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## COLUMN LEFT:

### Uncle Sam invites Issei to citizenship

Each January, aliens are required by law to file their address report. While we have not received the 1960 national tally, the general picture of one regional count shows the number of aliens on the decline. About 2,000 aliens became American citizens by naturalization last year, but an almost equal number of new aliens arrived — many of them brides of servicemen. Thus, decline in the total is largely the result of deaths among the older aliens and those who return to their homelands to live out their remaining years.

The challenge being taken up by the Immigration and Naturalization Service concerns the aliens who appear to have filled the residence and age requirements for naturalization. Naturalization application forms have been sent to them, inviting them to consider taking the step.

This aggressive program is being carried out to give aliens every opportunity to qualify for American citizenship if it is their wish—and to persuade worthy aliens to consider seeking citizenship in the country that has given them so many opportunities.

The United States has never forced aliens to become citizens. To the contrary, it has made the achievement of citizenship a goal to be attained only after a suitable period of residence, establishment of a good reputation, and study of American history and institutions.

But it is the policy of the Naturalization Service to acquaint worthy aliens with the blessings of American citizenship and to give them every encouragement. The Issei in America have long waited for this opportunity. JACL is proud for the role it has played in making this possible.

That the Naturalization Service is doing a commendable job is evident each time a new naturalization class takes the oath of citizenship. To see Issei in their 80s and 90s being sworn is most heartwarming.—H.H.

## NEVADA INVITES JACL TO WITNESS CAPITOL RITES

(Special to the Pacific Citizen)

WASHINGTON. — Mike Masaoka, Washington representative of the Japanese American Citizens League, was among the specially invited official guests of the State of Nevada at the official presentation by that State of the statue of Sen. Patrick A. McCarran to the American people.

The ceremonies took place in the rotunda of the National Capitol Building last Wednesday afternoon.

The giant marble likeness of the late Nevada Democrat who became one of the most powerful legislators in Senate history will be placed permanently in Statuary Hall, in the Capitol Building, between the House Chamber and the Rotunda. Under the law, each State may place statues of its two most distinguished citizens in this national Hall of Fame.

Masaoka was invited, it was learned, because of his contributions in securing the enactment of the so-called Asian provisions of the Immigration and Naturalization (Walter-McCarran) Act of 1952.

### Aided Japanese

The JACL representative recalled that probably no United States Senator has been more responsible for the passage of corrective and remedial legislation beneficial to persons of Japanese ancestry, particularly those in the United States, than the late Senator McCarran.

He remembered that even as early as 1946 Senator McCarran, as the then chairman of the Senate Claims Committee, favorably reported a bill to authorize the payment of evacuation claims to Japanese American evacuees. Later, when this Committee was merged into what is now known as the Senate Judiciary Committee, as its influential Chairman, Senator McCarran was responsible for Senate passage of the Evacuation Claims Act of 1948 and several subsequent and liberalizing amendments, for the enactment of authority for the Attorney General to suspend the deportation and adjust their status to that of permanent residents of deserving aliens of Japanese ancestry whose (Continued on Page 4)

## Ike's immigration bill hailed as 'step in right direction'

(JACL News Service)

WASHINGTON. — "If enacted into law, it will be another step in the right direction" is the evaluation given by the Washington Office of the Japanese American Citizens League to the Administration's latest proposal, announced last week by the White House, for increased immigration into the United States.

The Washington JACL Office noted that the Immigration and Nationality (Walter-McCarran) Act of 1952, for whose Asian provisions the JACL had worked so many years, eliminated the racial prohibitions against naturalization by extending the privileges of naturalization to all resident aliens regardless of race or national origin.

The same law repealed the total exclusion of Japanese and other Asians from admission into our country for permanent residence by providing annual immigration quotas based upon the basic national origins formula that governs quota immigration and by extending non-quota immigration opportunities to certain categories, particularly the spouses and children of citizens of the United States.

### Logical Proposal

The JACL Office declared that the first part of the President's program to double the 154,000 quota immigrants admitted annually was a logical and right step to follow the corrective and remedial aspects of the Walter-McCarran Act. The second part of the President's proposal had to do with the admission of political refugees.

According to the President's message that was sent to the Congress March 17, "The first proposal would liberalize the quotas for every country and, to an important extent, moderate the features of existing law which operate unfairly in certain areas of the world. In this regard, I recommend the following steps:

"1. The removal of the ceiling of 2,000 on quotas within the Asiatic-Pacific triangle;  
"2. The basing of the overall limitation on immigration on the 1960 census as soon as it is available in place of that of 1930, which is the present base;

"3. The annual acceptance of one-sixth of one per cent of our total population;  
"4. Abandonment of the concept of race and ethnic classifications within our population, at least for the purposes of the increases in quotas I have recommended, by substituting as the base for the computation the number of immigrants actually accepted from each area between 1924 and 1959. In other words, the increase in

the quota for Italy, for example, would not be based upon a percentage of a so-called Italian ethnic group within our country, but upon a percentage of the actual immigration from Italy between 1924 and 1959.

### Japan Quota at 1,859

(In the case of Japan, since Japanese nationals were excluded from admission from 1924 to 1952 by the Japanese Exclusion Law, (Continued on Page 8)

## JACL ACCEPTS INVITATION FOR WHITE HOUSE CONFERENCE ON YOUTH

(JACL News Service)

CHICAGO. — National President Shigeo Wakamatsu of the Japanese American Citizens League disclosed this week that JACL had been invited and had accepted an invitation to participate in the Golden Anniversary White House Conference on Children and Youth, which is to be held in Washington, D.C. March 27 to April 2, as a member of the Council of National Organizations on Children and Youth.

Noting that the JACL is emphasizing programs for youth, Wakamatsu hailed the invitation as "welcome acknowledgment that the JACL is concerned with this national problem". He added that the forthcoming 16th Biennial National JACL Convention to be held in Sacramento, Calif., this June would feature discussions on the development of a youth program for the 1960-1970 decade.

At the same time, he announced that Mike Masaoka, Washington JACL representative, and John

Yoshino, Washington, D.C. chapter president, would serve as official JACL representatives to this Golden Anniversary Conference that is held every ten years.

President Dwight D. Eisenhower is the honorary chairman, Secretary of Health, Education and Welfare Arthur S. Flemming is the honorary vice chairman, Mrs. Rollin Brown is the national chairman, and Ephraim R. Gomberg is the conference director.

### Purpose of Conference

The stated purpose of the 1960 White House Conference "is to promote opportunities for children and youth to realize their full potential for a creative life in freedom and dignity".

President Eisenhower, in proclaiming this conference, declared, "Every ten years during this cen-

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## Body of missing fisherman found

The body of Junichi Nakamura was found Mar. 20 washed ashore about two miles from where his fishing boat beached at Redondo Beach two weeks ago.

Nakamura, 38, lived at 12022 Aneta St., Culver City. The family members had joined a searching party that morning and had given up for the day because of the thick fog.

A letter, mailed anonymously and containing \$83 in water-soaked currency, was received late last week by Roy Nakamura of 12022 Aneta St., brother of Junichi Nakamura whose empty fishing boat was found at Redondo Beach, Mar. 6.

The billfold was turned in, along with a jacket and trousers, to the Redondo Beach life guard station by a surf fisherman who found them on the beach off Ave. C and D.

According to the elder Nakamura, Junichi was in the habit of carrying large sums of money with him. Roy's wife said that Junichi had over \$350 with him two days before the tragedy.

The deceased was a mechanic. On weekend evenings he worked as a parking assistant at the Imperial Gardens in Hollywood.

## Morro Bay Sansei choice for Calif. Boys State

MORRO BAY.—David Kishiyama, son of Mr. and Mrs. Kay Kishiyama of Baywood Park, was chosen by the Morro Bay American Legion Post as delegate to the 1960 California Boys State.

A junior student at San Luis Obispo High, the Sansei lad was born in Heart Mountain, Wyo., 16 years ago. The family relocated to Los Angeles in 1945 and moved here five years ago.

Young Kishiyama is a varsity letterman in wrestling and a member of the Honor Society. He was named last year to the Central Coast Babe Ruth League all-star team.

## NAKATSUKA APPOINTED DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF SOCIAL SERVICE DEPT

HONOLULU.—Lawrence Nakatsuka, former press secretary to Governor Quinn and whose appointment as state director of labor and industrial relations was rejected by the senate, was appointed deputy director of social services this past week.

He will assist in developing the newly-organized Dept. of Social Service, which combines the functions of Dept. of Public Welfare, Dept. of Institutions (except for the state prison and Waimano Home), the Board of Prison Inspectors, the Bureau of Sight Conservation and Work with the Blind, the Council of Veterans Affairs, and agencies dealing with the care of indigent and medically indigent. "I am happy Larry has decided to continue in government service," Governor Quinn commented. "His extensive background, integrity, ability and devotion to the public will make him an invaluable public servant."

HONOLULU. — Attorney Takashi Kitaoka, former assistant city prosecutor, was nominated last week by Gov. William F. Quinn for the post of state labor director.

Quinn sent the nomination to the Senate during its late session. Confirmation came early this week. Kitaoka is former chairman of the Hawaii Employment Relations Board and recently was reappointed to the board. He headed the board when it entered the Maui Pineapple Co. strike last year. He also served as first assistant public prosecutor for five years and has been in private law practice since.

### '60-'70 meeting

CLEVELAND.—A panel of four speakers on specific areas will aid in directing the Cleveland JACL discussion on 1960-70 JACL planning at the Nationalities Services Center tomorrow.

## Dr. Tom Omori appointed European mgr. for Aerojet, to guide missile production

A qualified Nisei aeronautical engineer at Aerojet-General has been appointed European manager of its soon to be established office in Paris to oversee the production of U.S. Army developed "Hawk" missile.

The appointment of Dr. Takashi Tom Omori of Pasadena was made last week by Bill Zisch, vice-president and general manager of Aerojet-General, the aeronautical production subsidiary of General Tire and Rubber Co.

Dr. Omori will leave early next month to make a preliminary survey before establishing permanent residency in July, when the company office is scheduled to be opened.

The Nisei engineer will oversee the production of the "Hawk" missile program through SETEL, a French holding company licensed by Aerojet-General in conjunction with a NATO-Aerojet arrangement to produce the missile in Europe. Plants established at Bourdeau and Rome will produce the surface-to-air missile.

Five European nations have expressed desire to purchase the "Hawk," developed by the U.S. Army as a defense to combat enemy missiles under the NATO agreement. The nations interested in purchasing the defensive weapon include Italy, Western Germany, Holland, Belgium and France. Aerojet-General, which has its

main plant in Sacramento is considered one of the foremost, if not the top developer and research firm in aircraft and space technology.

Dr. Omori who for the past six years has been principle engineer for the aeronautical firm is officially the project manager of Space Technology Division.

Born in Prescott, Arizona, Omori has been a resident of Los Angeles since he was 6-years-old. He attended UCLA briefly and graduated from Carnegie Tech in 1940, followed by a doctor's degree in Chemical Engineering in 1947.

### Past Chapter President

The 43-year-old engineer, who is a past president of Pasadena JACL, undertook research work at Cal Tech from 1947-50. He spent two years with North American Aviation's Atomic Energy division and a like number of years with the U.S. Navy's Bureau of Aeronautical Representative office before joining Aerojet.

Omori is married to the former Shiku Sameshima of Los Angeles. They have four children: Peggy, 15, Terri, 14, Kim, 5, and Laura, 1.

The Aerojet company will offer living quarters in a preferential section in Paris and provide special education for the children while the Omoris are abroad. The term of the agreement is two years in the European office.









## Vagaries

By Larry S. Tujiri

### Broadway Tide Turns

New York

THE BROADWAY tide has turned finally against the Oriental-themed drama. In contrast to last season, there is not a single new production offering employment for Nisei performers. "Flower Drum Song" is in its second year, with Pat Suzuki and Jack Soo (Goro Suzuki) in leading roles, but the Rodgers and Hammerstein musical departs the St. James theater in six weeks on a national tour, playing Los Angeles, San Francisco, Denver and several other cities before settling down in Chicago for a year or more. And "A Majority of One," the lox-and-sukiyaki comedy which has Kanna Ishii in a featured role, also is in its second year.

"The World of Suzie Wong," however, left 44th Street some weeks ago. Now on a national tour, the drama of the Hong Kong prostitute with a heart of gold stars Jeri Miyazaki in the leading role. "Suzie Wong," incidentally, is currently interrupting its regular tour and is in Las Vegas where it is being presented in a hotel supper room. For this particular engagement, first of its kind for a Broadway drama, the play is abridged to tabloid size, running an hour and ten minutes instead of the usual two and a half hours.

Last season also saw "Rashomon" and "Kataki," while there were Nisei in "The Pleasure of His Company" (Jerry Fujikawa is now touring with the play) and "Destiny Rides Again."

With a single exception, there are no prospects for the immediate future with Asian settings. That exception is "Christine," a tale of India, which has been put into musical form and will star Maureen O'Hara next month.

There is an outside chance that "The Girl from Outside," a musical composed by Mark Bucci about a Japanese girl, a commoner, who weds the Crown Prince, may be produced. George Cayley, who originally held the rights to the property, declared recently that he was dropping his option, having been informed by a representative of the Japanese Imperial Household that a musical involving the Crown Prince was considered somewhat indelicate behind the palace moat. But it is believed that another producer may be willing to take on the project.

Meanwhile, the London edition of "Flower Drum Song," which concerns modern-day romance in San Francisco's Chinatown, opens this week with a girl from Honolulu, Harriet Yamasaki, in the role of the nightclub dancer which is played on Broadway by Pat Suzuki. Several Nisei from the New York company, including George Minami of Hayward, Calif., are in the London troupe.

**ITEMS:** James Shigeta is being considered for the key role of a Nisei in Universal-International's "The Ugly American" which will star Marlon Brando. Shigeta's second starring film (he played a Nisei cop in "The Crimson Kimono") is an offbeat western, Paramount's "Walk Like a Dragon," in which he is co-starred with **Nobu McCarthy**. "Dragon" was finished before the current actors' strike and the film is now being edited. . . . Speaking of the Hollywood strike, **Michi Kobi** is awaiting its end in order to start work on her featured role in Allied Artists' "Beyond the Call." This is the story of a GI Medal of Honor winner, Guy Cabaldin, who, in real life, was adopted by a California Japanese family, the Nakano's (One of the Nakano's sons, Lane, is a Hollywood actor, starting his career with "Go for Broke!" Nakano's latest film is one in which he plays a Nisei seaman. It was filmed recently in Hong Kong). **Sessue Hayakawa** is in "Beyond the Call," which stars Jeffrey Hunter. The company was filming in Okinawa but was forced to return to Hollywood because shooting was disrupted too often by rain.

**IN JAPAN,** the Shochiku film company has completed a picture which is aimed for export to the United States, with special emphasis on the Japanese communities in Hawaii and on the mainland.

The picture is "Hey, Pineapple," from the novel of the same name by a Hawaiian GI, Robert M. Hongo, and concerns a group of Nisei soldiers in a U.S. army unit in Korea. The dialogue is in both Japanese and English and will have English subtitles in the American version, and Japanese subtitles for the Japanese audience.

Incidentally, sequences for "Hey, Pineapple" were shot in Schofield Barracks, Hawaii with the cooperation of the U.S. Army.

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sibly a relocation camp barrack loaded with artifacts the Issei created might be placed at some spot as an Issei memorial. . . . Mrs. Kamayatsu, who appreciates the heritage of Nisei enough to suggest this kind of a project, hopes these so-called "museum" pieces that are still lying in garages and barns—even a whole farm house—will be preserved for such a prospect as this.

Projects of this kind have a lasting value. Whether JACL should maintain it or it be sponsored by some historical society, we shan't distinguish. But we agree with Mrs. Kamayatsu that mementos of the Issei pioneers ought to be preserved in some public place. . . . It would be in line with the motivations for writing the "Issei Story" that JACL is currently undertaking with very serious intentions.

## Son of Shinto priest becomes convert of Judaism after lifetime study of Old Testament, assisted Jewish refugees flee Nazi terror

NEW YORK.—"To be a Jew," says Dr. Abraham Setsuzau Kotsuji, "is not an easy thing." Then he adds with a smile: "But to be a Shintoist is not easy either."

Dr. Kotsuji, descendant of a celebrated Shinto priest, is the leading Hebraic scholar of Japan. He is related to the Imperial family.

He is a rarity among rarities: a Japanese Jew. He was converted in Jerusalem last fall after a lifetime of Hebrew scholarship, which was climaxed by his own personal hardships in helping to save thousands of Jewish refugees from Hitlerism.

"People always probe me, like a prosecutor who wants to know what 'single thing' drew me to Judaism," he says good-naturedly. "But it was gradual, not sudden. I was not drawn to Judaism be-

cause it was pleasant or profitable. I was drawn to it because I was passing through dreadful experiences. And I became a Jew in spite of such hardships.

"My own passage through a period of great danger ran parallel to the great sufferings of the Jewish people. Even though I was shaken, I was like a strong building in an earthquake. I was able to stand. The confidence and the vision of the Hebrew tradition sustained me."

### Flawless Hebrew

Kotsuji, who has been addressing fascinated adult and college audiences here, speaks English easily in intimate conversation; when he makes a formal speech his voice takes on the characteristic Japanese sing-song. His Hebrew, however, is flawless in the traditional Orthodox pronunciation. ("I prayed in Hebrew—not 'side by side' with Japanese translation," he reports.)

At 60, there is barely a trace of gray in his black hair. He is married and the father of two grown daughters. He expects his family eventually to join his new faith. "I was converted as Orthodox," he says, "although I must say that there are parts of New York which are 'more orthodox' than Orthodox."

"Even before my conversion," he says, "I was Jewish-minded—nefesh Yehudi. As a little boy, I grew up in a devout Shintoist background. My boyhood days went peacefully. When I was 13, I found a Japanese rendering of the Old Testament. I read and read, and when I came to Leviticus I clapped my hands and said, this is exactly the teachings of my ancestral religion—same mind, same spirit, but higher in the teachings about the nature of the Godhead than Shintoism."

"I was 13. Exactly at the age of bar mitzvah," Kotsuji chuckled. "So I made my own bar mitzvah. By 15, I had gone through the Bible from Genesis (Genesis) to the end. I decided I was quite a scholar and that Hebraism would become my career. Nineteen years later, I got my doctorate in Hebrew letters." He also kept the name "Abraham," which a proud teacher had given him.

### Studied at Berkeley

Kotsuji studied in Tokyo, then at the Auburn Theological Seminary in Berkeley, Calif. In 1936, he wrote the first Hebrew gram-

mar in Japanese.

What turned Dr. Kotsuji decisively toward Judaism was the war. "In 1940," he says, "when Japan was still neutral—it was shortly after the Nazi blitzkrieg into Poland—thousands of Polish Jews escaped as refugees into Lithuania. Fortunately, the Japanese consul gave visas to several thousand of these Jews to get them out of Europe by way of Japan. But there were still many who couldn't get genuine visas. And they were shunted back and forth between Vladivostok and Japan. I was asked to help."

"I can never forget those refugees when I looked at them. I felt a great overwhelming respect for the greatness of this people who were suffering for their noble ancestors. And a warm light burned within me."

Despite the influence of Nazi officials in Japan, Dr. Kotsuji pulled political wires and arranged for visas to the U.S., Canada, Australia, South America and Shanghai. The last of the refugees were out before Japan entered the war.

Kotsuji tried to counter Nazi anti-Semitic influence in Japan by writing a true history of the Jews. It sold well—that proved there still remained conscience among the Japanese people—but the book brought Kotsuji to the attention of the Japanese secret police in 1944.

### Decides to Stay

He debated with himself about fleeing the country but decided to stay. "When I was a boy and reading Shakespeare's phrase, 'To be or not to be,' I knew that even for myself there may come such a moment when a man must make a decision, to go right or go left, to live or die. And so my feeling was: I am the son of noble Shinto priests who stood before the Emperors for a thousand years. I should not show myself a coward." Only the last-minute intervention of an army officer friend saved him from likely imprisonment, or worse.

What moves him most, perhaps, is that rarely a lecture goes by in this country that someone in the audience doesn't come up to Abraham Setsuzau Kotsuji, take him by the hand and say, "I want to thank you. My family was among the Polish Jews you helped save."

—New York Post.

### JAPAN OFFICIAL, NISEI

### GUIDE DIES IN MIAMI

### BOUND AIRPLANE CRASH

TELL CITY, Ind.—A Japanese national police official studying American police methods and a Maryland Nisei assigned to him as interpreter were among the 63 who died last week in a Northwest Airlines plane explosion near this city.

The two were Masami Nakamura, 43, of Tokyo, and Chiyoki Ikeda, 39, of Cabin John, Md. They boarded the plane when it stopped over in Chicago before continuing in a direct flight to Miami, Fla.

HONOLULU.—Chiyoki Ikeda, one of the 63 victims in the turboprop plane crash near Tell City, Indiana, Mar. 17 was a former resident of Hawaii.

Ikeda, 39, of Cabin John, Md., served in the 442nd Combat Team in World War II and later in Japan.

His brother, Lt. Kenneth Ikeda, now at Fort Sill, Okla., was the first Hawaii Nisei to be graduated from the Military Academy at West Point.

Since 1954, the deceased had been a civilian employee of the U.S. Army in Washington.

Surviving are his wife, the former Mildred M. Yamanaka of Maui; his son George Alan, 12; his parents Mr. and Mrs. Manzo Ikeda of Honolulu; three brothers, Herbert H. and Albert of Honolulu and Kenneth of Lawton, Okla.; and four sisters, Mmes. Ruby Yamamoto, Florence Yasuda, Mildred Mizusawa, all of Honolulu, and Nora Inaba, Hilo.

### San Jose OKs building of Japanese tea garden

SAN JOSE.—A Japanese teagarden, complete with waterfall, high arch bridges, lily pools and a ceremonial teahouse, will be situated in Kelly Park.

Groundbreaking ceremonies have been scheduled for May 21, according to Robert C. Doerr, president of Pacific Neighbors and former San Jose mayor. The event will be part of the local observance of the 100th anniversary of U.S.-Japan trade relations.

When work is finished, the San Jose garden will be four times larger than the famous Japanese teagarden in San Francisco.

### Nisei housing official speaks to Seattle group

SEATTLE.—The Greater Seattle Housing Council heard Tad Masaka, intergroup relations officer for the Urban Renewal Administration, discuss "Intergroup Relations and Urban Renewal" at the council's annual luncheon last week at the Chamber of Commerce.

The council is a voluntary organization of agencies representing the housing industry, civic and intergroup relations. Local, state and federal public agencies related to housing including the State Board Against Discrimination are consultant and advisory members.

### 1,000 expected at WYBL conference at Berkeley

BERKELEY.—The 18th annual Western Young Buddhist League conference meeting this weekend at Hotel Claremont is expected to attract some 1,000 delegates from the western U.S. and Hawaii.

## Body and fender repair work never the same, says Reno JACler, hobby was cars

RENO.—"I guess I was a typical hot rod kid. Then I got interested in body and paint work. And I've been fooling around with autos now since about 1936."

"I picked up the trade doing apprentice work in a big industrial shop in Cleveland (Ohio)."

Oscar Fujii, manager of Coachcraft, Inc. and active JACler, glanced about the workshop.

The majority of the cars were damaged Renault Dauphines. "These were the official cars used during the Olympics. Some were damaged in collisions and some were beat up in the flood and had to be dug out with snow plows."

### Squaw Rainstorm

Fujii referred to the storm that hit Squaw Valley just prior to the opening of the Olympic Games and caused Squaw Creek to flood and wash some of the cars from the parking areas.

"We specialize in foreign car work, and will take care of all the work on the official cars."

"I would estimate there were about two dozen of them damaged."

"Work on foreign cars seems to be more exacting. There's a closer tolerance."

Fujii's first interest in cars began when he was still in school in Cleveland . . . working nights and attending classes in the day.

### Hood Is Customer

He vividly recalls one of his first customers.

"I lived in East Cleveland where there was a gangster element."

"This little guy came in and wanted four cars armor-plated. They were all Caddys. And I never did find out his name, except they called him 'Skeeter.'"

"I quoted him an atrocious price, but he said 'go ahead.' The cost was \$2,000 each, and he didn't even quibble. And he gave me

a \$100 tip when I finished.

"But there's a sequel to the story."

"I stopped in a little bar on the way home for a drink sometime later, and the four cars drove up in front and parked."

"A bunch of thugs came in and began breaking everything and throwing things around and roughing up the people."

"They tore up every seat in the house but the one I was sitting on. 'Skeeter' saw me, asked me what I was doing there, and told them to leave me alone."

"I've often thought if there had been a gang battle and one of them got killed, what a reflection that would have been on my work."

"It was not uncommon to see someone killed and dumped on the sidewalk in front of a store. I decided then to leave East Cleveland."

### To Nevada in '46

Fujii came to Nevada in 1946 after he was discharged from the Army. He admits he was influenced by a visit to Nevada during his service career and decided to return.

Since coming to Nevada, he has been associated with auto body repair shops in the Reno area.

He takes a particular pride in his work.

"The most important thing in body work is to study the line of impact, then reshape the metal in the same direction."

"I try to image the force of impact, and the direction, and force the metal back out in the same direction. That's the important thing."

Fujii describes his position as unlike some workaday routines.

"This job is something that's not repetitious. No two collisions are alike."

"Each one is a challenge."

—Reno Journal



# By the Board

By William Marufani, EDC Chairman

## Philadelphia

**WITH UNABASHED PRIDE** we ("we" because this column was prepared in cooperation with EDC cabinet members Hisako Sakata of Washington, Tomio Enochy of NY, and Charles Nagao of Seabrook) would like to chat a bit about the Issei of the EDC area; those who reside along the Eastern Coast in the capital of our Nation, in one of the three largest cities of the world, in the greatest farming operation of its kind in the world, and in the City of Brotherly Love. Limitation of space will allow us only to relate briefly and in general a subject which could cover a book.

**HE IS NO DIFFERENT** than any other Issei with those unparalleled virtues and characteristics we Nisei look upon with a mixture of awe, deep humility and profound pride—which increases as we mature. (How often have we thought to ourselves, "How did they (Issei) ever do it?," as we are first exposed to the various problems of life?)

**AMONG THE EAST COAST ISSEI** are a number of professional men: engineers (notably Tadafumi Mikuriya who heads his own engineering consulting firm, Yosuke Nakano who is conceded to be the topmost expert in this area in concrete building construction), numerous doctors (including a leading obstetrician, and many GP's), dentists, nurses, photographers (the late Hashime Murayama was well known for his illustrations for the National Geographic Magazine), etc. Some may be surprised to learn that a number of Issei, prior to the war, were with large corporations such as Bethlehem Steel, Ford Motors, etc. There are also a number of immensely successful farm operators, businessmen, shop owners, nursery operators and landscape artists. They retain a great and natural love and affinity for Nature.

**BY AND LARGE** his command of the English language is surprisingly excellent. But when a group gets together, the nostalgic "bens" of the various "kens" flow freely. Undoubtedly, Seabrook has the greatest facilities for camaraderie among Issei with "goh," "shogi," "utai," "bon-odori" and, of course, fishing. "Nihon" movies are available from about semi-monthly in Seabrook to infrequently in Washington, D.C. and Philadelphia — and, we might add, such movies are relished by the Nisei and "puzzled over" by the Sansei. You'll recall those years when you couldn't figure out the plot until you reached home and your parents explained what all the "chambara" was about.

**THE ISSEI ARE STEADFAST SUPPORTERS** of JACL through their memberships (a large number consistently support the 1000 Club), their activities (they do a "bang up" job in handling an affair), and participation: all EDC chapters have had Issei hold elective offices, and the president of the Seabrook Chapter this term is Keigo Inouye, an Issei, who is, as usual, doing an excellent and most conscientious job.

**AN OVERWHELMING LARGE PERCENTAGE**—over 95 per cent in Seabrook, for example—are naturalized citizens, undoubtedly far and away over the national average, bar none. They take their franchise seriously with over 90 per cent voting at elections (as compared to about 50 per cent for the national average). One of the most moving experiences for this writer was the occasion when the Issei citizens of the Philadelphia area were honored several years ago, and those Chapters which have had similar events know exactly what is meant. It was, therefore, most heartwarming to read of Salt Lake City's "Issei Appreciation Night." More chapters ought to do something similar, and regularly, while they still have the opportunity.

**THE FUTURE?** Those who did not plan to remain departed within five years after the end of World War II; thus, this is "home" to those remaining. Very few needy cases appear to exist, although we are not without some. Issei organizations, along with Nisei, lend whatever assistance they can when needed. Those who have reached the age of retirement—and like everywhere else, more are entering this category—enjoy the warmth of the household of their Nisei children along with grandchildren, taking up any slack in fishing, church activities (both Buddhist and Christian), and remaining active.

**A WARM GLOW**, beyond description and very personal to these grand and glorious folks, wells up in one each time we regard them.

## West Los Angeles completes calendar for coming year

BY SUMI OSHINOMI

With the 1960 membership campaign in full force, the West Los Angeles JACL board met Mar. 16 at the home of chapter president Akira Ohno to complete the chapter calendar of events.

The calendar for the second half of the year is as follows: (all dates are tentative) June-July—National Convention; July 16—joint dance with Auxiliary; Aug. 7—Chapter barbecue; Sept. 14—General meeting; Oct. 15—Family Fun Night; November—Issei Appreciation Night.

The chapter-sponsored deep-sea fishing trip for boys between the ages of 8 and 15 will again be held during the Easter school vacation, it was announced by Hobi Fujii. The date is to be announced.

George Sakamoto, track and field chairman, reminded that May 22 is the day for local youth to compete for trophies and ribbons. Joe Sase, carnival chairman, reported a preliminary meeting in mid-April is being planned.

A letter and certificate of appreciation from Nagoya Mayor Kisen Kobayashi for the chapter's help in rehabilitating the recent typhoon victims were acknowledged by Ohno. He also acknowledged contributions to the chapter from the Terakami Family and from Joe Noda.

Mrs. Toy Kanegai will chair the community panel discussion of "Parents and Teenagers" at the local Buddhist Church on April 20, 8 p.m. Serving on the panel are Don Shaw, YMCA; Don Hyland, Boy Scouts; Mrs. Carl Rauchman, Webster PTA v.p.; Gongoro Nakamura, Dr. Roy Nishikawa, and Police Sgt. Jonoski. After the open discussion period, refreshments will be served by the Auxiliary.

## Twin Cities UCL pick credit union board

MINNEAPOLIS. — The Twin Cities UCL Credit Union at its annual meeting Jan. 19 at the J.A. Center elected its new board of directors and committeemen as follows:

George Yoshino, Ed Yoshikawa, Roy Kyono, Bill Dol, Mrs. Kay Kushino, bd. of dir.; Earl Tanbara, James Kurata, Mickey Kiri-hara, supervisory comm.; Howard Nomura, Sam Hirabayashi and Steve Iwago, credit comm.

## Seattle hotel group to celebrate 50th

SEATTLE.—The Seattle Japanese Apartment Hotel Assn. celebrated its 50th anniversary Sunday. H.T. Kubota, active Seattle JACLer, is president.

## Parlier JACL picnic scheduled April 3

PARLIER.—The Parlier JACL will hold its annual community picnic on Sunday, April 3, at Kearney Park in Fresno. Various committees have been appointed and are now working on details for a successful day.

## Family bowling

PARLIER.—With the first one held in February a success, the Parlier JACL will hold another family bowling night at Sunnyside Bowl on March 27. Kengo Osumi is in charge.

## Departs for Tokyo

Dr. H. James Hara, East Los Angeles JACLer and prominent ear-nose-throat specialist, and his wife, Dr. Margaret Farr Hara, departed last week by air for Tokyo to present his paper: "Tracheotomy in the Light of New Concepts of Respiratory Disorders" before a Tokyo District meeting of ENT specialists. The Dr. Haras are scheduled to return in mid-April.

## DETROIT CHAPTER SLATES SPRING DANCE APRIL 2

DETROIT. — "Cherry Blossom Time" is the theme of the Detroit JACL Spring Dance being held on Saturday, Apr. 2, 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. at the Veterans Memorial Bldg., 151 W. Jefferson.

The informal affair will feature music by Al Matheson's Trio. Proceeds from the dance go toward the Freedom Festival Parade, in which JACL participates.

## 64 JACLers life members of 1000 Club, includes three joining under \$500 rate

SAN FRANCISCO.—Each January, JACL Headquarters makes a withdrawal from a special savings account that is seldom publicized. That account consists of 64 Life Members in JACL's 1000 Club.

Life Membership in the 1000 Club was created to meet an emergency at the time and 11 JACLers then donated \$250 each to start a reserve fund with Headquarters withdrawing \$25 each year and crediting it toward the chapter quota. In the intervening years, 50 more Life Members were added at the \$250 rate.

At the 1958 national convention at Salt Lake City, it was decided to increase the Life Member rate to \$500 and three more have become Life Members. They are Ernest Takaki of Delano, Dr. James Taguchi of Dayton, and Thomas Iseri of Snake River Valley.

## Life Members' List

From a chapter standpoint, Chicago boasts the highest number of Life Members in a single chapter with eight. Seattle is next with six and Idaho Falls follows with five. District-wise, the Pacific Southwest leads with 15 Life Members.

The Life Members, by chapters, are as follows:

**PACIFIC NORTHWEST**  
Mid-Columbia—Ray Yasui.  
Portland—Dr. Robert Kinoshita.  
Payallup Valley—George Ota.  
Seattle—Frank Hattori, Takashi Hori, Frank Kinomoto, Henry T. Kubota, Takeshi Kubota, Ken Nogaki.  
PNWDC Misc.—Edward Yamamoto, Mrs. Matsui Yamamoto, Tom Shoji Yamamoto.

**NO. CALIF.-WESTERN NEVADA**  
Livingston-Mered—Buddy Iwata.  
Marysville—Frank Nakamura.  
Sequoia—Dr. George Baba, Dr. George Hura.

**CENTRAL CALIFORNIA**  
Delano—Ernest Takaki.  
Fresno—Fred Hirasuna.  
Parlier—Harry Iseki, Ben Koga, Norman Miyakawa.

**PACIFIC SOUTHWEST**  
Downtown L.A.—Saburo Kido.  
Gardena Valley—George Kobata, Dr. John Koyama, Ken Osaka.  
Pasadena—Tom Ito.  
San Fernando—Dr. C. T. Sakaguchi.  
Southwest L.A.—Masami Abe, Mrs. Chiyo Yamada, Fred Yamada, Dr. Tom T. Watanabe.

**VENICE-CULVER**—Frank Inagaki (d.), Mrs. Yukie Inagaki, George Inagaki.  
West Los Angeles—Dr. Kiyoshi Sonoda, Mrs. Mitsuo Sonoda.

**INTERMOUNTAIN**  
Idaho Falls—Deto Harada, Sadao Morishita, Joe Nishioka, George Nukaya, Frank Yamasaki.

**SALT LAKE CITY**—J. J. Wagner.  
Snake River Valley—Thomas Iseri, Kay Teramura, James Watanabe.

**REXBURG**—Kiyoshi Sakota.  
**MOUNTAIN-PLAINS**  
Mile-Hi—Dr. Charles Fujisaki, George Ohashi, Mrs. Bessie Shiyomura.

**MIDWEST**  
Chicago—Roland Hagio, Harold Gordon, Dr. William Hura, Harry Mizuno, Kate Okuno, Dr. Frank Sakamoto, Shig Wakamatsu, Kumeo Yoshinari.

**DAYTON**—Dr. James Taguchi.

**EASTERN**  
New York—Edward Ennis.  
Philadelphia—Mari Michener.  
Washington, D.C.—Kenko Nogaki.

**Origin of 1000 Club**  
The 1000 Club was organized in 1947 at the Intermountain District Council convention at Idaho Falls at a time when chapters found

it difficult to solicit adequate membership dues to support Headquarters. Founders of the 1000 Club, Hito Okada of Salt Lake City and George Inagaki of Venice, figured the situation would be alleviated if a thousand JACLers could contribute \$25 a year.

That goal of a thousand paid-up 1000 Club members in one year did not come until 1956 when Shig Wakamatsu of Chicago was 1000 Club national chairman. While the first goal was reached, administrative costs kept mounting and Wakamatsu instituted a new goal of 2,000 Thousand Club members.

Over the years, there have been some 2,200 JACLers who at one time were members of the 1000 Club. The current paid-up 1000 Club list shows upwards of 1,300 members. The drive to sign up elapsed memberships to meet the new goal of 2,000 by the 1960 convention is the hope of the present national 1000 Club chairman Bill Matsumoto.

## Nevada —

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status was changed because of World War II, and for hundreds of private bills that prevented hundreds of American families whose parents were Japanese from being separated because one or both parents were either subject to deportation or inadmissible to this country because of the Japanese Exclusion Act of 1924.

As far as persons of Japanese ancestry are concerned, Senator McCarran's greatest contribution, however, was his co-sponsorship with Congressman Francis E. Walter (D., Pa.), chairman of the House Judiciary Subcommittee on Immigration and Naturalization, of the 1952 statute which, for the first time in American history, extended naturalization privileges to those of the Japanese race, as well as to all other races, and repealed the Japanese and other Asian Exclusion Acts that denied admission as immigrants to Orientals by authorizing token immigration quotas and other non-quota and special privileges to Japanese and other immigrants.

## Dayton JACL passes '59 membership lab

DAYTON.—Unofficial tabulation of Dayton JACL's membership exceeds the 1959 count of 50-plus, according to Mrs. Lea Nakauchi, membership chairman. The campaign ends officially on April 15.

The chapter recently held a pot luck dinner and membership mixer at the local Goodwill Industries. Board chairman Dr. James Taguchi directed a short business meeting in which the civil rights legislation was discussed. Roy Sugimoto, 1st v.e., outlined the social program for the current year.

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## The National Director's Report

By Masao Satow

San Francisco

**PLANNING COMMISSION WORKSHOP**—The San Francisco Chapter hosted a very meaty 4½-hour conference Sunday afternoon which brought together the discussions and preliminary recommendations of the chapters in the immediate Bay Area on 1960-1970 National Planning. The section leaders, San Francisco President John Yasumoto, Immediate Past President Steve Doi and Vice President Dr. Hime Tsumori reflected the conscientious efforts of the host chapter in devoting ten sessions to the study. NC-WNDC Planning Commission Chairman Jerry Enomoto did an especially commendable job in chairing the conference and in summarizing the section discussions.

Acknowledgement should be made of the preliminary work of Dr. Leo Nakayama, S.F. Commission Study Chairman who initiated the chapter studies but had to relinquish the responsibility when unexpected professional duties arose. A great deal of credit to Chibi Yamamoto for recording the S.F. chapter discussions, and who along with Marie Kurihara served as secretary for the Sunday conference.

Especially interesting were reports of planning sessions and from the chapters with respect to programming and promotion of activities. In addition to those listed, conferees from the chapters were: San Francisco—NC-WNDC Chairman Yone Satoga, Women's Auxiliary President Charlotte Doi, Dr. Clifford Uyeda, Sumi Honnami, Yasu Abiko, Sam Sato; Alameda—President Hi Akagi and NC-WNDC 1000 Club Chairman George Ushijima; Berkeley—President Masuji Fujii and Sho Sato; Eden Township—President Kee Kitayama and Kenji Fujii; Contra Costa—Sam Kitabayashi, Hannah Yasuda and Dr. Yoshie Togasaki; Oakland—James Tsurumoto, Molly Kitajima, and Junior JACL representative Andy Kono; and Frank Oda from Sonoma County.

This comprised the second sectional conference in the NC-WNDC area, the first hosted by Sacramento in January for Marysville, Florin and Placer County. According to Jerry Enomoto, three other sectional conferences will be held with the complete findings and recommendations of all the DC chapters brought together for DC action at the DC pre-convention Rally on May 15 at Eden Township.

**PROGRAM AND ACTIVITY REPORT**—We expect to complete the compilation of chapter programs and activities as reported by 30 chapters last year, and send out to the chapters around the end of the month. We hope to make this an annual sharing of chapter program activities to also serve as program suggestions for some chapters. Unfortunately, many stimulating programs will have to go unreported this time due to no reports from most of the chapters. While we are aiming for a higher percentage of reports from the chapters this year, we still would like to receive minutes of chapter meetings in order that Headquarters can be of maximum assistance.

**NATIONAL SCHOLARSHIP**—Public announcement will be made shortly of an annual National scholarship of \$200 to be contributed by a public spirited individual as one of the supplemental scholarships to the annual Pvt. Ben Frank Masaoka Memorial Scholarship. For the information of chapters which have made inquiries, the 1960 Pvt. Ben Masaoka Scholarship competition will be officially announced in April.

**PAN AM FETES CONSUL GENERAL**—Upon the invitation of 1000 Clubber Al Kosakura for Pan American Airways, we joined with other community representatives in a welcoming luncheon for Hon. Masao Yagi, the newly arrived San Francisco Japanese Consul General. We are also indebted to Pan Am for the attractive program covers for the Awards Banquet of our 14th annual National JACL Bowling Tournament.

**MEMBERSHIPS**—We report substantial memberships have been received from Chicago, Detroit, Mile Hi, Parlier, Sacramento, and Sonoma County Chapters. Cortez has reported an all time chapter high, Reno reports more members than last year; of course, unofficially, San Francisco has again eclipsed the 1000 mark.

**BERKELEY CHAPTER**—We neglected to report our attending the Berkeley Chapter installation for President Masuji Fujii and his strong supporting cast. Following the installation dinner at the Claremont Hotel, the group adjourned to the more relaxing and informal atmosphere of attorney Mas Yonemura's home for an after session. A welcome guest was New York Chapter President George Kyotow, former bay area resident, just back from Japan on a business trip for Canon Camera. Long time JACLer Masuji Fujii served as President of the Eastbay Chapter in 1948 before it split up into Contra Costa, Berkeley and Oakland, and also served as NC-WN district Council Chairman during the 1951-53 biennium. We were impressed the first time we met Masuji at a postwar ADC meeting attended by a considerable number of our Issei supporters. Upon being asked by the chairman to take the minutes of the meeting, he asked whether he should take them in Japanese or in English.

## Watsonville JACL supports civic beautification plan

**WATSONVILLE**—Support of the city beautification plan was approved by the Watsonville JACL at its special meeting last week. The chapter will donate \$40 to the Main St. Tree Fund and another \$20 to the local Buddhist Church beautification committee, which is beautifying the levee area. The chapter also approved \$200 to be expended for sponsorship of Pony League baseball team this season. It is part of the chapter's youth program.

At the community picnic April 3, which is being sponsored by the chapter, it was announced that donations would be accepted at the park entrance to defray expenses.

A committee will be selected to assist the city's annual cancer fund drive.

A Japanese movie benefit is planned for May 13 with proceeds earmarked for activities discussed above.

## San Luis Obispo welcome meet set

**SAN LUIS OBISPO**—Under the leadership of newly-elected president, Ken Kitasako of Arroyo Grande, the San Luis Obispo County JACL members will gather for their first meeting this Saturday, Mar. 26 at 7:30 p.m. The Pismo Beach Veterans Hall has been secured for the meeting.

Each member is expected to bring their neighbor or a newcomer in their community to meet other Nisei. After a business session, a social hour will follow and refreshments will be served.

Mr. and Mrs. Kitasako recently entertained the new cabinet members with a buffet dinner at their home and plans for the ensuing year were made. Members present were Takeshi Sato, 1st v.p.; Marge Eto, 2nd v.p.; Nadine Sawatari, rec. sec.; Chiyo Sakamoto, cor. sec.; Bob Shigenaka, treas.; Ellen Kishiyama, pub.; and Masaji Eto, member-at-large. Mrs. Sato assisted the hostess in preparation of the dinner.

Appointed by President Kitasako as the hospitality committee in the area to welcome new Nisei families were:

Ben Dohi and Hilo Fujinaka, Fair Oaks and Arroyo Grande; Masaji Eto and Ellen Kishiyama, Morro Bay and San Luis Obispo; Bob Shigenaka, Roy Obayashi and Skip Sato, Grover City, Pismo and Oceano. They will also contact old members for membership renewals. This committee will report at the next meeting on Mar. 26.

## Committeemen for Reedley community picnic listed

**REEDLEY**—Committeemen who planned the Reedley Community picnic co-sponsored by the Kiyogi Kai and local JACL and held last Sunday at Burris Park were announced.

General chairman Kei Kitahara was assisted by: Ben Nakagawa, John Morita; Mas Abe, Frank Kimura and Ed Yano, rafters; Terashi Ibara, purchasing; Howard Nakamura, games; Bill Minami, Dr. A. Tajiri, Toru Ikeda and Mas Okamura, masters of ceremonies; George Kimura, transp. and soft drinks; Ben Uyeda, clean up; Hiro Togioka, fin.; John Morita, inc.; Tom's Radio and Four Star TV, p.a. system; James Goishi, signs.

## Sequoia JACL schedules Easter Egg hunt April 3

**REDWOOD CITY**—Easter Egg Hunt for the youngsters will be sponsored by the Sequoia JACL on Sunday, April 3 under chairmanship of Mamoru Fukuma. The new JACL cabinet, headed by the president John Enomoto met March 21 to plan a chapter program for the year.

Floyd Granger, former Mayor of Redwood City, installed the new cabinet at the Sequoia JACL.

## Oakland JACLer hurt in automobile accident

**OAKLAND**—Charles Kawasaki of Oakland suffered a broken foot in an auto accident on March 7. He will be in a cast for seven weeks.

He is currently serving as third vice president of the local JACL chapter. His residence is 2035 11th Ave., Oakland.

## OAKLAND JR. JACL SCHOLARSHIP ESSAY CONTEST ANNOUNCED

**OAKLAND**—The Oakland Jr. JACL will sponsor a scholarship essay contest for students graduating from Oakland high schools in 1960.

Monetary prizes will be given to the top three contestants in order that the winners may receive financial assistance in furthering their studies. It was announced by the youth leaders.

Application blanks may be obtained by calling Jim Aoki, TWIn-oaks 3-2746 or Dick Kono, Higate 4-2730 or THornwall 3-6188.

Essays must be submitted to the scholarship committee by April 30.

## Salinas discusses future CL events

**SALINAS**—"Pinpoints & Compass Points Around the World" was the topic with slides shown by two world traveling teachers Alice Dawson and Patricia Reiper of Salinas at the recent Salinas Valley JACL meeting.

Kivo Hirano, chapter president, conducted a brief meeting before the talks. Calendar for the year was presented by Henry Hibino, program chairman. In the planning stage are the benefit movie, JACL community picnic, graduation dance, weiner bake and Christmas party. Possibilities of a bazaar and bridge lessons were also discussed.

Cemetery committee chairman James Abe reported that a donation was received from the K. Endo family, former Salinas residents now residing in Los Angeles.

The chapter has announced that Violet Shiratsuki, a Hartnell College student, will enter the National JACL oratorical contest.

Refreshments were served by Fumi Kita, Grace Hirano, and Sue Hori.

## Ex-Stockton mayor tells of Japan trip

**STOCKTON**—Dean de Carli, former Stockton mayor who last year participated in the Sister City ceremonies between the port cities of Shimizu and Stockton in Japan, proved to be an informative and entertaining speaker at the Stockton JACL installation dinner Mar. 13 at Risso's.

De Carli presented a running commentary of a very observant tourist during the showing of his collection of color slides on Japan. Chapter members felt a very rewarding evening was spent.

Ted Kamibayashi succeeded George Baba as chapter president. Municipal Judge Bill Dozier officiated at the installation.

Other cabinet officers are: Ed Yoshikawa, v.p.; Dr. David Kuji-shige, treas.; Yukie Shinoda, treas.; Mas Ishihara, pub.; Ted Ishihara, hist.; George Baba, 1000 Club; Henry Kusama, Dr. Ken Fujii, social; George Baba, del.; Fred Dobana, alt. del.

## PSW JACL credit union elects Sab Kido chairman

Directors of the Pacific Southwest JACL Credit Union recently met and elected the officers to serve for this year: Saburo Kido, pres.; Miwako Yanamoto, v.p.; Lynn Takagaki, treas.; and Fred Takata, sec. Other members of the board are Akira Hasegawa, Ken Dyo and Tom Ito.

Committee members are: credit—Henry Tsurutani, chmn.; Henry Murayama, Masaru Watamura, Joe Ito, and Taro Kawa; and supervisory—Blanche Shiosaki, chmn.; Lily Otera, Jerry Isonaka, and Frank Chuman.

at Dinah's Shack. Richard Arimoto installation dinner held recently to was the toastmaster at this event. Dr. Dwight Allen of Stanford University was the guest speaker.

## Cleveland chapter in first biennial recognition awards

**CLEVELAND**—Cleveland JACL successfully carried out its first biennial recognition banquet recently. Highlighting the program were the main address by Shig Wakamatsu, national president, and presentation of the newly created recognitions awards to deserving members who contributed valuable services to the JACL and the community on the whole.

The JACL Service Award was presented to Joe Kadowaki, whose two-term chairmanship revitalized the chapter. John Ochi was recipient of the JACL Membership Service Award for his behind-the-scenes efforts contributing to the success of many chapter activities. The Community Service Award was presented to Mrs. Dolly Semonco for contributing toward better intra-community and inter-community relations through her Japanese dance exhibitions and demonstrations.

Wakamatsu's inspirational message included high praise for the Cleveland chapter's exceptionally high quality community and public relations activities. He challenged the group to make further contributions to the field of improved understanding and relationship between the Japanese and Cleveland community.

Wakamatsu also commended the Cleveland JACL for initiating the Board of Advisers, a group comprised of prominent community leaders representing church, social service, education, business and industries who will serve the chapter. In so doing, the national president declared, this may well be the start of a trend for other chapters to follow.

The Sho-jo-ji Dancers also received special recognition for their tremendous public relations work, having performed before some 20,000 people to date.

Gene Takahashi, 1960 board chairman, and his board cohorts were installed by Abe Hagiwara of Chicago in an impressive candlelight service. Board members and appointments are as follows: August Nakagawa, v.c.; Mike Asazawa, treas.; Jiro Habara, Frank Shiba, 1000 Club and memb.; Min Iwasaki, Yoshiko Baker, Joe Kadowaki, John Ochi, Henry Tanaka, Masy Tashima and Mary Yoshida.

## 1960 calendar for Cleveland planned

**CLEVELAND**—A well-rounded program of activities was announced by the Cleveland JACL program chairman Henry Tanaka recently. A varied and interesting series of events for the coming year will provide the membership and community many opportunities to assist as well as participate, it was pointed out.

On the 1960 calendar are: Mar. 26—JACL Planning workshop.

Apr. 1-3—Washington, D.C., tour. May 28-30—MDC Convention at Milwaukee.

June 18—Scholarship banquet. June 26—Community picnic. Sept. 10—Issei Night.

Oct. 15—Social Security program. Nov. 19—Japanese Culture program.

December—Open. Jan. 21—Installation.

Special projects which are being investigated include participation in the Berea Fair Aug. 17-23 and a naturalization program for the Issei.

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# East of the River

By Richard Akagi

## TO NO POINT

New York

I am not a good listener. I find most talk boring or intolerable. Undoubtedly it's the company I keep. Also, there are times when the sound of my own voice bores me. Since I am not particularly sought after for the usual genteel or house-broken variety of social whoop-de-do's, I fill the empty moments by talking to myself. And even that conversation gets dull. But not so dull that I would willingly exchange it for something more orthodox.

The one small gain that middle-age has brought me is the easing of the compulsion to assert myself in public gatherings, to speak out, to let everyone know that here is a Nisei with a loud voice and louder opinions. The public gatherings I am referring to are non-Nisei ones, white, if you'll pardon the epithet. The Nisei gatherings are, in a way, a meeting of the clan, with the sloppy emotional informality and indulgence of family parties so that the need to call attention to one's self in these surroundings is virtually non-existent. Or, is it the other way around? Perhaps it's a matter of individual chemistry. What this paragraph has to do with that follows, I don't know. One thought led to another and—but why bother.

Anyway, to get back to the starting point, social conversation is a minor form of purgatory. I would welcome deafness except that I like good music. Like rock 'n roll. And hillbilly western. And gospel songs. Boy, I love gospel singing. Loud and stomping. It takes me back to the good old days of my inhibited, maladjusted, poverty-haunted youth. Measured emotionally, the distance between my youth and my inhibited, maladjusted, poverty-haunted middle-age is slight indeed.

The one gospel song I particularly enjoyed working over was "There Is Power In The Blood." Now there was a song you could really put your back into, which is the way I sang. I wonder if there is anything in the Nisei social life now to compare with the noisy, free-wheeling revival meetings that were so much a part of our existence during the pre-World War II days?

I remember those "popcorn" girls, so-called because they were forever popping up in meetings to "testify." There were "retreats," "advances," and "conclaves" in abundance then. Occasionally, some "unsaved" boys from L.A., slick and gleaming with carnality, would attend these affairs with the idea of picking-up the less sanctified female members in attendance. As a rule they were unsuccessful; actually, they didn't get much of a chance. They quickly became the target of "saving," a self-appointed evangelistic task force would converge on these hapless pleasure-seekers and bludgeon them with scripture verses and awful pronouncements of the doom in store for them. Cowed, shaken, the boys were only too happy to return to the safety of sin and Los Angeles. It was a delirious and, at times, happy period.

Apropos of nothing in particular, listen next time to a Nisei pronounce the phrase "these things;" maybe it's the Atlantic fog that curls our tongue out here. Anyway, I discovered that unless I say this phrase very quickly, slurring it, I can't say it at all. Try it. Slowly.

## SACRAMENTO IN 'SIXTY: by Shig Sakamoto

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twice fared fairly—as I did but he had an alibi. Hikida's job was men's scorekeeper chairman so he got off easy. Me, hm, hm. Not, bay windows, not Masao Satow, just say sore thumb.

Speaking of the awards dinner-dance shin-dig, I wished that my buddy Fred Takata were present. They served PRIME RIB, Fred!! And he being regional director in Smogville, I could have gotten him in for nothing!

One of the biggest surprises during the tournament was the special spaghetti dinner hosted by Dr. Bob Mayeda and Tom Ioka at the Blue Parrot Cafe, which is about 25 miles out of Denver. Among the 30 special guests invited to this affair were bowling members from Sacramento, Salt Lake City, Chicago, Los Angeles and San Jose. Slurping noodles which were fabulous as far as spaghetti went were San Jose's Tak Abo, Los Angeles' Judy Sakata, Sacramento's Dubby Tsugawa and Yours Truly, Salt Lake City's Dr. Jun Kurumada, Chicago's Sock Kojima and many others. The tab was picked up by the host (hear that, Fred!) and the cafe management even furnished bibs.

## Youth —

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tury there has been a White House Conference concerned with the Nation's children and youth . . . These conferences have contributed much to our present recognition of the importance of children and youth and their full development to our national future.

"A new decade will soon begin, and I am, therefore, directing that a sixth White House Conference on Children and Youth be held in March 1960. The rapidly changing times in which we live, and the increasingly fast pace of change, make it incumbent upon us to do everything we can to plan ahead and to see that we prepare today's children well for life in tomorrow's world . . ."

The idea for these White House conferences began in 1908 when James West and Theodore Dreiser called on President Theodore Roosevelt to discuss the plight of orphaned children. So impressed was the President that on Christmas Day he personally addressed 217 invitations requesting people from all over the Nation to attend a White House Conference in January of 1909.

### Child Labor Laws

The first Conference gave impetus to the establishment of the United States Children's Bureau in 1912, the enactment of child labor laws, and the organization of the first national voluntary agency concerned with the welfare of children. In each decade that followed, a White House Conference on children and youth called by the President left its mark.

1919—Established national responsibility in setting minimum health and welfare standards for mothers and children.

1930—Produced the most comprehensive collection of data on the health and welfare of children ever assembled, including the Children's Charter.

1940—Led to strengthening of personnel and training standards in equipping American children "for the successful practice of democracy."

1950—Endorsed a platform of meeting the problems which prevent young people from achieving healthy personalities; developed machinery for continuing activity during the time between Conferences.

The Council of National Organizations on Children and Youth, formerly the Advisory Council on Participation of National Organizations, to which the JACL now belongs, was organized in 1949 to work with the Midcentury White House Conference on Children and Youth. In the years since 1950, the Council has worked with the National Midcentury Committee for Children and Youth during the two years that committee served as the Conference follow-up organization. Since 1953, the Council, together with the National Council of State Committees for Children and Youth, has sponsored Joint Conferences in 1954, 1955, 1956, and 1958 to review the progress and circumstances of the Nation's children. A committee representing these three groups met in 1957 and wrote the President urging him to call the 1960 Conference, and offering to assist in the planning and work of the Conference.

### 7,000 Delegates Due

Some 7,000 delegates from all sections of the Nation will participate in the Conference, with some 1,700, of which 300 must be youth, nominated through the Council of National Organizations on Children and Youth. Youth are defined as those between the ages of 16 and 21 inclusive and young adults as those between the ages of 21 and 30 inclusive. All of the 50 governors have appointed official state committees to work with the Golden Anniversary White House Conference. All delegates are invited by the President on recognition of the Committee on Invitations and Credentials.

Since Masaoka and Yoshino are veterans in both JACL and youth activities, and since both are expected to attend the National JACL Convention this summer in the California Capital, Wakamatsu declared that their participation in the White House Conference should enable them to provide the JACL with the latest information and programs for properly developing the children and the youth of Nisei Americans.

He also observed that the invitation to become a member of the sponsoring organization is an honor and a recognition of the role that the JACL plays in the Japanese American society of the country.

## Berkeley JACL basketball tournament for high school youth set April 1-2

BERKELEY.—The annual B basketball tournament, sponsored by the Berkeley JACL chapter, has been set for the weekend of April 1 and 2. It was announced by Jiro Nakaso, chairman of the tournament committee.

Eight top B teams representing JACL chapters will again be invited to participate in the tournament.

The San Francisco chapter will be defending the tournament championship it won last year.

Tournament rules, announced by athletic chairman Jiro Nakaso, stipulate players must be a 11th or 12th grade student, live in the chapter area, not more than 12 on a roster and accompanied by a responsible member. Team fee is \$20. Entry fee deadline is Mar. 21.

A best of 12 free-throw contest during half-time of the championship game is also planned. Chap-

ters were asked to select the best shooter for this attraction.

Schedule calls for quarter-final rounds Friday night, semi-finals on Saturday afternoon and the championship game and awards dance on Saturday evening. Starting time and locale are to be announced.

Team entries must be submitted by Mar. 28 to Nakaso, 1831 Cedar St., Berkeley.

Frank Ogi is coaching the Berkeley JACL team, it was learned.

### Detroit kegler rolls

near perfect game: 297

DETROIT.—Eiji Shibuta started with a 245 game in the 915 Rainbow House League Mar. 14, strung 11 strikes for a 297 in the second game and finished with a 236 to blast a 778 series. Shibuta is currently holding a 205 average.

In the 910 Hall House League, Kay Takahashi shot a 276 game.

DETROIT—High scores continued to be reported in the various Detroit bowling leagues in recent weeks. Thomas Fukuda had 205-247-257-709 and a 683 series while Eiji Shibuta had 692 and Bob Seriguchi a 674.

### LOS ANGELES KEGLER SCORES '300' PERFECTO

Jackie Tom, long time LABCC bowler, came up with his first perfect bowling game in a pot game, March 19 at Holiday Bowl. He lined up 18 consecutive strikes over six lanes, the 300 game coming in the middle.

### STANDOUT STUDENTS GET SPECIAL PRIVILEGES

MORRO BAY.—In a unique way of recognizing outstanding students at the new Morro Bay High School, two Sansei were named as Very Privileged Students for the second time recently.

Karen Nagano, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Pat Nagano of Morro Bay, and Mike Kishiyama, son of Mr. and Mrs. Kay Kishiyama of Baywood Park, were accorded the privilege of being invited to dinner parties, no homework assignment for one week, passes to a local theater, ice cream parlor and all school events. Eight students are selected each quarter for their scholastic ability and extra-curricula activities at school.

Karen also recently won the Lions club student speaking contest.

Parents are active San Luis Obispo JACLers.

## Salt Lake cancels cage invitational

SALT LAKE CITY.—The Salt Lake Invitational Basketball Tournament Committee this week announced that "circumstances beyond our control make it impossible to hold our annual Salt Lake Oriental basketball tournament. Not enough team attendance coupled with financial difficulties make this cancellation necessary."

Jim Mitsunaga, chairman of the committee, added, "The fact that this tournament has been cancelled this year does not mean that we will cancel it next year. We are contemplating a bigger and better tournament and hope the teams will plan to play in our cagefest in 1961."

### Long Beach JACL preps team for Police League

LONG BEACH.—The Long Beach Harbor District JACL this year will have four teams playing Pee Wee league baseball, the new fourth squad competing in the Police League, it was announced last week by George Iseri, chapter baseball commissioner.

Saturday practice sessions are being held at Stephens Jr. High under the capable eyes of Bill Hara, Kaz Takade and Howard Marumoto.

### UC boxer in draw

BERKELEY.—Jack Kawamoto of the Cal boxing team fought to a draw against Leo Pasco of Univ. of San Francisco last week as the Golden Bears defeated the Dons 6½ to 2½.

### NAGOYA-L.A. STUDENT EXCHANGE PROPOSED

A student exchange program was received this past week by Los Angeles Mayor Poulson from his sister-city Nagoya Mayor Kobayashi, who expressed a willingness to send two boys and two girls to launch the project this summer.

Mayor Kobayashi also invited Los Angeles to send students on alternate years. Dr. Carrol Parrish of UCLA was appointed to study the proposal. The Japan-America Society of Los Angeles was asked to take charge.

### Youth leader picked

PASADENA.—Daniel I. Okimoto, 17, Pasadena High School senior, won first place in the boy's division for the local district in the annual statewide youth leadership contest sponsored by the Elks Club. He recently made a 10,000-mile speaking tour of Kiwanis and Key clubs in California, Nevada and Hawaii.

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## THE Northwest PICTURE

By Elmer Ogawa

### Business of Getting Around

Seattle

Thick headed stubbornness can certainly slow up some people. Take the writer of this piece for example. Tired of the string of futilities, last of which was junked last fall just before vacation, he has a very definite idea of what the next one will be, but insists on making a down payment of at least half, financing the rest.

Can tell you for sure, it's pretty hard to save 100 a week, especially when the take-home doesn't amount to that figure.

So when we pass people on the street, and they say, "What's New?" "Howya doin'?" or "What's the good word?" All we can say is, "Just scratching by," and the answer doesn't take any more expenditure of cerebral energy than that used by the inquirers.

So, as we grimace at the aches in our aging ol' legs as they propel us over Seattle's many hills (the Jackson Street regrade of 1907 is a wonderful engineering accomplishment), get to meditating on the great strides in transportation over this span of one short lifetime.

The two Denver columnists, Hosokawa and Tajiri, were recent visitors to New York. Probably did the trip in their spare time, without missing any part of a day's work. Mike Masaoka leaves Washington and is in Tokyo in two days with hours to spare. Yours truly went from Sea-Tac to Idlewild, most of it in darkness. Any old joker can go aboard, have a highball, dinner, swap a little conversation maybe, and then he's there. Life expectancy figures rise all the time, but what's the use—it doesn't mean that anyone is going to experience a better life in seeing or getting acquainted with this U.S. of A.

Now, in our reflections as we trudge wearily up the Jackson Street regrade—a weekend trip of say 40 miles used to be a great event, packed with thrills, and wonders at all the sights we saw. There was the hustle and bustle in the morning; sandwiches, lemonade, sushi, potato salad; got the Oriental and occidental menus mixed up there; but let's not forget the fried chicken which at the time was the picnic food of either plutocrats or show-offs.

If father was the proud possessor of a Model T, then the ritual went like this—to mama who was probably the one sharing the front seat, went the instructions, "When I crank, and it starts, then push this spark lever on the steering wheel, UP, and pull the other one DOWN, see?" Then after a few tries, the thing kicks over, and the motor lets out a magnificent roar—you see, you blase mid-century blokes, the adventure started even before we turned a wheel. But suppose like the most of us, your family didn't even have a Model T?

Then you could take the Yesler of Madison cable car to Leschi of Madison Park on the shores of Lake Washington—or perhaps get marine transportation by ferry to Kirkland, or motor launch to Mercer Island. It was a long trip that filled out a glorious day. If you stayed on this side of the lake, you could rent a row boat or a canoe, and if it was a canoe, impress the girl friend on how a guy could turn on a dime, right or left, without shifting the paddle.

Those excellent Sound steamers, the Flyer, the Indianapolis and the Tacoma, running at 16-18 knots would take you to Tacoma for 50 cents—and in two hours—faster than you could drive it by Model T. That particular tour was an all day job, and it wasn't til the Model A and better roads shortened the distance.

To go to Snoqualmie Falls or to Snoqualmie Pass (about 40 or 70 miles on the roads in them days) the big timers would hire the required number of 12 cylinder Packard touring cars from Tokyo or Miyako Auto Rent, with chauffeur.

Well, lessee, what were we getting at—those picnics and outings, a commuter's hop by today's standards, were great events. Our eyes took in every inch of our fabulous green countryside—marveled at the wonders of this Northwest world in which we live—and today travelers span the continent and never even look out the window.

### WASHINGTON NEWSLETTER: by Mike Masaoka

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rectly on the floor.

Senator Lister Hill of Alabama, usually considered a "liberal" Democrat on most issues, denounced the rumored move as an attempt to "ram through" civil rights legislation in an election year. He also warned Vice President Nixon against repeating his performance of three years ago (1957) when the Vice President expressed his belief that the Senate has a rule under which it may place a House bill on its calendar without reference to a committee. The Vice President submitted the question to the Senate itself, which voted 45 to 30 to bypass the Judiciary Committee.

Most observers believe that the Senate will again bypass the Judiciary Committee in order to be able to vote on some civil rights legislation this session.

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Calif. FEPC state chairman John Anson Ford (left) and Los Angeles County Supervisor Eugene Debs congratulate Mrs. Mae Kumashiro Carlton, a blind Nisei, on her new snack bar in L.A. Juvenile Court, 1601 Eastlake Ave., opened several weeks ago. She has been hailed as a Nisei ambassador of goodwill.

## VITAL STATISTICS

### BIRTHS

#### LOS ANGELES

Beteta, Marco (Lillian Hori)—boy Timothy, Dec. 23.  
Dilla, Douglas (Mary Kitano) — boy Craig D., Feb. 16.  
Goya, Masanobu (Yoko Adachi)—boy Alvin Hiroshi, Dec. 26.  
Hamamoto, Tamotsu (Shifumi Tanaka)—boy Wendell Yasufumi, Jan. 8.  
Hirata, Shigeru—boy, Jan. 2, Gardena.  
Honda, Kenneth T. (Elaine T. Koga)—boy Stuart Teruo, Dec. 23.  
Ikeda, Shigeru (Sumiko Kijima)—girl Sandra N., Jan. 7.  
Ikeda, Takamichi—boy, Dec. 7, Pasadena.  
Ho, James T. (Sumiko Hasegawa)—boy Craig Majima, Jan. 2.  
Izumi, Akiwohi (Dorothy L. Tom)—boy Stanley A., Dec. 30.  
Kamifuji, Tomi (Misako Betsulin)—girl Doreen Miyoko, Feb. 3.  
Kamikubo, Masami—girl, Dec. 9, Long Beach.  
Kanno, Hajime (Kiyoko Inukai)—boy Henry Susumu, Jan. 3.  
Kim, Donald Y. (Tamiko Iwata)—boy Glen Taka, Jan. 7.  
Kishaba, Fred R. (Fusako Nakasone)—boy Kelvin Rikio, Jan. 8.  
Komai, Leo G. (Eleanor Kushida)—girl Janis H., Dec. 20.  
Kuba, Joe H. (Mary Toyoda) — boy Frank Kunihito, Jan. 4.  
Kuboshima, Toshio (Yaeko Watari)—boy Russell, Jan. 6.  
Kuratan, Kazuo (Esther T. Aoki)—boy James M., Jan. 4.  
Kushida, Albert H. (Mitsuko Yanabu)—girl Cherry Lee Shizuko, Dec. 22.  
Laribe, John L. (Yukiko Ota) — girl Geri, Dec. 18.  
Matsumoto, Ted—boy, Oct. 20, Long Beach.  
Mizutani, Toshiyuki (Violet Nakamura)—boy Craig Takatoshi, Jan. 3.  
Nakagawa, Shir (Sachiko Masuoka)—girl Jane Yukiko, Jan. 4.  
Nakamatsu, Jack—girl Arleen P., Jan. 18.  
Nishimura, Gilbert (Dorothy Toyota)—girl Karen Kaniko, Jan. 7.  
Okubo, Hikaru (Betty Sasaki) — girl Dorothy Tamiko, Dec. 22.  
Sakai, George (Hideko Etoi)—boy Rodney K., Jan. 8.  
Saito, Yuiiro (Aiko Kozuma) — girl Linda Koko, Jan. 3.  
Sakuma, Yoshikazu (Tsuayako Higuichi)—boy Roger J., Jan. 9.  
Sato, Ichiro—girl, Dec. 21, Compton.  
Shigyo, Shigemi (Toshiko Yoshida)—boy Alan C., Jan. 7.  
Shiraki, Albert (Fumiko Yamaguma)—boy Minoru John, Dec. 22.  
Takeuchi, Tetsuo—girl, Nov. 16, Long Beach.  
Tanabe, Tetsuo—boy, Jan. 18, Torrance.  
Tanida, Teruzo (Misako Sunamoto)—boy Dennis Tetsuki, Jan. 4.  
Tatsumi, Yoshiro (Lorraine Fukuda)—boy Gary, Dec. 30, North Hollywood.  
Thelen, Ronald (Yoko H. Suenaka)—girl, Dec. 9, Studio City.

### SAN JOSE

Fukuda, Robert H.—girl Teresa J., Jan. 3.

### DEATHS

Aoki, Mrs. Shige, 83: Riverside, Feb. 29.  
Eiki, Hikoshio, 68: Los Angeles, Mar. 13.  
Funai, Kametaro, 84: Seattle, Mar. 11.  
Ishibashi, T. Raymond, 24: Los Angeles, Mar. 15 (p) Mr. and Mrs. Tokuto, (b) Kenneth, (s) Sharon.  
Jitsumyo, Toichi, 76: Fresno, Feb. 29.  
Kaneko, Carolyn M., 6 wks.: Los Angeles, Mar. 12—(p) Mr. and Mrs. Michio.  
Kanenaga, Masao, 22: Fowler, Feb. 29—(s) Dorothy, Mmes. Sadako Shimada, Suyeko Yamada.  
Kawamori, Rev. Eiji, 66: San Francisco, Mar. 6.  
Kobayashi, Suteji, 82: Los Angeles, Mar. 4.  
Kodama, Zenzo, 79: Portland, Mar. 3.  
Kozuma, Tame, 79: Yuba City, Mar. 1.  
Morita, Yutaka, 62: Oakland, Feb. 29.  
Morita, Midori, 51: Bridgeton, N.J., Jan. 4.  
Nagaoka, Gail C., 24: Gardena, Mar. 7 (fun'l) — (p) Mr. and Mrs. Shiro Nakatani, Uta, 74: Seattle, Mar. 12.  
Nishi, Chuzaburo, 75: Los Angeles, Mar. 13.  
Nishiguchi, Ben M., 41: Ontario, Ore., Mar. 8—(w) Florence, five daughters, (f) George, three brothers, three sisters.  
Nitta, Tane, Loomis, Mar. 11.  
Obata, Toralehi, 76: Gilroy, Mar. 14.  
Saketa, Kisaburo, 77: Rexburg, Idaho, Mar. 2.  
Shimazaki, Ichinojo, 78: Salt Lake City, March 7.  
Sugaya, Mrs. Yasuko: San Francisco, Mar. 2.  
Takahashi, Kitaro, 76: Los Angeles, Mar. 11.  
Takekoto, Misayo, 69: Sanger, Mar. 8.  
Tatsuno, Hyakuchiro, 92: Bakersfield, Feb. 28.  
Terakami, Yasue, 79: Culver City, Feb. 29.  
Togino, Tameichi, 58: Los Angeles, Mar. 3.  
Uchida, Gsuke, 39: Gardena, Mar. 10.  
Ueno, Yoshie, 65: Walnut Grove, Mar. 5.  
Yamamoto, Yukimi: New York, Mar. 8.

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SEATTLE. — Washington's Home-maker of Tomorrow is Harumi Yamagiwa of Lewis and Clark High School, Spokane.

Miss Yamagiwa, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Hidejiro Yamagiwa, received the highest rating in a written examination on homemaking knowledge which was administered to over 7,000 senior girls throughout Washington.

She will receive a \$1,500 scholarship from General Mills, and becomes a candidate with 49 other state winners and the representative from the District of Columbia for the title of All-American Homemaker of Tomorrow.

Miss Yamagiwa plans to become a medical technologist... and her other interests are sewing and collecting recipes. She cooks "typically American" dishes while her mother does Japanese style cooking.

### Fresno bazaar

FRESNO. — The Fresno Betsuin Food Bazaar will be held at the Edison High School cafeteria on Sunday, April 3, from 4 to 9 p.m. in conjunction with Hana Matsuri. Co-chairmen are Teruo Tsuruoka and Kenji Fukuda.

### DANCE CLASS FOR INTERMEDIATES PLANNED

International Institute, 435 S. Boyle Ave., announced a new eight weeks class in ballroom dancing for those who have completed the beginner's course starting Wednesday, April 6, 8 p.m. Gene Parker will instruct. Application must be made by April 1 with the Institute's activities department (AN 1-4171). Class fees are \$10 for men, \$5 for women.

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## Washington Newsletter

BY MIKE MASAOKA

### CIVIL RIGHTS PROBABILITIES

Washington D.C.

THOUGH THE CIVIL RIGHTS battle seems to be far from over in this Congress, as of this writing, it now appears quite certain that the most that can be expected in this presidential and congressional campaign year is some form of voting rights legislation, with perhaps a few extra fringe provisions included for "show" purposes.

But, whether even this minimum voting rights legislation will represent meaningful law in assuring all Americans the right to the ballot was still to be determined when this Newsletter was written.

AS THIS WEEK began, civil rights advocates in the House appeared rather optimistic that the Southern opposition had reached its high-water mark, its Gettysburg as it were where Confederate troops almost a hundred years ago made their northernmost penetration in the War Between the States, last Friday when they failed by only three votes (137 to 134) to limit voting rights only to Federal or national elections.

With most of the nearby congressmen from northern and midwestern states away in their home constituencies as is the tradition on weekends, only 271 of the current 432 House membership were present and voting last Friday. Since most of the absentees are on record in favor of civil rights, the showdown voting this week was expected to show increased strength for at least voting rights for both Federal and state or local elections.

THOUGH THE SOUTHERNERS bitterly resented the blame for delaying final action on civil rights beyond last week's anticipated final vote, they were still prepared to prolong as long as possible the passage of any strong and meaningful legislation.

Indications Monday evening were that the House would probably complete its version by this weekend. The House bill was expected to include some kind of voting rights guarantee, with the token fringe civil rights reported by the House Judiciary Committee last August also as possibilities. These include provisions against "hate" bombings, retention of voting records, and schooling for the children of military personnel in areas where public schools are closed to avoid desegregation.

A WEEK AGO last Monday, the House shelved two amendments of a rather meaningful character by sustaining points of order rulings made by the Chair. One was for legal sanction for the President's Committee on Government Contracts that is concerned with racial discrimination in employment in companies doing work with Federal funds. The other was for granting financial and technical aid to communities seeking to desegregate their schools.

Two Democratic Congressmen who over the years have been most helpful to Americans of Japanese ancestry played the leading roles, though it was generally admitted that what would happen was known to all concerned long before the actual issues were brought to a head. Brooklyn Democrat Emanuel Celler, Chairman of the House Judiciary Committee, offered both amendments and Pennsylvania Democrat Francis E. Walter, Chairman of the House Judiciary Subcommittee on Immigration and Naturalization and Chairman of the Committee of the Whole House considering this legislation, ruled that both amendments were not germane to the bill reported by the House Judiciary Committee last August. On the job discrimination amendment, on an appeal from the ruling of the Chair, Congressman Walter was sustained by a vote of 157 to 67. Traditionally, rulings of the Chair are upheld.

These actions early emphasized that even this Congress would not agree to any but the most "moderate" kind of civil rights bill.

THOUGH FEW, IF ANY, senators would admit it, the Senate last week and this continued to mark time until the House completed action on its bill. Then, according to most Capitol observers, the Senate will bypass its own Judiciary Committee and vote to consider the bill directly, to substitute it for the current military reservations bill that is serving as the vehicle for this civil rights debate, to pass the House bill as its own, and to send it directly to the White House for the anticipated presidential signature.

Bypassing the Judiciary Committee and considering a House-passed bill directly was the method used in 1957 to circumvent the powerful influence of civil rights foe Chairman James O. Eastland of Mississippi of the Judiciary Committee, and to secure passage of the first civil rights law in some 80 years. Substituting the House-passed bill for its own and sending it directly to the President would bypass the possibilities of further frustrations and delay by either or both a Southern-dominated House-Senate Conference to reconcile differences and House Rules Committee clearance.

THIS MONDAY, THE Southern lawmakers who thus far have succeeded in preventing their "liberal" colleagues from securing meaningful amendments served notice that they would resist any effort to bypass Senator Eastland's Judiciary Committee and to consider any House-passed civil rights bill di-

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## Yoshino, Masaoka named delegates to civil liberties meet

(JACL News Service)

CHICAGO. — John Yoshino and Mike Masaoka represented the Japanese American Citizens League at the 12th annual Conference of the National Civil Liberties Clearing House held in Washington, D.C., this week, National JACL President Shigeo Wakamatsu revealed.

Yoshino is the president of the Washington, D.C. chapter of the JACL and Masaoka is its Washington representative. Yoshino is the liaison officer for the President's Committee on Government Contracts and also president of the Mid-Atlantic Area Conference of the National Association of Inter-group Relations Officials. Masaoka is a former chairman of the National Civil Liberties Clearing House.

The opening Thursday afternoon program was devoted to "Civil Rights—Facts and Forecasts", with Clarence Mitchell, Director, Washington Bureau of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, serving as chairman.

Participants included Dr. Daniel W. Wynn, Chaplain, Tuskegee Institute, commenting on "An American Tries to Vote", Harold C. Fleming, Executive Director, Southern Regional Conference, on "Can We Break Through the Segregation Stalemate?", Congressman James Roosevelt (D., Calif.) on "The Congressional Facts of Life", and United States Deputy Attorney General Lawrence E. Walsh on "New Law and Old Traditions." Resource persons were Arnold Aronson, secretary, National Community Relations Advisory Council, and Rowland Watts, Washington, D.C. counsel, American Civil Liberties Union.

### Dinner Meeting Topic

The dinner meeting was to consider "The Promise of American Life, 1960," Herman Edelsberg, director, Washington Office, Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith, and chairman of the National Civil Liberties Clearing House, served as the toastmaster. Congressman Richard Bolling (D., Mo.) spoke on "Our National Purpose—Our International Image" as did Emmet J. Hughes, Chief, Foreign Correspondents, Time-Life, and author "America The Vincible".

Friday's morning meeting will discuss "Obscenity and Censorship", Dr. Richard B. Kennan, secretary, Defense Commission, National Education Association, will be the chairman, with the following participants: George Soll, Board Member, American Civil Liberties Union, defining "The Issues", Charles H. Keating, Jr., Chairman, Citizens for Decent Literature, Inc.

### Panel on Smut

Answering the question "Can't We Outlaw Smut?", Dr. Benjamin Karpman, Chief Psychotherapist, St. Elizabeth's (National) Hospital, explaining how "A Psychiatrist Looks at the Problem", and Dan Lacy, Director of the American Book Publishers Council asking "Where Do We Draw the Line?". Helen Raebeck, of the National Council of Jewish Women, and Dr. Claud Nelson, of the National Council of Churches, will serve as resource personnel.

The final and luncheon session on Friday examines "Law Enforcement and Civil Liberties: Are the Courts Shackling the Police?" Discussants include Alan Barth, editorial writer of The Washington Post and author of "The Loyalty of Free Men", on the subject of "The Issue", Oliver Gasch, United States Attorney for the District of Columbia, on "Police Work and the Bill of Rights", Sam Dash, author of "The Eavesdroppers", on "Wiretapping—Who, What, How?", and Professor Robert B. McKay, School of Law, New York University, on "The Case for the Accused". Resource persons include Thomas E. Harris, of the AFL-CIO, and Frank Reeves, Washington representative, NAACP Legal Defense Fund.

Annually, over a hundred national organizations are represented at the Conference which serves as the clearing house for the ex-

## Immigration —

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the increased quota for Japan would be based upon the actual immigration from 1952 to 1959 in all categories, quota as well as non-quota. If the 1960 census were used, since the Japanese in Hawaii would now be included, under the proposed formula Japan's annual quota would be boosted from 185 to approximately 1,859; and

"5. The unused quotas of under-subscribed countries should be distributed among oversubscribed countries. This distribution should be in proportion to the quotas for the oversubscribed quotas."

The following afternoon (March 18), Republican Leader Senator Everett M. Dirksen of Illinois, together with a number of other GOP lawmakers, introduced the President's program in legislative form.

### No Action Seen

The Washington JACL Office expressed the opinion that, because of the lateness in the session and the preoccupation of the Congress with civil rights and other controversial legislation in this presidential and congressional election year, probably no action would be taken on these proposals this session.

The Office noted that Congressman Francis E. Walter, Pennsylvania Democrat who is the Chairman of the House Judiciary Subcommittee on Immigration and Naturalization and probably the single most influential member in the entire Congress on immigration matters, has already expressed his disapproval of the President's message as an election year action.

With the admission of Hawaii as our 50th State and with our greater concern and interest in the Far East, there is no longer any justification, if indeed there ever was except as a matter of political reality, for the continuance of the so-called Asia-Pacific triangle which serves as a kind of racial discrimination against those of Asian ancestry. The Washington JACL Office commented on the President's specific reference to this special concept which was accepted as part of the Walter-McCarran Act in order to secure the elimination of more basic discriminations.

### Analysis of 1960 Bill

In an analysis of the President's latest proposals in the immigration field, the Washington JACL Office stressed that it preferred the White House's 1956 proposals for the use of unused quotas to that recommended last week.

Three years ago, the President suggested that the unused quota numbers of the various areas be placed in regional pools, rather than a single world-wide pool. If the unused quotas of all Asiatic countries were placed in an Asia pool and only nations in Asia could avail themselves of the unused quotas, Japan would be a major beneficiary.

On the other hand, in a world-wide pool based upon the quotas of oversubscribed countries, Japan probably would not fare so well.

The JACL Office also noted that the President's program would remove an inequity in existing law relating to the Asian or part Asian spouse of a Western Hemisphere native by granting the Asian or part Asian spouse the benefit of the quota of an accompanying spouse or permit the Asian spouse of a native of North and South America to be classified as a nonquota immigrant if accompanying or following to join such spouse.

### Would Aid Canada Nisei

Such a change in the statute would enable the Canadian Nisei wives of Canadian citizens, for instance, to enter the United States as nonquota immigrants, instead of having to qualify for Japanese quota number.

It was further revealed that the President proposed the elimination of the existing law for information concerning "race and ethnic classification" to be furnished in applications for both immigrant and non-immigrant visas.

change of ideas and the dissemination of information in the fields of civil liberties, civil rights, human rights, and intellectual freedom. JACL is one of the charter members not only of the National Civil Liberties Clearing House but also of the annual conferences.

## Chinese Reds jail wartime CL sponsor

TOKYO. — Bishop James Edward Walsh, M.M., the last high foreign prelate of the Roman Catholic Church in mainland China, was sentenced last week to 20 years in prison on charges of conspiring to overthrow the Communist regime.

(During his tenure as superior general of Maryknoll, he was a wartime National JACL sponsor.)

Peiping Radio reported the sentence against the ailing, 68-year-old American just a day after announcing that Bishop Ignatius Kung Pinmei of Shanghai and 13 other Chinese Catholics had been sentenced to terms ranging from five years to life on espionage and subversion charges.

Bishop Walsh was named, as their ringleader but no mention of any trial for him was made then. He had been head of the Central Catholic Bureau of Shanghai, closed down by the Communists in 1951.

Peiping Radio said Bishop Walsh, arrested in 1958 on charges of "plotting to overthrow the new China," was convicted of subversive activities.

## TEAHOUSE IN NATION'S CAPITAL BEING BUILT

WASHINGTON. — The Japanese Embassy here will soon have its own teahouse—a gift of Japanese industrialists who visited Washington, D.C., last year.

Nine Japanese craftsmen are now assembling the small Japanese house and garden on the embassy grounds. Completion is expected by May.

Embassy head gardener To-shichi Mitoma says that in the past tourists have come to the embassy and asked: "Where is your teahouse? Where is your garden?"

"Now we will have one. I am very happy," he added.

## CALENDAR

- Mar. 26 (Saturday)
  - Cleveland—JACL Planning workshop, Nationalities Services Center.
  - San Luis Obispo—General meeting, Pismo Veterans Hall, 8 p.m.
  - Contra Costa—Welcome social, Stego School, 7 p.m.
  - Long Beach—Hi-Co Forum: "Religion" Grosinger's Drive-In Restaurant, 7 p.m.
  - Philadelphia — Installation dinner-dance, Broadwood Hotel, 8:30 p.m.; Mike Masaoka, spkr.
  - Idaho Falls—Issei Appreciation Night, Jack's Chicken Inn.
  - San Francisco—Auxiliary Spring dance, Golden West YMCA, Stonestown.
- Mar. 27 (Sunday)
  - Parlier — Family bowling, Sunnyside Bowl, Fresno.
- April 1-2
  - Berkeley—Invitational basketball tournament.
- April 1-3
  - Cleveland—Washington, D.C. tour.
- Apr. 2 (Saturday)
  - Detroit—Spring Dance, Veterans Memorial Bldg., 9 p.m.
  - Venice-Culver—Issei Night, Gakuen hall.
- Apr. 3 (Sunday)
  - Parlier—Community picnic, Kearney Park, Fresno.
  - Sequoia—Easter egg hunt.
  - San Francisco—Auxiliary visit, Laguna Honda Home.
  - PSWDC—Special meeting, Gardena.
  - Mile-Hi—Issei Appreciation dinner, Lotus Room, 5 p.m.
  - IDC—Quarterly session, Idaho Falls.
  - Watsonville—Community picnic.
- Apr. 3 (Saturday)
  - Southwest L.A.—"Spring Fever" dance, Carolina Pines, 9 p.m.
  - Sonoma County—Family bowling night.
- Apr. 10 (Sunday)
  - Gilroy—JACL Picnic, Uvas.
- Apr. 13 (Wednesday)
  - Sequoia—Bridge tournament, Okamura Hall, 8:15 p.m.
- Apr. 16 (Saturday)
  - Long Beach—Oriental Fantasy dance, Harbor Community Center.
  - San Jose—Welcome Member party, Eagle Hall, 148 N. 3rd St., 7:30 p.m.
- Apr. 18 (Monday)
  - West Los Angeles—Auxiliary meeting.
- Apr. 19 (Tuesday)
  - San Francisco—Auxiliary meeting.
- April 20 (Wednesday)
  - Chicago—Cooking class.
  - West Los Angeles—General meeting, Buddhist Church, 8 p.m.: "Parents and Teenagers", forum.
- April 22-24
  - San Francisco—Scholarship benefit movies.
- April 23 (Saturday)
  - CCDC—Quarterly session, Parlier Buddhist Church, 7:30 p.m.
- April 23-24
  - Philadelphia—Folk Fair, Convention Hall.
- April 24 (Sunday)
  - Fowler—Community picnic, Burris Park.
  - Placer County—Community picnic, JACL Park, Penryn.
- April 27 (Wednesday)
  - Chicago—Cooking class.