Administration bias against Japan protested by JACL

IKE TO PROCLAIM HAWAII AS 50TH STATE TODAY

WASHINGTON -- President Eliazar E. Rusk today announced that as of the 9th day of this year, Hawaii will be admitted to the Union. The proclamation ceremony will take place tomorrow morning on the steps of the White House. President Rusk will return here from Hawaii to sign the proclamation.

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SEATTLE -- The body of Pet. O'Kane, of Benton, who drowned Saturday night, was found Monday in the Yakima River under a high bridge near Yakima.

O'Kane's body was found by a fisherman who was searching for the body of a man who drowned in the same river last week.

The body was taken to the Yakima County Medical Examiner's office for identification.

The cause of death is believed to be drowning.

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JACL News Service

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IMPORilENCE OF MEMBERSHIP

I want to first comment that your district council is living up to the promise of being the powerhouse of our national organization. I refer to the terrific pace you have set this year in membership. According to the July Headquarters report, 12 of your chapters have surpassed their previous year's membership total—and of these, nine have achieved an all-time high. You are to be congratulated for this outstanding record, for it reflects highly upon your leadership and your team-work.

All of this, of course, was spearheaded by the outstanding performance of the San Francisco Chapter, which has been its town's largest JACL chapter and the possessor of our holy grail—the ICBM trophy.

Incidentally I hope to note Mrs. Ye Hirakata of San Francisco, the latest word out of Chicago is that Joe Sagami, our ebullient membership chairman, is going to let his head shaved. It isn't that he is retiring into a monastery to repent for his rashes—on the contrary, it is for the practical measure of minimizing any lingering effects of the bay water shampoo that would be in store for him.

Extensive membership drives, when publicly acclaimed as was this done yesterday, does a lot to pep up our annual membership drives. And speaking of pep-ups, one of your San Francisco girls, Agent Keiko Kato, who moved from Northwest to Southeast, has performed a terrific job as mem-

bervship chairman in bringing that chapter back into the 1000 plus circle. Actually, therefore, Joe didn't have a chance against such effective girls like Yo and Vi.

I would like to bring out the point that this idea of competition need not be confined to the large-city chapters. Our small and medium-sized chapters can win seats on the board.

I have dwelt upon this topic because we cannot ever over-emphasize the importance of membership. It is the lifeblood of our organization. From our membership the region, the state, the country, the funds for the continued operation of our national organization, for the maintenance of our National and Regional offices, for the salaries of our staff members, without whose dedicated services in our behalf, our organization could not possibly exist today.

Our membership indicates more than a source of funds. It signifies a united will—a spirit of friendly cooperation, of countless man-hours of voluntary service, of the merging of ideas and talent, all to the end of establishing for ourselves and our posterity our rightful place as equal participants in the American democracy.

Without question, this end I speak of is the universal goal of any patriotic group. It is in this respect that the JACL becomes the only representative organization of all Japanese Americans, voicing its aspiration in our slogan, "For Better Americans and a Greater America." It is the only organization which has become a part of the American scene.

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Nisei with Brooklyn Accent

Denver.—The other day in Hollywood, Director Mary-Lou LeRoy called a meeting to discuss the casting for a film he is preparing, "Wake When It's Over," locally, as is each one of the 100 plays and productions this year produced by the National Endowment for the Arts in Washington, and directors currently looking for Japanese or Oriental faces.

Producer Ray Stark, who is giving the movie version of the novel "Bridge on the River Kwai," is planning to play the part of a picture star in San Francisco, is expected to be the most successful production of five film projects recently generated in Hollywood and in his search for the movie stars for the film. In New York, Producer David Merrick, "Detty" Rider, Age 13, in the "Flame of the Volcano," wants a role in the American production of "The Picture of Dorian Gray," which will then be translated into the Japanese, translated, and presented by the planning commission.

One of the current members of the San Francisco Opera, "Nas Homon," who decided not to use any foreign language in his acting, is starring in the Japanese version of "My Fair Lady." This is a mixture of Japanese and English, starring singer Jimmy Shigeta, and includes classical Japanese music and contemporary jazz. Sessue Hayakawa company which arrived in North America this past week, is playing the Japanese officer. Hayakawa, who has earned high praise for his performance in "Bridge on the River Kwai," is now playing "Rashomon" in Chicago.

Japangese performers in a story about medieval Japan, and "Kataki," the two-character play in which Sessue Hayakawa and Mitchell Lee are playing, has been highly acclaimed. There are also a number of other Japanese performers who are making their mark, and Hayakawa is one of them.

The picture as a western, and present plans are to film it as an adventure film. In addition, the film will be released in Japan and other Asian countries.

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Japanese classical music to be aired

Southern California's first classical music special on KPFK will feature an all-Japanese program on Sunday, March 11, 1956, at 9 p.m. The program, "A Time of Dragons," will be the Japanese version of "The Time of Dragons," however, is still a year or so away from production.

Another top role in a forthcoming Hollywood production is that of the mysterious character in "Bridge to the Sun," which will be played by Japanese actor Toshiro Mifune. Mifune is well known for his role in "Seven Samurai," a movie which decided not to use any foreign language in its production.

"If "Flower Drum Song" goes on tour in the United States, and the time is distant because the musical is still a sellout in its current run, the production may be on tour before the end of January, another Miss Miki or another Miss Suzuki may be cast for a major role.

Producer William Goetz, who gave Miss Miki her first U.S. screen role as "Sadako," wants her for a Happy, from George Campbell's novel about American society. The play, "Flower Drum Song," is being produced by "The Music Man," planned to do a as a musical on Broadway this year and then decided again and again to be produced as an Off-Broadway show. One of the important roles in this story, incidentally, is that of the American woman, played by Miss Miki.

Goetz, now producing for Columbia Pictures, additional a number of films, including "The Big Clock," which has just completed filming in England, and "A Chinese Girl from Hawaii," for the female lead opposite Jimmy Stewart, and "For Better or for Worse," which is just completing a run. "The Big Clock" has been highly acclaimed, and Miss Miki's performance in it is outstanding.

One of Goetz's projects, incidentally, is an American version of "Don Giovanni," which he plans to produce in Japan. Also Aki Ryoza has directed some scenes of the film. The story concerns seven samurai officers who gather in a private room to discuss the situation. Bynner paid $12,900 to remake the picture as a western, and present plans are to film it in Madrid.

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Nisei engineer odds in proposed water system

Fort Collins, Colo.—A project engineer for the National Science Foundation, Sussen Ushikita, has been selected for the new engineering program at the University of Colorado. Ushikita, a Japanese-born engineer, has been working on the proposed water system project for some time. The project is aimed at providing a water supply system for the city of Fort Collins.

Ushikita was selected from a pool of candidates, including engineers from other countries. The selection process was highly competitive, and Ushikita was chosen based on his expertise in water system design and his experience in the field.

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Watsonville graduate nurse wins 'triple' honors

Amy Morikawa of Watsonville became the first "Triple Crown" winner in the history of the Watsonville Hospital nursing school in Oakland, where she completed her nursing education.

Watsonville, Calif. — With the recent "Triple Crown" victory, the new Watsonville Hospital graduate nurse, Amy Morikawa, has become the first to achieve this distinction in the history of the hospital. The "Triple Crown" is an honor given to nurses who have excelled in their studies and in their clinical practice. Morikawa, a resident of Watsonville, has been working at the hospital for the past two years and has received recognition for her exceptional performance. Her dedication to nursing has earned her the respect and admiration of her colleagues and patients alike. The Watsonville Hospital nursing school is proud to announce that Morikawa has achieved this prestigious honor. With her "Triple Crown" victory, Morikawa has set a new standard for excellence in nursing and has inspired many of her classmates to strive for similar achievements. Her success serves as a testament to the quality education and supportive environment that the Watsonville Hospital nursing school provides. Morikawa's achievement will undoubtedly have a positive impact on the nursing profession and will encourage others to pursue excellence in their work. The Watsonville Hospital community congratulates Amy Morikawa on this remarkable accomplishment and looks forward to her continued success in the field of nursing.
The National Directors' Report
By Masao Satow

San Francisco

GOOD CITIZENSHIP—in the works is the expansion of our National JACL's Committee on Citizenship to establish components at the chapter level. Horizon National Committee has been localized to our Washington, D.C., Chapter whose members have been represented at the recent National JACL's Committee on Citizenship in Washington. The National Conference on Citizenship operates under a Federal Charter through an Act of Congress in 1932. JACL has been a charter member of the Committee on Citizenship since 1937.

The stated purpose of the Conference: "To support and strengthen the understanding of the principles and ideals of American democracy. JACL is founded to develop a more thorough knowledge of citizenship rights and responsibilities, to inspire a deeper devotion to citizenship obligations; to encourage ever more active participation in citizenship activities and to promote a spirit of cooperation on the part of all citizens to these high purposes."

As an organization, age of whose primary purposes is the fostering of good citizenship, JACL's Chapter Committees on Citizenship will (1) stress the importance of registration of voters and getting into the political game; (2) stress to the political rallies to help candidates and issues; (3) urge members to participate actively in the public parts of their cities, and especially through nonfinancial contributions; (4) promote chapter cooperation in local "I Am an American" Day celebrations and in local political voter information programs for new immigrants from Japan.

NEW YORK CHAPTER ANNIVERSARY—The EDC-MDC JACL Chapter will celebrate its 35th anniversary in the fall with a program of special events designed to honor its contributions to the JACL. The Chapter was founded in 1943 by Teiko Iida and it has been in continuous operation since then. The Chapter has been an active participant in the national affairs of the JACL and has made significant contributions to the growth and development of the organization. The celebration will feature a variety of events, including a gala dinner, a special exhibit, and a commemorative book.

DETROIT JACLERS EYE EDC-MDC CONVENTION—DETROIT—The EDC-MDC JACL chapter, one of the largest in the country, is preparing for the EDC-MDC JACL convention in New York City in 1988. The chapter is planning a delegation of more than 30 members to attend the convention, which will be held in the fall. The chapter is also working on plans for a banquet and a reception to celebrate the occasion.

New York

This is an open invitation to all JACLers everywhere to come and spend the Labor Day weekend in New York and enjoy the activities of the 3rd Biennial EDC-MDC Convention. Only three weeks remain before we know it, the whole thing will become a memory.

From distant points come assurances and expressions of friendship and good will. Locally, more and more JACLers are voluntarily offering their services, advice, and help. Under these circumstances, our convention cannot help but be a rousing success. It will be a memorable and enjoyable weekend for all of us. For the out-of-towners as well as for the New Yorkers, in the spirit of togetherness which has now come to us, the whole thing will become a memory.

On the stream-lined convention board, Sum Ishikawa and Harry Inaba serve as Associate Chairmen, each area has its own representative and the country is divided into the activities of a group committees. More or less are the right and left arms of the convention chairman. They are the responsibilities of organizing and planning the joint venture of many people. One common interest in the locker room before game time, or an actor awaiting the rise of the curtain on opening night, we see the convention committee: Fujio Saito (banquet), William Sakayama (registration), John Iwatsu (souvenir book), Toshio Ohkawa (youth program), George Kyotow (N.Y. Chapter chairman), revealed that on the audience-except for some, the entire cast: Teruko Fukuyama, Yuki Sato, and Joe Noda. Dick Akagi (publicity), Kenji Nose (youth program), George Kyotow (N.Y. Chapter chairman), Martin Shizu and Jim Miura, rec. sec.: Sharlene Shiba, cor. sec.:

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Detroit CL Teen Club picks cabinet

DETROIT — Shailer Seki was elected president for the 1959-60 year at the July meeting of the 84th Annual JACL National Teen Club. On top as the fall season opener is a board on Sept. 12. The group has been engaging in social and service activities ever since. Other officials chosen were Veronika Tolkin, vice-president; William Mahn, secretary; and George Miyazaki, treasurer.

Seniors participate in homemeakers contest

AUBURN, Wash. — Sharon Nakamura of Auburn was among 20 state delegates attending the 1959 National Homemakers of America, July 12-17, in Chicago. She was recently elected state regional vice president for 1959-60 and has served the Auburn chapter as both vice-president and president.

The 17-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Nakamura is a senior at Auburn High. She has been a member since 1957. She is an honor student and on the yearbook staff.

Detroit Mayor Louis Miriani (left) presents Detroit JACL president Walter Muro with official Freedom Festival participant's cord.

Seabrook JACL-sponsored boy scout troop ends summer camp, two earn eagle badge

Seabrook, N.J. — Two graduates for boy scouts from Seabrook Troop 6; Kenneth Hino and Robert Yagura, were among the 150 scouts who were awarded Eagle rank at the traditional summer camp for the Seabrook Council Boy Scout.

Kenneth, a senior at Bridgeland High School, is the oldest son of Mr. and Mrs. Ray Hino. Ray is former president of the local JACL and a Purple Heart veteran of the 44th Combat Team. kenneth is currently serving with the 14th annual California men's state bowling tournament, preceded by the biggest turnout of Nisei golfers. The NoCal team is made up of Ed Yoshioka and Frank Nagano. Hino is first alternate.

The 13th annual Festival tournament, sponsored by the All-Western Bowling Team. Judy Sakata is listed for honorable mention. The magazine also has a picture of the JACL Women's Planning Commission.

While the freshman was "young stuff" ... As in the rest of the country, Troop 47, Kenneth Bano and P. J. Tanaka, are making possible a 18-hole course with the longest man-made hill and a "Halfway House" in Oriental lines, with a 3-hole beauty with a winding 300-ft. man-made lake, a man-made golf course on a young age level? (Detroit and Washington, D.C., chapters expressed opposition. But saw no immediate justification for another youth group. Rather, it ought to be emphasized that the interest of the young, or children, in Nisei scouting for whom we recall how in school an upper classman was regarded as "old" while the freshman was "young stuff" ... As indicated, joining scouting is always recommended by them.

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Bano, Ray is a former president of the local JACL. Also important is that the Seabrook Council: Scoutmaster, in addition to the two Japanese American Eagle Scout candidates, in addition to a high standard of scoutcraft work, Mr. Bano said, is also pleased and proud of the fact that his troop boys for fifty years have been a part of the group and in scouting, too, they in time will respond to the challenge of these older interests which JACL chapters now subscribe.

Sportscope

Will Tanaka wins Cal Men's Singles & Doubles Title

The University of California's tennis team has won the 1959 NCAA Men's Tennis Championships. The team is led by Bill Tanaka, a senior on the team. The team is coached by Paul Buhle, who was appointed last year. The team has won the title for the past two years.

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24 laws dealing with race, religious discrimination passed by 14 states this year—best performance in past decade

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