof of disloyalty resting on the government, the issue finally has been resolved according to traditional rules of jurisprudence. This is more important for the future . . .

### Apology Not Needed

But also in the mail were two clippings of nationally syndicated columnist Robert Ruark, who felt an apology to the Nisei was not necessary. Scrupulously referring to the Japanese enemy as "Japs", Ruark last week hoped the government would "beseech a lot of us to recall the inconvenience, not to mention death, torture and brutality, that the Japs caused a great many people all over the world".

There is one slip, however (whether intentional or not cannot be ascertained), when recalling the grim days of 1942, Ruark writes: "But there was a threat of

actual attack on the Pacific mainland, and a man named Milton Eisenhower, related to a brother, was delegated to remove some Japs from strategic areas . . ."

Concluding, he says: "I have a great many Australian friends who lived through Jap internment and they ain't quite right, yet, those that lived. I don't think our indignant Nisei had much to complain of in their internment."

Ruark bluntly stated he didn't care much for the "bootlicking public relations" Attorney General Rogers made in asking forgiveness from the Japanese who were evacuated and sent to concentration camps. Ruark's emotional piece, nevertheless, hoped the Nisei "would have the charity to forgive their government," quoting Asst. Attorney General George C. Doub.

## Virginia college to hear Sansei speaker

(Special to Pacific Citizen)

**LYNCHBURG, Va.**— Anne Izumi, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Edwin S. Izumi (formerly of Los Angeles) of St. Louis, Mo., was voted by the Lynchburg College faculty to be the 1959 class salutatorian.

Maintaining an almost perfect scholastic record, she has been very active on campus, serving as freshman class vice-president, honor council representative, junior class secretary and Student Government Ass'n secretary.

She is also co-chairman of the Christian Life Conference, United Christian Fellowship v.p.; dormitory v.p.; Kappa Omega Phi treas.; and campus council sec.

She was the Washington, D.C., chapter candidate for the Pvt. Ben Frank Masaoka memorial scholarship four years ago. Her family now reside in St. Louis, Mo., where her father is employed by the federal government.

## Chicago Sansei awarded \$500 mayor scholarship

**CHICAGO.**— Christine Fujimoto, Parker High School senior, was among 104 Chicago high school graduates chosen by faculty committees for the Mayor Daley Youth Foundation scholarship awards.

Planning to attend Univ. of Illinois, she received a \$500 check. Funds are derived from gate receipts of the annual high school championship football and basketball games.

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## Denver community picnic set July 26

**DENVER.**— Henry Suzuki, Mile-Hi JACL chapter representative, announced that the annual Denver Japanese community picnic will be held on Sunday, July 26, at Berkeley Park here.

The Colorado Nikkei-jin Kai will sponsor the picnic, with other community organizations cooperating. The Mile-Hi JACL is in charge of activities. Assisting Henry Suzuki will be Roy Nagai, Mile-Hi program chairman. The NICC, through Stephen Osuga, past president, will assist in the athletic program.

## YOUNG MATSUKANE WINS STUDENT BODY POSITION

**PLACENTIA.**—Melvin Matsukane, son of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Matsukane, active Orange County JACLers, was elected student body vice-president of Valencia High School for the coming school year, according to the Santana Wind, chapter newsletter.

During the school year, the sophomore student won first prize of \$100 in a county-wide mechanical drawing contest, which was limited to one entry per school.

## YELLOWSTONE CHAPTER PICNIC THIS SUNDAY

**REXBURG, Idaho.**— The annual Yellowstone JACL will be held this Sunday, June 7, starting at 10 a.m. at beautiful Porter Park in the southwest end of the city.

A full program of races, prizes and refreshments has been scheduled.

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## Acrobatic dancer to vie in Exchange Club finals

**TURLOCK.**— Cathy Okamura, 12-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George Okamura of Ballico, will vie in the Exchange Club "Search for Talent" contest, junior division, at the state finals in Santa Rosa June 25.

The acrobatic dancer won the district finals at Stockton recently after winning the competition before the Turlock Exchange Club. She is sixth grader at Ballico Elementary School. Her parents are active Cortez JACLers.

## TENNIS STAR ELECTED DELANO HIGH LEADER

**DELANO.**— Wesley Honbo, who is heading for California Boys State next week, is the first Japanese American elected student body president at Delano High School, according to Jeff Fukawa, Delano JACL president.

During his junior year, Honbo was 4-H president, Tennis and Harrier Club president, junior class president, first singles tennis player on the school team, honor student and active in the Legion Medal club, dance band and club council.

Popular among students and teachers, he follows his illustrious sister Deanne, who was graduated last year with the highest honors of her class.

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## POINTING Southwestward

By Fred Takata

### Starting Our Third Year

This week we celebrate our third anniversary as Regional Director, PC Business Manager and Columnist all thrown into one. It doesn't seem possible that two years have already passed since we first stepped into this position, but we still find banging out a column on alternating weeks our biggest chore of all the three jobs. Although we have gained two years of experience in writing, we still feel green as the day we wrote our first column. On some weekends when we feel as though we've been knocked over the head and kicked in the ribs, it's a real struggle to find that the PC "show must go on," and ye Editor cracks his whip to make us meet that all important deadline. . . . During the past two years we've received only one letter of criticism on our "Pointing Southwestward" column, and quite frankly we were expecting a whole basket full. To this unhappy reader may we just say that if we had our way about it, we would be very happy to pass up writing, but unfortunately it's part of the job. We know that in our column it seems we're not doing a lick of work, writing about the different invitations to various chapter activities, but this is one way of letting our friends know what's going on in the PSWDC. So if you can bear it, let's suffer together! (Column writing, I mean.)

**HAWAIIAN LUAU**— We joined the East Los Angeles luau this past week at Kono Hawaii in Santa Ana and we really had a ball with all of our JACL members. Besides enjoying all of the Hawaiian delicacies, we were entertained by real Hawaiian entertainment, with leis being passed around in real Hawaiian tradition. Sitting at our table was Southwest L.A. prexy Joe Yasaki, who really let his hair down and really gave out with a crazy hula dance, and of course ELA Membership Chairman Mas Hayashi didn't do bad either with his great gyrations. We were also called on to participate and to this day our "Hukilau" back is still out of whack! How do the gals do it? We arrived a little late, but they sat us right between two charming sisters, Eva and Esther Bhang, and all we can say is Bhang! Bhang! Kono went all out to obtain the tops in Hawaiian singers and dancers and we know there wasn't anyone who went home saying they had a dull time.

Some of the other JACLers in the crowd were Long Beach prexy Dr. John Kashiwabara, the Tom Itos from Pasadena, also Mr. and Mrs. Saburo Kido who were planning a trip to Japan with Mr. Kido leaving the following day aboard the courtesy flight on Japan Air Lines, with wife Mine joining him this weekend. The Shin Nichi Bei staff which helped and co-sponsored this event was out in full force, including Editor Fred Taomae and clan, and Mrs. Fumi Nakamura. Fumi is the gal who sends us the billing for our PC job printing. Just when we think we're sitting pretty, she sends us the bad news. We were being heckled all night by some guy called "Larry" something or other. Anyway we want to congratulate the ELA Chapter and the Shin Nichi Bei Staff for putting on one of the top social events of the year.

**JAPAN AIR LINES RECEPTION**—We were invited to the Ambassador Hotel for the Japan Air Lines garden party to celebrate the inaugural JAL flight into Los Angeles. Nearly a thousand dignitaries attended this strictly invitational party. We've seen set ups like this many times in the movies, but this was the first time we've had the privilege of attending one for real. There was continuous entertainment, free drinks, and delicious buffet dinner served throughout the evening. We wish to extend our deep appreciation to Japan Air Lines and especially to Merijane Yokoe for making it possible for us to meet with so many of our civic and community leaders. It was really fabulous!

**NISEI RELAYS**—Last Sunday the Nisei Relays were held at Rancho La Cienega stadium, with the largest turnout in the history of the event. The meet was sponsored by the Los Angeles JACL Coordinating Council composed of Downtown L.A., ELA, Hollywood, Pasadena, SWLA, and San Fernando Valley chapters. This year the Open Championship was taken by the Nisei Treading team sponsored by Herb Murayama, and the Junior Championship was taken by the Hoboes, sponsored by Oshige Jewelry.

The entire meet would not have been possible without the guidance of Dr. Bob Watanabe, Arnold Hagiwara, and Joe Iwanaga, who put in long hours preparing for this event. Others who put in a lot of work were Carl Hanaoka, who had all the financial headaches; Kango Kunitsugu, publicity; Maebelle Higa, Regional Office Secretary who had to put in an extra days work; George Yoshinaga, meet coordinator; Joe Yamashita, head field judge; Edwin Hiroto, clerk of course; Yas Abe, Iwao Mochidome, timers; Sam Hirasawa, Ted Mochidome, registration, who were up at the crack of dawn; Aki Nishizawa, head finish judge; Dr. Toru Iura, announcer; Mack Hamaguchi, track and field crew, who really cracked the whip to get all the boys in line; Dr. S. Sakaguchi, meet physician; Dr. Tak Ushiyama who did such outstanding work in organizing the Midget and Cub divisions; Steve Okuma and Sam Minami, who were responsible in getting trophies and awards ready. We want to reiterate our appreciation to Japan Air Lines, Northwest Orient Airlines, and Pan American World Airways for their donations of flight bags as in the past years. We would also like to thank the Town Hubs (Open Division trophy), American Legion Post 525 (Junior Division trophy), VFW Post 9938 (Open Individual High Point trophy), Nisei Veterans Association (Junior Individual High point trophy). With the addition of the Midget and Cub Divisions, special trophies were donated by Kenny's Sporting Goods and the SWLA Chapter. The Queen's trophy this year was donated by the ELA Chapter.

Our appreciation goes to Queen Mitzi Yoshioka and her

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### CHICAGO 1000ERS STILL GOOD-TIMING

Chicago JACL 1000ers cut up as usual at their annual chapter wingding, themed this year as "(K)night Out" in hobo attire. Top snapshot shows fierce looking Keystone cops Linc Shimidzu (left) and Tokuzo Gordon and Justice (Is Blind) Abe Hagiwara. All hoboes caught in the raid were fined a "\$100 penalty" . . . Lower photo shows wingding chairman Dr. Frank (the Freeloader) Sakamoto in his top hat and tails sharing the spotlight with the "King and Queen" of the Hobo Jungle, Chicago JACL Board Members Mark Yoshizumi and Fuki Mayeda.

## California Nisei resettling in Idaho Falls goes for old fashioned American red barns

**IDAHO FALLS.**— Old red barns may be fast disappearing from the American scene, but Fred Ochi, Idaho Falls artist, seemingly oblivious of this fact, goes happily on, dipping his brushes into the red paint pot to paint still another red barn in a water-color landscape.

Ochi, who has a one-man art exhibit on display at Ricks College in Rexburg glimpsed his first "red barn" on the horizon when he came to Idaho from California in 1942 and it was "love at first barn."

Says Ochi, "They haven't them in California and they have such personality." Having once met a barn with "personality" Ochi took his easel and paints and began haunting neglected farm yards for glimpse of a barn, a tumble down shack and old wagon wheel and painted memories of many an old-timer in the Idaho Falls area.

Ochi, a quick-witted Nisei with a ready smile, says he likes to paint "old things" and is particularly interested in painting landscapes. Items of a by-gone era, like the old kerosene lantern, he painted alongside a Bible, often find their way into his still life watercolors.

Water colors he feels is "his" medium and he paints exclusively with water colors and hopes someday to become proficient in this popular form of painting, which has had wide use by artists since the 1800s.

Watching Ochi work, his hand and brush as quick as a magician's sleight of hand work, one is bound to note his light, delicate, almost loving touch as he captures the unfolding American scene as he sees it. Once on paper, a water-colorist finds it difficult to correct or alter a brush stroke. With Ochi there's little alteration needed as he early mastered the feather touch with a brush while doing brush work, required in Japanese schooling.

### Painter By Trade

Born in California, Fred returned to the United States from Japan at the age of 10.

A painter by trade—he operates a sign shop in Idaho Falls—and an artist by love and devotion—he paints a little every day for he thoughtfully observes "to become a good painter you must paint and paint and paint."

A graduate of the Oakland Art and Craft school and a great admirer of other well known water colorist work, including that of Rexford Brandt, who teaches at

the Chouinard Art Institute in Los Angeles, Ochi is quick to point out that talent alone is not enough—one must work hard, offer a lifetime before one really "learns to paint or achieves recognition."

### Charter Member

Ochi is a charter member of the Idaho Falls Art Guild and many of his paintings made while on field painting trips have found their way across the nation from Maine to California and he's been "hung" in many art exhibits in the Idaho Falls area and in Boise and has taken prize ribbons at the eastern Idaho state fairs. During the 1958 fair he had a bit of competition from his young son Denis, whose paintings took two ribbons—both of them blue. Ochi encourages his five sons to paint and provides them with enough paper and paint that the Ochi household has escaped the "amateur work on the kitchen walls" common in most homes.

Ochi's wife, Yoshie, confesses that 4-year-old Rex's work right now has a "modernist flare" but that he's contented for hours on end with paper and paints. Ochi's main instruction to his footstep-following artist sons is in creation of lights and shadow. (Both Mr. and Mrs. Ochi are active Idaho Falls JACLers. Ochi exhibited some of his art pieces in the council chambers at the Salt Lake national convention.)

Lights and shadows have a particular interest for Ochi, who often refers to himself as Fred O'Shay, Idaho Falls' smiling Irishman, as someday—before the shadows of old age lengthen—he dreams of retiring—to have more time for painting! —Salt Lake Deseret News (Idaho Edition)

### THREE IDAHO CHAPTERS IN JOINT GRAD DANCE

**IDAHO FALLS.**— Nisei graduates of the Idaho Falls, Pocatello and Yellowstone JACL areas will be honored at a Tri-City Graduation dance June 11, 8 p.m., at the White Elephant Supper Club here.

## Salt Lake JACLers hold May 30 rites

BY ALICE KASAI  
(PC Representative)

**SALT LAKE CITY.**— It was a solemn scene at Salt Lake City Cemetery on a hillside overlooking the Utah capital where Salt Lake JACL conducted its annual Memorial Day services at the foot of the Nisei World War II monument.

Two sermons were delivered by the Rev. George Hirose of the Japanese Christian Church in English, and by the Rev. S. Sanada of the Salt Lake Buddhist Church in Japanese. It was followed by benediction offered by the Rev. C. Furuta of the Japanese Christian Church.

Mrs. M. Akimoto, a Gold Star mother, laid the wreath. The Rev. S. Aoyagi of the Nichiren Church delivered the invocation. Opening ceremonies were conducted by local Boy Scouts Gordon Sakai, son of Mr. and Mrs. Sardie Sakai; Bernie Asahina, son of Mr. and Mrs. Gunji Asahina, and Winfield Kurumada, son of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Kurumada.

John Kikuchi, program chairman, was assisted by Gunji Asahina.

### STOCKTON VETS, JACL HOLD JOINT MEMORIAL

**STOCKTON.**— Annual services were conducted jointly by the Stockton JACL and local Nisei Veterans Club at the Nisei War Memorial Monument last Sunday with Henry Kusama in charge.

George Baba spoke for the chapter, while Dr. Ken Fujii paid tribute to the Nisei war dead for the NVC. Japanese clergymen, local Gold Star Mother Mrs. Furukawa and Cub Scouts participated.

### Sanger JACL scholarship winner is non-Nisei

**SANGER.**— Ralph Saroyan was declared winner of the annual Sanger JACL scholarship, awarded to a Sanger Union High senior. Hugo Ogawa, chapter president, was on hand to make the presentation at the school's honor assembly recently.

### SNAKE RIVER CHAPTER TO HOST GRADUATES

**ONTARIO, Ore.**—The Snake River JACL will hold its 14th annual graduation banquet-dance tonight at the Lions Den, East Side Cafe.

Honored dinner guests include 15 high school graduates from Ontario, Vale, Payette, and Weiser and four local college graduates. The dance follows at the Veterans Hall with Floyd Mays and his combo playing.

### CLAM 16TH OF INCH OVER 6½ TAKES FIRST PRIZE

**SELMA.**— Outcome of the recent Selma JACL clam derby at Oceano Beach was a big success with close to 150 persons enjoying the day. Kenji Yamamoto won the first prize in the derby with a 6 nine-sixteenth inch clam.

Also claiming prizes were Howard Matsumura, Masato Morishima, Tomi Komoto and Mits Yamamoto.

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# By the Board

By Frank F. Chuman, Nat'l Legal Counsel

National JACL Board and Staff members will gather from all parts of the United States at a National Board and Staff meeting this weekend in San Francisco for the first time, in accordance with a constitutional amendment approved and passed at the Salt Lake City National Convention in 1958, specifying that the National Board and staff were to meet at least once a year between national conventions. This amendment was indeed a wise one, although travel and other expenses for such a meeting are always a consideration. The wisdom of this amendment lies in the fact that there will be a representative cross-section of attitudes and opinions to be shared by all board members from all parts of the United States on the many problems which still confront the JACL at the present time.

Perhaps the most important item on the agenda is the future of the Washington Office after the 1960 National JACL Convention. Mike Masaoka, our great leader assigned to Washington, who, since 1947, has been the key to the tremendous legislative accomplishments of the JACL for persons of Japanese ancestry in the United States, has asked the National Board to be relieved of this official responsibility as of the 1960 National Convention. Several alternatives to Mike Masaoka's request are to be considered as follows:

1. Close down the Washington Office completely;
2. Retain the office in Washington and replace Mike with someone else to serve as our Washington representative;
3. Maintain the office in Washington with a full time office secretary only;
4. Have Mike Masaoka serve in an advisory capacity to keep the JACL organization informed on matters that affect persons of Japanese ancestry; or
5. To persuade Mike Masaoka to continue to serve the JACL upon a retainer basis at an agreed monthly salary.

The accomplishments in the Halls of Congress of benefit to persons of Japanese ancestry and the effective public relations with the members of Congress, staff members of government agencies, and with the White House, built up through the years in the past by Mike's ability, personality, and persuasion, are in serious danger of being lost unless a satisfactory solution is found with regard to the future of the Washington office.

The time and effort which Mike Masaoka has expended for the JACL cannot be fully measured in terms of mere salary paid by the national organization to him. The value of his services lies in the intimate and detailed background and knowledge which have been acquired by Mike through the years of representative and parliamentary procedures in steering pending legislation of benefit to us through the Halls of Congress. Mike's benefit to us lies in the real professional caliber and thorough study and knowledge of problems concerning us and persons of Japanese ancestry. For example, Mike's recent plea for statehood for Hawaii has been acknowledged by senators and congressmen and government officials alike, as well as by the grateful State of Hawaii itself, as one of the most outstanding arguments for the admission of Hawaii into union with the other states of the United States. Mike's statement for Hawaii also dispelled long-standing suspicions and myths of the fears of the Japanese, and stressed completely and clearly the great and rich contributions that have been made by the Japanese in Hawaii as well as the value which Hawaii would maintain as the western-most bastion for peace in the Far East. In my capacity as the National Legal Counsel, I have marveled at Mike's insight, analytical powers, and thorough comprehension of the complicated features of the numerous bills submitted in both the Senate and House on the immigration and naturalization laws. His compilation and comparative discussions of the features of these bills were valuable beyond words.

Legislative matters alone are not the only concern of Mike and his staff. His personal contacts and relations with staff members of all government agencies, constantly presenting our problems to them for better understanding of us and our problems, his unceasing attendance at meetings and conferences of organizations of direct benefit to us, and his earnest, effective and persuasive articulateness on our problems are factors to be considered far beyond a definite amount of money which the National JACL may desire to pay to retain his services.

I trust that these factors will be kept in mind by the National Board members and staff as well as by the general membership of our organization as we convene in San Francisco this weekend for what I look forward to as long, lively, and exhausting sessions of the elected members and staff personnel.

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## Venice-Culver Clers plan summer events

VENICE.—Summer activities were discussed at the recent Venice-Culver JACL executive board meeting presided by chapter president Betty Yumori and hosted by Mr. and Mrs. George J. Inagaki.

The chapter will man a food booth at the Venice Community Center carnival June 20-21. Setsu Isoda, chairman, will be assisted by Ann Sugimoto and Joe Suzuki. The chapter picnic will be held on Aug. 2 at Centinela Park with Kaz Adachi in charge.

Preparations are also underway to host the November PSWDC quarterly session. A Santa Monica hotel has been suggested as a site for the meeting.

To date, the Venice-Culver chapter has reported 287 members, surpassing last year's total. Mary Wakamatsu's team leads in the intrachapter competition with 69. Yune Yamashita was membership committee chairman.

## Sonoma County picnic set for July 15 at Doran Park

SANTA ROSA.—Sonoma County JACL will discuss its annual community picnic plans tonight at the regular monthly meeting at the Sebastopol Memorial Hall, it was announced by chapter president Ed Ohki.

The picnic is scheduled for July 15 at Doran Park.

Frank Oda, scholarship committee chairman, will present a final report on the chapter's Pioneer Memorial Scholarship. Mrs. Florence Kawaoka, Sonoma County JACL Auxiliary president, will report on a chapter social for June graduates.

On the refreshment committee tonight are Margarette Murakami and Greg Hamamoto.

## San Fernando Chapter to picnic in Soledad Canyon

SAN FERNANDO.—The San Fernando Valley JACL has rented the private picnic grounds, Bill's Place, in Soledad Canyon for its annual picnic tomorrow from 1-6 p.m., it was announced by Sam Uyebara, chapter president.

The picnic site is on Soledad Canyon Rd., some 10 miles east of the U.S. Hwy. 6 and Solemint junction. Swimming, fishing, wildlife zoo and picnic facilities will be available to all.

George Shibuya, picnic chairman, will be assisted by Kaz Kubota, refreshments, and Miki Nakagiri, children's games.

## Sequoia JACL bridge club organizes junior section

REDWOOD CITY.—A junior section of the Sequoia JACL Bridge Club was organized this week with regular meetings scheduled for Thursday nights at Okamura Hall, 925 Woodside Rd. The regular section meets every Wednesday at the same hall.

A 10-lesson series began last night under the tutelage of Mrs. May Soules, club tournament director who uses the Don Oakie method. Hiroshi Honda is the regular section club president.

## Judges revealed for SWLA Queentime Ball coronation

The five judges who will select Miss Southwest L.A. for the 1959 Nisei Week queen contest were announced this week by Southwest L.A. JACL president Joe Yasaki.

Ben Abrams, currently conducting dance classes for Nisei, will be chief judge, assisted by Reiko Inouye, one-time Nisei Week queen known professionally as Hanayagi Rokka, teacher of Japanese classical dances; Mrs. Kaz Ota, Beverly Hills hairdresser; Matsunosuke Oi, chapter Issei division leader; and Yasaki.

The Southwest area candidate will be introduced at the chapter's second annual Queentime Ball, June 13, at Old Dixie. All ladies will be admitted free to the dance.

## Detroit Bussei

DETROIT.—Edward Shiroma, Detroit JACLer, and local Bussei hosted Mrs. Tsuneo Ochi of Hiroshima, currently on a speaking engagement for the Buddhist association. Local Bussei have reactivated and plan to meet regularly in the future.

## Cutler school board

CUTLER.—Mas Hanada was elected to the Cutler Elementary School District board at the May 19 elections.

## PC LETTERBOX:

## Value of Washington Office Underlined

BY HAROLD GORDON  
National Chairman  
JACL Legislative-Legal Committee  
Chicago

If any JACLer were to suggest that we take our Endowment Fund of upwards of \$200,000 and dump it down the nearest drain, he would immediately be declared a fit candidate for a mental institution.

As a JACLer of more than 11 years' standing, during most of which time I have had intimate contact with the Washington Office, it is my considered opinion that if we abolished our Washington Office or dispensed with the services of our Washington Representative, we would be similarly tossing down the drain a JACL asset which cannot even be measured in a monetary sense.

I conceive our National organization to be a triangle with the Office of the National Director at one base, the Washington Representative at the other base, and the National Board at the apex. Remove either base and the edifice would, in my opinion, topple.

I wish that any JACLer who has any idea that because our "major legislative goals" have been accomplished we no longer need a Washington representative could look at the volume of mail which crosses my desk each week concerning important current and continuing problems.

### Problems Pending

In the past few months, for example, we have been concerned with the following matters, to name just a few:

1. Amendment of Senate Rule 22.
2. Statehood for Hawaii (and Mike received a citation which he accepted on behalf of JACL from the Hawaii Legislature for his yeoman work in behalf of this now successful project).
3. Introduction of a new bill amending the Evacuation Claims Act alleviating "hardship cases."
4. Introduction of a new amendment to the immigration laws which contain many provisions of inestimable benefit to all Americans of Japanese ancestry.
5. Statements prepared by Mike for the House and Senate committees in regard to JACL's position on the proposed civil rights legislation now under consideration (a continuing battle).
6. Calling of a White House conference to consider the problems of lawlessness and violence in the South.
7. Proposed destruction of WRA records and contemplated JACL moves for their preservation.

## Family outing planned by East L.A. Chapter

It will be a family outing at Belvedere Park on June 28, from 11 a.m., as well as a grand opportunity to meet Rose Matsui, East Los Angeles candidate for Miss Nisei Week this year at the East L.A. JACL annual picnic.

For those who can stay, a weiner bake is being planned at 5 p.m. Soda pop and ice cream will be "on the house", assured Roy Yamadera, chapter president.

Assisting are: Mabel Yoshizaki, Art Hasegawa, Frank Okamoto, Shiz Miya, Dorothy Katano, Rose Shinmoto and Sam Furuta.

The next general meeting is scheduled for Thursday, June 25, 8 p.m., at International Institute with Eric Erigenbright presenting a colored slide lecture of South America.

As for the current membership drive, the chapter newsletter Mimeo Memo reported 323 signed up—77 short of its goal of 400.

## 'Come as you are' dance to follow Idaho picnic

POCATELLO.—The annual Pocatello JACL community picnic will be held at the Southeastern Idaho Fairgrounds in Blackfoot on Sunday, June 21, with Seiji Endow as general chairman, it was announced by Hero Shiozaki, chapter president.

A "come as you are" dance will follow from 7:30 p.m. at the Blackfoot National Guard armory.

## Gardena center benefit

GARDENA.—Dr. Richard Ono, Gardena Valley Japanese Community Center president (and Gardena Valley 1000er), is general chairman of the center's benefit carnival June 27-28 to raise funds to maintain the center at 2000 Market St.

8. Elimination of the remaining alien land laws.

9. Elimination of laws barring interracial marriages (brought to the fore by the Harry Bridges incident in Nevada).

### Confidential Matters

These are just a few—space requirements prevent me from adding to the list—that and the fact that two vital matters affecting all of us have come up for decision and delicate handling in Washington, both of which are too confidential in nature to discuss in print.

Who can say, therefore, that these or similar problems will not remain with us for many years to come? How effective would our National organization be without someone in Washington to speak for us?

If we decide that we need continued Washington representation, then the question of who shall represent us remains. We must either think in terms of breaking in a new man or of keeping Mike on an altered basis where the demands upon his time will be reduced.

Washington is full of lobbyists representing various organizations which spend millions of dollars annually with far less effective results than JACL receives for a comparative pittance. Anything I might say about our Washington Representative would be redundant because it has been said so many times, but in view of the consideration now being given to the future of the Washington Office by the National Board meeting this week (to be followed by consideration in the districts and chapters and by the National Council), I felt that some few comments should be made at this time.

### JACL's Investment

Aside from all other considerations, JACL has an investment in Mike. We have paid for his education through the "Washington College and Graduate Schools" and are now reaping the benefits. If we were to try to break in a new man, we cannot expect him to reach the point of Mike's present efficiency and to build up Mike's present "contacts" with key congressmen and senators without paying the new man's "tuition" for a similar period of from 10 to 13 years in the "Washington School."

I consider myself to be pretty fair in putting words together, but I know that it would take me a week of research and another couple of days of painstaking long-hand composition to author a statement to a Senate or House committee on a pending bill in which JACL is interested, which Mike can and does dictate "off the cuff" in a couple of hours.

I could go on but I think you see the point—Mike can accomplish more for JACL on a part-time basis than any new man without similar experience and contacts can hope to accomplish full time.

In the interest of preserving our status as an effective National organization, therefore, I hope that the National Board and Mike can work out some method, retainer basis or otherwise, whereby Mike can continue to represent us and still have sufficient time to devote to his own affairs.

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# SACRAMENTO IN 'SIXTY: by Shig. Sakamoto

## As I Was Saying

For National 1000 Club Chairman Bill Matsumoto, his last trek to Southern California as guest of the PSWDC Convention at Long Beach was the second trip down south inside one month. The Long Beach meet was another sleepless night deal. At the National JACL bowling meet, he went without sleep for five nights—which makes him a wonder man. He's got a secret like Archie Moore has in making the weights. Bill's secret must be insomnia.

Attorney Henry Taketa is the president of the newly established El Rancho Bowl Corporation which also has Sacramentoans Bill Matsumoto (him again?) Kanji Nishijima, Toko Fujii and Kay Hamatani. This five-some will head the 20 lane bowling alley slated for construction sometime this month following corporation commission approval.

Speaking of Kanji Nishijima, the man held a small party (250 person) to celebrate the opening of his new Nishijima Building and in conjunction with his L & M Company which deals in TVs, appliances and sporting goods in celebration of 47 years in business—which is a long time. The Nishijima building also houses Lion Variety, Royal Florist and the Wakanoura on the second floor of the two story building.

Shozo Sakai and his son-in-law Jimmie Kai will head the 32 lane Freeport Bowl also slated for construction this month. This one is going up in the South Sacramento area, while El Rancho Bowl will be built in West Sacramento.

# POINTING SOUTHWESTWARD: by Fred Takata

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attendants Judi Sakimoto, Marcella Tsuchiya, Susan Shimizu, and Amy Hiroshige for their help in passing out the amards. They certainly gave the meet a lot of color and encouraged the boys to break records in order to receive their awards from these charming beauties. Queen Committee Chairman Jim Higashi really did a bang up job in getting this year's selection. The turnout of chapter members to help as officials was really terrific and enabled us to finish way ahead of schedule for the first time. To all of you who made this 8th annual JACL Nisei Relays one of the finest: "Muchas Gracias!"

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Open Division Nisei Relays winners—Nisei Trading—pose in victory with Herb Murayama (far left) and the Relays Queen Mitzi Yoshioka (in center). At far right is team captain Bill Saito. —Kashu Mainichi Photo.

## THREE RECORDS SHATTERED IN LOS ANGELES JACL NISEI RELAYS

Only three Los Angeles JACL Nisei Relays records were broken Sunday at Rancho Cienega, but the four-man relay quartet sporting the Oshige Jewelry Hobo shirts toured the half mile in 1m.33.4s., erasing a 19-year-old mark of 1m.33.7s. by a Bakersfield team whose names have long been forgotten.

Nori Takatani, Vic Mitsuno, Mas Miyano and Franklin Chong were pressed for the first quarter but pulled away some 25-50 yards at the finish to establish the only open division record of the day.

The first record to fall was the Junior broad jump mark of 20 ft. 7 in. set by Mas Miyano in 1958, which Jim Shigenaka of Orange County eclipsed with a leap of 20 ft. 10 inches.

Dick Sakamoto, Excelsior High flash in the sprints for the Orange County JAYs, clipped a 1958 mark in the Junior 100 with his 10.3s. effort.

The Nisei Traders won the open division team championship with a strong 110 points, their first since 1955. They outscored the Hobos, who had won the open division crown the past three years. The junior title, however, was successfully defended for the fifth time by the Hobos, which amassed over half of the total points.

### Midget-Cub Events

A pleasant surprise was the turnout of close to 75 Sansei for the new midget division this year. With so many, the committee subdivided them into the midget (13 and 14 years old) and cub (12 and under) divisions. And their seven events were squeezed into an already tight afternoon schedule but the eighth annual Nisei Relays wound up on time—which is a credit to Arnold Hagiwara, meet director, and Joe Iwanaga, track chairmen, and their loyal cohorts.

Dennis Ekimoto, Antelope Valley JC athlete, took open high point honors with double victories in the 100 and 220 plus spots on two relays.

Eddie Itagaki was the lone triple winner of the day with his victories in the 120 lows, high jump and shot put and a tie for second in the 50 to claim the junior division high point trophy.

### 12-Ft. Vault

Finding competition in the junior pole vault lacking, Mits Yamashita of Gardena stepped into the open class and soared to 12 ft.-1 in. to win. It was the best postwar mark in the Nisei Relays, but short of the record set by Dave

Hoshimiya in 1941 at 13 ft.-1 1/4 in. The oldest record in the books belongs to Will Tawa who broad jumped 22 ft.-7 1/4 in. in 1939. Ron Fujino of Nisei Trading won Sunday with a 21 ft.-3 in. leap. In the eight postwar meets to date, no one has hopped into the 22 ft. zone.

John Kanaya of San Jose JACL, only non-Southlander competing, who has the Nisei Relays mark of 6 ft.-3/4 in. in the open high jump competed but fail to place, unable to prepare for the meet as he's stationed at White Sands AFB in New Mexico. Ken Ishikawa of Gardena won at 5 ft.-11 1/2 in. The meet is sponsored by the L.A. JACL Coordinating Council. Mitzi Yoshioka of Torrance was queen of the meet and passed out the medals and awards to winners, assisted by her attendants: Judi Sakimoto, Marcella Tsuchiya, Susan Shimizu and Amy Hiroshige. The summaries:

### OPEN EVENTS

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## Baseball tickets available for San Jose JACLers

SAN JOSE. — The next regular meeting of San Jose JACL will be held on Friday, June 12, 8 p.m. at the JACL Bldg. It was also announced that members wanting tickets for the San Francisco-Cincinnati baseball game for June 16 can obtain them from Mrs. Tee Ajari of Wayne Kanemoto's office. A bus will pick up passengers in front of the JACL Bldg. at 6:30 p.m.

Ito (G), tie for third G. Kanow (H), and R. Yoshioka (OC), 5 ft.-11 1/2 in.  
Pole Vault—Mits Yamashita (G), R. Hata (LB), 12 ft.-1 in.  
Broad Jump—Ron Fujino (NT), D. Yeto (H), R. Takagi (P), M. Miyano (H), 21 ft.-3 in.  
Shot Put—Jerry Oshiyama (NT), F. Chong (H), R. Fujino (NT), S. Ogata (H), 48 ft.-1 1/2 in.  
440 Relay—Hobos (Takatani, Chong, Shimada, Miyano), Nisei Trading, 44.7s.  
880 Relay—Hobos (Takatani, Mitsuno, Chong, Miyano), Nisei Trading, 1m.33.4s. (New record: old mark, 1m.33.7s., Bakersfield 1940).  
TEAM SCORES: Nisei Trading 110, Hobos 97, Gardena 30, Orange County 21, Long Beach 12, Pasadena 5.

### JUNIOR EVENTS

50—Wally Fong (H), tie for 2nd B. Kataoka (H) and E. Itagaki (H), L. Low, 5.7s.  
100—Dick Sakamoto (OC), W. Fong (H), E. Sakaguchi (SF), L. Low (H), 10.3s. (New record: old mark, 10.4s., Miyano, 1958).  
660—Mark Matsumoto (OC), F. Wong (H), T. Ohara (OC), S. Umeda (un), 1m.33s.  
120 Lows—Eddie Itagaki (H), R. Kikuta (LB), L. Iwasa (NT), T. Ohara (OC), 14.3s.  
High Jump—Eddie Itagaki (H), L. Low (H), V. Mitsunaga (G), S. Kojima (H), 5 ft.-3 1/2 in.  
Pole Vault—Nobi Komori (LB), P. Ueyehara (H), 10 ft.  
Broad Jump—Jim Shigenaka (OC), K. Hamaguchi (H), B. Kataoka (H), N. Komori (LB), 20 ft.-10 in. (New record: old mark, 20 ft.-7 in., Miyano, 1958).  
Shot Put—Eddie Itagaki (H), R. Fujii (H), E. Endo (LB), K. Hamaguchi (H), 50 ft.-1 in.  
440 Relays—O.C. Jays (Shigenaka, Ohara, Takahashi, Sakamoto), Hobos, Long Beach, San Fernando 46.0s.  
660 Relay—O.C. Jays (Shigenaka, Ohara, Takahashi, Sakamoto), Hobos, Long Beach, 1m.11.5s.

TEAM SCORES: Hobos 117, O.C. Jays 56, Long Beach 24, Nisei Trading 6, San Fernando 5, Gardena 4, Unattached 2.  
MIDGET EVENTS  
50—Cliff Yoshida (T), C. Tanamachi (LB), D. Lee (H), T. Kikuta (H), 6s.  
75—Rocky Tadashira (LB), tie for 2nd C. Tanamachi (LB) and C. Yoshida (T), R. Shioji (LB), 8.6s.  
Broad Jump—Mickey Sato (T), R. Shioji (LB), C. Tanamachi (LB), T. Kikuta (H), 18 ft.-1 in.  
440 Relay—Hobos (Kaminishi, Lee, Kikuta, Maruyama), Tigers II, Long Beach I, 50s.  
TEAM SCORES: Long Beach 37, Tigers 33, Hobos 13.

CUB EVENTS  
50—Billy Zaima (T), A. Tsukimoto (P), R. Okumuro (P), D. Komatsu (T), 7.1s.  
Broad Jump—Billy Zaima (T), D. Komatsu (T), T. Itaya (P), A. Kawahara (T), 13 ft.-3 1/2 in.  
440 Relays—Tigers (Komatsu, Furukawa, Akahoshi, Zaima), Pasadena, Tigers II, Tigers II, 1m.11.5s.  
TEAM SCORES: Tigers 44, Pasadena 22.

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## VERY TRULY YOURS

By Harry K. Honda

● **NOTICING A PRETTY** girl sporting the first tint of a sunburn this week reminds us that summer is here, though the weather has been on the mild side locally this past weekend. . . . For most of us, the Memorial Day holiday ushers in the vacation season and our colleague in the adjoining office is already thinking of the galloping cubes, trout fishing and the great outdoors. About the only out-of-the-Southland jaunt we'll take is the one this weekend to San Francisco for the National JACL Board & Staff meeting—and judging from all that has come to our attention, a vacation it shall not be. . . . And vacation fever slammed our Northwest Picture conductor down as he skips a column this week. He hasn't gone anywhere—he's been greeting visitors day and night, instead.

● **ANYONE APPROACHING THAT** well-known Nipponmachi corner of East 1st and San Pedro Sts. in Los Angeles can't miss that gaudy "New Ginza" sign scaling the six-story Miyako Hotel and its canopied entrance. Kim Komatsu, ex-Sacramento, hosted hundreds of his friends, business acquaintances and the press at the reopening of the only Li'l Tokio night club last week. . . . Kim has imported a Tokyo show, redecorated the premises and the waitresses wear kimonos—all of which make ex-GIs stationed in Japan a bit nostalgic. . . . With so many guests streaming into the New Ginza, it was no time to be meeting the chef, but we'll second the motion of people around us who said the delectables were tasty and different. . . . And we'd like to add one cosmopolitan note: We were sitting with Dr. George Kambara, ex-Downtown L.A. JACL president, who knows the genial host as "Kimbo" from old days. The doctor had made a trip to Europe via New York one way and over the North Pole homeward. Sitting in midst of Japanese trappings and treats, here was mention of Copenhagen, Brussels, Zurich, Vienna, Paris and London at our table. . . . Speaking of travel, Japan Air Lines toasted Los Angeles with its first flight to Southern California last Friday and hosted a gay garden party at the Ambassador Hotel in the evening. We regret being unable to attend. . . . East Los Angeles JACL along with Shin Nichibei sponsored a luau at Ken Kono's popular spot in Santa Ana. Since our last visit Kono-Hawaii has expanded with a luau patio in the process of final touches for the coming summer season. We remember a sukiyaki feast in the "teahouse" the last time. And we'll remember the luau this time for we had to bring the teriyaki chicken and broiled spare ribs home to eat after midnight Friday. . . . The man referred to as a "nice armful" will cover the hilarity of the evening in his column on page 4.

## JACL Statement on Civil Rights —

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Amendment to the Constitution which requires the Congress to enforce "by appropriate legislation, the provisions of this article".

This amendment grew out of the Civil War and was designed to secure and make permanent those human rights, opportunities, and dignities for which millions of brave men and women "gave their last full measure of devotion". This Amendment remains today a challenge not only to us in the United States but also to those in the United Nations as the greatest charter of freedom ever conceived by free men. Its provisions should inspire the members of Congress as they inspire the free peoples of the world today.

The 14th Amendment provided that everyone born or naturalized in the United States was a full-fledged citizen both of the nation and the state in which he lived. No distinction or differentiation was made between these citizens as to race, color, creed, or national origin. All had equal rights which were presumed to be of equal value and validity. No categories were set up as to first and second class citizens. The Jew and the Gentile, the Negro and the White, the Oriental and the Occidental—all were to have equal rights under the law.

The 14th Amendment then went on to proclaim that "no State shall make or enforce any law which shall abridge the privileges or immunities of citizens of the United States; nor shall any State deprive any person of life, liberty or property without due process of law; nor deny to any person within its jurisdiction the equal protection of the laws".

The period for the states to act to protect the civil rights of all their citizens is long past. Now, it is up to the Federal Government to move in and undertake the responsibilities which the states have been unable or unwilling to assume.

The Courts have made the Constitutional mandate clear. It is now up to the Congress to enact the necessary implementing legislation and the Executive to enforce—without fear or favor—the laws protecting the civil rights of all our citizens everywhere in the land.

Not until the Congress and the President act, will the objective set by this Amendment 91 years ago, when it was ratified by the necessary number of states to become the 14th Amendment to our Constitution, be attained and all Americans be able to live and work in our land in peace and dignity. —(The End)

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### BIRTHS

**LOS ANGELES**  
Ishii, Theodore (Etsuko Shishido)—girl Debby A., Apr. 9.

### FRESNO

Fukuda, Mitsugi—girl, Apr. 20.  
Hara, Tom—boy, Apr. 29, Reedley.  
Hatanaka, Ben—girl, May 3, Sanger.  
Komoto, Yukuro—boy, Apr. 29.  
Nakamichi, Thomas—boy, Apr. 17.  
Sunamoto, Ken—boy, Apr. 23, Reedley.

### STOCKTON

Mikasa, Tadashi—boy, Mar. 28.  
Nakamura, Harry—girl Nancy L., Apr. 29, Acampo.  
Tatsukuni, James—boy, Apr. 5, Manteca.

### WATSONVILLE

Asano, Tetsuo (Keiko Nikaido)—girl, May 1.

### SAN JOSE

Nii, Kazuo—boy, Apr. 24.

### SAN MATEO

Araki, George S.—girl, Mar. 10, Stanford.

### HORI, Hiroshi—boy, Mar. 16.

### SAN FRANCISCO

Kawaguchi Masaru—girl, Apr. 26.  
Sakamoto, Noboru—boy, Apr. 15.  
Shimazu, Harumi—boy, Apr. 26.

### OAKLAND

Imura, Keichi—girl, Mar. 8.  
Matsuo, Hakunin—girl, Mar. 20, Berkeley.

Seiji, Fred—girl Dana K., Apr. 3, Berkeley.

### CONTRA COSTA COUNTY

Higuchi, William—girl, Mar. 16, Richmond.

Sakauye, Yosh—girl, Mar. 9, San Pablo.

### SACRAMENTO

Horizumi, James H.—girl, Apr. 1.

Itano, Dean—boy Stephen, Apr. 10.

Kawamura, Harry—girl, Apr. 20.

Keno Kern—boy, Apr. 21, Florin.

Kobayashi, Arthur—girl, Apr. 8.

Matsuura, Toshio—boy, Apr. 10.

Nomura, Kenneth—boy Apr. 20.

Sasaki, Yoshio—boy, Apr. 20.

Takata, Ray—girl, Mar. 6.

Toyama, Edwin—boy, Apr. 20.

Yamasaki, Susumu—girl, Apr. 1.

### SEATTLE

Tanabe, Frank S.—boy, Apr. 4.

### SACRAMENTO CHAPTER

#### TO PICK QUEEN CANDIDATE

SACRAMENTO.—Sacramento JACL will choose its representative to the 1960 National Convention Queen Contest on Saturday, July 11, at a coronation ball to be held at Masonic Temple.

Mary Yamamoto, chairman of the local contest, announced deadline for entry as July 1. Those interested were asked to contact JACL Queen Contest, 1406 4th St., Sacramento.

The winner of the Sacramento division will compete with other chapter candidates at the NC-WDC quarterly meeting Aug. 8 in Monterey.

#### Expect 4000 at Sacramento community picnic Sunday

SACRAMENTO.—Upwards of 4,000 are expected to enjoy the Sacramento community picnic this Sunday at Elk Grove Park. Toko Fujii is chairman, being assisted by local area organizations including the JACL and Jr. JACL.

The picnic grounds open at 10 a.m. and festivities wind up at 4:30 p.m. with entertainment and prizes.

#### Maryknoll drum & bugle corps guests of Navy

Active participants in the American Legion Navy Post 278 Memorial Day services aboard the USS Helena anchored in Long Beach Outer Harbor were the Maryknoll All-Girl drum and bugle corps. The Nisei-Sansei group was later hosted at a luncheon as special guests of Capt. Nels C. Johnson and his 1,000 man crew.

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## Evacuation —

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citizens. Further, to compensate for the economic losses suffered by many thousands of the "relocated," our Government has paid out a total of close to \$37 million in "restitution" settlements.

The story, once an ugly one in many respects, even though understandable as an emergency war measure, thus has reached a happy ending, as emphasized at the special ceremonies just

staged by the Justice Department. A key participant in this event has been Dean Rostow of the Yale Law School, and he has marked the occasion with words well worth quoting: "We are met to celebrate the correction of an injustice. The law has no higher duty than to acknowledge its own errors. . . . 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." The amends, frankly made, are something in which all Americans, including the Nisei, can take pride.

## Reversing Injustices

Washington Post and Times Herald, May 22, 1959

The classical complaint against democracies is the readiness with which they become victims of their own panics and hysterias. It might also be said, however, that only democracies have shown themselves capable of amending hysterical errors in the light of sober second judgments. The most recent example is the rehabilitation and recompense of the California Nisei—native American citizens of Japanese ancestry—for the outrages inflicted upon them during the popular hysteria that followed the bombardment of Pearl Harbor.

In substantial disregard of constitutional rights, some 72,000 of these Nisei were rounded up by the military, with the approval of local opinion and of the reigning Administration, and herded into concentration camps. Most of their property, too, was confiscated without even pretense of due process. Despite these injustices, the vast majority of the Nisei remained loyal to the country of their birth, and many of them afterwards served with great gallantry and self-sacrifice in the war against

the Axis powers, notably the members of the famous 442d regimental combat team. Some of the Nisei, however—only about 5700 in all—were so embittered by their treatment at the hands of their compatriots, and by the conditions of the "relocation" camps that they were persuaded to renounce their American citizenship.

Today all the Nisei who suffered in this wave of hysteria have been generously compensated for their property losses and all of the renunciants against whom no other evidence of willful disloyalty could be found have now been restored to full civil status. The great credit for the completion of this program of restitution belongs to Assistant Attorney General George Cochran Doub, who heads the Civil Division of the Department of Justice.

Mr. Doub's energy in pursuing the settlement of the Nisei claims proves, as Dean Rostow of the Yale Law School said at the commemorative exercises in General Rogers' office, that although we have shown ourselves "as a Nation capable of wrongs," we have also shown ourselves capable "of confessing and of seeking to expiate them." Or as a celebrated historian, describing a somewhat similar change of heart and reversal of judgment by the citizens of another democracy, put it: "The morrow brought repentance with it and reflection on the horrid cruelty of a decree which had condemned all to the fate merited only by a few."

#### SEATTLE NVC SENDING TWO TO BOYS STATE

SEATTLE.—Brian Kashiwagi, son of Mr. and Mrs. John M. Kashiwagi, and George Suyama, son of Mr. and Mrs. Shoichi Suyama, will attend the 1959 Evergreen Boys State at the Pacific Lutheran College campus June 14-21. The two Franklin High honor students are being sponsored by the Seattle Nisei Veterans Committee.

#### Talent show finalist

SANTA ROSA.—Concert pianist William Hayashi of Santa Rosa High will compete in the Exchange Club's Search for Talent finals here June 25. He won the local sweepstakes recently. At school he is vice-president.

#### Senior class secretary

SALT LAKE CITY.—Keiko Nakahara, who performed as Lotus Blossom in a local production of "Teahouse of the August Moon", was elected senior class secretary at Westminster College for the coming academic year.

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## Washington NEWSLETTER

BY MIKE MASAOKA

### Congressional Record

Washington D.C.

**LAST WEEK, AS** Congress recessed for its traditional Memorial Day weekend, capital observers were saying that, from the legislative record compiled up to that time, apparently the Democratic chieftains—Senate Majority Leader Lyndon Johnson and House Speaker Rayburn—are having more difficulty in handling the overwhelming majorities they now control than the lean ones of yesteryear.

It is easily recalled that prior to last November's elections which resulted in landslide victories for the Democratic Party, the Democratic majority in both the House and the Senate were razor-thin, especially in the Senate where a single vote separated the Democrats and the Republicans, during the last four years of the Eisenhower Administration up to this January.

The two previous Congresses had rolled up rather impressive, though not startling, legislative records which belied the President's election warning that a stalemate would result if the voters elected Democratic Congresses while a Republican controlled the White House.

**THIS MEMORIAL DAY** weekend recess historically marks the two-thirds-point in each legislative session. Up to this time, it is not expected that the Congress will have accomplished too much in the way of writing legislation. But, following the return of the lawmakers last Tuesday, the usual final rush to write a legislative record is on in earnest.

With talk that adjournment may be about Aug. 1, Congress thus far has passed only four of 33 major bills presented to it. These are Statehood for Hawaii, temporary jobless pay, extension of the draft, and the Second Supplemental Deficiency Appropriations.

Overall, the lawmakers have turned out about 250 bills, mostly of a minor and private character, though 26 are listed as public laws.

**STILL WAITING CONSIDERATION** are such important bills as aid for depressed areas, omnibus housing, airport construction, aid to education, labor reform, minimum wage increases, jobless compensation, limitation of Supreme Court powers, civil rights, immigration, agricultural surpluses and program, mutual security and foreign aid, World Bank Monetary Fund, life insurance taxes, anti-inflation measures, Tennessee Valley Authority's right to sell revenue bonds, more interstate highway funds, etc.

There's an old adage that once Congress disposes of the necessary housekeeping appropriations bills, adjournment is at hand. If this criterion is used, Congress has a long way to go. It has passed only the Second Supplemental, which included an item for \$1,210,170.37 for the payment of evacuation claims to 144 awardees, with at least 12 more waiting to be passed.

The appropriations bills lined up for consideration includes those for Agriculture, Commerce, District of Columbia, General Government, Independent Offices, Interior, Labor-Health, Education, and Welfare, Military Construction, Public Works, Defense, State-Justice-Judiciary, and Treasury-Post Office.

**AS USUAL, THE** House is ahead of the Senate, having passed 13 to the 10 by the Senate of the so-called major bills. Two are in Conference, meaning that they are in the last stages before being sent to the President, who has already signed four major bills. He vetoed a Democratic attempt to end Agriculture Secretary Benson's review of loans to be made by the Rural Electrification Administration. The Senate overrode the veto, but the House upheld it.

There has been more sound and fury, particularly in the Senate, of late than is usual under the "moderate" leadership of the Texans Johnson and Rayburn. The committee battles over the nominations of Mrs. Clare Booth Luce to be Ambassador to Brazil and of Admiral Lewis Strauss to be Secretary of Commerce have been spread in newspaper columns.

**REPUBLICANS HAVE SEIZED** upon what they term a "do-nothing" Congress, blaming it upon "presidential politicking" on the part of several senators who seem to aspire to the Democratic nomination next summer.

There may be more than a germ of truth in the GOP charges, for such measures as civil rights, labor reform, housing, farming programs, and the like pose real problems to all who would strive to become the Democratic Party standard bearer in the next presidential sweepstakes.

Replying, the Democrats point out that the very nature of these questions are so complex and involved that it takes considerable time to study all aspects. Furthermore, they add that it would be to the interests of the presidential hopefuls to have these divisive issues settled this year, instead of next, in order that they may campaign accordingly and in the hope that the people may have forgotten all of the implications of the actions taken this year.

**AT THE MOMENT,** the House Judiciary Subcommittee on Civil Rights is struggling to draft some kind of civil rights legislation to be considered by the House. The Senate Judiciary Subcommittee on Constitutional Rights is still bogged down in listening to Southern opponents of civil rights legislation.

On labor reform, the House Labor Committee is divided on whether to report a bill similar to the Kennedy bill that passed the Senate with only one negative vote. Labor itself now has come out against certain aspects of the bill, while the business community has opposed most of its provisions as not being "tough" enough.

Immigration legislation is also bogged down in the general passive attitude toward this subject, although the Senate Judiciary Subcommittee on Immigration and Naturalization has started some hearings on "general immigration bills".

The always difficult problem of farm surpluses has both the House and the Senate Agriculture Committees in a dilemma. Neither approves the Administration proposals but cannot come up with any effective counter-ideas.

## Housing bias strong in British Columbia against Japanese

VANCOUVER, B.C.—Strong discrimination against Japanese is still retained by many Vancouver citizens, though "not openly flaunted", the Vancouver Sun quoted last week.

The opinion was expressed by the Rev. Tadashi Mitsui, 27, minister of the Japanese United Church here. "It is a heartbreaking job trying to find living accommodations for many young Japanese couples moving to this city," he said.

"I have been turned away from many houses especially in the west end while seeking homes for congregation members. Many landlords take one look at us and just say, 'No'."

"I ask whether it is because we are Japanese. They strongly deny it but give no reason."

But conditions are better in the city now than before the war, Mitsui felt. "Much of the trouble was our own fault then because the Japanese discriminated themselves against the white citizens, too. The situation is getting better all the time, however," the flash-eyed young cleric said. "because both peoples are getting to understand each other much better."

## Sato wins honors at DU law school

DENVER. — Wilbur I. Sato, of Los Angeles, who is graduating from the Univ. of Denver Law School this month, won several top honors at the DU Law School.

Sato won the American Jurisprudence Awards in Constitutional Law and in Labor Law, from the Lawyer's Cooperative Publishing Co., which gives awards to students with the highest grade averages in various classes of jurisprudence. He won Encyclopedias of Law in the field of constitutional law and labor law.

Moreover, Sato was co-winner of the Labor Legislation award. He also received certificates of recognition for distinguished service as a staff member of "Dicta", the legal periodical of the Denver Bar Association. He had published two case comments, on constitutional law, relating to loss of citizenship by American citizens voting in foreign elections, and relating to equal protection of laws and due process as same affects rights of prisoners of war.

### Active in Mile-Hi JACL

Sato is attending DU Law School under partial scholarship, and has worked while attending school, to support his family, while living at 1322 King St., Denver 11. He has also been an active and helpful member of the Mile-Hi JACL.

While in Los Angeles, prior to his embarking upon legal studies here, he served as president of the East Los Angeles JACL chapter in 1954, and was a member of the Pacific Southwest District JACL Council from 1955-57.

Sato plans to return to California, following graduation.

## Japanese farm experts visit Colorado farms

DENVER. — Japanese crop insurance experts visited the Denver area last week, headed by Ichiji Shimoyama, managing director of the National Association of Agricultural Mutual Relief of Japan.

A seven man team of Japanese farm experts visited the farm of George and Willie Kiyota in the Ft. Lupton area, and of Jim and Leonard Mizuno in the Hudson area. All of the team members were impressed by the Japanese farms in this and other areas.

## DR. KAZATO'S SON WINS JR. HIGH SCHOOL ELECTION

FRESNO. — Ft. Miller Jr. High School, which has the largest enrollment here with over 1,000 students, elected popular Ernest Wayne Kazato as student body president for the fall term.

The son of Dr. and Mrs. Henry Kazato, active Fresno JACLers, the Sansei won over four other Caucasian candidates. He is also active with the Japanese Congregational Jr. Fellowship.

Dr. Kazato has served as Fresno County Medical Society delegate to the state medical convention for two years.



Miss Lois Oyama, 17-year-old honor student at Wells High School of Chicago, begins her recent trip to Washington, D.C., arranged by the Chicago JACL. She reigned as Chicago Jr. JACL's Princess of Springtime. The Washington, D.C., JACL co-operated by organizing the luncheon and sightseeing program for the Chicago beauty.

—Metro News Photo.

## CARBON-14 PROCESS EXHIBIT BY HILO HIGH STUDENT WINS AWARD

HILO. — A new method of determining the age of prehistoric material was the subject of an award-winning Territorial Science Fair project conducted by Stephen Murata, 17, a Hilo High School senior.

The method, known as Carbon 14 Process, makes use of an ultrasensitive Geiger counter to determine the amount of radioactivity remaining in the material to be dated together with a calibrated scale based on the radioactivity of modern carbon.

The award presented by the Anthropological Society of Hawaii was for young Murata's project: "Chemical Preparation of Samples for Dating of Prehistoric Lavas under the Carbon-14 Process".

He was one of 34 Hilo students chosen to enter a project in the Territorial Science Fair. He was one of two senior division students winning an award. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Murata of the Volcano Observatory at Hawaii National Park. He plans to enroll at the Univ. of Hawaii in the fall.

Jack Murata, who in 1956 was awarded one of the Distinguished Achievement Awards by National JACL, and his wife Betty were among the most active JACLers in the Washington, D.C. chapter. Jack hails from Marysville, Calif., and worked with the U.S. Geological Survey in Washington. His work in 1950 led to the discovery of niobium, a rare mineral, in Arkansas, used in making jet engines.

## College opening in fall holds student elections

WATSONVILLE.—Elaine Ura, winsome lass who was Fourth of July Parade Goddess last year, was elected temporary treasurer of the new Cabrillo College student body, which will function in September when it meets for the first time on the Watsonville High School campus.

The temporary cabinet is meeting to study student programs in effect on 25 California junior college campuses. Permanent officers are to be elected in September.

## KADOMOTO'S ASSISTANT MAY BE 'MY FAIR LADY'

GLENDAL, Ariz. — Tom Kadomoto's right-hand girl, Ethel A. Stack, in his General Accounting Service here was one of 15 finalists in the statewide "My Fair Lady" contest sponsored by the Arizona Republic. There were some 120 contestants.

Mrs. Stack has been with the prominent Arizona JACLer for the past 4½ years, starting on a part time basis and serving as full time office manager today.

## Teacher scholarship

DENVER. — Elaine Kuritani, 18, of 3327 Gilpin St., was the Manual High School winner of \$100 scholarship from the Denver Classroom Teachers Association, selected by the Future Teachers of America Club at school. Five future teachers were selected from each of the Denver high schools for this honor, and Miss Kuritani is the sole Nisei winner.

## U.S. committee for refugees appoint Masaoka to board

(JACL News Service)

WASHINGTON. — Mike Masaoka, Washington representative of the Japanese American Citizens League, has been appointed to the National Council of the United States Committee for Refugees.

The U.S. Committee for Refugees is an organization composed of Americans from many walks of life and of representatives of voluntary agencies who are concerned by the appalling human sorrow represented by the millions of refugees living in limbo in the free world. Chairman of the Board is The Very Rev. Francis B. Sayre, Jr., of Washington. President is Harper Sibley of New York, former president of the U.S. Chamber of Commerce and a wartime national JACL sponsor.

The committee is also concerned by the serious humanitarian and economic implications of unsolved refugee problems for the United States. The presence of large numbers of refugees in any country, the Committee feels, contributes to its instability and directly affects United States appropriations for foreign economic and military aid.

Established in the winter of 1956, the Committee proposes (1) to inform the public about the world refugee problems and issues, (2) to consult regularly with Government leaders and United Nations officials, (3) to stimulate research on refugee field, and (5) to further American participation in World Refugee Year.

## Student body prexy

HUNTINGTON BEACH.—Richard Numata was elected student body president of the new Westminster High School for the coming year.

## CALENDAR

- June 6 (Saturday)  
San Fernando Valley—Chapter picnic, Bill's Pluace, Soledad Canyon, 1 p.m.  
San Jose — Bridge Night, Buddhist Church hall, 8 p.m.  
Salt Lake City — Graduates dance, Memory Grove Memorial Hall.  
Watsonville—Graduates barbecue party, Sunset Beach, 6 p.m.  
San Francisco—Auxiliary dance, Booker T. Washington Center, 8:30 p.m.  
Detroit—Teen Club bowling.  
June 7 (Sunday)  
San Francisco—Nat'l JACL Board and Staff meeting.  
Fremont — "Railroad Days" booth, Niles.  
June 7 (Sunday)  
Sacramento—Community picnic, Elk Grove Park, 10 a.m.  
Yellowstone—Community picnic, Beiburg.  
June 11 (Thursday)  
Detroit—Executive meeting, International Institute, 8 p.m.  
June 12 (Friday)  
San Jose—General meeting, JACL Hall, 8 p.m.  
Mt. Olympus—General meeting.  
Philadelphia — Meeting, International Institute; Henry Shimanouchi, speaker.  
June 13 (Saturday)  
Sonoma County—JACL Bowling dinner, Green Mill, Cotati.  
Long Beach—Nisei Week queen dance, Grisinger's.  
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)  
Idaho Falls, Pocatello, Yellowstone—Joint Graduates dance, White Elephant Supper Club, Idaho Falls.  
Monterey Peninsula—Community picnic.  
Idaho Falls—Community picnic.  
June 19 (Friday)  
San Fernando Valley—Nisei Week queen ball, UAW Hall, 11825 Sherman Way, North Hollywood.  
June 20 (Saturday)  
Chicago—Jr. JACL dinner-dance, Sheridan Plaza.  
Chicago—Men's Nite.  
Salinas Valley—Picnic, Sheriff Ponce Ground.  
Pocatello—Community Picnic, Southeast Idaho Fairgrounds.  
Pasadena—Introduction of "Miss Pasadena" for Nisei Week at Gardeners Assn. picnic, Brookside Park.  
June 23 (Tuesday)  
New York—General meeting.  
June 25 (Thursday)  
East Los Angeles—General meeting, International Institute, 8 p.m.; travel talk on South America.  
June 26 (Friday)  
Hollywood—Graduates outing, Elysian Park Lodge.  
June 27 (Saturday)  
Pasadena — Benefit movie, Cleveland School, 7:30 p.m.  
June 27-28  
San Fernando Valley—Sun Valley carnival booth.  
June 28 (Sunday)  
East Los Angeles—Family picnic, Belvedere Park, 11 a.m.  
Cleveland — Community picnic, Wiegand's Lake.  
San Francisco — Community picnic, Speedway Meadows, Golden Gate Park.  
July 3 (Friday)  
Watsonville—Benefit movies.  
July 4 (Saturday)  
St. Louis—Chapter picnic.  
July 5 (Sunday)  
Sonoma County—Community picnic, Doran Park.