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League plans definitive Issei history

COLUMN LEFT:

A project all Nisei can be proud of

This week delegates at the 16th Biennial National JACL Convention are in grips with policy questions concerning the Issei Story project, thanks to a fine progress report submitted by Mrs. Warren Watanabe of Philadelphia being featured in this issue. And the presence of Dr. T. Scott Miyakawa, associate professor of sociology at Boston U., explaining his role in the project of preparing a prospectus this summer to seek funds from a foundation to finance a definitive, scholarly work on the Issei of America has lifted the project into due prominence.

With Issei in the twilight of their years, anxiety over this project increases with each passing year. The centennial celebration this year of the U.S.-Japan trade pact also puts the JACL project (first proposed in 1952) into brighter focus.

We want to believe that this will be one project in which Nisei in and out of JACL can participate and be proud for having played a small part. They will share in the knowledge of having contributed to a work of lasting value, unlike a stone monument or building which can never top the power of words. As a history of an immigrant group that endured the struggles of a land wholly alien to them and sacrificing much so that the children would have more, it breathes with inspiration for us and the whole world. It may rank with other tales of pioneers that make America that land that it is.

Facts in the progress report convince us that the Issei Story project will be among the compelling objectives of the 1960-70 Decade for JACL. We helped to get the Issei citizenship. Now we can help to tell that story for posterity.—H.H.

"When this gets going, it's going to be one of JACL's greatest projects and a real, enduring contribution to the country," to quote national JACL president Shig Wakamatsu, and well it may be for the prospects of the so-called Issei Story all yield in that direction.

Delegates meeting at Sacramento this week for the 16th Biennial National JACL Convention were informed of the steps taken this past year to secure aid from a foundation to realize this project. Details were presented by Dr. T. Scott Miyakawa, associate professor of sociology at Boston University, who was asked by JACL to prepare a prospectus to use in trying to obtain funds.

The project was first proposed at the 1952 national convention. Togo Tanaka, Bill Hosokawa and Larry Tajiri were approached as a committee to consider the task. However, they were not able to undertake the job at the time.

Funds from Foundation

In 1955, the National JACL Board decided to seek funds from a foundation to initiate the project. Last year, the services of Dr. Miyakawa, holder of a JACL ruby pin for outstanding services to the organization during the war years were secured to prepare a prospectus to use in trying to obtain funds.

funds.

Dr. Miyakawa is presently preparing this prospectus to conduct a scholarly, analytical, documentary history of the Issei.

Originally, a very elaborate prospectus including details of research methods drafted by a trained man requiring his full-time services of several months was to have been prepared. But after discussing the project with such people as Harvard professors Edwin O. Reischauer and Oscar Handlin, it was felt that a simpler prospectus outlining the proposed study and omitting the "design of research" would suffice.

Then, it will be submitted to appropriate foundations. If the study raises interest, a more detailed prospectus would probably be requested. Ultimately, money will be received and the study will commence, Dr. Miyakawa explained.

History or Story

Wakamatsu, in obtaining the services of Dr. Miyakawa, assured him he would have a directing hand in the research project.

Heretofore, convention delegates in discussing the Issei Story project dwelt on the mechanics of 1st gathering. Some stories have been published in the Pacific Citizen Holiday Issues. Yet opinion

was divided among JACLers "about whether story or history was meant to be the primary and major objective of this project," noted Dr. Mary I. Watanabe of Philadelphia, who was appointed to prepare a progress report on the project under discussion.

On the strength of judgments of Professors Miyakawa, Reischauer and Handlin, Dr. Watanabe was forced to conclude that previous studies in this field have been "unsatisfactory and that this proposed documentary history will be the definitive one". Miyakawa will apply for the grant on the basis of a scholarly history project, she reported.

Questions of Control

More questions of a policy nature, which were presented in Dr. Watanabe's report, were: How great a role does JACL want or hope to have in this program? Will we be satisfied with merely having instigated the project? How much control do we want of the entire operation? Do we ourselves expect to be the recipient of the grant, which we will then administer? What kind of relationship does JACL propose to have with the staff of researchers?"

Delegates were expected to discuss these questions at some length because Mrs. Watanabe indicated the caprices of such studies in her report:

"We as Japanese Americans may feel confident that the facts to be discovered will result in a favorable picture of the Issei. Yet, diverse conclusions are often wrong from the same data. Should we take precautions to prevent an unfavorable picture? Do we want control not only of the data and the material gathered during the study, but of whatever is to be published? Who will have the rights to the stories that may be picked up and to the possible financial gains from exploiting these stories?"

She further suggested that if funds come from outside sources, "we may have to bargain for the amount of control we desire. We should prepare to bargain on the bases of facilities, services and data which we are uniquely able to supply."

A scholarly study, depending on the size of the grant, is expected to provide a storehouse of data for numerous other works. It can supply the basic, accurate source material for more popular works, including the Issei story itself, she predicted.

Fund Raising

On the possibility of JACL raising funds to embark on a publication of the Issei story in simpler form, three means were contemplated: (1) raising dues, (2) direct solicitation with part of the funds being offered as a prize for the best Issei story, which may result in a book, and (3) a variant of the second—direct solicitation with part of funds offered as an award for the best story and the prize to be named for, the book dedicated to the honoree, preferably an Issei.

Several related issues arising from this project were also brought to light in Mrs. Watanabe's report.

One was the apt suggestion to have JACL honor the Issei on a

Nisei appointed acting county manager in Reno

RENO.—Washoe County commissioners here have appointed George Oshima, county engineer since March, 1958, to serve as acting county manager. The present county manager resigned because of ill health.

Oshima, onetime Reno JACL chapter president, has been in county government for 12 years.

national scale, an award for the Issei on the scale that the Japanese government attempted this year, perhaps upon completion of this entire project. Special citations on stature with "Nisei of the Biennium" might be considered.

Another was the collection of books and other materials about Japanese Americans. "If we are to gain eminence as a national organization, we must plan to accumulate and accommodate an appropriate library," she commented.

And extending the Issei Story project, the third suggestion calls for a program to record significant data about the Nisei and JACL. In evaluating contributions of the Issei, the project will probably include the record of their children, the Nisei, in vocations, civic contributions, etc. JACL may even consider applying for grants large enough for a continuing project to cover all Japanese Americans.

In the realm of popular works, JACL might have a standing program of encouraging the writing and reading of books which enhance favorable opinion for the Nisei and JACL.

The last suggestion offers goals for the Issei Story project. At least one phase ought to be concluded by 1962—which marks the 20th year since evacuation, and by 1970, as one of JACL Planning Commission's goals, to have the Issei Story project completed.

Issei Passing from Scene

"Each year sees the passing of more Issei and each year our anxiety about this project should and does increase," noted Dr. Mary I. Watanabe of Philadelphia, in submitting the progress report.

"This year, in particular, we have been sharply reminded of the rapidly advancing ages of the Issei by the publicity given them in the Centennial celebrations of the signing of the first trade pact between the United States and Japan."

"Further, James Michener's 'Hawaii' reminds us of the many interesting narratives that can be written about our mainland Issei. If the JACL itself does not soon establish some claims in this area, I believe that other individuals and organizations will write these potentially lucrative tales about the Issei," Mrs. Watanabe added.

"At this anxious time in U.S.-Japan relationships, we may feel that this project can be minimized. But it is precisely at such times that Japanese Americans are in particular need of favorable public opinion; and projects like this that aim to help meet that need should be emphasized. Regardless of the tenor of the times, then, this is a field in which JACL should take an active interest," she suggested.

PAYETTE SANSEI ACTIVE

IN IDAHO KEY CLUB WORK

BOISE.—Jan Iseri of Payette High School, presently attending the Gem Boys State here, was elected governor of the Utah-Idaho District of the Key Club recently. He will attend the Key Club International Convention next month at Boston.

A student body vice-president in the fall, the local Sansei was also honored with the DeMolay Order's Degree of Chevalier, second to the highest honor given to an active DeMolay. Citation is for outstanding and marked DeMolay service.

DATES

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, Calif.



Sen. Clair Engle (D., Calif.) was invited by Shig Wakamatsu, national JACL president, to attend the 16th Biennial National JACL Convention now in session this week at Sacramento. The invitation was extended when Wakamatsu visited the Nation's Capitol.

Issei 'Johnny Appleseed'

NEW YORK. — Manken Toku Ishii, known to many local residents as their host at Turkey Hill, near Kerhonkson, N.Y., is described as a Japanese Johnny Appleseed in a half-page spread in the Middletown Daily Record of June 18. Only he is called a modern Johnny Cherrytree.

ELLENVILLE.—In colonial times, John Chapman, "Johnny Appleseed," went through the Ohio Valley planting apple seeds. Thousand of apple trees grew in the fertile soil.

Today, in the valley surrounding this Ulster County village, a modern Johnny Cherrytree has been bringing more beauty to the area in response to what he believes to be the commandment of God.

"God gave me my life again. He told me to do it."

"That's how Manken Toku Ishii describes his dedication to the job of distributing Japanese cherry trees, without charge, to anyone who wants them.

Mr. Ishii, born in Tokyo, Japan,

75 years ago, came to America 50 years ago. He and his wife live on a large farm at Turkey Hill, off Route 209, about two miles south of Kerhonkson.

One day in 1956 he fell from a tree, landed on a rock, and broke his back. For a long time he lay in pain, unable even to drink. He said he finally begged to die.

"But," he said, "God said, 'no, you are needed'."

And after Mr. Ishii recovered, he felt he owed his life to God. He dedicated his life to carrying out what he believes God asked him to do.

He began planting and giving away Japanese tree cuttings. He estimates that he has given away 20,000 cuttings so far.

"If God gives me 10 more years of life," he said, "I will raise 100,000 trees for this valley."

Ishii, a Christian, has another major charitable project. During the summer, his farm is a refuge for several thousand children from New York City.

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President's Corner

BY SHIG WAKAMATSU

On International Relations

The news of the cancellation of President Eisenhower's visit to Japan has come like a shock wave across the Pacific, bringing with it the problems of the future crashing into the home of every Japanese American.

History, with its inexplicable sense of timing, has chosen to present the unpleasant events in Japan at the very outset of the 16th Biennial National JACL Convention. The delegates gathering in Sacramento will be faced with the greatest challenge to our organization since the evacuation and World War II.

We are hopeful, of course, that the reaction of the vast majority of the Japanese inhabitants would soon normalize U.S.-Japan relations. However, on this side of the Pacific, all complacency is gone as to Japan's ability to remain as a bastion of democracy in the Far East, for it is clear and apparent that the roots of democracy have not had a chance to grow deep and that their future growth is now threatened by the subversive methods of world communism.

The young students, for instance, who rioted in Tokyo, are the product of an educational system infiltrated by left-wingers notably in the Japan Teachers Union. If, in the minds of these students, mob coercion is equated to the right of free assembly, it is obvious that they have been misled in their concept of democratic processes.

Therein lies the nature of the aforementioned challenge to Japanese Americans and to JACL on the eve of our national convention.

We, as Americans, are the beneficiaries of twenty-five centuries of Western thought. In our darkest hour we have felt the application of its highest ideals and traditions through men and women who, motivated by their loyalty to these ideals, had come to our aid. We, who have caught the glimpse of this grandeur, cannot stand by idly while these ideals and concepts are subjected to humiliation, misinterpretation and assault. Our oft-expressed hope that Japan shall remain a firm ally in the Pacific must now be backed by action.

We in JACL have been most fortunate, in that we have been able to keep our organization intact through the arid years since 1952. This was made possible by a dedicated staff and an equally dedicated membership.

In the present crisis we may feel that we are better prepared and much stronger, with a going organization and representation in Washington, than we were 20 years ago. However, we would not have learned our lesson if we do not properly utilize our strength and make the necessary changes in policy to meet new situations.

For many years we have voluntarily closed the area of International Relations as "off limits." The events of the fortnight and their future implications to every Japanese American should clearly indicate that this is a vital area which can no longer be neglected. Our continued acceptance as individuals would depend upon what we are able to contribute to the total welfare of our nation.

Our delegates are reminded that they will be faced with major decisions in International Relations, decisions which will determine whether JACL shall fulfill its destined role in the total context of the Cold War and whether JACL shall continue to be worthy of the support and loyalty of its membership.

I submit the following for consideration:

1. Should JACL make the necessary changes in our present International Relations policy to facilitate the more effective functioning of dealing with matters related to U.S.-Japan relations?
2. Should JACL embark upon a program to bolster those democratic forces in Japan who are friendly to the West and to combat those forces who would pull her into the communist orbit?
3. Should JACL take a more vocal and active position to influence our government through proper, official channels in maintaining friendly relations between the United States and Japan?
4. Should JACL invite the American Committee on Japan as the International Relations arm of the organization and have it operate under arrangements similar to the Anti-Discrimination Committee in 1946?

The recent turn of international events has crowded us to the last moment and has left me little space to express my sincere appreciation to all JACLers throughout the country, to my fellow members of the National Board, and to all the staff members for their cooperation and support during my term of office, for which I am deeply grateful. I am confident that the same support and cooperation shall be accorded to my successor and that our organization shall continue to strengthen and advance in the ensuing years.

(This message was intended for publication in last week's issue, but the mail did not reach us in time.—Editor.)

PC LETTERBOX:

Philosophy of Planning

(Comments of Detroit JACL president Frank Watanabe in the current issue of their chapter newsletter, we feel, deserves wider publication through the PC Letterbox.—Ed.)

The most serious task given to our chapter is one of developing the planning by which can be guided over the next ten years. Every opportunity within our grasp to develop a guiding philosophy has been taken and the resulting philosophy is outlined in the following:

The problem divides into two parts: management, and the point of view of the members. The management of our corporation like our business counterpart cannot be reduced to procedural routine. Timing, feeling right about a decision, sleeping on ideas for awhile, the interplay of personalities, loyalty and so on all play an important part in the management of decision. The logical decision based on facts is the game of the young technocrat for management is more than a science fitting a rigorous pattern including heart and the point of view as well. Now, the point of view of the officers is quite different from those of the constituency but all of the various viewpoints must be developed simultaneously in order to achieve an end result. Planning for management is necessary yet management by planning

gnaws at the very foundations of our existence.

The point of view, however, that we foster is amenable to a certain amount of planning in view of the desired results.

Equal Consideration

The objective or end result desired by the membership is interpreted as having the Japanese American considered the same as the other American people. That is to have the word "Japanese" completely lose its shock value as have the words German, Swedish or English.

There are evidences that rejection of the Japanese American by the non-Japanese might be simply self-consciousness on the part of the Japanese American. It has been my experience when calling upon various members to fill committee jobs that the reason given for not accepting the job is that the member happens to be involved in the shop committee or the scouts or the PTA or the church or somebody's party. This is good—if the entire constituency were so occupied, we need only to maintain our cultural ties at a strictly social level. The persons of Japanese ancestry are being accepted into American community life at an immensely rapid pace.

It is seen that the finest thing that the JACL can do is to accelerate the attainment of acceptance by fostering the atmosphere

JACL's International Policy

Editor: With all due respects to the fine intentions and the usually astute judgment of Shig Wakamatsu and his adviser, there are at least a few of us who view with strong reservations the propriety of the JACL trying to interpret the riots in Japan or appearing to apologize for them to President Eisenhower.

Let us adhere to our stated purpose of defending the rights of Nisei as American citizens and encouraging the Nisei to become "better Americans in a greater America." Admittedly the course of events in the Far East has repercussions to a varying degree on the economic and social status of most Nisei. Yet as the JACL we cannot, whenever a crisis threatens in international politics, project ourselves in the midst of a complex and turbulent situation over which we have no control. Surely it would be unwise to be maneuvered into the position of an interpreter, much less a spokesman for Japanese foreign relations, even at the request of our legislators.

This writer entertains no illusion of being an expert on Japanese politics. Any literate person, however, who bothers to read or listen to a few competent observers on the international scene free of extreme bias, would realize

that the Japanese rioting was not a case of anti-Americanism or anti-Eisenhower sentiment pure and simple (nor pro-Communism, for that matter).

Forget for a moment that the Communists have again skillfully taken tactical advantage of an existing situation and ask ourselves a few questions. Did not the United States insist upon the inclusion in the new Japanese constitution a clause renouncing war as an instrument of national policy? Can the horrible memory of the atomic bombs which annihilated Hiroshima and Nagasaki be erased so easily and so soon? Are there not many Japanese who oppose Kishi and his Big Business regime for a variety of reasons? Must neutralism be synonymous with pro-Communism?

Perhaps some one in the higher echelons of the JACL can provide the quick and easy answers, and I am merely naive, illogical or misinformed. If there be unanimity of opinion among JACL members that this organization has a rightful and important role in the international relations between Japan and the United States, we had better be aware of the pitfalls and the consequences.

GEORGE YASUKOCHI
Berkeley JACL.

Time to Change JACL's Name

Editor: It is rather close to convention-time for the advancement of a suggestion as major as this one, but the troubled situation in Japan crystallized my thinking about it.

With all the planning we are doing for the next decade, I think we should seriously consider changing the name of our organization, perhaps to "League of Americans of Japanese Ancestry" or "American Citizens of Japanese Ancestry" or some such similar name. Through the years, we have been very sensitive about being categorized as hyphenated Americans; and, although there is no hyphen in our organizational name, newspapers and other media have willy-nilly inserted the hyphen. I have had the experience, when I mentioned the name to strangers to the organization, of having them visibly insert the hyphen in their thinking.

In our public speeches and references to ourselves, we seldom refer to ourselves as Japanese Americans—rather, as Americans of Japanese ancestry. Why, then, refer to ourselves as Japanese Americans in our organizational title?

During the recent riots in Tokyo, Mike Masaoaka was besieged with telephone calls because our organizational listing in the telephone book began with "Japa-

nese," while that of the Japanese Consul was listed as "Consulate of Japan." The calls came to him under the mistaken impression that he was the representative of Japan in Washington.

The original name of our organization was the "American Loyalty League."

I am aware that some expense is involved in changing stationery, seals, etc., but I feel very strongly in planning for the next decade that it is time for a change.

I am sorry I will not be able to be present at the convention (the first national convention I have missed since 1948), and send my best to my friends in the various chapters.

HAROLD R. GORDON
Chicago JACL.

(The Fresno Chapter is still known as the American Loyalty League and the Twin Cities Chapter is known as the United Citizens League.—Ed.)

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Parlier JACL scholarship won by valedictorian

PARLIER. — Frank Rodriguez, Parlier Union High valedictorian, was recipient of the Parlier JACL scholarship to the outstanding graduate. Award amounted to \$50.

IBM research grant

PORTLAND. — Mito Tamura of Oregon City, who received his B.S. degree from Oregon State College, was awarded a \$2,400 IBM research grant and will continue his studies in business administration at the Univ. of California.

which will encourage each individual to make his best contribution to community life. The JACL then becomes the composite of the experiences and achievements of the membership of which we shall be proud.

JACL Objective

The objective is to make the word "Japanese" mean simply another ethnic group of people. The management of the JACL requires skills the same as the management of any other organization, and a part of our operations is to insure the development of individuals with this in mind.

This is the sum total of your chapters thinking on planning. The event which we shall endeavor to initiate this year with the stated objectives in mind shall be my next subject.

FRANK WATANABE
Detroit JACL.

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Vagaries

By Larry S. Tajiri

Goro Suzuki's Performance

IT WAS good to read the rave reviews for Goro Suzuki's performance in one of the two male leads of Rodgers and Hammerstein's "Flower Drum Song" when the hit Broadway musical opened in Los Angeles the other day. The critics liked Goro's performance as Sammy Fong, praising him for his comic talent and his delivery of such songs as "Don't Marry Me" and "Sunday." Goro has been in show business, as a singer and night club m.c., for a long time—ever since he left a WRA camp to relocate in Cleveland. But "Flower Drum Song" was his main chance and, in show world parlance, he came on like gangbusters, first as Commodore Low and later replacing Larry Blyden as Sammy.

In fact, it was something of a thrill to watch Goro and Pat Suzuki doing their "Sunday" duet, and Goro pairing with Miyoshi Umeki in the "Don't Marry Me" number at the St. James theater in New York. Both Misses Suzuki and Umeki aren't with the show anymore, and the production needs their special magic, but Elaine Dunn and Cely Carrillo, their replacements, are more than capable.

Goro Suzuki, of course, is billed as Jack Soo on the program. He wanted to use "Suzuki" but was told by the management that two Suzukis in the company would be confusing.

BILL SUGIHARA, who has taken over Goro Suzuki's old role of Commodore Low in "Flower Drum Song," is a relatively new name in the company. He's New York-born and has been an entertainer since he was 9. While in his teens, Sugihara was featured on the Bob Emery TV show in New York as an actor-singer. After army service, he was in off-Broadway plays and in stock and graduated from New York City College with honors. Helen Funai has taken over for Yuriko Kikuchi, who isn't making the tour, as Mei Li in the dream ballet sequence of "Flower Drum Song." Yuriko, who has plans to organize her own dance company, recently was featured in the Martha Graham dance series in New York. Miss Funai, a graduate of Los Angeles high school, has had ballet training in California and New York. Other Nisei reportedly traveling with the show include actress Eileen Nakamura, and dancers Marian Hatakeda, Betty Kawamura, Yoshiko Kazutani, Carolyn Okada, Kumiko Tsuchiya and Robert Ito. Meanwhile, George Minami and David Toguri, who were with the original Broadway company, are now dancing in the London edition of "Flower Drum Song."

THE LATEST actress of Japanese ancestry to be signed for the Bill Goetz production of "Cry for Happy" for Columbia release is Tsuruko Kobayashi who is getting co-starring billing in a romantic role. She joins Glenn Ford, Donald O'Connor,

Shigeta, the first male star of Japanese descent in Hollywood comedy which George Marshall is directing.

For more than a year Miss Kobayashi has been on Broadway in the Theater Girl's lox-and-sukiyaki comedy, "A Majority of One." She left the New York company the other day to hurry to Hollywood to prepare for her role of a geisha in the movie. Her Broadway debut, incidentally, was several years ago in "Teahouse of the August Moon."

The story of "Cry for Happy" is about a group of American sailors who take over a Tokyo geisha house and become romantically involved with its inhabitants.

INCIDENTALLY, James Shigeta's role in "Cry for Happy" is that of an American sailor of Japanese ancestry who is sent to Japan as an interpreter. Then it turns out that he doesn't know the Japanese language.

Milko Taka, James Shigeta, Miyoshi Umeki and others in the wood since Sessue Hayakawa, has received top billing in "The Crimson Kimono," in which he played a Nisei cop, and in "Walk Like a Dragon," in which he portrayed a Chinese in an American western town. Shigeta reportedly is still under consideration for the key role of Terry Terasaki, the Japanese diplomatic official who marries a Tennessee girl, in the real-life drama, "Bridge to the Sun," which Julian Blaustein will produce for MGM. Lee Remick recently was selected by Blaustein for the role of Gwen Terasaki who left her native American on an exchange ship in World War II to endure the hazards of life with her Japanese husband in wartime Tokyo.

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DENNY FUJIKAWA

Long Beach JACL picks straight 'A' student as nominee

BY DAVE Y. AOKI

LONG BEACH.—Missiles are being launched with regularity from such bases like Cape Canaveral, but Long Beach Harbor District JACL is putting another kind of star into orbit—a scholar with an extraordinary record.

He is Denson Gen Fujikawa, the chapter's nominee for the 1960 National JACL scholarship. The son of Dr. and Mrs. Fred Y. Fujikawa, he was born in Denson, Ark., in 1942.

Denny is a straight "A" student through junior and senior high school, the top graduate with a 4.0 average from Woodrow Wilson High. The only fuel this bright satellite used to break the scholastic barrier was a substance called "gray matter." Couple that with his personality and Denny is a lad who is respected by all and deeply admired. He has participated widely in and out of school.

He has won a variety of elective positions in school: presidencies in the Key Club, senior class; memberships in class councils, and associate justice of the school's supreme court.

Denny has lettered in football and track.

Among the awards he has won include Bank of America Achievement Award in Laboratory Science, Lions Award for outstanding leadership, gold "W" and jeweled "W" pins for outstanding service to Wilson High, Phi Beta Kappa award, and many more.

He anticipates entering Harvard in the fall to become a lawyer or follow his father's footsteps in medicine.

The chapter scholarship committee was composed of Mrs. George Mio, chmn.; Frances Okura, Dr. John Kashiwabara and Mrs. Frank Sugiyama. It considered eight other prospective candidates.

OVER 66,000 JAPANESE ESTIMATED RESIDING IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY

When a prospective savings and loans group filed application to do business in Li'l Tokio recently, it claimed there were 18,143 Japanese families in Los Angeles county.

Basis for the statistic was the Shin Nichibei 1959 directory. And calculating that the Japanese family has an average of 3.69 persons per family, the current Japanese population in Los Angeles county would be 66,948.

It further reported there were 42,775 in central Los Angeles, 5,572 in West Los Angeles; 3,405 in Pasadena; 6,133 in Gardena; 3,008 in Long Beach; 1,697 in Whittier; 2,406 in San Fernando Valley; and 1,952 in San Gabriel Valley.

Sansei named winner of Sears Roebuck scholarship

SALINAS.—The Salinas Union High School board of trustees has selected Alan Terakawa winner of the Sears Roebuck scholarship. A senior, he is in the California Scholarship Federation, National Merit Examination, American Field Service program and the German Club as president.

The Sears scholarship is offered to any high school student, but selection is based on scholarship, citizenship and record of activities.

Alan is the son of Mr. and Mrs. John Terakawa, active JACL members.

Nisei scientist finds vegetable oil as antidote to radiation, results promising

SAN FRANCISCO.—Promising results were reported recently in the treatment of mice with vegetable oil injections after the animals had been exposed to radiation.

The experiments were conducted by a University of California scientist in a search for an effective simple antidote to radiation sickness. Dr. James K. Ashikawa of the university's Donner Laboratory announced the results at a meeting of the Radiation Research Society.

Dr. Ashikawa noted that present effective chemicals offering protection against radiation did no good unless they were administered before the radiation exposure occurred, whether it resulted from the explosion of an atomic bomb or a peace-time accident involving a nuclear device. What was needed was effective therapy for victims of radiation sickness.

Survived Lethal Doses

The scientist described experiments in which mice survived lethal doses of X-rays before they had received injections of olive oil, peanut oil and other common edible oils.

He reported getting the best results by injecting the oils in amounts equal to about one-thirtieth of the mouse's total

weight, directly into the animal's abdominal cavity.

Up to 90 per cent of the treated animals survived after a moderate dosage of X-rays. Only half as many untreated animals survived. Still stronger irradiation killed all untreated animals, whereas more than 7 per cent of those treated with the vegetable oils survived the lethal rays.

Dr. Ashikawa reported that some of the mice were helped to survive by the oral feeding of fats after irradiation. However, he said, this had been less effective, supposedly because the fats had been absorbed into the blood stream more slowly.

Therapeutic Value

He said the greatest therapeutic value had resulted from olive oil in which pure methyl stearate was added to stearate, a saturated fat. Dr. Ashikawa reported that methyl oleate and triolein, chemically pure synthetic oils, were as effective as olive and peanut oils.

The Nisei biophysicist was born in Hawaii, graduated from the Univ. of Michigan and continuing his graduate studies at the Univ. of California. He was recently awarded a Public Health post-doctoral fellowship to study at the Karolinska Institute in Stockholm, Sweden.



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TOKYO RIOTS AND JACL POLICY

New York

The Tokyo riots gave the Nisei community a case of jitters last week.

The riots and the humiliating cancellation of the President's visit to Japan brought up again in the minds of many Nisei the old question: What stand do we take with respect to Japanese affairs?

According to temperament, the Nisei reacted in several different ways: some retreated to the old shell of "Americanism" and disavowal of involvement in things Japanese; others condemned the riots as Communist-inspired and tried to reassure the American public by saying the demonstrations were not a true reflection of Japanese sentiment; a few pointed to Article 9, the famous MacArthur-imposed anti-war clause in the Japanese Constitution, as the root of the present confusion in the Japanese response to the U.S.-Japanese Security Treaty, thereby implicitly putting the blame for the riots on our own shifting national purposes; still a smaller handful argued that as destructive to orderly processes of government as the riots were, they nonetheless were an expression of popular will and as such the riots were a profitable exercise in independence, to show that Japan is not an American satellite.

At the heart of this frantic search for a "position" to take is the Nisei's fear that events in Japan would again threaten the status of persons of Japanese ancestry in the United States: the fear that American disaffection with Japanese conduct would rub off on the Nisei. No one disputes that this fear is well-grounded. The evacuation experience is still too recent for the Nisei to have any deep-seated conviction about the stability of American public opinion.

But, like it or not, the Nisei will be called upon in the future (as some were in the past few days) to comment on incidents similar to the Tokyo riots. This is our cultural legacy; we might as well learn to live with it. The Nisei, after all, are not in the same category as second-generation descendants of European immigrants. One reasonably dispassionate look in the mirror should convince most Nisei of this truth; the sociologists term our ethnic identifiability as "high social visibility." Which is one way of saying that no one is going to mistake a Nisei for Van Johnson or Marilyn Monroe or other fairly anonymous nondescript Anglo-Saxon type individuals.

Moreover, to attempt, even remotely, to minimize our racial heritage is to minimize ourselves, to throw in jeopardy our self-respect and the respect of others.

This leads me to the problem of the JACL policy on Japan. With the National JACL Convention now in session at Sacramento, this is probably the appropriate time to ask: What is going to be JACL's policy with respect to "international relations," which is merely a euphemism for Japan?

As a member with some familiarity with JACL's history and its past accomplishments and its reasons for certain previous actions, I would like to urge that the JACL take an official, open, interest and concern with Japanese affairs. If, at the moment, sufficient competence is lacking for the JACL to appraise events and situations in Japan, then let the JACL make it the first order of business to develop that competence.

It would be a nice piece of irony, if for that decade the Mutual Security pact is in force, a period which coincides with JACL's own ten-year program, the JACL were to disclaim any concern for Japan.

JACL's text of message to National Democratic platform group

The complete text of JACL's statement before the National Democratic Platform Committee at an advanced hearing June 17 at the Ambassador Hotel was presented by Frank F. Chuman, national JACL legal counsel, who was assigned by National Headquarters, after it was invited by National Committee Chairman Paul Butler to submit views and suggestions with reference to the proposed Democratic party platform. —Editor.

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.

There is no question but that the public demonstrations in Japan were Communist-inspired and Communist-directed. I believe, however, that this unfortunate incident will spur the people of both the United States and Japan to realize more clearly the serious threat of the Communists and result in a closer alliance between the two nations. In spite of the fact that the Japanese people are sincerely concerned about the implications of the Mutual Security Pact with the horrors of the atomic bombings of Hiroshima and Nagasaki still very close to their hearts, I believe the great majority of the people of Japan realize that only by remaining with the United States and the Western nations will there be any hope for peace in the world. I believe that when calmer thoughts emerge from the turmoil of this day in Japan, that the Japanese people will realize the greater threat to the security of Japan from the Communists should the United States be compelled to withdraw its forces from Japan.

Thus, the most effective method for the United States in its relationship to Japan as well as with the rest of the world is to maintain our nation strong and healthy both in military power and economic expansion. But it is not only important to raise our military defense budget to 40 billion dollars as it was announced only this morning. This is an important ingredient. At the same time, the United States has a special mission to demonstrate to the whole world the true spirit of democracy. The struggle in the world between the United States and the Communist bloc involves not only space satellites, rockets and missiles, but capturing the hearts and minds of the uncommitted peoples of Africa and the Near and Far East.

World leadership by the United States can only be meaningful as our practice and policy here in the United States and our attitudes towards other peoples of the world be consistent with our ideals of democracy.

The fundamental concept of our democracy is that persons are born equal, with equal opportunities to all people. This is why discrimination in the United States against any person because of his race, color, creed or national origin undermines the very foundation, the

very moral fabric of our national existence.

The JACL therefore strongly urges 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, and to this end, the JACL joins with other organizations and individuals of goodwill in the following recommendations.

A. On the National Level. (1) A more effective, comprehensive federal civil rights legislation to contain safeguards for the lives, rights, opportunities, dignities and properties of all citizens everywhere in our land without regard to race, religion, color or national origin.

(2) This comprehensive civil rights legislation should contain the following but not limited to: a. A pronouncement by our Federal Government that there shall be vigorous enforcement of the school desegregation program to implement the United States Supreme Court decisions on this matter. b. That equal voting right shall be established and maintained by vigorous enforcement for all qualified citizens. c. A Federal fair employment practices with strong enforcement provisions to provide to each, employment and in-grade promotions on the basis of merit alone. d. A Federal fair housing practices so that all persons everywhere shall have the right to a decent home in which to live within his economic means and without the hindrances of lending institutions of Federally insured funds. e. Equal protection of the laws, including anti-lynch and anti-bombing legislation, beyond those now provided for in the recently enacted Civil Rights Act of 1960. f. Desegregation of all public facilities to eliminate the degrading experiences to the dignity of an individual of arbitrary discrimination at such facilities solely because of his race, creed, color or national origin. g. Elimination and effective enforcement to combat "hate" campaigns conducted throughout the nation.

The JACL goes on record at this point to commend the passive resistance of the Negroes in the South and throughout other parts of the United States in public transportation and public restaurants in their struggle to eliminate segregation and discrimination solely by reason of their color. The leaders and others in this movement, Negroes and other persons alike, have conducted themselves with patience, fortitude and dignity in demonstrating to the nations the fundamental contradiction in our democratic ideals. Rather than violence and bloodshed, the Negro people have adopted the most powerful group and individual weapon one could have—the spirit of Christian forbearance and passive non-resistance before which weapon the strident shouts of the racists and violent demonstrators must ultimately fail.

B. On the International Level. (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 on the basis of birthplace and citizenship for all other races and countries. This provision reveals to the world and especially to the nations of the Far East that the Immigration Laws of the United States discriminates against a person because of his race, thereby providing more arguments for the Communists to woo the Far East nations, including Japan, into the communist orbit and becoming the basis for ridicule by other nations of our contradictory policies.

(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.

The three recommendations of the JACL in the field of immigration are particularly meaningful to the JACL and to the country of Japan. Its amendments will demonstrate to Japan the good faith and intentions of the United States, and will be of paramount importance in preserving a Free Asia that will look to the United States not only for military and economic assistance, but for moral leadership as well.

Nisei can help teach democracy to people of Japan

CLEVELAND.—The weekend Mike Masaoka, Washington JACL representative, was here—the world was shocked to learn that the Kishi government had cancelled President Eisenhower's invitation to visit Japan. He primarily came to be the main speaker at Cleveland JACL's annual scholarship dinner.

But he wound up a whirlwind tour of appearing on two television interview programs and on the radio three times. Cleveland radio station KYW broadcast his 45-minute speech made at the dinner the following evening (June 18).

Masaoka declared, "Japanese Americans have a duty of helping teach true democracy to the citizens of Japan. The great majority in Japan are friends of the United States. But they don't understand democracy. They think rioting and mob action are an approved form of petition under democracy."

"We must remember the new mutual aid treaty was negotiated at the request of the Japanese and it recognizes Japan as a sovereign state," Masaoka continued.

The chapter presented its scholarship award to Frances Kosai, 17, of Collinwood High School, and hailed as the outstanding student of Japanese ancestry in the city. She will attend Western Reserve.

Altrusa official

OMAHA.—Altrusa, business and professional women's club international, recently elected Mrs. Lily Okura, national JACL secretary to the board, as its recording secretary.

Parade entry wins

PARLIER.—Parlier JACL's decorated car won first prize in its division in the recent Veterans Roundup Parade here. Ralph Kimoto and Eleanor Doi were in charge of the committee.

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SAN FERNANDO JACL

PLANS 2 SCHOLARSHIPS

SAN FERNANDO.—Two scholarships of \$50 each are to be awarded each summer by the San Fernando Valley JACL. It was announced this week by chapter president Sam Ueyehara, to valley high school graduates who have shown outstanding leadership in extracurricular activities and have a high scholastic standing.

Kay Nakagiri, chapter scholarship chairman, presided at the special committee meeting this past week when four graduates were considered. The presentation and names of winners will be made at the next general meeting, tentatively set for July 15.

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Shades of a tie and garter hoe-down! We laughed so hard during the one-night stand of the Chicago Club 1000 revue, we're still having a hard time wiping that huge smirk from our faces. Laughter ricocheted from wall to wall as we nearly shook the rafters of the Sheridan-Plaza Hotel (on Saturday, June 4)—and hysterically funny and witty emcee, Mark Yoshizumi (Our Membership Vice Chairman) was filled with rare spirits. While he was still trying to unwind his arms from the back of his neck after kissing and hugging himself goodbye at the Grand Central Station, the hoopla got under way with . . .

A gushing performance by the singing Four Flushers sponsored by the Local Plumbers Union No. 551 . . . but the graceful and lovely Sayonara Dance was the "must see" and an easy-eyeful performed by the lithe and talented 17-yr.-old June Kushida.

From way, way-off Broadway, we choked to hear the two "Chinese" customers in a "hakujin" restaurant ask for one order of extra fine-cut baykon and eggusu with two plates. (Funny my fortune cookies never left such messages as "Help! I'm a prisoner in Hershey, Pennsylvania.")

Madame's latest hat designs straight from Paris were modeled in an ultra special preview with the loveliest of lovelies donning the creations and clomping their way on the runway. Princess Papaya (alias Ray Inouye) wore a freshly picked floral number and was a vision of something that came out of the ground . . . And what can we say of Dame Victoria (Dr. Vic Izui) of London in a fairway green surplice with the fees on top accented with a creamy textured golf ball . . . All the way from Italy came gorjus Tweety Bakatelli of Italy (Kumeo Yoshinari) in a chirpy number—especially suitable for capturing elusive mynah birds in this glittering gilded cage . . . Ah, but the piece de resistance, Madame Yama-chan and newly crowned Miss 1000 Club from the Orient (Dick Yamada) was shimmering, sparkling in an abstract tree (?) of silver tin bearing the fruits of bow ties and garters—ultra sophisticated and tinny—recommended for pointed heads only. Utterly shapeless and colorful muumuu and grass skirts stunningly complemented each frou frou creation.

The sports fans were in their glory as the Club 1000 presented direct from Japan. Jiro Burikuhousu announcing the thriller-diller last half of the 9th inning between the Yokohama Bomazu and the Nagasaki Kamikaze baseball teams with a tied score of zehro-tamago with 2 outs as Lefty Kazunoko just struck out. (A yell from a rebel in the crowd, "Umpiah wa korose!") But there is joy in Mudville as Sullaga Watanabe steps up to the plate, slams a ball, and Jiro announced "Homu run desu! (ie ga hashiri mashita)". A sweeping victory for the Yokohama Bomazu. Mas Gurimm (Funai) with a few words from the sponsor asks, "Onaka ga peko peko shimasu ka? Mishoshiru no kawarini 'Kon Kon Cereosu' wo tabete gofan kudasai." Sullaga Watanabe attests, "Kon Kon Cereosu Oishi, Oishi, Oishi!"

A cheering ovation for that breathless moment—the return engagement of chanteuse Hildegard Thrush (Kay Yoshizumi) to the Club 1000 after touring with Milton Snodgrass and His Orchestra lilting "I'm In the Mood for Love"—so positively thrashing as she stole every male heart in the audience . . .

Just too verry verry to ever be in Webster's Dictionary were the "3 Little Sisters"—Speksy (Linc Shimidzu), Flexy (Abe Hagiwara) and "Heaven Only Knows" (Mark Yoshizumi). Snatches from their dialogue: "I can be sad," "I can be mad," and "I'm Hil . . . da," "I get paid," "I get weighed," and "I'm Hi—lda?" . . .

Thousand Club Chairman Mr. Nagaki (Dr. Frank Sakamoto) belted out a rendition of "Choina Choina" like you never heard in yore whole life, and the Four Lilac Lovelies on leave from the Jr. JACL rang out with more stomping vocal selections.

Our condolences to Hiro Mayeda, Joe Sagami, and Mas Nakagawa as their regulation ties were snipped off as penalty for not sporting a bowtie—thesymbol of the Order of the Tie and Garter.

We danced till the wee hours of the morning after chomping steak (?) sandwiches—and went home looking forward to another hit opening of the Club 1000. Hear! Hear!

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MASAOKA SCHOLARSHIP WINNER VISITS D.C.

Dr. James T. Mimura's family of Royal Oaks, Mich., accompanied by Miko Kosobayashi (standing at right), secretary to Rep. Yates (D., Ill.), calls on their congressman, Republican William S. Broomfield during a recent U.S. Capitol visit. From left are Mrs. Mimura, Dr. Mimura, Carol Sue, Congressman Broomfield, Paul, Judy and Miss Kosobayashi. Dr. Mimura, himself a veteran of the 442nd Regt. Combat Team and first co-winner of the Pvt. Ben Frank Masaoka memorial scholarship in 1946, is adding a personal contribution of \$100 annually to the \$200 Masaoka scholarship to express his thanks to the National JACL-administered scholarship that helped through medical school. The Mimuras are active Detroit JACL members.

Reappoint D.C. JACLers to be judges for Nat'l JACL scholarship selection committee

CHICAGO.—In one of his last administrative acts, Shigeo Wakamatsu, national JACL president, announced the reappointment of Dr. George Furukawa of the Washington, D.C. JACL Chapter as chairman of the National JACL Scholarship Selections Committee.

At the same time, he also announced that Dr. Harvey Itano, Saburo Hasegawa, and John Yoshino, all of whom served with Furukawa last year, were being reappointed. Dr. Takehiko Yoshizumi was appointed to replace Mrs. Kiyo Nishiyama Finucane as the fifth member of the Selections Committee.

Recalling that the Selections Committee in the nation's capital last year did such an outstanding and conscientious job in making the selections, Wakamatsu declared that he was pleased that these distinguished Washington, D.C. Nisei had agreed to accept the responsibility again this year. To be selected for the various JACL scholarships by this outstanding committee will be an added honor to those fortunate few who will be awarded scholarships, he said.

Furukawa Physicist

Furukawa received his B.A. in chemistry from Central College in Fayette, Mo., in 1943 and his Ph.D. in physical chemistry from the Univ. of Wisconsin in 1948. He served as an instructor in chemistry and physics at his alma mater, Central College, before accepting an appointment to the National Bureau of Standards, where he is a physicist.

Considered to be one of the outstanding research scientists in the nation, he is a member of the Board of Directors of the National Calorimetry Conference. He has delivered many papers and lectures to many scientific conferences.

Active in the JACL, he has served as Washington Chapter president and vice chairman of the Eastern District Council. This spring he was named a winner of the Mike Masaoka DeVry Technical Scholarship.

Yoshihashi University Professor

Yoshihashi received his B.A. in Philosophy from UCLA in 1936, his M.A. in Japanese History and Far Eastern Languages from Harvard in 1943, and his Ph.D. in International Relations from Yale in 1958.

He was awarded two consecutive John Hay Whitney Foundation Opportunity Fellowships (1952-53 and 1953-54) and also two consecutive Yale University Junior Sterling Fellowships (1954-55 and 1955-56) as well as a Ford Foundation Scholarship. A teaching fellow at Harvard from 1941 to 1943, he served as chief of the Japanese Section of the Office of War Information, with offices in San Francisco, 1943 to 1945. After being manager of an import-export company, he returned to teaching, this time as an instructor at Yale in 1955. At present, he is Assistant Professor of Far Eastern Studies at American University. He is the co-author of a three volume series on "Elementary Japanese for Col-

lege Students", published by Harvard Press in 1956.

He traveled and studied extensively in Japan, Korea, and Manchuria before World War II. He also served with the United States Strategic Bombing Survey in Japan after the surrender.

Itano Medical Director

Generally regarded as one of the outstanding American scientists, Dr. Itano, presently a medical director of the U.S. Public Health Service, is a recipient of the National JACL achievement Award. One of the all-time honor graduates from the University of California, he received his B.S. in Chemistry while in a war relocation camp in 1942. He received his M.D. from St. Louis University in 1945, and his Ph.D. in physical chemistry from the California Institute of Technology. Cited by leading medical and scientific organizations and journals for his contributions in the field, he is considered to be a leading Nisei leader.

Hasegawa Also Physicist

Hasegawa, like Furukawa, is a physicist with the National Bureau of Standards. He received his B.A. in physics from the Univ. of Pennsylvania and has continued graduate studies both at Georgetown and at George Washington universities. Several years ago, he served as a chapter vice president and is currently active with the youth program.

Yoshino Liaison Officer

Yoshino, currently Chapter president after more than a quarter of a century of active membership in the JACL in Alameda, Chicago, and Washington, is the liaison officer for the President's Committee on Government Contracts. He received his B.A. in labor relations from the Univ. of Chicago, did graduate work at the Univ. of Chicago School of Social Service Administration, and received his M.A. in social and industrial relations from Loyola University in Chicago.

Formerly associated with the American Friends Service Committee as director of Job Opportunities in its Chicago Office, he is considered one of the leading intergroup relations experts in the nation. He is president of the Washington Area Conference on Intergroup Relations and the chairman of the Middle South Regional Association of the Intergroup Relations Officials. He represented JACL at the recent Golden Anniversary White House Conference on Children and Youth and at the annual National Civil Liberties Clearing House Conference.

Five National JACL scholarships are involved.

There is the 15th annual private Ben Frank Masaoka Memorial Scholarship given by Mrs. Haruye Masaoka of Los Angeles, California, in memory of her son who was killed while a member of the 442nd RCT in World War II, in the sum of \$200. This has been augmented by an additional \$100 contributed by Dr. James Toshi Mimura of Royal Oak, Mich., a veteran of the 442nd and the first recipient of this

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IDAHO FALLS CHAPTERS IN
JOINT FETE FOR GRADUATES

IDAHO FALLS. — Seventeen high school and college graduates of south and eastern Idaho were recently honored here at a Tri-City JACL Graduation Dance co-sponsored by the Rexburg, Pocatello and Idaho Falls chapters.

The graduates honored were:

Pocatello High—Polly Abe, Diane Fukumitsu, Ann Kanomata, Kent Shiozawa; Idaho State—Hazel Ogawa, Ina Tokita, Frank Date, Ken Nukaya, Yoji Nukaya; Utah State—Pat Shiratori; Madison High—Tom Fujimoto, Marie Miyazaki; Nursing School in Rexburg—Mary Fujimoto, Iku Fujimoto; Firth High—Joyce Harada; Bonneville High—Marie Kobayashi; Idaho Falls High—June Sakaguchi.

The annual Idaho Falls JACL picnic was held at the Shelley School grounds with Mrs. Frank Yamasaki and George Tokita as general chairmen. Highlight of the day was the baseball game for which fathers challenged their sons. No score was reported.

CCDC convention
plans underway

FRESNO. — Committee chairmen for the annual CCDC convention Dec. 4 were appointed by convention chairman Mikio Uchiyama recently. Attorney General Stanley Mosk, who has accepted an invitation to attend, will be asked to be keynote speaker, it was added.

The chairmen appointed were:

Kaz Hiyama (Fowler), gen. arr.; Max Kawano (Selma), regis.; James Kubota (Fresno), banq.; Ralph Kimoto (Parker), inv. and pig.; Dr. Warren Itokazu (Bakersfield), reception; K. Kawamoto (Reedley), banq. prog.; Bill Nakagawa (Delano), bus. prog.; Hy Ikeda (Clovis), tickets; Robert Ishida (Tulare County), Jr. JACL; Ben Matsunaga (Sanger), fashion show.

Ben Nakamura, fin.; Thomas Toyama, pub.; James Ikemura, Akira Tajiri, golf tournament; Ben Nakamura, fashion show.

Details of the convention fashion show will be handled by Ben Nakamura and convention chairman Mikio Uchiyama. A co-chairman is to be named. Roos-Atkins will sponsor the show.

PUYALLUP VALLEY JOINS
SEATTLE IN PICNIC PLANS

SEATTLE. — The Puyallup Valley-Seattle joint JACL picnic will be held on Sunday, July 10, from 11 a.m. at Lake Wilderness. Areas 15, 16 and 17 have been reserved.

The Puyallup Valley chapter honored local high school and college graduates at a dinner last week at the Top of the Ocean. Among the high schoolers was Jimmy Hayashi of Tacoma's Lincoln High School, chapter nominee for a National JACL scholarship in 1946.

There is also the Tokichi Matsuoka Scholarship of \$200, presented by Tokichi Matsuoka, community leader, of New York.

Finally, there are three supplemental National JACL scholarships of \$200 each.

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Nancy Sawa, "Miss Nisei Centennial" and Seattle's Japanese community candidate for 1960 Seafair honors, poses with her court of four (from left) Lillian Fukuda, 19; Janet Fukuda, 22 (both are sisters); the 18-year-old queen; Sunnie Harada, 19; and May Kihara, 20. The group is sponsored by the Seattle JACL. Selection was made from among 23 candidates last weekend. She is the first to represent her community in the ranks of Seafair royalty since 1952. The new queen is 5 ft.-4, 110, and daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Koichi Sawa. She has graduated from Immaculate High and plans to enter Seattle U. in the fall to major in nursing or home economics.

—Elmer Ogawa Photo.

THE NORTHWEST PICTURE: by Elmer Ogawa

At Long Last, a Queen

It seemed as if we had to wait for a new generation to come of age, but the past weekend (June 18) saw the attainment of a fact that so many in the community and Seattle JACL have desired for years.

The Japanese community now has a queen and court of lovelies to stack up with the 50 or more other representative groups during Seattle's gay pageantry filled summer maritime mardi gras, the Seafair. And a big hand goes to the 23 charming participants, the capable Hattori and their helpers, and the Greater Seattle prominent who helped in the judging of the most colorful well staged event we have seen in a long time.

The scene was at the Japanese Tea Garden in the center of the otherwise tranquil University of Washington Arboretum. Focal point of the new superbly landscaped garden is the authentic Japanese tea house donated by the City of Tokyo following the 1959 Trade Fair. Hundreds of interested spectators completed the picture as the eye-catching poised young ladies in their kimonos were helped across the stepping stones to the judging area.

A fine panel of judges enhanced the glamour and dignity of the occasion. Acting as "foreman of the jury" was George Carlson, former Prime Minister of past Seafair royalty. There was Mrs. Paul Thiry who has served as official chaperone to past Seafair queens and princesses. And beauteous Mrs. Jay Lansing Hall, who as Carol Christianson was one of the greatest of the Seafair queens. Then Mrs. Kathryn Wise, a women's program director of KOMO-TV. And Paul Horiuchi, the internationally famous artist.

The gaily kimonoed contestants were a picture of poise and charm as they lined up on a double row of benches and shifted their position toward the front as each individual candidate in turn, arose, walked across the luxuriant lawn, introduced herself at the microphone and turned about to talk a few minutes with the judges, then to recross the green to tippy toe down across the brook to the teahouse and a change to western attire.

In the second phase of the judging, the dolls in summertime street costume resumed their positions on the benches. As each was called, each was required to walk back to the center of the area, execute a turn-about, advance to the judges table, turn, and return to their seats where all awaited the decisions.

It was perhaps an oversight that the girls were required to walk the soft springy sod in those spike heels. It took quite a bit of concentrated effort to maintain a graceful equilibrium. One gal's heel stuck and she lost her shoe in the about turn maneuver. Then, as some of the audience couldn't restrain their guffaws, she jammed her foot back into the slipper and it stuck all the more firmly, to be lost again. The judges and just about everyone present were most sympathetic toward the victim of the mishap.

When the announcement of the winners was about to be made judge George Carlson stated that the qualities of the candidates was exceptionally superior and so uniformly high that the judging was difficult. Then he announced the princesses alphabetically, the sisters Janet and Lillian Fukuda, 22 and 19; Sunnie Harada, 19; and May Kihara, 20. Then 18 year old Nancy Sawa was announced as the choice for queen. She exhibited her poise and presence of mind in making a very fine acceptance speech.

Queen Nancy is a graduating senior, the president of her class and former class secretary at Immaculate High; plans to attend Seattle U. in the fall. The youngster is a 4 year veteran as cheer leader at her school. The records show that the princesses also were prominent in school activities or officers of their class.

As press and amateurs popped their flashbulbs, a veteran female feature writer asked Nancy for the measurements. She said she would rather not say. Your ol' neighbor here, knows the 3 figures, from poking into Mrs. Hattori's files, and opines that the world should know—but if the queen just doesn't want to say—it's a command—so be it.

SAN JOSE SETS DATES FOR 1961 JACL KEG CLASSIC

SAN JOSE.—The 15th annual National JACL Bowling Tournament will be held in San Jose from Monday, March 6 through Sunday, March 12, 1961, it was announced last week by officials of the coming tourney.

Along with the definite dates for the event, the tourney committee revealed that the locale for the event will be Mel's Palm Bowl on San Carlos St.

Next year's tournament will be dedicated to the new 50th state of Hawaii and the largest contingent of Island bowlers ever to come to the mainland is expected to visit San Jose for this event.

Nisei bowling leagues on the Islands, many of them called JACL leagues, have been making arrangements from last year to send teams to the 1961 tournament and according to reports from Honolulu more than 125 bowlers have already signed up to come to San Jose.

If signups by mainland teams, especially those in California cities, equals the number participating in the last previous National JACL bowling tournament held in this state, the 1959 event at Los Angeles' Holiday Bowl a new record for the event can be expected.

The host San Jose committee is now planning to send out invitations to all Nisei bowlers through the JACL chapters and various Nisei bowling leagues to enter the coming tourney.

It was also reported here this week that the San Jose Nisei Bowling Assn. will move over to Mel's Palm Bowl for the winter league season. For the past several years they have been bowling at Sherman Oaks Bowl.

New Nisei bowling alley ground broken

The long-awaited groundbreaking ceremonies of another Nisei bowling alley in Southern California took place yesterday in the new city of Santa Fe Springs. Premiere Lanes, to be situated on Telegraph Rd. and Painter Ave., will be a 32-lane Brunswick attraction.

William McCann, mayor of Santa Fe Springs, presided at the ceremonies attended by civic and business officials, including representatives from the Whittier Chamber of Commerce.

On the board of directors are Miki Miyamoto, pres., Yone Kobata, Shozo Hiraizumi, David Lee, Lloyd Toda and Kaz Katayama. The establishment, being designed by Dike Nagano, is expected to cost over \$1,250,000 when completed.

Cortez JACL team wins Turlock bowling crown

TURLOCK.—Cortez JACL won the Turlock Bowling Association winter league just concluded, it was reported by Nogi Kajioaka, association president. The squad, captained by Hiro Asai, consists of: Kaoru Masuda, Kiyoshi Yamamoto, Masaru Uyekubo, Jim Yamaguchi, suba Nogi Kajioaka and Frank Yoshida.

Americanization class for summer scheduled

Summer class in citizenship was announced by Dorsey Adult School, 3537 Farmdale Ave. Emanuel Koenig will instruct the class from July 5 through Aug. 12, meeting on Mondays and Wednesdays from 7-9 p.m., it was announced by Principal Josephine Davis.

Citizenship classes are open to the public without fee.

Dr. Kambara eye chief

Dr. George Kambara was re-elected chief of eye service of White Memorial Hospital for the third successive term. He is also associate professor of ophthalmology in the College of Medical Evangelists, and lecturer in a post-graduate course given by the USC Medical School.

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\$2,000 FOR HAWAII TIDAL WAVE VICTIMS

Fred Takata (left), JACL regional director of Southern California, and Saburo Kido take \$2,000 check to be presented this weekend to Rep. Daniel Inouye at the 16th Biennial National JACL Convention for transmittal to Hawaii. Funds are part of the So. Calif. Hawaii Tidal Wave Fund campaign. At right is Ted Igasaki, former Hilo resident, who contributed \$1,000. The fund has received \$2,135.

Visiting novelist from Japan compares 'children of setting sun' with U.S. beatniks

SEATTLE.—Frail and alert Yasunari Kawabata was in Seattle recently, eager to share an hour's worth of the precise gentle wisdom that has made him Japan's most distinguished novelist.

Kawabata, 61, stopped here on his way to Washington where he will confer with State Department officials in preparation for a two-month tour of the United States. With the help of two interpreters, he talked for the better part of an afternoon with students at the University of Washington.

"In Japan, there is definitely a lost generation," he said, "brought about by the end of the old world. The bible of this group is Osamu Dazai's 'The Setting Sun,' called after the name given this generation: 'Children of the Setting Sun.'"

The new movement in Japan, though, is comparable to America's beatniks, he said.

"This lost generation is beginning to pass on and now there is a movement among the young people called 'The Tribe of the Sun.' Their leader is Shintaro Ishihara. They are different from the lost generation because they are destructive thinkers. Where there was disillusion and help-destructive power and lessness before there now is foreign influence mostly French and American."

Zen Buddhism

Kawabata made one surprising comment on the Zen Buddhist movement among the American avant-garde:

"I know very little of Zen," he said. "It is more popular in the United States than in Japan. I think. In Japan, everyone is more or less aware of it, but it has no interest to the intellectuals. I think the American interest owes itself to a search in this country for a new spiritual basis—something apart from Christianity."

Of Kawabata's 19 novels, three have been translated to English. The most recent translation, "Thousand Cranes," is a dramatic story of love which Kawabata described as "an immoral tale, a tale of the beauty of an immoral woman, a book that has in it an idea of Japanese beauty."

Kawabata, who is credited with a major role in making Japanese literature known in the West, had not visited the United States before his arrival May 5. He wore a sweater under his Western shirt and suit coat.

Quiet During War

He praised the work of Emerson, Poe and Whitman, said he had read Ernest Hemingway's "The Old Man and the Sea" in English and was very fond of it, that he had read the works of William Faulkner and "was impressed without liking the books."

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then closed his remarks with a quiet answer to a question about what he did during the war:

"I lived in a small village. The war passed without much effect upon my household. There was, of course, an attempt by the government to recruit intellectuals for military work—war correspondents, propagandists, information officers. But I remained unbothered. Apparently they didn't think I was very useful."

—Post Intelligencer.

L.A. to host 1960 state

Nisei baseball tournament

The ninth annual California state Nisei baseball tournament will be staged over the Labor Day weekend in Los Angeles with the L.A. Tokyo Giants as hosts. The tournament committee has reserved Casey Stengel Field in Glendale for the Sept. 3-5 series.

Last year's tournament at Lodi was won by Mayhew A.C. of Sacramento Valley.

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Los Angeles NEWSLETTER

By Henry Mori

Busy Summer Season

The month of June has just passed by and we are venturing into the second half of 1960. They say that when the days get longer and the years get shorter that is the sign of old age.

We don't want to classify ourselves in the old age bracket yet but it's hard to believe how quick time melts.

The 20th edition of the annual Nisei Week Festival is about month and a half away. But the bulk of the committee members are already hard at work in preparation on what may be the "biggest" of them all.

The centennial anniversary of the U.S.-Japan trade relations pact will definitely be the contributing factor on the expanded program planned by the Festival wheels this Aug. 12-21 celebration.

Katsuma Mukaeda, Downtown JACL president, will have a special Japanese cultural program at the Shrine Auditorium. The Japanese Chamber of Commerce, working with the L'il Tokio Merchants Association, will no doubt get behind the big weekend events on First and San Pedro Sts., Aug. 20 and 21 where thousands are due to congregate to witness the gigantic ondo parade.

The talk is that a chochin gyoretsu (lantern parade) is being considered. But no burning lanterns, though. They will be equipped with battery lights.

The Centennial commemoration scholarship fund established by the Chamber is reaching the pledged goal of \$100,000. So far, \$80,500 have been either received in actual cash or have been pledged. They hope to collect the grand amount within four years.

The coronation ball, which many of the So. Calif. JACL chapters have contributed their efforts to enter a queen candidate, will be sponsored by the Commodore Perry Post 525 of the American Legion on Aug. 13 at the Beverly Hilton Hotel. The Perry men are also supervising the two-day carnival under Frank Omatsu, general chairman.

But before all this, the National Democratic Convention at the Los Angeles Sports Arena is only 10 days away. Local participation by the Nisei Democrats is anticipated.

At least three of the several hundred hostesses at the convention will be Japanese Americans. Their responsibility, according to Art Takei, president of West Jefferson Democratic Club, will be to take care of groups of delegates from other states on activities happening outside of the political convention.

This is the first national convention held by either party in Los Angeles in which the Nisei "have come of age" to actively participate.

This also recalls to mind the wonderful time we had up north four years ago when Saburo Kido took us around San Francisco during the National Republican Convention.

Most of the convention people had us tagged as foreign correspondents and they would shower us with favors: GOP caps, duffel bags, pencils, badges and what-have-you.

Their mouth would sag when we'd tell them we're from Los Angeles.

Of course, we kept the favors.

WASHINGTON NEWSLETTER: by Mike Masaoka (Continued from Back Page)

can minorities to make demands on the talents and the inspiration of Shig Wakamatsu, to the end that the general cause of democracy and decency were furthered in the past two years.

If giant corporations and businesses which too often are described as "soulless" would follow the example set by Lever Brothers in allowing and even encouraging their social and civic-minded employees to not only actively participate but to accept leadership in such movements as ours, we are confident that this country of ours would not only be the better for it but that the social "image" of the great companies will be converted to that of community benefactors.

For more than a decade now, Shig Wakamatsu has given much of his time and trouble to the JACL, and to the general campaign to reduce the area of discrimination and prejudice in this nation. That the United States is progressing as fast and as far as it has is due to the untiring, selfless devotion of such as our National President.

By his efforts and his leadership, Shig Wakamatsu has not only aided in making the American dream more meaningful for more Americans but also to those struggling millions in the newly independent nations of earth whose people too yearn for freedom, dignity, and opportunity.



Mutual wishes for good luck are extended by Bob Akagi (left) and Ben Kawakami. Bob is the Mt. Olympus JACL nominee for the Ben Masaoka Scholarship and Ben is the Mt. Olympus entrant who will represent the Intermountain District Council in the National Convention Oratorical Contest.

Nisei seamstress voted

Grange state sewing honors

ONTARIO, Ore.—Mrs. Henry Kondo of Vale was voted the top seamstress in the Oregon State Grange sewing contest last week when she took first prize in adult sewing, second prize in the children's division and won the coveted "best of the show" award.

Her entry, a coral Schiffli embroidered linen dress, competes this week in the national contest at New York.

TIDAL WAVE BENEFIT LUAU TICKETS LIMITED TO FIRST 250 AT KONO-HAWAII

As accommodations at Kono-Hawaii, site of the Hawaii Tidal Wave Fund Drive luau July 10, are limited to the first 250, Saburo Kido this week urged tickets be purchased early.

The luau will be held from 1 to 5 p.m. with top island entertainment being planned. Ken Kono, proprietor of the popular Santa Ana restaurant, is assuming the expenses and turning over the proceeds from the tickets to the fund.

Tickets are \$5 per person and available from the Los Angeles JACL Regional Office and from member chapters of the L.A. JACL Coordinating Council: East Los Angeles, Southwest L.A., Downtown, Hollywood, Pasadena, Venice-Culver and San Fernando Valley.

Foreign language press in U.S. subject of new book

NORMAN PARK, Ga. — A new book, "In Many Voices: Our Fabulous Foreign Language Press", by Edward Hunter will be published July 15 by Norman College. It was announced by college president Dr. Guy N. Atkinson.

The journalist author found 65 newspapers (including the Pacific Citizen) being published in 20 foreign languages in the United States. The book is 190 pages and is available in both hard cover (\$3.50) or soft cover (\$2) editions. A portion is devoted to the Nisei press.

Ken Yoshihara dies

CHICAGO.—Ken Yoshihara, longtime JACLer and past president of the Chicago JACL Credit Union, died of cancer June 18 at the age of 43. He was honored by the credit union for 10-year service several years ago.

A native of the state of Washington, Yoshihara is survived by his wife, the former Lucy Nakagawa, and three children, Karen, 6, Susan, 4, and Robert, 8 months.

Wyoming Sansei accepts 4-year Harvard scholarship

WORLAND, Wyo.—Grant M. Ujifusa of Worland, winner of the Elk's "most valuable boy for Wyoming" award, has accepted a full four-year scholarship to attend Harvard as a pre-med student this fall.

As a delegate to Wyoming Boys State last year, the Sansei leader was elected Boys State governor and attended Boys Nation in Washington, D.C.

78-year-old Issei among few survivors of first shipload of Japanese to Hawaii

LIHUE, Kauai.—Ben Lida, one of the few survivors of the first shipload of Japanese immigrants to Hawaii, marked his 78th birthday recently.

The Japanese in Hawaii are celebrating the 75th anniversary of their immigration to the islands this year in conjunction with the 100th anniversary of U.S.-Japan trade relations.

Lida was only three years old when he came to the Islands on "The City of Tokyo."

His father, a former samurai, had found life in his homeland intolerable when he and his family were converted to Catholicism.

Ben and his brother Joseph accompanied their parents to Hawaii. Mrs. Lida gave birth to a daughter a few days after the ship reached Honolulu. The child lived only a few days but she was the first baby born here of Japanese immigrant parents.

Ben's father went to work for Kilauea Plantation. He left the Lida's one-room house before 6 a.m. and worked until 6 p.m.

Ben remembers to this day how as a little boy he stood by the

dusty roadside and watched the plantation foremen gallop by on horseback armed with big black sticks.

Ben was the first Japanese to enter Honolulu's St. Louis College. But he didn't have the distinction of being the first to graduate. He was forced to quit in his junior year when his father became ill.

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He went to work for Kilauea Plantation for \$18 a month. During his 25 years with the plantation he worked up to office clerk.

In 1925 he moved to the Lihue Plantation office, retiring in 1949 after 48 years of service to the sugar industry.

One of the proudest moments in his life, he says, was when he finally became an American citizen in 1953.

Still in good health, he lives with his wife, the former Marie Pacheco of Kilauea whom he married in 1905.

He's vice-president of the Kauai Senior Citizens Club and enjoys getting together with his retired friends.

Los Angeles Issei social worker cited with DAR Americanism gold medal award

A social worker of long standing on the staff of the International Institute was honored recently by the Cabrillo chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution for her leadership in the betterment of community welfare.

She was Mrs. Minoru Hori, nee Tsuya Tsukao, who has since 1924 contributed much of her talent and understanding to those in need of social adjustment, child and parental guidance.

The presentation of the DAR's Gold Medal of Americanism was made May 18 at the Institute.

Mrs. Hori became the third person of Japanese ancestry to receive the award since 1957 when DAR inaugurated the Americanism medal project.

JACLer Honored

The first recipient was Dr. H. James Hara. In 1959, similar award was made to Choyei Kondo, who is chairman of the Americanization program of the Japanese Chamber of Commerce.

Mrs. Hori also did outstanding work during the 1942 evacuation as a social worker at the Colorado River Relocation Center in Poston, Arizona. Following resettlement in the west coast she assisted many families into normal community life.

Many Japanese war brides and their spouses seek the advice from her.

The Mills College graduate of 1925 spent part of her war years

at the Univ. of Colorado, engaged in a special program in which she taught Japanese to Navy officers, and at A & M College at Stillwater, Oklahoma.

She became a citizen in June 1953.

Fresno to start building

\$150,000 Buddhist church

FRESNO.—Construction of the new \$150,000 Buddhist church at 825 E. St. will start soon, according to Setsugo Sakamoto, building committee chairman. The old church at Kern and E Sts., built in 1920, is being torn down and the lot will be used as a basketball court.

The new structure will house five classrooms, kitchen, a room for banquet and a social hall for meetings and worship.

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Washington Newsletter

BY MIKE MASAOKA

Washington, D.C.

National JACL Convention

AS THIS IS written, it's the eve before the 16th Biennial National Convention of the Japanese American Citizens League is scheduled to begin in Sacramento, California.

It's summertime here, and, as is to be expected, quite warm. But it's not nearly as warm as the enthusiasm of the Convention Board, committees, and chapter members who are working hard to make sure that this will be the best organized, most efficiently operated, and enjoyable conclave in JACL history.

Bill Matsumoto is doubling in brass, not only as the National 1000 Club Chairman but also as the Convention Board Chairman. For the past several weeks, he has neglected his life's work as one of the ablest Nisei life insurance underwriters in the country (he's the assistant district manager for West Coast Life, incidentally) to coordinate the activities of more than 40 national convention committees to insure the orderly operation of the first National JACL Convention to be held in the Capital City of California.

Bill's genial personality, his aggressive yet restrained leadership, his genius for getting people to work together, his willingness to show by example that he's more than carrying his share—all these and more go to assure that this will be a Convention long to be remembered.

It's a bit unfair to single out others in the Chapter as being especially hardworking, for all have worked together as never before in the 30-year history of the local unit, but particularly worthy of mention have been Tak Tsujita and Toko Fujii, associate co-chairmen. Tak is currently president of the Chapter, and Toko is a past president.

DELEGATES FROM ALL over the nation are arriving, and the big question is the long range implications of the recent outbreaks in Japan that appear to have anti-American overtones. JACL delegates naturally are concerned over what they should and can do to assure the welfare of Americans of Japanese ancestry in this country.

General speculation is that the Kishi Government, which has been the prime target of the riots and demonstrations, will be succeeded in the not too distant future by another Liberal-Democratic Party administration, possibly with Hayato Ikeda, Hiroshima-born current Minister of International Trade and Industry, as the next Prime Minister. So, there's not too much concern over the next few years, for it's taken almost for granted that the subsequent governments to immediately follow will be more or less inclined to or oriented to the West, and the United States.

But, the effective violence of recent times is bound to cause future governments to give more consideration to neutralist and leftist opinions and pressures.

As many JACL leaders view the foreseeable future, the real difficulties may begin in about ten years when the present generation of student fanatics attain positions of actual leadership in the government, business, labor union, and education responsibilities of the nation. If they do not become more conservative and pro-American as the years go by, and they grow more mature and responsible, the chances that Japan may go, first, neutralist, and then into the Sino-Soviet bloc will be greatly increased.

This is the great fear of Japanese Americans, not so much because we may be subjected to prejudice and persecution as a consequence of general public antipathy and animosity toward a Red Japan, but because such a calamity will mean that the United States' most important bastion and our showcase of democracy and private enterprise in the Orient will have fallen victim to the communist imperialism that today threatens the Free World.

The precarious balance of power between the East and the West may be upset and Free World resources routed in such an eventuality.

What the JACL should and can do to help, if possible, prevent such a tragic possibility is the big question that challenges this 16th Biennial National Convention whose theme, appropriately enough, is "Decisions for Tomorrow".

AT THIS CONVENTION Banquet Saturday evening, the two-year term of Shigeo Wakamatsu of Chicago comes to an end.

Shig, as he is affectionately called by his thousands of friends and admirers, is the only National President that the JACL has had in its 30-year history as a national organization, who was not either a professional man or one who had a business of his own. A chemist for Lever Brothers, he nevertheless was able to secure from his understanding employers much consideration and time off to serve the National Organization with a sense of dedication and drive that has seldom, if ever, been matched by others.

JACL, and Americans who believe in a better society for all, should be grateful to Lever Brothers for its sympathy and cooperation in enabling our little minority among many Ameri-

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'Japanese go home' incidents reported by Nisei newspapermen in wake of Eisenhower's visit to Japan being postponed

A KFI commentator (Sid Fuller) was relating his experience of June 18, when he was on the boat loaded with fun-seekers going to Catalina Island, one evening this past week. As the boat was steaming out of Wilmington, it passed several foreign vessels docked in the harbor.

One was a Norwegian ship, another was English, the third was a Japanese vessel, the America Maru. As the Catalina boat passed the Norwegian ship, the high-spirited passengers waved to the crewmen and the crew waved back a few 'hellos'. The same was true with the English ship.

However when they passed the Japanese ship, a great silence fell over the passengers. The America Maru was loaded with Japanese immigrants going to Brazil to start a new life. Many were topside to get a breath of fresh air. When they saw the Catalina vessel gliding by, they all waved. But they were greeted with cold stares. Every now and then a "boo" would ring out. The Japanese stood puzzled as the Catalina continued on out of sight.

"These people had left Japan long before the anti-Eisenhower demonstrations began in Tokyo," the commentator added.

English editor George Yoshinaga of the Kashi Mainichi, who happened to catch this broadcast Wednesday last week and told of the incident in his column, concludes with:

These people, who were on the Catalina vessel were probably the same ones who were asking themselves, "How could such a small force of leftists control the action of the Japanese government?"

Yet these very same people are allowing the very same "small group of leftists" to reach out across thousands of miles of ocean to produce a similar effect.

This situation, which existed aboard the Catalina ferry is the very thing the Commies are striving for.

And they seem to be winning out.

The air is filled with "Let's boycott Japanese goods," "who in the h— do they think they are," "let's cut off relationships with them."

Yes, it seems the Commies are winning out.



JOE TAKITA
Jr. Chamber President

Utah Nisei elected Jr. Chamber leader

PRICE, Utah.—A member of the Price Jr. Chamber of Commerce for only a year and serving as its secretary-treasurer with distinction, Joe Takita, 32, was elected president for the 1960-61 term.

A pharmacist with Nicholson Drug Co., he was honored with the "Key Man" award for his valued contribution. He will join the Utah delegation at the national ICC convention to be held in St. Louis soon.

JCC's coveted "SPOKE" award (S—service, P—participation, O—orientation, K—knowledge, E—enthusiasm) was awarded to Takita for his contributions to the local JC as well as state JC level. At least a 100 merit points are needed to be eligible for this award and Takita accumulated a high of 300, it was learned.

He is the brother of Mrs. Tom Matsumori, Mt. Olympus JACL president.

NEW YORK. — Incidents of "Japanese Go Home" on New York streets as a result of the riots that forced cancellation of President Eisenhower's planned visit to Japan were reported last week by English editor Tooru Kanazawa of the Hokubei Shimpō.

A Japanese student walking along Central Park South was approached by an ill-dressed, unshaven man who asked him for money to buy ice cream. A switch from a cup of coffee. The student pretended he hadn't heard.

Behind him, the man muttered: "You — Japanese! Go home!" He didn't say Jap!

Another student, while eating dinner at a Westside restaurant was reading his newspaper. A

HOSOKAWA'S ARTICLES IN 16 AMERICAN NEWSPAPERS

DENVER. — Assistant managing editor Bill Hosokawa of the Denver Post began filing authoritative dispatches from Tokyo on June 21 for his paper and 15 other American big-city newspapers.

Hosokawa, a veteran newspaperman of the Far East and the Post's first war correspondent during the 1950 Korean conflict, is finding answers that were raised in the minds of many Americans. What's behind the leftist demonstrations against the Kishi government—and the United States? Is America losing in affection among the Japanese masses?

The 15 American newspapers also carrying Hosokawa's easy-to-read report are the Los Angeles Times, Portland Oregonian, Salt Lake Tribune, Des Moines Register & Tribune, Chicago Sun, Times, Milwaukee Journal, Louisville Courier-Journal, Minneapolis Tribune, Cleveland Plain Dealer, Akron Beacon-Journal, Detroit Free Press, Washington Post & Times Herald, Charlotte Observer & News, Miami Herald and Dallas Times Herald.

International Nisei Ass'n organized

BY TAMOTSU MURAYAMA
TOKYO.—Formation of an organization, tentatively called International Nisei Association, to improve Nisei public relations in Japan was announced following the recent three-day Overseas Japanese Convention at Kudan Hall here.

With many Nisei from the Latin American countries, as well as from the United States and Canada, coming to Japan to study, they complained of the snobbish attitude of the Japanese officialdom and others on the Nisei.

"Why do they look down on us?" was the general complaint of the Nisei from many countries, who attended the convention held to honor Issei pioneers from U.S.A., Canada, Mexico, Argentina, Brazil, Bolivia, Chile, Paraguay and Indonesia. The Nisei hoped the organization would serve as a liaison for other Nisei activities in Japan.

Over 500 Japanese pioneers were present, many of them returning to Japan for the first time in 50 years. Unfortunately, there were too few from America.

This reporter found the Nisei from Latin American countries had a better command of Japanese than their counterpart from the U.S. and Canada. One Brazilian Nisei revealed that Brazilian law requires Japanese language school teachers to be licensed by the state; reasoning being that it would be silly to have Brazilian teachers who did not know Japanese well teaching Japanese to the Nisei.

Veteran posts join CCDC in Inouye testimonial

FRESNO.—Two Nisei VFW posts, Hanford's Liberty Post 5869 and Fresno Sierra Post 8499, have joined Central California JACL District Council as co-sponsors of the testimonial dinner in honor of Congressman Daniel Inouye of Hawaii, July 19, at the Elks Club here.

Seichi Mikami, dinner chairman, also said two Central California colleagues of the first Japanese American elected to Congress, Harlan Hagen and B. F. Sisk, will be honored guests.

Issei of the valley are being especially urged to attend.

elderly man approached the unsuspecting Japanese and said, "We don't like what's going on over there! You go home and tell them that!"

A woman then said to the man, "Why don't you leave him alone?" Her husband hushed her because he feared that more words might lead to a riot. The elderly 200-percenter concluded with: "If you don't behave yourself we'll take one big bomb over there and sink your country. Then we won't have to bother with things like this. You go home and tell them that."

The man walked out with a self-righteous air. The restaurant owner came over to the student. "Don't mind him," he said.

On the economic front, Kanazawa heard of direct cancellations of orders for Japanese bicycles. He also cited a UPI report from Boston quoting a shoe company executive would cancel all orders for shoes from Japan. "No sense doing business with a nation that cannot greet our President cordially," he was quoted as saying.

The Nisei editor noted that the situation arising out of the riots represents the first serious quarrel in the U.S.-Japan honeymoon of the postwar years.

Congress approves \$6 million to settle Bonin Island claims

WASHINGTON. — Payment of \$6,000,000 to former Bonin Islanders was authorized in a bill passed recently by voice vote in the House of Representatives, Rep. Barratt O'Hara (D., Ill.) has informed the Pacific Citizen. The bill, S. 2130, was cleared for Presidential action.

The sum, to be paid to the Japanese government, represents settlement of all claims of Japanese nationals resident on Bonin Islands arising from use and benefit and exercise of property rights and interests in the Bonin Islands by the United States for security purposes.

During the war, the Japanese evacuated some 7,000 residents to fortify the islands. Immediately after the war, the U.S. allowed 135 former residents of part-occidental ancestry to return, but for security reasons has refused to allow the others to return. The ex-Bonin Islanders have not been successfully integrated into the Japanese economy and live in distressed economic conditions.

The Congress based the land values of the Bonins with the same formula adopted for the Ryukyus: \$1,060 per acre plus interest from April 28, 1952, the effective date of the peace treaty with Japan.

The Illinois congressman also recalled having lunch with Shig Wakamatsu, national JACL president, who was attending the EDC meeting here in mid-May. He told his colleagues: "I am proud to say (he is) one of my most distinguished constituents."

CALENDAR

- 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
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.
- July 2-4
Omaha—Family Fair booth, Municipal Stadium.
- July 3 (Sunday)
Sonoma County—Community picnic.
July 10 (Sunday)
Puyallup Valley-Seattle—Joint picnic.
L.A. Coordinating Council—Hilo Tiki Wave Fund benefit luau, Kono Hawaii, Santa Ana, 1-5 p.m.
Omaha—Chapter picnic.
- July 14 (Saturday)
West Los Angeles—Summer dance.
July 17 (Sunday)
Long Beach—Beachcomber's party.
July 19 (Tuesday)
CCDC—Rep. Inouye testimonial dinner, Elks Club, Fresno.