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Civil Rights Commission

Because of the flu, legal counsel Frank Chuman was unable to present his statement before the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights, which held two-day hearings in Los Angeles this week. In his place, Fred Takata sat before the group and related the discriminatory practices in Southern California against persons of Japanese ancestry seeking homes.

In his first appearance before a federal panel, Fred then answered questions of a general nature concerning persons of Japanese: how many lived in Los Angeles? (Fred said about 40,000), in the United States? (about 160,000), and if there were other instances of anti-Nisei discrimination (Fred believed there were, but none were reported to him).

One of the commission members asked why Nisei were not inclined to report of these injustices against them. Fred ventured to explain that Nisei had a rough time during the war years, being evacuated and mistreated by government and thus numbed. He also pointed out that discrimination against Nisei has a long history on the West Coast and that Japanese he knew by nature were not ones who would loudly complain.

The commission had an opportunity to listen to one of our more "quiet" Nisei in Fred. It will meet a more vocal Nisei in Haruo Ishimaru when he appears before the group in San Francisco.

That the Asian flu enabled the civil rights body to question two different types of Nisei is something we hadn't anticipated. For Frank Chuman is not to be considered the "quiet" type. He is accustomed to government hearings, while Fred later admitted he was a bit nervous—it being his first trip.

—H.H.

NATIONAL JACL DONATES \$500 TO ANNIE CLO FUND

SAN FRANCISCO.—A sum of \$500 is being donated by National JACL to the Annie Clo Watson scholarship fund, it was announced today by National Director Mas Satow, in memory of the wartime JACL sponsor's unselfish assistance and encouragement to persons of Japanese ancestry.

Friends of the late Miss Watson are invited to send contributions to the fund through National JACL Headquarters, 1634 Post St., San Francisco, for transmittal to the local International Institute, where Miss Watson served as executive secretary for many years.

JACL Headquarters publicly acknowledged the following contributions made to the Annie Clo Watson scholarship fund:

Previously reported: \$ 75
National JACL 500
William Enomoto, Redwood City 25
Dixie Hunt, San Francisco 10
(in memory of her parents)
Saburo Kido, Los Angeles 10
Dave Tatsuno, San Jose 10
Fremont JACL 10

TOTAL: (Jan. 26, 1960) \$ 640

All contributions received by JACL will be presented to the Institute, which established the fund, before memorial services being planned for Miss Watson sometime in February.

1960 Nisei Week set for Aug. 13-21

Eiji Tanabe, who has been connected with each of the Nisei Week Festival celebrations since its start before the war, was named chairman of the 1960 celebration to be held Aug. 13-21.

The Li'l Tokio travel agent is also active in the Downtown Los Angeles JACL and Japanese Chamber of Commerce.

Other officers for 1960 include Roy Hoshizaki, Matao Uwate, vice-chairman; Paul Takeda, secretary; Tsutomu Maehara, Archie Miyatake, treas.; Joseph Ito and Victor Ikeda, aud.

Others serving on the board of directors are:

Mitsuhiko Shimizu, James Watanabe, Nori Oku, Frank Hirohata, Henry Murayama, Katsuma Mukaeda, Soichi Fukui, Eddie Shimatsu, Willie Funakoshi, James Mitsumori, Joe Itano, and Fred Takata.

As part of the Festival attractions, in conjunction with the 100th anniversary of trade relations between the United States and Japan, the committee has reserved the huge Shrine Auditorium for Aug. 18 to present an Oriental program.

The board is working on possibilities of obtaining Misora Hibari, Nipponese singer and motion picture actress, to appear on the revue as guest artist.

Roy Hashitani drowns in Snake River mishap

ONTARIO, Ore. — Roy Hashitani, 43, was drowned last Friday in a boating accident while fishing on the Snake River.

He was an active Snake River Valley JACL member.

The well-known 3-handicap golfer who has played in a number of Nisei tournaments in California, Oregon, Washington and Utah, was steelhead fishing below Oxbow dam when the boat capsized.

Hashitani attempted to swim to shore and disappeared from sight.

His two companions, Jim Kuga of Oregon Slope and Yone Kariya of Ontario, clung to the overturned boat and were rescued by Scott Gillette of Oregon Heights who was fishing on the shore and saw the mishap.

He went for a boat and reached the two survivors in about a half hour's time. The two Nisei said their boat capsized as they started to anchor the boat.

Youth program fundamental aim in JACL's next decade

George Azumano elected chairman of Pacific Northwest

BY ELMER OGAWA

TACOMA.—"If we were to ask: 'What is the most important program for the JACL in the next ten years?'—I would say it would be the development of our youth program. It is the one closest to home . . . and in carrying out the youth program, we shall have fulfilled one of our basic functions—that of promoting and fostering good citizenship. When we stop to consider that a boy or girl of 8 today would be a young adult within a decade, we cannot lose anytime."

With these words National President Shig Wakamatsu succinctly described a primary aim of the national JACL program for the coming ten years before an audience of some 250 delegates and guests at the Pacific Northwest District Council convention here last weekend.

He stressed need for maintaining the Washington Office for its valuable function in terms of service, public relations and information and maintaining leadership in civil rights. Describing the Washington Office as "our most sensitive contact with the outside world", the national president said it is one we cannot afford to lose, and on civil rights alone, the JACL faces a unique responsibility as the only non-Jewish, non-Negro and non-White group represented in this field.

Alien Land Law Repeal

About alien land law repeal legislation which is so important to JACLers in the State of Washington this year, Wakamatsu said:

"Discriminatory legislation such as the anti-alien land laws have hung like a dark cloud over our lives. It was a thing our parents were not able to combat, lacking the franchise. The total effect on the Nisei is hard to calculate."

And in so saying, Shig won the cheers of delegates and the endorsement of Gov. Albert D. Rosellini and legislators and mayors present at the banquet.

The completion of documentary projects, "The Issei Story" and "The JACL Story", are other important tasks of this decade, Wakamatsu declared.

One governor, two state senators, four representatives, six mayors, a metropolitan daily editor and a TV panelist heard the Northwest version of the JACL story and the organization's tribute to the pioneer Issei present and were unanimous in declaring the convention banquet inspirational.

Besides the national president, national director Mas Satow and national 1000 Club chairman Bill Matsumoto participated in the give and take of reports, plans and policy discussions of the delegates assembled.

Indifference Cited

Satow made an emphatic point in discussing one of the current problems, that of combatting indifference, the attitude of the great number of citizens who regard the JACL mission accomplished on most major issues, and say, "why do we need a JACL anymore?" or say, "what do I get out of it?" when approached on membership.

National membership has reached a high peak of 17,500, he added, and is still growing. Emphasized was the importance of good leadership at the chapter level and the far reaching value of personal contacts in one's own community.

Examples of the countless problems, large and small, which are referred to the Washington Office

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Tacoma Mayor Ben Hanson presents Key to the City to ex-Puyallup Valley resident Shig Wakamatsu

—Elmer Ogawa Photo.

JACL HAILS SIGNING OF U.S.-JAPAN MUTUAL COOPERATION, SECURITY PACT

(JACL News Service)

CHICAGO.—The Japanese American Citizens League this past week hailed the signing of the Mutual Cooperation and Security Treaty between the United States and Japan in a message that was extended to Prime Minister Kiishi enroute home during his stop-over here last Friday.

Shig Wakamatsu, national president who signed the letter, said:

"This historic event augurs an era of unparalleled opportunity to promote lasting international good will between the peoples of the two countries. It is our hope that in some small measure we, as Americans, may contribute to this noble end."

"We join with fellow Americans to express our admiration for your personal leadership to help bring about the successful conclusion of the Mutual Cooperation and Security Treaty. We believe that the United States and Japan must stand as firm allies for the sake of freedom, peace and prosperity for the millions of people bordering the Pacific basin."

"Please convey our best wishes

to the Japanese people," the letter concluded.

Wakamatsu then boarded the same plane to Seattle with the Kiishi party to attend the Pacific Northwest District Council convention hosted by the Puyallup Valley chapter at Tacoma.

Noby Yamakoshi first Chicago Nisei elected to Kiwanis Club helm

CHICAGO. — Noby Yamakoshi, president of Nobart Studios, Inc., an advertising art and photo firm, was elected 1960 president of the Lincoln Park Kiwanis Club. He is the first Nisei to hold this post.

Yamakoshi, the only Nisei on the new cabinet, is the first Japanese American to be chosen to this position in Kiwanis of the Chicago area.

An impressive installation ceremony was held Jan. 16 at the Tam-O-Shanter Country Club.

Yamakoshi is treasurer of the Midwest Buddhist Church, vice-president of the American Buddhist Academy in New York, treasurer of the Olivet Community Center, and chairman of the public relations committee and board member of the Isham YMCA.

Cortez JACL names Frank Yoshida again

BALLICO. — Frank Yoshida has been re-elected for a second term as president of the Cortez JACL chapter.

He was installed, along with other cabinet members last Saturday at Minnie's Restaurant in Modesto.

Assemblyman Gordon Winton, (D., Merced), was the main speaker.

Others elected with Yoshida at a recent general meeting at Cortez hall were:

Kaoru Masuda, 1st v.p.; Pete Yamamoto, 2nd v.p.; Mark Kamiya, treas.; Mrs. Florice Kuyahara, rec. sec.; Mrs. Alice Taniguchi, cor. sec.; and Mae Kajioka, hist.

CAPITAL PUNISHMENT DEBATE SET TONIGHT

Southwest Los Angeles JACL will present both sides of the death penalty issue at its general meeting on Friday, Jan. 29 at 8 p.m. at the Denker Ave. Play-ground, 1550 W. 35th Pl.

A.L. Wirin will speak on the abolition of the death penalty while a representative of the District Attorney's office will speak for retention, reported past president Joe Yasaki.

Deputy district attorney J. Miller Leavy, whose most famous case was with Caryl Chessman, is scheduled to appear tonight.

Mas Oji elected

DAVIS. — Mas Oji of Yuba City was elected third vice-president of the California Tomato Growers Assn. The group also voted to contribute \$5,000 to the Univ. of California to aid in research for mechanical harvesting of tomatoes.

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Official Notices

1960-70 JACL PLANNING COMMISSION (Informational Bulletin No. 2, Dec. 21, 1959)

The Commission will circulate from time to time discussion summaries received from local chapters and district councils who have organized discussion sessions "to spell out JACL's program goals for the coming decade."

The issue is quite broad and exhaustive; therefore, these summaries can only be used as examples to guide your discussion meetings, not necessarily as a model to follow. This package contains:

1. Minutes of a panel discussion (Northern California-Western Nevada District Council)
 2. Summary of a symposium (Eastern and Midwest District Councils)
 3. Notes from a chapter discussion (Chicago Chapter JACL)
- (Items No. 2 and 3 were published in the Dec. 25, 1959, issue.)

"What Shall Be JACL's Program for the 1960-70 Decade"

Minutes of a panel discussion held during the business session of the Third Quarterly Northern California-Western Nevada District Council meeting - Aug. 9, 1959 at Monterey, Calif. Chairman and Moderator: Shig Wakamatsu, National President.

Panelists (named in the order of speaking): 1. Yas Abiko - San Francisco; 2. Henry Takeda - Sacramento; 3. Frank Oda - Sonoma County; 4. Peter Nakahara - Sequoia.

Recorder and "summarizer"-Marvin Uratsu - Contra Costa.

The background for the creation of the 1960-70 Planning Commission was explained. The purpose of the Commission was outlined: 1. Get as much material and facts on programming to the local chapters. 2. Secure program reports from local chapters and then evaluate them in order to make concrete suggestions for a National program.

FIRST SPEAKER - Yas Abiko

Yas Abiko gave the background material for the discussion by referring to JACL's work of the 1920-30s, up to the time of World War II, using mainly the San Francisco Chapter minutes as source material.

During these years, there were relatively few Nisei in JACL and those who were members were too young to provide leadership. On the whole, the Issei were dominant and thus guided Nisei activity.

The legal-legislative phase of JACL work was prominent then as has been in the years after the War II. In this respect, the JACL worked for the Cable Act which made it possible

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Thousand Club Notes

By Bill Matsumoto

Well, 1959 was a fast year, it has already come and gone. Although we have accomplished much, the fact that we must have 2,000 in the fold by convention time leaves us with but a short six months to go. The picture is something like this from where I sit. To date we have nearly 1,400 members paid and active. This only leaves us 600 more to go. How are we going to do it? Here are some suggestions. I hope you will go along with me.

First of all—in looking at the listing of the new officers of the various chapters, I do not see the office of 1000 Club Chairman listed or appointed. Perhaps we could ask every new 1960 Chapter President to appoint or have elected a person to do this job. I sincerely feel that the 1000 Club Chairman should be a member of the board, because of the important role he plays on the chapter level as well as the National level.

Our second suggestion would be to keep a running account of the members in your chapter to see that none will fall to renew. Our hard working staff has prepared such a list that tells you who will become due, how many years he has been, etc. I think this will keep us posted, so let's use this valuable tool.

My third suggestion is that we go out and contact the fellows that have fallen by the wayside because of one reason or another. I find that many of the people have not renewed because we have not contacted them. In checking the many chapter lists, we do not have too many in any one chapter, so this should not be impossible to do.

The fourth and the most important is to talk 1000 Club, strange as it may seem, a fellow asked me just today, "Do you have to donate a Thousand Bucks?" So everyone is not versed as well as we believe on what is the 1000 Club. I feel we should stress the importance of our group as far as the financing of our organization is concerned. I think it would be well to point out that this group has saved our National organization more than once when things were rough, and that we believe that the strength of this group will enable the National to do the many things that are so necessary at times without money being the barrier.

To summarize my suggestion, it spells out work. With a little added effort I'm sure we can reach our goal of "Shoot for Two."



'My Version of the Soaring '60s'

Complete list of CCDC committee chairmen, calendar of district events announced

BY JOHN KUBOTA

BAKERSFIELD. — A preview of activities and appointment of various committee chairmen for the coming year provided a busy afternoon for 70 delegates attending the first quarterly Central California District Council session here last Sunday.

Bakersfield JACL chapter president Dr. Warren Itokazu delivered words of welcome as the meeting opened during the noon luncheon at the Rice Bowl. CCDC chairman Fred Hirasuna presided with Mrs. Warren Itokazu and Mrs. Ben Kinoshita serving as recording secretaries.

Named by Hirasuna to the various committees were:

Kenji Tashiro, CCDC nominations; George Abe, recognitions; Tom Nagamatsu, chapter of year; John Kashiki, Jr. JACL; Howard Renge, resolutions; Jin Ishikawa, int. rel.; Ed Yano, program; Lloyd Kumataka, memb.; Sally Slocum, cor. sec.; Henry Mikami, New Year ball; Miki Uchiyama, CCDC convention.

Dr. George Suda, Nisei of Biennial; Hiro Mayeda, Pacific Citizen; Hy Ikeda, oratorical; Dr. James Nagatani, '60-'70 JACL program; Ken Tashiro, pre-convention rally; Tak Naito, non-quota area; Tom Nakamura, nat'l conv. booklet and tickets; Dr. George Miyake, banq. program and Endowment Fund.

Convention Site

Miki Uchiyama, 1960 CCDC

convention chairman, announced the locale has been changed from the Hacienda Motel to the Elks Lodge on Van Ness Ave. in Fresno. He explained the site was more suitable with adequate facilities and accommodations.

Parlier JACL will host the next quarterly session in April and Fowler will host the third quarterly in September.

Date and place of the CCDC pre-convention rally in June is to be announced.

Concerning the forthcoming national convention activities, Dr. Masao Yamamoto and Yoshito Takahashi were named co-chairmen of the district runoffs for the convention oratorical contest. The DC contest is scheduled for Fresno Buddhist Church on May 14 or 21. Winner will represent the district at the national contest in Sacramento.

Contestants must be between the ages of 16 and 21. The topic is: Our Role as Japanese American Youth in the Future of JACL. Jin Ishikawa made a lengthy report from the Washington JACL office. CCDC's role in the national testimonial for Dr. T.T. Yatabe will be discussed at the Parlier meeting. Hirasuna also reminded that chapters should report immediately any existing discriminatory practices.

The CCDC approved a \$50 donation to the Annie Clo Watson scholarship fund for social workers.

Active San Francisco JACLer named to Bank of Tokyo ass't cashier post

SAN FRANCISCO. — A Nisei employee at the main office of the Bank of Tokyo of California in San Francisco has finally broke the barrier and was named an officer of the bank.

He is Joe Kubokawa, with the institution for the past seven years, who was appointed assistant cashier.

Kubokawa is an active member of the Golden Gate Nisei Optimist Club, S.F. Junior Chamber of Commerce, International Jr. Chamber of Commerce, Jr. World Trade Assn. of San Francisco, JACL 1000 Club, and Buchanan YMCA. A native of San Francisco, Kubokawa held the assistant cashier position with the Bank of America here from 1947 to 1953.

The Bank of Tokyo also has three other Nisei officers, as assistant cashiers, in two branch banks: Bob Nagata in Gardena and Danny Yoshimura and Takeyoshi Ito in Los Angeles.

Kubokawa's appointment was announced by President T. Shibata at the annual stockholders meeting last week.

The Bank of Tokyo, a California

corporation, is capitalized at \$1,500,000 with the Bank of Tokyo in Japan holding the majority. Officer positions are being held by employees coming from Japan.

"We hope to train our Nisei employees, hired here, constantly so that they may begin to hold responsible executive positions in our banking institution," said President Shibata.

HOUSE GIVES CUPID AID IN MARRIAGE BILL

WASHINGTON.—The House approved by voice vote this past week and sent to the Senate a bill to let aliens who plan to marry Americans enter this country on visitors visas.

The bill would provide a special three-month visitor's visa. If the marriage didn't take place within that time, the prospective bride or bridegroom would be liable to deportation.

Similar temporary legislation, enacted after World War II, lapsed about 10 years ago.

LETTERBOX

HOLDS JACL TOGETHER

Editor: Thanks for the envelope you sent me recently. Yes, I'll continue as PC correspondent for another year.

Greatly appreciate the fine work you are doing for it seems that it's your paper that holds the greater part of the JACL together and on its course. It's the thinking that is being done at the upper levels that inspires us to do the little we attempt locally.

Running a newspaper must be tremendous work, but I feel that there are many hidden rewards for its output, especially when you bring many rich stories about our own people to our mind so that we, too, can become richer for having read.

Yes, it is this constant trickle of thoughts that amounts to growth. This is the reality of things that I would value.

GEORGE SUGIHARA

Contra Costa JACL.

Nisei voted to S.F. civic unity board

SAN FRANCISCO. — Mrs. Tomoye Takahashi, importer of Japanese folk art, was elected to the board of directors of the Council for Civic Unity recently. Serving as 1960 president will be Mrs. Paine Knickerbocker, wife of a local newspaper columnist.

William M. Brinton, outgoing council president, reported on the progress of the Housing Opportunities Program. He warned, however, that the job has just begun, that increased efforts are necessary to fight discrimination in housing. In speaking of progress, Brinton said, "I have no illusions that this will be accomplished within a few years, or that CCU alone provides the solution. But the community is now moving in this direction."

In speaking of a particular case of discrimination against a Negro doctor and his family, Brinton said, "I cannot help but comment that white families on the block much more than they realize; they did not lose anything in terms of property values, but certainly they did in terms of human values."

Frank Quinn, CCU executive director, told the group of plans for 1960 during which CCU's role will be to point out to all citizens concerned with city planning, urban renewal and urban redevelopment, just what are the effects of racial discrimination on a city and its metropolitan area.

Full length evening gown made of wool wins prize

SALT LAKE CITY.—Marilyn Kawakami, 17, of American Fork was named one of the two winners in the Utah Make It Yourself with Wool contest last week. She wore a full length evening gown creation.

Girls, ranging in age from 14 to 22, compete in this contest held in the 20 wool-growing states. Winner this year wins a vacation for two in Europe.

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Vagaries

By Larry S. Tajiri

'Flower Drum Song'

There is a moment in the second act of Rodgers and Hammerstein's fabulously successful "Flower Drum Song" when it appears the Suzukis have taken over Broadway. This is the "Sunday" number in which the wonderful Pat Suzuki and Goro (Jack Soo) Suzuki sing and dance one of RH's best numbers of the show.

Pat, who gets top billing among the musical's talented performers, is the greatest single asset of "Flower Drum Song" as Linda Low, the nightclub dancer who believes love and marriage should be synonymous. Goro opened in the show 15 months ago as Frankie, the nightclub m.c. who had only one number, "Gilding Through My Memories." When Larry Blyden stepped out of the shoes of Sammy Fong, the fast operator who is in love with Pat Suzuki's Linda, Goro stepped in. His performance has helped improve the show—last Saturday night it played to a full house after more than year at the St. James theater. Blyden, after all, is primarily a dramatic actor ("Bachelor Party," "What Makes Sammy Run") while Goro Suzuki has all the necessary talents for a musical. He sings and dances acceptably and, best of all, he has a fine comic sense.

Goro, a native of Oakland, Calif., is making the most of his main chance. He came out of a relocation camp to work as an m.c. in a Chinese nightclub in Cleveland where he first used the name "Jack Soo." He was working in Charlie Low's Forbidden City in San Francisco when Rodgers and Hammerstein tapped him for the role of Frankie. When Goro signed with "Flower Drum Song" he asked that he be billed by his real name. But the show already had one Suzuki: Pat.

(As Guyo Tajiri remarked: "It's impossible for a Nisei to be completely objective about 'Flower Drum Song'.") But we got as much of a kick out of it last week as we did when we first saw the show more than a year ago. It reminded us of the time seven years ago when we first saw two Nisei girls hold a Broadway audience spellbound in the "Little House of Ucle Thomas" ballet in "The King and I." They were Yuriko Kikuchi and Michiko Iseri, and both of them later went out to Hollywood to recreate their roles in the 20th Century Fox movie version.

Yuriko, of course, is in "Flower Drum Song" and she dances the leading role of Mei Li in the dream Ballet sequence. (Yuriko, with the Martha Graham company as a dancer and more recently as a choreographer on her own is recognized as an outstanding exponent of the modern dance. There is talk that she may organize her own company when she is through with "Flower Drum Song".)

Miyoshi Umeki, who gave up the part of Mei Li to Cely Carrillo two weeks ago to leave for a film and possible TV series assignments in Hollywood (though the real story probably is that she left the cast to accompany her husband Win Ople, a TV director, to the coast), is missed. But Miss Carrillo, a girl of Filipino descent, makes a charming replacement.

Most of the Nisei who started with the show are still with it, though the beautiful Joanne Miya has gone back to California. But three more will be departing when George Minami, a Californian, and David Toguri and Naomi Kimura, both Canadians, leave to join the London company which opens in April.

The newest Nisei addition to the cast is Carolyn Okada (daughter of Hito and Hana Okada) of Salt Lake and Seattle. Carolyn has been with the show for four months. In Utah and Washington (where she was featured in the Aqua theater's summer festivals) she had danced in all of Rodgers and Hammerstein's musicals except "Pipe Dream," one of the team's rare failures.

"Flower Drum Song" from the novel by newspaperman C.Y. Lee is set in modern-day San Francisco and concerns Mei Li, a picture bride who comes from China to marry Sammy Fong. Complications ensue because Sammy is really in love with Linda Low, and Mei Li falls in love with Wang Ta, young son of a rich Chinatown merchant.

Still in their original roles are Conrad Yama of Fresno as the picture bride's father and Eileen Nakamura of Seattle as Madam Fong. The 13 performers of Japanese ancestry in the cast also include Fumi Akimoto, Helen Funai, Betty Kawamura, Yoshiko Kuzutani (a ballet dancer and teacher from Japan), and Susan Lynn Kikuchi (Yuriko's daughter).

Other leading roles are played by Keye Luke, most famous as Charlie Chan's favorite son in innumerable movies, as the rich merchant and Ed Kenney, of Irish-Chinese descent, as Wang Ta. Juanita Hall, the Negro singer who was Bloody Mary in "South Pacific," is excellent as Wang Ta's aunt, Madame Liang.

It's not definite as yet, but there is a possibility that "Flower Drum Song" will tour come summer, in which case it probably will play most of three months in Los Angeles and San Francisco and a year in Chicago. But if business continues the way it has recently, Broadway may hold it for a long time to come.

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HOUSING BIAS IN SOUTHLAND TOLD TO COMMISSION

Actual instances of discrimination in housing against persons of Japanese ancestry were described in the statement prepared by Frank Chuman, national JACL legal counsel, for the President's Commission on Civil Rights which held its hearing earlier this week in Los Angeles at the State Building.

Since Chuman came down with the flu, So. Calif. JACL regional director Fred Takata testified and presented Chuman's statement.

In the Chuman statement, the commission was told that the general pattern of discrimination against Japanese Americans, the problem involved and the factors present were "to a lesser or greater degree present in practices directed against other racial or religious minorities".

Discrimination in housing was described by many witnesses who appeared before the group as being at the root of our civil rights problem.

Five members of the six-man commission heard Mayor Poulson, Supervisor Frank Bonelli, Atty. Gen. Mosk, Rabbi Leonard Bierman and a number of other witnesses describe the current state of civil rights in California and the Los Angeles area and make recommendations for improvement of the situation.

The speakers were in almost unanimous agreement that segregation or discrimination in housing leads to impairment of educational attainment and this leads to lack of economic equality and opportunity.

Improvements Expected

Mayor Poulson described his development of an Advisory Committee on Human Relations. He said that while he does not feel there is an "emergency situation" in Los Angeles, he expects the committee to make improvements in racial understanding and education.

He reported that the integration program in the Fire Department is going well and said he is "unaware of any tragedies that befell the community as had been predicted earlier by the most ardent foes of my program."

Supervisor Bonelli declared that Los Angeles County is in an "enviable position" with regard to civil rights and race relations.

He said that 38,000 county employees including many Nisei and Sansei are "well integrated" and that the county will continue to work for full implementation of state fair employment practice laws and equal rights and opportunities.

John C. Moore, chairman of the Mayor's Commission on Intergroup Relations, said that the organization is just getting started. He foresaw the need for two kinds of subcommittees: one to deal with any incidents on the neighborhood level and a second to check crime, juvenile delinquency and kindred problems.

Broken Families

George A. Beavers Jr., chairman of the City Housing Authority, said that 65 per cent of public housing in Los Angeles is occupied by Negroes. He also pointed out that 45 per cent of the population of these public housing units are broken families—where there is only one parent.

He believed that the large proportion of Negroes in public housing reflects the discrimination against them in private housing. In the past 25 years, he said, less than 2 per cent of all new housing in this area has been available to Negroes.

Mosk advocated federal legislation to require affidavits of all prospective FHA borrowers that no discrimination would be practiced in tracts or developments using FHA funds.

Chuman's Statement

The instances Chuman had personal knowledge of were divided into three categories: discrimination by lending institutions, by subdividers and by real estate agents.

Chuman reported of two cases involving lending institutions, a Nisei family seeking a house in West Covina and another in Canoga Park. After a time, the lending institutions relented, processed the loans and both families have moved into their homes.

Chuman next reported of two cases involving discrimination by subdividers in North Long Beach and Costa Mesa. Discrimination by

Sansei lad first Eagle Scout in 25-year history of scouting in New Jersey town

SEABROOK, N.J.—Kennon Nakamura, 14-year-old Sansei member of Elmer (N.J.) Scout Troop 39 was accorded special recognition by the Elmer Rotary Club on Jan. 12 upon becoming the first local boy to be an Eagle Scout in the 25-year history of scouting in the Elmer area.

A special court of honor was arranged during the weekly dinner program by the Rotary Club, which sponsors the troop, to make the Eagle Scout presentation. Sam Higbee, field executive for the Salem-Gloucester Scout Council, conducted the impressive rites.

Ken, recently promoted to the rank of junior asst. scoutmaster, also received the Good Citizen citation from the New Jersey Dept. of American Legion. It was issued by Dept. Comdr. Ralph A. D'Olivo.

Ken's parents, Kiyomi and Ellen Ayako Nakamura, participated in the Eagle Scout ceremony. The mother was given the honor of pinning the Eagle Scout badge on her son. And she was presented a miniature Eagle Scout lapel pin and a sterling silver necklace with the Eagle Scout insignia.

Honored guests of the Rotary Club's Scout Recognition Dinner were Ken's present scoutmaster, Charles Thawley; his former scoutmaster, Joe Smith; his parents, and Vernon Ichisaka, scoutmaster of Troop 47 of Seabrook, N.J. and past president of local JACL which also sponsors a scout troop.

Mr. and Mrs. Nakamura, now residing in Elmer, N.J., represent the first family group to arrive

in Southern New Jersey from the WRA center in 1944. They first resettled in Seabrook, where Ken was born. Both are active members of Seabrook JACL.

Kiyomi, who is currently vice-president, was the local chapter's treasurer for the past three years. Ellen, chairman of the public relations committee for the past two years, has been active with the chapter since its organization in 1946. She served as the secretary to the temporary cabinet as well as the first cabinet of Seabrook JACL.

Both are active leaders of the Seabrook Buddhist Church as well as in PTA and community life in the Elmer area. Dad Kiyomi hails from Fowler, Calif. and mother, Ellen, better known as "Ayako Noguchi" was formerly of Tulare, Calif.

Yuba County judge to address Clers

MARYSVILLE.—Judge E. T. Manwell of the Yuba County superior court was announced as the principal speaker for the Marysville JACL installation banquet tomorrow at the First Methodist Church auditorium here.

Akiji Yoshimura, nat'l JACL 1st v.p., will be the installing officer. Shurei Matsumoto will be toastmaster.

Judge Manwell is a member of the state and local bar association. He was graduated from Hastings School of Law, San Francisco, in 1936. He is also very active in the Boy Scout movement for over 10 years, currently serving with Leadership Training of the Buttes Area Council.

Officers to be installed are: Dr. Yutaka Toyoda, pres.; Shurei Matsumoto, 1st v.p.; Terry Manji, 2nd v.p.; Jimmy Fukui, treas.; Mabel Komatsubara, rec. sec.; Sakae Takabayashi, cor. sec.; Mino Harada, George Tanimoto, Frank Watanabe, Arthur Oji, Ted Tokuno, Frank Nakatani, Toshiro Yoshimura, bd. membs.; Bill Tsuji, imm. past pres.

On the dinner committee are Bob Kodama, Tom Teesdale, Dr. Toyoda, Frank Okimoto, Dolly Fukumitsu, and J. Fukui.

The 1960-1970 JACL Planning Commission program in the No. Calif.-Western Nevada District Council will consist of a number of joint discussions within the district. On Jan. 31, Sacramento, Florin, Placer and Marysville chapters will meet in Sacramento in the first of these area group discussions. The following Marysville JACLers will attend the meeting in Sacramento: George Okamoto, George Nakao, Frank Okimoto, Frank Nakamura, Dan Nishita, George H. Inouye, Arthur Oji, Sam Kurihara, Dr. Yutaka Toyoda, Shurei Matsumoto, Terry Manji, Jimmy Fukui, Sakae Takabayashi, Pat Ann Nakatsu, Masuko Toyoda, Mitzi Fukui, Mazie Sasaki, Mabel Komatsubara, Bill Tsuji, Frank Watanabe and Bob Kodama.

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By the Board

By Dr. Roy Nishikawa, Imm. Past President

It has been said that people can be placed into three classes: "The few who make things happen; the many who watch things happen; and the overwhelming majority who have no idea of what has happened."

If the above premise is correct, then it is likely that the general membership of the JACL is only remotely aware of the many complex organizational problems facing the JACL.

This is not an ideal situation, but most realists will admit that JACL is administered by a relatively few dedicated leaders on the local, district and national levels rather than by its mass membership. It was ever thus and unless there is a great change in human nature will ever remain thus. This is not due to poor communications alone. This is not due to the lack of democratic procedures in the JACL. But this is due primarily to the essential nature of voluntary organizations.

After all, how many general members show up at a chapter's business meeting? In most chapters, the bulk of the chapter's affairs are run by the Board or Cabinet.

All of this serves as background to a problem, which if unchecked, could threaten the harmony and unity within the JACL.

Lately, a small but vociferous group of critics has taken the National JACL to task under the alleged charge that the Board and Staff have rigged everything and that the poor member does not stand a chance of being heard.

Somehow, one feels that these critics are trying to create an impression that the Board and Staff is a dictatorial group which wants to extend its powers at the expense of the membership.

Such charges have the suspicion of being cheap and easy bids for popular support among the uninformed. And coincidentally enough, those who take this position include those who at one time or another have nursed ambitions of becoming Board members themselves.

For many, many years JACL leaders on the national, district and local levels have tried hard to encourage greater membership interest and participation—with only partial success.

It is only natural that Board and Staff members, by virtue of their experience, long service and position of leadership, exert considerable influence in any JACL meeting. For these same reasons, chapter and district leaders—including the same critics—tend to heavily influence their own meetings. Obviously, National JACL would be weak and ineffective without an effective and influential Board and Staff. And the same reasoning applies to a district and its officers and to chapters and their officers. Under these considerations, it seems incongruous indeed to hear of the "undue" influences of the Board or Staff.

Another problem which is disturbing to many long time JACLers is the tendency among a few discontented or frustrated members to either knock the Washington Office or to refuse to support the National JACL unless they can get their own views to prevail. These members are very few in number but have attracted considerable attention because of their clamor.

This is not to suggest that the Washington Office or the National JACL is sacrosanct. It is granted that JACL is in need of much constructive criticism. But destructive criticism based upon misinformation or lack of information or perhaps on personal inclinations only serve to create misunderstandings and ill feelings.

It would be much easier, no doubt, to overlook these problems and to shrug them off as the views of a few malcontents. But is it not better to face these problems and deal with them realistically rather than to pretend that they do not exist simply because they are unpleasant?

What then, are some possible remedies? For whatever they are worth, I offer the following suggestions:

1. All members and officers should realize that JACL should not engage in a chapter vs chapter or district vs national struggle. In the United States, municipal, county and state interests are subordinated to the national welfare. In the same way, local and district JACL interests should be subordinated to the welfare of the national organization.

Anyone who has hurt the harmony and unity within a chapter, a district, or in the national organization has not helped the JACL or its membership.

Please do not misunderstand. This has nothing to do with the right of "freedom of expression". As close followers of these problems know, the critics themselves have been the most free and most unrestrained in expressing their views and opinions. But this does not give them the right to yell "Fire!" when there is no fire.

2. Chapters and districts should confer more freely with the Board and Staff on their major problems. The Board and Staff in turn, should give greater recognition and encouragement to the districts and chapters.

3. Those with real grievances should take them up directly in writing with the National Board and Staff rather than creating issues locally or airing them sensationally in the press. This is a reiteration of a strong suggestion made by this writer during early phases of the International Relations controversy.

4. The Districts and Chapters should review and specify goals and responsibilities in such major areas as finances, membership, program, civil rights, youth, community services, etc. This could give everyone something concrete and worthwhile to strive for, and could—under capable, dedicated leadership—stimulate a new and fresh impetus towards building a greater JACL.

5. Last but not least, the district should critically and impartially examine their needs in terms of personnel, officers and organization, and strive for any changes deemed necessary.

In conclusion, in view of the many complex organizational problems posed by the 1960-70 Planning Commission, let us hope that the districts, chapters and general membership will prove that the JACL is an exception to the statement quoted in the first paragraph.

NORTHWEST DISTRICT OFFICERS



Being sworn in by JACL president Shig Wakamatsu (right) at PNWDC Convention banquet Sunday are district chairman George Azumano of Portland, vice-chairman Bob Mizukami of Puyallup Valley and treasurer Fred Takagi of Seattle. —Elmer Ogawa Photo.

RESPONSE TO PLANNING COMMISSION YEAR-END APPEALS SAID 'VERY POOR'

CHICAGO. — Response to earlier appeals made by the 1960-70 JACL Planning Commission for commentary and direction has been described as "very poor". It was announced this week by Shig Wakamatsu, commission chairman, and Abe Hagiwara, commission executive secretary.

"The Commission is aware of much conversation and informal discussion being conducted by members and leaders all over the country, but these do not count unless submitted in writing to the Commission," they emphasized.

A progress report, dated Jan. 19, was circulated to all chapter presidents, district and chapter chairmen of the Planning Commission.

According to this progress report, three district councils and one chapter have submitted summaries of discussions dealing with the objective "to spell out JACL's program goals for the coming decade". These summaries have been preliminary in nature, it was added.

Call Issued

The call for comments, questions, ideas and suggestion was made in detail in mid-December and published in detail under "Official Notices" in the Pacific Citizen last Jan. 8.

Among suggested program areas for study made by the Commission included public relations, legislative, civil rights, international relations, community service, youth program, scholarship, education chapter program, membership service, finance, organization and administration.

The Commission expects to receive reports from each district council and from at least half of

the 85 chapters in the national organization before May 30, 1960.

A preliminary group discussion is being planned this Sunday at Sacramento with Jerry Enomoto, NC-WNDC planning commission vice-chairman, in charge. JACLers from Florin, Placer County, Marysville and Sacramento will gather.

Bay Area chapters of Contra Costa, Berkeley, Oakland, Alameda, Sonoma County and San Francisco are expected to conduct similar group discussions in San Francisco, Enomoto added.

At the forthcoming district quarterly session Feb. 7 hosted by Florin JACL at the Florin Buddhist Church, delegates and boosters will be divided into five separate groups, with each group assigned to discuss certain areas.

The February workshop will be introductory and "certainly not conclusive", Enomoto said. A more "finalizing" type of program is planned for the pre-convention district council meeting in May.

Separate workshop sessions are also being planned at the PSWDC quarterly session hosted by Hollywood JACL at the Hollywood Community Center Feb. 14.

Pick Chapter Chairman

Meanwhile, the Commission reminded chapter presidents to have a local chairman designated to whom all materials from the Planning Commission can be sent.

Chapters were also asked to notify the Pacific Citizen when their 1960-70 Planning meetings are to be held, so that it can be listed in the Calendar.

In less than six months, the findings and recommendations of the Commission will be submitted to the 16th biennial National JACL Convention at Sacramento.

Lecture in Japanese on Haniwa art feature of D.C. JACL meeting Jan. 30

WASHINGTON.—A color film on the Tokyo National Museum and slides on Haniwa (clay images) will be shown at the D.C. Chapter of the Japanese American Citizens League meeting to be held Jan. 30, 8 p.m., at the YWCA, announced vice president and program chairman Ira Shimazaki.

Seiroke Noma, chief of the Art and Science Division of Tokyo National Museum and author of

a number of books on Japanese ceramics, paintings and masks, will discuss the history of Haniwa, with Fumio Miki, chief of Archaeology of the Tokyo National Museum and author of the book "Haniwa." Frank Baba with the Voice of America will interpret the talk, which will be given in Japanese.

The Haniwa exhibit now on display at the National Gallery of Art was "brought to the United States in commemoration of the Centennial of United States-Japanese diplomatic relations, and will be in Washington until Feb. 21.

Preceding the guest speakers will be a short business meeting presided by president John Yoshino.

Fountain Valley mayor active in county group

LA HABRA.—Officials of a dozen cities have been appointed to committees serving the Orange County League of Cities for 1960.

Mayor James Kanno of Fountain Valley has been selected as chairman of the budget and finance. He will serve also on the airport facilities committee, headed by John Smith, mayor of Costa Mesa.

7TH ANNUAL PSW CHAPTER CLINIC SLATED FEB. 14

Hollywood JACL will host the 1960 chapter clinic of the Pacific Southwest District Council on Sunday, Feb. 14, at the Hollywood Community Center, 3929 Middlebury St.

The seventh annual clinic is geared to orientate new chapter officers of their respective duties of office as well as the organization.

This year, however, the clinic will have special interest since the 1960-70 JACL Planning project will be integral part of the day's program.

Lunch will be served to all delegates. The day ends with supper at Man Jen Low. Registration for the meeting is \$6 per person and reservations are being accepted by the PSW JACL regional office.

Meeting will open at 9 a.m. with registration, followed by JACL orientation from 9:30. Business session presided by PSWDC chairman Kango Kunitzugu will complete the morning hours with lunch set for 12:30 p.m. From 1:45, discussion will center on 1960-70 JACL Planning in workshop sessions. Banquet will be at 6:30 p.m.

PNWDC —

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stressed the importance of keeping that office active. It was declared that "if we withdraw from Washington, people will forget us."

At the banquet windup to the convention, the election of PNWDC officers was announced and installation immediately followed.

PNWDC Cabinet

George Azumano of Portland is the new PNWDC chairman, Bob Mizukami of Puyallup vice-chairman, Fred Takagi of Seattle treasurer, Ray Yasui of Hood River 1000 Club chairman, and Jack Ouchida of Gresham-Troutdale historian.

Kaz Yamane of Puyallup was the recipient of a Sapphire Pin and Azumano received one for Miss Kimi Tambara of Portland, who was not present.

Some of the Silver Pins were received by proxy, but those so honored were Dr. Toshi Kuge and John Hada of Portland; Ray Yasui of Mid-Columbia; Frank Hattori of Seattle; and Jack Ouchida, Gresham-Troutdale.

The Rev. U. G. Murphy of Seattle, over 90 years old, and Rev. Emory Andrews of Seattle received testimonial certificates for their long years of devoted service to the Nisei of western Washington.

Every vote cast by district officers and delegates fittingly named Puyallup Valley, the Chapter of the Biennium, and so it goes on the record.

\$500 Check Presented

Anti-alien land law repeal fund general chairman Tak Kubota was the recipient of a substantial amount of paper. The PNWDC presented a check for \$500. The NC-WNDC sent in \$100. The Mid-Columbia chapter ante'd up \$50. The Fife Girls Club promised the \$100 they have in their treasury.

In Chicago, Shig Wakamatsu collected \$528 from former Puyallup Valley residents and that check is being laterally passed through Mizukami of Puyallup into the general fund.

At the whing ding, 1000 Club chairman Hattori of Seattle, who gained his experience through the years as tail twister of the Lions, led off the ritual of cutting off neckties and assessing violators of the bow-tie custom.

As the proceeds went to the anti-alien land law repeal fund, it is suspected that many of the party goers purposely had their necks out for a tie cutting. When a tally was made, it showed that Frank and his helper Johnson Shimizu had collected \$118.49.

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The National Director's Report

By Masao Satow

San Francisco

PACIFIC NORTHWEST CONVENTION—"Local boy makes good" was the unofficial heartwarming theme of the homecoming for National President Shig Wakamatsu at the highly successful Pacific Northwest District Council Convention this past weekend in Tacoma. The Puyallup Valley Chapter did itself proud in hosting the convention under the co-chairmanship of long time JACLer Kaz Yamane and Tosh Tsuboi, the supervision of President Bob Mizukami, and the able assistance of Tom Takemura, and a host of loyal hard working chapter members.

Shig responded to this enthusiastic welcome with the best speech of his career at the banquet before such dignitaries as Governor Albert Rosellini of Washington, the mayors of Tacoma, Fife, Puyallup, Milton, Orting, and Sumner, and the State legislators from the area. We felt proud as Mayor Hanson of Tacoma remarked in behalf of all the mayors that their attendance was in tribute to the fine record of the Japanese Americans in the Valley, and in recognition of the wonderful organization of the Japanese American Citizens League.

Our own Bob Mizukami should be considered one of the local civic dignitaries as one of the veteran councilmen of the rapidly growing city of Fife, where Shig spent his early years. More than 50 Issei pioneers over 70 years of age were guests of honor of the Chapter.

The many people who turned out at the 1000 Club "shig-dig" and the closing banquet attest to the mark Shig made as a leader in this community in prewar days, and which the people have not forgotten after his absence of 18 years.

"Generalissimo" Frank Hattori, who separates you from your money and still leaves you feeling good, National 1000 Club Chairman "Wild Bill" Matsumoto, and Kaz Yamane sparked the hilarious opening 1000 Club festivities. Those who forgot their bow ties good naturedly bowed to the inevitable and contributed generously to raise \$150 in fines which was contributed to the Washington Alien Land Law campaign. PC columnist Elmer Ogawa rushed back to Seattle and spent most of the night developing his pictures so everyone could see themselves the next day in varying poses of silliness.

The Northern California fog messed up the plans of the reception committee at the Seatac airport of National 2nd Vice President Toru Sakahara, new Seattle Chapter President Min Tsubota, and Frank Hattori, as both Bill Matsumoto and the Deacon arrived hours late. They finally had to route Bill through Reno to the northwest.

George Azumano, long time staunch Portland JACLer, was elected to succeed conscientious Henry Kato of Gresham as PNWDC Chairman. A special meeting Saturday afternoon of the Washington Alien Land Law campaign committee, a visit with Mayor Clinton of Seattle on Monday morning arranged by Tak Kubota, an informal luncheon with Seattle Chapter officials, and appearance as guests of Norm Paige on his popular 45 minute TV show in Tacoma Monday afternoon to make the first public pitch for support of the alien land law repeal, completed a busy weekend. Tom Takemura made arrangements for the TV program which included Shig Wakamatsu, Toru Sakahara, Tak Kubota, Bob Mizukami, himself, and the National Director.

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for a Nisei with U.S. citizenship to marry a Japanese without losing citizenship as was the case before the law was enacted. Another successful effort along this line was concluded when in 1935 as law was enacted whereby Issei who fought in War I, as U.S. soldiers, gained citizenship.

From the National Convention notes reference was made to the fact that JACL: 1. Fought against the Federal Appropriation Bill which excluded those of Mongoloid blood from gainful employment on projects financed by the Federal government; 2. Did PR work for JACL among local legislatures; 3. Contacted the Immigration Department in an effort to have Nisei holding U.S. passports be cleared without being treated as aliens.

Generally speaking, in a surprising number of instances, work of JACL then was similar to that being carried on now. During this period, the Nisei and JACL were growing up and getting ready for the big work it was about to do during the War II emergency.

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Oakland JACL in surprise testimonial to charter member Fred Nomura, who was indignant at thought of being evacuated

BY SABURO KIDO

Last Friday afternoon, a telephone call came from San Francisco. Susumu Togasaki of the Mutual Supply Company was on the other end of the line. He was relaying the message of the Oakland JACL chapter, asking me to come and make the presentation speech when Fred Nomura, one of the organizers of the chapter, was being honored at the installation banquet to be held on Saturday night. This was rather a sudden invitation. Undoubtedly, that was the reason Togasaki had been asked to convey the message.

The Oakland chapter was formed in 1934. And I was one of those who had been close to the formation. We had talked to Fred Nomura, a fellow Hawaiian and an insurance broker, since we could not find anyone else to lay the foundation so that the Issei and Nisei could be brought together to launch this project as a community movement.

Fortunately, Fred spoke Japanese and English and was among the older Nisei. Such being the case, he was able to get the understanding of the Issei and the Nisei to launch the chapter.

1000 Clubber

Although he did not serve as a president of the chapter all during the years he was connected with the chapter, he was in the midst of all the money raising projects. He was always counting the money at benefit movies, dances, fund drives and so forth. I remember him as among the first to join the Thousand Club. He used to send us the \$1 a month during the war years when national JACL headquarters needed funds and had the Buck a Month Club.

Since he did not inject himself into the district or national level, only the national officers who were involved with the affairs of the individual chapters knew him as the backbone of the Oakland chapter. At one time, the late Dr. Randolph M. Sakada, who later became one of the national presidents, and the late Kay Hirao, who was active and an up and coming prospect for national and district office, were his proteges.

While I was living in Oakland, Fred, Togasaki, Dr. Kelly Yamada, now an optometrist in Seattle, Kay Hirao and his brother, Noboru Hirao now of Seattle, and Dr. Russell Wehara used to get together almost every night. Dr. Wehara is the man who launched the National JACL Endowment Fund project by electrifying the national JACL convention held in Seattle, Washington in 1936 by sending a wire pledging to give \$1,000 to this fund. I remember Dr. Tom Yatabe and a few of us could hardly believe our eyes when we read the message. It all started when Doc sent a \$50 donation. Then a few of us thought it would do no harm to ask if he would not get this movement off the ground by giving us \$1,000. Even today, a \$1,000 donation is a large sum to us.

In the years immediately preceding Pearl Harbor, the Oakland chapter was very active. It was among the leaders in the affairs of the then Northern California District Council.

For a friend like Fred and when the request comes from another old friend and when the round trip plane fare is assured, it is impossible to refuse. Thus I went to deliver the message.

Active Sansei

There were many old friends there. But what impressed me was not the grey hair most of us have accumulated, but the fact that the children of our friends were grown up and were assuming active roles in the JACL chapters.

I presume most of the old timers were there to pay their respects to Fred as well as to honor the newly elected officers. Also, it turned out to be a nice get-together for us. Ken Matsumoto who served as national vice president under me and who was the president of the Los Angeles chapter at one time was the newly elected president of the Oakland chapter. He had returned from Cincinnati, Ohio about year and a half ago. Dr. and Mrs. Charles Ishizu, Dr. and Mrs. Ernest Takahashi, Dr. Yoshie Togasaki, Dr. Kazuo Togasaki, Susumu Togasaki, Mr. and Mrs. Utsumi, Frank Ogawa, Frank Tsukamoto, and many others were present. It was like the old days.

Although the tables had been arranged for 90, two additional

tables had to be made for the overflow. Mayor and Mrs. Clifford Rishell were present. The Mayor seemed to be an old friend of Fred. So were Supervisor and Mrs. Francis Dunn. He is chairman of the Board of Supervisors of Alameda County.

"We Have Rights"

Fred always has his favorite story. One afternoon he came to San Francisco and invited Mike Masaoka and me to chow suev. This was in January of 1942. He told us that he had been informed by the public officials of Oakland that there was the possibility of all persons of Japanese ancestry being evacuated. He assured us expenses for a Washington trip. I remember telling him indignantly, "They can't do that to us citizens. We have our constitutional rights." We did not pay much attention to his warning. We were evacuated. And he has always kidded me about this.

When new leaders assume the leadership, which has been the case in many JACL chapters, it is not an uncommon thing to find that the prewar leaders are forgotten. It is not intentional in most cases.

As far as Fred Nomura was concerned, he was active in the re-settlement days; but illness has slowed him down for the past few years. Therefore, he has been more or less in semi-retirement. However, JACL has been uppermost in his thoughts.

I was hoping that the Oakland chapter would remember him one of these days before it was too late. He is among the older members of the Nisei group, having reached the ripe age of 60 years.

Since we were among friends, I told the chapter members frankly that an honor extended posthumously is one thing. At least, it is far better to see the glowing face of the recipient of the recognition, which would warm the heart of every well-wisher.

During the hustle and bustle of these days, very few "eat and sleep" over JACL. Everyone has too many interests. However, men like Fred Nomura did give their busy hours when the organization was still a weakling. Their interest in the JACL was not only at the meetings; but all through each day and night and during every spare moment.

Even today, I hear about the difficulties in sustaining interest and activity in the individual chapters. When such a situation exists when the value of the JACL is no longer a matter of discussion and argument, one can imagine what was required during those days when there were many pros and cons, such as the opposition

to the formation of a so-called racial bloc and "what do I get for my \$1 membership dues."

Although I wondered if I had been worth the plane fare, at least I was glad that I was able to be present to tell a few things about Fred and his contributions to the JACL and the Oakland community.

The meeting itself turned out to be a very pleasant affair. The Mayor remained till the end. This is the kind of thing I like in a friendly community. In a large city, the mayor is so busy trying to make everybody happy that he has to accept from two to three engagements. This means that he takes a bite, delivers his greetings and off he goes to the next meeting. And oftentimes, he sends his substitute instead of coming himself.

Talk on A-Bombs

Also the main speaker of the evening gave the audience an excellent account of the nuclear and missile race that is going on. Subject of the address was "Peace in Age of H-Bomb and Missiles." The speaker was Dr. Lester Reukema, professor emeritus of electrical engineering, of the University of California, Berkeley. He was among the scientists who had worked on the Manhattan project and the construction of the first bomb.

He gave us an inside story of the dropping of the first A-bombs on Hiroshima and Nagasaki. The scientists worked 80 to 90 hours a week, but hoping that it would be impossible to build. And when it was completed and was ready for use, they urged that the bombs not be used.

The destructive power of the H-bomb was explained. He stated that all the nations at war had used only around 5 million tons of TNT during the five years of war. The H-bomb has the power of 15 million tons of TNT together with the deadly radio-active fallout.

If the H-bombs are used, he said that they can be carried by the missiles in a matter of few minutes with the force to kill hundreds of millions. Consequently, Professor Reukema said that it was a stalemate and that the threats of destruction has no meaning.

It was an evening well spent. I am sure that my friend, Fred Nomura, was deeply moved with the gesture of the Oakland chapter. And I believe that when he starts on his visit to Japan in March, he will take with him the pleasant memories of this banquet which paid him the honors he richly deserved.

SAN BENITO JACL CELEBRATES 25TH



Dennis Nishita, new chapter president of San Benito County JACL, receives congratulations from Masao Satow, national director, Kay Yamaoka (left), retiring president, and Glenn Kowaki (at right), past president, participated in the installation marking the 25th anniversary of the chapter.

—Hollister Evening Free Lance Photo.

San Benito County JACL celebrates 25th anniversary as Dennis Nishita installed

HOLLISTER. — New officers were installed last week by the San Benito County JACL at an annual dinner that marked the 25th anniversary of the local organization. Masao Satow, national JACL director, installed Dennis Nishita as president and congratulated retiring president Kay Yamaoka and his officers.

Other new officers are: Hubert Teshima, 1st v.p.; Kenneth Teshima, 2nd v.p.; Joe Shingai, treasurer; Mrs. John Teshima, cor. sec.; Sam Shiotzuka, rec. sec.; Mitsi Nakamoto,

hist.; Tony Yamaoka, pub.; Kay Yamaoka, del.; Key Kamimoto, alt. del.

Following the installation Dr. J.J. Haruff described his trip to Japan, showing colored slides that he took during a recent six-weeks tour.

The dinner at Paines was attended by 50 members and guests. Glenn Kowaki served as master of ceremonies.

New members welcomed to the JACL were Benny Yamaoka, Jerry Nishita, Ruby Yamaoka, and Mr. and Mrs. George Inokuchi.

TOKYO TOPICS: by Tamotsu Murayama

Boy Scouts from Japan

TOKYO.—JACL's invitation for a Japanese Boy Scout to attend the U.S. 50th Anniversary Jamboree at Colorado Springs this summer was highly appreciated by the directors of scouting in Japan. This correspondent is particularly grateful for the role JACL played.

Nisei and scouting in Japan go hand-in-hand since we had a great part reactivating the scouting movement in Japan.

The Japanese contingent for the jamboree is scheduled to leave Tokyo by Japan Air Lines, which is chartering an MAT plane for the occasion. The lads will be under the care of various scout councils during their stay in America. Upon return, they will gather in mid-August in Los Angeles and embark for home on an OSK liner.

Last summer, the Boy Scouts of Japan had chartered a ship to send over 500 delegates to the World Jamboree in the Philippines and an equal number of boys is expected to attend the Colorado Springs jamboree.

With the centennial celebration of U.S.-Japan commerce underway, emphasis is being placed on the scouts who are learning the history of friendship that has existed between the two nations. It is hoped that the young people of Japan will have the courage and faith to maintain peace in the Pacific in the years to come. The 1960 jamboree appears to be a fine opportunity for our boys in Japan to get acquainted with things in America as well as providing the American boys a chance to know Japan today. As things are today in Japan, students are driven around by Communists, blindly opposing anything of America. Students feel heroic fanning anti-American causes here.

This correspondent will accompany the Japanese contingent. I hope to impress their minds of the pioneer spirit that made America. It is sincerely hoped that JACLers can help impart the meaning of Americanism and the American pioneer spirit when the Japanese scouts travel through this summer. Undoubtedly, JACL chapters will not act as co-hosts with local councils welcoming the Japanese scouts during their visit.

Special messages of friendship to the sister cities in America are being conveyed by 25 boys, also. This can help them learn the greatness of America.

U.S.-JAPAN CENTENNIAL—Centennial celebration plans are snowballing as time goes on. The Transportation Ministry is sending the Nippon Maru and Kaiwo Maru to San Francisco and Washington, D.C., respectively. The Japanese naval training squadron will visit San Francisco on March 17 to commemorate the visit of the Kanrin Maru of 1860. Crown Prince Akihito will visit the United States again after President Eisenhower visits Japan. And the Japanese in Hawaii have extended an invitation to Prince and Princess Takamatsu to observe the 75th anniversary of Japanese immigration to Hawaii.

The Imperial Household may arrange the visit of Prince Takamatsu if the invitation is officially extended by Governor Quinn. The Japanese officials still adhere to protocol in this regard. They also point out that government officials and a Nisei congressman came to Japan when they invited Prince Mikasa to celebrate the 50th anniversary of Japanese emigration to Brazil.

Aside from these delicate matters, there are other celebrations marking the 100 years of U.S.-Japan relations in the making. Former Prime Minister Shigeru Yoshida will go to America as president of the America-Japan Society.

Raymond Itsuro Hattori, great grandson of Muragaki Awajino-Kami, vice-ambassador of the Grand Embassy, hopes to visit America. He is one of the few known direct descendants of the Grand Embassy. Most of the members of that august body met with unfortunate circumstances upon their return because of the rising opposition against foreigners. Oguri Bungo-no-Kami, another vice-ambassador, had his head chopped off.

Hattori, after graduating from Keio University, taught Japanese in Honolulu where he learned Hawaiian music. He attended the first Young Buddhist Association conference in San Francisco in 1932 when delegates attended from Canada, Hawaii and throughout the United States. He still has many friends in California and Hawaii.

A popular figure in the Japanese music world, Raymond would like to meet with descendants of Americans who participated in the historic event a century ago.

NAT'L DIRECTOR'S REPORT: by Masao Satow

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We also took a quick look-see at Seattle VP and PNWDC Treasurer Fred Takagi's spanking new 24 unit Imperial Bowling Lanes.

To accommodate those who were unable to have a leisurely visit with Shig, newly elected Puyallup Chapter President Dr. Sam Uchiyama and his charming wife Miyo opened up their new home for a Monday night reception before Shig took off for Chicago. He was to arrive in Chicago Tuesday morning just in time to go directly to work.

SAN BENITO'S 25TH YEAR—Last week we journeyed to Hollister to install President Dennis Nishita and his cabinet of San Benito County, our grandest little chapter. This Chapter's 25th anniversary is bona fide in that there was no break in its continuity because of evacuation. San Benito also has the distinction of being the first to complete its 1960 membership campaign with the highest number of members in its history.

DISTRICT COUNCILS—Our sincere appreciation in Northern California to National 1st Vice President Akiji Yoshimura, DC Chairman Yone Satoda, and immediate past DC Chairman Jerry Enomoto, for easing the task of installing and addressing the various chapters in their installations.

We see Past National President Dr. Roy Nishikawa and National Legal Counsel Frank Chuman continuing to make themselves available for this in the Pacific Southwest, and Mtn. Plains Chairman Min Yasui and Immediate Past Chairman Tak Terasaki doing likewise in their area.

Meanwhile, Midwest DC Chairman Joe Kadowaki makes like a member of our national staff by running around all over the midwest. EDC Chairman Bill Marutani and past MDC Chairman Kumeo Yoshinari have also been most helpful, while Shig Wakamatsu gives himself to local chapter visitations in his area with the same enthusiasm and as his preparation visit to District Councils.

Sac'to JACL keg journey Feb. 12-14

SACRAMENTO.—Sacramento JACL and Nisei Bowling Assn.'s 12th annual bowling tournament was officially set for the weekend of Feb. 12-13-14 at South Bowl.

The tournament on a handicap basis, is expected to attract 60 teams. A \$200 first place team award and a special scratch score prize are being posted. The entry fee will continue to be \$5 per person on Team, Doubles and Singles. All-Events will be \$1 optional.

According to Dubby Tsugawa, general chairman, (4430-73rd St.) all entries must be postmarked before midnight, Jan. 31, and no exceptions will be made.

It was emphasized that all participants must be a JACLer and signature of respective chapter president must accompany the entry list.

Entry forms have been mailed to various Nisei leagues in Northern California.

In conjunction with the men's 12th annual tournament here, the Sacramento Oriental Girls Bowling Assn. is staging its first annual invitational the same weekend at the same house. Entry deadline has been set for Feb. 1, midnight, with handicap tournament based on two-thirds of 180.

Open to all Oriental bowlers, participants must hold WIBC cards.

727 series bowled

SACRAMENTO.—Tom Yego, Jr. of Loomis became the first No. 1 Calif. Nisei to top the 700 mark this year when he rolled a 266-203-258—727 Jan. 3.

San Mateo Buddhists host 12th annual WYABL confab

SAN MATEO.—The 12th annual Western Young Adult Buddhist League conference will be hosted by the Bay District YABA chapters at the San Mateo Buddhist Church Feb. 13-14. Eight discussion groups on the theme, "Turning the Wheel of Dharma", are being planned in English.

Nisei Lion clubber snitches rival club's bell, sends it to Tokyo; now sent home

SEATTLE.—A little bit of larceny has come home to roost.

And, the Capitol Hill Lions Club will be able to start the new year off right.

The "crime" which took place in October actually is part of the usual inter-club rivalry among Lion clubs. Frank Hattori, third vice president pro-tem of the First Hill Lions Club, snatched the Capitol Hill Club's bell after a joint meeting of the two groups.

First Hill promptly dispatched the bell, which Capitol Hill had had since 1937 to Tokyo, where it has been used by the presiding officers of several Lions Clubs in the Japanese city. Last week, it was brought back to Seattle by a Northwest Orient Airlines crew member from Tokyo.

Hattori said he and Bill Hamada,

New Detroit chapter historian appointed

DETROIT.—Betsy Tagami was designated Detroit JACL historian by the newly elected president Frank Watanabe, replacing Catherine Ishioka, who has resigned for personal reasons.

The chapter will hold its installation dinner-dance on Saturday, Feb. 6, 7 p.m. at Northwood Inn, Berkeley. MDC Chairman Joe Kadowaki of Cleveland will be the principal speaker; Abe Hagiwara of Chicago, installing officer, and Yoshio Kasai, toastmaster.

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Mt. Olympus JACL year-long derby ends

SALT LAKE CITY.—The 1959 Mt. Olympus JACL fishing contest is officially closed. Winner in the lake division was Tom Ninomiya of Midvale with a fish that dressed out at 2 lb.-8 oz. and second place went to Hannah Nambe, 1 lb.-8 1/2 oz.

The stream fishing contest was won by George Fujii. His fish dressed out 2 lb.-3 oz. and 2 lb.-9 1/2 oz.

Colorado judge swears in new San Luis cabinet

ALAMOSA, Colo.—Fred Hayashida of Blanca, Colo., was sworn in as president of the San Luis Valley JACL for 1960 by Judge Robert Tarbell of Saguache at impressive installation ceremonies in the American Legion Hall here on Jan. 18.

Assisting Hayashida as cabinet members are Jim Kunugi, v.p.; Mrs. Kathleen Ashida, rec. sec.; Mrs. Irene Uyemura, cor. sec.; Nobu Ashida, treas.; Harry Sumida, E. Miyake, Mrs. Elsie Ogura, Frank Uyeda, George Katsumoto, Kay Shioshita, members-at-large.

Retiring president George Katsumoto acted as toastmaster for the Installation Dinner, attended by more than 125 members, including a great number of Caucasian JACL members.

Alamosa Mayor Lloyd Burton, an active JACL member, extended greetings on behalf of the City of Alamosa. District Judge Tarbell commended the JACL chapter for its program of Americanism and community service in the Valley. Min Yasui delivered the principal address of the evening, as district chairman of the Mountain Plains JACL.

Frank Uyemura was in charge of the entertainment program, and Mrs. Y. Fujimoto handled the details of the banquet and dance. A showing of "Go For Broke", the story of the 442nd Infantry Combat Team, was presented by the San Luis JACL chapter for the Issei and those who did not attend the dance.

another member, were expected to return the bell to Hubert Stewart, president of the Capitol Hill Club as soon as possible.

Letter in Japanese
"They wouldn't believe I really sent the bell to Tokyo," Hattori said of the rival club's officers. "The last time I stole their bell, once when I'd taken some visiting Japanese Lions to the Capitol Hill meeting, I just kept it in Seattle for two or three weeks. "But they believed me" when they received a letter from the Lions in Tokyo—written in Japanese—thanking them for the use of the bell."

The bells are a vital part of club machinery. The president raps on them for order the way a judge wields a gavel. Each club's official bell is presented to it by the Lions Club which sponsors it.

Coincidentally, the First Hill bell was given to the club by the sponsoring Capitol Hill Club.

"They took no chances with the substitute bell they bought," Hattori said. "They screwed it down to the president's stand. They figured I couldn't put that under my coat."

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Moose Kunimura head for Gilroy Cl

GILROY.—Moose Kunimura has been elected as president of the Gilroy JACL for 1960.

An installation dinner for Kunimura and his new cabinet will be held Saturday, Jan. 30, 7 p.m. at Riverside Golf Club, between Morgan Hill and Coyote.

Main speaker for the evening will be William Sakahara of Gilroy who was an exchange student to Holland last summer.

Mas Satow, national JACL director, will be the installing officer.

Others elected to serve with Kunimura are Sho Morita, 1st v.p.; Sumi Hirasaki, 2nd v.p.; Robert Kishimura, 3rd v.p.; Joe Obata, treas.; Ray Yamagishi, rec. sec.; Ida Uyeke, cor. sec.; Betty Nagareda, publicity; Bob Hirahara, cemetery.

Gresham-Troutdale JACL honors 1960 cabinet

PORTLAND.—The Gresham-Troutdale JACL honored their 1960 cabinet officers Jan. 17 at an installation dinner-dance held at Jack and Jill's. George Azumano, active Portland JACLer, was the installing officer.

Jack Ouchida was dinner chairman. Dr. Joe Onchi was program emcee. Ed Honma, chapter president, will be assisted by:

Hawley Kato, 1st v.p.; G. Tamura, 2nd v.p.; George Nishimura, treas.; Sonoya Toya, rec. sec.; Frances Ota, cor. sec.; Mas Suzuki, asst. treas.; Tosh Okino, Takiye Takashima, Susie Sakauye, Yutako Homma, social; Kaz Tamura, del.; Jack Ouchida, alt. del.

Reedley Jr. JACLers

visit hospital shut-ins

REEDLEY.—Reedley Jr. JACL visited the Fresno County Tuberculosis Hospital last Dec. 10 to spread cheer and goodwill to the patients. They presented magazines and candy to the men, sundry items and sewing materials to the ladies.

This was a new and interesting experience for the newly formed club. It was also profitable for the members because they found that not all rewards can be measured in material value. Their real reward was the appreciation of the patients for their visit.

On Dec. 26, the club advisers took the members to a roller skating party at the Wonderland Skating Rink in Fresno. The advisers are Mr. and Mrs. Masaru Abe, Mr. and Mrs. Sam Tsutsui and Mr. and Mrs. Ed Yano.

Track inspector dies

NEWCASTLE.—Toshihiko Okubo, 45, a track inspector employed by Southern Pacific Railroad for the past 14 years, was found dead alongside the tracks here last Friday. It was believed that he had been struck by a glancing but fatal blow from a passing train.

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THE Northwest PICTURE

By Elmer Ogawa

SHIG WAKAMATSU WELCOMED

Seattle

The people of Seattle and its reception committee of 160 were informed that Prime Minister Nobusuke Kishi would arrive at the International Airport at 7:28 Friday evening. Among JACLers, the word was that national president Shig Wakamatsu would arrive from Chicago at 7:25. It had all the aspects of a commuter train schedule at the airport.

Promptly at 7:28 the Northwest Airliner pulled up before the waiting press, TV cameras, police honor guard and local dignitaries. Among the first to step down the ramp was our local prodigal, Shig Wakamatsu, home again for a visit after an absence of 18 years. After the big show went on for the prime minister and his party.

Shig said that he had the opportunity for a brief chat with Premier Kishi in flight, which in one sense was sort of anti-climactic to the reception in Chicago in which the JACL president presented an official JACL statement of congratulation on the conclusion of the Mutual Cooperation and Security Treaty, to His Excellency.

For Japan's envoy, a press conference and reception followed at the airport, after which he boarded the midnight Japan Air Lines flight for Tokyo.

After being greeted by the Seattle and Puyallup-Tacoma delegations, which included his sister, Mrs. Minoru Suyama, Shig and a small group were chauffeured to the Suyama residence on South Beacon Hill to partake of a most delicious and delightful array of food and refreshment for the weary traveler and greeters.

Seattle President-elect Min Tsubota arrived a little later, as did Tak Kubota whose attendance was required at the Kishi reception.

The whole weekend has been so packed with official duties, it is doubtful if Shig Wakamatsu actually had much of a look at the physical changes brought about in this locality during the past 18 years. But many were the recollections that were hashed over.

Everyone present had at some time worked on the farms in the Fife, White River valley area. Reports on the wages received in those good old days varied from 12½ cents and hour to—well, Frank Hattori was the big shot saying, "Believe it or not, I got 42 cents an hour." And then went on to relate that he pointed to a tractor driver and asked the boss, "How much does that guy get?" And upon learning that he got 50 cents per hour, promptly learned how to drive a tractor, and that was before he ever drove a car or truck. Shig recalled that he worked in the market while studying to be a CPA, although he is a chemist now.

He expressed concern over the need for dynamic leadership amongst teenagers on the chapter level, and recalled how the admonishments of old timers like Jimmie Sakamoto and Clarence Arai came back in the memory years later in a time of crisis. A more thorough knowledge and better understanding among youngsters, of their cultural heritage becomes more and more an asset to the individual in these progressive times, he pointed out.

One of the biggest pleasures of the trip was in the chance to get around and greet old time friends from this whole Western Washington area, and every off duty moment, including the 1000 Club whing ding was devoted to the worthy and gratifying purpose. The Puyallup Chapter, proud of their local son who got to be national president, was desirous of being the host chapter this particular year. Everyone is happy that it turned out this way, even though other chapters could have claimed it was their "turn" to host the 1960 meeting.

WASHINGTON NEWSLETTER: by Mike Masaoka

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the first time they became eligible for the Diet (Parliament), few have been re-elected since.

AMONG MORE THAN 700 guests at the reception given by the Japan-America Society for the Prime Minister and his party at the Shoreham Hotel was Rear Admiral Ellis Mark Zacharias (Retired), who was a schoolmate of the Prime Minister more than 40 years ago in Tokyo. Admiral Zacharias is to be remembered as chief of naval intelligence for the west coast who, prior to evacuation, insisted that Nisei Americans were loyal and should not be mistreated because of the accident of war.

Another guest was Lieutenant Colonel Oland B. Russell (also retired), now a Scripps-Howard editorial writer. An "old Japan hand", he was the public relations officer for the 442nd Regimental Combat Team when it was activated at Camp Shelby, Mississippi, in the spring of 1943.

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East Los Angeles CL scholarships awarded to Sansei

East Los Angeles JACL's first chapter scholarships to young Japanese Americans were presented this week at the Roosevelt High School Awards Assembly to Judy Yasuko Minami and Yoshiaki Shigetani of the W'60 graduating class.

Mrs. Mable Yoshizaki, chapter president, made the presentations to the two outstanding students chosen by a committee comprised of school officials and faculty.

Miss Minami, 18, of 432 N. Evergreen, was born in Long Beach and plans to enroll at Univ. of California at Berkeley as a pre-medical student. Shigetani, of 211 S. Boyle Ave., came as an exchange student from Yokohama three years ago and has gained permanent status. He plans to study electronics at East L.A. Jr. College.

To establish a chapter scholarship fund, the East L.A. JACL is sponsoring a benefit dance on Saturday, March 19, at Carolina Pines. Aaron Gonzales and his orchestra has been contracted.

Committeemen named for East L.A. fete for cabinet

A dinner honoring the new 1960 officers will be held by East Los Angeles JACL at Swally's Restaurant, corner of Olympic Blvd. and Boyle Ave., tomorrow night from 7.

Charter member Sam Furuta will be toastmaster. Others working on the dinner committee include Mas Hayashi, Frank Okamoto, Mikie Hamada, Dorothy Katan, Roy Yamadera, Bob Sawai, Mable Yoshizaki (who is the 1960 chapter president), Chivo Sugimoto, Ethel Shigematsu, Carolyn Shigemura, Ritsuko Kawakami, Sue Sugoro, Ellen Takao, Rose Shinmoto, Pat Nishimura, Peggy Tanaka, Doris Kakumitsu and June Tawa.

The sports formal affair is open to the public. Tickets are \$3.50 per plate.

Women to hear talk on investment, securities

SAN FRANCISCO. — Learn about Investments and Securities! This topic is the first of the JACL Women's Auxiliary meetings here which will be held at the local Japanese Church of Christ, Social Hall, Tuesday, Feb. 16, 7:30 p.m. A general meeting will precede the guest speaker.

Marshall Sumida, a broker associated with Mitchell Curtis and Co., and agent for Daiwa Securities in Japan, will be the speaker.

Art Takei president of W. Jeff Democratic Club

Arthur Takei, was elected at a year-end meeting to head the West Jefferson (formerly the Japanese American) Democratic Club. It was announced. He succeeds attorney George E. Maruya.

Takei is a member of the Los Angeles County Democratic Central Committee and is also on the Executive Board of Local 770, Retail Clerks Union, AFL-CIO.

In accepting the nomination, Takei declared, "The West Jefferson Club will be doubly active this year not only because of the Presidential campaign but also the Democratic National Convention will be held here in Los Angeles. We intend to participate in all phases of the campaign."

Other officers elected were Kenichi Watake and Shigemori Tamaki, v.e.; Carl Tamaki, sec.; and Joe Yasaki, treas.

Board of Directors members are Frank F. Chuman, Sakae Ishihara, Kango Kanitsugu, Frank S. Kurihara, George E. Maruya, Don Matsuda, Mary Oyama Mittwer, Viola Nakano, and David Yokozeki.

Nisei named inventory manager for optical firm

Susumu Kitani of Los Angeles was appointed last week as the regional inventory manager of American Optical Co. He has been with the firm for the past seven years and is the first Nisei to receive an important assignment in the multi-million dollar organization.

He will administer all functions of inventory activities of all AO branches in Utah, Nevada, Arizona and Southern California.

Southwest L.A. JACL's community service award to be presented to Ryo Kasai

Two outstanding community leaders will be honored at the Installation Dinner of the Southwest Los Angeles JACL this Sunday at the New Ginza, it was announced today by president Tom Shimazu.

Selected as the recipient of the second annual Community Service Award, Ryo Kasai will be presented with a hand-lettered scroll for his outstanding services to the community at large. Active in the South Central Area Welfare Planning Council as member of the Board of Directors since 1958, Kasai also promoted various phases of the Community Chest Drive in past years. He is currently active as a member of the Board of Governors of the Welfare Federation of Los Angeles and area chairman of the Campfire Girls fund drive.

A devoted family man to his wife Chiyo and three children, Kasai has also served as faithful member of the Higashi Hongwanji Board of Directors and as chairman of the Boys Scout Committee. He is also director of the Young Adult Group of his church, and during 1952-53 was president of the Los Angeles Buddhist Coordinating Council. His interest and concern for the youth is shown by his

service as executive secretary of the Buddhist Camping Committee from 1953 to 1960.

The Community Service Award is given by the SWLA Chapter to a member of the Nisei community, chosen by the chapter board, as contributing the most to the entire community. The first award was given to Mrs. Arthur Kawabe, a well-known PTA leader.

A sterling silver JACL Pin will be presented to Matsunosuke Oi, outstanding Issei leader of the Seinan community. A respected businessman and Administrative V.P. in charge of Issei activities of the SWLA JACL Oi was chosen for this honor by the National JACL Recognition Committee. Normally given to a person with 10 years of outstanding service as a JACLer on the local level, this technicality was waived in the case of Mr. Oi since he was actively supporting the program of the JACL since 1948. He assisted in the ADC fund drives and has always urged Issei and Nisei to be active in JACL's participation in community affairs. Former winners of the Silver Pin from the chapter are current 1000 Club Chairman George Fujita and Mrs. Hiroko Kawanami Yamamoto.

Shirley Osumi wins DAR district competition

GARDEN GROVE. — Shirley Osumi, an exchange student to Austria last summer, was revealed as district winner in the DAR Good Citizens competition last week. The 17-year-old senior of Garden Grove High is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George Osumi of Santa Ana.

She now vies for the state title and is submitting an essay: "What are Today's Greatest Challenges to American Citizenship?"

Vital Statistics

DEATHS

Amano, Jimmy, 53; Los Angeles, Dec. 27.
Fujitani, Sekijiro, 83; Acampo, Dec. 27.
Fukuda, Kichiro, 69; Vista, Dec. 15.
Furuta, Koichi, 78; Seattle, Dec. 6.
Hajima, Hana, 678; Seabrook, N.J., Dec. 27.
Hamamura, Kazuo, 60; Los Angeles Jan. 7.
Hiraiwa, Terutaka, 75; Seattle, Jan. 4.
Hiyohiro, Ayame, 65; West Los Angeles, Dec. 21.
Ikeda, Kazabury, 87; Los Angeles Jan. 8.
Imazu, Genichi, 75; Los Angeles, Nov. 11 (in Japan).
Itahara, Harukichi, 76; Los Angeles Dec. 31.
Itano, Masami, 43; Los Angeles, Nov. 6.
Kido, Roy Yoichi, 64; Los Angeles Dec. 21.
Kukui Tama, 89; Los Angeles, Jan. 6.
Kunizawa, Harry T., 39; Torrance Jan. 6.
Maeshima, Naokichi, 78; Garder Grove, Dec. 21.
Matsutani, Sawano, 64; Oakland, Dec. 26.
Miyoshi, Teichiro, 65; San Diego, Jan. 4.
Mochizuki, Carolyn S., 5; San Fernando, Dec. 29—(p) Mr. and Mrs. Hiroshi, (s) Teiko, (b) Ken.

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Washington Newsletter

BY MIKE MASAOKA

U.S. - JAPAN TREATY

Washington D.C.

THE HIGH-WATER mark in good relations between the United States and Japan was reached last week when the Treaty of Mutual Cooperation and Security was signed in the same White House East Room where a hundred years earlier the first Treaty of Commerce and Friendship was initiated by these same Pacific countries.

In the days following the attack on Pearl Harbor, who would have thought that less than two decades later the United States and Japan, then mortal foes, would be allied in the common defense of the Japanese homeland, that our country would be pledged to aid in the economic development of our former enemy through mutually beneficial trade?

That such contingencies have evolved are a tribute to both the United States and Japan, as well as recognition of the latest challenge to the peace and security of free men.

THE TREATY MAKES Japan a full-fledged ally of the United States and an equal partner in the community of the free world. It marks the beginning of a new relationship which will be further cemented when President Eisenhower visits Japan this June, and the Crown Prince and Princess return that courtesy by visiting the United States.

Secretary of State Herter envisions the pact as notice of "our solidarity against those who would attack or subvert the freedom" of either nation, which is a view shared by Prime Minister Kishi, who, happily, rejects the neutrality & neutralism so prevalent in Asia as suicidal in the present tension-filled world. He goes further and bids for Japanese partnership in the new organization for the expansion of world trade and the development of the underdeveloped nations. He has hailed the Treaty as "a most auspicious start into the second century of Japanese-American relations."

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AMONG SOME 45 specially invited guests who attended the White House luncheon tendered by the President to the Prime Minister and his party prior to the ceremonies in the East Room was Democratic Congressman Daniel K. Inouye of Hawaii, who this week received additional honors when he was feted by the Junior Chambers of Commerce at its annual banquet as one of the Ten Outstanding Young Men of America for the year 1960.

Congressman Inouye was also among the select few who witnessed the signing of the Treaty, with brush by Prime Minister Nobusuke Kishi, Foreign Minister Aichihiro Fujiyama, Executive Board Chairman of the Liberal-Democratic Party Mitsujiro Ishii, President of the Japan Chamber of Commerce and Industry Tadashi Adachi, and Japanese Ambassador to the U.S. Koichiro Asakai for Japan, and with pens by Secretary of State Christian Herter, U.S. Ambassador to Japan Douglas MacArthur II, and Assistant Secretary of State for the Far East J. Graham Parsons for the United States.

ANOTHER ITEM OF interest to JACLers may be that Isamu Masuda, a Japanese consul in New York City, served as the official interpreter for Prime Minister Kishi and his party when Councillor Toshiro Henry Shimanouchi of the Embassy, who usually does the important work of translating the speeches and the remarks of such high-ranking officials, suddenly came down with the flu. Sam, as he used to be known, represented the Orange County JACL when he won the National JACL Oratorical Contest in 1938. Subsequently, when he was unable to secure employment in this country in the field for which he had trained, he went to Japan, renounced his citizenship, and joined the Foreign Ministry. Together with Councillor Henry, who graduated from Occidental College near Los Angeles, he is considered among the more promising members of the Japanese diplomatic corps whose intimate knowledge of the United States and whose many friendships here in this country should help maintain Japanese-American relationships on the current high plane.

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THE SECRETARY OF State and Mrs. Herter entertained the Japanese delegation at a dinner and reception at historic Anderson House, now the national headquarters and museum of the Society of Cincinnati, which was organized by General George Washington and some of his officers during the Revolutionary War.

This beautiful mansion which fronts on Massachusetts Avenue was built by the late wealthy Boston philanthropist and diplomat, Larz Anderson, who, coincidentally, once served as the U.S. Ambassador to Japan.

PROOF OF JAPAN'S new democracy and the importance of women in present day politics was the inclusion of Mrs. Harue Yamashita in the official Japanese party. An industrialist in her own right, though she studied for journalism in college, she has served almost continuously in the Lower House (House of Representatives) since 1946, the year that Japanese women were given the franchise. Mrs. Yamashita was returned in five of the six succeeding elections, which is unusual in Japanese politics for, though many women were elected

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JACL urges Senate committee to approve federal registrars for voting; support recommendation of civil rights body

(JACL News Service)

WASHINGTON.—In order that American citizens may not be denied the right to vote this November by election officials who refuse to register them as qualified voters because of their race or color, the Japanese American Citizens League urged the Senate Rules and Administration Committee to favorably report "proposed legislation to provide for the appointment of federal registrars in certain areas of our nation to assure that all qualified Americans may exercise the right of the franchise and participate in national elections".

In a statement submitted this Monday (Jan. 25) to Sen. Thomas C. Hennings (D., Mo.), chairman of the Senate Committee conducting hearings on bills implementing the recommendation for federal registrars made by the United States Commission on Civil Rights last fall, the JACL noted that, though some in high places have expressed doubts as to the constitutionality of the proposition, "If the Congress does not have power to legislate for federal elections, including provisions to insure that every qualified voter is

enabled to register in order to cast his ballot in the national elections, who does?" After emphasizing the importance of voting in a government such as ours, the JACL declared that "Americans of Japanese ancestry perhaps more than most other Americans, except those disenfranchised today because of their color, know the meaning and the value of the ballot".

Issei Long Denied Vote

The statement went on to point out that resident alien Japanese were denied the right to vote by being denied the right to naturalization until enactment of the Immigration and Nationality (Walter-McCarran) Act of 1952 and that, as a consequence of this "racial ineligibility" to citizenship, many western states and even municipalities approved discriminatory laws that "circumscribed the lives of our parents and even of ourselves, their citizen children, and prevented us from making greater contributions to our nation, and to the states and localities where we resided".

The anti-alien land laws that were on the books of most western states until recently were cited

as an example.

"We hold to the belief," the JACL said, "based upon our own experiences, that when our fellow citizens who are presently denied the right to vote by the denial to registration are permitted to cast their ballots because of appropriate legislation, these individual citizens will make great and worthy contributions to our nation and to the states and localities where they live."

"And, they themselves and all Americans will be the better citizens for such exercises in practical democracy, and more happier and productive people."

International Aspect Viewed

"Finally, too, the overwhelming majority of mankind who happen to be not of the so-called white races will witness this progress in our democratic activities and will be more willing to accept our leadership in the struggle for the minds and hearts of men. In many ways, this latter consideration may be most important to our nation and our institutions, for the issue of survival is part and parcel of our civil rights efforts."

The JACL submission concluded that "It would be most unworthy of the most enlightened country on earth to deny because of race or color to so many millions of our citizens the right to vote in such a crucial election (as this November's) when so much is at stake both at home and abroad that may well determine the course of civilization for years to come."

"This is especially repugnant to a year when the colored people of what we have often described as among the most backward nations are, for the first time in history, preparing to vote in free elections for those who will govern them."

CALENDAR

- Jan. 30 (Saturday)**
Ventura County—Installation dinner, Wagonwheels Restaurant, 7:30 p.m.
Gilroy—Installation dinner, Riverside Golf Club, 7 p.m.
D.C.—General meeting, YWCA, 8 p.m.
Seirotu Noma and Fumio Maki, speakers, "History of Hawaii".
Chicago—Jr. JACL dance.
East Los Angeles—Installation dinner-dance, Swally's Restaurant, 7 p.m.
Cleveland—Recognition Award dinner, Garfield Trinity Baptist Church.
Marysville—Installation dinner, Yuba City First Methodist Church auditorium, 6:30 p.m.
Salt Lake City—Nat'l JACL Credit Union annual meeting, Hy-Tone Club, 4901 S. State St., Murray, 7 p.m.
Jan. 31 (Sunday)
Southwest L.A.—Installation dinner, New Ginza, 6:30 p.m.
Sacramento—1960-70 JACL Planning discussion.
Feb. 5 (Friday)
San Jose—Installation dinner, Sanzori Room, Bowlerium.
Feb. 6 (Saturday)
Venice-Culver—Installation dinner-dance, King's Tropical Inn.
West Los Angeles—Auxiliary installation dinner-dance, Santa Monica Elk's Hall, 7 p.m.
Detroit—Installation dinner-dance, Northwood Inn, Berkley, 7 p.m.
Feb. 7 (Sunday)
NC-WNDC—Quarterly session, Florin JACL hosts; registration from 12nd at Buddhist Church.
Gresham-Troutdale—Bazaar, G-T Hall.
Feb. 8 (Monday)
Pocatello—JACLyns meeting, home of Marianne Endo.
Feb. 12 - 14
Chicago—Ski trip, Caberfee, Mich.
Feb. 12 (Friday)
San Francisco—Inaugural dinner, A. Sabella's Restaurant.
Philadelphia—Election meeting, International Institute, 8 p.m.
Feb. 13 (Saturday)
San Fernando Valley—Pre-Installation dinner, Sportsman's Lodge, North Hollywood.
L.A. Coordinating Council—Installation Ball, Embassy Auditorium, 947 S. Grand Ave., Los Angeles, 9 p.m.
Feb. 14 (Sunday)
PSWDC—Chapter clinic, Hollywood JACL hosts; registration from 9 a.m., Hollywood Community Center, 3929 Middlebury St.
Feb. 16 (Tuesday)
San Francisco—Auxiliary meeting, Japanese Church of Christ, 7:30 p.m.; "Investments and Securities".
Feb. 20 (Saturday)
Pocatello—JACL carnival, Memorial Hall, open 11 a.m.
Salt Lake City—Installation.
Feb. 21 (Sunday)
Southwest L.A.—Snow outing (Bus leaves Ardmore Playground, 7:30 a.m.)
Feb. 26 (Friday)
Chicago—Brotherhood dinner "Salute to Hawaii".
Feb. 26 - 28
Chicago—Jr. JACL outing, "Camp Rhineburg".
Feb. 27 (Saturday)
Fresno—New Member potluck, Congregational Church, 7 p.m.
Feb. 29 - Mar. 5
Denver—Nat'l JACL bowling tournament, Dahlia Lanes.

Wakamatsu to speak at Cleveland JACL's recognition fete; Gene Takahashi elected

CLEVELAND.—Continued dynamic leadership which the Cleveland JACL has enjoyed the past two years under Joe Kadowaki seems assured with the election of Gene Takahashi as 1960 chapter board chairman.

Other elected officers are August Nakagawa, v.c., and Mike Asazawa, treas. New board members are Frank Shiba and John Ochi, serving two-year terms with Jiro Habara, Yoshiko Baker, Henry Tanaka and Masy Tashima, who were re-elected. Holdover members on the board are Gene Takahashi, August Nakagawa, Mike Asazawa, Mary Yoshida, Joe Kadowaki and Min Iwasaki.

The new board will be installed tomorrow night at the Garfield Trinity Baptist Church during the chapter's first biennial recognition banquet. National JACL president Shig Wakamatsu will be the principal speaker.

Abe Hagiwara, Cleveland JACL's first chapter president, will be the installing officer.

Winners of the JACL Service, JACL Membership Service and Community Service awards are to be announced. There were 24 nominated and each will be pre-

sented a citation, it was announced. Serving as judges are Margaret Fergusson, Toru Ishiyama, Mrs. Mary Obata, George Ono, Frank Shiba and Tom Sashihara, who was consultant.

Advisory Board Named

Also to be introduced are the members of the Cleveland JACL Board of Advisers, headed by Dr. John Bruere. Other distinguished members include Donald C. Adams, David M. Austin, Upshur Evans, Margaret Fergusson, Margaret E. Hartford, Dr. Kenneth Lawyer and Robert L. Meeks.

The new chapter president is also MDC public relations committee chairman, and was instrumental in making the MDC convention hosted by Cleveland last year a successful highlight.

Citations in recognition to JACLers who rendered invaluable service to the chapter will be presented to Jiro Habara, Joe Kadowaki, Gene Takahashi, Mrs. Violette Takahashi, Henry Tanaka, Mas Tashima and Mary Yoshida.

Recognition of membership service will be made upon Mrs. Jane Habara, Mine Hirata, Mrs. Yoshiko Ikuta, Mrs. Toshi Kadowaki, John Ochi, Mrs. Sachi Tanaka and Roseline Yoshida.

The community service citation, for members of Japanese community who have contributed toward better community relations, will be awarded to Mrs. Merl H. Baker, Major Ainosuke Ichida, Seiichi Nakok, Mrs. Hideyo Ochi, Masashi Orikuchi, Tom Sashihara, Mrs. Ki-voe Semonco, Mrs. Mitsuo Tanji, Mrs. Shinpon Toguchi, and Tak Yamagata.

Sen. Long nominates Nisei for academy appointments

WASHINGTON.—Sen. Oren E. Long of Hawaii nominated several Japanese Americans to compete for appointments to the military academies recently. All were named on an equal basis and must take further tests in addition to letters of recommendation, references, scholastic and physical records, etc.

The Nisei nominated were Eric K. Inouye of Kailua, Stephen S. Sato and Eric K. Shinseki, both of Lihue, Kauai, for West Point; and Ronald C. Katahira, Kahului, Maui, for Air Force Academy.

So. Calif. chamber names Kurihara chairman

Frank S. Kurihara, Li'l Tokio real estate man and active in the West Jefferson Democratic Club, was selected as 1960 chairman of the Japanese Chamber of Commerce of Southern California as its first board meeting of the year last week.

The inaugural dinner at Imperial Gardens will be held sometime in February.