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## COLUMN LEFT:

Mature thoughts from mature men needed

Chatting with one of the old-timers in JACL the other day, it was very evident that JACL's programming at the local level has been diluted to a social level for he pointed to the preponderance of social news in the Pacific Citizen. He granted that it was necessary, remembering that many first became interested in JACL through social activities. Social news in the PC often get the most play because the chairman wants everyone to attend and keeps sending in the publicity, we countered.

We didn't explore that topic further, but we're sure he wanted to say that many of the old-timers drop from active chapter work because the basis for participation has not been expanded to accommodate their desires for more meaningful objectives as these old-timers view them. In simple language: a man with a family whose oldest child is going to college just can't get excited about social dancing, unless he happens to be taking dance lessons.

It boils down to the problem of securing a broad plan of active participation in JACL — the very thing the 1960-70 Planning Commission is studying.

The philosophy of a minority group being organized for its own welfare is still valid, we strongly feel, but to maintain active interest and keeping the organization dynamic and alert for all of its members, young and old, is the question before the current membership.

Long-time JACLers who fear JACL is becoming just "another" group by emphasis on socials, youth and sports, which could be adequately handled by other organizations in the area, should no longer stay silent. Rather than belittling the present chapter efforts to meet a community need, which the social, youth and sports activities meet, their thoughts on what JACL can accomplish at a regional or national level would be most informative and possibly inspiring. —H.H.

## U.C. REGENTS CLEAR CAMPUS OF FRATERNITY BIAS

BERKELEY. — Univ. of California regents have banned fraternities and sororities from having membership rules which discriminate because of race, religion or national origin.

A policy statement adopted last Friday said any such restrictions must be eliminated by Sept. 1, 1964.

President Clark Kerr said a majority of student groups already have eliminated discriminatory membership requirements.

The regents said it is not intended to interfere with an organization's privilege of selecting its members.

"The Univ. of California has always had a policy against discrimination," the head of the university said, "and it has observed this policy strictly in the admission of students, utilization of university facilities and the government of all groups under administrative control of the regents."

"The new policy is especially intended to free all recognized student organizations from requirements that they select members on the basis of race, religion or national origin."

"I have firm faith in fraternities and sororities as important positive forces in university life. I believe, and the regents concur, that the policy, complying as it does with the university's obligations to the law and to the people of California, will strengthen the traditional, constructive role of the fraternities and sororities."

## Idaho Nisei regains U.S. citizenship as private bill signed

(JACL News Service)

WASHINGTON. — The President last week signed a private bill introduced by U.S. Sen. Frank Church (D., Idaho) to authorize the expeditious naturalization of Asae Kato Nishimoto, who lost her citizenship by voting the postwar elections in Japan.

Mrs. Nishimoto is the sister of Novo Kato, a partner of the Yellowstone Motor Company and a prominent leader in the Japanese American Citizens League movement, having been president of the Pocatello chapter and an officer of the Intermountain District Council. She also has two sisters residing in Bellflower, Calif., Mrs. Miyoko Nakamura and Mrs. Sachiye Kumagai.

Born in Pocatello, Idaho, some 40 years ago, she was taken to Japan when she was seven years old. She has remained there ever since. She was married to Masami Nishimoto, a designer-engraver in the textile mills in Wakayama prefecture, Japan. She is the mother of three children, two sons and a daughter.

She lost her citizenship by voting in the Japanese elections in 1946, 1948, 1951, and 1952.

She could not take advantage of the JACL-sponsored law of 1954 under which more than a thousand Nisei who lost their citizenship by voting in the Japanese elections during the period of the American Occupation recovered their citizenship, because she voted after Japan had regained her sovereignty with the Treaty of Peace.

Senator Church introduced the bill early in the session.

The bill itself had the endorsement of the Pocatello JACL chapter and of the Washington JACL Office.

## MINORITY MEMBERS IN ALASKAN ELECTION

JUNEAU, Alaska. — The president of the Alaska Senate, William E. Beltz, belongs to a minority that is new in American politics; he is an Eskimo. His only opponent for the office was an Indian.

## JACL support of returning vested property told in detail

(JACL News Service)

WASHINGTON. — The Japanese American Citizens League last week urged the Senate Judiciary Subcommittee on the Trading with the Enemy Act to return, without discrimination, the sequestered private property vested by the United States during and after World War II.

Testifying for JACL, Washington representative Mike Masaoka urged the Congress not to discriminate against the Japanese, and in favor of the Germans, as the Administration proposed in legislation last spring in which partial return only to Germans and the payment of war claims against both Germany and Japan was provided.

He expressed strong support for the bill introduced by the chairman of the subcommittee, Sen. Olin D. Johnston (D., S.C.), which provides for the payment of war claims and the return of all private wartime vested property, with necessary funds to be taken from the repayments of postwar economic aid to Germany and Japan.

### \$100,000,000 Involved

From January 1942 until April 1952, seven years after the surrender of Japan, the Alien Property Custodian, and his successor the Office of Alien Property, seized almost \$100 million dollars of private property purportedly belonging to Japanese nationals to prevent its use by the enemy against the United States.

Masaoka emphasized that now, 14 years after the surrender of Japan, the reasons which prompted the vestings no longer exist and that, therefore, the private property should be returned in accordance with historic American principles and practices.

Though the JACL witness emphasized the legal and financial differences between the German and Japanese vested properties, he urged that both should be returned in the national and international interest of the United States.

Pointing out that Japan had fulfilled every treaty commitment in regard to war damages to Americans in Japan, to indemnify through the International Red Cross for undue hardships suffered by prisoners of war, and to negotiate for damages done by the Japanese Occupation forces in Southeast Asia, Masaoka stressed that, on the basis of Japanese knowledge of the historical practices of the United States in returning similar vested private property after every war in which this country has engaged, these Japanese owners confidently expect the Congress to return this property in the immediate future.

### International Law

If during the period of the American Occupation of Japan, the United States under international law could not confiscate private

property in Japan itself, is it unreasonable for the Japanese to believe that their private property in the United States is likewise protected from confiscation, Masaoka asked.

The JACL statement declared that: "To the Japanese and Germans whose properties are still vested, their treatment at the hands of our Government, when contrasted to that accorded to former Italian, Bulgarian, Rumanian, Hungarian, and Austrian owners, rankles bitterly."

"Though designated as 'enemy nationals' by our laws, these Japanese nationals who had businesses in this country before the outbreak of war were—and are—our most loyal friends. Can one imagine how these Japanese nationals must feel when they learn that the State Department in 1955 requested legislation to return the private property vested from Bulgarians, Rumanians, and Hungarians because 'we (the United States) do not wish to alienate the support of friendly nationals of Bulgaria, Hungary, and Rumania or impair their faith in the United States?' How can we justify to the Germans and Japanese this favoritism for the 'friendly nationals' of three countries which are now satellites of the Soviet Union, while continuing to discriminate against the 'friendly nationals' of our two allies who are bulwarks of our free world defenses?"

### Aid Cause of Freedom

"Today, Japan is the showcase of democracy and private enterprise in the Far East. The new nations of Southeast Asia, especially, are comparing Japan with Red China in their ideological conflict to determine which system will be most effective for their destiny."

"At a time like this, it would not only help Japan if this sequestered private property were returned to their former owners, but also the cause of freedom and democracy in the Afro-Asian area."

"Seven nations—Argentina, Brazil, Chile, Peru, Ceylon, India, and Pakistan—have all returned the private property of the Japanese which they sequestered during World War II."

"To the Japanese, is it not ironical that the United States, the leading exponent of the sanctity of private property, should continue to retain Japanese private property

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## State of Washington law banning bias 10 years old

SEATTLE. — A dinner marking the 10th year of the Washington Law against Discrimination was recently attended by JACL representatives Tak Kubota and Mary Fujita of Seattle and Mr. and Mrs. Tom Takemura of Puyallup Valley.

## Father LaFarge takes issue with stand of Eisenhower on civil rights legislation

KINGSTON, R.I. — Father John LaFarge, S.J., took issue with President Eisenhower's stand on civil rights at a human relations workshop held at the University of Rhode Island here.

Quoting the President as having said recently that segregation is immoral but that civil rights cannot be legislated, Fr. LaFarge told the meeting: "The President was right when he said that segregation is immoral, but he was wrong when he said that nothing can be done about civil rights."

"You may not be able to legislate morality into existence, but it is a man's obligation to legislate immorality out of existence," the Jesuit author and editor said. "We must legislate against theft, against neglect, against violence. We must legislate against segrega-

tion."

Fr. LaFarge was referring to President Eisenhower's press conference of July 8 in which he said he believes racial segregation is morally wrong when it interferes with equality of opportunity.

He explained he was referring to equality of opportunity in affairs controlled by government and in the economic and political fields.

This was the President's first flat statement of his personal feelings on segregation. It was made at a press conference attended by 190 reporters.

Heretofore in the field of civil rights, the President has more or less confined himself to statements that it is his duty to support enforcement of the law as interpreted by the U.S. Supreme Court.



AMBASSADOR ASAKAI To Address JACLers

## Japan ambassador to U.S. to speak at EDC-MDC parley

NEW YORK. — Koichiro Asakai, the Japanese Ambassador to the United States, will be one of the featured speakers at the EDC-MDC JACL Convention, scheduled in New York City for this Labor Day weekend, announced Convention Chairman Aki Hayashi today.

Ambassador Asakai, who studied at University of Edinburgh, will speak at the Recognitions Banquet, Sunday, Sept. 6, at Hotel Park Sheraton, which is also the convention headquarters.

Tokichi Matsuoka, president of the New York Japanese American Association, will be honored by the JACL at this banquet for his 12 years of community leadership.

Consul General Mitsuo Tanaka and Counsellor Henry Shimanouchi have indicated they will attend the Recognitions Banquet, said Hayashi.

Mr. Asakai, who has a reputation for bluntness in his public utterances, is regarded as the top authority in the Japanese Foreign Office on economic problems. At 53, Asakai is one of the youngest men to occupy the top post in Japan's Foreign Service, ambassadorship to the United States.

## ANOTHER NISEI NAMED TO WEST POINT CLASS

HONOLULU. — Airman second class Galen H. Yanagihara, son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles S. Yanagihara of 2645 Huapala Dr., was appointed recently to the United States Military Academy, West Point, New York.

## CONNECTICUT PASSES FAIR HOUSING LAW

HARTFORD. — Connecticut became the third state this year to pass an open-occupancy law.

Racial discrimination has been banned by the state legislature in public housing and also in the sale or rental of private housing where the development or apartment project has five or more units. The law provides a fine of \$25 to \$100 or up to 30 days in jail for violators.

A companion bill gives the State Civil Rights Commission authority to initiate investigations instead of being limited to only acting on complaints.

Massachusetts and Colorado were the first two states to pass similar legislation during 1959.

More recently, California has enacted a fair housing law.

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## Ye Editor's Desk

**POX AND COP**—Occasional caller at the JACL Regional Office from the new Police Administration building across East First Street is Hollywood JACler Miwa Yanamoto, who is employed as stenographer . . . When engaged in a conversation with her—and those connected with law enforcement—you avoid the use of the slang expression, "cop" for a police officer. As a general rule, the Pacific Citizen doesn't refer to policemen as "cops" either, although it fits more easily in headlines than "policemen". We agree with FBI chief J. Edgar Hoover that the term, "cop", is lacking the dignity that ought to be shown to law enforcement . . . Now comes the information from an oldtime press telegrapher that the term may even be a compliment, though somewhat inaccurately so. He says "cop" was one of thousands of terms the telegraphers used to lighten their load and speed the flow of news. The telegraphers (during the era before teletype came into wide use) developed a shorthand of their own, known as the Phillips code. In it Washington became Wx, San Francisco Fx, Mississippi became Msp, president of the United States became Potus and the supreme court of the United States was Scotus . . . In this code, "police" was transmitted as Pox, policemen as Poxn. The code for chief of police was Cop. In time, the term got into general use, eventually becoming applied to all police officers, so when you call a policeman a cop, you're calling him chief of police. As another writer puts it: "Not very accurate, but not necessarily uncomplimentary."

**U.S. IN 1970**—How accurately persons of Japanese ancestry fit into the outlook of the United States in 1970 presented by market researchers is a big question, but they foresee three out of four families will have incomes of more than \$4,000 a year—in terms of 1959 dollars. Maybe Japanese Americans have squeezed into this forecast already . . . The forecasters also say 45 per cent of all families will have incomes over \$10,000.

American economic history shows that in the 1900s, the average worker's income was \$650 a year at a time when the average cost of the horseless carriage was about \$1,000. As income increased, the proportionate share of income spent for food, shelter and clothing decreased while there was a rise in expenses generally associated with "luxury" items, in payment of taxes and in savings.

Fortune magazine feels that the average family will have \$1,300 more a year to spend by 1970, despite the likely high cost of defense. How the family will spend this added income is the daydream of current market researchers, who feel "personal services and utilities" will gain the most, followed by automobiles, clothing, household and recreation goods, food, drink and tobacco . . . The rising population and increasing productivity are combining forces to make the American economy of 1970 appear so optimistic . . . In short, despite the inflationary mists and war clouds, the outlook looks bright to the market researchers, who add that industrial and social (health, education, government, etc.) investments will taper, but private capital and other investments will nearly double by 1970.

The JACL 1960-70 Planning Commission, expressly organized to delineate programs for the coming decade, may well consider the dollars that will be available—as forecast by the market researchers—to accomplish its objectives. If the presence of more dollars means higher costs, surely, the running of JACL will cost more, which will redound upon the general membership in terms of higher fees . . . The Planning Commission, one might say, stands as the market researchers for JACL. If it concludes that membership fees should increase with the times, the membership will become more selective in how to spend their dollars. The JACL, as a product, must compete for buyers who would become more distinguishing in their buys in the decade to come.

## 1000 CLUB NOTES: by William Matsumoto

In 12 short months we will all gather for the 16th Biennial national convention in Sacramento. As of this week, the active and paid-up members of our 1000 Club stand at 1,259.

The month of June was good to us with some 133 members renewing and 20 new members joining the ranks. A very recent report shows that Mike Imoto of Tulare County turned in 22 members, five being new. Nice work, Mike! It's fellows like you that will make 2,000 members a reality in 1960.

The month of July finds my buddy Frank Suzukida behind the eight ball as he has the largest number renewing in the Downtown L.A. chapter. Don't forget, Frank, we need them all and then some. I know we can count on you, Frank.

Went down to Monterey last week to enjoy the NC-WNDC board of directors meeting. Also had the pleasure of playing golf with 1000ers Paul Ichijoji and George Kodama of Monterey. According to Kodama, who is chairman of the coming DC meeting, it's going to be a real "bang up" affair, so I guess we just can't afford to miss this event. Put in on your calendar—the date is Aug. 8-9 in Monterey.

District Council 1000 Club Luncheon for Sunday. Everyone should plan to attend as Kenji has promised entertainment and just gobs of fun for those attending. I understand the luncheon will be held at the very popular Ginza Sukiyaki, run by our good friend Kay Nobusada, a 1000er. Talked to Kay and he tells me that no one will leave his place hungry. So let's all get in line. Kenji also stated the luncheon is open to all and that there'll be room for 200 people.



Sorry, Mr. Greeley, but We're Going East

## PRESS COMMENTS:

## Restoration of Citizenship

Tokyo Asahi Evening News editorial, May 29, 1959

A brief but profoundly significant ceremony was held last Wednesday at the office of the U.S. Department of Justice in the presence of Attorney General William P. Rogers. It marked the end of a long series of measures taken to restore citizenship to Americans of Japanese ancestry who were forcibly sent to detention centers during World War II.

During the dark days of the war, some 72,000 Japanese Americans were taken to a detention camp at Tule Lake in California or to camps in other states. The measure was not enforced against Americans of German ancestry but was exclusively directed at Japanese Americans, and many doubts were entertained regarding it from the standpoint of the U.S. Constitution.

As a result, Mike Masaoka and other earnest Japanese Americans worked hard in Congress through the Japanese American Citizens League and other organizations to have these people's citizenship restored. The JACL also through legal proceedings sought settlement of claims for property losses sustained by persons of Japanese ancestry who were forcibly sent to these camps, and many individual cases were satisfactorily settled. These movements also contributed to the enactment of the

McCarren-Walter Act of 1952 on immigration and naturalization and, moreover, to the mitigation of the law preventing Japanese immigration.

In parallel with these efforts by the Japanese Americans, it is also noteworthy that the U.S. authorities reflected deeply on the detention of Japanese Americans, which had been enforced as a result of the strong feelings that existed immediately after the outbreak of the war, and a vigorous movement was started to correct the wartime injustice. The authorities of the Justice Department especially made great efforts to meet applications for restoration of citizenship and claims for property losses. Of the 72,000 Japanese Americans who were sent to the detention camps, 5,766 renounced their citizenship, and of these, 5,409 applied for reinstatement. In addition to those who continued to reside in the United States, the figure includes 1,674 who returned to Japan. Thus, restitution of U.S. citizenship has been approved for a total of 4,978.

Moreover, settlement was completed of 26,558 claims for property losses by persons of Japanese ancestry amounting to some \$36,874,000. Now, these prolonged legal measures have been completed, and the sustained efforts of the Japanese Americans as well as of the U.S. Government may be said to have been rewarded.

Attorney General Rogers stressed during the ceremony that the settlement had been expedited by the new policy on renunciation cases adopted since 1956 by Mr. George C. Dobb, head of the Civil Division. He also praised Dean Eugene V. Rostow of the Yale Law School who analyzed the legal basis of the position of the Japanese Americans and emphasized the need for an early settlement. We wish to express our thanks to these people, to the key figures among the Japanese Americans who worked for the cause, and to Mr. Milton Eisenhower, President of Johns Hopkins University, who gave them his consistent support.

With the end of the long task carried out by the U.S. Department of Justice, the San Francisco Chronicle and many other U.S. newspapers carried editorials declaring that the injustice born of the hysteria of wartime has now been corrected by the strength and courage of democracy. The 13 years required for a settlement are a long time, but it is a precious achievement that will strengthen the bonds of friendship between Japan and the United States with the Japanese Americans acting as intermediaries.

## ALAMEDA JACL BIDS MINISTER FAREWELL

ALAMEDA. — The Rev. Waichi Oyanagi, pastor for the past three years of Buena Vista Methodist Church, and his wife Sachi were honored at a farewell dinner hosted by the Alameda JACL last week. The Nisei minister who served as the chapter's corresponding secretary and newsletter editor this year, has been transferred to the Japanese Methodist Church in Tacoma.

Chapter president Yosh Isono was dinner emcee.

## San Francisco FEP ready to go out of business

SAN FRANCISCO.—Edward Howden, executive director of the San Francisco Commission on Equal Employment Opportunity, last week said it would celebrate its second birthday by preparing to go out of business.

While the city commission will continue to receive complaints under the San Francisco FEP ordinance until Sept. 18 (date when California's FEP law becomes effective), the agency would have a year to wind up its work on pending cases.

## PC Letter Box

## WE BOW OUR HEADS

Please excuse this informal and simplest way for me to express by admiration for your unique editorial in the July 3 PC "Before and After".

I do read my Pacific Citizen pretty faithfully but often delayedly and many a time I have intended sending you or your excellent columnists a word of appreciation for something done or written exactly as I like it—but I seldom get around to it. I would like you to know that the paper you edit is a continuing source of both information and inspiration to me—because I see in it and through it a procession of democracy not matched by any other American minority. I am proud of our people of Japanese ancestry because I do know something about them and most of it I learn through my PC.

You, I am glad, can understand the satisfaction with which I read on the same page 2 of the July 3 issue the Portland Oregonian editorial of June 21. Oregon is my native state and it is gratifying to see it growing up.

ALLEN EATON  
Crestwood, N.Y.

(We bow our heads in grateful humiliation. Mr. Eaton is the author of the now hard-to-get "Beauty Behind Barbed Wires," a book on the artwork and artifacts created by evacuees in the relocation centers. —Editor.)

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# Vagaries

By Larry S. Tajiri

## 'Crimson Kimono's' Leading Man

PRODUCER-DIRECTOR SAM FULLER HAS plans for James Shigeta if the forthcoming Columbia drama, "The Crimson Kimono," proves successful and establishes the Nisei singer as a Hollywood leading man.

"I would like to use Shigeta next in another film in which he will be just another actor, without regard to his racial ancestry," Fuller said. Fuller, chief of Globe Productions which releases through Columbia, already has a story in mind for Shigeta.

In "The Crimson Kimono," Shigeta plays a Los Angeles cop who falls in love with a girl, Victoria Shaw, who is involved in a murder case he is investigating. Fuller, incidentally, is a man who likes to demolish taboos and Shigeta gets the girl at the fadeout. Fuller made his picture on location, mainly in the Los Angeles Little Tokyo district.

"The Crimson Kimono" already has served to bolster the long-dormant career of Miss Shaw, whose last previous appearance was opposite Tyrone Power in "The Eddie Duchin Story." Since working for Fuller she has been cast in two other pictures. Fuller also discovered Glenn Corbett pumping gas near the Columbia studio and put him into "The Crimson Kimono" as Shigeta's buddy. Corbett has since gotten a leading role in the William Goetz production, "The Mountain Road," which stars James Stewart and which is now in production in Arizona. This is the picture for which a number of Nisei actresses, including Miiko Taka, were considered before the leading female role went to a newcomer, a Chinese American, Lisa Lu.

IF MIIKO TAKA HAS EXPERIENCED any difficulty with her career, it has been because she started at the top—opposite Marlon Brando in "Sayonara."

The other day at the Warners' studio, where she made "Sayonara," Miss Taka performed before the cameras for the first time in two years. She played a terrorized Nisei housewife in one of the films for the new TV program, "Hawaiian Eye," a detective series set in the 50th state.

The other day, Miss Taka looked backed on her two years between the hullabaloo which attended "Sayonara" and her quiet return before the cameras in "Hawaiian Eye."

She told Bob Thomas of the A.P. about her reaction to stardom in the first motion picture she had ever made: "Emotionally I wasn't ready for it. I had been thrust into a situation that wasn't my own doing. I had never been sure that I wanted to be an actress. It all happened by chance."

The story is that she was spotted by Warner Brothers' talent scout Solly Baiano and asked to take a screen test. The test led to the role opposite Brando.

After "Sayonara" was completed, Warners had no other plans for Miss Taka but used her to tour the United States to publicize the picture. The Nisei housewife (she had since divorced from actor Dale Ishimoto) and mother of two, 13 and 11 years of age, packed two kimonos and went out to help sell the picture. She was on a number of TV shows and gave interviews in every city. For a young woman with no previous public relations experience she won her interviews with charm and poise.

Then Warners sent her to Europe for another five months on behalf of "Sayonara." When she returned the studio had no other plans and her contract was dropped.

The Johnny Grant asked Miiko to go on a USO tour to Korea where she found she was already a celebrity, the GIs having seen "Sayonara." Next came a junket to help open the Nile Hilton in Cairo. She returned through Europe.

"My return to Europe was fantastic," she told Thomas. "The picture had played by then and I was recognized by everyone. I was touched when they would say 'Sayonara' to me; although it means 'goodbye' they made it sound like 'Meanwhile, her showing in "Sayonara" had established a term of endearment.

her in pictures. There were many offers for roles, but none which matched the original role of Hana-Ogi, the dancer who falls in love with Brando's jet pilot. William Castle, a director who specializes in horror films ("The Tingler," "Macabre," "House on Haunted Hill") wanted her to star in a new version of the classic "Confessions of an Opium Eater." The picture would be made in Japan and the title would be changed to "Michiko," the role for which Miss Taka was sought.

BROADWAY, STILL IN ITS ORIENTAL phase ("Flower Drum Song," "A Majority of One," "Kataki," "The World of Suzie Wong") beckoned, but Miss Taka did not believe she had the experience in the theater to follow in the footsteps of Miyoshi Umeki, Pat Suzuki, Jeri Miyazaki and a score of other Nisei who are now in the New York theater.

Then came William Goetz offer to try out for the role in "The Mountain Road." Goetz was also the producer of "Sayonara" and he was the one who originally selected her for the part of Hana-Ogi.

"I knew I could play this part of the Chinese girl," Miiko said. "I wanted to do it more than anything."

The story is that Miiko Taka was awake most of the night before the final reading. To calm her nerves she took a tranquilizer. Next morning, her performance was listless. She lost the role.

But the experience strengthened Miiko Taka's determination to continue as an actress. She recently started dramatic lessons.

Producer Goetz has other roles for which Miiko Taka may aspire. There is "Cry for Happy," the Japanese story which goes into production next spring, and "Time of the Dragons," another story with an Oriental setting. Miiko Taka proposes to be ready for her next big chance.

## Saibara Family credited by American rice industry for developing Texas rice economy, 30% of nation's total

(Special to the Pacific Citizen)

NEW ORLEANS. — An inspiring story of Kiyooki Saibara: "Rice Farmer, Texan—and U.S. Citizen" was featured in the Rice Journal last month, official publication of the American rice industry.

Earlier this year, the Houston Chamber of Commerce paid tribute to the Issei pioneer for development of what chamber weekly bulletin described as "the most important crop in the Texas Gulf Coast". Rice growers in the Houston area last year reaped a \$62,000,000 harvest, supplying 30 percent of the nation's total.

Elmer Summers, agricultural editor of the Houston Chronicle, gives credit to the Saibara family of Webster for developing the Texas rice industry nearly 60 years ago. "By introducing the new high yielding variety of rice (from Japan), the Saibaras helped arouse an economic giant," Summers said, that now provides employment for about 10,000 people in the Houston area.

The Rice Journal writer George T. Smith introduced Saibara with: "...and when you mention rice farming, the name Saibara is soon brought into the conversation. Not only because it is an usual name to be found along the Texas Gulf Coast but because of its connection with Texas rice farming."

The distinguished rice farmer has the distinction of having helped produce the first rice crop grown in Texas, using seed imported from Japan. And Rice Journal reports that story in wonderful detail.

### Father Came in 1903

Saibara, now 72, was 18 years old when his father, Seito Saibara, came to this country in 1903 to study theology at Hartford, Conn. At that time, the elder Saibara was president of Doshisha University in Kyoto, a lawyer and also the youngest and only Christian member of the Japanese parliament. He had given up his seat in the parliament to accept the college presidency.

The Japanese government of that day was anti-Christian and the elder Saibara wanted to better equip himself for the situation and came to the United States to study. While carrying on his two-year study at Hartford, the Houston Chamber of Commerce was looking for someone with a knowledge of rice farming to come to Houston to advise local farmers.

The Japanese consul in New York asked the elder Saibara to visit Houston; he agreed—and stayed. He couldn't convince some of the farmers he contacted in Japan to come, so to set the example himself, he wired his son, telling him to sell everything they had in Japan, and to bring his grandparents, mother and some hired men to Texas.

### Not Happy at First

At first displeased with his father's decision, Saibara—then an engineering student studying shipbuilding and with no knowledge of farming—obeyed. He came, bringing with him a variety known as Shinriki (which means "divine power"). "One of the six laborers we brought with us had worked on an experimental station in northern Japan and had farmed there with American implements," Saibara recalled.

The first crop was planted in 1904, allowing 45 lbs. of seed per acre as compared with 60 lbs. of seed per acre used by Louisiana rice growers. The Saibara yield was 34 barrels per acre compared with the average 18-20 barrels produced from native seed.

### SEEK NISEI GIRL FOR LAZSLO PRODUCTION

Hollywood composer and film director Alexander Laszlo, is planning a documentary styled motion picture which will be filmed mainly in the Los Angeles area. Plot involves the results of an atomic fallout in the year 1975.

One of the major roles will be that of a Japanese girl and a search is being made for a beautiful Nisei who does not appear too Americanized in feature or character. She should be about 20-years-old. Previous dramatic training is preferred but not the primary requirement.

Qualified girl should send a description of her record, studies, family relations, address and phone number along with a recent photo to George Yoshinaga, California Daily News, 346 E. First St., Los Angeles 12. Laszlo will then screen the applicants.

The first three years the Saibaras farmed, the rice was sold as seed to Louisiana and Texas farmers. "The first 10 years that we farmed," Saibara stated, "we established the practice of buying seed from Japan every three years in order to have good, clean seed that maintained high yielding characteristics." The late C.J. Knapp, founder of the agricultural agent system in the U.S., helped them to cut government red tape to import Japanese rice seeds.

"The first four years we farmed were good years," recalled Saibara, "but then there was a period of storms, rains, winds and other setbacks that were discouraging but we continued to farm, hoping that Texas would soon become a large rice producing state and could send surplus rice to Japan to help feed her people."

As far back as the turn of the century, the elder Saibara could see that the population growth of Japan was so rapid that the time would soon come when the country could not feed her people.

### Farms Like Others

Saibara farms much like that of any Gulf Coast rice farmer, preferring to make initial land preparations in the early fall so that he can disc and push his levees during dry weather in the winter months. He farms old land since new or sod land is becoming harder to get. He plants at the rate of 140 lbs. of seed per acre—a rate three times higher than they first started.

He practices airplane seeding in water as a means of controlling weeds and grass. In fertilizing rice, he used about 60 lbs. of nitrogen, 45 lbs. of phosphoric acid and "am planning to add 45 lbs. of potash this year", although the experiment station personnel think potash is not required and may have a detrimental effect. "I'm planning to use it because it will stiffen the straw," Saibara said. When he first began farming, the only fertilizer was a small amount of phosphate after the ground was farmed for three years.

Before 1942, Saibara raised an average of 500 acres of rice but after the war broke out, rice was listed as an essential crop and increased his acreage to 1,200, which he maintained until acreage controls came into being. His present allotment has been reduced to around 450 acres.

The farm is currently irrigated from two 500-ft. wells, equipped with Layne pumps which move about 1,800 gallons of water a minute. "The Layne people drilled our first well back in 1904," he said, "and they have drilled all our wells since. You might say

that they have become an institution with us."

### Raising Cattle Now

After those first few years of farming sod land, Saibara's yield have been reduced considerably from the original 34 barrels to around 20 barrels on old rice land and 25 on new land.

"About nine years ago I began raising Santa Gertrudis cattle in order to obtain more efficient use from my land," added Saibara. He has begun pasture improvement work and rotates pasture and rice land. He has some 100 cows and three registered bulls.

One of the proudest events of his life, the Rice Journal article pointed out, was the day he became naturalized as a U.S. citizen. "It was a strange arrangement, being a resident of this country, paying taxes and such and not being a citizen," Saibara stated. "I waited 49 years for the law to be changed to allow people from Japan to apply for and obtain American citizenship."

In his family cemetery are buried four generations of his family: his grandparents, parents, wife and youngest son. He and his wife had four sons and a daughter that is now living in California. His eldest son Robert, graduated from Texas A&M as an electrical engineer, served with the 1st Army in Europe as a major from the invasion of Luxembourg to Berlin and came home a lieutenant colonel. Edward, his second son has a faulty eye and stayed on the farm to help his father. Warren, his third son, spent three years during World War II but was never sent overseas. His youngest son, Harvey, served two years as an interpreter in the Army in Japan and then re-enlisted in the Air Force when the Korean war broke. He was killed in a trainer on his last day of flight training at Connelly AFB at Waco, Texas.

### SENATE SUBCOMMITTEE SQUEEKS CIVIL RIGHTS BILL THROUGH 4-3

WASHINGTON. — The Senate Judiciary Subcommittee on Constitutional Rights last week approved 4-3 a two-point civil rights bill and sent it to the full Judiciary Committee.

The bill provides for extension of the life of the Civil Rights Commission from Sept. 9, 1959, until Jan. 31, 1961; and that election officials be required to preserve voting records for three years and make them available for inspection by the U.S. Attorney General or his representatives.

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# By the Board

By Akiji Yoshimura, Nat'l 1st Vice President

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**NISEI AND THE MARAUDERS** — Fifteen years and a Korean War later, a famed fighting outfit that wrote a legend in the jungles of North Burma, is itself a subject of a major literary effort. Written by Charlton Ogburn Jr., a former communications officer with the unit, "The Marauders" brings to the reader an intimate glimpse of American volunteer troops engaged in desperate combat with the enemy and the elements through 800 miles of impenetrable and impossible terrain.

In a little known war in an all but forgotten theater, the Marauders were the first American ground combat troops to fight on the Asiatic continent in World War II. Merrill's Marauders carried out one of the most celebrated short actions in American military history, infiltrating behind enemy lines, raiding and destroying troop concentrations, supplies and communications.

Of interest to Japanese Americans was the presence of 14 Nisei linguists, who were among the 3,000 volunteers for this "hazardous and dangerous" mission. It was perhaps the first time in WW2 that the Nisei were employed as combat soldiers, as well as interpreters, against the Japanese enemy. "The Marauders" is primarily a story of fighting men, but important to the Nisei, it tells also of the role of AJA linguists and their contributions to the success of the campaign. In addition, it singles out several of the interpreters by name, crediting them with outstanding instances of heroic and resourceful action. Among them, Sgt. Roy Matsumoto, Los Angeles; Sgt. Henry Goshio, Seattle and more recently Washington D.C.; Sgt. Edward Mitsukado, Honolulu, and Sgt. Grant Hirabayashi, Kent, Wash. This probably marks the first time that an important best seller has recognized in detail and credited with warm and genuine praise the services of the Nisei in the war in the Pacific.

Fortunate too for the Nisei, was that out of the China-Burma-India Theater came two important champions of the wartime Japanese Americans, Generals Joseph Stillwell and Frank D. Merrill.

**YOUTH PROGRAM, FUTURE OF JACL** — Fun seeking JACLers will be flocking to Monterey, Aug. 8-9, for the Third Quarterly Meet of the NCWN District Council. In addition to the standard pleasures available at this tourist mecca, hospitable Peninsulans have scheduled a golf tournament; a coronation ball featuring Thousander Matsumoto and his harem of beauties; 1000 Club luncheon where district wit Ken Fujii promises painless extractions for an unnamed charity; and a banquet honoring and starring the National President, Shig Wakamatsu. Delegates in a festive mood may experience some difficulty "shifting gears" for the serious moments Chairman Jerry "Kill Joy" Enomoto expects to inject into the District meeting.

JACL's Youth Program will be in for some close scrutiny by the delegates. A JACL youth project has been in existence for almost a biennium, yet it was not until recently that a formal policy was adopted. During the past two years Jr. JACLs and other independent youth groups have been encouraged officially and unofficially, and possibly created in a haphazard fashion because of the absence of an uniform policy, scarcity of program material and the shortage of qualified leadership. As in all things youth soon outdistanced their elders, leaving in the wake certain problems and inconsistencies to be resolved if JACL is to provide a challenging and purposeful youth program, which is in the best interests of the young Nisei and Sansei and in harmony with the basic purposes of the parent organization. This will be the first in the series of attempts to assess and evaluate JACL's obligations to youth and to discover their proper place in the national picture.

Also a target for some serious conversation is the projected planning for 1960-70, as proposed by President Wakamatsu and hailed as a high priority item on all chapter, district and national agendas. Shig Wakamatsu, who will be making his official visit to the district council, will lead the discussions on this vital project of shaping the future of JACL. In an era of good living and improved race relations and in an area where the issues are not clearly defined or its solutions a matter of urgency, complacency bordering on indifference

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## Contra Costa JACL steps up youth program, parent-teenager panel weighs attitudes

RICHMOND. — A meeting aimed to bring about mutual understanding of the feelings and attitudes of both parents and teenagers was recently held by the Contra Costa JACL, its newsletter reported this past week.

Headlining the stimulating evening, entitled "Life with Adolescents" on the problems of Sansei teenagers, was discussion leader Jack Nakashima, school psychologist with the San Pablo School District. On the panel were teenagers Carol Yasuda, Pleasant Hill High School junior; Pat Iiyama, El Cerrito High sophomore; Ken Narasaki, El Cerrito High senior; and David Ninomiya, San Francisco State College sophomore. Representing the parents were William Waki and Mrs. Hannah Yasuda with Sho Kimura, Oakland Jr. High School teacher serving as resource member.

The panel discussed the areas of conflict in parent-child relationships, briefly touching upon the social aspects of discrimination and dating problems.

Kimura provided moments of insight and humor with his witty remarks and the teenagers proved to be direct and articulate. The parents helped to bring out their

viewpoints on various subjects, such as concern about educational achievement and physical appearance.

Free literature was supplied by the Contra Costa Public Health Department. Refreshments were served by a committee headed by Mmes. Chris Komatsu and Nellie Sakai. The meeting was held May 22 at Pullman School.

The chapter newsletter also reported its second annual graduation party of June 20 at the Richmond Civic Center was a huge success, adding that 750 people attended. "It was unique in that the chapter was able to call on the younger people and get such great cooperation in the preparation and planning of the event," the newsletter commented.

### Teenagers on Increase

Contra Costa JACL has been carefully planning its program for youth, after analyzing its membership files which showed an increasing number of young teenagers in the local JACL family.

A committee of adult members and teenagers met early this year to map youth activities for the year. It was felt a definite need for social activities existed in the county for Japanese American youth, that recreational activities generally for any group was very limited and almost non-existent for the Nisei-Sansei specifically.

Outcome of the meeting suggested more JACL-sponsored social events for the youth, such as the successful graduation dance. Other activities, such as hayrides, socials and swim parties, are being planned for students in the 9th-12th grade levels.

Attending the committee meeting were:

Mr. & Mrs. Steve Niino, Mr. & Mrs. John Yasuda, Mmes. Chris Komatsu, Chizu Iiyama; teenagers Art Matsushino, George Sakaki, Ronald Morita, Tom Yamashita, Steve Niino, Akiko Shinagawa, Pat Iiyama; Janice, Carol and Linda Yasuda.

### Families in Omaha enjoy JACL picnic

BY MARY MISAKI  
(Chapter Correspondent)

OMAHA. — Friends and members of Omaha JACL enjoyed a family-type picnic at the Riverview Park Pavilion here on Sunday, July 5, with Patrick Okura as chairman.

Assisting on the picnic committee were:

Mmes. Alice Kaya, Gladys Hirabayashi; Kaz Ikebasu, Robert Nakadoi and Frank Tamai.

There were games with wonderful prizes for all ages, ice-cold watermelon and soda pop.

A committee is already working on the "Back to School" social in September.

The Omaha JACL winter bowling season will also start in September at the new Skylane Bowling alleys, now under construction and expected to be completed next month.

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## 1000 CLUB NOTES

The report of new and renewal 1000 Club memberships for the first half of July comprises 65 members, including 22 from the Tulare County chapter. Acknowledged by National JACL Headquarters this week were:

### ELEVENTH YEAR

Southwest L.A.—Dr. George S. Taramoto.

### TENTH YEAR

Downtown L.A.—A. L. Wirin.

San Fernando Valley—Sus Yokomizo.

### NINTH YEAR

Sanger—Robert K. Kanagawa.

Coachella Valley—Tom Sakai.

San Jose—Dave M. Tatsuno.

### EIGHTH YEAR

Oakland—Dr. Charles M. Ishizur.

Seattle—Fred T. Takagi.

### SEVENTH YEAR

Chicago—Abe N. Hagiwara.

Gardena Valley—Ryo Komae.

### SIXTH YEAR

San Fernando Valley—Tom Endow.

New York—Mrs. Masa Enochty, Tatsuki Enochty, Tomio Enochty.

Downtown L.A.—Ernest K. Iwasaki, Ed Yamato.

French Camp—Mitsuo Kagehiro.

West Los Angeles—Ichiro Kamiya.

Sequoia—Richard S. Kitasoe.

San Francisco—Daisy Uyeda.

### FIFTH YEAR

Downtown L.A.—Annabelle H. Akita.

Frank H. Hirohata.

Gardena Valley—Kameichi Kuida.

Stockton—Mrs. Masuye Tabuchi, Kazuo Ueda.

Southwest L.A.—Carl M. Tamaki.

### FOURTH YEAR

Detroit—Hon. Theodore R. Bohn.

Chicago—Gladys Ishida, Tom Teraji.

Tulare County—James E. Matsumura.

Hiroshi Mayeda, Ed Nagata, Yeiki Tashiro, Doug Yamada, Hisao Yebisu.

Sonoma County—Edwin Ohki.

West Los Angeles—George A. Okamoto.

Orange County—T. Takenaga.

Pasadena—Mich Tsuchiyama.

### THIRD YEAR

Tulare County—Akio Fukushima, Harry Nii, Jack Sumida.

Chicago—Jake K. Higashiuchi, Mike Hori.

D.C.—Robert S. Iki.

Eden Township—Tom Kitayama.

Delano—Bill T. Nakagama.

Philadelphia—Dr. Warren H. Watanabe.

### SECOND YEAR

Tulare County—Dr. Kazuo Arima, Ben Fujinaga, Sawato Hatakedo, William Konishi, Harry Morofuji, George Oh, William Shiba, Sam Uyeno Kay Watanabe.

Chicago—Susumi Hidaka.

Southwest L.A.—John Shiokari.

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## The National Director's Report

By Masao Satow

San Francisco

"ON THE STREET WHERE I LIVE"—A Nisei dentist and his wife looked over a home for purchase in a Bay Area community recently. Some neighbors observed this, checked with the owner and found he was indeed willing to sell to an Oriental. Subsequently the owner's wife received anonymous threats by telephone. A bombing threat convinced the Nisei they should look elsewhere, but an organized group of people of goodwill in an adjacent community are highly disturbed.

While there are those who insist upon keeping their neighborhoods "lily white", it is encouraging to know there are Americans dedicated to the democratic way and are expressing themselves in organized fashion in increasing number. In the Bay Area such committees have been formed in Marin, Contra Costa, Southern Alameda, San Mateo, and Santa Clara counties, and in Berkeley and Hayward. The San Francisco Council For Civic Unity has instituted an open occupancy listing service. Representatives of these groups comprise the housing subcommittee of the Bay Area Human Relations Clearing House, of which JACL is an active member. A two day conference has been planned in San Francisco in September on ways and means of encouraging integration in housing. State Attorney General Mosk will headline and the implications of the newly enacted A.B. 890 forbidding discrimination in publicly assisted housing will be discussed.

In keeping with JACL's concern, the Northern California-Western Nevada District Council has gone on record to establish a DC Housing Committee upon the suggestion of San Mateo President Haruo Ishimaru who assisted in the recent Yoshiwara case. The function of this committee and its membership makeup will be designated at the August meeting. An important aspect will be to related members of the Committee to their local community committees toward working for equal housing opportunities for all minorities.

**NC-WNDC**—At the coming meeting the NC-WN chapters will begin an exploration of JACL's program for the next decade, hear National President Shig Wakamatsu's personal views, and discuss the exact nature of JACL's youth program. On the lighter side will be the annual DC golf tournament, the selection and coronation of the 1960 National Convention Queen, and the 1000 Club luncheon.

Midwest DC Chairman Kumeo Yoshinari has indicated that the MDC and EDC will also devote some time to considering JACL's immediate future program at the Labor Day weekend joint Convention in New York. Shig Wakamatsu informs that Abe Hagiwara has been appointed the executive secretary for the national Blue Ribbon Long Term Planning Committee.

With the arrangements for the August meeting in the good hands of the Monterey Chapter, with DC Chairman Jerry Enomoto and our respective spouses, we met with the Reno Chapter this past weekend in preliminary plans for the final District meeting in November. The peculiar attractions of Reno require some revisions in the usual format of our quarterly meetings. Outside of reporting that the dates have been set for November 8 and 9, we will leave it to the goodly delegation from Reno to give the details at the Monterey meeting. An enthusiastic group of Reno JACLers feted us with a barbecue steak dinner in Fred Aoyama's backyard. Chapter President Buddy Fujii built such a fire over which chef Aoyama was able to prepare well done steaks in nothing flat. This is the first time we have seen rare steaks taking longer than well done. And Oscar Fujii is some salad tosser—ask any of the Reno housewives.

At the rate the DC meeting host chapters insist upon spoiling members of the Executive Board with their overwhelming hospitality, there should be a mad scramble for positions on the Board. On the other hand, Board members are automatically committed to at least eight Sundays of the year for DC meetings to say nothing of their own local chapter responsibilities.

**ENCAMPMENT FOR CITIZENSHIP**—We visited the open house of the West Coast Encampment for Citizenship were Peggy Sasashima of Sanger is among the 50 encampers. An interesting demonstration of race relations was presented in several skits. Members of minority groups play the role of the majority and vice versa, and the usual prejudices are deliberately expressed to allow the majority members to feel situations faced by minorities. One skit involved a basketball team with a Negro star being invited to play in a national tournament in a southern city. Should the team accept the invitation knowing the attitudes and situations the Negro will have to face? In another skit a supervisor introduced a new Chinese girl to a group of stenographers with whom she would work with mixed reactions when she left the room. In a third situation a Puerto Rican boy who attended the Encampment called upon a fellow girl encamper with the father's prejudices showing.

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will possibly prove the greatest obstacle. The oft voiced observation (more hopefully perhaps than confidentially) that JACL has outlived its usefulness may be the first of the attitudes to be rejected. It is unrealistic to believe that JACL in its short history has worked itself out of existence, when NAACP, B'nai B'rith, ACLU and other similar type organizations recognize the need for continued vigilance and coordinated action. Whatever the course that JACLers chart for the future, we hope that it will be looking forward-looking and imaginative.

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—Photo by Pete Asano

## NEW YORK SKYLINE:

### Jr. JACLers Hep for EDC - MDC Parley

BY AKIRA HAYASHI

New York

From Walter E. Miyao, president of Detroit JACL, comes the cheering news that approximately ten Jr. JACLers are planning to visit New York over the Labor Day weekend for the EDC-MDC Joint Convention.

Charles Nagao, EDC Chairman, and Keigo Inouye, president of Seabrook JACL, recently stated that there were 18 Sansei in Seabrook, who were graduated from the local high school this past June, and they they were going to try to get a large delegation of teenagers to visit our big city this September. The Sansei delegation from Seabrook probably will be headed by Pauline Nagao, the winner of the JACL National Oratorical Contest in 1958 at the Salt Lake City National Convention. Pauline is now attending the Juniata College in Huntingdon, Pa.

These are only two chapters out of the 12 in the two district councils. We have yet to hear from the remaining chapters regarding their teenage children. In all probability, there will be many more of them, more than we imagine, who will want to see New York this coming September. There is something magic and magnetic about NEW YORK that makes everyone, both the young and old, want to visit it.

But aside from just taking in the sights, there is the opportunity for them to meet other Sansei from other cities and to widen their horizon of friends and acquaintances. Whether or not this Sansei group will number 50 young people, it can be a wonderful holiday weekend for each and everyone of them.

As Nisei parents we owe it to our Sansei children to expose them to as many other Sansei children as we possibly can. This type of exposure has so many advantages that are all self-explained and require no further elaboration.

It comes as a surprise to some of us New Yorkers that there is a pretty large group of Sansei in the New York area who are of the high school and college age groups. At the recent New York Chapter Installation Dinner, one college and ten high school graduates were the honored guests. Bob Hamada was the Yale grad. The 10 high school graduates were Diane Inouye, Ed Iriye, June Kasuga, Lillian Kozuma, Penny Ohashi, Hoshin Seki, May Shimizu, Hitoshi Tanaka, Susan Yamashita, and Bun Yoshikami. It seems that there were many more in the metropolitan area, but they could not be reached in time to be invited to the JACL meeting.

Kenji Nogaki, past chairman of the New York JACL board of directors, is now busy getting together a nucleus of Hi-Co young people to host a series of informal get-togethers over the holiday weekend. It will be interesting to see what the New York Sansei group can work out so that they and their out-of-town friends will be able to enjoy the holiday weekend.

It is not only the Sansei in the high school and college age group that will be heading our way.

There will be children in the early teens, sub-teens, and even younger. We just received two letters from Denver, Colo., and the Terasaki and Horiuchi families have children in the age brackets from ages 7 to 12. It is a safe assumption that there will be other children in this young age bracket. We welcome them all.

Tak Terasaki of Denver is chairman of the Mountain Plains District Council. He is attending our confab strictly as a booster. He and his brother-in-law are packing their golf bags, and are planning to play in the JACL booster's golf tournament. It will be good to see Tak again.

From Boston comes a letter bearing Scotty Miyakawa's signature. Dr. Miyakawa, holder of the coveted JACL ruby-studded pin for outstanding leadership and service to our organization at a considerable personal sacrifice, is now teaching at the Boston University. Although he has commitments in Chicago over the Labor Day weekend, he hopes to be able to attend a part of the EDC-MDC convention meetings.

Scotty is best remembered for his yeoman's work in the early days of New York Chapter JACL history. He played an important role in the resettlement program in this area. It has been years since many of us last saw Scotty. He sends his regards to all his JACL friends. We shall be looking forward to sitting down with Scotty.

In checking with the Park Sheraton Hotel the other day, we find that already many room reservations from out-of-town JACLers are beginning to arrive. These are the wise people. It is best to make the reservations as soon as possible, the earlier the better.

Reservation cards have been sent to all EDC and MDC chapters for distribution among their members who are planning to attend the convention. In writing directly to the hotel for room reservations, all JACLers are hereby reminded to mention Japanese American Citizens League in their letters in order to obtain the special room rates that have been established: \$9 single and \$14.50 double per day.

We have set aside a block of rooms, but because it is a holiday weekend, that last holiday of the summer, and thousands of people will be pouring into this city, all rooms will be at a premium. All EDC and MDC chapter presidents are urged to follow through and

## SEATTLE SHOOTING FOR 1,000 CHAPTER MEMBERS

SEATTLE. — In a frank overture to have Seattle among the largest JACL chapters in the country, membership co-chairmen Fred Takagi and Tom S. Iwata this past week announced 407 paid-up members have been signed for this year. But the chapter is striving for a 1,000, they added.

The call for support was made in the North American Post, which devoted a page as a Seattle JACL Newsletter for the second time this year.

## 125 Mt. Olympus Clers enjoy Lagoon Nite frolic

SALT LAKE CITY. — The recent Mt. Olympus JACL Lagoon Nite attracted some who enjoyed 125 members, children and friends who enjoyed barbecued hamburgers, salads with all the other trimmings served at the North Terrace.

Although a bit weary and quite broke at the end of the evening, the party goers enjoyed the many rides and concessions offered at the fun spot of Utah.

Chairmen for the evening were Lillian Sueoka and Shoji Sugaya with Tomi Tamura and Tomie Mitsunaga assisting. The food was prepared by Momoko Ushio and other women members.

## New York Clers plan

### Aug. 1 outing at Seabrook

NEW YORK. — The annual summer outing for New York JACLers will take place on Saturday, Aug. 1, at Seabrook Farms in southern New Jersey. Past board chairman Kenji Nogaki and Charles Nagao, Seabrook JACL's program chairman (among other offices) are coordinating arrangements.

The group will leave by motor caravan at 10 a.m., packing a picnic lunch and arrive 2½ hours later at Seabrook via the Jersey Turnpike.

## Big Sur barbecue

MONTEREY. — The annual Monterey Peninsula JACL barbecue at Big Sur Park on Aug. 23 will be headed by Yosh Satow and Mas Yokogawa, chapter social chairmen. The chapter auxiliary is also hard at work planning to make this year's the best ever.

have their members make their reservations immediately.

Needless to say that room reservations can always be cancelled at the last minute in the event of some unforeseen change of plans. On the other hand, attempts to secure rooms at the Park Sheraton at the last minute may not be successful. This can happen. Park Sheraton Hotel has 1,100 rooms, but we have been warned that they are filled to capacity at all times.

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**Nisei 1-3-4 in Calif. Men's Bowling Tournament**  
Nisei domination in this year's California state men's bowling tournament by their hold of the lead in the singles event, first by Mike Sanda of Seaside and currently by Will Tanaka of Merced was further enhanced two weekends ago by the performances of another Nisei . . . Tadashi (Dash) Yeto of Oxnard moved into third place with a 736 series in this state-wide event in which over 10,000 are entered. Tanaka still holds the top spot with his 764 score, but Yeto pushed Sanda into fourth place by a two-pin margin . . . Scott Yancey of Redwood City with a 763 is the only non-Nisei in the top four in this event . . . The tourney, being held at Bridgeman's Fourth St. Bowl in San Jose, will continue for three more weekends.

**Weightlifter Tommy Kono Preps for Nationals**  
Tommy Kono, multiple world and Olympic weightlifting champion, will compete in the national championships July 31-August 1 at York, Pa., sponsored by Bob Hoffman, coach of the U.S. Olympic Weightlifting team in past years. He also was selected to participate in the Olympic Weightlifting Clinic scheduled August 2-18 in York. His expenses at the clinic will be carried by the U.S. Olympic Committee under David Matlin.

**S.C. Golfers Best Hawaii Publinx Team**  
Last Monday at the Rancho golf course, a hand picked So. Calif. Nisei Golf Assn. team hosted and defeated 10-8 the Hawaii team which participated in the National Publinx tournament at Denver . . . The Hawaii team finished in 17th out of 30 places in the Publinx with 224-227-451, 26 strokes behind Dallas, the winning team . . . Erv Furukawa of SCNGA defeated Ken Miyaoka of Hawaii, 2½ to ½. Glen Okano of SCNGA took down Jack Omuro, 3 to 0. Tom Tanaka of Hawaii defeated George Ige, 2½ to ½. David Kim of Hawaii trimmed Joe Kishi, 2½ to ½. Wilfred Chinen of Hawaii downed Harry Hankawa, 2 to 2. Min Yoshizaki of SCNGA shutout Dennis Tosaki, 3 to 0.  
Low gross scores of 74 were carded by Okano and Furukawa of SCNGA and Kim of Hawaii . . . Four of the Hawaii team survived the qualification rounds in the National Publinx tourney. Tosaki and Akira Hashimoto lost out in the first round while Miyaoka and Omuro were eliminated in the second round . . . Bill Wright, a slender putting wizard from Seattle, became the first Negro ever to win this event, founded in 1922.  
Jacksonville's two municipal golf courses—closed since April 7 when they were ordered integrated—are scheduled for sale to the highest responsible bidders. The buyers will be required to operate them as golf courses for at least 10 years . . . Until Federal Judge Bryan Simpson ordered the courses integrated, they were open to white golfers six days a week and Negro golfers one day a week.

**Japanese Hurler Pitches 4 Strikeouts in One Inning**  
It took pitcher Masaru Koda of the Taiyo Whales in the professional Japanese baseball Central League four strikeouts in one inning to retire the Hiroshima Carps one afternoon at Kawasaki Stadium near Tokyo. He was the first Japanese pitcher to do so in pro ball history . . . Akira Owada of the Carps swung and missed on a 3-2 count. But the pitch was wild and Owada scooted to first before the catcher retrieved the ball.  
It was recorded a strikeout and a pitcher's error but did not count in game play . . . Thus Koda still had three batters to retire in the inning—and he did with three more strikeouts.

**Yamauchi's "Chopsticks" Wins in Hydroplane Regatta**  
In the limited hydroplane regatta, preliminary to the Diamond Cup events of the past weekend, Jim Yamauchi of Pasco, Wash., led the field in the 136 cu. in. class to win the western divisional championship at Lake Couer d'Alene, Idaho. The Western divisional, his second major victory this season, is for 15 western states and Canada. The contest was close, however, as the crown was awarded on the elapsed time basis. His boat, "Chopsticks" finished third in the first heat and first in the second to rack up 625 points, the same as Gordon Butterworth of Albeni, B.C. Yamauchi's elapsed time was 7.2 seconds less than Butterworth's, thereby winning the distinction of being the champ in his class.



LINDA YAMAUCHI  
Water Follies Queen

## Pasco Nisei named Water Follies queen

PASCO, Wash. — Winsome Linda Yamauchi, 18 years old, and a '59 graduate of Pasco High School was selected Water Follies Queen of the tri-cities area, this week. The tri-cities area includes Pasco, Kennewick, and Richland, Wash., and Miss Yamauchi will represent the three cities in all major northwest events, including the Seattle Seafair.

Selected over a field of seven, her court will consist of six princesses in a four day celebration at the inland Water Follies celebration.

The selection and coronation brought tears of joy to Linda, her aging grandparents, who have lived in the area since 1907, and to her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Yamauchi of 201½ Lewis St.

The successful Jaycee sponsored candidate intended to enter the University of Washington school of journalism this fall, but the Queen job requires her to stay in the tri-city area for a year, so she will enroll at Columbia Basin College. She excels in piano playing and is also accomplished in tennis and swimming.

Linda is a niece of Jim Yamauchi, the hydroplane driver.

## Delano JACL team leads in Babe Ruth league

DELANO. — The Delano JACL team took over first place in the local Babe Ruth league by edging the Police baseball team 3 to 2 recently. Joe Katano is team manager.

The Delano JACL is the first chapter in Central California to sponsor a team in which non-Nisei are playing.

## Grape Bowl nominee

LODI. — Quarterback George Hissamoto of Elk Grove High was among 25 named to the North squad in the sixth annual Valley All Star football game on Saturday, Aug. 15, at the Grape Bowl.

## Vesled property—

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14 years after the surrender?

"To the Japanese who cannot understand the apparent discrimination against only the Germans and the Japanese of America's World War II enemies, is it too much to expect that the United States will soon eliminate this discrimination and return their private property too?"

### War Claims Payment

In reference to JACL's plea before a House Subcommittee two weeks ago that the payment of war claims should be accomplished by direct, annual appropriations by the Congress, Masaoka explained: "Though the JACL is not opposed to the payment of legitimate war claims, before the House Subcommittee considering war claims legislation, we urged that the issues of war claims and private property return be considered separately, each on its respective merits. We objected most strenuously to the authorization of the liquidated proceeds from the sale of private vested property to be set aside for the payment of individual war claims."

"A re-examination of our position, especially in the light of the Johnston bill as amended, persuades us that it is unrealistic to believe that the Congress can consider war claims apart from that of vested property. If the two matters are not combined into a single bill that also proposes return, the sequestered private property will be converted to other purposes than return. Accordingly, we accept as the only possible

course to follow that espoused by S. 672 as amended, which would utilize the funds from postwar war claims and the private property return programs."

### Postwar Assistance

"We know that the instant economic assistance to Germany and Japan to finance both the legislation couples the payment of the remaining individual American war claims with the individual return of sequestered private property to all former owners, with what funds are necessary to meet both obligations coming from the repayment of postwar economic assistance to the Federal Republic of Germany and to the New Japan. As we understand this repayment of postwar aid, it is to be used to reimburse the amount already paid from the liquidated proceeds of the sale of vested private property to American war claimants and to provide the source of funds for the payment of the remaining war claims. In other words, these postwar economic assistance repayments will be used to make up for the war claims already paid and for war claims to be paid to the remaining claimants, while the total to be returned in value of the vested private property will be limited only to the amount secured from all of the sale of all the private property."

"Frankly, we are persuaded that this formula provides an equitable solution to the two problems of war claims and private property return, while, at the same time, taking into consideration the political realities of the day."

### Return to Individuals

"We also note, and with approval, the provision in S. 672 as amended to provide that the return is made to the individual owners, and not to the Governments of Germany and Japan as proposed in an Administration bill introduced last session. We make special mention of this matter because of the American citizens who are involved in this problem. These citizens of the United States would not like to present their claims to a foreign Government when it was this Government that sequestered their private property on one pretext or another. Moreover, if litigation is required, American citizens would rather pursue their legal remedies in this country, rather than in foreign courts."

In conclusion, JACL declared that "except for the expedient of using the proceeds from this vested private property as a source of funds for other programs, there are no over-riding or compelling arguments for the continued confiscation of this war-time sequestered property."

"On the other hand, there are not only important practical considerations which dictate full monetary return but also precedent and principle."

"In the balance of history and statesmanship, JACL submits that there is no other alternative for the United States but to provide forthwith the full and complete return in value of all the private property taken during and after World War II as provided in S. 672 as amended, without discrimination."

"Such a course is best for us, and best for our 'friends'."

## Reedley JACL cops CCDC softball flag

REEDLEY. — Reedley JACL captured the Central California JACL District Council softball championship by winning 8 to 4 over Parlier July 11 in one of the best played contests in the league this season.

Nob Takasaki, winning pitcher, gave up only five hits during the game. Dr. James Ikemiyama batted 3 for 3, two going for doubles. Also hitting doubles were Neko Nakamura, Mac Watari and Tok Morikawa. Each had 2 for 3.

Reedley went undefeated in league play, winning over Fresno, Fowler, Clovis, Selma, Sanger and Parlier.

Sam Tsutsui led the Reedley hitters with a .700 average. Nori Hashimoto had .625.

## Fresno Obon speaker

FRESNO. — The Rev. T. Tsuji, English Department director of the Buddhist Churches of America, will be guest speaker at the Central California YBA obon service at the local Buddhist church July 26, 8 p.m.

## VFW float wins

SAN JUAN BAUTISTA. — The Watsonville Nisei VFW float won first place in the amateur division June 12 at the 27th annual fiesta-odeo here.

## Phil Hayasaka accepts agency secretary post

SEATTLE. — Insurance man Y. Philip Hayasaka this week accepted the challenge to head the Jackson Street Community Council as executive secretary.

He succeeds Ray Baker ('54-'59), and Mrs. Ruth Manca ('46-'54).

The resignation of Baker, June 1, to accept the job of executive director of SURE (Seattle Urban Renewal Enterprise) created a situation in the Jackson Street Council. After interviewing nearly a dozen applicants, the board asked Hayasaka to take the job. He did, but will continue in the insurance business. He is a two term ex-president of the Jackson Street Council, a Community Chest supported agency.

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## Los Angeles NEWSLETTER

By Henry Mori

### Stranded in Mexico City

One of the Nisei Week Festival queen candidates in the current race for the title happens to be a personal friend of the family. Anyway, her grandmother used to shower affection and gifts to our No. 1 heir to the Mori Million, Bennett, when he was still an infant, barely able to walk.

So it was with great concern when we inquired Kiyomi Takata, Nisei Week Festival general manager, after noting her absence at the Consul General Yukio Hasumi's afternoon tea two Sundays ago. There are 10 queen aspirants this time. Only nine showed.

It so happened that Kieko Katie Tsuchiya, Gardena's hope for the annual crown, was detained in Mexico City on a technical point of not having her work permit with her.

She is one of the members of the Keigo Imperial Dance troupe which has been making a tour of the country in recent years. She must have blossomed out since we saw her last when she was still a sub-teenager. It used to be a family conversation that "within five years she should be running for Festival honors."

Katie was detained by immigration authorities in Mexico City for four days before getting her status straightened out. She and several others decided to stay behind. Her manager, mistakenly packed her papers, left for the states with the bulk of the troupe members.

This time, however, she'll have to keep her date at Mr. and Mrs. Richard Engel's plush residence in Brentwood on Aug. 2 when judging takes place with Alberto Vargas as head jurist.

**NEW CAR VS. STAMP COLLECTION** — Strong-willed Mori now has been away from a stamp album for about three months. The reason: new car and what payments!

Let's face it, friend, America lives on wheels and when we last conversed with Mas Satow, national JACL director, about the hardship a new vehicle would bring, he said: Ya gotta face it, Henry! So we faced it, but hard . . .

So, yesterday ed Honda tells us about an eight year old Japan sports issue in a block for which he invested 32 cents just a few summers back. "It's \$5.50 now!" he muses. Then Tats Kushida, past JACL regional director, buzzes us about for an album he wants to buy to start his second daughter on a philatelic binge.

Like we've said before: living could get pretty tough.

**INFLATION MEANS DEFLATING TOFU CUBE SIZE**—We don't know how the Sansei stack up in craving for Japanese food but at our family, mostly with us, two bowls of rice and good okazu or two once a day are a "must." No evening seems complete without chopsticks on the dinner table.

And naturally, tofu is an important item on the menu. But one must confess the cubes have become quite small. Where it used to cost a thin dime for a large, healthy looking square before the war, the tofu today won't "sit or stand" in the pot. They seem to have a peculiar dimension. They run 30 cents.

Tofu industry used to enjoy a lucrative margin in prewar days and at the same time kept the customers happy. Well, that's inflation for you. Despite, Lil'l Tokio's three tofu factories, it seems that competition has gone to reverse.

By way of footnote, with the Oriental jag, even non-Issei and Nisei families use tofu for various cooking. Caucasian society women seek Issei advice in preparing sukiyaki now a days.

### WASHINGTON NEWSLETTER: by Mike Masaoka

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the use of atomic power and in other advanced scientific fields the Soviets were at least equal to the Americans. Prominently displayed also were exhibits of higher education throughout all of the Soviet Union and the public health facilities available to all without charge.

**ALL IN ALL**, the New York exhibition is an impressive demonstration that the Soviet Union and the Communist ideology cannot be taken lightly, that perhaps for the first time in history there is a totalitarian imperialism that has the manpower and the productive capacity to match ours. If nothing else, the Soviet Exhibition presents the Communist challenge as a most formidable one.

### NAT'L DIRECTOR'S REPORT: by Masao Satow

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**INQUIRIES**—At all our offices the mail brings a variety of requests and inquiries . . . There is an increased interest in Japanese Americans generally with graduate students wishing material on various phases of the evacuation, students hoping to write term papers on JACL's role in the progress of the Nisei . . . A yen deposit claimant has failed to notify change of address so has received no further notice since acknowledgment of the claim . . . We still have inquiries on how to obtain relocation center high school transcripts, and people still think they can file for evacuation claims . . . An agricultural trainee from Japan was drafted into the U.S. Army, and upon separation was transferred to the Reserve. Can he change his status to permanent resident? . . . A railroad company would like the names of all the bowlers going to the National JACL Tournament in Denver next year . . . Some plush hotels, some of which are located outside of our chapter areas ask consideration for our National Biennial. One hotel has even sent in its bid for the 1963 EDC-MDC joint convention . . . A letter from Japan asks for the whereabouts of an Issei with whom relatives in Japan have had no correspondence for forty years . . . And students in Japan are anxious to have JACL sponsor them to come to America for study . . . Interesting job, ours.

## Vital Statistics

### BIRTHS

**LOS ANGELES**  
Alexander, James R. (Tamiko Oka)—girl Michelle Tamiko, June 1.  
Amemiya, Hiroshi M. (Mitsuko Kagami)—girl Grace Mayumi, May 28.  
Bello, Menillo (Shigeko Okamoto)—girl Marguerite A., June 21.  
Fujimoto, Stanley (Martha Tsukazaki)—girl Lauren, June 7, Monterey Park.  
Fuji, Seigo (Yoshiko Shinbo)—girl Noreen N., June 19.  
Hasegawa, Frank (Kiyoko Hirata)—girl Nancy Michiko, June 17.  
Hirata, Yoshimi (Doris Kondo)—boy Kirk Y., June 20, Monterey Park.  
Ichinose, Minoru (Tomie Akahoshi)—boy Timothy, June 18.  
Koya, Yoshio (Satsuki Kihara)—girl Chiyemi J., June 21.  
Leong, Henry (Marianne Onishi)—boy Michael A., June 22.

### ENGAGEMENTS

Okawa-Kawahara—Kimiko, Gilroy, to Robert T., San Jose.  
Wakamatsu-Uyemaru—Ariko, Los Angeles, to Shuji, Fresno.  
Yahiro-Yasumoto—Lillian, Watsonville, to Allen, Menlo Park.

### WEDDING

Asam-Oshiro—June 27, Lawrence and Betty T., both Los Angeles.  
Fukushima-Morishita—June 3, William and Fumiko, both Los Angeles.  
Higashi-Takamine—July 5 Nobuo and Noriko, both Buena Park.  
Kiso-Koyama—June 21, August Y., Seattle; Miriam K., Portland.  
Miyashiro-Mitsugi—July 11, Arthur, Fresno; Florence, Honokaa, Hawaii.  
Morikawa-Ito—June 6, Clifford, Ontario, Ore.; Mae, Kahului, Maui.  
Mukai-Aratan—June 27, Roy A. and Miyako, both Milwaukee.  
Nakamura-Tanaka—June 28, Guy and Matsuko, both Palo Alto.  
Nitta-Tanaka—June 17, Ray, East Lansing, Mich.; Doris, Davenport, Ia.  
Nomura-Ichinaga—June 27, Arthur, Oakland; Grace, Pixley.  
Osaki-Tsurutome—June 28, Henry and Mary, both Chicago.  
Sato-Wada—June 27, Samuel, French Camp; Yoshimi, Stockton.  
Sugiyama-Hoshizaki—June 28, Ben K. and Toshiko, both Los Angeles.  
Toshima-Shimamoto—July 12, Paul, Pasadena; and Frances, Los Angeles.  
Tsugawa-Goda—June 28, James M., Portland; Amy M., Honolulu.  
Yamaguchi-Kawanaim—July 4, Hiroshi, Visalia; Yoshiko, Japan.

### DEATHS

Fukano, Sokichi, 89; Hanford, July 5.  
Ishihara, Harry S., 53; Torrance, July 8—(w) Tsuruko, (d) May, Sachi, Catherine.  
Itamura, Teizo, 55; Yuba City, July 12.  
Ito Mrs. Toki, 64; Los Angeles, July 7.  
Kawachi, Wakichi, 72; Lodi, July 1.  
Kimura, Hideyo, 67; Salt Lake City, July 10.  
Kitada, Mrs. Hatsu, 63; Los Angeles, July 3.  
Miyao, Miyuki, 54; Los Angeles, July 14.  
Mizumoto, Kaji, 74; San Francisco, June 30.  
Nagahiro, Keijiro, 69; Los Angeles, July 5.  
Otsuji Miyu, 53; Santa Clara, July 9.  
Shimizu, Mrs. Yasu, 75; Los Angeles, July 2.  
Shintani, Hatsuno, 62; Lodi, July 11.  
Tanaka, Koichi, 81; Monterey, June 30.  
Tanaka Shichiro, 81; San Francisco, July 6.  
Tanaka, Uichi, 78; Acampo, July 8.  
Thomas, Mrs. Fujiko 53; Chicago, July 2—(h) Dr. Winburn, (s) Kenneth S. and Robert.  
Udo Dana, 4; Sanger, July 1—(p) Mr. & Mrs. Keishi.  
Uyemura, Mrs. Saye, 79; Los Angeles, July 2.

### Hisatomi-Ouye

**SACRAMENTO.** — Carol Ouye, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Ouye, and Aki Hisatomi, son of Mrs. Haruko Hisatomi and the late George Y. Hisatomi, were married July 12 at the Pioneer Methodist Church with the Rev. Paul Kato officiating at the double-ring rites before 150 guests.

The bride wore a waltz length gown of imported silk organza re-embroidered in a floral design over tulle and taffeta. Bodice was styled with a Sabrina neckline in a scalloped design, short sleeves and basque waistline. The full bouffant skirt ended in a scalloped pattern on the hem of the gown. Her veil of silk illusion was held in place by a crown of orange blossoms and tulle leaves. She carried a white Bible adorned with cascading white phalaenopsis orchids with streamers of Stephanotis.

Laura Nikaido, maid of honor, Phyllis Morimoto and Jane Takayashi, bridesmaids, flower girl Carey Ouye; Leonard Nishikawa, best man, Norman Higashi, Henry Kishaba, Mark Margetts and Sam Noguchi, ushers, completed the bridal party.

The couple will reside in Corvallis in the fall when they will resume their studies at Oregon State College.

### Fire destroys plastic greenhouse in Cupertino

**CUPERTINO.**—Two plastic greenhouses of Mamoru Arai's Wholesale Nursery were destroyed July 11 in a fire which started next door in a fruit preserve processing plant. Damage was estimated at \$20,000 including an acre of flowers which were wilted by flames and smoke.



FRANK KAMIMURA  
Teaching SWLA Class

## PC to start cooking column next week

A new feature in the Pacific Citizen, starting next week, will be recipes by Frank Kamimura, cooking instructor for the Southwest Los Angeles JACL's Cooking Clinic.

Frank Kamimura is 34 years old and comes from Hawaii. Living on a farm in his younger days, his cooking began at the age of 14 when his mother became an invalid and returned to Japan. Left with the family and some boarders to feed, Frank started cooking with the help of the cook-book.

Later he went to Honolulu and worked in a restaurant. Starting from the bottom, washing dishes, pots and pans, he worked himself up and had the opportunity to learn Chinese cookery. While in the Army he attended the cook school. He cooked for the Atomic Scientists when they were having H Bomb tests. He traveled all over Hawaii conducting cooking classes for the Univ. of Hawaii's Extension Course. While working in Hawaii, his friends encouraged him to come to the Mainland where there are many opportunities in his field.

Frank has now been here three years. He is married and has three children. Presently he is employed with Lindberg's Health Food Store and has his own catering service. Recently he was called upon to make a luau for some of the employees at Hughes Aircraft which included quite a number of people; and Frank Sinatra calls on his services for sukiyaki parties. His catering service's specialties are authentic Hawaiian luau, sukiyaki parties and Cantonese cuisine.

## REPORT OVER 200 NEGRO PUBLICATIONS IN U.S.

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## Washington NEWSLETTER BY MIKE MASAOKA

### Soviet Exchange Exhibit

Washington D.C.

SINCE WE WERE in New York City last week, we made it a point to take in the so-called Soviet Exchange Exhibit in this country, which is the Russian counterpart to the United States Exchange Exhibit which opens this week in Moscow, with Vice President Nixon officiating.

Officially designated as the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics (USSR) Exhibition of Achievements in Science, Technology, and Culture, it is spread over the second and third floors of the giant Coliseum building. The layout of the exhibition, in the titles used in the printed announcement, devotes its main floor to industry and agriculture, science and technology, radio and electronics, peaceful uses of atomic energy, optics, and transport, and its next floor to public education, public health, sports, construction, culture, and well being of the people.

ACCORDING TO THE official brochure, the Exhibition is to provide "the visitors an introduction into the tempestuous advance (since the Revolution 42 years ago when the Communists overthrew the Russian Empire) of the Soviet Union, its economy, engineering, culture, and other fields of the manifold life of the Soviet people. . . . The Soviet Union is the world's first Socialist State which is now engaged in an all-out effort to build a Communist society. With a territory of 8.7 million square miles and a population of over 200 million, it covers a large part of Europe and Asia. The USSR is a multi-national state embracing the peoples of 15 Socialist Union Republics in a fraternal community. It will be seen that Russia, once backward in economy and culture, has become an advanced industrial power during Soviet years. Gross industrial output has increased 36 times over as against 1913. Today, the Soviet Union ranks first in Europe and second in the world in volume of industrial production. . . . The achievements of the Soviet Union and its far-reaching plans for further progress are of a peaceful nature. Soviet policy towards other countries is prompted by the idea of peaceful co-existence and competition between states with different social and economic systems. The exhibits on display provide graphic evidence of the economic and cultural contacts between the Soviet Union and foreign countries and point to the vast possibilities existing for the development of Soviet-American trade."

TO ONE WHO is, admittedly, most unfamiliar with Russia, the exhibit was both a revelation and a disappointment.

It was a revelation in that it showed beyond all doubt that the Soviet Union is a first class power to be reckoned within international dealings, that it is capable of manufacturing and utilizing the latest scientific weapons, and that it has either copied the United States to fantastic proportions or is more like America than we had ever imagined.

It was a disappointment, though, in many ways, perhaps because we had expected something quite different and dramatic. It turned out to be very much like many of our trade fairs, except that we missed the hucksters and the booklets, publications, and explanatory materials, as well as the many samples, that are the hallmark of our fairs and exhibitions. In organization and in manner of display, it resembled our own affairs, with enlarged photographs, charts, and models galore. Moreover, the individual signs on the various displays were so small that they were hard to read even from the distance of the protective railings.

AS EXPECTED, AND as proclaimed in the official brochure, which was about the only literature generally and and generously available, the theme was Soviet achievement, especially as contrasted to the Czarist regime which was overthrown in 1917.

Also, as anticipated, everywhere were pointed propaganda reminders that under the Soviet system there were no taxes, no unemployment, no needy, etc.

WHILE WE WERE aware that the Soviets were "putting their best foot forward", just as we are doing in Moscow, and that the average Russian in all probability does not enjoy the luxuries which were displayed, nevertheless one gets the feeling that the Communists are not nearly as poorly off as we may have imagined.

Their model homes and apartments, though smaller than ours and not as luxurious, have many of the modern conveniences that we have. And, we are reminded by an overhead sign, the average Russian pays only about a fifth of his pay for rentals or for housing.

The canned groceries are about the same as ours, with their labels almost identical with those in our local stores.

Their latest automobiles are very much like other European makes, and their wearing apparel appear not to be all drab and uniform, though they lack the high fashion so popular here.

They even had a counter with what most be a sort of Christmas tree all decorated up, with candies, goodies, and small gifts around for the children.

The rugs and the hand-crafted items from the traditional places for such articles were specimens of the highest art.

OF COURSE, THE central and dominant exhibit was composed of actual size replicas of the first three Soviet sputniks put into outer space, including a cutaway of the chamber where the first dog was shot into orbit.

Featured too were exhibits which tried to show that in

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## HOUSE PASSES IMMIGRATION BILL REUNITING SEPARATED REFUGEES

(JACL News Service)

WASHINGTON. — The House of Representatives last week unanimously passed a bill which includes a section to authorize the wives and unmarried minor children of the so-called Japanese refugees admitted into the United States several years ago to be admitted into this country as non-quota immigrants.

Under the provisions of the Refugee Relief Act of 1953, about a thousand Japanese who were victims of floods and tornadoes, mostly in Kagoshima and Wakayama prefectures, were admitted into the United States. Most of them were sponsored by farmers in California.

The section included in the bill passed last week was drafted and introduced at the request of the Japanese American Citizens League in order to reunite separated families.

Sponsored by Walter

The section is a part of a general liberalization bill sponsored by Rep. Francis E. Walter (D., Pa.), chairman of the House Judiciary Subcommittee on Immigration and Naturalization.

The Walter Bill provides that the phrase "unmarried sons and daughters" replace "unmarried, minor children" of United States citizens in the Walter-McCarran Act of 1952.

It also provides that immigrants on consular waiting lists as of Dec. 24, 1952, and whose petitions have been approved by the Attorney General prior to Jan. 1, 1959, in the second, third, and fourth

preference categories of the Immigration Law will be granted non-quota immigrant visas.

The second preference refers to the alien parents of United States citizens, the third to the alien spouses and minor children of resident aliens, and the fourth to the alien sons and daughters of United States citizens.

Seek Amendment

Mike Masaoka, Washington JACL representative, announced that an effort to amend this House-passed bill in the Senate to provide non-quota opportunities for the Japanese in the second, third, and fourth preference categories may be made. He will first confer with Congressman Walter and with staff and members of the Senate Judiciary Subcommittee on Immigration and Naturalization.

The Walter Bill is intended to eliminate the waiting lists of "preference" immigrants who had registered with the United States consuls prior to the effective date of the Walter-McCarran Act of 1952.

## Governor signs Unruh civil rights bill; wraps up five anti-discrimination acts

The California "civil rights package" of five anti-discrimination measures was wrapped up last week when Governor Pat Brown signed into law the Unruh Civil Rights Act at ceremonies here attended by 60 civic leaders of the Los Angeles area. The law becomes effective Sept. 18.

Assemblyman Jesse M. Unruh, author of the measure, was praised by Governor Brown for his "forceful, persevering and devoted" leadership in the state legislature on behalf of civil rights and "other liberal legislation."

"Without the support of Jesse Unruh and Bill Munnell, the success achieved in my legislative program would have been impossible," he declared. Both Unruh, who is chairman of the powerful Assembly Ways and Means Com-

## Nisei onion growers, handlers appointed by U.S. agriculture

ONTARIO, Ore. — The U.S. Dept. of Agriculture last week announced several Nisei to serve as members and alternates to the Idaho-Eastern Oregon Onion Committee, which administers the Federal Marketing Order.

Nominated by producers and handlers in the production area, the committee is composed of six producer members and four handler members and alternates to serve for two-year terms. Nisei named were producers Kay Inouye, member; Tom Itami, Stephen Hirai, alt.; handlers George Sugai and Thomas Iseri, alt. Serving for another year as carry-over are producers Heizi Yasuda and Taro Yoshihara, alt.

One of the principal functions of the committee is to recommend to the Secretary of Agriculture, after investigating supply and demand conditions, the grades, sizes and qualities of onions which should be shipped.

mittee, and Munnell, Assembly Democratic Majority leader, addressed the community leaders at the signing ceremonies.

The Unruh Civil Rights Act prohibits discrimination on the basis of race, color, religion or ancestry in "accommodations, advantages, facilities, privileges or service in all business establishments whatsoever."

Takes Court Action

Enforcement of the measure is through a court suit for "actual damages, and \$250 in addition thereto," against anyone who engages in the prohibited discrimination or "aids or incites it."

Other measures in the "civil rights package" previously signed into law by Governor Brown are: (1). A Fair Employment Practices Commission measure outlawing discrimination in hiring and all other terms and conditions of employment; (2). A law prohibiting discrimination in the sale or rental of any housing receiving public assistance (such as FHA loans); (3). A law repealing the state ban against racial intermarriage and requiring the removal of race designation from marriage licenses; (4). A statement declaring non-discrimination as public policy with respect to community redevelopment (urban renewal) projects.

## CALENDAR

July 24-26  
Chicago—Summer Outing, George Williams College Camp, Williams Bay, Wis.

July 25 (Saturday)  
San Francisco—"Queen's Extravaganza" dance, Whitcomb Hotel.  
East Los Angeles — Deepsea fishing derby, "Island Clipper", Pacific Landing, Long Beach.  
Los Angeles — Coordinating Council "Catalina Trip," lv Wilmington 9:30 a.m.

July 25-26  
Gardena Valley — "Go for Broke" movie benefit, Gardena Japanese Community Center.

July 26 (Sunday)  
Contra Costa — Picnic, Curry Creek Park, 10 a.m.  
PNWDC—3rd Quarterly Session, Gresham-Troutdale JACL hosts, at Japanese Hall, Gresham.  
Dayton — Chapter Picnic, Traingler Park, Angier Cabin, 2 p.m.  
Denver—Community picnic, Berkeley Park.

Twin Cities—Community picnic, Wirth Park, Minneapolis.

Aug. 1 (Saturday)

New York—Summer outing at Seabrook Farms.

Aug. 2 (Sunday)  
Contra Costa—Family Swim, Pleasant Hill pool, 8 p.m.  
Venice-Culver—JACL picnic, Centinela Park.

Aug. 8 (Saturday)  
NC-WNDC — Nat'l JACL Convention Queen Coronation Ball, San Carlos Hotel, Monterey, 9 p.m.

Aug. 9 (Sunday)  
NC-WNDC—Third Quarterly Meeting, Casa Munras, Monterey, 1 p.m.; Golf tournament at Del Monte, 7:15 a.m.; 1000 Club luncheon at Giza Suki-yaki, 11:30 a.m.

Aug. 13 (Thursday)  
San Francisco — Auxiliary meeting, Church of Christ, 8 p.m.  
Detroit—Cabinet meeting, International Institute, 8 p.m.

Aug. 14 (Friday)  
Contra Costa—Chinese Cooking demonstration at Dr. Yoshiye Togasaki's residence, 7:30 p.m.

Aug. 16 (Sunday)  
San Francisco—Golf tournament, Sonoma course, 11 a.m.

Aug. 23 (Sunday)  
Monterey Peninsula—Big Sur barbecue.

Milwaukee—JACL picnic, Brown Deer Park No. 9.

## Honor journalism student named by Monterey chapter

MONTEREY.—The nomination of Akiyo Akamine, honor graduate of Monterey Union High School, for the 1959 Pvt. Ben Frank Masaoka memorial scholarship was announced by the Monterey Peninsula JACL.

A life member of the Calif. Scholarship Federation, she was class valedictorian, editor of the school annual for which she won the Quill & Scroll's Editor's Medalion, and the Journeyman Award in Journalism.

She also served as president of the GAA, Block M Club and International Club, and a member of the freshman class council, junior class council, and the Associated Student Council in her senior year.

Outside of school, she is a very active member of the El Estero Presbyterian Church, serving as Sunday School teacher, secretary of the church's senior fellowship and an officer in the YPCC coast region cabinet.

She plans to major in education at San Jose State College in the fall.

## NISEI LEGIONNAIRE WINS DISTRICT POST

SAN FRANCISCO.—Roy Ashizawa became the second Nisei elected to a district vice-commander position and will be installed today as second vice-commander of the 8th District, American Legion. Tom Sakai was in the same post several years ago. Both are past commanders of the Townsend Harris Post 438.

## Michigan Sansei members of glee club winning world competition in Wales

ANN ARBOR, Mich. — The Univ. of Michigan Men's Glee Club has won first prize for male choirs in world-wide competition July 11 in the Welsh International Eisteddfod at Llangollen.

Edwin F. Sasaki, son of Dr. and Mrs. Joseph D. Sasaki of Ann Arbor, is a third-year member of the glee club as second tenor.

It was the first time the U.M. group participated in the Welsh "world series of music" and also the first time an American group won the top honors in the event. The glee club scored 271 of a possible 300 points in the international contest, competing against 18 choirs from ten nations.

Prof. Philip A. Duey, glee club director, accepted the first place trophy before some 40,000 specta-

tors.

Currently on a self-financed tour of the Europe, the Michigan men arrived in Wales at 4 a.m., on the day of competition, slept three hours and commenced final rehearsals. The group sang Palestrina's "Confitemini Domino," Jasquin des Pres' "El Grillo" and Aaron Copland's "Stomp Your Foot."

The U.M. singers are continuing their tour of Europe, scheduled to visit Scotland, England, Netherlands, Belgium, France, Germany, Denmark, Norway and Sweden.

The Sansei member of the 40-man club is a zoology major, and has toured the Midwest and Middle Eastern states with the choir previously. The Sasaki's are active Detroit JACLers.