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## COLUMN LEFT:

## JACL Hawaii Disaster Campaign underway

In the midst of international strife and crises—the failure of the Paris Summit, student riots in Korea, Turkey and Japan, and Castro's courting of communism, violent earthquakes have forced Chileans to their knees. And among the consequences of these seismic disturbances were the tidal waves that raised havoc in New Zealand, Hawaii and Japan and other Pacific coast towns.

Since the tidal wave struck the Big Island of Hawaii, many Nisei on the Mainland have been very concerned with the devastation there. Congressman Inouye, upon his return from the disaster area, found 69 persons were killed, 15 missing, 200 injured seriously, and 3,000 left homeless. Damages were over \$70-million.

Joe Kadowaki of Cleveland, MDC chairman appointed by JACL president Shig Wakamatsu to launch this project among the JACL chapters, said: "We cannot overlook the importance of coming to the aid of a Sister State in her time of need."

Hilo has been declared a disaster area and federal aid is being sought. However, the slow process of federal grants plus the immediate need for welfare make it vital that action be taken at once.

Chapters are being asked to help solicit funds from the community at large. The immediate national goal is \$17,000 by August 15. "This will be a wonderful opportunity in which JACL chapters can really become better acquainted with the overall community," Kadowaki added, by having this project publicized in the local press and radio.

Checks made to "JACL Hawaii Disaster" will be accepted by Masao Satow, fund treasurer, 1634 Post St., San Francisco 15, California.

During a period when political and international complications swell everyone's minds, natural disaster has struck to show how big a heart we have.—H.H.

## COMPLETE JACL ELECTION SLATE OF 8 REVEALED

(JACL News Service)

FRESNO.—Dr. George Miyake, Chairman of the National JACL Nominations Committee, released today the names of candidates for posts on the national JACL Board nominated by their respective District Councils.

For National President: Frank Chuman, Southwest Los Angeles Chapter.

Nat'l First Vice President: Patrick Okura, Omaha; Toru Sakahara, Seattle.

Nat'l Second Vice President: George Abe, Selma.

Nat'l Third Vice President: George Sugai, Snake River Valley.

Nat'l Treasurer: Kumeo Yoshinari, Chicago.

Secretary to Nat'l Board: Jerry Enomoto, San Francisco.

Nat'l 1000 Club Chairman: Ira Shimazaki, Washington, D.C.

Dr. Miyake pointed out that further nominations may be made through the following methods:

(1) by petition signed by the presidents of three chapters, (2) by members of the National Nominations Committee at the meeting of the Committee on Wednesday morning, June 29, at 7:30 a.m., and (3) by nomination from the floor when the National Council is convened for the purpose of election of national officers on Saturday, July 2, at 1:30 p.m.

(The Pacific Citizen has published the personal background of all the candidates except for K. Patrick Okura of Omaha, George Abe of Selma and Kumeo A. Yoshinari of Chicago, which are presented in brief below.)

OKURA: chief probation officer, Douglas County, Neb., and chair-

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## Five more candidates nominated for 'Nisei of Biennium' honors; drama critic, Broadway singer, mayor, youth worker, judoist

Five more candidates were nominated by the June 1 deadline for the "Nisei of the Biennium" award to be presented at the forthcoming 16th Biennial National JACL Convention recognitions banquet July 2 at Sacramento's El Dorado Hotel, it was announced this week by Dr. Roy Nishikawa of Los Angeles, chairman of the national JACL recognitions committee.

The judges now will select five finalists from a field of 12 distinguished Nisei—all of whom are leaders in their respective fields of endeavor. All five are to be honored at the convention with one to be the "Nisei of the Biennium."

Last-minute nominations were submitted for Denver Post drama editor Larry Tajiri, Union City's first mayor Tom Kitayama, top-ranking judoist Masato Tamura of Chicago, longtime YMCA leader David M. Tatsuno of San Jose and Broadway stage star Pat Suzuki.

Previously nominated were Bud Iwata, farm cooperative manager, of Livingston; civic leader Tak Kubota of Seattle; John Yoshino, President's Committee on Government Contracts; K. Patrick Okura, chief probation officer in Douglas County, Neb.; the Rev. Donald Toriumi, recently elected moderator of the Los Angeles Presbytery; Congressman Daniel Inouye of Hawaii; Stephen "Kap" Tanura, Orange County counsel.

### Dave Tatsuno

For outstanding service to boys work through the YMCA, Tatsuno was nominated by the San Francisco JACL. He is currently serving as chairman of the Pacific Southwest Area YMCA Council, comprised of over 100 "Y" groups in California, Nevada, Arizona, New



One of the sightseeing spots of Sacramento, site of the 16th Biennial National JACL Convention, June 28-July 2, is Sutter's Fort — now maintained by the State Dept. of National Resources. Museum containing early California relics is open daily from 10 to 5. Convention queen Linda Yatabe (center) of San Francisco is being shown the sights by Jane Takahashi and Tak Tsujita, Sacramento JACL.

## CCDC PRE-CONVENTION RALLY JUNE 18, QUEEN TO BE SPECIAL GUEST

FRESNO.—Special pre-convention CCDC meeting will be held at the local Japanese Congregational Church from 2 to 5 p.m. on Saturday, June 18. National Director Masao Satow is expected to attend to discuss the important matters that will come up at the National Convention.

The rally will take place at the Desert Inn on White Bridge Road starting at 7 p.m. Convention queen Linda Yatabe, convention general chairman Bill Matsumoto, and the Sacramento delegation will be guests.

## REP. INOUE TO LEAD HAWAIIAN DELEGATION TO L.A. DEMOCRATIC PARLEY

Rep. Daniel K. Inouye and former Delegate John A. Burns will lead the 18-man delegation from the State of Hawaii to the National Democratic Convention opening at the Los Angeles Sports Arena on July 11.

Other delegates will include Sen. Oren E. Long, Duke Kawasaki, Mrs. Patsy Mink, Tokuchi Takushi, Dr. Ernest I. Mural, Toshio Serisawa, Richard Nishimura, Minoru Yamasaki.

Hawaii will have nine convention votes. The group comes uninstruc-

## JACL DRIVE FOR HAWAII TIDAL VICTIMS STARTED

(JACL News Service)

CHICAGO.—National JACL President Shig Wakamatsu this week announced a JACL Hawaii Disaster Fund to aid victims of the recent tidal wave on the island of Hawaii.

According to reports received through Hawaii Congressman Daniel K. Inouye, there are 69 dead, 15 missing, 200 injured, 3,000 homeless, and an estimated property damage of \$70,000,000.

Wakamatsu pointed out that "the circumstances resulting from the earthquake in Chile have focused public attention to that area, and the plight of our fellow citizens of the 50th State has been overlooked."

Voluntary cash donations will be accepted at JACL National Headquarters, 1634 Post St., San Francisco 15, Calif. Checks should be made out to: "JACL Hawaii Disaster." The money will be transmitted by JACL to Thomas Cook, chairman of the County of Hawaii board of supervisors.

Wakamatsu designated National Board member Joe Kadowaki, chairman of the Midwest District Council, to coordinate efforts in this relief fund drive. Kadowaki noted that many of the victims were Japanese Americans.

Upon report of the disaster, National Headquarters dispatched a wire of sympathy and concern to James Hirano of Hilo, Hawaii. Hirano organized support from the island of Hawaii for JACL's naturalization campaign. In three separate campaigns, the people of the State of Hawaii contributed \$90,000 toward JACL's legislative efforts.

## EX-HAWAII RESIDENTS OF SOUTHLAND LAUD JACL DRIVE

Former Hawaiian residents in Los Angeles lauded the announcement by JACL President Shig Wakamatsu to aid tidal wave victims of Hawaii.

Study of ways and means to cooperate with National JACL is being planned for a meeting Monday at the Daruma.

Among the local leaders from Hawaii calling the meeting are Eddie and Kiyo Yamato, both from Hilo, Masao Igasaki (Downtown L.A. JACL's first president), Tad Igasaki, James Ito, Ernest Iwasaki, Saburo Kido, Dr. Tatsuyo Ichio, Fred Matsuo and Fred Tao-mae.

## DATES

**JUNE 15**—Extended deadline for convention pre-registration, \$25 package deal; write to Mrs. Betsie Sanui, 1000 P St., Sacramento, Calif.

**JUNE 15**—Deadline for Convention bridge tournament, \$2.50 plus reg. fee; write to Dr. George Takahashi, 1200-4th St., Sacramento, Calif.

**JUNE 18**—Extended deadline for entries in JACL Essay Contest: "Our Role as Japanese American Youth in the Future of JACL," limited to youth between 16-21, 800-1,000 words. Submit to Eugene Okada, contest chairman, 322 "O" St., Sacramento.

**JUNE 20**—Extended deadline for nominations for "JACLer of the Biennium." Send to Dr. Roy Nishikawa, 234 S. Oxford Ave., Los Angeles.

**JUNE 20**—Final deadline for JACL Convention pre-registration, \$25 package deal; write to Mrs. Betsie Sanui, 100 "P" St., Sacramento, Calif.

**JUNE 30**—Extended deadline for 1960 JACL Scholarship awards. One nominee per chapter; send to JACL Headquarters, 1634 Post St., San Francisco 15, Calif.

**AUG. 15**—Deadline for JACL Hawaii Disaster fund drive, \$17,000 national goal; public invited to contribute; send care of JACL Headquarters, 1634 Post St., San Francisco 15, Calif.

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## Ye Editor's Desk

## INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS

JACL's international relations policy that called for a "per issue" study was designed to protect JACL's good name from being dragged needlessly into public turmoil. Last week, thanks to a dandy mix-up by a press association, JACL was being tossed into the controversy raging between Tokyo and Washington over the ratification of the U.S.-Japan Mutual Security Treaty. . . . The policy, while it guides the organization, wasn't able to cope entirely with the situation.

The UPI Tokyo dispatch last Sunday reported Shinichi Unno, director of the Japan Civil Liberties Union, was surprised over the story that JACL in Washington urged the Senate Foreign Relations Committee for speedy ratification of U.S.-Japan security treaty. In a letter to Mike Masaoka, Unno declared "that the League was wrong in saying that a series of the recent violent demonstrations against the treaty 'do not reflect the sentiment of the overwhelming majority of the Japanese people'." . . . The quotes are from UPI. It could be that the UPI man who translated the original letter used the word, "League". We have seen a translated copy of the same letter from JCLU and it had "Committee". The quotes within the quotes are from the letter submitted to Senator Fulbright by Masaoka, who signed it for the American Committee on Japan—the full text of which is being published in this week's Pacific Citizen.

While the Nisei vernaculars have done a commendable job clarifying this confusion, we have no idea that JACL's name has been cleared with the readers, the many readers, in Japan. An organization has a right to its own integrity—no matter where. (Sangyo Keizai did not mention JACL in reporting Unno's letter—so it may be that there was no confusion in the Japanese press.)

More ominous, however (and we personally think JACL should be in a position to indicate its wishes) is the forthcoming visit of President Eisenhower to Japan. . . . The decision to go is still firm but as daily events in Japan become more unfavorable for him to go—the awful question arises: what would happen if something happened to Ike? One answer we heard on the air (and he hoped nothing would happen) feared it would mean paying that off in uniform. The commentator couldn't see why Eisenhower should go if his life were endangered—but he also believed the Communists would gain by Eisenhower not going.

This critical situation must have been in mind of delegates at the Midwest District Council meeting in Milwaukee May 27-29. They asked the National JACL Committee on International Relations to study and recommend what JACL can do "to improve our nation's position in world affairs, particularly at a time when when we sorely need reciprocal understanding and support between this nation and other nations." . . . No mention of Japan is made in the resolution, but it was "mindful of the inescapable fact that JACL should and must continue to move forward and make its unique contribution as an American organization. . . ."

The JACL international relations committee will consider this question at the forthcoming convention. In view of the importance of this issue, each district council is expected to explore this question before hand and be represented at the discussion.

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By Stirling Sakamoto

Only weeks remains until convention time. The countdown hereafter will be in terms of days—18 to be exact. The target date for our 16th Biennial National JACL Convention is peeking around the corner.

## DR. YATABE TESTIMONIAL

Unavoidable revisions have plagued the Convention Board. The latest change was the shifting of the Dr. Yatabe Testimonial to the National Recognition Luncheon scheduled for noon Wednesday, June 29. The testimonial was originally planned during the Pioneer Banquet that evening.

But since so many tributes are being planned for Dr. Yatabe and would take more time than as first planned, the Convention Board wisely moved it up to the noon hour.

## REGISTRATION

Many questions have come concerning convention registration and this column takes this opportunity to clarify this matter. Certain events are only open to registered conventioners and others are open to the public—that is, no registration will be required.

Those attending the first convention event, the Recognitions Luncheon on Wednesday noon, must be registered except those guests of the Convention Board and National Headquarters.

The Pioneer Banquet that evening is open to all, but the Hawaiian Holiday mixer that follows requires registration.

The 1000 Club Whing Ding is a registration "must", but you need not be a member of the 1000 Club to enjoy the hi-jinks and dancing to very popular Louis Jordan's orchestra. Mention of this famous band and entertainment being lined up for this frolic has lured many "outside" inquiries about attendance. It will be the major social event Thursday night, June 30, at the State Fairground Governor's Hall. . . . Nope, the general public is not invited to this classic. Only registered JACL conventioners are to be admitted.

The Friday outing and dance at Elk Grove Park requires no registration, but the Saturday convention recognitions banquet and Sayonara Ball following are events requiring registration. Only excep-

tions will be guests of the Convention Board and National Headquarters.

The highly regarded Saturday fashion show-luncheon will be open to the public, but the golf tournament and bridge tournament will be conducted for registered delegates and boosters only.

JACL members can register for \$2. It is included in the Convention Package Deal of \$25.

## CONVENTION CLOTHING

The local weather bureau forecasts seasonal temperatures for Sacramento during June 28-July 2 when the 16th Biennial National JACL Convention is assembled at Hotel El Dorado. The hotel, however, is thoroughly air-conditioned to insure the comfort of delegates and boosters.

For the youth delegates, Sandra Sunada of the Sacramento Jr. JACL Convention Board has suggested what the young men and women should be wearing.

Light summer cottons, skirts and blouses during the day are advised for the girls; sport shirts, slacks or khakis for the boys. The girls will have a chance to "dress up" for the Saturday fashion show-luncheon.

In keeping with the theme, "Hawaiian Holiday", attire for the Wednesday night mixer might be muu-muu, Hawaiian skirts, sportswear, prints, barefeet. For the youth's dinner-dance on Thursday, June 30, dressy dress for girls and suits for the boys are being recommended.

Faded shirts, gingham, jeans, shorts, sun dresses, slacks or casuals are suggested for the Friday outing and dance at Elk Grove Park. There is a swimming pool too.

For the Recognitions Banquet and Sayonara Ball Saturday, girls can wear their dressy dress, cocktail dress, formal or semi-formal. The boys must wear a suit.

## MASAOKA TO ADDRESS - CLEVELAND BANQUET

CLEVELAND. — The annual Cleveland JACL scholarship banquet will feature Mike Masaoka, Washington JACL representative, as guest speaker. It will be held at the Epworth Methodist Church on Friday, June 17.

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## From the Frying Pan

By Bill Hosokawa

Denver, Colo.

**EXCITEMENT IN TOKYO** — Whoever it was that said the Japanese are an orderly, disciplined people who mask their emotions has been proved completely wrong by the current series of demonstrations in Tokyo.

Able observers on the scene tell us the demonstrations are not essentially anti-American or anti-Eisenhower, but are directed against the proposed U.S.-Japan Mutual Security Treaty. This treaty was given preliminary ratification by the lower house of the Japanese Diet on May 20 after months of debate. The Socialists opposed the treaty bitterly, but Premier Nobusuke Kishi's Liberal-Democrat majority was able to ram it through when it finally came up for a vote.

Now, the Socialists are trying to embarrass Kishi by these demonstrations and force him to resign. If Kishi's government remains in office until June 19, the day Eisenhower is scheduled to reach Japan, the treaty becomes law. If the Kishi government falls, the treaty will be thrown out.

Kishi has stubbornly refused to resign. The danger in the demonstrations is that in the heat and excitement of political battle the rioting will get out of hand.

**INTERVIEW** — Why are the Japanese Socialists against the treaty? An interview granted me a year and a half ago by a leading member of the Socialist Party sheds considerable light on the current situation. The time was October, 1958, and the place Tokyo. Mas Ogasawa, influential, American-educated managing editor of the Japan Times arranged for me to see Sooji Okada, member of the House of Councillors (the upper house). Okada was chief of the international affairs committee of the Socialist Party, and the Socialists had a long reputation for hostility toward the United States. I wanted to find out what he had to say.

This week I dug through dog-eared old notes to refresh my memory of that interview, and this is what I found:

The Socialist Party, Okada said, is not necessarily anti-American.

"Our basic policy is neutralism," he said. "By that, I mean we believe we must not align ourselves with any big power. The Socialist Party wants to avoid the United States sphere of power as well as the Soviet sphere.

"The proposed U.S.-Japan Mutual Security Treaty is a military alliance. The Socialists will demand that Japan disentangle itself from the U.S. strategic and military sphere. We do not want to be dragged into the next war. Already Japan is being drawn against her will into the tense international picture because she is allied with the United States.

"Japan cannot defend herself by her own military strength. Poverty and social unrest would result from efforts to raise a military force strong enough to protect ourselves, even if our Constitution permitted it. The only answer for Japan is strict neutrality. We want both East and West to guarantee Japan's security."

**IMPRESSIONS**—I remember coming away from that interview wondering at the naivete of political leaders who believed Japan could remain neutral in the struggle between East and West. Japan is far too valuable a prize—strategically and industrially—to be ignored for long by either side. If by unhappy chance the United States should drop Japan from its overall plans, it stands to reason the Communists would move swiftly into the political vacuum before the Socialists could shout Banzai.

The trouble, I think, is that the Japanese Socialists are under-rating the importance of their country. Japan today is a prize plum necessary to the West and coveted by the Red world. Of the two, there is no doubt that the masses of Japan would choose the West as friends, mentors and allies in the struggle for peace with honor and freedom.

## COJAEC ready to submit final report, reviews 6-year operation to aid claimants

A final report of the six-year operation of the Committee on Japanese American Evacuation Claims (COJAEC) will be submitted at the 16th Biennial National JACL Convention, June 28-July 3, at Sacramento. It was revealed this week by COJAEC chairman Dr. Roy M. Nishikawa.

The special group was organized in 1954 to secure legislation to expedite and liberalize the 1948 Evacuation Claims Act and encourage contributions to the National JACL Endowment Fund.

Two years later, it successfully co-sponsored with JACL the amendment, which specifically pro-

vided benefits for internees, corporations and organizations and timely postmarked claims, lifted the compromise feature to a \$100,000 maximum and allowed determination by a Court of Claims if desired.

The claims program began in 1948, amended in 1951 to settle some 24,000 smaller claims under \$2,500, but 2,600 larger claims were left pending. Many of these claimants approached JACL for help.

In 1954, the National JACL Convention in Los Angeles responded by authorizing formation of a special legislative committee, apart from JACL. And George Inagaki, 1954-56 COJAEC chairman, spearheaded its organization. Some 800 out of the 2,600 were signed as COJAEC members.

Mike Masaoka volunteered his services to help the committee attain its primary objective. A Los Angeles office was established with Mrs. Kayko Harada serving as the lone paid staff member as part-time secretary.

With the 1956 amendment, the remaining 2,600 claimants were paid nearly \$74-million and a total of 1,260 contributed to the Endowment Fund. The fund now has a total capital of \$242,000. Dr. Nishikawa added.

Because the main objectives were reached, it was suggested and approved at the JACL board meeting in 1959 at San Francisco that a final report be submitted at the 1960 convention.

Dr. Nishikawa said, in conclusion: "I believe it is fitting and proper to mention that none of the executive officers of the Committee received any compensation. All volunteered their services."

"As chairman of COJAEC, I wish to publicly acknowledge my gratitude to the hundreds of COJAEC members who made the Committee's work possible; the many, many donors who helped to build the principal of the Endowment Fund, and especially the executive officers..."

The officers were Tom T. Ito, Pasadena, treas.; Mike Masaoka, Washington, D.C.; Edward Ennis, New York; Tad Masaoka, Washington, D.C. (now of Berkeley); Sho Iino, CPA, Los Angeles; and George J. Inagaki, Los Angeles.

### French Camp JACLer graduation speaker

**FRENCH CAMP.**—Dr. James Tanaka, a Stockton dentist, was the keynote speaker at the French Camp grammar school graduation ceremony last week.

He is the first Nisei in the school's history to be accorded this honor, according to the French Camp JACL chapter officials.

Dr. Tanaka served as an officer in the U.S. Navy during the last war and is an active member of the local JACL chapter.

### Sierra Nisei VFW

**FRESNO.**—Harry Murashima was recently inducted as commander of the Sierra Nisei VFW Post 8499.

## JACL credit union adds two more to board of directors

**SALT LAKE CITY.**—The National JACL Credit Union board of directors has added two more members, Ichiro Doi and George Yoshimoto, in conformance with a change in its articles of incorporation to have seven serve on the board.

Both Doi and Yoshimoto, active Salt Lake JACLers, will serve until the next annual meeting in 1961. Doi and Yoshimoto were chapter president and vice-president, respectively, last year. At the time of appointment, Doi was serving as credit union supervisory committee chairman, and Yoshimoto was a member of the credit committee.

To fill their vacancies, Albert U. Oshita, local JACLer and accountant with the Big Piney Oil & Gas Co., was named to the supervisory committee, while Rupert Hachiya, co-partner of Good Laundry and past chapter president, was named to the credit committee.

Credit union office hours have been changed for the summer months. The office, at 129 W. 1st South, will be closed on Saturdays but will be open until 7 p.m. on Mondays. The office is open Tuesday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

### JUDGE AISO ADMITTED TO PRACTICE BEFORE U.S. SUPREME COURT

**WASHINGTON.**—Los Angeles Superior Court Judge John Aiso was admitted to practice before the United States Supreme Court this past Monday.

The motion for his admittance was made by Washington, D.C. attorney Frederick Weiner, who was a classmate of Judge Aiso at Brown University many years ago.

Following the swearing-in ceremonies, Judge Aiso was the luncheon guest of Chief Justice Earl Warren, who as the then Governor of California appointed Aiso to the Municipal Court bench of Los Angeles in 1953 as the first American of Japanese ancestry on the continental mainland to gain this honor.

Judge Aiso is the recipient of numerous honorary degrees for his outstanding record not only as an attorney but as a judge. He is also known as the private who became a Lieutenant Colonel in World War II, when he helped to establish the Japanese language school for the military intelligence branch of the Army. He is a member of the JACL Thousand Club.

### San Francisco Nisei passes state bar exam

**SAN FRANCISCO.**—George Yamasaki, Jr., of 3565 Fillmore St., was one of some 80 in Northern California who has passed the 1960 spring State Bar examinations, according to the list released here this past week.

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## Biennium —

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presented in 1958 with a personal judo garment from Kay Mifune of Japan, ranking world judoist. This is considered one of the most most coveted awards among judoists. Last year, he served as official U.S. representative at the world judo tournament in Japan. He has been counsel for all national AAU-sponsored judo tournaments.

Tamura's reputation is also well known among law enforcement agencies and universities in the Midwest, where he has instructed.

He began his judo training at the age of 11 at Fife, Wash. He tutored in Chicago from 1941 with the intention of promoting the sport to non-Japanese. His match in 1943 before military officials convinced them combat training should include judo tactics. A trim athlete of 143 lbs. then, Tamura knocked a prominent 216-lb. wrestler (Karl Pojello) unconscious in 1 min. 20 secs.

### Singer Pat Suzuki

No other Nisei has had the press, radio-TV coverage in the past biennium as Pat Suzuki. "Miss Pony Tail" of recording fame and until recently Linda Low of "Flower Drum Song", latest Broadway hit of Rodgers and Hammerstein.

From the standpoint of helping to make "Nisei" a household word among the up & coming generation of Americans who listen to Pat Suzuki's records either at home or on the radio, the California-born lass has no peer today, her aficionados all agree.

The first Japanese American to become a lead singer in a Broadway musical hit, Pat got her big start toward stardom as a bistro singer in Seattle's Colony Club in 1955—reaching Seattle by way of a walk-on part in the road company of "Teahouse of the August Moon", then playing in Seattle. She had joined the group in New York, being stranded in the Big City without money in an attempt to get to Europe in 1954.

Then came her first LP recording on the Vik label in 1957, which helped to skyrocket her to musical fame. Bing Crosby's comment on the backside of the jacket was a tremendous tribute to her style: "The summer of '57 was the time the voice of Pat Suzuki happened to me..."

Appearing on national TV shows as guest artist in the many weeks ensuing, by April, 1958, the lead role in "Flower Drum Song" was offered to her. Seven months later, it scored a hit when it opened on the Gay White Way. She was a guest of Ed Murrow's "Person to Person" on the eve of the opening. A month later, Time Magazine featured her (and Miyoshi Umeki) as the cover story—an honor no other Nisei has achieved to date.

### Drama Editor Tajiri

The nomination of Larry Tajiri, drama editor of the Denver Post and contributor to the Pacific Citizen, of which he served as its editor during the war years and immediate postwar period, was rendered by the Mile-Hi JACL.

It was in recognition of Tajiri's success as one of the nation's top movie and drama critics. His interest in the theater goes back to his boyhood days in Los Angeles where he dabbled in Little Theater productions. Through his many years as a newspaperman in Japan, Korea, Manchuria, North China, San Francisco and New York before the war and editing the Pacific Citizen between 1942-52, he never lost interest in the stage and screen.

He joined the Denver Post in 1953 as copy editor and four years later appointed its drama editor.



# By the Board

By Lily A. Okura, Sec'y to Nat'l Board

This will be my last and final opportunity to express myself through this column. I shall terminate my office at the conclusion of the 16th Biennial National JACL Convention in Sacramento. It has been a distinct pleasure, as well as an honor to serve for four years as a Secretary to an all male National Board. . . I should like to devote my final column to the younger generation, the Junior JACLers, June being the month of graduation, I feel that it is quite apropos to provide some food for thought to our 1960 graduates throughout the country, so I would like to share a message which was given by the Chief Probation Officer of the Douglas County Juvenile Court, K. Patrick Okura, at the Glenwood (Iowa) High School, graduation exercises.

The class of 1960 USA is probably the most discussed and talked about group of young people in the past several decades. More news editorials, magazine articles, and TV scripts have been written about today's youth, and they have been the topic of discussion by more committees and panels than any other group I know. On many occasions our youngsters behavior or misbehavior have pushed such important things as communism and national politics off the front pages of our daily newspapers. There is no doubt that you are a well-known group.

Unfortunately, the headlines have pointed up and placed so much emphasis on the misdeeds of our youth of today, and the most over-used phrase in our language today is juvenile delinquency. If we only made half as much fuss and noise over the achievements and accomplishments of our younger generation, we would not have half the headaches and heartaches we have today.

When I see senior classes like this graduating from our high schools throughout this land, I can unhesitatingly put aside the comment that our younger people are "going to the dogs." The splendid achievements, the numerous contributions and the spirited enthusiasm of groups like this gives me nothing but great hope in our future. We have placed too much emphasis on the misbehavior of a small segment of our younger set that we have lost sight of the larger group who are doing so well. The misdeeds of a few (7 to 10 per cent) have occupied most of our energy and time during this past decade.

A good 90 to 93 per cent of our youngsters are making a very fine adjustment to society's demands and our community morals and standards. It is my contention that the fault lies primarily in our adult population and not in our young ones. The examples, the ideals, the standards, we as adults and parents have adhered to during the past 20 years are in my humble opinion the reasons why we have had so much difficulty in the '50s with our children. Our society is doing everything to maintain their high standard of living. This has resulted in a re-casting of old standards of right and wrong, so that anything that guarantees success, if you don't stretch the law too much, is alright. A deal once considered questionable would now be considered shrewd; it is better to be dishonest than to be poor.

Moral authority has become diffused. The "group" which ever one we belong to, is replacing the family and church as the arbiter of what is done and not done. There is a lack of a clear-cut code of ethics. People are falling back on a kind of personal, relative morality, which justifies most of our actions, sometimes even illegal ones. We do not seem to feel any personal responsibility for improving our moral conditions. It seems to have become the fashion to be very lenient and tolerant about our morals. It seems to be the human and natural standard of behavior of men and women following the so called American way of life.

A big change has come into American life. I don't believe that our behavior has become demonstrably worse than it used to be in the old days. It may in many respects be considered better. The big change in our time is that while our conduct may not be worse, we are much more lax in what we think about our conduct. We are much more ready to accept and excuse the dishonesty that is so widespread and so common. The popular standards of morality today allow for much more dishonesty than they did some time back.

There are some who would argue that this softening of our conscience is a change for the better. It does away with much hypocrisy and self-righteousness, with much secrecy and self-deception. As a psychologist, I believe it is good to be candid and compassionate, and these are attractive virtues of our times. But it is bad to be confused. It is bad to shrug off the ideal standards by saying what is no doubt true, that we are all sinners and fall short of the ideal. (This is what many youngsters tell me every day—"everybody does it so why is it so wrong, it's only wrong when you get caught.") This is moral confusion. This is not candor and compassion. This is moral ignorance. The Commandments still say "THOU SHALT NOT STEAL." Why is it bad to shrug off the ideal standards of honesty and obedience in politics, business and love? Because it defects and destroys us and frustrates our lives. If we don't harden ourselves and reach for those not wholly attainable ideals, we slump down into flabbiness and footlessness and boredom. We become self-indulgent and only interested in the pursuit of personal wealth, personal pleasure and personal success. We become callous as to what happens to others. Also, a self-indulgent generation is an unhappy generation. We are rich, but we are not having a good time. Our life, though it is full of things, is empty of the kind of purpose and effort that gives to life its flavor and its meaning.

Now, the all important question is: What can be done about this situation? I believe the answer lies in our present generation of young men and women. I believe the moral indifference exists mostly among those who have no purpose beyond their private tastes, wishes and ambitions. Those that have emphasized private freedom, private rights, private purposes over community rights, community freedom, and community purposes. The obligations and responsibilities to our fellow men and to our society have been forgotten.

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Miss Chisato Ohara, accompanied by Washington, D.C. chapter President John Yoshino, prepares to place the JACL wreath at the Tomb of the Unknowns. Both are flanked by Amvet honor guards who escorted them to the Tomb. The carnations used in the wreath were donated by the Eden Township Chapter.

## THREE CHALLENGES KEYNOTE MDC PRE-CONFAB MEET IN MILWAUKEE

MILWAUKEE. — Three challenges were rendered at the Midwest District Council pre-convention meeting here May 27-29 in speeches presented by Mike Masaoka, Mas Satow and Shig Wakamatsu.

Masaoka, Washington JACL representative, spoke on U.S. relationships with Asian countries and of JACL's responsibility and challenge to create a better understanding between the United States and all Asians.

The speech of Mas Satow, national director, was directed toward Japanese American responsibility of helping other groups in

their integration problems and that programs of a local nature should be instigated by the local chapters rather than depending on National Headquarters.

National JACL President Wakamatsu spoke of how the Nisei have come to a station in American economy whereby, since the JACL is a voluntary group, its national JACL staff and Washington representative should be supported in a proper manner and that it should be the responsibility of all JACL members to see that the national JACL programs are carried out rather than curtailing them simply because of a lack of funds.

The three talks were made during the dinner closing the two-day meeting at the Pfister Hotel here. Guests of honor for the evening were the Issei of the Milwaukee area and to them, Noboru Honda of Chicago uttered praises for their pioneering spirit—in Japanese.

Milwaukee JACL hosted the successful MDC meeting. Approximately 100 people enjoyed the dancing which followed the banquet.

Albert Davis, director of International Institute of Milwaukee, was presented a Japanese doll from Milwaukee JACLers to add to the Institute's collection of foreign items. He was also presented a donation from the chapter to sponsor one refugee family for relocation. Davis is Wisconsin chairman of World Refugee Year.

Satow, a charter member of the Milwaukee JACL and a former resident here, was presented a gift from meeting chairman Satoshi Nakahira and scroll from Abe Hagiwara.

## San Fernando Valley CL to picnic in Soledad

SAN FERNANDO.—A family picnic for San Fernando Valley JACLers will be held this Saturday, June 11, at Bill's Place in Soledad Canyon, George Shibuya, picnic chairman, is being assisted by Mary Arimoto, in charge of games and races for children.

The facilities include a private picnic area, swimming, wild life zoo, trout fishing and outdoor sports.

## Utah Boys State

SALT LAKE CITY.—Steve Mori, son of Mr. and Mrs. Shigenobu Mori of 11400-700 East, Crescent, is attending Utah Boys State being held this week at Utah State University. He is a Jordan High School student.

## Pick Carol Kuwada PSWDC oratorical entry in CL contest

LONG BEACH.—Carol Kuwada, a yell leader in high school and now in the debating club at Cerritos College, was selected as Pacific Southwest District Council's oratorical representative in the National JACL finals to be held in Sacramento later this month. Many years of forensic experience at Excelsior High in Norwalk and at Cerritos gave her the edge in poise and delivery. Mitzi Yoshioka of Torrance, who was 1959 Nisei Relays queen, was second, and Kenzo Okubo of West Los Angeles was third.

Miss Kuwada, sponsored by Long Beach-Harbor District JACL, is a freshman at Cerritos, majoring in elementary education. Miss Yoshioka, who was Girls League president at South High, plans to enter UCLA to major in the same field. Okubo, of University High, is active in Hi-Y and plans to enter the ministry.

Judges were Frank Takahashi, Dr. Roy Nishikawa and Mrs. La Juana Luncford. Speech instructor John Tachihara at Compton High was contest chairman. The winner was awarded a plaque and a \$50 savings bond. The other winners were given \$25 savings bond.

Long Beach JACL hosted the oratorical contest at the Lafayette Hotel. A special PSWDC business session, chaired by Kay Nakagiri of San Fernando Valley JACL, deliberated further on the proposal to determine a formula to reallocate quotas. The special quota re-evaluation committee was instructed to prepare a report which would set forth the principles and practical application at the chapter level. This would be presented at the national convention.

## LONG BEACH JACLERS TO INTRODUCE HARBOR NISEI WEEK QUEEN ENTRY

LONG BEACH.—"Miss Harbor of 1960", the area candidate for Nisei Week queen, will be introduced at the Long Beach-Harbor District JACL dinner-dance on Saturday, June 25, at Lafayette Hotel in downtown Long Beach.

The dinner, starting at 8 p.m., will be climaxed by the dance in the hotel's Grand Ballroom where the queen candidate will be presented.

The gala affair is being chaired by chapter president, Dr. John Kashiwabara, assisted by other JACLers and community group representatives.

Arthur Noda, Ritsuko and Cabbie Iwasaki, Barbara Miura, Dave Aoki, Joe Fletcher, Kaz Takada, Jim Okita, Sue Joe, Akira Endo, Jim Nakahara, Fred Ikeguchi, Frank Tanaka, Hank Okai, Jim Aoki, Ken Nishino, Lloyd Nakatani and Sam Kanetomo.

Dinner-dance tickets are available at \$4 per person from committee members. Admission to the dance only is \$3 per couple or stag. Martha Takade (HE 7-1147) is accepting dinner reservations.

## School Trustee leader

FOWLER.—Harry E. Hiraoka was elected president of the Fresno County School Trustees Assn. recently. He is a member of the Fowler Union School District.

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## POINTING Southwestward

By Fred Takata

**NISEI WEEK QUEEN SELECTIONS**—This past Memorial Day weekend, East Los Angeles JACL introduced the first Nisei Week queen candidate at its annual Emerald Ball. This year's beautiful Miss ELA, is Helen Shizue Amemiya, 5 ft. 4 in., and a recent graduate of Garfield High School where she was selected senior prom queen. She is now attending Trade Tech where she is taking a course in cosmetology. The past ELA queens attending the Emerald Ball were Sumi Takemura, Miki Tsuboi, and Rose Matsui, who were introduced by Chairman Roy Yamadera and Paul Hayashi.

The Southwest L.A. Chapter will present their candidate this Saturday night at Old Dixie, and we understand they have also come up with an outstanding candidate. Everything has been hush, hush, these past few weeks and we haven't been able to squeeze out any information from chairman Jim Higashi and George Fujita for this week's column. The only thing is for all of you to attend the Queen Time Ball this weekend and find out for yourselves.

The Downtown L.A. Chapter will introduce their lovely queen candidate on Thursday night, June 16, at the New Ginza in Li'l Tokio. Tickets are being sold by chapter members and the Regional Office at \$5 per person, which includes dinner, dancing, and the night club show with additional surprise entertainment. Past presidents of the chapter will be honored, dating back to 1929 when the chapter was first established. Three outstanding Issei leaders will also be recognized by the chapter. Chairman for this affair are Matao Uwate and Kei Uchima. Who will be the queen candidate? Come on out and find out!

**ORATORICAL CONTEST**—This past weekend we journeyed to the Lafayette Hotel in Long Beach to attend a special PSWDC meeting and to listen to the wonderful speakers who were competing in the District oratorical contest. When we arrived at the Hotel we took the elevator to the top floor, since we presumed that Starlight Room would be on top. The elevator went only to the seventh floor, so we came down and tried another elevator that ended only on the eighth floor, so down again, and up again on the third elevator that finally brought us to the tenth floor and finally the Starlight Room. By this time Dr. Roy Nishikawa, and Jim Higashi, who made the trip with us were feeling more like first class "yo-yos". Everyone must have had the same trouble, because as we stepped off the elevator, the Long Beach chapter was ready with the coffee to get our tummies back to where they belonged. The panorama from the Starlight Room was beautiful, with Catalina Island in full view, and the famous Reef Res-

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### BY THE BOARD:

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I am sure that our graduates of today have been taught these obligations and responsibilities and have been given the kind of education that develops to their fullest potential the intellectual, moral and spiritual powers of the individual. The thought uppermost in the minds of our graduates is to become a success. Every graduate wants to be successful. I feel confident that your teachers have placed in your hands the necessary tools for success.

I trust that they have shown you that success is more than technological excellence, wealth, power and fame. These are mere accomplishments or the result of accomplishments. Success has an added ingredient that is indispensable to it. It contains a subjective factor which might be described as the individual's coming to terms with himself and his life through that which he is and does. It is a matter of establishing a relationship with life that is both materially and spiritually satisfying. Accomplishment is among the media we use to establish this relationship. But unless our accomplishments give meaning and significance to our lives; unless they give us a sense of self-fulfillment; unless in their totality they give us peace of mind, they cannot be considered as being synonymous with real success.

Peace of mind comes to us only when our ways of living and our accomplishments are in harmony with our deeper inner purposes; and then only if our purposes and our methods of accomplishing them are in harmony with the best interests of our fellow men.

No accomplishment or way of life, for instance, will give us peace of mind if it is purely selfish or self-directed. It is not easy to explain why this is true, but the experiences of mankind have verified it. If this is not sufficient proof, we need but look into our own hearts. The nature of the human being is manifestly such that man cannot get the sense of self-fulfillment with its consequent peace of mind out of ends that are solely self-directed. Nor can he get peace of mind out of methods of accomplishing these purposes that are out of harmony with the fundamental virtues that we all accept as the cardinal ones in all human inter-relationships.

Unjust acts, as an example, are barbarities that are cancerous to peace of mind. Nearly as destructive are acts bereft of compassion. Close to these are acts and relationship of arrogance.

Being successful in the real sense, is, then, more than a matter of objective accomplishments. Indispensable to it is a subjective element, namely, that these accomplishments have fulfilled the deeper inner purposes of our hearts: always without needlessly interfering with our fellow men or other living creatures in the fulfillment of their inner purposes; and whenever possible, in a manner that will help them in the full realization of their lives. The acid test of real success, regardless of the magnitude of our objective accomplishments, is, then, has it given us peace of mind?

I have every confidence in our graduates of 1960 that they will meet this acid test of success and I also feel confident that the youngsters of today as they take their places in our community will overcome and organize the spirit of those who are indifferent. They will be our answer to the challenge of the 60's.

### TALK ON ACCULTURATION OF NISEI TO BE REPEATED BY DR. DEVOS

SAN FRANCISCO.—Dr. George DeVos, lecturer at the Univ. of California School of Social Welfare will repeat his lecture, "The Cultural History of the Acculturation Process of the Japanese-Americans" Thursday, June 16, 8 p.m., at the Church of Christ.

The program will consist of an oratorical speech given at the NC-WNDC meeting by Sandy Ina, the film "The Challenge" and Dr. DeVos's lecture.

Alice Hatashita is chairman, assisted by Joyce Imazeki, Ina Kajima, and Mitzie Watanabe.

Adults and teenagers are invited to attend. Contribution of 50-cents is requested; proceeds will be used to send two delegates to the National Convention.

### JACL scholarship deadline extended

SAN FRANCISCO.—At the request of several JACL chapters for more time to obtain records on local Japanese American high school graduates where the school term runs later, the deadline for nominations for the 1960 National JACL Scholarships has been extended to June 30.

Included in the National JACL Scholarships are the annual Pvt. Ben Frank Masaoka Memorial Scholarship, the annual Tokichi Matsuo Scholarship, and three supplementary National JACL scholarships.

JACL National Headquarters indicated that thus far 21 chapters have submitted candidates for the 1960 National JACL scholarship competition.

Nominations must be sponsored by a chapter of the JACL and addressed to: National JACL Scholarship Committee, JACL Headquarters, 1634 Post St., San Francisco 15, Calif.

### Elections —

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man of the National JACL Planning Committee. He served as nat'l 3rd v.p. in 1951-52, nat'l 2nd v.p. in 1953-54, chairman of the Nat'l JACL Public Relations Committee, 1953-54, was Mountain Plains District Council chairman in 1950-51; and awarded the National JACL Distinguished Leadership Award in 1952. For 17 years, he was psychologist at Father Flanagan's Boys Town.

ABE: proprietor of Selma Nursery, and 1958 Central California District Council chairman, Rotary Club director for four years, director for the Selma Mission Church board, Selma Fair Board, Selma Chamber of Commerce.

YOSHINARI: department supervisor, Turtle Wax Plastics Co.; served as Midwest District Council chairman, 1958-59; JACler of the Biennium, 1957-58; chapter president, Chicago—1954-55, Mid-Columbia—1932, 1935, 1942; chairman of national Budget & Finance Committee, 1958; and Chicago JACL Credit Union president, 1952-54.

### Philadelphia JAClers to hear history prof

PHILADELPHIA.—Dr. Hilary Conroy, associate professor of Far Eastern history at the Univ. of Pennsylvania, will speak to the Philadelphia JAClers meeting tonight at the International Institute. His topic will be "Historical Background of Modern Japan".

Dr. Conroy was a Fulbright scholar in 1954, attending Tokyo University. He also served as seminar director for students in Kobe in 1958. He is a graduate of Northwestern, did post-graduate work at Univ. of California and later attended the Navy Japanese language school at Boulder. During 1945-46, he served with the Japan Occupation troops.

### JACL Auxiliary host visiting midshipmen

MONTEREY.—During the six-day visit of Monterey Bay by crew members from the Japanese maritime training ship Kaiwo Maru this past week, Monterey Peninsula JACL Auxiliary was among community groups serving as hosts. Faculty and students of the Army's Japanese language school at the Presidio were also present as hosts at the USO, where a spaghetti dinner was held.



Officers of the San Francisco Youth Group (JACL) pictured with Dr. George DeVos, (fourth from left), who made public for the first time his study of Nisei acculturation recently, are (from left); Marie Kurihara, adviser; Willie Masuda, pres.; Regina Hirano, Dr. DeVos, Alice Hatashita, Hiroko Mochida, cor. sec.; Ibuki Hibi, Ina Kajima and Wes Doi, treas. Not present were adviser Michi Fukuda and Joyce Imazeki, publicity chairman.

### Mt. Olympus JACL reveals candidate for scholarship, form anti-bias committee

SALT LAKE CITY.—From a group of 12 potential candidates, eight of whom had already received some type of scholarship, the Mt. Olympus JACL recently announced Bob Akagi, son of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Akagi of Draper, as its candidate for the 1960 Pvt. Ben Frank Masaoka memorial scholarship.

Among the upper three per cent of his graduating class of 408 at Jordan High School, Akagi is majoring in science and mathematics. He was active in sports, student government, debate and was voted school cheerleader. He is a member of the Key Club, national scholastic and leadership organization.

He also placed second in the chapter JACL oratorical contest, losing to chapter champion Ben Kawakami who went on to win the IDC speechoff.

Bob Mukai, chapter scholarship chairman, made the announcement at the chapter meeting last month at the Mexican Ward. Over 75 members attended the "Ladies' Treat" meeting, which featured homestyle cooking of roast beef, salad and pies. Mrs. Lou Nakagawa and Miss Pat Kiyoguchi were event chairman. The "maypole" decorations were the artistry of Joanne and Lillian Sueoka.

Following the dinner, a brisk business meeting conducted by President Kiyo Matsumori included a report on investment of chapter funds by Mas Namba, the "Ten Year Planning Board" report being submitted to National by Shake Ushio, chmn., and a report on discriminatory practices existing in this area by George Fujii.

### Salt Lake JACL slates 'Fun Nite' meeting

SALT LAKE CITY.—A general membership meeting by the Salt Lake JACL for June 11, 8 p.m., has been titled, "Fun Nite". It will be held at the YWCA West Lounge.

Plans for the community picnic, adoption of a constitutional amendment to change chapter government to a board system, games, dancing, prizes and refreshments are on the agenda.

A committee was elected and confirmed unanimously to handle matters pertaining to discrimination of concern to Japanese Americans. Committee members are George Fujii, chmn., Min Matsumori, Yukus Inouye, and Bob Mukai.

### CONVENTION DELEGATES URGED TO RESERVE OWN ACCOMMODATIONS EARLY

SACRAMENTO.—Hotel accommodations should be made by delegates heading for the 16th Biennial National JACL Convention as early as possible, warned the Convention Board this week.

A block of rooms has been reserved for conventioners at the Hotel El Dorado, convention headquarters, but many of these are expected to be taken up by the June 15 deadline.

As the convention housing committee will not be operating until convention time, June 23-July 2, delegates are expected to make their own reservations. Chapters have been advised of recommended hotels and motels in the area.

Among the recommended are: Hotel El Dorado, Highway 40 at Canterbury Rd.; Mansion Inn Motel, 724 16th St.; City Center Motel, 3331 - 12th St.; Sacramento Inn, 1401 Arden Way; Travelodge, 817 W. Capitol Ave., West Sacramento, and 11th and H Sts., Sacramento; Hotel El Rando, Highway 99 and 40, West Sacramento; Hotel Senator, 12th and L Sts.; Hotel El Mirador, 13th and N Sts.

### Gresham-Troutdale JACL to honor graduates at dinner-dance Sunday

PORTLAND.—The Gresham-Troutdale JACL is honoring nine local high school graduates at a dinner-dance this Sunday at Jack & Jill's, Jack Ouchida, chairman, said the affair is starting at 6:30 p.m.

Mas Fujimoto will be emcee. Mrs. Mabel Southworth was announced as guest speaker. The local graduates being honored are: Richard Honma, Albert Kasahara, Douglas Kato, Larry Kato, Hal Miyake, Gary Okino, Mary Ann Onchi, George Shimizu, Alice Suzuki.

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By Jean Kimura

We're still bemoaning the fact that we were unable to attend the recent MDC meeting in Milwaukee—the home of the "Braves"—if only to learn what "Gemultichkeit!" meant! Alas and alackaday, tho', such was not our good fortune. But soft, our good friend Chiye Tomihiro (fellow staff member of the Chicago "JACler") came to the rescue and proxied for us. Here's her bird's eye view of the convention doings.

### BY CHIYE TOMIHIRO (Guest Columnist)

Milwaukee has always been known as the "Biggest little town in the USA", because this city of about 700,000 people has the warmth and friendliness of a small town. Perhaps I am just a little sentimental and biased about it, as I spent one of the happiest years of my life in this city which played host for the 1960 Midwest District Council meeting over the Memorial Day weekend. Walking into the meeting at 12 Mid-night just as the "Gemultichkeit" Ice Breaker was breaking up, got us off to a rather quiet start. But what started with a slow wind-up reached its climax at the "best ever" 1000 Club Whingding on Saturday night and ended right up there on Sunday night with the banquet and ball. I can truly say that it was great!

Chicago was real proud of Dee-Dee Ishida, 16-year-old Jr. JACler who won first place in the Oratorical Contest. Dee-Dee is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Dixie Ishida, prewar residents of Chicago. Interesting, too, is the fact that Dee-Dee's grandmother celebrated her 100th birthday last year and that her uncle is the famous Nisei war hero, Ben Kuroki. We know that Dee-Dee will do the MDC proud at the National Convention in Sacramento. Chicago is also proud of Harold Arai, Jr. JACl prexy, who took third place in the Golf Tournament.

Getting back to the Oratorical Contest, I feel that soft-spoken Linda Hirai, a contestant from Milwaukee, deserves special mention for her unaffected and sincere presentation. Her "I'm scared" as she faced her audience and her revelation that she was bewildered about the role the Sansel could play in JACL, the true feelings. I felt, of the majority of the Sansel, impressed and touched me as well as many others.

Impressive, too, was the enthusiasm of the Detroit Chapter, as indicated by its willingness to take on the next national convention. Who do you think was pushing it? Take note, "Old Guard" . . . 17-year-old Carolee Matsumoto, third place winner in the Oratorical Contest. It's an encouraging sign, isn't it?

Congratulations to Al Popp, former Board Chairman of the Milwaukee Chapter, whose seventh child was born during the meeting. Nervous Al was popping out of the business meeting every hour on the hour on Saturday to call home. His new daughter finally arrived early Sunday morning after the Whingding. Nary a peep was heard from the gents during the lovely accessory fashion show at the luncheon. Could be that they were so awed by the beauty of the three models, blond, red-head and brunette, that for once they were speechless.

Youth, it's wonderful! Three Jr. JACLers drove all the way back to Chicago to change clothes and return again to the Sagonara Dance on Sunday. . . The Pfister Hotel reminded me of the Sheraton Palace in San Francisco, locale of the 1956 National Convention—same kind of plumbing—must be from Civil War days.

By the way where were the Twin Cities boosters???? We missed you! We were certainly privileged to hear our "big three", Mike, Mas and Shig, at the banquet, each of whom touched on the purposes for the JACL from a different angle. Mas quipped that since he was sandwiched between Mike and Shig, he felt like the ham—the ham sandwich was food for thought, indeed. The 1000 Club Whingding at Nino's Steak Round-Up was, as one of our top brass said, the best he has ever attended. The charcoal-broiled filet mignon was simply divine. Rarely have I seen a group so attuned for a good, rousing time, and a good, rousing time was what we had.

We thank you, Milwaukee, for the warmth of your hospitality. We hope that we responded with the gratitude we felt. And thank you, Jean, for this opportunity of writing my personal observations as seen through bloodshot eyes.

### POINTING SOUTHWESTWARD: by Fred Takata

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tautant on the end of the breakwater where we've enjoyed having dinner on occasions clearly visible.

The oratorical contest was held during the luncheon and was chaired by John Tachihara who did such a wonderful job in setting up the whole contest. The winner of the contest and representing PSWDC in Sacramento will be Miss Carol Kuwada, who is a student at El Cerritos College and majoring in elementary teaching. Runners-up were Kenzo Okubo, a student at University High School studying to become a minister, and Mitzu Yoshioka of South High School in Torrance, who is also planning to go into elementary teaching. The speakers were all outstanding and we were keeping score cards along with others at our table to see how close our selections would come out with the judges. Just to give you an idea how good these youngsters were, not one of us had the same score card, when we compared notes. Of course the judges who are experts in this type of judging came up with a unanimous vote for Carol, and a fine representative she will be. It's too bad we can't send all three to compete at National, for all of them were tops in our book.

**BREEZING AROUND**—National Recognitions Committee announces that the deadline for nominations for the JACler of the Millennium has been extended to June 20. . . We wish to extend special thanks to 1000 Clubber Art Ito, proprietor of Flower View Gardens, for donating beautiful orchid corsages to the JACL Nisei Relays queen and attendants. Also to George Fujita for his work in getting the track and equipment ready for the Nisei Relays. . . Booths for the Nisei Week Festival are now available and applications may be obtained by calling George Omatsu at MA 8-9041, or writing to 114 S. San Pedro St., Los Angeles 12. . .

### JUDY SAKATA FINISHES HIGH IN WIBC TOURNEY

DENVER.—The final standings of the 1960 WIBC bowling tournament just concluded here found Judy Sakata and her partner Gene Goff in second place in the doubles with a 1190 score, trailing the winners by 31 pins. Second prize was worth \$350.

The Nisei bowler was also a member of the Oxnard Tournament Bowl squad, which finished with a 2854 to win \$700 prize money in second place. Winners shot 2876.

### Nisei chief mechanic for Speedway race champ

Jim Rathmann, the man who won the Indianapolis 500-mile Speedway classic Memorial Day, and his chief mechanic Takeo (Chickie) Hirashima are both natives of Glendale, Calif.

Hirashima is an old timer in auto racing, having been a riding mechanic with the late Rex Mays.

### Son of San Luis Valley JACler in piano recital

ALAMOSA, Colo.—Ronald Inouye, 14-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Roy Inouye of La Jara, was presented in a piano recital recently by Adams State College, Division of Fine Arts and his teacher, Mrs. Charles Kuhn. The Inouyes are active San Luis Valley JACLers.

Young Ronald's recital included Beethoven's "Pathetique" Sonata, Op. 13; a Nocturne and Waltz by Chopin, Debussy's Golliwogg's Cake Walk, Bach and Mendelssohn.

### Busy weekend for Sequoia

PALO ALTO.—Sequoia JACLers enjoyed a busy week-end June 4-5 with a chapter pre-convention rally on Saturday at the Veterans Memorial Bldg., and a community beach outing Sunday with the Nichibei Kai at Hancock Beach.

### CAPTIONS SWITCHED, HERE'S THE RIGHT ONE

The caption to the front-page picture in last week's Pacific Citizen should have read: Sacramento JACL president Tak Tsujita, convention queen Linda Yatabe and convention chairman Bill Matsumoto visit one of the sightseeing spots of Sacramento—Fairy Tale Land, a make-believe paradise for the youngsters while their parents take in the 16th Biennial National JACL Convention June 28-July 2 at Sacramento's El Dorado Hotel.

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### NISEI DROWNS IN TRY TO RESCUE LOST YOUTH

NEW YORK.—Atsushi Matsuo, 24, drowned while on a rescue mission in the Adirondacks on Lake George last May 29.

The son of Mr. and Mrs. Hiroshi Matsuo was on an outing over the Memorial Day weekend holidays with a campus club of NYU. Two boys were lost in the mountains when their signal was noticed by members of the club. Atsushi and two others started out in a boat to call the rangers when the engine caught on fire. It was 1 a.m.

One youth stayed with the boat. Atsushi and the other decided to swim ashore. Atsushi was unable to make shore, despite heroic efforts of his companion.

Young Matsuo was a chemical engineer graduate from MIT and doing graduate work at NYU. He was planning to enter the ministry in 1964.

### Sequoia JACL workshop features medical panel

PALO ALTO.—With Dr. Dwight Allen of Stanford University as the main speaker, the Sequoia JACL Career Workshop held here May 27 featured four professional and businessmen who discussed job potential to local area graduates.

Dr. Masako Baba, surgeon, who spoke on medicine, had a panel of 11 members representing the various fields of medicine assisting in the discussion. The panelists were:

Dr. Hunter Doi, dental; Dr. George Baba, physician; Nob Tanaka, dental technician; Bill Sakai, medical technology; Keido Shimizu, pharmacist; Fumi Ujita, nurse; Haruko Muranaka, occupational therapist; Kathleen Martin, physical therapy; Mrs. Takeuchi, nurses aide program; Michiko Fukura, dental hygienist.

Other workshop speakers were Hatturo Aizawa, commercial art; Mamoru P. Nakada, engineering and mathematics; and Mason Funabiki, administrative engineering and business.

Senior Tri-Villes members served refreshments at the conclusion.

**REEDLEY JACL PRESENTS SCHOLARSHIP TO NON-NISEI**  
REEDLEY.—The Reedley JACL scholarship was awarded to high school student Delbert Friesen; it was reported this past week.

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### CONTRA COSTA CHAPTER TO HONOR LOCAL AREA GRADUATES ON JUNE 18

RICHMOND.—Contra Costa JACL is inviting Japanese American high school graduates of the county to its annual Graduation Dance June 18, 8 p.m., at the Richmond Civic Center Bermuda Room.

JACLers in charge of William Waki, chairman, Mr. and Mrs. Mas Iwahara and Marvin Uratsu. The students planning the dance, themed "Stardust", include:

Master of Ceremonies—Dave Hirano; music—Gerald Nambu, chmn., Miles Muraoka, Kaz Shimada, Pat Iiyama, Gail Yoshimoto; invitations—Pat Iiyama, chmn., Sharon Nakano, David Hirano, Janice Yasuda, Gail Yoshimoto, Lily Takahashi, Amy Waki, Ronald Morita, Betty Kano; decorations—Betty Kano, chmn., Miles Muraoka, Hiroshi Hata, Kaz Shimada, Iku Kitamura, Gerald Nambu, Gail Yoshimoto, Lily Takahashi, Amy Waki; recreation—Iku Kitamura, chmn., Miles Muraoka, Kaz Shimada, Ronald Morita, and Hiroshi Hata.

Lavish refreshments being planned for the dance are being donated by JACL members. A popular singing group from Berkeley High School, composed of Jean Kitamura, Jean Oda, Shirley Yamasaki, Aileen Kaneko and Ellen Hashiguchi, will entertain during intermission. The 25-cent per person donation will be used to defray dance costs.

### 'Jobo' visits California

George Jobo Nakamura, formerly of Sacramento, visited friends in northern and southern California during his re-employment leave this past week. One time contributor to the Pacific Citizen, he is presently associated with the U.S. Security Forces in Japan, a chemist with the MP criminal investigation division.

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## Northwest Picture

By Elmer Ogawa

### Woman's Touch Helps Search for Queen

Seattle

It has so often been said that behind almost any successful man there is an ever loving spouse who lends her support and enthusiasm to his ventures and activities whether they be in the workaday world or in the club, church, social or community service spheres.

Such a one is Mrs. Frank (Agnes) Hattori, who as an active distaffer recently got herself a real estate license to make the role complete. We only mention this in passing because she decided to say "Yes" for a change to that question people will ask a real estate man's wife.

More time consuming are the important jobs of being secretary to the 1000 Club Chairman—and this we are leading up to—being aide-de-camp to the officer in charge to Nisei queen enlistments.

There are now 14 names in the very efficiently prepared file in the Hattori office. And to Agnes Hattori must be given the credit for getting the same number of parental consents. And that is no small achievement, anyone from this tight little community who now has moved out to east of the mountains or east of the river, will have to admit.

Mrs. Hattori comes out to the parents with a convincing straight from the shoulder pitch on the many advantages to be derived from a tour of experience as a queen or princess; the association with so many of the finest young ladies of the City (and believe us, Greater Seattle, Inc. is most thorough in scanning the backgrounds), and of visiting representatives from all over the State, the coaching on matters so all-important in making public appearances. The opportunities to meet the big people, locally, national and international. The career and job opportunities that result from being known and admired by people upstairs.

In taking a quick glance from across the desk as the cards were flipped we noticed the absence of the customary dimensional figures, but noted that the height of the applicant was considered important for the record.

Another important chore is to call the girl's employer; inform him of what's up, and ask, that if the girl is chosen a queen or princess, will she be excused from work duties during Seafair Week, and for major events of the Japanese community throughout the year? So far, of the contacts she has made, Agnes reports, the bosses are delighted and proud to boost "their girl" to the highest honors.

Briefly, that is the picture—haven't said a word about the initial contact work with sponsoring organizations, persons, or public relations work in general. Such committee work is challenging, and there may be a tense or apprehensive moment or two, but the rewards in feeling of accomplishment for a community need, is indeed great.

And finally, just to remind the reader who will not remember these things as well as the reporter; Mrs. Frank Hattori and the story of her work is not new to this column. Couple years ago, we reported how the Nisei (about half Nisei) Guild of the Spastic Child's Clinic and Council raised \$1,000 for the cause via the sukiyaki route? They're still doing it.

### Endorsements for Alien Land Law Repeal

Last weekend in Spokane, the State of Washington GOP in convention, unanimously indorsed Senate Joint Resolution No. 4, to repeal provisions of the State Constitution prohibiting land ownership by aliens. General Chairman Tak Kubota reports that attorneys Ray Haman and Joel Pritchard, the latter a State representative from the Queen Anne district, were active in seeing the resolution through.

Also in Spokane, the Saturday previously, the State Democratic Convention also unanimously approved support of the same resolution, we are so advised by Assistant Attorney General Wing Luke, who was legal consultant to the resolutions committee. Mr. Luke was most active in acquiring the American Legion endorsement at the State Convention last year.

### WASHINGTON NEWSLETTER: by Mike Masaoka

(Continued from Back Page)

thing more than attempting to patch up old arrangements and repeating old cliches will be needed if JACL is to survive this decade.

To us, in retrospect, the basic difficulty in the past has been that the Conventions mandated many activities without making certain that the necessary funds were forthcoming. Accordingly, not only were the mandated items never initiated but the operating facilities were also prevented from doing their best because of the uncertainty of funds.

The present method of assessing district councils is outmoded, for the distribution of persons of Japanese ancestry on which it was based more than a decade ago has been altered drastically. The present national membership dues is both unrealistic and absurd.

If the JACL is expected to do the "job" that only the JACL can do, to keep watch and ward over the destinies of Americans of Japanese ancestry in this country, it can hardly be expected to do so on a two-buck budget.

So, perhaps the first activity of this Convention should be to reappraise and reevaluate the financial and fiscal responsibilities of the membership and the Japanese American community at large.

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### Nisei victimized by water softener sales

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If the prospective client buys, the referrer reaps a bigger commission—eventually enough to pay off the softener.

Evidence against the company was gathered by the police bunco detail and the Better Business Bureau.

## Vital Statistics

### BIRTHS

#### LOS ANGELES

Tanner, Jack (Toshiko Miyamoto)—boy Jay M., Mar. 14.  
Terukina, James (Mitsuyo Taira)—boy Ernest Meishe, Mar. 10.  
Thompson, Sampson (Tsuruko Tomori)—boy Sanford P., Mar. 9.  
Watanabe H.—boy, Mar. 26, Compton.  
Yamaminami, Seichi (Kazuko Shiroishi)—boy Lloyd Hikaru, Mar. 16.  
Yamasaki, Robert H. (Eleanor Izuo)—girl Noreen Hiroko, Mar. 15.  
Yamauchi, Fumio (Lucy Uyeda)—girl Roxanne Fumi, Mar. 14.  
Yoshida, Roy N. (Tomoko Shiramatsu)—girl Patricia N., Mar. 17.  
Yoshii, Shigehisa (Toshiko Okazaki)—girl Janet Kyoko, Mar. 7.

#### ONTARIO, Ore.

Otani, George—boy, May 4, Parma.

#### SEATTLE

Arita, Kenny—girl, Mar. 7.  
Aramaki, Charles M.—girl, May 5.  
Harada, Mack—boy, Mar. 17.  
Ikeda, Kay—girl, Mar. 26.  
Kato, Chuck—boy, Mar. 8.  
Kato, Michio—boy, Apr. 21.  
Kusakabe, Peter T.—boy, Apr. 21.  
Kokuyashi, Joe—girl, May 2.  
Momoda, Tak—boy, Mar. 21.  
Mikami, Keiji—boy, Mar. 18.  
Namba, Tom—boy, May 1.  
Nomura, Noboru—girl, Mar. 15.  
Sakahara, Hiroshi—boy, Feb. 29.  
Sato, Kenichi—girl, May 3.  
Takisaki, James—girl, May 8.  
Tsuiji, Tadao—boy, Mar. 26.  
Watanabe, George—girl, Mar. 30, Kent.  
Yabu, Joseph—boy, Apr. 18.  
Yamamoto, Joe—girl, Apr. 26.  
Yoshida, Frank—girl, Mar. 19.

### WEDDINGS

Asano-Kimura—May 7, Tadashi, San Francisco; Naomi, Berkeley.  
Ouye-Takenouchi—Apr. 9, Yutaka and Yoshiko, both Alameda.  
Sadahiro-Itaya—May 8, Ben and Barbara N., both Los Angeles.  
Terashima-Uyeki—Apr. 29, Dick and Helen, both Weiser, Idaho.

### DEATHS

Furukawa, Haru, 85: Los Angeles, May 17.  
Imoto, Tokuro, 73: Sacramento, May 15.  
Inouye, Shinichi, 67: San Bernardino, May 9.  
Ishibashi, Takao, 29: San Fernando, May 10—(w) Reiko, (s) Michael, Daniel, (d) Linda, (p) Mr. & Mrs. Hideo, one brother, two sisters.  
Kamifuji, Masuzo, 71: Venice, May 20.  
Kaneko, Mrs. Sei, 75: Berkeley, May 13.  
Kawaguchi, Mrs. Tomi, 75: Layton, Utah, May 10.  
Kimura, Mrs. Tome, 80: Palo Alto, May 4.  
Kuse, Kanta, 77: Los Angeles, May 10.  
Miyaki, Mrs. Masuyo, 54: San Francisco, May 16.  
Mori, Jinbei, 71: Brigham City, Utah, May 10.  
Ogata, Mrs. Yuki, 82: Salt Lake City, May 5.  
Okada, Tsuruburo, 84: Oakland, May 7.  
Oshima, Mrs. Hono, 75: Los Angeles, May 13.  
Sakata, Kinzo, 78: Sacramento, May 13.  
Shiozawa, Mitsuo, 38: Oakland, May 5.  
Tojo, Yabei, 80: Hamilton, O., May 9.  
Yamada, Harumasa, 60: Los Angeles, May 20.  
Yamazaki, Tom Z., Price, Utah, May 15.

### Publisher dies

PHILADELPHIA. — Richard J. Walsh, 74, president of the John Day publishing house since 1926 and husband of novelist Pearl Buck, died May 28 at his home in Dublin, Bucks County, Pa.

### Ex-chamber leader dies

SAN FRANCISCO.—Hisakatsu Watanabe, 75, died in early May in Tokyo, according to friends here. He was general manager of the Japanese Chamber of Commerce in San Francisco for nearly 25 years. His son, Dr. Warren Watanabe, is a Philadelphia resident.

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## Letter urges ratification—

(From the Back Page)

of the mind that her destiny lies in close cooperation and mutually beneficial ties with this country.

We know that the Treaty pending before the Congress gives equality to Japan in the defense of her homeland which does not exist in the current security pact signed in San Francisco in 1951, prior to the coming into force of the Treaty of Peace in 1952. We also know that the present San Francisco treaty continues indefinitely at the will of the United States, whereas this new version may be abrogated by either side after one year's notice after the basic ten year period for the instrument expires. In the light of these and other facts, all calculated to recognize and to put into effect Japan's current status as one of the leading powers of earth, it is difficult to understand the turmoil in Japan except for "foreign" intervention by the unfriendly partners of the Sino-Soviet bloc.

The American Committee on Japan was activated by a group of leading American citizens of Japanese ancestry and other Americans who have a special concern in promoting cordial relations and better understanding between Japan and the United States. Our membership is restricted to American citizens, native-born and naturalized.

### ACJ Membership

Our Japanese American membership is a cross-section of Americans of Japanese ancestry in all sections of the nation. Our honorary chairman is The Honorable Daniel K. Inouye, Representative from Hawaii. Our national chairman is Saburo Kido, attorney of Los Angeles and one of the most respected Japanese Americans in our country. He was the World War II president of the National Japanese American Citizens League. A regional chairman is Hiroshi Miyamura of Gallup, New Mexico, the only living Japanese American winner of the Congressional Medal of Honor. One of our non-Japanese-American members George P. Griffith, of Atlanta, Georgia, a former Navy officer who served in Japan and a descendant of Commodore Perry who, in 1853, "opened" Japan to the West, and to the United States in particular.

During the past several years, especially since the Treaty of Peace came into force eight years ago, we have noted that the mutually beneficial commercial and trade interests of both nations have been promoted by trade and business associations. We have also noticed that cultural and goodwill activities have been encouraged by Japan America Societies and other similar groups.

But, we have been greatly disturbed that in the vital most important arena of all, the legislative and political, there has been no responsible, organized representations of the public national and international interest and concern.

We of Japanese ancestry have been embarrassed from time to time that we had no formal or informal organization to study the issues and problems as they arose and to suggest, as Americans, the most appropriate course of action. Perhaps of all Americans, because of our ancestry, we should be most cognizant of the necessity and the desirability of maintaining cordial relations between the United States and Japan. Certainly, because of our ancestry, most other Americans expect, and rightly so, that we have opinions and recommendations to offer on the major subjects of concern to both the United States and Japan. Most assuredly, to help retain Japan as a coopera-

tive and able partner in our system of mutual and collective security can be a substantial contribution which we, as Americans of Japanese ancestry, can make to our country in these tension-filled, troubled times. And, at the same time, we can explain and demonstrate from our own experiences the workings of democracy and the American way in order that the Japanese people may be able to better understand our motives and our objectives.

The Japanese American Citizens League, the only national organization up to this time to represent Americans of Japanese ancestry in this country, is committed to concentrate its activities on the welfare of those of Japanese ancestry in this country. Up to this tragic hour in mankind's history, Americans of Japanese ancestry have defaulted in trying to express their feelings in the most vital of all areas today—the international field. Accordingly, an independent committee, many of whose officers and members are also members of the Japanese American Citizens League, was organized in the belief that it was our duty and our obligation as citizens of the United States to enunciate the sentiments and the conscience of Americans with a special concern for Japanese-American good relations on matters calling for legislative and executive judgment and discretion.

We are a non-profit educational unit, bipartisan in our character, and composed of not only Christians and Jews but also of Buddhists and perhaps Shintoists. Many have friends and even relatives in Japan. Many have business and other interests there. Many have served with honor in the United States armed forces in the Pacific. All are joined in the world demand that the United States and Japan remain steadfast as friendly and helpful allies in the common defense against totalitarianism and communist imperialism.

We candidly confess that we do not have all of the answers. But, as with any other responsible citizen group interested in a specific area of national responsibility, we shall study those problems and issues that may cause difficulties and differences between the United States and Japan and make known our views, as Americans dedicated to the preservation of peace and prosperity in the Pacific, to the appropriate agencies of our Government in the hope that our representations will aid in the satisfactory and mutually beneficial resolution of all outstanding questions.

As our first contribution, the American Committee on Japan respectfully urges the early ratification of the Treaty of Mutual Cooperation and Security with Japan. To delay ratification will not only play into the hands of the enemies of the United States in Japan and elsewhere but may well undermine the prestige and the position of our friends, also in Japan and throughout the Far East.

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# Washington Newsletter

BY MIKE MASAOKA

## Anti-Americanism in Japan

Washington, D.C.  
MANY THOUGHTFUL AMERICANS with the friendliest of feelings toward Japan, and especially those of Japanese ancestry, are shocked—and we believe rightly so—over the bloody riots and demonstrations that are taking place these days in Tokyo and elsewhere in Japan.

According to newspapers reports, these activities of violence and protest are directed against the pro-United States Government of Liberal-Democratic Party Prime Minister Kishi, against the ratification of the Treaty of Mutual Cooperation and Security between the United States and Japan, and against the forthcoming visit of President Eisenhower this June 19.

In spite of the publicity that seems to lump all three objectives into a single, overriding manifestation of anti-American sentiment in Japan, we personally are convinced that the overwhelming majority of the Japanese people remain as friendly to this country as ever before. We are persuaded from our sources in Japan that what is really taking place is an anti-Kishi movement, not because his Government is pro-United States but because of his domestic policies generally. While it is true that there is considerable sentiment against the Treaty because there is a fear that Japan may be drawn into a war between the Sino-Soviet bloc and the United States, there is much more against the manner in which the Kishi Government rammed the Treaty through the House of Representatives. Indeed, our information tends to indicate that had Prime Minister Kishi announced prior to the Lower House (House of Representatives) action on the Treaty his intention to resign his responsibility after the President's visit or at the end of the Diet session, these demonstrations might not have taken place, for there is intense rivalry even in his own Party over his succession.

Seemingly forgotten or deliberately ignored is the original purpose of the President's visit—to commemorate the Centennial of commercial and diplomatic relations between the United States and Japan.

Unfortunately, as is so often the pattern, communists and left-wingers have seized upon popular unrest against the Kishi Government to foment un-Americanism. They have taken the so-called U-2 incident and the subsequent failure of the Paris Big Four Summit Meeting and the threat of the Soviet Union to use nuclear missiles against Japanese bases for American aircraft to fan the flames of anti-Americanism which have spread to include the Treaty of Mutual Cooperation and the President's goodwill stopover.

Basically though, we believe that the Japanese people are more friendly by far to the United States than to any other nation and that the riots and demonstrations are the work of an aggressive, vocal, organized minority that is participating in the global effort of Sino-Soviet leadership to discredit President Eisenhower and United States leadership by harassment and embarrassment at every opportunity.

It is our belief and hope that traditional Japanese courtesy and the historic friendship between the United States and Japan will prevail over the opportunism of the militant minority and that Japan's reception for President Eisenhower will rival that of any he has received anywhere in the free world.



## National JACL Convention

IN LESS THAN THREE weeks, the 16th Biennial National JACL Convention will convene in Sacramento (June 28 to July 3) at the Hotel El Dorado.

Lest those who plan to attend be misled, this may well be the most important JACL Convention since World War II, for it may well determine whether JACL will continue as an organization and in what direction.

Without doubt, the delegates to be in attendance do not intend that the JACL should disband, but, unless a definite and positive program is set forth, within a few years JACL may well wither and die on the vine of inactivity and lack of objectives. And the direction it may take may well decide whether JACL will remain the spokesman and the guardian of the welfare of persons of Japanese ancestry in this country, or whether it will withdraw and isolate itself as a west coast minority voice.

There is real hope that the National JACL 1960-1970 Planning Commission, under the able and dedicated chairmanship of National President Shig Wakamatsu and Executive Secretary Abe Hagiwara, will be able to come up with a challenging long-range program that will not only appeal to the overwhelming majority of the delegates but will also outline a ten-year blueprint for a more vital and worthwhile JACL.

At the same time, there is the real fear that the delegates will become so bogged down in the administrative and financial details for the coming biennium that there will be too few moments left to deal with the principles and objectives that should govern JACL in this midcentury decade. This has been the trouble with the past several Conventions.

Ever since 1952, when the Immigration and Nationality (Walter-McCarran) Act was enacted, JACL has more or less muddled along, with no really new ideas or projects except for the beginning of what has come to be known as a youth program. JACL can hardly expect to retain the confidence and merit the support of the Japanese American community at large by continuing to bask in the glories of the past and recalling past discriminations.

This is not to suggest that new and dramatic and startling proposals must be considered, for they will probably be the exception rather than the rule at this Convention. But some-

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## American Committee on Japan urges ratification of U.S.-Japan treaty; time most appropriate Senate committee informed

Early ratification of the U.S.-Japan Treaty of Mutual Cooperation and Security was warmly urged by the American Committee on Japan, newly-organized group interested in promotion of Japanese-American friendship, in a letter addressed to the Senate Foreign Relations Committee Chairman J. W. Fulbright, The Pacific Citizen learned this past week.

"To delay ratification will not only play into the hands of the enemies of the United States in Japan and elsewhere, but may well undermine the prestige and position of our friends, also in Japan and throughout the Far East," the ACJ executive secretary Mike Masaoka pointed out in the letter, which he had prepared. (The letter is being reprinted in its entirety this week for we feel it is of keen interest to many JACL members and PC readers.—Editor.)

The letter, as the first public gesture of the group, noted the "present time is most appropriate for favorable action by your committee and the Senate of the United States". It cited the recently issued Presidential Proclamation of May 18 designating 1960 as the U.S.-

Japan Centennial Year, the presence of the special mission from Japan led by former Prime Minister Yoshida, and the scheduled Japan visit by President Eisenhower.

### Meaning of Statehood

It also noted that with the admission of Hawaii as the 50th State, its Senator Fong and Representative Inouye are "symbols of our acceptance of those of Asian ancestry as worthy partners in the democratic system". Inouye is honorary chairman of the American Committee on Japan.

The American Committee on Japan was of the opinion that the demonstrations against Prime Minister Kishi, the Diet, the Treaty and the forthcoming Eisenhower visit to Japan "do not reflect the sentiment of the overwhelming majority of the Japanese people", the Senate Foreign Relations Committee was informed. ACJ believed the agitation was "influenced by foreign powers", as expressed by Chief Justice Tanaka of the Japanese supreme court.

The ACJ was first announced two years ago at Salt Lake City and formally activated last May 31 with the letter submitted to the

Senate Foreign Relations Committee. It was organized by U.S. citizens, who have expressed special concern in promoting cordial relations and better understanding between Japan and the United States. Saburo Kido of Los Angeles is national chairman.

Other officers are Thomas T. Hayashi of New York, policy; Samuel Ishikawa of New York, treasurer; and Masaoka, executive secretary. Fifteen area chairmen include:

### Area Chairmen

Hawaii: Judge Benjamin Tashiro, Thomas H. Takamune, James Hirano; Southern California: George Inagaki; Northern California: Susumu Togasaki; Pacific Northwest: William Mimbu; Southwest: Hiroshi Miyamura; Intermountain: Henry Kasai; Rocky Mountains: William Hosokawa; Western Plains: K. Patrick Okura; Great Lakes: Dr. Gladys Ishida; Middle West: Dr. James T. Taguchi; Gulf States: Kiyoshi Saibara; Southern States: Sachihiko Butsuyen; and Atlantic States: Dr. T. Scott Miyakawa.

(While many of these ACJ officers are also members and officers of the Japanese American Citizens League, the committee is independent of JACL.—Editor.)

## TEXT OF ACJ LETTER URGING RATIFICATION

Text of the American Committee on Japan letter addressed to the Senate Foreign Relations Committee urging ratification of the U.S.-Japan Treaty of Mutual Cooperation and Security follows:

Dear Senator Fulbright:

May we, the members of the newly organized American Committee on Japan, urge your Committee and the Senate to ratify on behalf of the United States the Treaty of Mutual Cooperation and Security with Japan which was signed here in Washington on January 19th by Secretary of State Herter and Prime Minister Kishi and which was transmitted to the Senate on March 10th by the President.

Although we are laymen and not conversant with the technicalities of the Treaty, we agree with the President's analysis in this letter of transmittal that "The treaty constitutes the foundation for cooperation, a partnership with Japan, based on mutual confidence and sovereign equality, not only in the security field but in the political and economic fields. It reflects the broad area of mutual interest between the United States and Japan. The treaty is entirely defensive in character and intent and represents a threat to no country or people. It is in full conformity with the purposes and principles of the United Nations and reflects the dedication of both parties to strengthen the efforts of the United Nations to maintain international peace and security."

We believe that the present time is most appropriate for favorable action by your Committee and the Senate of the United States.

### Centennial Year

The President has just issued a Proclamation (May 18th) designating "the year 1960 to be the United States of America-Japan Centennial Year" and urging "all agencies and officers of the Federal Government, upon the Governors of the States, and upon the American people to observe this year

"through celebrations, visits, and other observances and activities, to emphasize both the historical event of a century ago and the inauguration of a new era in the relations between the two countries, founded on amity, common interest, mutual trust and cooperation, with the view that intelligence, imagination, and wisdom

among our respective peoples may be brought into full play to achieve a world at peace with freedom and justice."

At this very moment, a special mission from Japan, led by former Prime Minister Yoshida who helped forge Japanese-American relations into a vital link of Free World security, who signed the Treaty of Peace in 1951 that restored Japan to the community of nations, and who was Japan chief executive during the final period of the Occupation and the early days of sovereignty, is in the United States participating in commemorative affairs marking a hundred years since the first Japanese Embassy was established in this country. Similarly, in Japan at this moment, a number of distinguished Americans are being feted as they too participate in events celebrating a century of diplomatic relations.

### President's Visit

The President of the United States is scheduled to visit Japan beginning June 19th and the Crown Prince and Princess are slated to reciprocate that goodwill gesture this coming September by visiting the United States, both features of this Centennial year that initiates the beginning of a new era in Japanese-American cooperation that is essential to the peace and the prosperity of the Pacific and of the world.

The long-deserving Territory of Hawaii was admitted into Statehood last summer, serving as a living demonstration of democracy in action to the peoples and nations of Asia, who see in Hawaii's population and achievements their ultimate destiny within the framework of liberty and free enterprise. Senator Fong and Congressman Inouye, the elected representatives to the National Legislature of our newest State, are symbols of our acceptance of those of Asian ancestry as worthy partners in the democratic system.

Some ten days ago (May 20th), the Japanese House of Representatives ratified the Treaty of Mutual Cooperation and Security after some 50 days of deliberate and irresponsible obstruction and even violence by leftist and "anti-American" elements both within and without the National Diet. The House of Councillors, the Upper Chamber, is expected to either ratify the Treaty or allow its automatic ratification by June 19th, the date of the President's scheduled arrival in Tokyo.

### Japan Demonstrations

For the past several weeks, mobs have demonstrated against Prime Minister Kishi, against the Diet, against the treaty, against the forthcoming visit of the President. We are of the opinion that these violent demonstrations do not reflect the sentiment of the overwhelming majority of the Japanese people. We believe, as expressed by Chief Justice Tanaka of the Japanese Supreme Court, that the agitation was "influenced by foreign powers" which have in recent months not only warned but threatened Japan again stratifying the Treaty with the United States. We are convinced that most of the people of Japan are firmly

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## CALENDAR

- June 11 (Saturday)  
San Fernando Valley—Family picnic, Bill's Place, Soledad Canyon.  
Selma—Clam derby, Oceano.  
Southwest L.A.—Queenline Ball, Old Dixie, 43rd & Western Ave.
- June 12 (Sunday)  
Idaho Falls—Community picnic.
- June 16 (Thursday)  
Downtown L.A.—Recognitions banquet, New Ginza 7:30 p.m.
- June 17 (Friday)  
Cleveland—Scholarship banquet, Epworth Methodist Church; Mike Masaoka, spkr.
- June 18 (Saturday)  
CCDC—Pre-convention meeting, Japanese Congregational Church, Fresno, 2-5 p.m.; rally, Desert Inn, 7 p.m.  
Mt. Olympus—Jr. JACL installation and graduation social, South Salt Lake Auditorium, 2500 S. State, 7 p.m.  
Florn—Graduates dance, YBA Hall, 9 p.m.  
Chicago—Scholarship dinner, Sheridan Plaza, 6:30 p.m.  
CCDC—Pre-convention rally.  
Chicago—Ladies' Night.  
Long Beach—Graduates' dance, Harbor Community Center.  
Cleveland—Scholarship banquet.
- June 18 - 19  
Venice-Culver—Community carnival booth.
- June 19 (Sunday)  
Pocatello—JACL picnic, Eastern Idaho State Fairgrounds, Blackfoot.  
Gilroy—Graduates barbecue.
- June 20 (Monday)  
Sonoma County—Graduates skatfest.
- June 24 (Friday)  
Selma—Family barbecue, Blakeley's Pool, Fresno.
- June 25 (Saturday)  
Long Beach—Coronation Ball.
- June 25-26  
West L.A.—Community carnival.
- June 26 (Sunday)  
Cleveland—Community picnic.
- June 28-July 3  
16th Biennial Nat'l JACL Convention, Sacramento JACL hosts  
(All events at Hotel El Dorado, Sacramento, except as noted. Participants must be registered for all events except those indicated by asterisks.)
- \* Open to Public
- June 28 (Tuesday)  
10 a.m. to 5 p.m.—Nat'l Board Meeting.  
1 to 5 p.m.—Registration.
- June 29 (Wednesday)  
8 a.m. to 5 p.m.—Registration.  
9 a.m. to 12 noon—National Council Meeting.  
12 to 2:30 p.m.—Recognitions Luncheon.  
2:30 to 5 p.m.—Nat'l Council Meeting.  
6 to 10 p.m.—Pioneer Dinner and Opening Ceremonies (Guest speaker, His Excellency Koto Matsudaira, Japanese Ambassador to United Nations).
- 10 p.m. to 2 a.m.—Mixer at the El Dorado Room, Bill Rase orchestra.
- June 30 (Thursday)  
8 a.m. to 5 p.m.—Registration.  
6:30 a.m.—Golf Tournament, Haggins Oaks and Bing Maloney courses.  
9 a.m. to noon—Nat'l Council Meeting.  
12 to 4 p.m.—Bridge Tournament.  
12 noon—Lunch as you please.  
1:30 p.m.—Outing at Elk Grove Park. Outdoor supper, games, swimming, and dancing, Wayne Shirley and his orchestra.
- July 1 (Friday)  
8 a.m. to 5 p.m.—Registration.  
6:30 a.m.—Golf Tournament, Haggins Oaks and Bing Maloney courses.  
9 a.m. to noon—Nat'l Council Meeting.  
12 to 4 p.m.—Bridge Tournament.  
12 noon—Lunch as you please.  
1:30 p.m.—Outing at Elk Grove Park. Outdoor supper, games, swimming, and dancing, Wayne Shirley and his orchestra.
- July 2 (Saturday)  
8 a.m. to 5 p.m.—Registration.  
9 a.m. to 12 noon—National Council Meeting.  
12 noon—Lunch as you please.  
1:00 to 3:30 p.m.—Fashion Show and Luncheon.  
1:30 p.m. to adjournment—National Council Meeting.  
6 to 10 p.m.—Convention Banquet. Guest speaker, Rep. Daniel Ken Inouye of Hawaii.  
10 p.m.—Sayonara Ball, Gordon Marvin and his orchestra.
- July 3 (Sunday)  
10 a.m. to 12 noon—National Board Meeting.

## STRAIGHT 'A' STUDENT WINS BAR ASS'N AWARD

LONG BEACH.—Denny Fujikawa, son of Dr. and Mrs. Fred Y. Fujikawa, was awarded a \$200 scholarship from the Long Beach Bar Assn. this past week. A straight "A" student at Wilson High, he ranked fourth among 48 top students from six local high schools to win the award.

Denny has been senior class president, Key Club president and is presently associate justice of the school's supreme court. He is the nephew of Gyo Fujikawa, New York artist who designed the 4-cent U.S.-Japan centennial commemorative to be issued in September.