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COLUMN LEFT:

Eight questions and then some for JACL

Mike Masaoka springs a searching look into the future of JACL by asking eight questions, which sit as the heart of his column this week. We're sure our other columnists as well as members and officers of JACL will pose equally interesting posers or opinions—now that the 1960-70 Planning Commission has been formed by the national organization to spell out JACL's objectives in the forthcoming decade.

Some of the questions concern whether the organization should continue to represent persons of Japanese descent in America; wider development of the organization internally to serve their respective areas; serve and guide national public policy with respect to international relations, especially with Japan; or return to the fraternal, educational group as originally founded.

As suggested by Mike, it is important that individual members—as well as non-members in the Nisei and non-Nisei community—make their ideas known to the Planning Commission "for what is at stake is not only the future of an organization but possibly also that of a nationality, minority society in our national life."

Those who feel their suggestions of the possible roles for JACL might be of general interest to PC readers are invited to send them into the "PC Letterbox", otherwise direct them to our national president, Shig Wakamatsu, 6231 S. Ellis St., Chicago, Ill.

After a near decade of marking time, JACLers should be ready to take another step forward.

We trust this week's Washington Newsletter will be read with more than casual care as Mike, who has served JACL on a professional basis for over 20 years, has gone to more than normal lengths to enumerate a few of the paths.—H.H.



GERALD NAKASHIMA
Bound for West Point

San Jose cadet reporting to U.S. Military Academy

SAN JOSE. — Gerald Nakashima, 17, son of Mr. and Mrs. Noboru Thomas Nakashima of San Jose, was recently appointed to enter West Point Military Academy by Congressman Charles S. Gubser (R.), Tenth Congressional District. The appointee is a June, 1959 graduate of the San Rafael Military Academy in Marin County. While attending San Rafael Military Academy, he received high honors for scholastic, military, and athletic excellence and rose to the rank of cadet captain.

Gerald Nakashima will leave during the first of July for West Point since his reporting date is July 7.

New Jersey Sansei gets appointed to Air Force Academy

(Special to the Pacific Citizen)
BERGENFIELD, N.J. — Warren Nogaki has been appointed to the United States Air Force Academy at Colorado Springs, Colo., by United States Senator Clifford Case, New Jersey Republican.

He is the second son of Florence and the late Takeo Nogaki of North Bergenfield, New Jersey. Takeo is one of the founders of the Japanese American Citizens League movement, being one of the charter members of the Seattle Progressive Citizens League, forerunner of the JACL, in the mid-twenties. He served several terms as president of the Seattle JACL chapter and as an officer of the prewar Pacific Northwest District Council.

Warren was an honor graduate last June of the North Bergenfield High School, where he participated in athletics and extracurricular activities. When he placed high in the competitive examinations last summer for the Air Force Academy, he was nominated by Senator Case but failed of appointment because he was a few days under age to qualify. Since this age requirement could not be waived, he had to wait over a year until his appointment was cleared.

GOV. BROWN AWARDS FRESNO LASS PRIZE

FRESNO.—Ross Toshiyuki, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Michi Toshiyuki graduating from Edison High School, won first place in the statewide fire prevention poster contest. She received an award from Governor Brown in a Sacramento ceremony.

FHA, VA assisted tract housing target of Calif. civil rights bill

SACRAMENTO. —One of the most important civil rights legislation before the 1959 session of the California legislature was passed by the State Senate Monday and returned to the Assembly for agreement on amendments.

The bill, AB 890 authored by Assemblyman Augustus Hawkins (D., Los Angeles), prohibits discrimination because of race, color, religion, national origin or ancestry in the rental or sale of publicly assisted housing accommodations constructed or otherwise aided with public funds.

The bill breezed through the Assembly in mid-March by a large majority vote but was delayed by the Senate Judiciary Committee for two months before presented to the Senate body with several amendments.

Adopted in the committee were amendments excluding non-profit housing and modification of enforcement provisions.

When the measure reached the Senate floor, it was delayed further by referral to the Senate Finance Committee, which removed application of the bill to Cal-Vet. Major feature of the bill is its application to tract housing available under FHA and federal VA insured loans.

Calif. welfare boosts approved by Assembly

SACRAMENTO. — The Assembly Tuesday last week passed two bills that would raise state welfare costs more than seven million dollars a year. The bills are in the Senate.

One measure, by Assemblyman Bruce F. Allen (R., Los Gatos), extends old age benefits to aliens who are 65 and have been in the United States 25 years before applying. Allen said the bill would cost the state four million dollars but would be augmented by \$4,900,000 in Federal funds each year.

A bill by Assemblyman Augustus F. Hawkins (D., Los Angeles), would cost California \$3,113,000 by increasing maximum hardship payments to persons collecting old age benefits from \$106 to \$115 a month.

The Assembly also passed Hawkins' bill to prohibit state officials or employees from trying to influence people about joining organizations for the aged, blind or disabled.

Calif. Assembly passes anti-bias licensee bill

SACRAMENTO. — The Assembly last week voted 52-16 to ban racial or religious discrimination by any licensee of the state.

The measure by Assemblyman Phillip Burton (D., San Francisco), would require the suspension or revocation of the license of any business or professional person found guilty of discrimination.

The bill will attack discrimination in real estate, bars, barber-shops, etc.

The bill is now in the Senate. Burton has asked that letters be sent to State Senators requesting their support of the bill, which is A.B. 2612.

GOVERNOR SWEARS IN JOE SAITO TO BOARD

SALEM, Ore. — Joe Saito, Ontario, was sworn in as a member of the Oregon State Board of Agriculture Tuesday by Gov. Mark Hatfield in morning ceremonies at the Statehouse.

Saito is an active Snake River JACL member and onetime Intermountain District Council chairman.

Arizona Sansei competes in nat'l finals of spelling bee, misses at 30th round

(Special to the Pacific Citizen)
WASHINGTON. — For Nisei who complain that their Sansei children just don't know how to spell correctly, there's 13-year-old Margaret Tanita of Glendale, Ariz., to dispel their notions.

Margaret won the Arizona State Spelling Bee and represented her State at the 32nd annual Scripps Howard newspaper chain-sponsored National Spelling Bee, which was held here last week.

She competed with 69 other contestants from every State in the Union and England and Mexico, the latter champions being sponsored by the Stars and Stripes, the Army newspaper.

She didn't win the national championship, but she managed to survive until the 30th round, when she tripped over the word, "equi-pollent", which is an adjective meaning to be equal in force, validity, or effectiveness, (in case the Nisei parents may be in doubt).

The national champion is Joel Montgomery, 12-year-old Denverite, who correctly spelled "far-gatious", "prolegomenous", and "catamaran" to win the contest which is open to students up to the eighth grade in school. Joel is the first boy to win the past several years. Traditionally, girls are the champions.

Margaret is the third of five

children of Shig and Haru Tanita, of Glendale. She is believed to be the first of Japanese ancestry to participate in the national championships.

She was one of the graduating speakers of the Washington Grammar School just prior to her departure for the nation's capital to take part in this annual spelling bee.

Her father, Shig, is one of the active Nisei community leaders in the Phoenix-Glendale area. He has served as president of the Arizona chapter of the Japanese American Citizens League.

Poor swimmer dies in vacation tragedy

SANTA CRUZ. — A day at the beach last week celebrating the letting out of school ended in the tragic death of for Kenneth Kazuo Matsumoto, 16, son of Mr. and Mrs. George Matsumoto, 156 Amaral Rd., Castroville. He was a student at Salinas Union High School.

While the cause of death was listed as drowning at the Santa Cruz Broadwalk pool, how Kenneth and his close friend Larry Hagan, 15, died in the pool was unknown.

The boys were in a party of six, accompanied by Mrs. Matsumoto and Mrs. Donald Rossotti. They entered the plunge about 6 p.m. for a swim while the two women sat in the balcony of the indoor pool. Shortly before 8:30 p.m., two of the boys in the party missed Kenneth and Larry and after searching through the locker room, found the pair at the bottom of the pool at a depth of 9½ ft. Resuscitation efforts by the Santa Cruz fire department for more than an hour failed to revive them.

Mrs. Matsumoto said her son was not a good swimmer and usually stayed in shallow water.

7-year-old dies in roadside accident

SACRAMENTO.—Terry Takamoto, 7, apparently waiting for his school bus and seeing it approach, ran into the road and into the path of a car driven by a Mather AFB airman. He died several hours later of injuries suffered in the accident.

He was the son of Mrs. Jane Takamoto, Rt. 2, Box 2818-B. Accident occurred on Bradshaw Rd., ½ mile south of U.S. 50 east of here.

100th Infantry Battalion reorganized as battle group, retaining same numerals

HONOLULU. — The Dept. of the Army has authorized the redesignation of the famed 100th Battalion 442nd Infantry, to that of the 100th Battle Group, 442nd Infantry, with headquarters at Fort DeRussy.

The 100th Battalion was known as the "Purple Heart" Battalion. During World War II, it amassed more Purple Heart medals than any other unit of comparable size. Given the singular honor of retaining its original numerical designation, it is the only battle group in the entire U.S. Army to have a three-numerical identification.

The "new look" of the 100th Battle Group replaces the three battalion structure found in the old regimental system with five rifle companies, headquarters company and a combat support company. The Battle Group allows greater striking capability, fire power, mobility and flexibility to cope with the lightning situation changes that would occur on the nuclear battlefield.

Lt. Col. Walter K. Mookini, commanding officer of the 442nd Infantry Regiment, will now command the 100th Battle Group, 442nd Infantry. When orders for the reorganization were received, Lt.

Col. Mookini said:

"The use of the number '100' in the designation of the 100th Battle Group is a departure from established Army policy. This permits us to retain the numerical identity made famous by the 100th Battalion during the second World War. It is a unique honor which we are deeply proud of."

"Let us assure you that the original 'Go For Broke' spirit will be carried on even more enthusiastically as we enter into a new phase of 442nd Infantry history."

SAN MATEO STUDENT GIVEN 'HARVARD BOOK'

SAN MATEO. — Ben Haraguchi, San Mateo High junior and son of Mr. and Mrs. Kaz Haraguchi, 121 S. Fremont St., was judged the outstanding English student of his class and presented the 1958 Harvard Book.

The award is given annually to selected high schools by the Harvard Club of San Francisco. It contains 300 years of essays on Harvard written by noted author graduates of the university.

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Official Notices

To All JACL Chapters For Immediate Action

Protest of Ruark's Column

From JACL National Director Mas Satow

Following the recent public statement by the U.S. Department of Justice asking Nisei to forgive the Government for the evacuation, nationally syndicated columnist, Robert C. Ruark wrote that such a request by the Government was unnecessary and went on to identify the Nisei with Japan, whether deliberately we do not know.

The particular column appeared in the newspapers on June 1 or 2.

1. Chapters in areas served by papers carrying this particular column by Robert Ruark will please get their members and friends to write letters of protest to the local newspaper calling attention to this slur on Japanese Americans and setting the record straight, if you have not already done so. The local paper will probably forward such letters to the columnist, and, we hope, publish some of these.

Some papers which regularly carry this particular columnist chose to omit the particular column in question, most likely in deference to Japanese Americans. Where such did happen, this would indicate an understanding by the editor of the Nisei situation.

2. If Ruark's column appears regularly in a paper in your area, please let National Headquarters know:

- The name of the paper
- Whether the particular column was carried by the paper.

THIS IS IMPORTANT FOR OUR NATIONAL PUBLIC RELATIONS!

For the general information of the chapters in areas where this columnist does not appear, the following will give an idea of the obnoxious column:

"To be very rudely blunt about it, I did not care very much for a piece of bootlicking public relations that somebody told Attorney General William Rogers to make the other day when he besought forgiveness from a few thousand Japanese (72,000) who got uprooted from their West Coast diggings and chucked into concentration camps just after Pearl Harbor.

"Speaking in the name of the United States Government, Rogers said that a program to restore citizenship to about six thousand Nisei (Americans of Japanese ancestry) who had renounced their citizenship as a gesture of anger (naturally, after Japan lost the war) was 'an attempt to make up for a mistake our nation made' toward a group of its citizens.

"An Assistant Attorney General George C. Doub hoped the Nisei 'would have the charity to forgive their Government.'

"I hope so, too. But, I hope my Government will 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. People who were caught in Malaya and Singapore, and who died in death marches and under the clubbed butts of guns. None of our impounded Nisei suffered overmuch.

"Now as I recall this—my memory is not clear, as I with small success these here Japs were—roaring around about was trying to learn how to be a naval ensign at the time, the Philippines and in the Solomons, and Hawaii was a mess. California was pretty close to the Pacific theater, which was wrong of course, since according to Congressional thinking, California should have been in Lake Erie, for safety's sake.

"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 as much for their own protection as for the possibility that blood would be thicker than foreign water and a good solid 'Banzai!' might rouse the beast in your cook-boy or gardener. I remember this rather clearly as I went along to interview him about the time his brother was being named No. 1 in Europe, and just before they gave me my sailor suit.

"We interned these people since, after all, we were at war and until 'Suzie Wong' and 'Flower Drum Song' came along, Orientals had a decided faculty for remaining Orientals in heart and head. This was considerably before Japan was discovered to be a gallant ally which did not attack Pearl Harbor at all.

"I don't think our indignant Nisei had much to complain of in their internment. I saw some occidental skeletons, barely alive, coming out of various occupied portions of the East when the Japs started losing their conquered ground. They weren't very pretty.

"Me, and I speak for about 14 million service people and their families, I do not acknowledge that our nation 'made a mistake', nor do I seek a plugged yen's worth of forgiveness for anything we did toward security in 1942. The troops the United States sent to Attu and Kiska and Guadalcanal had it a hell of a sight rougher than the conserved Nisei, even if the troops went at the beck of the draft board."

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PRESS COMMENTS:

A Wrong Righted

Monterey Peninsula Herald, May 27, 1959

People and nations sometimes do things for which they later have remorse. It is not easy to admit a mistake, especially one made at a time of bitterness and hate. Both people and nations must act with nobility of purpose in admitting the error and making restitution insofar as restitution is possible.

America has done both. And every citizen can be proud of the occasion which was celebrated last week in Washington when the Justice Department completed the long task of restoring rights of Americans of Japanese ancestry who sought return of the citizenship they renounced in the bitterness of wartime relocation.

The occasion was celebrated in a department ceremony as "A day of pride for American law" in the righting of a wrong.

The description was applied by Dean Eugene V. Rostow of Yale Law School, an honor guest and one of those who fought longest for the restoration program.

The Dean's 1945 article in the Yale Law Review analyzing the situation is rated the principal challenge to the constitutional basis of the evacuation program.

Rostow told the gathering in the office of Attorney General William P. Rogers that "The law has no higher duty than to acknowledge its own errors."

Rogers himself put the same thought this way: "Our country did make a mistake. We publicly recognized it and as a free nation publicly made restoration."

More than 27,000 native born Americans of Japanese ancestry were rounded up on the West Coast after Pearl Harbor and moved to inland relocation centers as a security measure. Some of these families were from the Monterey Peninsula. They were born in Monterey and Pacific Grove and Carmel and nearby areas. They attended the local schools. They were Americans. They were our neighbors. And good fellow citizens. And many of them went on later to fight and die on the field of battle defending America.

It is good to be able to report that America did not let them down.

At the time of the detention, it is understandable that many of these young Americans felt their country had let them down. After three years of detention, 5,765 renounced citizenship, a move described in last week's ceremony as an outgrowth of frustration and hysteria.

Of that number 3,735 later chose to stay in this country and try to regain citizenship. Another 2,031 elected repatriation to Japan but

1,674 of those changed their minds and reapplied.

Altogether only 425 of the 4,984 who applied for restoration have been turned down. Only 78 of those were from the group who never chose to leave the country.

The Americans of Japanese ancestry found they had many friends among their fellow Americans. Tribute was paid last week to Asst. Atty. Gen. George Cochran Doub, author of the liberalized legal theory that speeded the process of restoration.

This new approach provided for restoration of citizenship unless there was an actual showing of disloyalty. The old rule required an affirmative proof of loyalty by the applicant.

There were many thousands of Americans who helped in other ways, both officially and by standing up to be counted in local situations throughout the land.

In the early days of the war The Herald took a strong editorial stand which never faltered. This column called for fair play in the treatment of resident Japanese and Americans of Japanese parentage. "So far as this editor is concerned," wrote the late W.M. O'Donnell, "the latter are no longer Japanese Americans but just plain Americans."

Late in 1945, taking cognizance of some opposition which was developing in the Salinas area and parts of Monterey, The Herald set the pattern for the entire area by warmly welcoming the Japanese families back home.

Once again The Herald questioned earlier action "against all members of the Japanese race—regardless of loyalty, background, personal and economic sacrifice or anything else."

"Even under war confused conditions prevailing at the time the order was executed many people felt it was all wrong. This, of course, is a kind of second guessing. But it is the kind of second guessing that a democratic people should and must indulge in."

Now, nearly 15 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.

In addition, all damage claims arising from the hasty evacuation have been settled. Among the whole group, evidence of disloyalty was almost nil. It is what we might have expected from these, our neighbors.

All Americans can be proud of their country's action in righting a wrong, and not the least of these are the Americans of Japanese ancestry.

PC Letter Box

YOUTH PROGRAM QUESTIONED

I still say that JACL's youth program, with all due respect to Dr. Roy Nishikawa and those have worked so hard up to now, is a tremendous job, full of dangers if the wrong beginning (if begun at all) is made. A full and complete reappraisal of the idea and program must be made before too many half promises, wrong interpretations and plans are made.

I hope articles pro and con will continue in the PC and a clear cut picture be presented as to how we the JACL stands officially in this matter.

The board and staff session was a wonderful experience for me and I certainly justify the decision of the National Council to hold it annually.

I would like to add that San Francisco was wonderful, San Francisco JACL was wonderful, its chapter leader Steve Doi and members hospitable.

TAK TERASAKI, Chairman
Mountain Plains Dist. Council
Denver, Colo.

TOJO'S DAUGHTER TO STUDY AT MICHIGAN

TOKYO. — Kimie Tojo, petite 26-year-old daughter of the wartime Japanese premier, accepted a scholarship offered by a trustee of the Univ. of Michigan at Ann Arbor. She will continue her graduate studies in international relations, having already received a master's degree from Hosei University here last March.

Unnamed newsletter

Kango Kunitzugu was announced as chief editor of the South Central Area Welfare Planning Council newsletter recently. Rather than detaining its first edition for lack of a suitable nameplate, the publication was issued nameless. George M. Nishinaka is executive director for the council, headquartered at 701 E. 88th Pl., Los Angeles 2.

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From the Frying Pan

By Bill Hosokawa

HIP-SHOT ARTIST — Columnist Robert Chester Ruark confessed to his public one day recently that many people don't like him. Perhaps the confession was made in a moment of candor. Or maybe he couldn't think of anything else to write about that day. At any rate he admitted that as a result of some of the things he has written, "I am loathed in the South, hated in the North, detested in the West and stoned in Arkansas..."

Small wonder. Ruark, minion of the Scripps-Howard newspapers, has become the outstanding exponent of hip-shot columning since the heyday of the bitter and dyspeptic Westbrook Pegler. As any fan of TV Westerns can tell you, a hip-shot doesn't take the time or trouble to aim. Or think. He just fires away. It's a sort of reflex action. It's a sloppy way to fight or write a column.

THROWBACK—What brings Mr. Ruark within the ken of this column is a piece he wrote last month after the Department of Justice admitted the evacuation of the Nisei from the West Coast was wrong. Ruark was particularly incensed that Attorney General William Rogers and Assistant Attorney General George C. Doub expressed hope the "Nisei would have the charity to forgive their government."

This, Ruark declared, is "a piece of bootlicking public relations." With that, he began to shoot off the hip in all directions.

He recalled the perfidy of Pearl Harbor. He remembered Japanese prison camps, torture, brutality and death marches in the Orient, and pointed out by way of contrast that "none of our impounded Nisei suffered overmuch."

"I don't think our indignant Nisei had much to complain of in their internment," Ruark wrote. "I saw some Occidental skeletons, barely alive, coming out of various occupied portions of the East when the Japs started losing their conquered ground. They weren't very pretty."

"Me, and I speak for about 14 million service people and their families, I do not acknowledge that our nation 'made a mistake,' nor do I seek a plugged yen's worth of forgiveness for anything we did toward security in 1942..."

Shades of post-Pearl Harbor hysteria! Ruark wrote like a throwback to the days when allegedly responsible commentators were seeing Tojo's evil hand behind every bewildered, frightened, outraged American with a Japanese face.

IGNORANCE? — What Mr. Ruark didn't know, didn't bother to find out, or ignored, is that the Nisei were and are loyal American citizens, and Americans guaranteed certain fundamental and inalienable rights by the Constitution, the document on which this nation is founded. What he needs is for someone to take him off into a quiet corner and give him a short lesson in high school civics.

Ruark's chief claim to fame in his early years as a columnist was a glib style that many found humorous. A few years ago he attained an income tax bracket high enough to make feasible safaris to Africa and a continental villa. This automatically qualified him as an expert on many matters, but apparently it did not improve his knowledge about nor appreciation of the rights of American citizens.

There are many among the "14 million service people and their families" who would object to Mr. Ruark's self-appointed role of spokesman for them. They know that he speaks out of ignorance and prejudice to tarnish principles for which all Americans — service people, civilians, Nisei or whatever—sacrificed much.

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Nat'l flower mag features designs by Hollywood JACler

Designs by Arthur T. Ito of Flower View Gardens, active Hollywood JACler, were featured in the June "Art in Flowers" magazine circulated internationally to florists and designers from New York.

There were four pieces featured, injecting motifs from the Orient and Hawaii into his typically California styling. Ito's use of 18 anthuriums in one design backed by a sea fan, ti leaves and evergreen may seem profligate to Eastern designers, who find them too costly to use in such abundance. But the editor commented the same lines could be followed effectively with fewer blooms.

As the "featured designer of the month", Ito's background (including mention of his JACL membership and his floral decorations for JACL's national convention at the Statler Hilton in Los Angeles) in the floral industry was duly presented.

The Los Angeles-born Nisei started in the flower business at 17, but was drafted before Pearl Harbor and served with the Army Air Corps in the Pacific with radio intelligence throughout World War II. Discharged in 1945, he returned to Los Angeles and started his flower shop with his wife and father-in-law. His two sons, Arthur, Jr., 15, and James, 11, will be thoroughly indoctrinated in the floral industry if they should decide to choose it as a career.

Active Businessman

He has been active in all phases of the industry, the magazine continues to report. Art was co-chairman of the National TDS convention in Los Angeles in 1956, and this year's National FTD convention in Los Angeles will find him serving as floral committee chairman. He was So. Calif. Teleflora Unit president in 1957, serving this year on the FTD Unit 10A board, treasurer of the flower market, director of the Calif. State Florists Assn., and recently reappointed to the So. Calif. Floral Assn. board of directors.

A participant in many local design schools and programs, his work has been seen in many large industry meetings in California, was a guest designer at the Teleflora national convention held in Toronto.

Art is also a member of the Pacific Citizen board.

Maryknoll School holds 23rd commencement day

Maryknoll School held its 23rd commencement exercises this past Sunday graduating a class of 36 Nisei-Sansei students, it was announced by Father Michael J. McKillop, pastor.

Theresa Taga, valedictorian, and Mitzi Shitanda, salutatorian, were the top honor students. The Rev. J.P. Languille, CYO archdiocesan director, was commencement speaker. Awarding of diplomas and awards was under direction of Sr. Mary Berchmans, acting school superior.

Western Pioneer declares 75c per share dividends

OAKLAND. — Western Pioneer Insurance Co. announced this week payment of 75 cents per share dividend on July 15 to stockholders of record on July 1, 1959.

Three doctors graduate

EUGENE, Ore. — Among 66 conferred doctor of medicine degrees from the Univ. of Oregon Medical School last week were George Sakurai, Edward T. Toyooka and Toshi Hasuiki.

Perry Post officers

Harry Yamamoto was installed commander of American Legion Commodore Perry Post 525 this past week. Its auxiliary chairman is Mrs. Lily (Kawai) Urasaki.

Short story winner

PORTLAND. — Dick Uyesugi, senior at Portland State College, won the \$250 first prize in the Oregon Centennial short story contest for undergraduate students. Title of the winning story: "A Few Moments for a Fool".

Senator Lions elect

SACRAMENTO. — Stanley Sugimoto was installed June 6 as president of the Senator Lions, succeeding Dr. Akio Hayashi.



CAROLE SOMEKAWA
PTA Scholarship Winner

Portland lass wins state PTA award

PORTLAND. — Carole Somekawa was awarded a four-year scholarship to the Univ. of Oregon by the Oregon Congress of Parent-Teachers. Carole, a senior at Grant High School, won the award over 600 other applicants in a statewide competition. She is planning to major in education.

In addition to earning straight A grades throughout her high school years, Carole has managed to take part in many extra-curricular activities. She is a member of the National Honor Society, a vice-president of the Future Teachers of America, General Council President, a student body officer, Junior Achievement and other clubs and committees.

She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Somekawa, who are active members of the JACL.

Somekawa was recently elected president of the Benthams Lions. Other JACLers serving as officials include board member George Azumano and tail-twister John Hada.

Terasaki on PTA board

DENVER. — Y. Tak Terasaki, prominent Nisei community leader and chairman of the Mountain-Plains JACL, was recently named to the lay advisory committee for Stevens school in Denver. His younger daughter, Melanie, is a pupil at Steven School.

GIVEN SCHOLARSHIP FOR STUDY OF WINES

FRESNO. — A \$250 grant to Gary Kozuki, a graduate of Parlier High School, was made by the Wine Institute and the San Joaquin Valley Wine Growers for study concerning wine and grapes. Kozuki, son of Mr. and Mrs. George Kozuki of Parlier, was one of three scholarship recipients in Fresno State College for this study.

Bishop Hanayama tour

SAN FRANCISCO. — Bishop Shinsho Hanayama continues to visit Buddhist churches in Northern California starting next Tuesday, in Central California Aug. 11-19 and the Intermountain and Eastern district and Canada Sept. 15, it was announced this week.

PHILADELPHIAN CONFERRED LL.D. FOR YOUTH WORK

SHEBOYGAN, Wis. — Henry N. Tani, national youth work director of the Evangelical and Reformed Church in Philadelphia, was conferred an honorary doctor of laws degree at Lakeland College's commencement here June 7.

The San Francisco-born Nisei was recognized for his outstanding contribution to youth. Dr. Arthur M. Kreuger, Lakeland College president, said that "Henry Tani is recognized not only by his own church, but by youth and youth leaders everywhere."

Tani represented his denomination at the World Christian Sunday School Conference in Tokyo last year. He is also a member of the youth work committee of the National Council of Churches.

Two years ago, he authored "Ventures in Youth Work," a resource text for church youth group leaders.

Prior to evacuation, he was an insurance broker. He was relocated to Topaz WRA Center, then joined the E&R Church's national mission staff at St. Louis in 1944 and has been at his present post since 1951.

(Tani has been active in JACL at all three cities of residence. His programming of Japanese culture and the Nisei at a Philadelphia chapter meeting has become a classic by its appearance in the JACL President's Notebook.)

He is married to the former Rose Shigeno of Florin and has four children. The eldest, Richard, is attending a West German school under a student exchange program.

Santa Rosa High elects Sansei student president

SANTA ROSA. — Popular Sansei senior William Hayashi of Santa Rosa High School, currently student-body vice-president, was swept into the top post of president, defeating two other candidates. His 1959 fall semester cabinet is composed of all girl officers.

Hayashi is the first student of Japanese ancestry elected to the presidency. A talented pianist, he will compete in the state finals of the Exchange Club Search for Talent contest here beginning June 25.

Sonomans skate

PETALUMA. — The Sonoma County JACL Auxiliary hosted local area Nisei graduates to a skating party last Monday at the Redwood Roller Palace. Mrs. Florence Kawaoka, auxiliary president, was hostess.

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POINTING Southwestward

By Fred Takata

PASADENA QUEEN—This past week we were asked by chairman Flo Wada to be one of the judges for the selection of "Miss Pasadena" who will compete for the title of Miss Nisei Week in August. It was held at the beautiful Pasadena home of Dr. Joe Abe, a type of home everyone dreams about with a large beautiful landscaped garden and topped off with the swimming pool to make it complete. The interior is just as beautiful with Japanese motif throughout, sliding panels and all. Yes, sir, the Abes will live to a ripe old age in surroundings such as this.

Our fellow judges who walked into something more than we could chew were Kow Kaneko and Dr. Tom Omori. We thought selecting a queen candidate would be a rather simple task, but we soon found out differently as it took over 2½ hours to reach a decision. The committee really crossed us up by presenting such outstanding candidates as Naomi Chuman, Joyce Furuya, Linda Nakatsuka, and Midori Sunairi, all 19-years-old and ranging in height from 5 ft-3½ to 5 ft-1. These charming young ladies are all from Pasadena City College and are planning to become medical assistants or legal secretaries. We might add they are all queens in our judgment.

So difficult was the task that in order to reach a final decision, the girls were asked to wear shorts at which time the gentlemen judges were discriminately asked to leave the room. We were later filled in on the particulars by the women committee that took in this part of the judging. We are sure that all of Pasadena will be proud of their candidate when she is announced and introduced at the picnic to be held at Brookside Park this Sunday.

SWLA QUEENTIME BALL—After the judging in Pasadena, we hurried over to the Old Dixie to take in the SWLA Chapter Queentime Ball, where we had the pleasure of being introduced to Queen Faith Higurashi, who will represent the Southwest area in the Nisei Week Festival. This is the third candidate we have met personally and we don't envy the job of the judges in selecting a winner from this outstanding turnout of local beauties.

There was a huge crowd dancing to the music of Aaron Gonzales and we were happy to see so many of our other local chapter members present to give support to the occasion. We spotted among the crowd Mrs. Betty Yumori, prexy of the Venice Culver Chapter; Roy Yamadera, ELA prexy; and Mike Suzuki, prexy of Hollywood Chapter—taking in the gala affair.

We have noted of late that Chapters have been supporting each other's activities, which really helps our membership and chapters continue to grow. Because of such support, JACL functions are fast becoming the top social gatherings in our community and they have encouraged membership into our chapters. We soon find these new members active in other Chapter programs and soon participating at the District level. Let's keep the home fires burning, gang!

NATIONAL BOARD MEETING—When our National Director Mas Satow said that the National Board meeting was going to be strictly business, he wasn't kidding! We rounded up the Southern California delegation early Friday morning which included Dr. Roy Nishikawa, George Inagaki, Kango Kunitzugu and Harry Honda, and headed for International Airport, only to be delayed one hour due to overcast skies (smog to you). When we finally arrived in San Francisco, we were rushed to the Richelieu Hotel where we met the rest of the members of the National Board for lunch. It wasn't until this moment that we learned our PSWDC chairman Kango Kunitzugu was carrying a cargo of "sushi" and fried chicken for his brother Jack living in San Francisco. When some of our Eastern representatives learned about the "sushi", they were doing everything they could to con him out of the goodies, but to no avail. What burns us is that the box was sitting right under our seat in the plane and we didn't even know anything about it, mainly because Kango wisely talked about everything but food. Jack doesn't know how close he came to missing out on all that homemade goodies!

At the conclusion of lunch, we went directly to the meeting room where the 50 hour marathon began. It was the first time we've had the pleasure of meeting the entire National Board at once, and it was a real experience to sit with them and take part in the discussions.

Our roommate for the two nights was National President Shig Wakamatsu, which was a real relief, because we knew we wouldn't have to worry about being late to meetings since Shig would have to be there in order to start. But Shig being the way he is, was up at 7 and the meeting was underway right on schedule, as a couple of stragglers soon found out. Sorry, no names mentioned here!

It was a real pleasure to meet prexy Steve Doi and cabinet officers of the San Francisco Chapter. They hosted the entire Board to a delicious Chinese dinner in Chinatown and it was the first time we tasted so many new dishes which didn't help our waistline any.

On the return flight, it was practically a continuation of the meeting with Dr. Roy Nishikawa, Frank Chuman, George Inagaki, Kumeo Yoshinari, Charles Nagao, Kango Kunitzugu, Harry Honda, and yours truly all on the same flight.

The following evening after our return, we all gathered at Frank Chuman's home for more shop talk, while Ruby gave us a real treat of sushi and fried chicken that we missed out on in San Francisco. George Sugai and Mas Yano who were supposed to show up, must have got lost in our intricate freeway system. We finally received a phone call by George and he was quite surprised at the size of L.A., and we hope he was able to make his way back to Idaho. For all we know, he may still be traveling back and forth on our freeways trying to get off.

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San Francisco JACL set to award annual \$250 scholarships

SAN FRANCISCO. — The judges for the \$250 scholarship to be awarded each year by the San Francisco JACL were announced last week by Mrs. Yo Hironaka, chapter scholarship chairman.

They will be Fred Hoshiyama, Dr. Kazuo Togasaki, Mrs. Edna Shiota, Yukio Wada, and Mrs. Alice Nishi.

It was announced all five were named to serve at least for three years. One member will be replaced each succeeding year.

\$500 Netted at Benefit

Mrs. Hironaka reported that approximately \$500 was made in the recent movie benefit to raise funds for this project. The balance will be kept in a special account earmarked for this annual scholarship, she added.

At present, annual chapter benefit movies are being planned, Mrs. Hironaka said, and as the fund grows, the number of scholarships awarded may be increased.

Application blanks have been sent to all eight local public high schools: Nisei graduates, either winter or June, who enroll in college upon graduation, may apply.

Mrs. Hironaka added that the basis for judging will be scholastic standing 65 pct., extracurricular activities 20 pct., activities outside school 10 pct., personal statement 5 pct.

Snake River JACL honors graduates

ONTARIO, Ore. — Three college and 15 local area high school graduates were honored guests June 5 at the Snake River JACL banquet. The Rev. Collis Blair of the Ontario First Methodist Church was the guest speaker.

Beverly Kariya, Ontario High valedictorian, was presented a \$50 cash award from K. Hirai of Homedale, Idaho, Oregon-Idaho Nikkeijin Kai president. She also won the College of Idaho Conway scholarship in addition to two previously awarded from the Oregon Nisei War Veterans and Elks Lodge. Ronald Osaki, of the same school, received a certificate of merit in the Voice of Democracy contest.

Honored graduates were: Ontario—Roy Hasebe, Beverly Kariya, Nancy Morikawa, Ronald Osaki, Janet Sato, Darlene Sugahiro, Dick Sugai, Ed Takahashi, Ronald Tsuboto. Vale—Janice Hayashi, Payette—Jeanne Sue Yasuda, Weiser—George Hoashi, Ken Kawakami, Max Ozawa, Ronnie Terashima.

College: Karlyn Sugai, Univ. of Oregon; Joe Kosai, Eastern Oregon College of Education; Marty Uchiyama, Univ. of Ore. Dental School.

Entertainment was provided by vocalist Judy Conway and Fred Sargent at the piano.

Marysville JACL honors local area graduates

MARYSVILLE. — Marysville YBA and JACL co-sponsored a dinner and dance on Sunday, June 14, at Eddie's Banquet Room, honoring college, high school, and grammar school graduates in this area.

Masuko Toyoda and Sakaye Takabayashi were chairmen, assisted by Miyoko Tomita and Mabel Kolmatubara, bids; Carolyn Kadoi, invitations; and Fred Matsui, emcee.

The graduates were: Yuba College—Carolyn Kadoi, Harry Nagao, Tom Sakurada, Jane Takabayashi and Darlene Inouye. Armstrong College—Kiyoko Shimamoto.

Marysville Union High—Gladys Sasaki, Chic Nishijima, Takaomi Ishitani. Yuba City Union High—Dorothy Harada, Rodney Kageyama, Pauline Oki, Susan Kakiuchi, Peggy Watanabe, Ari Tsukida, Jane Nishikawa, Mabel Tabeta, George Tabeta, Sylvia Uyemori, Ashley Kosuma.

Sutter Union High—Leonard Matsumoto. Colusa High—Chris Nishioka, Sat Ishigaki.

Grammar Schools—Stanley Omaye, Ellen Ota, Ronald Nago, Peggy Kawata, Harold Nakatsu, Harriet Fukushima, Tim Inouye, Jean Sakamoto, Naomi Tanimoto, Jean Yokotobi, Nancy Oki, Patty Nakao, Diane Uyemori, Hideo Kakiuchi, Gary Wada, Gene Tsuji, Betty Fukushima, Doris Yoshimoto, Victor Chikawa, Arden Oji, Theresa Tokuno and Ruth Goto.

Twin Cities community picnic slated July 26

MINNEAPOLIS. — John Takekawa and Dr. Norman Kushino are co-chairmen of the Twin Cities Japanese American community picnic scheduled for Sunday, July 26, from 12 noon at Theodore Wirth Park.

ORE. CENTENNIAL VISITORS GET JACL INFORMATION AT HOSPITALITY BOOTHS

ONTARIO, Ore. — The Oregon Centennial Hospitality Week recently opened here with a variety show sponsored by the Basque Ladies and Snake River JACL at Lions Park. The program ranged from traditional Japanese dances to songs and lively dances of the Basques.

Centennial JACL chairman, Jim Kanetomi announced brochures with information on the Japanese population in Snake River Valley and JACL have been placed in the hospitality booths in Nyssa and Ontario. The folders are being given to tourists who travel here for the Centennial celebrations.

New York chapter installation June 26

NEW YORK. — A significant summer event will be New York JACL's 15th annual installation dinner at the Empire Hotel, 63rd and Broadway, on Friday, June 26, 6:30 p.m.

The chapter board of governors recently elected John Iwatsu, Kenji Nogaki (incumbent chairman), Midori Shimamoto and Tetsu Yasuda to a two-year term, Mrs. Harry Inaba and Marion Glaeser to one year terms, and join Dick Akagi, Tosh Hirata, Shig Kondo and George Kyotow, whose terms expire in 1960.

Two more members remain to be chosen, it was added.

The chapter was also invited by the Japanese American Association of New York to join in their annual boat ride outing to Rye Beach on the Long Island Sound this Sunday.

FRENCH CAMP JACL PLAN OUTING FOR GRADUATES

FRENCH CAMP. — Mickle's Grove will be the setting for the graduate's outing of the French Camp JACL honoring all local graduates on Saturday, June 20, starting at 1:30 p.m.

Scheduled are swimming and games with a 5 p.m. weiner bake.

CONTRA COSTA CHAPTER, YOUTH CO-SPONSOR DANCE

RICHMOND. — The Contra Costa JACL and local area high school graduates are co-sponsoring an informal dance, "Stairway to the Stars", at Richmond Civic Center's Bermuda and Catalina Rooms tomorrow night from 8 o'clock, it was announced by Marvin Uratsu and Mrs. Mae Nakano, co-chairmen.

While admittance will be by invitation only, a 25 cent donation is being asked to defray expenses. Senior and junior high school graduates, however, are exempt.

Assisting are Mmes. Chris Komatsu, Nellie Sakai and Chizu Iiyama. Youth committee members planning the dance are:

Invitations: George Sasaki, Janice Iwahara, Sharm Mineno, Kazu Shimada, Keiko Nehira, David Hirano, and Carol Yasuda.

Decorations: co-chairmen Keiko Nehira and Yas Kita, David Hirano, Patty Iiyama, Sharm Mineno, Janice Iwahara, Harry Nakagawara, Darlene Aso, and Betty Kanno.

Music: co-chairmen Al Nawata and Patty Iiyama, Janice Iwahara, Sharm Mineno, Harry Nakagawara, Keiko Nehira, Yas Kita and David Hirano.

Record player: Jerry Nambu, George Sasaki, Miles Muraoka, Kazu Shimada, and Itsu Kitamura.

Reception: Hiroshi Hata, Miles Muraoka, and George Sasaki.

Jerry Nambu will be emcee for the evening.

Pasadena dance class

PASADENA. — The summer youth program for Pasadena JACL will be a teenage dance class starting Tuesday, June 30, 7:30-9 p.m. at 1106 Lincoln Ave. Limited to teenagers between 15 and 18. Florence Wada will be instructor. A nominal fee of 50 cents per meeting (\$5 for the 10-week course) will be charged.

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1000 CLUB NOTES

SAN FRANCISCO. — National Headquarters acknowledged 84 renewals and new memberships in the 1000 Club for the first half of June as follows:

TWELFTH YEAR
East Los Angeles—Ken Utsunomiya.
ELEVENTH YEAR
Downtown L.A.—George Aratani.
Snake River Valley—Joe Y. Saito, George Sugai.
Santa Maria Valley—Harid Y. Shimizu.

TENTH YEAR
Snake River—Roy Hashitani.
San Diego—Joseph Owashi.

NINTH YEAR
San Diego—Tsutomu H. Ikemura, Tom Kida.

Pasadena—Tetsuo F. Iwasaki.
Gardena—Tats Kushida.
Philadelphia—S. John Nitta, Mrs. T. Ann Nitta.

Omaha—K. Patrick Okura.
EIGHTH YEAR
Snake River—Mun Iseri.

New York—Samuel Ishikawa.
San Jose—Dr. Tokio Ishikawa.
Chicago—Togo W. Tanaka.

SEVENTH YEAR
San Diego—George S. Muto.
Orange County—Hitoshi Nitta.

New York—Yaye Togasaki.
Venice-Culver—Mary E. Wakamatsu.
SIXTH YEAR
Downtown L.A.—Soichi Fukui.

Berkeley—Tokuya Kake.
Placer County—George Makabe.
Cincinnati—Dr. H. James Takao.

FIFTH YEAR
Downtown L.A.—Ted I. Akahoshi, Dr. Y. Yoshimura.

Seattle—Hiram G. Akita.
San Diego—Moto Asakawa, Ainosuke Esaki, Dr. Shigeru Hara, Tom Mukai, Hiomi Nakamura, Alfred Y. Obayashi.

Stockton—George K. Baba, Shokichi Ishimaru.

San Francisco—Mary K. Hamamoto, Detroit—Roy T. Kaneko.

Orange County—Minoru Nitta, Mitsuo Nitta, Sam Nitta, Bill Okuda.

Marysville—Arthur N. Oji.
San Mateo—P. I. Rikimaru (formerly Sequoia).
Cleveland—George Suzuki.

FOURTH YEAR
Santa Barbara—Mike Hide, San Diego—Henri Honda.

Downtown L.A.—Dr. Shunji K. Ikuta.
Tulare County—Mike Imoto.

Venice-Culver—George T. Isoda.
Detroit—George Matsushiro, Dr. James Mimura, Tom Tagami.

West Los Angeles—Ben M. Nishimoto, Jim Nishimoto.

Mountain Plains—Mrs. Eureka S. Shirohama (Florida).

THIRD YEAR
New York—Robert I. Homma, William K. Sakayama.

Long Beach—John Yasuo Inouye.
West Los Angeles—Riichi Ishioka.

Downtown L.A.—Shigeo Mayekawa.
Clovis—James K. Miyamoto, Tokuo Yamamoto, Herbert Yoshida.

Twin Cities—Sumiko Teramoto.
SECOND YEAR
Venice-Culver—Dr. Iwao G. Kawagami (formerly West L.A.).

Snake River—Jack Ogami, Mrs. Nellie Saito, Heizi Yasuda.

Delano—Masaru Takaki.
Florin—Paul Takehara.

FIRST YEAR
Marysville—Dr. Yutaka Toyoda.

Snake River—Barton Sasaki, Pil Sugai.
Hollywood—Henry Kuwahara.

Orange County—Dr. Paul K. Sakaguchi.
Long Beach—Kiyoshi Harada, Eric H. Kawai, Hiroshi Morita, Dr. Yoshio Nakamura.

East Los Angeles—Mrs. Mabel Yoshizaki.
Sequoia—Dr. Hunter Doi.

Gilroy—Moose Kunitzugu.

BAKERSFIELD CHAPTER HOLDS GRADS' PICNIC

BAKERSFIELD. — Local area Nisei-Sansei graduates were treated to a picnic last Saturday by Bakersfield JACL at Rowell Park. The chapter acknowledged \$25 donations from the Buddhist and Japanese Methodist churches here to defray expenses.

SACRAMENTO BAZAAR SET FOR JULY 3-4 WEEKEND

SACRAMENTO. — Community-wide interest has been shown in the July 3-4 joint Sacramento Nisei VFW-JACL benefit bazaar at the Nisei War Memorial Hall. Fred Imai is general chairman.

Assignment of booths to interested adult and youth clubs will be made at a final meeting next Tuesday at the memorial hall.

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SACRAMENTO IN 'SIXTY: by Shig Sakamoto

Convention Board - Committeemen

CONVENTION WHING DING: Sacramento-born George Tambara whose business is being a hotel-keeper, apartment house-owner and several other enterprises, is the chairman of 1960 National Convention 1000 Club activities.

This whingding, according to Tambara, is going to be a howler and he promises all 1000 Clubbers and friends who are planning to attend this special function to be ready for the time of your life. That's what the man said.

What he has concocted for this activity is still unavailable for publication as plans are now being organized by Tambara's committee. But I assure you they'll have plenty of shenanigans and "itazura" stuff lined up so all I got to say is that you people perhaps better be prepared. And for those have the tendency to pour out a lot of tears due to heavy laughter be sure to carry an extra batch of handkerchiefs as I think you're going to need them.

Sacramento chapter's 1000 Club members will be decked out in colorful vests, derby hats and red bowties. Maybe an unlit cigar to make it complete. National 1000 Club chairman Bill Matsumoto also will be on hand to assist in several skits and songs as well as giving out his "tenor" voice on a solo basis, providing some of you do a little pleading. But I think that won't be necessary as he'll probably have several "paid" hands scattered around the room, boosting him to the mike for a "FEW" songs.

Another good thing about this affair is that the wives are also invited too. How about that?

CONVENTION SPORTS: For those who are planning to take in sports during the convention here, there are two activities being planned—golf and bridge.

In the golf department, Sacramento Kagero Club's Jun Miyakawa and Sacramento Nisei Golf Club's Dr. Joe Kubo are co-chairmen. Miyakawa is head of the Miyakawa Ace Realty and one of the leaders in establishing schools for Issei members seeking citizenship papers. Dr. Joe Kubo, who once had his Optometry office in Denver, before joining brother optometrist Dr. Jim here in Sacramento, will be a familiar figure to many of you Denverites planning to attend our Convention.

In the bridge contest, Frank Hiyama the engineer and Mrs. Jim (Tsugi) Kubo are co-chairmen.

If you can call the Outing and Mixer within sports, Martin Miyao and Joe Matsunami are chairmen of the respective events. Miyao is an ardent Young Adult Buddhist Association leader while Matsunami is one of many Nisei experts in the air-conditioning field.

JUNIOR JACL DEPT.: For the youngsters in the Junior JACL, there will be some activities during the convention and in charge of this affair will be Stan Umeda and Christine Asoo. What we need is plenty of young faces. According to the two leaders, many are planning to take in the entire convention on a special package deal for the Junior group, but guess what they told the convention board. They said they would rather join the adult group at the dances than stage their own. I guess they want to feel grown up. This news ought to make us "young" fellas in the stag line even younger.

BANQUETS: There will be two main banquets during the five day convention. The first is the Pioneer Night banquet with three of Sacramento's leading community leaders in charge of this recognition foodfest. Dr. Akio Hayashi, well-known in the Lions as well as JACL, will be backed by Soichi Nakatani, the theater, property-owner and Issei leader as well as a director of Hokubei Mainichi Publishing Co. of San Francisco, and Peter Osuga, director of the Pioneer Methodist Church and other Issei organizations and a dry cleaner by trade.

The convention banquet will be handled by attorney Mamoru Sakuma, who is fast rising to be one of the top trial lawyers in Sacramento. He is formerly from Woodland, Calif.

There will be a testimonial luncheon headed by security broker Kay Hamatani; fashion show for the women chaired by Mrs. Toshi Tambara and, of course, the gala Sayonara Ball headed by Dr. James Kubo.

These are the several committees recently organized with many more committees still to be appointed. So far it sounds good, doesn't it? This is nothing yet. Wait till the committees start rolling and proceed with their publicity. Fun galore is in store for you all.

POINTING SOUTHWESTWARD: by Fred Takata

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We had the pleasure of taking Kumeo Yoshinari around showing him what Hollywood and Vine looked like, and like all tourists he was in for a real letdown. Being his guide, really paid off, because we were invited over to Vi Nakano's home for a delicious dinner and it was with sure delight to sit back and listen to the two of them trying to squeeze out information on how many members they have to date. The contest among the San Francisco, Chicago, and Southwest LA Chapters is no joke and we might warn that no Chapter is safe at this point. Wonder who's going to get doused?

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Monterey locale for selection of 'Miss 1960 JACL' at August meet

MONTEREY.—Beautiful Monterey in the Circle of Enchantment was chosen again as the site of the third quarterly NC-WNDC session on the weekend of Aug. 8-9.

On Saturday night, there will be a coronation ball in the Pacific Room of Hotel San Carlos at which time candidates from various chapters will be vying for the honor of becoming Miss National JACL of 1960. Representing the Monterey Peninsula chapter will be vivacious Emi Sanda.

(The Pacific Citizen hereby invites chapters to submit glossy pictures of their chapter queen candidates.)

On Sunday, most of the morning will be reserved for the golf tournament at the Del Monte course with the afternoon program at the Casa Munras.

The business session with Jerry Enomoto, district chairman, presiding will precede the banquet with national JACL president Shig Wakamatsu of Chicago as main speaker.

Auxiliary Activities

Monterey Peninsula JACL Auxiliary members were asked to save egg shells to make cascarones to be used at the coronation ball. Thus, the menfolk of the chapter were expected to be eating eggs scrambled for a while.

Mrs. Bea Tanimoto will demonstrate flower arranging tonight for Auxiliary members.

The Auxiliary is also seeking homes and hospitality for foreign students attending Monterey Peninsula College this fall. About 20 are expected, according to Mrs. Tanimoto, who is assisting in the community service project.

Youth Work

Rod Soekardi was announced as the scoutmaster for the chapter-sponsored Troop 47. Although inactive from scouting for a year, the Indonesian instructor at the Army Language School has a wealth of scouting experience.

Assisting will be Mike Sanda who has served as scoutmaster since the inception of the troop, and Virgil Spencer.

Frank Tanaka is managing the chapter-sponsored Little League ball club in the city league.

Fishing derby champions to co-chair '59 contest

MINNEAPOLIS.—The Twin Cities UCL fishing derby in August will be co-chaired by Jim Sugimura and Bill Katayama, who were grand prize derby winners in the 1957 and 1958 contests, respectively.

SAN FRANCISCO WOMEN PLAN JULY 19 OUTING

BY KATHERINE REYES

SAN FRANCISCO.—The Adobe Creek Lodge in Los Altos will be the site of this year's S.F. JACL Women's Auxiliary's barbecue picnic to be held on Sunday, July 19, according to Marie Kogawara and Sumi Honnami, co-chairmen.

Over 100 persons including many out of towners enjoyed the successful Auxiliary dance, "Holiday Mood", held June 6 at the Booker T. Washington Center.

Chairmen for the evening was Mrs. Charlotte Doi, with Marie Kurihara handling the tickets and Mariko Soma in charge of refreshments.

Active D.C. JACler picked garden club officer

WASHINGTON.—Mrs. Mary Louise Yoshino, active Washington D.C. JACler, was recently elected vice-president of the Naylor Gardens Women's Club, which manages social and civic projects for the 700-family residents of the Naylor Gardens development.

The wife of John Yoshino, liaison officer with the President's Committee on Government Contracts, she was active in the San Francisco JACL just prior to evacuation.

The Yoshinos have one son, Wayne.

Detroit Cler leaves

DETROIT.—The Detroit 1958-59 cabinet members recently tendered a farewell reception to Charles Yata, 1958 chapter president, who is leaving for San Diego, Calif. It was held at the home of Walter Miyao, current president.

NEWS STORIES SHOULD BE TYPED DOUBLE SPACE



JACL participated at the Memorial Day ceremonies at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier. Waiting to place the wreath are Ira Shimazaki (second from left), chairman of the JACL Arlington National Cemetery committee, and Hisako Sakata, D.C. chapter president, who laid the wreath. Standing at attention by their sides are two Marine veterans. Prior to the ceremony, members of the chapter decorated the gravesites of 20 Nisei soldiers buried at Arlington with flowers flown from the Eden Township JACL.

Dads to be honored at Berkeley picnic

BERKELEY.—Events especially arranged for the dads are being planned at the annual Berkeley JACL community picnic this Sunday at Roberts Regional Park in North Oakland.

Harry Katayama, general chairman, announced that Jiro Nakaso will be in charge of games and Sat Otagiri in charge of prizes for the event. Hi Saito will handle refreshments.

Katayama said there will be plenty of iced drinks provided by the JACL.

The picnic site is one of the newest of several regional parks in this area and has a heated swimming pool nearby. There are also pony rides, merry-go-rounds and several barbecue pits, Katayama said.

School board official

FRESNO.—Harry Hiraoka of the Fowler Union High School District board was elected vice-president of the Fresno County School Board Assn.

Lions club director

SALT LAKE CITY.—James Ushio has been named a director of the South Cottonwood Lions Club. The active Mt. Olympus JACler and other newly elected club officers will be installed June 18.

Civil Air Patrol

Frances Kitagawa and Mary Wakamatsu, both active Venice-Culver JAClers, were recent delegates at the Pacific Region convention of the Civil Air Patrols at Las Vegas. They heard what was the latest in aviation and space fields.

Chicago prep grads to be feted June 27

CHICAGO.—A banquet honoring the outstanding Nisei high school graduates nominated for the 1959, Jr. JACL Tahei Matsunaga and Pvt. Ben Frank Masaoka memorial scholarships will be held on Saturday, June 27, at the Shoreland Hotel, starting at 6:30 p.m., to be followed by the "New Horizons IV" dance.

American Legion Nisei Post 1183, will honor the Chicago nominee for the Masaoka scholarship with a medallion and cash award.

Reservations for the dinner are being accepted by the Midwest JACL Office until Tuesday, June 23. Dinner-dance tickets are \$4 for students, \$5 for adults.

Chicago area high school graduates will be honored at the dance, featuring the music of Floyd Campbell's orchestra. Advance tickets are being sold at \$1.75 per person. At the door, admission will be \$2, it was announced.

Homemaking techniques shared at D.C. club

WASHINGTON.—Promoting understanding among girls from Japan and the Nisei through sharing various homemaking techniques, the Homemakers Club has been organized here, the D.C. JACL News Notes reported.

At the first meeting, Alice Endo and Tomie Otani demonstrated and treated members to authentic Chinese cooking. Eiko Mitoma and Hiro Omata served three more Chinese dishes at the second meeting in late April.

Officers serve three-month terms. First chairman was Fumi Yamamoto. Fumi Nishi, current chairman, is serving until September.

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U.S.-Canada Women Judoists in Tourney

Women judoists from Detroit, Cleveland and Chicago, headed by Mrs. Phyllis Harper, 2nd dan of Chicago, and headed by Mrs. Phyllis Harper, 2nd dan of Chicago, and seems to be the first women's international tournament at Toronto's Hatashita Dojo. Frank Hatashita, 4th dan, who is chairman of the women's division in the Canadian Black Belt Assn., said the tournament was experimentally conducted.

At Boise Valley Judo Club's fourth annual tournament last week, promotions were made to 34 youngsters in the brown-belt and purple-belt classes. Exactly half of them were Caucasian. Ted Yamashita led the promotions with 1st kyu (brown belt) in the senior division. Dean Hayashida and Sus Ikuta, both 3rd kyu (purple belt), head the juniors.

Batter Beamed by Ball Succumbs

Jack Ohno, 25, an outfielder for the Lethbridge (Alta.) Nisei, was felled to the ground unconscious by a beanball in a recent baseball game. Revived, he was taken to the hospital and released after X-rays were taken. A week later, he became unconscious and was rushed to the hospital for removal of a blood clot and remained in a deep coma. He never regained consciousness. He leaves a widow and three young children.

CSU Nine Names Nisei Honorary Captain

Frank Kibota, honorary captain of Colorado State's baseball team this past season, wielded the biggest bat in the Eastern division of the Skyline Conference, despite the fact he's the smallest player in the loop. At a slight 5 ft.-6 in. and 137 lbs., Kibota was a big guy in the Aggie's line-up. He finished regular season play with a .440 average, 22 hits in 50 times at bat to top the division batting championship. His mark for the full season was .416, 35 hits out of 84 trips to the plate. His 22 bingles in league play headed the division and he was also leader in total bases with 33 and five doubles.

Possessed with good speed and sure hands, he was one of the classiest centerfielders in the conference. In many ways, he reminded Aggie fans of another diminutive Islander, Dick Kitamura, who starred on the CSU diamond in 1950. It was Kitamura who spotted Kibota in the Hawaiian major league and helped sell him on CSU. Other Skyliners are glad to hear they won't have to face Kibota next season, though only a junior in eligibility. He plans to graduate before the next baseball season.

In recent weeks, Nisei have been placed on various all-star league teams: Jack Miyamoto of Manual, third baseman extraordinary, placed on the Denver City Prep All-Stars for the second time, and only repeater from the 1958 season. . . . Right-handed pitcher Henry Ota of Gardena High, who alternated in the outfield, was named to the All-Marine outfield position. He batted at a .304 clip. Second baseman Len Isomura of Los Angeles High, made the second string All-Southern team. . . . Second baseman Mel Yoshida of Monterey Union High was named to the All-Coast Counties Aye Division team, one of four members of the league co-champions being selected. . . . Third sacker Gene Tanaka of El Cerrito High was picked by East Bay Prep Writers to the All-North Alameda County second team. He outdid the first-team third baseman .278 to .326 for the season, but the Berkeley junior John Couch was a unanimous choice.

Ailing Bill Nishita, Toei 16-19 pitcher last year in the Japanese Pacific League, returned to Hawaii in early June to receive treatment for an ailing arm. The 28-year-old Nisei flinger went to a number of Japanese doctors and was treated without success. He played for Santa Rosa JC and Univ. of California and was on the Brooklyn Dodger farm team at Montreal before going to Japan.

Southland Bowlers at Orange County Invitationals

The double weekend Orange County Invitational bowling tournament at Garden Grove's Futurama Lanes produced some high-flying performances in late May. Winning the team event was Man Jen Low with a high 3020 scratch and 3230 handicap totals, including a sensational 1141 team game on Shozo Hirazumi's 206, Kaz Katayama's 209, Yas Yasukochi's 229, Harley Kusumoto's 217 and Taki Taketomo's 280. . . . Yas Yasukochi tied in the handicap singles with 687-34-721 and 637-84-721, kazawa claimed the handicap all-events with 1838-204-2042. Other event champions: Tad Yamada and Frank Nakamura tied in the handicap singles with 687-34-721 and 637-84-721, respectively; Taxie Kurimoto with 685, scratch singles; Chuck Nishiyama-Harley Higurashi in the handicap doubles with 1302-76-1378; Ko Arihara-Ty Kajimoto with 1284 in the scratch doubles; Judy Sakata-Jim Abe in the scratch mixed doubles with 559-597-1196; June Nawa-George Higa in the handicap mixed with 1162-189-1342. . . .

Twirling Champ Heads for Nationals

Not a sports item as such but often associated with athletics, Maxine Furuike, 16, of San Mateo High won the U.S. Twirling Assn. state championship recently and will strut her talents at the USTA grand nationals Aug. 14-15 at Troy, Ohio. Recently elected student body secretary for the coming fall semester, Maxine has been exhibiting in parades and football halftime intermissions.

Training for the 1960 Fencing Team

Madeline Miyamoto, expert fencer and Dorsey High School GAA president, has her eyes on the 1960 Olympic Games. She has been tutored by a past Olympic competitor for eight years. At the fencing studio, she has matched rapiers with such Hollywood celebs as Tony Curtis, Danny Kaye and John Derek. She was one of the recent May Day Queen maids, an event recalling that her mother (nee Toshi Ikemura) was a Nisei Week queen attendant. In her spare time, she helps her dad, Dave, in his drug store.

JACL women all-star bowlers clean sweep Hawaii series

HONOLULU.—The National JACL All-Star women bowlers made a clean sweep of their exhibition matches this past week in Hawaii. After winning their opening match on Sunday, June 7, at Bowl-O-Drome in Honolulu, the team of top Nisei women bowlers of the mainland went on to chalk up three more wins.

The JACL team won the June 9 games at Kailani Bowl by a score of 2438 to 2080; June 11 at Pearl City Bowl by 2740 to 2534, and finally on June 12 at Aloha Bowl by 2835 to 2720.

Friday's match was the closest in the series on the Islands with players on both teams hitting high scores.

Judy Seki Sakata, leadoff kegger for the mainlanders, shot a 638 series, narrowly missing a 638 series, narrowly missing a perfect series by seven pins in her games of 214, 231 and 193.

1016 High Game

The mainlanders hit their highest team game in the entire trip in the first game of this match with 1016—a 203-plus average for each player.

ALASKA JUDO CLUB NAMED FOR NISEI 442-ER

STOCKTON.—A judo club named in the memory of Sgt. Dick Masuda has been formed at Eielson Air Force Base in Fairbanks, Alaska, according to word received here. It was formed by Dick Hayashi, a member of the Stockton Judo Club serving with the combat infantry in Alaska.

Masuda, a Stocktonian killed in action with the 442nd RCT in Italy, was an outstanding scholar at Stockton High and judo expert. He threw 13 opponents in a row and was stopped on the 14th with a draw at a San Francisco tournament—a record still honored. Hayashi a few years ago established a Stockton Jr. College broad jump record with a leap of more than 22 ft.

MASTER POINTS EARNED AT SEQUOIA BRIDGE CLUB

REDWOOD CITY.—Winners of master points at the Sequoia JACL Bridge Club tournament June 10 at Okamura Hall, 925 Woodside Rd., were: (North-South) Life Master Dr. George Hiura, Mrs. Dorothy Hiura; (East-West) John Enomoto and Sei Hamashiro. Rating points were won by:

(North-South)—Hiroshi Honda and Shozo Mayeda, George Nakano and Tosh Mori; (East-West)—Nob Tanaka and Mrs. Taz Kuwano, Mrs. May Soules and Mrs. Marianne Arimoto.

Next regular master points tournament is scheduled for Wednesday, July 8, at the same locale. The junior section is continuing to meet on Thursdays with Mrs. Soules as instructor.

Teaching assistant

MADERA.—Horace Y. Mochizuki, son of Mr. and Mrs. E.S. Mochizuki, graduating from the Univ. of Redlands, was awarded a teaching assistant position in mathematics by the Univ. of Washington.

Integration of Pacific Coast Japanese Methodists with regional groups planned

STOCKTON.—Japanese Conference Day was observed this week during the California-Nevada Conference of the Methodist Church here at College of Pacific campus.

Ministers, wives, and lay delegates from the 15 Pacific Japanese Provisional Conference churches in the Northern California-Nevada jurisdiction were guests of the conference.

It was one of the preparatory moves to the integration of the PJPC with the regional conference churches to take place sometime in the 1960s.

BUDDHIST INVITED FIRST TIME TO BACCALAUREATE

WATSONVILLE.—For the first time a Buddhist priest was invited to take part in a local high school baccalaureate service for graduating seniors and their parents.

Rev. Junjo Tsumura of the local Buddhist church delivered the invocation and benediction at the service held May 31 at Watsonville High School.

D.C. keglers

WASHINGTON.—Himas, first half winners, swept through the Five Spots, second-half winners, 3-1, in the Washington, D.C., JACL Bowling League roll-off recently to become 1958-59 champions. Kumao Toda and Elizabeth Lee with 173 and 139, respectively, were the season high average leaders.

AT TAHOE SANDS

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THE Northwest PICTURE

By Elmer Ogawa

Six Items of Local Interest

Seattle

ITEM ONE: A Nisei, an old friend to this column, distinguished himself in that sports specialty—hydroplane driving—when he recently won the Northwest championship for his type of craft on Seattle's Green Lake. He is Jim Yamauchi, refrigeration engineer from Pasco, Washington, who for the past five or six years has been making a weekend hobby of driving his 136 cu. in. inboard hydroplane, "Chopsticks."

In the preliminary heat, he came in third, but in the final go-around he won top honors through disqualification of those ahead of him—for jumping the gun. Yamauchi's average speed was clocked at 73.770 miles an hour, all of which means his velocity in the straightaway must have been terrific, because they do have to slow up frequently, in the turns on a course which measures 1 2/3 miles to a lap.

In the 225, 266 and 280 class events, victories were tallied for Don Benson, Harry Reeves, Miro Slovak, and Bill Muncey; all big name drivers of the unlimiteds in the nationally publicized cup races. For the most part, they own their own smaller hydros just for the fun and excitement of driving in the local regattas.

ITEM TWO: From this corner, it has always been a matter of conjecture, why local Nisei who always figure prominently in all kinds of sports, never went in for swimming. It may be been that in the old days, sensitive souls hereabouts felt the weight of prejudice at the beaches and in the pools.

But now, as the big name stars are readying for the Pan-American trials and the 1960 Olympics, Northwest hopes ride with National champions Nancy Ramey and Suzie Ordogh. But up in Vancouver B.C. there is a little gal named Margaret Iwasaki who has been sneaking up on Nancy's record times, and is said to be coach Ray Daughter's biggest worry. She has already proved her speed in competition by winning her event in the British Empire Games in Wales last year.

ITEM THREE: On the local JACL front, 1000 Club Chairman Frank Hattori reports that Seattle is holding up its end on the membership at a pretty constant 65, which is just about double what the membership in the group was a year ago.

ITEM FOUR: The superb drum and bugle corps of Troop 252 of the Seattle Buddhist church is appearing in civic celebrations all over the Northwest; from the Wenatchee Apple Cup, to the Portland Centennial, and of course will again be a featured attraction during Seafair week with its many parades and pageants. Cathay Post, American Legion is very grateful for the Troop's help in the Post's Memorial Day observance.

ITEM FIVE: Puget Sound is well-known for its plentiful supply of octopus. In the Port Townsend, Port Angeles areas on the Straits of Juan de Fuca, they are fished commercially. Shipments are made daily, but a local dealer tells how a new truck driver was almost scared out of his boots when a squirming tentacle reached out from a hole in a crate. He was ready to quit on the spot, but was finally persuaded that it was only a routine shipment, and he had better get to Seattle on schedule, or the shipment would be refused if the creatures within stopped squirming.

ITEM SIX: And then there's the story of the new Nisei bartender in town who had his own way of solving a problem. A bruiser and his husky girl friend got all slopped up, made nuisances of themselves and went broke, but continued to give the slightly built fellow a hard time. He invested a dime to call a cab, and when it came gave the couple two dollars and told them to go out and have a good time on him—somewhere else. It worked, but of course the two bucks didn't last very long, and they returned—in another cab—and demanding that their benefactor pay the cabbie wot brug' em.

WASHINGTON NEWSLETTER: By Mike Masaoka

(Continued from Back Page)

THIS SUGGESTING OF possible roles for the JACL in the future is neither exhaustive nor mutually exclusive, for it occurs to me that there must be many other alternatives for an organization like the JACL to consider and that a combination of one or more of the possibilities will probably be the final answer, if any is to be found.

In any event, it is the hope of the National Board that not generalizations and vague platitudes, but concrete and specific suggestions will be spelled out in considerable detail in order that the National Council which meets in Sacramento next summer may at least consider "Decisions for Tomorrows" in the light of actual operations, and not day dreams.

IN THIS IMPORTANT task, the individual members of the organization are invited and encouraged to make known their views, as are non-JACL members in the Nisei community and non-Nisei in the community at large, for what is at stake is not only the future of an organization but possibly also that of a nationality, minority society in our national life.

In 1930, when the National JACL was founded, the first ten year program was dedicated to the development of citizenship among the Nisei.

In 1940, a fearful JACL thought in terms of a strengthened organization devoted to the elimination of racial discrimination against those of Japanese ancestry and general public education of the hopes and aspirations of those of Japanese ancestry in the United States.

In 1950, the experiences of World War II behind us, a confident JACL programmed constructive legislative, judicial, and public relations programs to gain complete acceptance of all Americans of Japanese ancestry in every field of human activity.

In 1960, Quo Vadis, JACL?



WITH THE TIARA ON HER HEAD and holding the scepter in her hand, Betty Sakamoto reigns at Saturday's dinner dance sponsored by the Long Beach Harbor District JACL to succeed Shirley Mizufuka (right) as the 1959 Harbor Queen. She will be among the aspirants for the 19th annual Nisei Week Festival title in August. Doralyn Goka and Michi Kataoka were Betty's attendants.

—Rafu Shimpō photo by Toyo Miyatake

5 ft.-2 in. beauty picked Long Beach queen candidate for Nisei Week Festival

LONG BEACH.—Betty Sakamoto, 18-year-old Long Beach State College coed and only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Noboru Sakamoto of La Mirada, was crowned "Miss Harbor" for the 1959 Nisei Week queen contest.

The ceremonies took place here Saturday at a dinner-dance sponsored by the Long Beach JACL with the 1000ers in charge. Miss Sakamoto will be attended by Michi Kataoka, 19, and Doralyn Goka, 18, finalists in the Harbor area queen race.

Formerly of Sacramento, Betty is a business education major, stands a pert 5 ft. 2 in., weighs 105 and lists dancing and bowling as her hobbies. She is a member of the Harbor HiCo and has a younger brother Dick, who graduated from Excelsior High School this week.

Her mother was among the capacity crowd of 150 who witnessed 1958 Harbor Queen Shirley Mizufuka confer the pearl studded tiara and sceptre, designed by Nancy Keenan. Some 10,000 pearls and gems were used to depict the theme of "Miss Harbor" with a jeweled sailboat crown and the

sceptre displaying a wheel.

The three finalists were individually introduced and interviewed by master of ceremonies Dr. Mas Takeshita. While the trio received warm encouragement from Miss Mizufuka, 1957 local queen who won the coveted Nisei Week crown for that year, judges Mrs. George Kawaichi, Dorothy Erickson and William Graf based their selection on a point system.

Local JACL president Dr. John Kashiwabara, queen committee men Maruo Ichikawa and Dr. Takeshita with princesses Michi and Doralyn joined in the waltz honoring the newly crowned "Miss Harbor".

In Disneyland Parade

The first official duty of the Long Beach Queen Betty took place Sunday at Disneyland where she participated in the mammoth parade and unveiling of the playground's latest additions. Also taking part in the parade were Miss Mizufuka and Joyce Miyagawa, 1957 Harbor princess. The gala affair led by Vice President Richard Nixon as grand marshal and Art Linkletter as emcee was telecast Monday.

The 1959 Long Beach queen and entourage will be present at the Harbor Japanese Community picnic at Recreation Park on July 19 and at the Long Beach Golf Club Invitational Tournament at Meadowlark on July 26.

The local social highlight was co-chaired by Jim Okura, dinner dance, and Arthur Noda, queen committee. Others assisting were members of the local chapter "1000 Club," and entertainers Lily Arihara and Akira Endo.

Hawaii trip donated

One of the prizes going to Miss Nisei Week this year will be a free trip to Hawaii, it was announced by Kiyomi Takata, Festival executive. Ed K. Yamato, former Islander, is the donor.

PORTLAND NISEI PROMOTED ON TELEVISION JOB

PORTLAND, Ore.—The promotion of Beti Ann Yoko Minamoto as director of the KPTV continuity department was announced this week by station manager Frank Riordan.

Employed at the local TV station since her graduation from the Univ. of Oregon School of Journalism last year, the 21-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Kumaichi Minamoto, 54 NE Meikle Pl., was assistant director of program and continuity.

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JAPAN BEAUTIES FOR WORLD CONTESTS NAMED

TOKYO.—Two "Miss Japans" were selected last week in a national contest.

Akiko Kojima, 22, a 5 foot 6 fashion model of Tokyo was selected to be the Japanese entrant in the Miss Universe contest to be held in Long Beach, Calif., this summer. Her measurements: 38-23 1/2-38. She weighs 132 pounds.

Another Miss Japan to be entered in the Miss World contest in London this fall is Chieko Ichinose, 18, a debutante from Shizuoka. She is 5 feet 6, weighs 129 pounds and measures 35-22 1/2-36.

Portland JACL's son succumbs to leukemia

PORTLAND.—Little David Roy Maeda, 4, died of leukemia on June 1. He was the son of Mr. and Mrs. Roy Maeda, both active JACLers. His father was first vice-president of the local chapter last year.

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Susie Michiko, Apr. 9.
Urasaki, Kenneth (Tomie Shiroma)—
girl Christine C., Apr. 14.
Watanabe, John (Janet Okimoto)—girl
Jana Dee, Apr. 18.
Woo, Tom K. (Sadako Hachiya)—girl
Linda M., Apr. 30.
Yamaguchi, Ko (Mary Nakamine)—
boy Timothy Ko, Apr. 26.
Yamaguchi, Larry (Natsuno Uehara)—
girl Kathleen Reiko, Apr. 24.
Yamakido, Atsumi (Aki Osawa)—girl
Lauren Ayako, Apr. 13.
Yamashiro, Jack (Rose Tsuneishi)—
boy Mark Musashi, Mar. 29, La Puente.
Yamaguchi, Dr. Mitsuya (Barbara Takahashi)—girl Nina Renko, Apr. 1.
Yamane, Tetsuo (Mitzi Nihara)—boy
Linus, Apr. 19, Pasadena.

FRESNO

Arikawa, Fred—boy, Feb. 3.
Kubota, Eiichi—girl, Mar. 2.
Morita, Robert—boy, Feb. 14.
Renge, Nobuo—girl, Feb. 3.
Sakoda, James—boy, Jan. 28.
Tafiri, Roy—girl, Feb. 14.
Tafiri, Dr. Akira—girl, Feb. 25, Reedley.
Takahashi, Ted—girl, Mar. 11, Clovis.
Takemoto, Masashi—boy, Jan. 16.



Washington NEWSLETTER

BY MIKE MASAOKA

Nat'l JACL Board Meeting

Washington D.C.

THAT WAS QUITE a meeting which the National JACL Board and Staff held in San Francisco over the weekend of June 5.

To one who has attended all of the National Board meetings since the end of World War II, it was outstanding not only for the quantity of work accomplished, but more for the many problems that were resolved and the alternatives that were considered for the future.

Overall, there was that spirit of JACL which allows Nisei from all over the country to get together for 18-hour stretches and to discuss dispassionately and constructively the multitudinous problems of the Nisei in general and of the JACL in particular.

That weekend meeting certainly vindicated the judgment of those who in Salt Lake City last summer at the National Convention insisted that, in spite of the expenses that might be involved, the National Board and Staff should meet at least once a year in executive session.

TO ME, THE most important single subject that came out of the meeting was the establishment of the 1960-1970 Planning Commission, with National President Shig Wakamatsu as its chairman, and the eight district council chairmen as vice chairmen, with the remaining members of the Board (the elected national officers) to be assigned specific responsibilities. A paid executive secretary is to be named to handle the administrative details of the Commission.

Ever since 1952, when, with the exception of Statehood for Hawaii, all of JACL's major legislative objectives had been attained, many of us in JACL have been troubled about the future of the organization.

During the war years and immediately thereafter, there was much talk that JACL should work itself out of business by securing the elimination of discriminatory laws and practices against persons of Japanese ancestry in this country. In this spirit, the JACL Anti-Discrimination Committee was established in 1946 as a Utah corporation with a ten-year limit on its corporate existence, in the dream that a decade of intensive and dedicated activity might result in sufficient progress to liquidate the Committee and possibly the JACL too as a mass-membership, political action, community service organization.

Following enactment of the Immigration and Nationality (Walter-McCarran) Act in 1952, which removed the legal sanction for most federal and state discrimination against those of Japanese ancestry by extending the privilege of naturalization to our Issei parents, there was a general let-down in organizational activity, though little, or no, thought of liquidating the JACL as various relatively minor, mop-up operations remained to be done in Washington and elsewhere on problems that survived the war.

During this past biennium, with Statehood achieved for the long-deserving Territory of Hawaii, with the administrative phases of both the evacuation claims and renunciant review programs of the Department of Justice completed, and the in every field of human endeavor, it was logical that an honest, intensive, and clear analysis be made of the need for an organization like the JACL and of its organizational makeup.

SHOULD THE JACL liquidate in its entirety, leaving behind no national or regional organization to keep watch and ward over the destinies of those of Japanese ancestry in this country, ready and equipped to serve again should another crisis like World War II threaten the lives and property of those of Japanese ancestry?

Should the JACL recast itself from a mass-membership organization that attempts to be all things to all people, at least among and for those of Japanese ancestry in this land, and return to the fraternal, educational group that was envisioned by the original founders of the JACL movement in the mid-twenties?

Should the JACL on a national level remain as the political watchdog of the fortunes of Americans of Japanese ancestry, with the local chapters cast into the roles of social service and community welfare organizations, especially with the Issei and their associations rapidly leaving the scene?

Should the JACL develop into autonomous regional organizations devoted to the specialized needs of those of Japanese ancestry in their respective areas, coordinated by a national council to maintain some semblance of national unity and cooperation?

Should the local chapters become the mainspring of the organization, with the national more or less as a nominal tie, with local autonomy authorized in order that every community chapter might do whatever its members and facilities require and permit?

Should JACL move more into the field of political activity, especially on the local levels, and become a special kind of "citizens' committee interested in the problems of the total community, regardless of their specific and direct relationship to those of Japanese ancestry in the community, state, or nation?

Should the JACL try to develop into a specialized kind of national organization that would attempt to inform and guide national public policy on international relations with Japan in particular and the Far East in general, on the theory that an association of this kind is sorely needed on the national scene to remind the United States of its responsibilities and its destiny in and around the Pacific Basin?

Should the JACL become a cultural organization devoted to contributing the cultural arts and heritage of Japan to the general American community?

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IDAHO, HAWAII NISEI LEADERS ATTEND NAT'L CIVIL RIGHTS COMMISSION PARLEY

(JACL News Service)

WASHINGTON. — Henry Suyehiro of Emmett, Idaho, and Ralph Yamaguchi of Honolulu, Hawaii, were among almost a hundred chairmen and vice chairmen of state advisory committees attending the National Conference on Civil Rights, sponsored by the President's Commission on Civil Rights.

Both are vice-chairmen of their respective state advisory committees. Members to these advisory committees were appointed by the President's Civil Rights Commission.

Suyehiro, a farmer, has long been active in the leadership of the Japanese American Citizens League in his area. He has served as president of the Boise Valley JACL chapter, among other offices.

Yamaguchi, an attorney, is associated with Territorial Senator Wilfred Tsukiyama, former president of the Territorial Senate who is a candidate for the Republican nomination to be one of the first two United States Senators to be elected from the new State of Hawaii.

Mas Satow, national JACL direc-

tor, is a member of the California advisory committee.

Every state except Mississippi and South Carolina was represented at the workshop by the chairmen and vice chairmen of their advisory committees. The representatives discussed the status of civil rights in their respective jurisdictions for possible inclusion in the report that the Presidential Commission must make to the Congress later this session. Congress created this Commission in 1957 when it approved the first civil rights legislation in 80 years.

In addressing the conference, the President declared that "compassion, consideration, and justice" were the answers to racial prejudice in this country.

"There can be no doubt America has not reached perfection in attaining the lofty ideals laid down for us in our founding documents," the President said.

"The important thing is that we go ahead, that we make progress. This does not necessarily mean revolution. In my mind it means evolution."

The President said he based his hopes in the racial area on "moral law rather than statutory law because I happen to be one of those people who has very little faith in the ability of statutory law to change the human heart, or to eliminate prejudice."

The Civil Rights Commission, President Eisenhower said, was wisely created by Congress with the objectives of "conciliating, fact-finding and giving examples to us."

"Indeed," he went on, "at times I think it holds up before us all a mirror so that we may see ourselves, what we are doing and what we are not doing, and therefore making it easier for us to correct our omissions."

"The progress that you are going to help achieve is that of education, promoting understanding to see that we come nearer to achieving our ideals without necessarily, or maybe not even wisely, trying to place on our statute books too many punitive laws."

FIRST NISEI PRESIDENT HEADS CALGARY JR. CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

CALGARY, Alberta. — Jim Tamagi, prominent Calgary businessman was elected last week 1959 president of the Calgary Junior Chamber of Commerce.

He is probably the first Japanese Canadian to be elected to the top executive position. He first joined the group in 1956, was elected vice president in 1957. His committee was honored as Outstanding Committee for 1956 and 1957 and since has chaired various other successful programs.

The new appointee is the president of the Bridge Products Co. Ltd., dealing in fruits and vegetables.

Congressman's employee

WASHINGTON. — Myke Kosobayashi, former Washington JACL Office secretary, is now secretary in the office of Congressman Sidney Yates, Chicago Democrat.

Wakamatsu in testimonial to Evanston pastor

EVANSTON, Ill. — Dr. Homer Jack, pastor of the Evanston Unitarian Church who greatly assisted Japanese American evacuees during the early resettlement days in Chicago a decade ago, is resigning his post here to work with the new American Committee on Africa in New York.

Shig Wakamatsu, national JACL president, was present at the Tuesday night community testimonial to Dr. Jack, recalling his assistance with the establishment of the Midwest JACL Office in one of the speeches of the evening.

DENVER YOUTH DIES OF HEART ATTACK AT PARTY

DENVER. — Services were held here June 13 for Howard James Suenaga, 14-year-old son of Dr. and Mrs. Howard Suenaga.

Young Howard died June 10 following a heart attack suffered while at a church skating party. He had been born with a congenital heart defect.

In addition to his parents, Howard is survived by a brother, Richard, and a sister, Lonnie. Dr. Suenaga practiced in Guadalupe, Calif., before the evacuation and is widely known in southern California.

Buddhist benediction

BERKELEY. — The Rev. Shozen Naito, acting bishop for the Buddhist Churches of America, of San Francisco delivered the benediction at the Univ. of California commencement here last week.

Among the 5,350 students receiving degrees were Rev. Naito's son, Kiyoshi, and Rev. Keisho Motoyama, a minister of the Buddhist Churches of America. Rev. Naito's participation marked the first time that a Buddhist priest has taken part in commencement exercises at the Univ. of California or any other major university in America.

Hawaii governor asking Pentagon to waive 5 ft.-4 in. minimum for Nisei ROTC cadets

HONOLULU. — Three outstanding Japanese American ROTC cadets at the Univ. of Hawaii who came a long way to reach the top are appealing to Gov. William F. Quinn to help them get over the "biggest" hurdle.

And the governor has promised to take their case to the top echelon in Washington. Their problem: they are too short to meet the Regular Army minimum height requirement.

The specified minimum height is 5 ft.-6 in., which can be waived to 5 ft.-4 in. for certain technical and administrative branches.

But the trio below the minimum height are Cadet Colonel Ralph K. Kobayashi, 5 ft.-3 in.; Battle Group Commander Ryokichi Higashionna, 5 ft.-1½ in.; Cadet Co. Commander Robert H. Masuo, 5 ft.-2½ in.

Unless the minimum height is further waived, the three cadets will be lost to the Regular Army. All three were graduated with reserve officers' commissions as second lieutenant at the com-

menecement exercises June 7.

Col. John B.R. Hines, professor of Military Science and Tactics at the university, called the three "my top distinguished military students."

He has gone as far as he can go through his own channels to help the cadets. But even with a favorable recommendation from the local Army authorities, the Army's chief of physical standards in Washington declined to grant the waiver for the trio.

Gov. Quinn says he is writing to the Secretary of the Army Wilber M. Brucker to come to the aid of the cadets.

"I have your records and I will be very proud to do what I can to support you," the governor told the cadets and Col. Hines.

As Col. Hines pointed out, although this is the first year that cadets have actually been disqualified for height in the past cadets who otherwise might have applied for a Regular Army appointment did not apply because they were below the minimum height.

NISEI COP TOP THREE AWARDS IN CANADIAN ARCHITECTURAL CONTEST

TORONTO. — The top three awards in a nationally-held architectural contest were won by Japanese Canadians.

Gene Kinoshita, 24, won the \$2,500 traveling scholarship plus transportation to Britain and Europe—first prize in the annual Pilkington Glass competition—for a jazz center design in Vancouver. Second prize of \$200 was awarded to Donald Matsuo, Univ. of British Columbia student, and third prize of \$100 to Nobuo Kubota of the Univ. of Toronto.

Gene's brother, Hajime Kinoshita, won third place in the same contest four years ago and is now designing hotels for a large U.S. chain and is living in Boston.

Ex-Poston attorney plunges to death

(Special to Pacific Citizen)

WASHINGTON. — Theodore H. Haas, one of the foremost authorities on federal Indian law and a veteran Interior Department attorney, plunged to his death here last week.

Affectionately known as "Ted" to many Nisei evacuees who were relocated to the Poston Relocation Center in Arizona in the early days of World War II, he served as the project attorney with such well-known Nisei attorneys as Saburo Kido and Thomas Masuda. Haas had been under psychiatric treatment for the past several weeks for severe exhaustion and nervous strain.

At the time of his death, he was assistant solicitor of the Interior Department. He was chief counsel for the Bureau of Indian Affairs when Dillon Myer, war time director of the War Relocation Authority, was Commissioner of Indian Affairs.

BROTHER & SISTER STAR AS GRADUATION ORATORS

BOISE. — A brother and sister were valedictorian and salutatorian of Cascade High School this year. Joy Hirai was valedictorian and her brother, George, Jr., was salutatorian. They are the children of Mr. and Mrs. George Hirai, Boise Valley JACLers.

CALENDAR

- June 20 (Saturday)
 - Contra Costa—Graduates dance, Richmond Civic Center, 8 p.m.
 - Chicago—Jr. JACL dinner-dance, Sheraton Plaza.
 - Chicago—Men's Nite, Olivet Institute.
- June 21 (Sunday)
 - Berkeley—Community picnic, Roberts Regional Park, North Oakland.
 - Salt Lake Valley—Picnic, Sheriff's Post Ground.
 - Pocatello—Community Picnic, Southeast Idaho Fairgrounds.
 - Pasadena—Introduction of "Miss Pasadena" for Nisei Week at Gardeners Assn. picnic, Brookside Park.
- June 25 (Thursday)
 - East Los Angeles—General meeting, International Institute, 8 p.m.; travel talk on South America.
- June 26 (Friday)
 - New York—Installation dinner, Empire Hotel, 63rd and Broadway, 6:30.
 - Hollywood—Graduates outing, Elysian Park Lodge.
- June 27 (Saturday)
 - Chicago—"New Horizons IV" dinner-dance, Shoreland Hotel, 6:30 p.m.
 - 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, Wilegand's Lake.
 - San Francisco — Community picnic, Speedway Meadows, Golden Gate Park.
- July 1 (Wednesday)
 - Downtown L.A.—Nisei Week Candidate dinner-dance, New Ginza, 7 p.m.
- July 3 (Friday)
 - Watsonville—Benefit movies.
- July 3-4
 - Sacramento—VEW-JACL bazaar, Nisei War Memorial Hall.
- July 4 (Saturday)
 - St. Louis—Chapter picnic.
- July 5 (Sunday)
 - Sonoma County—Community picnic, Doran Park.
- July 8 (Wednesday)
 - Sequoia — Bridge Club Master Point tournament, Okamura Hall, Redwood City.
- July 9 (Thursday)
 - Detroit—Cabinet meeting, International Institute, 8 p.m.
- July 11 (Saturday)
 - East Los Angeles—Beach party.
 - Watsonville — Post-Independence Day dance, Veterans Memorial Hall.
 - Sacramento — Chapter queen dance, Masonic Temple.
 - Philadelphia — Community picnic, Friends Central School.
- July 12 (Sunday)
 - Hollywood-San Fernando—Joint beach party, Playa del Rey.
- July 19 (Sunday)
 - Milwaukee—Chapter picnic, Whitnall Park No. 2.
 - San Francisco—Auxiliary picnic, Adobe Creek Lodge, Los Altos.