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COLUMN LEFT:

Purpose of JACL brought into focus

Political events in Japan this past week present a serious challenge to American prestige and threaten the free world's position in the Far East. No other nation on the perimeter facing the Bamboo Curtain has as much strategic significance, is so highly industrialized, nor has as high a standard of living. Having read the comments, editorials and stories in the nation's press this past week, we seem certain more will continue to emanate.

How much of this will directly affect the welfare of persons of Japanese ancestry or not remains to be seen, for this is the activating substance of present JACL policy with international relations. Judging by the comments, letters to the editor, etc., it appears JACL has a big job on its hand and delegates to the 16th biennial national convention opening in Sacramento next week are certain to discuss this critical issue.

If all that writing and talking recently about what JACL should do in the coming decade has been pretty fuzzy or "old hat," the Japanese incident ought to bring out true purpose into focus. Nisei as Americans, and JACL as a Nisei organization, must surely realize how the small seedbeds of Communism threaten their existence. Wherever a few clever Communists operate, they can nurse a riot to their own advantage. They gain by any national demonstration and America, as a key figure in the free world, loses—no matter the cause of the disturbance.

There is enough in the Japanese incident to give purpose to every American. If the shocking events of the past weeks do not, then he misses the fervor and significance of Independence Day, which America celebrates in a few days. JACL, as an American organization can play a vital role in the spirit of the 4th of July. — H.H.

U.S.-JAPAN TREATY PAPERS EXCHANGED

The U.S.-Japan Mutual Cooperation and Security Treaty of 1960 is now effective. The ratification documents were exchanged Thursday at Prime Minister Kishi's residence. President Eisenhower had signed the treaty before he left on his Far East trip, certain it would pass, it was revealed.

The Senate early Wednesday had overwhelmingly ratified the treaty by a 90-2 vote, far above the two-thirds required to pass a treaty. Sens. Long (D., La.) and Russell (D., Ga.) were opposed, protesting the lopsided provisions in favor of Japan.

Japan completed its formalities earlier this week and Emperor Hirohito applied his imperial seal Wednesday after the cabinet gave it final approval.

Premier Kishi to Resign

At the same time, the Japanese cabinet secretary announced that Prime Minister Kishi would resign as soon as political stability was restored in Japan.

Both the American Committee on Japan, recently organized of Americans, most of whom are of Japanese ancestry with a special concern in keeping Japan within the free world, and the Japanese American Citizens League, through its national president Shig Wakamatsu, had urged the Senate last week to ratify the treaty.

Oakland dedicates new garden

OAKLAND. — The new Japanese Garden at Lakeside Park, constructed by the joint effort of many local groups including the Oakland JACL, was dedicated June 12 before 1,000 nurserymen, civic dignitaries and members of the Japanese community.

Frank Ogawa, active Oakland JACLer, emceed the dedication program. He had chaired the civic project. Oakland JACL president Ken Matsumoto used the occasion to comment on the impending Eisenhower visit to Japan.

CL Leader Comments

"I felt it my responsibility to point out the deep concern expressed by all peace-loving Americans of Japanese descent regarding the current crisis in Tokyo. Let's each of us fervently pray not only for the safety and welfare of President Eisenhower but that his mission will have successfully accomplished in the name of peace," Matsumoto said.

Oakland Mayor Rishell revealed the idea of a Japanese garden was born 14 years ago on a fishing trip with Park Commissioner Mann and pointed to Hisaichi Harry Tsugawa, who designed and supervised construction of the garden.

The services for the design and construction were all donated to the city parks by the Japanese American community.

Twin Cities Japanese to enter Aquatennial

MINNEAPOLIS. — A float representing the Japanese community of the Twin Cities will be entered in the Aquatennial Parade here July 16. On the steering committee are members of the Japanese American Community Center and Twin Cities UCL: Kay Kushino, Alyce Kawauchi, Chester Fujino and James Takata.

The first Japanese entry in the Minneapolis parade, the committee said the float will depict a Japanese garden with six girls glamorizing the scene.

Supreme Court decisions on deportees, civil rights commission of interest to JACL

(JACL News Service)

WASHINGTON. — The United States Supreme Court Monday handed down two decisions of interest to the Japanese American Citizens League, it was announced by the Washington JACL Office.

In one case, the nation's highest tribunal ruled that a deported ex-communist does not have a right to his social security. In the other, it held that witnesses before the Civil Rights Commission have no right to confront their accusers.

Social Security Case

In a sharply divided 5-4 decision, the high court ruled that paying into social security does not give an irrevocable right to draw retirement payments, that social security is not insurance in the sense that the insured automatically collects his benefits.

The court majority held that Ephraim Nester, a communist from 1933 to 1936 when it was not illegal to be a member of the Communist Party who was first admitted into this country from Bulgaria in 1913 and deported in 1956 after 43 years in the United States, could be deprived of the social security he was receiving at the time of his deportation.

His wife, however, who remained in this country, may continue to receive her share of the old age benefits resulting from her husband's coverage in the social security system.

The majority rejected the suggestion that deportation was a punishment for membership in the proscribed party, though the minority found punitive intent in the 1954 law passed by Congress to stop social security payments to aliens who were deported for membership in the Communist Party.

Although last Monday's ruling is not expected to have any widespread effect because of the limited number of cases that are directly involved, it may set a precedent for future determination of social security rights of aliens, for instance, who after earning their social security benefits in this country may voluntarily retire to another country in order to take advantage of lower living costs. Many Japanese, the JACL Office pointed out, are in this category.

Civil Rights Commission

In a 7-2 decision, the Supreme Court rejected rulings of two Southern courts that have stalled

the federal commission's hearings into Negro voting rights. In the Louisiana case that settled the matter, the issue was whether voting registrars subpoenaed to testify about the alleged deprivation of Negro voting rights could confront their accusers. That State's Attorney General took the position that the registrars should be furnished with the nature and the source of the complaints. The Commission which had 67 complaints that Louisiana citizens had been deprived of the opportunities for registration refused that information.

Chief Justice Warren delivered the majority opinion, holding that the lower courts had erred in their conclusion that Congress intended these Commission hearings to be conducted in a judicial manner permitting the right of cross-examination. It agreed with the Department of Justice's contention that the Commission was conducting an investigation, and not a trial.

The Civil Rights Commission felt that making public the names of Negroes who alleged violation of their voting rights and permitting their cross-examination by the accused registrars would destroy the hearings and would subject the Negroes to intimidation and keep them from registering complaints with the Commission.

The Commission may now proceed with its hearings in Louisiana and other States to hear complaints that Negroes are being denied their voting rights.

U.S.-Japan crisis mooled at CCDC pre-confab rally

FRESNO. — Topics discussed at the CCDC pre-convention rally meeting June 18 at the Japanese Congregational Church in Fresno were: (1) the U.S.-Japan crisis, (2) Washington Office and representation, (3) the National Budget and proposed revision of chapter quotas, (4) the Constitutional amendment proposed by PSWDC.

Mas Satow, national director; his wife, Chiz; and Linda Yatabe, convention queen, attended the afternoon meeting as well as the dinner at the Desert Inn the same evening.

With the help of Satow and also of Takeshi Watanabe, editor of the Iwate Nippo Press of Morioka City, Japan, a very interesting discussion was held on the U.S.-Japan crisis. Watanabe expressed the opinion that 57 per cent of the people of Japan opposed ratification of the new treaty. He personally opposed the treaty because of the long term of the treaty and because it was not definite as to what extent Japan would be consulted in the movement of troops in the Far East.

After all topics were discussed, it was generally agreed that final decisions would be left to the delegates to the convention.

Dr. and Mrs. George Suda entertained Mrs. Satow, Linda Yatabe and Peggy Sasashima, CCDC oratorical finalist, at their home. Assisting Mrs. George Suda were Mmes. Robert Kimura, James Kubota, Henry Kazato, Willy Suda and Fred Hirasuna.

At the Desert Inn, the Sacramento delegation headed by Henry Taketa, Tak Tsujita and Toko Fujii gave full details on the preparations made by the Sacramento Chapter for the National Convention. Kenji Tashiro, chairman for the Rally, presented Linda Yatabe with a gift in appreciation of her coming to attend the Rally.

TINDER-BOX AURA OF JAPAN GLOWS FOR C.L. CONFAB

BY HARRY HONDA

"Decisions for Tomorrow", theme of the 16th Biennial National Convention of the Japanese American Citizens League, takes on richer meaning in the light of political events in Japan, the postponement of President Eisenhower's visit to Japan and the just completed set of recommendations from the 1960-70 JACL Planning Commission.

The Planning Commission recommendations are reported elsewhere in this week's Pacific Citizen.

The details of the convention, being hosted by Sacramento JACL, have been published for the past half year and the program is contained in the PC Calendar.

Mike Masaoka this week feels the convention could be the most significant since 1942. (See page 8.)

20 Hours in Sessions

At least 20 hours of deliberation have been scheduled tentatively for delegates assembled in the national council sessions, which will be held at Sacramento's modern ranch-style El Dorado Hotel, situated on the US Highway 40 north of the city.

The host convention board anticipates upwards to 700 registered delegates and boosters. As some convention special events are open to the public (Wednesday, June 29, dinner honoring the Issei pioneers; outing on July 1, and the fashion show-luncheon on July 2), close to a 1,000 persons are expected to participate. It will rank as the biggest Japanese American gathering of its kind in Sacramento.

With each passing national convention, the importance of youth activities as part of the convention program becomes more apparent. Two days (June 30, July 1) are being set aside for youth programs. One will be a panel discussion on discrimination on Thursday, June 30, 9 a.m., with Frank Chuman as moderator. Members of the panel include John Yoshino, staff member, President's Committee on Government Contracts; Bob Walter, No. Calif. field representative, Calif. FEPC; Haruo Ishimaru, chairman, NC-WNDC Committee on Equal Housing; Tad Masaoka, staff member, U.S. Housing and Home Finance Agency; and Mike Masaoka, Washington JACL representative.

Because of the expansion of the opening day Recognitions Luncheon, June 29, with the many awards and tributes to be presented during the affair, national committee meetings that afternoon will start from 3 o'clock. The morning session, the same day, will be mainly devoted to the report from the 1960-70 Planning Commission by Shig Wakamatsu, national president, and Abe Hagihara, executive secretary of the commission.

Chapters Alerted

Chapter presidents this past week were alerted by Wakamatsu on the possible effect of the now-postponed Eisenhower visit to Japan. At the time of the memorandum was written (June 13), Wakamatsu was not aware of the postponement, but he wanted the chapters alerted.

DATES

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 Hilo Tidal Wave Friendship Fund, \$17,000 national goal; public invited to contribute; send care of JACL Headquarters, 1634 Post St., San Francisco 15, Calif.

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JACL PLANNING QUESTIONNAIRE

Those receiving Part II and Part III of the JACL Planning Commission questionnaire were relieved, as I was, to find them consisting of four pages. The questions were more specific in nature than Part I and probably encountered less time and discussion to answer. Many of them appear to be suggestions made during the past year and the Commission wanted to poll the chapters. If over half of the chapters respond, the percentages should be quite valid.

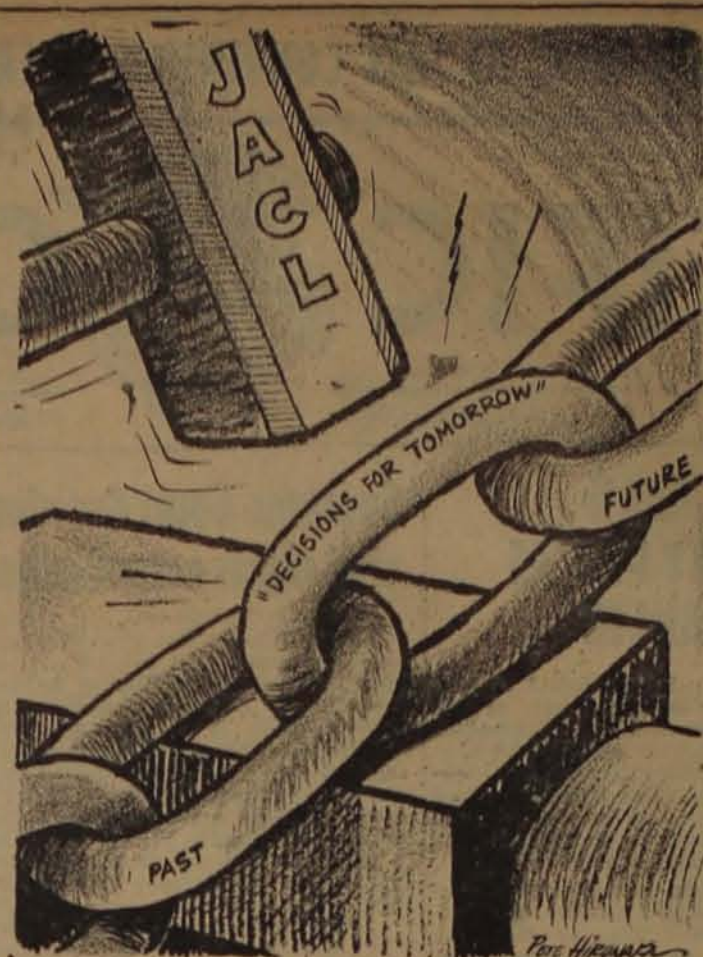
Part II asked for Opinions and Views (true or false) on such general observations as: (1) The Nisei will eventually, if not already, inherit from the Issei the responsibility for maintaining social welfare service for Japanese. (2) Sansei will look to their Nisei parents for ethnic and cultural information, knowledge and understanding. (3) The average Nisei feels within himself a sense of cultural or racial pride. (4) America's growing interest in things Japanese has greatly influenced its attitude and treatment of Japanese Americans. On this last general observation, the political crisis in the Far East—especially in Japan after it cancelled President Eisenhower's visit this week—may evoke a different answer. We might ask: if Japan goes Communist and has no "Free Japan," would the general treatment of Japanese Americans be affected? We note one congressman asking for an 18-day boycott of Japanese goods last week. The day the Eisenhower visit was postponed, Japanese stocks took a big tumble.

Which brings us to the last half of Part II, seeking opinions (disagree, agree or no opinion) of what JACL should do in the next decade. . . JACL should (1) continue to concern itself primarily with those problems and issues in the U.S. affecting the welfare of persons of Japanese ancestry, (2) broaden its program to become more actively involved with problems and issues affecting all American minorities, (3) or extend its program to show greater interest and concern in world problems and issues affecting the welfare of persons of Japanese ancestry, (4) support legislative views and policies favorable to improving or bettering relations between Japan and the United States. . . We don't have room this week to list all the questions, but these are the kinds of questions which the Planning Commission has pieced together from the reports and meetings held this past year in all the chapters on this vital issue: What should JACL do in the next decade?

Section III covers questions on the organization, administrative and budgetary considerations. . . It asks chapters whether they would approve boosting national dues from \$2 to \$5 in the next 10 years, enroll 10 per cent of its members into the 1000 Club, approve a \$2 increase in dues to be assured of PC with Membership, favor chapter quotas be refigured on a per capita basis and limit expending earnings from the endowment fund to special projects only.

Chapters were also asked how they felt about establishing regional offices in key cities, i.e., Salt Lake City, Denver, Seattle and New York. It would mean an increase in budget, of course.

In one of the early communiques from the Planning Commission, we recall the suggestion that in establishing a program for the coming decade, cost was not to be the criterion, but whether the idea was good for the organization and the people it served. . . We have seen good ideas born at the National Council sessions, only to wither on the vine because of the lack of funds to have these projects harvest what was intended. The test of a good idea is its persistence to stay alive on the vine—and somehow Providence allows it mature. We like to think PC with Membership is one of these ideas that attracts more support with each passing convention. It's been a dream since the PC was started. After 30 years of continuous publication, we may be able to declare a "dream come true" about this time next week—when it comes up for discussion at the 16th Biennial at Sacramento.



Connecting Link

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in '60

By Stirling Sakamoto

This is it! By the time you finish reading this column and within four days our much-awaited 16th Biennial National JACL Convention convenes from June 28. There is no more kidding along. The curtains go up and the National Board members roll up their sleeves and go to work. We, members of the National Convention Board, can ease up a wee bit but for only a moment as we still have five more days of entertaining you people. After that, can we sit back and relax and say to ourselves—"did we do a good job?" I hope so.

The working press including Pacific Citizen's Harry Honda and Fred Takata will be on hand plus representatives from most of the 15 other Japanese American vernaculars throughout the United States and Hawaii. Two local newspapers, both members of the AP and UPI, will send reporters to cover the convention as Yours Truly received words from them just last week. A special press section has been made available through our Public Relations man Henry Taketa, so arrangements pertaining to that matter are very well taken care of, it seems.

NO DULL MOMENT

The Convention Board feels that our program covers fully every activity and special event that you will thoroughly enjoy. There won't be a dull moment, I assure you.

The Golf department did right well with 64 men and 15 ladies vying for various trophies. The tourney was greatly boosted by members of the local Nisei Golf and Kagero Golf Clubs.

Louis Jordan and his gang of music blasters are set to give you a whole afternoon and night of fun, plus the many wobbly voices of Barber Shop Quartets and remember, we have five orchestras including Louis Jordan for five different dances.

Two keynote speakers, Congressman Daniel K. Inouye for the Convention Banquet and Hon. Koto Matsudaira, Japan's United Nations representative for the Pioneer Banquet, will be the highlight of the "Decisions For Tomorrow" Convention. Incidentally, Hon. Matsudaira will speak both in Japanese and English language.

The Youth Program is attractive and should suit the Junior JACLers. Their program will no doubt boost the Convention to a higher

degree in success. Much thanks and hard earned congratulations are in store to our local Junior JACLers for a well-planned program.

The Fashion Show and Luncheon, a Convention special event, is a "must" for everyone. Chairman Toshi Tambara reveals that a troupe of 20 men, women and children will model California's finest in fashion wear.

All these items lead to fun, friendship and good times. Have a good time with us and really enjoy yourselves. Meet your old friends and new friends.

ABOUT THE COLUMN

The publicity end of the Convention was a first time for me. It was really a big job for me and the experience gained by this has helped me in not only being able to write for the PC but has resulted in our satisfaction in being able to write to you people. I can tell you honestly that I had just as much fun writing about it as you had reading about it. There were moments from the higher-ups filled with a few gripes and even from PC advisory boys and passing the buck, like always, I managed to get by with flying colors.

Many thanks to editor Harry Honda for his patience, to Fred Takata for taking all the heavy brunt of jokes from this writer (I was kidding along all the time, friends, so if Fred's ego was slightly lowered, I humbly apologize. . .)

But, in the meantime, we will be expecting all of you in Sacramento come June 28. According to Registration Chairman Betsie Sanui, about 500 are expected, to be augmented by a local turnout of 200-300 attending the various events. We expect somewhere between 600-700 attending the Convention throughout the five-day meet. If it is successful, all the hard work, long meetings and get-togethers have not been in vain. Seattle, Washington, will be the next stop. So, in the meantime, Come on Down to Sacramento, California. Have Fun with us and let's really have a ball.

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1960-70 JACL PLANNING COMMISSION:

20 Recommendations

AS NATIONAL ORGANIZATION—Recommendation: Every minority group of any consequence in this country maintains a strong national organization ready for all emergencies. We seem to have one again, for the Far East is once again the world's most disturbed area, with belligerent Red China on the move, Japan's support of the West crumbling, problems of population explosion and widespread poverty and starvation.

(1) It is imperative that the membership of the Japanese American Citizens League continues to maintain a strong national organization and an effective Washington Office. (2) Steps be taken to re-establish or establish four JACL regional offices in strategic areas (cities) throughout the country to implement the national program for the next decade.

PUBLIC RELATIONS—Recommendation: America's growing interest in things Japanese has greatly influenced its attitude and treatment of Japanese Americans. Yet the public is not able to make reasonable distinction between Americans of Japanese ancestry and people of Japan. JACL needs to reassert the image of the "Nisei" (Americans of Japanese ancestry) at every opportunity by:

(1) Developing a 10-year program to document the history and achievement of Japanese Americans (i.e., Issei story, Nisei story, film documentary, brochures, and other printed literatures). (2) Establishing a national circulating library to serve as a resource or source of information for the coming and present generation of Japanese Americans. (3) Continuing and intensifying campaign of education in combatting prejudice (i.e., anti-defamation, anti-Nisei films, etc.).

INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS—Recommendation: The JACL by the very nature of its purpose is sensitive to events and incidents between United States and Japan as they relate to the welfare of persons of Japanese descent.

1. There is considerable misunderstanding and confusion surrounding JACL's policy on United States-Japan affairs adopted in 1958, therefore, the Commission feels that until this issue can be clarified to the satisfaction of majority of the chapters, the present policy should remain unchanged.

2. However, JACL should support legislatively views and policies favorable to improving or bettering relations between Japan and the United States.

3. JACL should take a more vocal and active position to influence our government, through proper and official channels, for maintaining friendly relations between Japan and the United States.

4. The National Committee on International Relations should consider recommending needed changes in the present policy to permit JACL to function more effectively in dealing with matters related to U.S.-Japan affairs.

5. In the coming decade JACL should develop a new sense of responsibility and real concern for world-wide problem and issues affecting the welfare of persons of Japanese ancestry, and translate these concerns through educational process to enlighten the membership to understand and accept broader issues.

LEGISLATIVE-LEGAL—Recommendation: Most of the legislative-legal recommendations have been mandated at previous conventions, but nevertheless it is repeated here. It might well take, at least, another decade before any appreciable progress can be made.

1. Civil Rights: (a) Amend Senate Rule 22 to eliminate filibustering. (b) Campaign legislatively for non-discrimination in housing. (c) Campaign legislatively for national Fair Employment Practices law. (d) Eliminate Alien-Land laws in Arizona and Washington by a concerted national effort of all the chapters. (e) Eliminate by court action all anti-miscegenation laws. (f) Campaign legislatively for equality in voting privileges for all citizens. (g) Campaign legislatively for full equality and complete integration.

2. Immigration: (a) The National Origins Formula should be revised and placed on a 1960 population basis rather than 1920 to eliminate discriminatory quotas for many Far Eastern countries. (b) The Asiatic-Pacific Triangle, which stigmatizes and discriminates Japanese and other Far Eastern people, should be eliminated. (c) Provide increased immigration opportunities for persons of Japanese ancestry.

3. Evacuations Claims: Work towards passage of the amendment introduced in the last Congress for those whose claims were inadvertently filed late or who failed to file at all because they presumed they were ineligible.

4. Vested Property Claims: Eliminate discrimination against persons of Japanese ancestry in the return of vested property.

SCHOLARSHIP—Recommendation: Expansion of the National Scholarship program has been strongly suggested by several chapters. The National Council should consider:

(1) Creating a National Scholarship Committee to administer the scholarship fund and program. (2) Expanding the program to provide additional scholarships or grants to deserving young people with outstanding achievement records. (3) Recognizing a high school graduate for making an unusual or unique contribution to his community (public relations angle).

YOUTH—Recommendation: JACL should provide its youth with encouragement and opportunity toward full development of their abilities and talents for making the greatest possible contributions as responsible citizens to the American way of life.

JACL should help its youth to understand the qualities in—
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Editor's Note: Bill Hosokawa, writing a series of articles on the U.S.-Japan crisis for the Denver Post and other dailies from Tokyo this week, assured us (while changing planes for Japan at the Los Angeles International Airport last week) a column would arrive in time. We regret its absence at press-time. Watch for it next week.

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Convention —

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ter president to be ready if something terrible happened.

To offset such a predicament if it did happen (and it didn't), he urged immediate action on the Hilo Tidal Wave Friendship Fund campaign and urging chapters to write to their senators asking for an early ratification of the U.S.-Japan mutual cooperation and security treaty.

"We ought to be on record as American citizens favoring this treaty," he told the chapter leaders. "Americans have a right to ask of us where we stand on international matters concerning Japan. Our silence can be justifiably interpreted as being subversive by segments of the American public."

International relations—a JACL policy that has been in the forefront of discussion since 1954—continues to be a big item. The Midwest District Council is submitting a resolution asking re-appraisal of the policy.

MDC Resolution

The resolution reads:
"Mindful of the inescapable fact that JACL should and must continue to move forward and make its unique contribution as an American organization vitally interested in promoting, improving and strengthening our nation's position in world affairs, particularly at a time when we sorely need reciprocal understanding and support between this nation and other free nations."

"It was moved, seconded and unanimously approved by the delegates assembled at the Midwest District Council meeting of the JACL in Milwaukee, Wis., on May 29, 1960."

"That the National Planning Commission of the JACL be directed to refer to the national committee on International Relations for study and recommendations the question of the concern and scope of JACL's role in fostering the hereinabove-mentioned objectives."

The present tinder-box situation in Japan and "negative" press stories from Tokyo were among the circumstances that prompted the resolution, it was explained. The condition requires the greatest flexibility on the National President, members of the National Board, the Washington representative and the National Director to speak out, if need be, for Americans of Japanese ancestry.

It was the belief of the MDC delegates that the current policy is wholly inadequate in facing situations that may arise overnight. Wakamatsu felt the present policy, adopted in 1958, places JACL in a defensive posture and of acting when something happens, which is usually too late.

CONVENTION YOUTH PROGRAM LEADERS



Sacramento Jr. JACL hosts the youth activities for the 16th Biennial National JACL Convention next week. Preparing for the two-day program of June 30 and July 1 are committee members (from left): Front row—Christine Asoo, dinner-dance; Colleen Masaki, gen. chmn.; Alice Nishimi, dinner-dance; and Laura Shirol, regis. Middle row—Sandra Sunada, pub.; Jean Ohata, regis.; Charlene Shirai, outing. Top row—Earl Shirol, regis.; Tom Ishikawa and Cary Tanihana, mtg.

San Leandro Sansei sweats out appointment for Air Force academy

SAN LEANDRO.—Special appointment to the U.S. Air Force Academy was granted Ted Saito, outstanding San Leandro High School graduate, who reports next week at Colorado Springs. He is the first Japanese American appointee from California.

He nearly gave up hope of entering after a series of disappointments: he erroneously indicated a history of asthma when it was reaction to a high pollen count in the air; then the search for the physician who had treated Ted five years ago in Germany while living with his father, Dr. Frank Saito, a dentist stationed with the Air Force, and locating him at San Francisco's Letterman General Hospital to substantiate the condition.

Late last month, the Air Force cleared the asthma difficulty but said he had teeth that need attention. Dr. Saito said he had kept his son's teeth in excellent condition. Another dentist was asked to examine Ted and the X-rays forwarded to Washington with the comment that there were no dental deficiencies.

The suspense mounted as Ted, in the meantime, learned he was one of two San Leandro seniors accepted by Stanford in the fall. Then came the wire from Congressman George Miller, notifying him of the special appointment. The wire said the Air Force had informed him it had erred and

was offering Saito an appointment as one of the best qualified congressional nominees in America.

Ted was graduated No. 1 in his class of 488. He lettered in cross-country, active in school dramatics, speech, match and science. He was a Boys State delegate. He recently competed in the San Francisco JACL Olympics as a member of the Eden Township JACL team, winning the 880 and mile and finishing second in the 440 and fifth in the pole vault to score 15 points.

Berkeley woman conferred Ph.D. in chemistry

Mrs. Joyce Naoko Doi of Berkeley was a June recipient of a doctorate in the field of chemistry from UCLA.

She is the daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Henry Takahashi of Berkeley, and received her bachelor of science from U.C. at Berkeley campus where she was elected to the Phi Beta Kappa in her junior year.

Her husband Roy Doi received his Ph.D. in the field of bacteriology from Univ. of Wisconsin.

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By the Board

By Dr. Roy Nishikawa, Imm. Past President

Many JACL leaders have discussed in this column and elsewhere some of the major problems raised by the 1960-70 Planning Commission.

Despite the various approaches and diversity of opinions expressed, there seems to be one factor in common: An earnest desire to contribute to the growth and progress of the JACL. Also, there is a clear undertone of dissatisfaction, a recognition that drifting along is not enough. This is good, for when we recognize and acknowledge our weaknesses we can take steps for improvement.

There is also a general awareness that growth and progress in JACL must be based upon adequate finances, an informed and enthusiastic membership, a program which meets a variety of needs and interests; and above all, capable and dedicated leadership locally, regionally and nationally.

Very few JACLers would argue with these general premises. But when we get down to details then disagreements arise:

Should the Pacific Citizen be linked with membership? Of course! Yet many members are fearful that the necessary increased dues will make membership drives too difficult.

Should staff salaries be increased? Yes! For we know that the cost of living has gone up and that the staff is deserving of the incentives of salary increases. Yet some of the same people who assent to pay raises may complain that the budget and quotas are too high.

Should we have increased staff services for our chapters? Better programming? A more comprehensive youth program? Better public relations and education? More community services? A broader civil rights program? Yes! But we balk at bearing the increased costs. JACL is like a financially hard pressed family whose wants exceed their means.

We seem to be caught in a vicious circle: Our staff and programs suffer because we cannot attract sufficient membership and financial support. On the other hand, we cannot attract sufficient membership and financial support because we do not have an adequate program and staff to implement them. What then, are we to do?

This writer believes that first we must decide upon our basic philosophy: Is it one of retrenchment? The status quo? Or of advancement? I believe this basic philosophy is far more important than the settlement of details on specific issues. For the issues themselves are dependent upon our basic philosophy regarding JACL.

On this premise then, there are three basic choices regarding the "Decisions for Tomorrow" that JACL can make:

1. Retrenchment. Cut the budget, cut the staff, cut out some of the offices. This would reduce JACL to a skeleton basis. This would also mean the loss of many members and chapters. Financial support would necessarily come from a few thousand "hard-core" JACLers who would be willing to underwrite the maintenance of a national framework of JACL.

This skeleton structure could be maintained on a standby basis, ready for expansion and mobilization if and when such action became necessary. Because it would be a smaller and more compact group, it could become much more flexible in action, possibly even more effective in certain areas.

2. Retain the status quo. This is the easiest thing to do. It requires no long range planning and puts no further strain on our pocketbooks. But at the same time, it may tend to encourage dissensions and frustrations on all levels. The progressives and liberals feel impatient. The ultra-conservatives feel extravagant. Some of the staff members may feel impotent and insecure. The average member is confused and is not certain why he belongs to JACL. Drifting along is easiest. But in the long run there is disenchantment and a gradual weakening of the JACL.

3. There is a final choice. JACL can expand, grow and progress on all levels: local, regional and national. There is a law of life which maintains that when growth stops, death begins to creep in. Growth of the JACL can mean more public relations both internal and external; more education, more and better programming. This also means more effort, more time, more money and more staff. This requires a positive and optimistic outlook rather than a defeatist and negative one.

A resurgence of JACL could make it more meaningful for all of us. Today, we miss a sense of purpose and unity—and perhaps this is JACL's greatest current weakness. What has happened to the spirit of dedication and the unity of purpose so characteristic of the early postwar years? Perhaps we respond to JACL so cavalierly because she makes such weak demands upon us. Perhaps the challenge of wider and larger goals is needed to elicit our very best efforts.

Top JACL leaders have been cognizant of these problems since 1952, although they may have been hesitant in discussing them in print. The fact that it took so long to create the 1960-70 Planning Commission is testimony to the strong resistance to change. National President Wakamatsu is to be congratulated for bringing this matter to a head during his administration.

Yet, most of us would agree that this is only the beginning. Only the very naive would believe that the Planning Commission or the National Convention has all of the answers. I believe it almost a necessity that the Planning Commission be authorized to continue its work in order to follow through with the decisions made at the National Convention. Old timers can recall the numerous resolutions and programs enthusiastically endorsed at the National Convention which never got off the ground because of lack of finances or lack of follow through. This is both discouraging and demoralizing.

In this article I have tried to be candid and even provocative in the hope that some of us would be willing to lose our spathy and complacency. If enough of us do go, then, perhaps, a real start can be made at the Convention towards building a greater JACL.

In the future, great and disturbing events may occur which could have a tremendous impact upon Japanese Americans. (The recent deplorable Tokyo riots may be merely a prelude.)

At any rate it is incumbent upon the current JACL leaders

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Editor: The article of Richard Akagi in the June 17 Pacific Citizen was very interesting. If the JACL could be dead by 1967, it may be a good thing provided the reasons for its death are valid. However, I am afraid the malady ascribed for its demise will not cause the JACL to die. If anything, the very thing that Akagi is urging the JACL to do would cast the death spell.

When another urgent cause to raise money should arise, I am sure the organization will meet the challenge. But I cannot see why the JACL must tax the members and the community simply to try to live up to the past glories. It is not necessary. Anyone who went on those financial drives year after year, raising over \$100,000 annually for a total of about \$600,000 from a total population of around 120,000, including little babies and children, knows that it required phenomenal effort and generous hearts. Only a driving zeal accentuated with important goals could have kept the members on the go. Those were abnormal days when everyone knew that the basic discrimination, the ineligibility to citizenship, had to be eliminated in order that persons of Japanese ancestry could enjoy equality before the law in this country.

Now that the mission and objectives have been attained, let the chapters coast along. Merely enlarging the scope of activities isn't going to strengthen the JACL. In fact, it may be the very thing to kill it. Everybody is tired of raising funds.

I have been among those who have advocated the curtailment of activities ever since the passage of the immigration and naturalization law which granted equality to the Japanese. It was my belief that the budget should be cut. Unbalanced budget, unfilled quotas and embarrassments resulting therefore are bad.

Concentrate on a Few

There are organizations which are flourishing without our trying to be all-inclusive. What is wrong in trying to keep out of some activities and concentrating on what we can agree upon? I see nothing fatal in such a policy.

The JACL and its legislative program was successful because we had the right cause, the enthusiasm and support, and the right man at the right time. But that is past history. We are back to the less glamorous activities, but just as important as far as the future is concerned.

I would like to see the day come when the JACL can say that the mission has been accomplished; therefore, it is time that we disband. When the JACL was launched in 1930, those who were instrumental in its formation dreamed of such a day to come. It would mean that the persons of Japanese ancestry can feel that they are an integral part of American life without any racial discrimination to make them feel that they do not belong. It will herald the day when racial prejudice and discrimination will have disappeared from the American scene.

There are those within the JACL who want to broaden the horizon of its activities so that it will dabble in international relations and assume the burden of the underprivileged in this country. The person who may object to internationalism for JACL may desire to fight on a broader front on civil rights.

Not Lobby for Others

One thing should be clear. The JACL should not be a lobbying organization. It would be preferable for all persons of Japanese ancestry, who desire to help other minorities to win greater rights, to join groups which are in this field already. Those who want to help the Negroes could join the NAACP. Those who are interested in civil liberties and rights can join the American Civil Liberties Union. Duplication is unwise. It is pre-

sumptuous on our part to try to do what they are going. We can give our moral support and cooperation whenever necessary. This is what they did when we were carrying on our battles.

Instead of trying to inject JACL into these activities, the ideal of integration should make them urge the members to go out individually and become a part of the larger movement. The fact that the JACL was able to achieve success in special problems dealing with Japanese does not mean that it can accomplish the same results for others.

JACL can justify its existence as a racial bloc through the activities and the good it can do for its own group. As long as there is discrimination involving persons of Japanese ancestry, its existence will be necessary. We need our own organization because experience has taught us that our problems are placed way down the list since the number involved is small. We have to fight our own battles for this reason.

An Educational Group

Membership of the JACL comes from all walks of life. Many of them are employed by the government. We cannot become a political action group because this will jeopardize our tax exempt status as an educational body, standing for good citizenship, leadership training, educating the American public about the Nisei and other persons of Japanese ancestry, including their cultural heritage, Americanization programs and so forth. These are not dynamic or glamorous, but constitute our contributions to the American melting pot.

Our activities are further limited because our members who are in civil service jobs at all levels have to be protected.

By observing the restrictions and the limitations, we are able to attract the membership without their fear of jeopardizing their positions or becoming tainted innocently because of the activities imposed upon the organization through the unlimited discretion granted to the leadership.

What I cannot understand is why some of our leaders want the JACL to do everything that others are doing. What is wrong with concentrating upon matters which will help our own members and persons of Japanese ancestry in this country. This is what the JACL was organized for in the first place.

The legislative program was the opportunity which the war conditions brought about. It hastened the acceptance we had been praying for.

Decade to Come

Now as we face the next decade of the 60s, I believe the JACL should learn to live within its budget. The activities should be controlled by the amount of money it can raise. Important things should be given preference. If we want to help our members to broaden their field of activities, let them obtain their apprenticeship within the JACL. Then let them go out into the community at large.

The local chapters should exercise more autonomy. They should take greater initiative in programming their own activities. The emphasis should be about the welfare of the members, their contributions to the community, and public relations. We have the leadership program to accelerate so that more of our younger generation can become community leaders and not confine themselves to the Japanese group. We can inculcate the membership with the Japanese cultural heritage which we can be proud of. There are many other things which the chapters can work on without concerning themselves with the problems

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1000 CLUB NOTES

SAN FRANCISCO.—National Headquarters this past week acknowledged 40 new and renewal memberships in the 1000 Club for the first half of June as follows:

THIRTEENTH YEAR
East Los Angeles—Ken Utaunomiya.

TWELFTH YEAR
Gardena Valley—Joe Kobata.
Santa Maria Valley—Harold Y. Shimizu.
Marysville—Akiji Yoshimura.

ELEVENTH YEAR
San Diego—Joseph Owashi.

TENTH YEAR
Reedley—Toru Ikeda.
San Francisco—Mrs. Teiko Kuroiwa.
Philadelphia—S. John Nitta, Mrs. T. Ann Nitta.

NINTH YEAR
Chicago—Togo W. Tanaka.

EIGHTH YEAR
Reedley—Mrs. Michi Ikeda.
New York—Yave Togasaki.

SEVENTH YEAR
Southwest L.A.—Jim Higashi.
Sequoia—Tad Masaoka (formerly D.C. chapter).

SIXTH YEAR
Chicago—Paul T. Seto.
Gresham-Troutdale—Newton Takashi, ma.

FIFTH YEAR
Santa Barbara—Mike Hide.
Chicago—Gladys Ishida.

FOURTH YEAR
Seattle—Richard K. Murakami.
West Los Angeles—Ben M. Nishimoto, Jim M. Nishimoto.

THIRD YEAR
Downtown L.A.—Shigeo Mayekawa.
Chicago—Masato Nakagawa.
Twin Cities—Sumiko Teramoto.

SECOND YEAR
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Venice-Culver—Dr. Iwao G. Kawakami.

FIRST YEAR
Seattle—Nishi Kumagai.
Sequoia—David Nakamura.
San Jose—Etsu Shimizu.
Mid-Columbia—Mrs. Mikie Yasui.

Alameda—Hiromu Akagi.

'MISS HARBOR' TO BE REVEALED TOMORROW

LONG BEACH.—"Miss Harbor", who will be the area candidate for Nisei Week queen, will be introduced tomorrow night at the Long Beach-Harbor District JACL Coronation Ball in Lafayette Hotel's Grand Ballroom.

Dinner from 8 will precede the ball, which is starting at 9:30 p.m. Dave Aoki will emcee. The aspirants for "Miss Harbor" are Diane Matsumoto, Kiyoko Nakamura, Keiko Saito and Joan Takenouchi.

Among the evening hostesses will be Betty Sakamoto, who was "Miss Harbor 1959".

CORTEZ JACL AWARDS TWO \$100 SCHOLARSHIPS

TURLOCK.—Cortez JACL presented \$100 scholarship awards to Sharon Ishihara, daughter of Mr. & Mrs. M. Ishihara of Delhi; and to Carol Noda, daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Bill Noda of Turlock. Sharon is a graduate of Livingston High School, and Carol of Turlock High School. Both girls will enter Modesto Jr. College in the fall in pre-teaching courses.

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herent in our heritage and traditions; to fully appreciate the contributions made by Americans of Japanese descent; and to offer guidance and leadership through program and activities.

(1) Local chapters should be encouraged to organize a youth group or a Junior JACL group. (2) National Committee on Youth might undertake a special project to standardize the Junior JACL program with respect to age-membership requirements, program goals and program resources. (3) National Council should consider employing a full time professional program worker to service chapters requesting youth program service. (4) Provide youth leaders, advisors and chapters with needed or required pamphlets, workbooks, manuals and program aids.

COMMUNITY RELATIONS Recommendation: More and more chapters are encouraging its members to take active part in local community affairs. Many larger chapters have begun to assume greater responsibility providing for the needs and problems of the Japanese community.

1. Local chapters should be encouraged to provide or develop community service projects to assist Issei, students and newcomers (soldier brides) from Japan who are in need of help.

2. Local chapters should provide leadership for community service projects when called upon, whether the request comes from Red Cross or a Japanese church.

3. Local chapters should discover and utilize the services of Nisei and friends possessing skill and competence in community relations work. This takes planning and leadership.

4. Local chapters should be encouraged to document or record such activities for the record.

5. Local chapters should utilize more fully the services and resources of the larger community to meet the needs of its members.

6. Local chapters should work closely with local civic, human relations and religious groups on common issues involving discrimination or unfair treatment of its citizens.

EDUCATIONAL PROGRAM—Recommendation: The greatest educational concern of JACLers falls into two general areas: (a) deep concern over the perplexing problem of relationship between the child and the parent, and (b) the matter of cultural heritage and tradition.

1. JACL should help its youth understand the qualities inherent in our heritage and tradition by providing opportunities to be exposed to cultural activities such as Japanese movies, books, magazines, records, art exhibit, trade fair, churches, JACL, etc.

2. JACL should secure assistance from existing family service agencies for setting up special program to help parents understand better his or her role in today's world.

3. Service to naturalized citizens should be continued and expanded stressing citizenship ideals.

4. Cultural enrichment or education program might be organized for members and general public with help from the Japanese newcomers. Develop a resource list of instructors in Japanese cultural activities.

POLITICAL ACTIVITY—Recommendation: It is encouraging to note for the first time beginnings of a political tradition being developed among Americans of Japanese descent. JACL should encourage its members to take more aggressive action in politics and civic affairs as individuals and support them as individuals.

(1) To protect our status as a non-partisan organization, JACL must avoid group involvement or group commitment in political issues and political candidacy. (2) This means chapters cannot support or endorse a candidate for office except through a special committee of individuals not identified structurally with JACL.

CHAPTER SERVICE—Recommendation: Local chapters are the life blood of our national organization. JACL should periodically assess the needs of its members and adjust or design its service to meet the challenges of the time.

1. Provide local chapters with program themes built around challenges and responsibilities. For example, "community involvement" or "participation" be emphasized in 1960-61; "individual responsibility" in 1962-63; "leadership" in 1964-65; etc.

2. Develop a JACL education program (campaign) through use of printed material to better inform its members of JACL's history, aims and purposes, accomplishments, current projects and future goals.

3. Provide chapters with more guides, outlines, report forms and manuals then, set program for its use through chapter clinics.

4. Chapter visitation by members of the National staff or board be made periodically to all chapters, especially to those chapters situated in remote areas of our country.

5. Provide staff services for setting up chapter clinics for developing and training members and leaders for public relations functions.

FINANCE—Recommendation: A new attitude and philosophy for financing JACL program and service must be developed in the next few years.

(1) JACL should adopt a sound fiscal program based on sound management principle. (2) Basic national dues should

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Congressional Record carries Congressman Moss's invitation to colleagues on 16th biennial Nat'l JACL conlab at Sac'to

Here is the complete text of the Extension of Remarks by Congressman Moss, published in the June 9 Congressional Record:

Washington
Mr. MOSS. Mr. Speaker, under leave to extend my remarks, may I invite the attention of my colleagues in the Congress to the 16th Biennial National Convention of the Japanese American Citizens League, more popularly known as the JACL, which is to be held at the newly constructed Hotel El Dorado in Sacramento, Calif., June 28 to July 3.

As most of my colleagues are aware, the JACL is the only national organization of Americans of Japanese ancestry in this country, with members and chapters in 32 States, including the newest, Hawaii. Its name identifies most of its constituency, for all of its members are native-born or naturalized citizens, most of whom are also of Japanese ancestry. Its name too delineates its reasons for being, to keep watch and ward over the welfare of those of Japanese ancestry in this Nation and to promote, in the words of its national slogan, "Better Americans in a Greater America."

Appropriate Convention Site

The historic capital city of Sacramento is an especially appropriate site for the JACL convention, for no other State in the Union has had a more intimate association with Americans of Japanese ancestry on the continental mainland of California. Today, it is estimated that one-half or more of all persons of Japanese ancestry residing on the U.S. mainland live in California.

One hundred years ago, the first Japanese Embassy to this country landed in San Francisco preparatory to traveling to Washington, D.C., to sign the first treaty of friendship and commerce with our Nation. It is this centennial of diplomatic and commercial relations that we are celebrating this year, which includes exchange visits by President Eisenhower to Tokyo this month and by the Crown Prince and Princess to Washington in September.

It was 75 years ago that the first Japanese immigrants were brought over to this country through the port of San Francisco, which has come to be known as the Gateway to the Orient. And, it was in the Sacramento Valley and the surrounding hills that they first made their great contributions to the agriculture of the West, settling on unwanted wastelands and transforming them into productive farms and orchards, thereby demonstrating the value of irrigation and intensive cultivation. It was around Sacramento and the rugged mountain barriers to the East that the Japanese immigrants first joined in laying the tracks that enabled this Nation to bind itself together in an intercontinental network of iron rails. It was also in these rich mountains that these immigrants first joined to mine the ores that helped to make Western America the treasure house of the world.

Indeed, the once frontier West in general and California in particular owes much to the many and varied contributions of these so-called Japanese pioneers. And, it is to their greater credit that they accomplished and achieved so much under the handicaps of the anti-oriental discrimination and prejudice that they inherited from the Chinese immigrants of an earlier day. And, few of us will ever recall with pride our wartime mistreatment of this tiny minority, when Americans and their parents of Japanese ancestry were arbitrarily evacuated from their homes and associations on the West Coast in the spring of 1942.

Since World War II, the legislative halls of the State House which once spawned persecution of the Japanese have resounded with corrective and remedial acts for the benefit of those of Japanese ancestry in California. The courts of our State, too, have joined in striking down discriminatory statutes directed against our fellow Americans of Japanese ancestry.

Perhaps no city in America stands as a more eloquent reminder of the vicissitudes and the triumphs of Americans of Japanese ancestry than Sacramento.

Long Identified with JACL

Although the JACL movement

began during World War I and local clubs were established under various names to promote the citizenship of the then very young Japanese-American minority, it was not until 1930 that the National JACL was organized at its first biennial national convention in Seattle, Wash.

The next year, in October of 1931, the Sacramento chapter of the JACL was formally organized and Walter T. Tsukamoto, a Japanese American attorney who is now a lieutenant colonel in the Judge Advocate General's Department of the Army, was elected its first president. Except for the World War II years when the group was inactive because of the exclusion of American Japanese ancestry from the west coast, the Sacramento chapter has been an active participant in the league's activities, particularly insofar as representing the interests of Americans of Japanese ancestry in California were concerned before the State legislature. The minutes of the Sacramento chapter reflect the changing attitudes of Californians and other Americans to their fellow citizens of Japanese ancestry.

The various chapter presidents from Tsukamoto to the present include Dr. Jiro Muramoto, Henry Taketa, Dr. George Takahashi, Edward Kitazumi, Dr. Goro Muramoto, Mitsuru Nishio, Dr. Alvin Sato, Kiyo Sato, William Matsumoto, Toko Fujii, George Tambara, Dean Itano, Percy Masaki, Mamoru Sakuma, Katsuro Murakami, Richard Matsumoto, and Tak Tsujita, the present chief executive.

Of particular note is the chapter's joint sponsorship recently with the Veterans of Foreign Wars Nisei—Japanese American—Post No. 8985 in the securing and the maintenance of the Nisei war Memorial Hall to honor the Japanese American war dead of World War II, most of whom volunteered for combat duty from the confines of war relocation camps to which they and their families have been evacuated, with the now famous 442d Regimental Combat Team, often cited as the most decorated military unit for its size and length of service in American annals.

"Decisions for Tomorrow"

The theme for this biennial national convention is "Decisions for Tomorrow," which reflects JACL's concern for the immediate future not only as an organization but also as Americans of Japanese ancestry.

Only 18 years ago, these Japanese Americans were an unwanted suspect minority confined to virtual prison camps. That today they are the accepted Americans that they are, enjoying equality in and under the law and opportunities that never before existed for members of their nationality is a tribute not just to the JACL, which provided the leadership during the dark and troublesome days of their travail, but to the American way of democracy that has enabled these fellow Americans to overcome the bigotry and hatred of a recent era and to enjoy their status today as one of America's more fortunate minorities.

Some 1,000 delegates from the 86 chapters that comprise the National Organization are expected to convene in Sacramento later this month to chart their "Decisions for Tomorrow." The recommendations of a specially-appointed National JACL 1960-1970 Planning Commission are to be considered by the delegates who are not only aware of their opportunities as Americans but also that this is the dawn of the space and nuclear age, as well as the beginning of the second century of diplomatic and commercial relations between Japan and the United States.

Special Convention Events

Traditionally, the climax event is the convention banquet, to be held the evening of July 2. Guest speaker will be our esteemed colleague, Daniel K. Inouye, of Hawaii, the first American of Japanese ancestry to be elected to the U.S. Congress. As most of you know, the JACL was among the forefront of organizations that labored long in behalf of statehood for this long deserving territory. At the last or 15th biennial national convention which was held in Salt Lake City, Utah, 2 years ago, the guest speaker was also a distinguished colleague, D.S. "Judge" Saund, of California, the first person of Asian ancestry to win election to the Congress.

In addition to the announcement and installation of the national officers for the next 2 years, the highlight of this affair is the naming of the Nisei of the biennium 1958-60, the highest honor that is presented by the JACL to the American of Japanese ancestry who in the past 2 years by his achievements or his services has contributed most to the welfare or to the credit of persons of Japanese ancestry. Congressman Inouye, who was named as one of the 10 outstanding young men of America this past January by the U.S. Chamber of Commerce, by the way, is an outstanding candidate for this recognition, for he was nominated by the Washington, D.C. chapter for this honor. William Hosokawa, assistant managing editor of the Denver Post of Denver, Colo., was the Nisei of the 1956-58 biennium. A previous winner was Hiroshi Miyamura of Gallup, N. Mex., the only living Japanese American Congressional Medal of Honor holder who was also named as one of the 10 outstanding young men of America a few years ago.

A special feature of the Sacramento convention will be the pioneer banquet, which will be held the evening of June 28. This event will pay tribute to those remaining Japanese immigrants who have not only helped to make the land of their adoption a better place in which to live but also raised their children into the loyal, exemplary citizens that they are. The Honorable Dr. Koto Matsudaira, Permanent Representative and Ambassador of Japan to the United Nations, will be the principal speaker. As former chairman of the United Nations Committee on the Peaceful Use of Space and a member of the United Nations Economic and Social Council, as well as the former Japanese representative on the Security Council during the crucial debates on the Suez crisis, Ambassador Matsudaira should be in an excellent position to suggest to JACL some of the vital challenges of these troubled times.

The customary Convention Luncheon which honors the JACLer of the biennium and other organizational leaders is being converted into a testimonial to Dr. Thomas T. Yatabe, now of Chicago, Ill., for some 40 years of active leadership in JACL. Dr. Yatabe, a dentist, helped found the predecessor American Loyalty League in Fresno, Calif., in 1918 and was the first constitutional president of the National JACL. During and immediately after the war, he voluntarily gave up his professional work to help Japanese Americans from the camps find housing and employment in the Mid-west and East. He has served longer—some 28 years—on the national board than any individual.

Another Convention event will be a panel on housing and employment discrimination, the two remaining major areas in which the Japanese American still faces prejudice, featuring Tad T. Masaoka, Intergroup Relations Specialist of the Housing and Home Finance Agency of the Urban Renewal Administration for region six, which embraces the Pacific Coast States and Alaska and Hawaii, of San Francisco, and John Yoshino, liaison officer for the President's Committee on Government Contracts, of Washington, D.C.

National Board Members

Typical of the cross section of America that comprises the JACL is its national board members.

Shig Wakamatsu, national president, Chicago, Ill., is a chemist with Lever Bros.

Akiji Yoshimura, national first vice president, Colusa, Calif., is proprietor of the Vogue Cleaners.

Toru Sakahara, national second vice president, Seattle, Wash., is an attorney at law.

George Sugai, national third vice president, Payette, Idaho, is a produce dealer and shipper with the Central Produce Distributors.

Aki Hayashi, national treasurer, New York, N.Y., is merchandise manager for Noritake Chinaware Co.

Lilly Okura, secretary to the national board, Omaha, Nebr., is the administrative assistant and secretary to Hospital Administrators.

William Matsumoto, National Thousand Club chairman, Sacramento, Calif., is an insurance agent and assistant district manager of the West Coast Life Insurance Co.

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be raised to \$5 per year. (3) A new and a more equitable formula for national quota be found. (4) Chapter rebate program, which amounted to \$5,880.54 in 1959, should be reviewed and revised. (5) Thousand Club membership dues should not be refunded to chapters who surpassed their quotas, but be credited to next year's quota or be earmarked for special project of the chapter's choice.

PACIFIC CITIZEN—Recommendation: As the official publication of the Japanese American Citizens League, the Pacific Citizen should become an integral factor of national membership. A better informed membership makes for a stronger and more effective organization. A stronger organization results in improved program. At the present time only one out of four members subscribe to the Pacific Citizen.

(1) PC should be included with membership. How much increase in membership depends on action by the National Council. (2) All subscriptions to start and end together based on chapter's fiscal or program year to coincide with annual membership drive. (3) Immediate consideration be given to integrating the operation and personnel of the PC with the over-all National JACL program. (4) Early consideration be given to bringing together the operation of the PC and the National Headquarters under one roof.

INTERNAL ORGANIZATIONAL IMPROVEMENTS—Recommendation: District councils should be strengthened to be able to provide services to its chapters in the event the National or Regional staff is unable to meet or satisfy this need. District councils might consider a reorganizational plan along functional lines to allow able people to be elected to key positions irrespective of chapter affiliation.

Recommendation: Proportionate representation appears to be a dying issue at the moment.

Recommendation: Communication between the National and local chapters and within local chapters, at best, is inadequate and poor. National Committee on Housekeeping might investigate how communication between the National and local chapters can be improved.

Recommendation: A special program service fund of \$5,000 be created for assisting National Director to service local chapters not easily reached through the use of qualified Board or lay volunteers who can visit and service chapters upon request.

MEMBERSHIP & 1000 CLUB—Recommendation: Constant effort must be made to increase membership in the JACL.

1. National Membership Committee should review chapter and district performance with respect to membership goals and recommend to the National Board, district(s) and chapter(s) who have fallen below their goals.

2. Committee should institute a planned organizational drive to stimulate enthusiasm and support and evaluate results. Idea here is to concentrate on strengthening weak chapters or districts.

3. In order to speed up membership recruiting, the committee ought to devise a simpler registration form to eliminate extra writing and devise a pledge card system for members to carry around.

4. Expand the 1000 Club program to 2,000 active members.

5. Membership brochure should be issued annually.

ENDOWMENT FUND—Recommendation: The original purpose of the fund which has now surpassed \$225,000 was to realize earnings to help maintain the National Headquarters. War time experiences have prompted leaders to regard this Fund as a "war chest" in the event of another crisis.

(1) Under no circumstances should the principle of the fund be used. (2) A program to reach the million dollar goal in the next ten years should be given immediate consideration.

NATIONAL STAFF—Recommendation: Our national and professional staff has given many years of faithful and dedicated service to the JACL. It is no secret that the work load of our National Director is tremendous and burdensome. Our personnel policy and practices should be immediately reviewed and the following be considered:

(1) Adjust salary to level commensurate with practices of comparable organizations. (2) Liberalize and strengthen "fringe benefits" such as health insurance, sick leave, vacation, and retirement plan. (3) Employ an assistant to the National Director to relieve him of the burdening administrative duties. (4) Ten year staff increment plan. (5) Review of job description and staff function and provision for annual review of personnel policy.

NATIONAL CONVENTION—Recommendation: National Convention of the future should take into consideration the mature and well informed membership and family participation. However, the major emphasis must continue to be put on the needs and interests of the delegates. Some of the areas in which changes could be made are:

(1) Agenda items for committee discussion should be limited to fundamental issues and problems. (2) More time be allotted for committee deliberation. (3) Exhibits, displays, audio and visual aids be fully utilized to inform and educate the delegates. (4) Some attention be given to programming for families, and or wives. (5) National organization should share in the profits from the National Conventions sponsored by host chapter or chapters.

64 men, 15 ladies to vie for convention golf tournament honors at Sacramento

SACRAMENTO.—Among the many special events of the 16th Biennial National JACL Convention is the 36-hole golf tournament June 30-July 1 at Bing Maloney and Haggin Oaks, which has attracted 64 men and 15 ladies.

Tournament co-chairmen Dr. George Kubo and Jun Miyakawa said the affair is limited to JACLers attending the convention. Eight trophies are being offered.

Bulk of the competitors are members of the Sacramento Kagero and Sacramento Nisei clubs, but out-of-staters include delegates from Dayton, Cincinnati, Chicago, Denver, Salt Lake and Seattle. Golfers from Salinas, Long

Beach, Coachella Valley, Fresno, San Francisco, Los Angeles, Bakersfield, San Jose and East Bay help make the competition colorful.

The tournament schedule by foursomes for the opening day follows:

THURSDAY, JUNE 30

Bing Maloney Course

Mixed Flight

6:30—Jun Miyakawa 16 (K), Frank Hiyama 17 (K), Moto Tsuda 17 (K), Dr. Harry Kita 19 (MP), 6:36—George Otani 13 (N), Herb Umeda 13 (N), Art Mitsutome 16 (N), Chuck Kubochi 17 (N), 6:42—Tom Higashino 6 (K), Aki Iwanaga 8 (N), James Miyashima 10 (N), Roy Higashino 11 (N), 6:48—Jack Hitomi 12 (K), Dr. John Kashiwabara 14 (LB), Barney Kubota 14 (K), Mas Yamasaki 16 (Dayton)

First Flight

6:54—Ray Ishimatsu 13 (CV), George Aoki 14 (N), Jack Hirose 15 (SF), Satoru Kanegawa 16 (K), 7:00—Fred Obayashi 12 (SF), Dr. James Iremiya 13 (F), Robert Shimada 14 (N), Richard Inaga 15 (N), 7:06—Sam Kumagai 12 (Denver), Jack Iru 13 (CV), Ping Oda (N), Shig Tsujita 14 (K), 7:12—Tom Takahashi 11 (K), Sam Kawahira 12 (SL), Sam Ito 12 (N), Sam Hirasawa 13 (LA).

Championship Flight

7:18—Teruo Odow 5 (Denver), Raloh Nishimi 7 (K), Gordy Kono 8 (A), Hiram Akita 11 (Seattle), 7:24—George Miyama 6 (N), Tim Sasabuchi 9 (N), Taxy Hironaka 11 (SF), Haruo Okino 11 (LA), 7:30—George Nagai 6 (Denver), Ben Tanisawa 8 (SL), Dr. William Hiura 11 (Chicago), Ted Miyahara 11 (K), 7:36—Dr. Takashi Mayeda 7 (Denver), Dr. Warren Itokazu 8 (BK), George Shimizu 10 (N), Marshall Yamada 11 (SF).

Ladies Flight

7:42—Teri Kawai 17, Yuki Higashino 17, Rose Oda 19, Kaz Nakanishi 21, 7:48—Asaye Tomingata 23, Haru Nagata 25, Nami Miyahara 26, Alice Kawai 27, 7:54—Suzanne Hosokawa 28, Eiko Yokota 28, Aki Shimada 29, 8:00—Chiye Yamagata 31, Lil Terasaki 32 (Denver), Rose Odow 32 (Denver), June Nikaide 33 (All Kagero except as noted—Editor).

Second Flight

8:06—Charles Hiura 16 (Chicago), Willy Suda 16 (F), George Kubo 17 (KK), Sarge Terasaki 19 (Denver), 8:12—Sam Sato 17 (SF), Pedro Hamada 17 (K), Line Shimidzu 18 (Chicago), Fred Toyama 17 (K), 8:18—Hy Sugawara 22 (Cincinnati), Saburo Hirose 23 (K), Ben Kinoshita 24 (BK), George Miyamoto 24 (SF), 8:24—James Ichikawa 22 (SJ), Bob Toyama 24 (SF), Sam Sakata 24 (K), Frank Uda 24 (K).

Judy Sakata voted 'bowler of year'

Judy Sakata was named Southern California "bowler of the year" on June 18 at the Beverly Hilton before a cheering audience of 1,000 at the eighth annual Bowling Writers' Awards banquet. Named with her was Andy Marzich of Inglewood.

Mrs. Sakata, an expectant mother, led the nation's women with a league average of 202. She also rolls in other leagues with averages of 198, 197 and 194. Judy also made the 1960 All-Star women's squad.

A member of the Long Beach Harbor District JACL, she is the first Nisei woman to roll a perfect "300" game and has been only female awardee of the National JACL "300" game medallion.

Utah Nisei golfer shoots 70 for Western-Am title

SALT LAKE CITY.—Fum Kasai, an active Salt Lake JACLer and real estate salesman, won the 18-hole Western Amateur Flight A championship by shooting par golf 36-34 at Tooele on June 12.

An outstanding athlete, excelling in basketball, skiing and bowling, he is regarded as the top Nisei golfer in Utah.

Omaha JACL bowling league ends '60-'61 season

OMAHA.—Mike Watanabe, Omaha president, and Mrs. Gladys Hirabayashi were Omaha JACL Bowling League individual champions this season, both winning season high series and high game awards.

Tak Misaki, league president, noted that Tom Arikawa and Kani-chi Matsunami were members of the league. The players are both over 70 years of age. Team and individual awards were presented at a outing at Hanscom Park recently.

Barbecue treat set for Salinas area graduates

SALINAS.—The annual Salinas Valley JACL community barbecue will be held this Sunday, June 26, 12 noon at the Sheriff's Posse Ground. Chapter president Kiyo Hirano named Henry Hibino, general chairman. Assisting are:

Harry Sakasagawa, Tony Itani, Don Ikeda, Fumi Kita, Sumi Hori, food; Fumi Urabe, games; Bob Oka, Tom Itani, P.A.; Harry Shirachi, fin.

The chapter also announced Dr. Harry Kita and "Lefty" Miyana-ga are to delegates to the National Convention.

John Terakawa, blood bank chairman, reported its quota was shy and requested a few more donors.

Inagaki and Uwate again in FIF President's Club

George Inagaki and Matao Uwate, who have been Financial Industrial Fund President Club members since 1957 for outstanding personal service, were again similarly honored this week at the managers' conference held in Denver, FIF main office.

With the appointment of Charles Kurashita of West Los Angeles and Toshiyuki Baba of Gardena as associates, the Uwate-Inagaki District is comprised of 13 members.

Congressional —

(Continued from Page 5) He is also the chairman of the convention committee.

Dr. Roy Nishikawa, immediate past national president, Los Angeles, Calif., is an optometrist.

George Inagaki, past national president, Los Angeles, Calif., is an investment counselor and area manager of the Financial Industrial Fund.

Frank Chuman, national legal counsel, Los Angeles, Calif., is an attorney at law.

William Marutani, chairman, eastern district council, Philadelphia, Pa., is also an attorney at law.

Joe Kadowaki, chairman, mid-west district council, Cleveland, Ohio, is purchasing and production manager of the Jones Optical Co.

Minoru Yasui, chairman, mountain plains district council, Denver, Colo., is another attorney at law.

Joe Nishioka, chairman, inter-mountain district council, Idaho Falls, Idaho, is a farmer.

Kay Nakagiri, chairman, Pacific southwest district council, Burbank, Calif., is an aeronautical engineer at Lockheed Aircraft.

Fred Hirasuna, chairman, central California district council, Fresno, Calif., is a shipper of fruits and vegetables for the Sunnyside Packing Co.

Yone Satoda, chairman, northern California-Western Nevada district council, San Francisco, Calif., is an accountant and office manager for the House of Rib.

George Azumano, chairman, Pacific Northwest district council, Portland, Ore., is a travel agent and insurance salesman.

Masao Satow, national director, San Francisco, Calif.; Daisy Uyeda, administrative assistant, national headquarters, San Francisco, Calif.; Mike Masaoka, Washington representative, Washington, D.C.; Fred Takata, Southern California regional representative, Los Angeles, Calif.; Esther Hagiwara, Midwest regional office, Chicago, Ill.; and Sam Ishikawa, New York office, New York, N.Y., are among the staff officers. Harry Honda is

the editor of the Pacific Citizen, official weekly publication, of Los Angeles, Calif.

Miss Linda Yatabe, a student at the University of California at Berkeley, Calif., will be the official hostess at the convention queen.

Japanese American Creed

I know that Members of Congress join in wishing the delegates to the 16th biennial national JACL convention a successful and constructive 6 days in Sacramento and express the hope that they will be as successful in determining their decisions for tomorrow as they have in their past plans, for most Americans can take pride in the living example of democracy in action that is the JACL.

If, in their deliberations, they live up to the spirit of the Japanese American Creed, which was authored by Mike Masaoka, whom many of us respect as the able Washington JACL representative who is so responsible for many of the legislative and other gains made by Americans of Japanese ancestry since the end of World War II, then the delegates will not fail their trust as custodians of the JACL destiny.

The creed, which may be well commended to other Americans, too, reads as follows:

I am proud that I am an American citizen of Japanese ancestry, for my very background makes me appreciate more fully the wonderful advantages of this Nation. I believe in her institutions, ideals, and traditions; I glory in her heritage; I boast of her history; I trust in her future. She has granted me liberties and opportunities such as no individual enjoys in this world today. She has given me an education befitting kings. She has entrusted me with the responsibilities of the franchise. She has permitted me to build a home, to earn a livelihood, to worship, think, speak, and act as I please—as a free man, equal to every other man.

Although some individuals may discriminate against me, I shall never become bitter or lose faith, for I know that such persons are not representative of the majority of the American people. True, I shall do all in my power to discourage such practices, but I shall do it in the American way: above-board, in the open, through courts of law, by education, by proving myself to be worthy of equal treatment and consideration. I am firm in my belief that American sportsmanship and attitude of fair play will judge citizenship and patriotism on the basis of action and achievement, and not on the basis of physical characteristics.

Because I believe in America, and I trust she believes in me, and because I have received innumerable benefits from her, I pledge myself to do honor to her at all times and in all places; to support her Constitution; to obey her laws; to respect her flag; to defend her against all enemies, foreign or domestic; to actively assume my duties and obligations as a citizen, cheerfully and without any reservations whatsoever, in the hope that I may become a better American in a greater America.

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to keep the JACL a going organization. But just what kind of organization?

Earlier, I made the comparison of JACL to a family whose wants exceed their means. This is not so far-fetched. The hard pressed family can do one of three things: 1. Economize to the bone and go on a subsistence level. 2. Somehow muddle along. 3. Try to improve its position by uniting the family, by working harder and longer and by using its best thinking and efforts.

But merely making these comparisons is not enough. In the final analyses it boils down to this: What do we want JACL to become? How much are we willing to pay? How hard do we want to think and work?

WASHINGTON NEWSLETTER: by Mike Masaoka

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order, thereby contributing to anarchy and the rule of the mob by their passive acceptance of what was taking place.

We believe that the majority of the Japanese people failed to intervene because they do not understand that in a democracy one must stand up and be counted when its principles are threatened, that eternal vigilance is the price of liberty and freedom, that once a mob is allowed to subvert majority rule dictatorship is on its way.

We Americans of Japanese ancestry are beneficiaries of the democratic way; we are, in a real sense, the living example of democracy in action, a democracy that, in spite of its shortcomings and abuses on occasion, has more than made up for its World War II excesses.

So, perhaps another program, to which the National Convention should give high priority, is to consider ways and means on a people to people basis by which the JACL as an organization, and individual Japanese Americans, may make our contribution to a better understanding of the meaning and the workings of democracy to the 90 millions in Japan, in order that representative government may survive there and everywhere else that it may be under attack internally or externally.

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FURTHERMORE, AS AMERICANS, we most surely understand the vital necessity for keeping Japan within the Free World orbit, for should the industrial and population complex of that country be forced into neutrality or, worse still, into the Sino-Soviet bloc, the already precarious balance of power may well shift to favor the Moscow-Peking axis and the freedoms and opportunities we now enjoy may well become memories of the past.

Quite frankly, this means that both the Administration and the people of this country must be made to realize that now, of all times, restrictions should not be imposed directly, or indirectly by requesting so-called voluntary export controls, on imports from Japan. That Japan must trade to survive is an accepted maxim. And, if Japan cannot continue in mutually advantageous commerce with the United States, she has no alternative but to seek other markets and sources of supply. The record shows that both Red China and the Soviet Union, which covet Japan, are soliciting her business.

At a time when boycotts and economic reprisals are threatened, though we share in JACL's reluctance to become involved in such matters, it may be well for the National Convention to review its prohibitions in this regard, because economic cooperation is the most effective answer to any efforts at political disengagement.

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FINALLY, AS AMERICANS of Japanese ancestry, whether we acknowledge it or not, we are aware that the degree of our acceptance in this nation—whether we resent it or not—is largely dependent upon the cordiality of relationships between the United States and Japan, for what the American people think of Japan as a nation and as a people reflects their acceptance of us as persons of Japanese ancestry.

Accordingly, it may make sense if the National Convention will take another long, hard look at its so-called international relations policy. In a shrinking world, faced with the possibilities of nuclear annihilation, when most peoples and nations are expanding their outlook and their vision, we Americans of Japanese ancestry can hardly be the only ones to be retreating toward isolationism and nationalism.

WHEN JACL DELEGATES meet next week to consider "Decisions for Tomorrow", we trust that they will not become bogged down in administrative and housekeeping details. We are hopeful that the events of the past several weeks will cause the delegates to devote themselves to the consideration of the broad principles that are involved in this latest challenge to not only the welfare of Americans of Japanese ancestry, but also to the future of United States-Japan relations, though both are now inextricably intertwined.

Recalling the spirit and the vision, as well as the courage, of those who met in the spring of 1942 to decide what course JACL should take as an aftermath of the events that were triggered by the attack on Pearl Harbor, many of us are hopefully confident that, once again in the great tradition of JACL, we will truly be "Better Americans in a Greater America."

Editor's Note: Because of the unusual amount of space need to print the complete recommendations from the JACL Planning Commission this week, we are forced to hold Elmer Ogawa's always fine report (this one on Seattle JACL's "Miss Nisei Centennial") for a week.



CARNIVAL PLANNERS "Banging heads" to complete preparations for the WLA JACL Carnival set for this Saturday, June 25 and Sunday, June 26 are (left to right) Joe Sase, chairman; Mrs. Miki Sonoda, auxiliary president; Dr. Ray Kushida, special treasurer; and Aki Ohno, chapter president.

VITAL STATISTICS

BIRTHS

Hessume, Buro—boy John Takeo, Mar. 31.
Noguchi, Yuji—boy, Apr. 17.
Nagasawa, Roy—boy, Apr. 29.
Okino, Fred F.—boy, Apr. 30.

DEATHS

Aoki, Imayo, 80: Long Beach, May 27.
Baba, Sueno, 77: West Los Angeles, June 7.
Imai, Kamenosuke, 85: Salt Lake City, May 25.
Ishida, Kametaro, 85: Modesto, May 28.
Ishigaki, Gorokichi, 78: Yuba City, June 1.
Kato, Yaeko, 37: Los Angeles, May 22.
—(h) Kenichi, (s) Bruce, (d) Patricia, Irene, (m) Mrs. Mitsuyo Oda, two brothers and sister.
Masaki, Tsune, 88: Los Angeles, June 12.
Matsuyama, Nenohachi, 83: Colusa, June 1.
Miyamoto, Linda J., 4: Pasadena, June 12—(p) Mr. & Mrs. Bob K. (b) Ernest, (s) Nancy.
Nagata, Mrs. Kaneo: San Jose, May 22.
Nakamura, Terry, 2: Fresno, May 25—(p) Mr. & Mrs. John.
Nakashima, Mrs. Nui, 69: Pasadena, May 27.
Nishida, Mrs. Hiro, 54: Torrance, June 8.
Okayama, Koharu, 55: San Jose, June 7.
Sakai, Ernest S.: San Fernando, May 27—(p) Mr. & Mrs. Harry S., (b) Philip, Dennis, (s) Linda.
Shintaku, Tadaaki: Clovis, June 3.

Sugioka, Mrs. Fumiko, 40: San Francisco, May 24—(h) Yoshio, (s) Yoshiharu.
Tanaka, Shime: Portland, May 30.
Tanaka, Yuki, 68: Los Angeles, June 18.
Taniguchi, Shin, 77: Los Angeles, May 19.
Terasawa, Isojiro, 70: Los Angeles, May 23.
Tsujiimoto, Fred W., 48: Los Angeles, June 3—(w) Aya, (d) Diane, (m) El, Oakland; four brothers and two sisters.
Yamaguchi, Tokuji, 77: Westminster, June 11.

West L.A. JACL carnival has electronic feature

A carnival attraction of electronics that costs over a \$1,000 to assemble and allowing 40 players to play at one time will be among the new games to be featured this weekend at the West Los Angeles JACL carnival.

The carnival, being manned by local area clubs, will include games, prizes, food galore at the Sawtelle Gakuen, 2110 Corinth Ave. Doors open Saturday, June 25, at 3 p.m., and Sunday, June 26, at 1 p.m.

Chicago carnival

CHICAGO.—The 16th annual Chicago Buddhist Church carnival will be held on July 2-4 in the church hall and grounds at 1151 W. Leland Ave. Cultural exhibits will be among the attractions.

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Dr. Tom Abe dies

Dr. Tom Abe, 52, prominent Nisei physician, died at the UCLA Medical Center June 17 following a brief illness. He was a 1000 Club member of West Los Angeles JACL. He is survived by his wife, Renko, two daughters and a son, mother, brothers Danar and Yoshi, and sister Mrs. Haseko Abe.

\$1,000 koden donated

NEW YORK.—In memory of their son, Atsushi, who was drowned while on an outing in the Adiron dacks, and in appreciation of the sympathy given them, Mr. and Mrs. Hiroshi Matsuo will donate the \$1,054 koden received to the Camp Endowment Fund of St. Thomas Chapel. Atsushi had been quite active in the work of this church.

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Letterbox—

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of the world or of others. For the broader outlook on life, let them join the groups already functioning in the field already.

My outlook for the JACL may be too conservative. This may not sit well with the members in other regions outside of the West Coast. However, from my experience, I believe we must not forget our obligations to our membership. This comes first.

We must have an organization where everyone can join with the assurance that they will not be hurt. This means that the program and activities must be restricted and should be confined to persons of Japanese ancestry in this country. Anyone desiring to participate in a broader program should not try to force JACL to broaden its scope, but go out and join the existing organizations for such purposes. Leave the JACL alone!

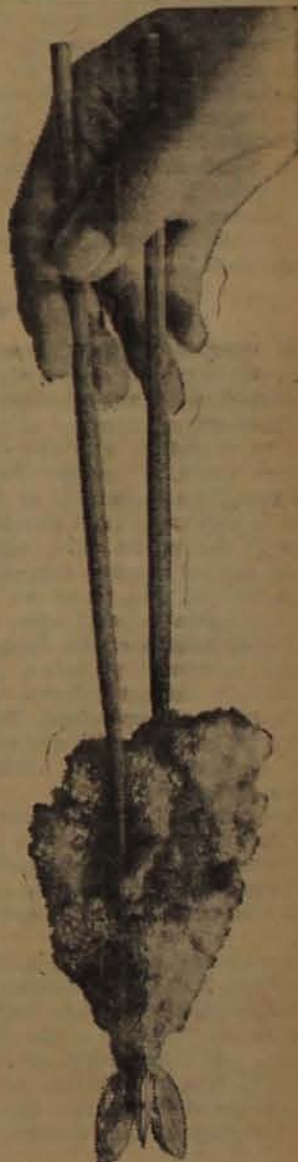
If this is what will kill the JACL, I am sure the members will attend the funeral with the deep satisfaction that the organization has served its purpose. It will not be an untimely death from drowning by venturing into unknown, turbulent waters.

SABURO KIDO

Downtown L.A. JACL.

New dance class starts

PALO ALTO.—The Sequoia JACL starts a beginner's dance class tonight at the Buddhist Church Hall, 2751 Louis Rd. from 8:30 p.m. There will be nine sessions.



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Washington Newsletter

BY MIKE MASAOKA

Challenge to JACL

Washington, D.C.

RECENT DISTURBING EVENTS in Japan, culminating in the withdrawal of the invitation by the Kishi Government for the President to visit Tokyo, has transformed the 16th Biennial National JACL Convention that convenes next week in Sacramento from what appeared to be a routine gathering to what may well be the most momentous and challenging since World War II.

The "image" of a New Japan, carefully built up in the past 15 years, as an orderly, responsible, civilized nation has been badly damaged, if not destroyed, by the tragic riots and demonstrations in which mob rule forced representative government to yield. The so-called "Japan boom" that has been so popular of late in this country threatens to boomerang as Americans, already embittered by the threats and the insults of the likes of Nasser, Castro, and Krushchev piled on one after another, express disillusionment and even disgust with Japan and things Japanese.

Already, newspaper editorials have interpreted what has happened in Japan to be another "Pearl Harbor", for the Japanese have repaid with ingratitude and humiliation of our President and nation the billions we have poured into her reconstruction and rehabilitation after her defeat. Some congressmen have called upon boycotts of Japanese imports, while others have suggested economic reprisals. Some businessmen have cancelled orders placed in Japan, while others are cautiously holding up decisions pending whatever happens.

The word "Jap", almost disappeared, is once again commonplace in headlines, and the cartoons depicting the mobsters in Tokyo are resorting to World War II stereo-types with buck teeth, horn-rimmed glasses, etc.

For the first time since World War II, our office has received telephone calls damning us for what we are supposed to be doing to the President and reviving General DeWitt's 1942 admonition to the Tolan Committee: "A Jap's a Jap! And, giving him a scrap of paper showing his citizenship won't change that!"

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IN WORLD WAR II, through no fault of our own and because of activities over which we had absolutely no control, we Americans of Japanese were forced to undergo indignities and mistreatment because of our "affinity", as the Supreme Court expressed it, with the enemy.

Once again, it appears that because of the actions of a third party, we Americans of Japanese ancestry may be subjected to harassment and discrimination because of our identification in the public mind with the recent events in Japan. We do not, of course, suggest that anything comparable to evacuation will take place; we do, however, believe that suspicion will again be cast upon us and that, taking advantage of strained relations with Japan, there will be some who will attempt to foment prejudice and bigotry once again, to the end that our current welcome acceptance by our fellow Americans may be circumscribed. The doctrine of "guilt by association" may be revived to embarrass and irritate us in employment, in housing, in the various activities that go to make up our daily lives.

The "image" of the Japanese American as a brave and loyal American who overcame great odds that was so painfully and painstakingly created during and after World War II is now threatened with confusion and association with the "image" of the treachery, barbarity, and irresponsibility of the Japanese mob.

It may well be, therefore, that one of the prime considerations of this National Convention will be to launch an aggressive, mammoth public relations campaign to reassert and to re-establish the "image" of the Japanese American as separate, distinct, and independent of Japan.

To do less, it seems to us, is to default our responsibility to protect and to promote the welfare of Americans of Japanese ancestry in this country.

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WE ARE CONVINCED that the overwhelming majority of the Japanese people are pro-America. At the same time, we are very aware that there are many who sincerely oppose the Kishi Government and even the Treaty of Mutual Cooperation and Security.

But, what happened in Japan, we think, demonstrates that the Japanese people do not yet understand the workings of democracy and representative government.

When the Socialists who are the elected minority in the Parliament discovered that they did not have the votes and could not legally maneuver to prevent House ratification of the Treaty last May 19, they resorted to violence. This is not in accordance either with constitutional procedures or freedom of expression.

The initial student, labor union, and even Socialist demonstrations may have been legitimate expressions of unrest and dissatisfaction, but it appears quite evident that, in the final bloody days before the withdrawal of the presidential invitation, the riotings were taken over by disciplined masterminds trained in Peiping and Moscow as part and parcel of the world-wide Communist program to discredit and insult the United States and the President that began at the ill-fated Paris summit meeting.

And, when the mobs substituted violence and lawlessness for representative and orderly procedures, the overwhelming majority of the Japanese we know to be pro-United States in sentiment refrained from intervening on behalf of law and

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PEOPLE YOU'LL BE MEETING AT SACRAMENTO



Members of the 16th Biennial National JACL Convention Board (from left) are: Front row—Toshi Tambara, fashion show; Marian Uchida, treas.; Eany Oshima, hostess; Betsie Sanui, regis.; Sally Taketa, hostess; Bill Matsumoto, gen. chmn.; Alice Nishimi, Christine Asoo, youth; Mary Yamamoto, queen contest; Norine Nishikawa, sec.; Mrs. Bill Matsumoto, hostess. Middle row—Percy Masaki, office coord.; Kay Hamatani, testimonial; Martin Miyao, outing; George Tambara, 1000 Club; Dick Matsumoto, John Nishizaki, recog. banq.; Ed Hayashi, Pot of Gold; Dr. George Kubo, golf; Henry Taketa, pub. rel.; Joe Matsunami, mixer; Shiroling Sakamoto, pub. Top row—Harry Nakano, Kay Morioka, outing; Jun Miyakawa, golf; Kanji Nishijima, tech. arr.; Dr. Jim Kubo, Sayonara Ball; Tom Sato, outing; Toko Fujii, asso. chmn.; Tak Tsujita, booklet and asso. chmn.; Harry Fujii, bridge. Other committee chairmen not present are Frank Hiyama, Tsugi Kubo, bridge; Dr. George Takahashi, spel. events; Gladys Masaki, hist.; Bob Sofye, Chewy Ito, transp.; Peter Osuga, pioneer banq.; Dean Itano, oratorical; Gene Okada, essay; Mamoru Sakuma, mc; May Shirai, women's aux.; and Terry Oshita, decorations.

— Toyo Studio.

JACL PLANNING COMMISSION ISSUES TWENTY RECOMMENDATIONS FOR CONFAB CONSIDERATION

CHICAGO — A compact JACL Planning Commission review, consisting of 20 recommendations, of discussion summaries and reports received from chapters and district councils, as well as recommendations turned in by national committee chairmen and board members, was submitted this week to National Headquarters.

The review, however, is not the final report, which will be submitted next week to delegates at the 16th Biennial National JACL Convention at Sacramento.

The final report will include information and details in support of the recommendations, it was explained by Abe Hagiwara, executive secretary of the 1960-70 Planning Commission.

Recommendations in Brief

Recommendations are being made for:

- (1) National Organization—Keep national and Washington Office strong; add regional offices.
- (2) Public Relations—Reassert image of Nisei at every opportunity.
- (3) International Relations—Should develop concern for world-wide problems affecting welfare of persons of Japanese ancestry in coming decade; keep present policy.
- (4) Legislative-Legal—May take another decade to complete program already mandated.

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(5) Scholarship—Consider setting up national scholarship committee to administer program.

(6) Youth—Encourage youth groups; standardize program with respect to age-membership requirements, goals and resources; employ full-time work to service chapter youth programs.

(7) Community Relations—Several suggestions to encourage active participation in community affairs made.

(8) Education Program—Falls into two areas: between child and parent, and cultural heritage.

(9) Political Activity—Encourage more aggressive action in politics and civic affairs as individuals.

(10) Chapter Service—Concerns chapter visitations by national board and staff members, chapter clinics, membership brochure, etc.

(11) Finance—Develop new attitude for financing JACL program in next few years.

(12) Pacific Citizen—Include PC with membership, but the cost depends upon National Council.

(13) Organizational Improvements—Four specific recommendations are made in this category, concerns district council organization, proportionate representation, intra-organization communication and special program service fund.

(14) Membership & 1000 Club—

Devise simpler registration form, expand 1000 Club to 2,000 active members.

(15) Endowment Fund—Reach million dollar goal in next decade.

(16) National Staff—review personnel policy.

(17) National Convention—Changes present convention format.

CALENDAR

June 25 (Saturday)
Long Beach-Harbor Dist.—Coronation Ball, Lafayette Hotel, 9 p.m.

June 25-26
Salinas Valley—Community barbecue, Sheriff's Posse Ground, 12 noon. West L.A.—Community carnival.

June 26 (Sunday)
Hollywood—Nisei Week queen candidate introduction and Graduates' party, Hollywood Community Center, 5 p.m.

Cleveland—Community picnic.
June 27 (Monday)
Sonoma County—Graduates' skatetfest, Redwood Roller Palace, 8 p.m.

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.

8 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, Haggis Oaks and Bing Maloney courses.

9 a.m. to 12 noon—National Council Meeting.

10 a.m.—Junior group discussion; John Yoshino, President's Comm. on Gov't Contracts, guest spkr.

12 to 1 p.m.—Lunch as you please.

1:30 to 3:30 p.m.—Oratorical contest.

3:30 to 5:30 p.m.—Nat'l Council Meeting.

6-8 p.m.—Youth dinner; Mike Masaoka, guest spkr.

7 p.m.—1000 Club Whing Ding, Governor's Hall at the State Fair Grounds, Louis Jordan and his Tympany Five.

9 p.m.—"Easy Like" Youth dance, Eddie Halter's orch.

July 1 (Friday)

8 a.m. to 5 p.m.—Registration.

6:30 a.m.—Golf Tournament, Haggis Oaks and Bing Maloney courses.

9 a.m. to noon—Nat'l Council Meeting.

9 a.m.—Junior Group meeting, Rev. George Nishikawa, Sacramento, and Mrs. Sue Joe, Long Beach, spkrs.

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.

Suggestions to Democrats

The cancellation by the Japanese Kishi Government of President Eisenhower's visit to Japan because of the violent demonstrations dramatically points up the careful need by the Democratic Party to formulate a vigorous, dynamic platform and program to counteract the world-wide effect of this humiliating incident to our President, which has resulted in a blow to our international prestige." National JACL legal counsel Frank Chuman told the Democratic Platform Committee at its public hearing on Friday afternoon at the Ambassador Hotel.

Chuman further said that he believed the great majority of the

Japanese people were in favor of President Eisenhower's trip and that the unfortunate incident will spur the people of both countries to realize more clearly the threat of the international communists.

The JACL also urges, Chuman stated, that the Democratic Party Platform contain in "unequivocal language" that it subscribes to the fundamental precept of equality of treatment and opportunity to all persons in the United States.

On the international level, Chuman said, the JACL asks for:

1. Repeal of the degrading humiliating, racially discriminatory provisions in the present Immigration Laws of the United States of the Asia Pacific Triangle, which places race as a basis for immigration into the United States for the Orientals while permitting immigration into the United States on the basis of birthplace and citizenship for all other races and countries.

2. The abolition of the National Origin Quota as the basis of immigration, which heavily favors the northern European countries, and in its place, establish a quota immigration system based upon the comparative need of each country in the world in relation to a total quota allocation.

3. Amendment to the Immigration Laws of the United States to allow sons and daughters, spouses and parents in other countries to be reunited with their families here as non-quota immigrants.

Convinced Nisei should be in U.S. foreign service

HONOLULU.—State Sen. Kazuhisa Abe returned from an abbreviated two-month goodwill tour of Asia, convinced that more Americans of Japanese ancestry should enter the U.S. foreign service.

"I think that's what we have to do," he said, "especially in Southeast Asia, to impress the people there the United States is not only for whites."

The Big Island Democrat cut short his tour he was making with his wife and two other Hawaii couples in order to attend a special session of the State Legislature.