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COLUMN LEFT:

Early push for 1961 memberships

It seems unheard-of to beat the drums for 1961 JACL memberships in August. But the "new look" adopted at the last national convention finds JACL chapters compels them to heed this call before winter comes. With subscription to the Pacific Citizen now integrated with membership fees, this step-up in campaign time is keyed to the fact that all 1961 PC with Membership subscriptions terminate Mar. 31, 1962. Thus, the 1961 member, if he is enjoy a full year's membership subscription, must be enrolled by the second week of March, 1961.

And spicing up the membership spiel this year is the decision to raise national dues from \$2 to \$3. Those who attended the convention and those who read their PCs regularly will understand, but explaining it to the general membership will require special care. National Headquarters is aware of this problem and the new administration under president Frank Chuman has already pressed Bill Matsumoto, national 3rd "veep" in charge of memberships, into service.

Of the many chapter newsletters summarizing the Sacramento convention, we were impressed with the down-to-earth approach employed by Sequoia JACL in their August newsletter. It is reprinted in this week's PC. It tackles this membership problem in a straight-forward, convincing and logical manner. It reviews what JACL has accomplished, what it plans to do, how much it will cost and how their members can help support the National as well as local chapter program.

We hope other chapter newsletter editors will adapt it for their own purpose soon. It is only August, but it's a good time to have the membership think in terms of the "new look" and 1961 now.

Sequoia JACL, to our knowledge, is the first chapter to openly discuss JACL's "new look."

EXAMINER STORY AIDS IN OFFER OF BETTER HOME

(The power of the press thoroughly impressed Southern California Nisei who picked up their Examiner last Sunday and saw an injustice eliminated within the week. The story, as reported by the same reporter James Peck, who told of the anti-Nisei discrimination, follows.)

Last Sunday's Examiner carried a story about an engineer named Jack Yamashiro who had been refused the right to purchase a home in a Tujunga housing tract because the developer thought it would be bad business to sell to a Japanese American.

Yamashiro needed the house because it takes him an hour to drive to work at the Jet Propulsion Lab from his present home in La Puente.

The story was read by Cliff Mauzey, a builder who lives at 10347 Haines Canyon Ave., Tujunga. His reaction:

"At first I thought 'How ridiculous.' Then I suddenly realized I had just what Mr. Yamashiro wanted."

"Since I was sure we'd be proud to have the Yamashiros for neighbors, I sent him a wire."

They came over, looked at the house, liked it and the deal went into escrow Friday."

The Yamashiro's new home, at 10351 Haines Canyon Ave. (just two doors from the Mauzeys) is a four-bedroom, two-bath model similar to the one on which their deposit was returned, and is only about six blocks from it.

"But," said Rose Yamashiro, "this one is more spacious."

"And it has a better view," added Jack.

When the Yamashiros move in—about a month if the paper work goes smoothly—Jack will save more than a hour a day in driving time.

VOTER REGISTRATION PROMOTED IN CALIFORNIA FOR NOVEMBER ELECTIONS

SACRAMENTO.—Governor Brown and Secretary of State Frank Jordan are in their all out effort to promote Voter Registration in California before the Sept. 15 deadline.

In Los Angeles, well over 1,000,000 residents of the county will be unable to exercise their franchise in November unless they register before Sept. 15. Over 4,000 deputy registrars are on duty throughout the county at banks, markets, municipal buildings and other convenient locations ready to sign up all potential voters. Fred Takata, JACL regional director, is a deputy registrar.

Urging every citizen to be sure he is registered before Sept. 15 and can vote in the Nov. 8 general election, Governor Brown added, "Remember, bad government is caused when good citizens fail to vote."

NISEI PILOTS F-106, WORLD'S FASTEST PLANE

GEORGE AFB.—Capt. Robert S. Utsumi, son of Mr. and Mrs. Kinji Utsumi of Oakland, was recently assigned to fly the world's fastest, highest flying and deadliest all-weather interceptor, the F-106 Delta Dart, the U.S. Air Force announced this past week.

A member of the Air Defense Command squadron stationed here, he and his wife, the former Yasuko Honda, and three children live at nearby Victorville.

The F-106 pilot and flight commander is a former U.C. student and was last stationed in France, where he piloted the Sabre Jet.



Miss Nisei Week of 1960—Penny Akemi Tani (right) of the Downtown L.A. JACL chapter, is being crowned by last year's queen, Faith Higurashi of Southwest L.A. JACL.

—Toyo Miyatake Photo.

EMPHASIS ON JAPANESE CULTURE TAKING OVER NISEI WEEK FESTIVAL

No comparable celebration involving persons of Japanese ancestry in the mainland United States can be found in the likes of the Nisei Week Festival, which climaxes its 20th annual edition this weekend in Li'l Tokio.

Over a 1,000 ondo dancers will participate in the colorful Festival Parade up San Pedro St. and East 1st St. on Sunday night. While the string of "official" cars will be longer to accommodate the 15 "Mr. and Mrs. Issei" pioneers who have been honored this year, most impressive sight will be the portable Japanese shrine ("mikoshi"), which was given by the City of Nagoya to the City of Los Angeles. The two cities are affiliated as Sister Cities.

The "mikoshi" is a gaudy shrine festooned with golden decorations and ornaments, toted by young men specially selected for the task. It is the only such shrine in the United States. It was presented to the City through the Nisei Week Festival and Japanese Chamber of Commerce of Southern California in a special Japanese ritual at the City Hall rotunda yesterday.

Reigning as Festival queen this week has been Penny Akemi Tani, 18-year-old East Los Angeles Jr. College co-ed, sponsored by the Downtown L.A. JACL chapter.

Serving on the court were Helen Amemiya, 19, of East Los Angeles JACL; Joanne Nohara, 19, of Hollywood JACL; Carolyn Yaemi Kikumura, 18, of Southwest L.A. JACL; Jean Ikkanda, 21, of West Los Angeles JACL; Joan Takenouchi, 18, of Long Beach Harbor District JACL; Doris Reiko Fujino, 19, of Kazuo Masuda Memorial Post in Orange County (she was selected "Miss Friendship" by the eight girls participating in the queen contest); and Janice Mirikitani, 19, of San Fernando Valley Japanese American Club.

Past Nisei Week Queens

The first Nisei Week queen was chosen in 1935, when the Los Angeles JACL managed the entire festival. She was Aice Watanabe, (the late wife of Shō Tino). The

first annual Nisei Week in 1934 had no queen.

Other prewar Festival queens were Renko Oyama, 1936; Clara Suski, 1937; Margaret Nishikawa, 1938 (sister of past nat'l JACL president Dr. Roy Nishikawa); Shizuye Narahara, 1939; Shizuye Kobayashi, 1940 (the late wife of Kiyo Yamato); and Reiko Inouye, 1941.

The festival was revived with flourish in 1949 with Terrie Hokoda as queen. The post-war royalty includes Sachi Kazunaga, 1950; Aiko Ogomori, 1951; Emiko Kato, 1952; Judy Sugita, 1953; June Aochi, 1954; Stella Nakadate, 1955; Phyllis Ono, 1956; Mitzi Miya, 1957 (now wife of jockey George Taniguchi); Jean Yasui, 1958; and Faith Higurashi, 1959.

Festival Chairman

This year's Festival chairman, Eiji Tanabe, former JACL staff member and now Downtown L.A. JACL board member, has been directly associated with Nisei Week Festivals since its inception.

"Each year, the Festival has grown in stature and in its program to the extent that the various events are now considered as major tourist attractions by the community-wide residents of Los Angeles," Tanabe said. "Through this Festival, we wish to contribute our earnest share toward a very constructive and permanent friendship between the peoples of America and Japan."

California Governor Brown, in his message to the Festival, considered "it most appropriate that the Nisei of Los Angeles set aside a week each year for a Nisei Festival."

Centennial Celebration

As Li'l Tokio's share in the centennial celebration of the U.S.-Japan Treaty of Amity and Commerce, a special stage show was held last night at Shrine Auditorium with Katsuma Mukaeda, Downtown L.A. JACL president, in charge.

With the cooperation of the local Japan America Society, four tab-

JACL TIDAL WAVE DISASTER FUND NEARING \$10,000

Combining the latest reports from National JACL Headquarters and the Los Angeles JACL regional Office, which have been receiving contributions for the JACL-Hilo Tidal Wave Disaster Fund, the grand total as of today is \$9,931.20.

Mas Satow, national director, announced an additional \$1,539.50 received in San Francisco; while Fred Takata, regional director, announced an additional \$1,045.

Although this campaign for funds is officially over, Satow announced that contributions may still be sent to the League Headquarters at 1634 Post St., San Francisco. Checks totaling \$6,040.50 have already been transmitted to the Hilo Tribune-Herald for that paper's

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Mt. Olympus JACL president dies of heart ailment

SALT LAKE CITY. — Tragedy struck the heart of the Mount Olympus JACL this past week with the unexpected death of its beloved president, Mrs. Kiyo Takita Matsumori. Death was caused by a heart ailment. Active for many years in the JACL, she served in nearly every capacity in the cabinet as well as on numerous committees. Her years of service were marked with accomplishment and improvement.

At the time of her death, she was president of the Mt. Olympus JACL, past president of Woodrow Wilson School PTA, a member of the Lee-Eldredge Ward Relief Society Presidency, active in other LDS church work, and leader of a cub and girl scout group. An understanding and devoted wife and mother, Kiyo still found time and energy to expend for any deserving activity.

Born Dec. 6, 1923, in Raines, Carbon County, Utah to Masajiro and Naoko Beppu Takita, she married Tom K. Matsumori, Feb. 22, 1947 in Salt Lake City. The marriage was later solemnized in the Salt Lake Temple, Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints.

She is survived by her husband, Tom K. Matsumori, and two children, Douglas, 12; Diane, 10; sisters Mrs. Frank (Mary) Ujifusa and Mrs. Sego Matsumiya, Salt Lake City and a brother, Joe Takita, Price, Carbon County, Utah.

The Lee Ward Chapel filled to overflowing with hundreds of beautiful floral offerings and over a thousand persons mourning the loss of such a friend was silent tribute to Kiyo for the exemplary life which she had led.

The Mt. Olympus JACL feels deeply the loss and humbly dedicates the following to the memory of a wonderful friend and President:

In Memoriam

She gladly served in time of need
Kiyo was unselfish,
spirited and kind
With an understanding heart
and mind.
She gladly served in time of need
And was gifted with
the art to lead!
Endowed with boundless energy,
She inspired unswerving loyalty.
Ever optimistic in the face
of trial,
She faced life's problems
with a smile.
To know her was to love her too—
For she our faith did off renew!
Her life life though short
held no regret,
'Twas filled with good
one shan't forget!
Although from this life
she may be gone,
Her sweet memory still
will linger on!

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VERY TRULY YOURS

By Harry K. Honda

NISEI WEEK NOTES

Over a 1,000 "odoriko" (dancing children) in gay and colorful kimono will parade this Sunday night in Li'l Tokio for the grand Nisei Week Ondo Parade. Basis for this number comes from the unexpected but welcome turnout of that many youngsters, who have been practicing this past month.

With the bulk of our Sansei population in Southern California said to range between 8 and 9 years of age, it is easy to understand the huge turnout. In coming years, the count may double—and what a spectacle that shall be. . . . With close to 600 dancing in the Ondo Parade last year, the sight impressed everyone—including the corps of policemen handling traffic.

JACL's turn to handle the Coronation Ball in 1962 (the five major Nisei organizations take turns sponsoring this Nisei Week opener) gives us two years to plan on an extravaganza that should help financially. What has us worried, however, is the poorer turnout this year—about 600 couples as compared with 1,500 couples last year. . . . Those who did witness the ceremonies honoring our own Downtown L.A. JACL candidate, Penny Akemi Tani, as Miss Nisei Week of 1960 had a grand time because the party wasn't overcrowded; but the sponsors would have preferred it otherwise, I'm sure. Akemi was a very popular choice, having grown up in Li'l Tokio since the war, helping her folks who operate Kyodo Grill on E. 1st St. She was also Downtown L.A.'s first candidate to attain the crown.

How one metro daily decoded JACL as an abbreviation for "Japan America Trade Treaty Centennial" defies our imagination. Miss Tani was described as a downtown candidate of such. We're going to talk to that reporter.

LOOKING AT THE OLYMPICS

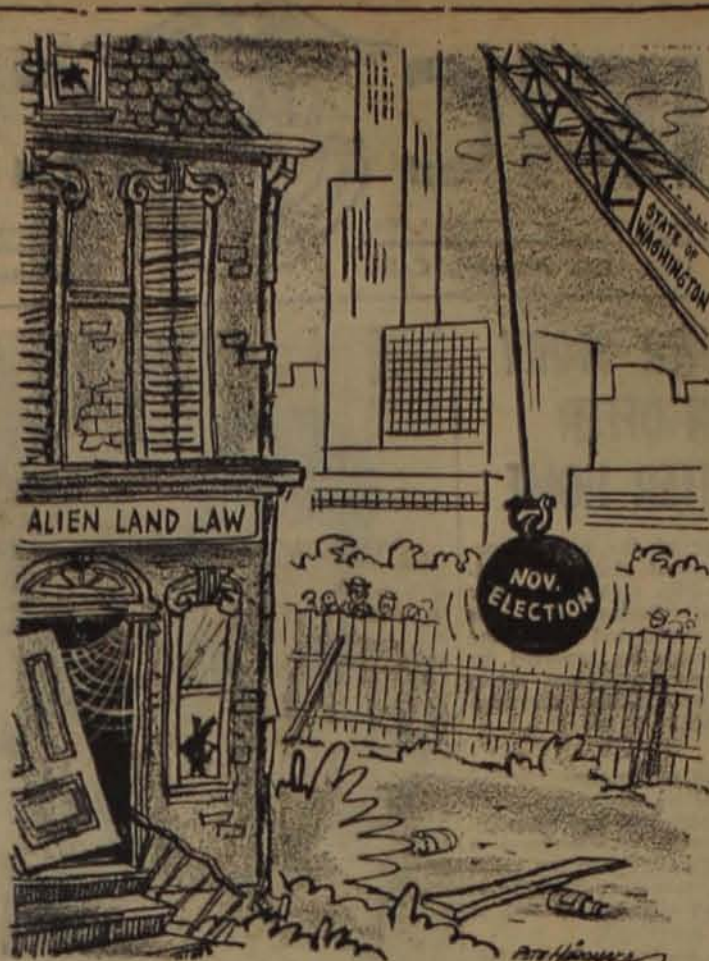
We intend to be on vacation the week the Olympic Games are in high gear (from Aug. 25) when delayed tape telecasts being shown to U.S. audiences. Accommodations might be easier to obtain—figuring that this quadrennial exhibition of human endeavor might keep many Americans at home, though I'm probably very wrong about that.

As one who remembers the 1932 Games held in Los Angeles, we were surprised to note that there were about 1,400 competitors from 38 nations then as compared with 5,800 athletes from 59 nations at the 1952 Helsinki Games. This year, Rome expects as many as 7,000 from at least 86 nations.

The Los Angeles Games were significant in that a secluded center housing competitors was introduced to the Olympic movement. The area is now the site of upper-middle class residents who live on Baldwin Hills. Nisei were once barred from this neighborhood, but we know of several Japanese American families living up there today.

Nisei have participated in the Games, weightlifter Tommy Kono of Sacramento and Honolulu being the most prominent. He goes to his third Olympic Games for Uncle Sam and hopes to reap another gold medal. Hawaiian Nisei have graced the U.S. swimming team roster in the past—since the London Games in 1948. Brazil has sent a Nisei swimmer (Tetsu Okamoto is visiting Los Angeles during Nisei Week), and Canada is sending a Nisei teenaged swimmer this year. We nearly had a Sansei on the women's fencing team.

Oh yes, we intend to return to our desk by Labor Day. We are asking Shin Nichibei English editor Fred Taomae, a quiet-voiced writer with a perceptive and observing eye, to handle the chores during our absence the last week of August.



Overdue Slum Clearance

Pony Express carried news of arrival of Kanrin Maru, Grand Embassy in U.S.

BY TAMOTSU MURAYAMA

SAN FRANCISCO.—The recent reenactment of both eastbound and westbound Pony Express runs to and from Sacramento and St. Joseph over the 2,000 mile-route for the Centennial celebration had great significance with early-day Japanese history in America.

The Daily Alta California of April 30, 1860 reports that the Pony Express leaving California "on the 3rd just arrived at St. Joseph . . . on the 13th, ten days out to a minute." The following news item is a great interest and significance to Issei and Nisei.

Our St. Louis Correspondent
(By Pony Express)

St. Louis, April 19, 1860
The Pony Express from California, on the 3rd, just arrived at St. Joseph's in this State, on the 13th, ten days out to a minute, and the news would have been telegraphed all over the Union the same night, but, unfortunately, a storm prostrated the telegraphic wires, and delayed it to the next morning.

At St. Joseph's, there was an immense excitement, a public meeting, speechifying, banners flying, flags waving, drums beating, music sounding, and a parade generally. There was no particular excitement in this city about it, though the success of the enterprise was recognized, and the Democrat published exclusively nearly three columns of news from the Alta California.

The dates received extended from March 26th, to April 3rd, leaving gap between the 23rd and 26th unsupplied—the regular Overland Mail of the 26th not having arrived with the dates intervening.

The news was very acceptable, and the intelligence of the arrival of the Japanese Ambassadors, thus conveyed to Washington at once showed the utility of the enterprise.

The further receipt of telegraphic advice of the arrival of the clipper ship Andrew Jackson, at your port, in 39 days from New York, is another instance of the usefulness of such an Express, as it gave the owners information of the arrival of the ship, in one hundred days from the day of her departure from New York—an unprecedented occurrence.

As the far famed steamship "Adriatic" left New York on the 4th, with this news, bound to Havre, via Southampton, and is likely to cross the ocean in ten days, the continent of Europe will be in possession of news in less than twenty days. The magnificence of this triumph of horse-flesh.

Government will necessarily extend its patronage in trans-

mitting dispatches, and this is tantamount to a recognition of the usefulness of the route for speedy and reliable mail service. This acknowledged, a contract will not be long following.

All hail, then, to the success of the first Eastbound Express! May that which left here at the same time, be thrilling your readers with the same emotions which the first arrival here produced.

May we record shorter time by the next arrival, and a sound of the steam whistle shall awaken that profound sensation which is reserved for American energy to accomplish—the completion of the Pacific Railroad.

News for President

President Buchanan must have read the exciting news of the arrival of the Kanrin Maru and the Japanese Embassy at San Francisco which were carried by the Pony Express. Therefore, the re-run of the 2,000-mile route over the mountains and plateaus was extremely fascinating and thrilling.

Particularly, President Eisenhower's message to the Jubilee Jamboree was delivered by Pony Express during the opening ceremony at Colorado Springs on July 22 inasmuch as the re-run was specially arranged to be held in July instead of April. More than 56,000 scouts hailed and yelled for the historical accomplishment.

Another epoch-making aspect of the Pony Express re-run was that 1,000 special letters were carried across eight western states at \$100 each in order to raise funds for the expenses as well as to establish monuments over the Pony Express route.

Half of the 1,000 letters left Sacramento on July 19 bearing Pony Express 4-cent stamps which were sold for the first time there. Post Office "first day cancellations" were placed on the stamps on these 500 letters. The remaining 500 letters were sent from St. Joseph, Mo., that same day. Pony Express 4-cent stamps were purchased in Sacramento on July 19 and flown by Air Force jet aircraft to St. Joseph, so that the stamps were immediately placed on the letters for the Pony Express re-run.

Simultaneously, the Congress authorized to mint 5,000 silver coins for the Pony Express commemoration, and few thousand copper coins. The Pony Express covers and commemorative coins already have become terrific collectors' items.

Senator Gwin

Furthermore, an interesting angle of the Pony Express was that Senator Gwin of California originally proposed to inaugurate the speedy mail services between California and the western states.

PC Letter Box

THANK YOU, MR. SENATOR

Editor: I have just completed a very thorough reading of the issue of Friday, August 5, of the Pacific Citizen. As usual, I thoroughly enjoyed it. I look forward to receiving each of the editions.

I especially enjoyed the following articles: "President's Corner," "Pointing Southwestward," "East of the River," and (particularly) "Washington Newsletter."

For a number of years, I have closely followed the vigorous thinking and utterances of Mike Ma-saoka.

Aloha and best wishes.

OREN E. LONG

U.S. Senator

Washington, D.C.

San Jose JACL barbecue

at Alpine Park tomorrow

SAN JOSE.—The annual San Jose JACL family barbecue will be held tomorrow at Alpine Park on Canaas Rd. off Almaden Rd. Milton Hamasaki, chairman, said early comers may enjoy the swimming pool and picnic facilities and chicken barbecue will be served from 7 p.m.

Ping-pong, dancing and bridge round out the evening program. Dinner will be \$2.35 for adults; \$1.15 for children.

Senator Gwin was a quite statesman and he had a Japanese secretary, whose name was "Joseph Heco" or Hikoze Hamada, the first naturalized Japanese American.

The inspiration of 100 years ago was vividly realized and witnessed by myself when the Pony dashed into the Arena at Colorado Springs during the opening ceremony.

PONY EXPRESS—Yes, there is much for study by those of Japanese descent in America if the U.S.-Japan Centennial is recalled covering all aspects of the by-gone days.

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Vagaries

By Larry S. Tajiri

THE new motion picture, "Hell to Eternity," is Hollywood's first to treat with considerable sympathy the impact of Pearl Harbor and the war upon west coast residents of Japanese ancestry. This Allied Artists production, based on a story by Gil Doud, is the real-life story of a Marine hero, the Mexican American youth Guy Gabaldon, who was adopted by a Japanese American family in Los Angeles and grows up within the Nisei community.

Gabaldon, played by Richard Eyer as a boy and Jeffrey Hunter as a young man, is a juvenile delinquent who is straightened out through his Nisei associations. He volunteers for the Marines after Pearl Harbor and is turned down because of his lack of height. He is finally inducted, however, and, in the battle for Saipan, Gabaldon's knowledge of the Japanese language brings about the surrender of thousands of Japanese, both civilians and soldiers.

"Hell to Eternity," filmed on Okinawa and on Hawaii, is notable in that it probably has more Japanese Americans in its cast than any Hollywood picture to date, with the exception, of course, of MGM's "Go for Broke!," the story of the 442nd Central Postal Directory. Starred are Sessue Hayakawa, who recreates again his prototype for the Japanese prison camp commandant in "Bridge on the River Kwai," the performance for which he was nominated for an Academy Award three years ago, and Miiko Taka, who made her movie debut opposite Marlon Brando in the film, "Sayonara."

Featured players include Michi Kobi and Reiko Sato, in two offbeat characterizations as a pair of Nisei temptresses who are involved in a somewhat torrid scene with Hunter, David Janssen and Vic Damone.

Important roles in "Hell to Eternity" also are played by George Shibata and George Matsui. Shibata, the first Nisei to enroll at West Point, was a jet pilot in the Korean war and was "discovered" by Gregory Peck for the latter's film, "Fork Chop Hill." Shibata, a law student at the time at USC, did so well as Lieutenant Ohashi, Peck's aide in the film, that he has had a succession of film roles offered him ever since.

George Takai, who had a good role as the Chinese houseboy in Warners' "Ice Palace," and Bob Okazaki are in the film. One of the best characterizations is turned in by Tsuru Aoki (Mrs. Hayakawa) as the Issei mother who "adopts" young Gabaldon. Miss Aoki, of course, is Hollywood's first actress star of Japanese ancestry (1914-20), but her current appearance is the first in an American film in nearly 40 years.

As a result of their appearance in "Hell to Eternity," Hayakawa and Miss Aoki are now being paged for leading roles in a new movie project, "The Big Wave," which Allied Artists hopes to film in Japan from the novel by Pearl Buck.

SEVERAL stories, involving Japanese Americans in wartime on the west coast, have been considered for filming, but "Hell to Eternity" is the first to reach the screen. Of course, there was a spate of pictures which came out during the mass evacuation period in 1942, such as "Little Tokyo, U.S.A." and the later "Betrayal from the East," to name two. These films, however, presented a prejudiced view of the Japanese American community.

Producer Samuel Engel at 20th Century had a script prepared from the James Edmiston novel about Japanese Americans in the relocation camps, "Home Again," but the project died-aborning. Later Michael Blankfort, who prepared the script, was involved in an abortive effort to make the film under Allied Artists auspices.

Robert Pirosh's original script for "Go for Broke!" contained many scenes which depicted the treatment of Japanese Americans on the west coast after Pearl Harbor, but these civilian sequences were scissored, reportedly at the request of the War Department, when the film was produced in 1952.

By the Board

By William Marutani, EDC Chairman

"MOMENT OF TRUTH"—On the last day of the Sacramento convention, Tak Kubota and Toru Sakahara of Seattle, came up to me and expressed thanks to the Eastern District Council chapters for their gesture in sending a total of \$200 toward the fight for repeal of the Washington Alien Land Law.

I was embarrassed. Embarrassed because in comparison to what Tak, Toru and others in the Pacific Northwest were and are doing to erase this statutory antithesis to American justice which stands as an insult to Nisei everywhere, our EDC contribution was all too small. And here were the two leaders of that fight who had already given so unselfishly of themselves, their time and money, coming to thank me!

And as I say, I was embarrassed.

There is a real danger that JACLers can become so preoccupied with "housekeeping" problems of existence that we overlook the reasons for our existence. All the budget, time spent in formulating issues, preparing committee reports, etc. are only the means toward achieving certain purposes.

Lest administrative myopia obscure the purpose for our being, let it be openly stated that the repeal of the Washington Alien Land Law is one of those clear purposes. This is a "moment of truth," a moment to test whether we remain steadfast and true to our initial ideals.

We trust that all JACL chapters and Nisei everywhere will show themselves worthy of the moment and respond with concrete support. Let us not leave our brethren in Washington State fight our fight, alone.

(Editor: Contributions should be immediately sent to Takeshi

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Nisei Week Festival honors 15 Issei pioneers; many spent over 50 years in U.S. in farming, business, and civic affairs

Fifteen Issei pioneers, who have spent all of their adult years in the United States, were honored by the Nisei Week Festival as its pioneer testimonial yesterday.

Honorees and their wives were presented a lapel pin and a scroll recounting their accomplishments individually in a ceremony at the San Kwo Low.

Brief sketches of the pioneers, called "Mr. and Mrs. Issei of 1960," follow:

KESAJIRO URATA, 89, of Nagano-ken, resident of U.S. 60 years. A pioneer Issei tailor of Los Angeles, he was one of the founders of Dai-Ichi Gakuen and the Japanese Association of America.

TSURUMATSU TOMA, 84, of Wakayama-ken, resident of U.S. 54 years. A pioneer in the fishing industry in San Pedro, active in all Harbor Area Japanese civic groups and living in Long Beach today.

KYUTARO ISHII, 77, of Fukuoka-ken, resident of U.S. 58 years. A pioneer in farming in Orange County, still residing there.

TOYOKICHI NAGASAKI, 77, of Hiroshima-ken, resident of U.S. 58 years. A pioneer in the soda water bottling industry. Now retired, living in Los Angeles.

ZENJIRO NISHIO, 79, of Hiroshima-ken, resident of U.S. 62 years. A pioneer farmer in the Whittier area, still active with sons farming in Orange County.

SEIKICHI AIHARA, 75, of Ehime-ken, resident of U.S. 58 years. A pioneer farmer in Orange County, long active in civic af-

fairs with the Japanese Association, Central Japanese Association and Japanese language school.

MELJIRO SATO, 74, of Okayama-ken, resident of U.S. 55 years. A pioneer in the hotel business and most active in civic affairs, was twice decorated by the Japanese government for promoting U.S.-Japan friendship and welfare of Japanese in America.

ASAEMON KITAGAWA, 73, of Mie-ken, resident of U.S. 53 years. A pioneer farmer in Coachella Valley.

TAJIBEI YAMAMOTO, 72, of Wakayama-ken, resident of U.S. 53 years. A pioneer nurseryman in Hawthorne.

KOTARO SAKAKURA, 72, of Mie-ken, resident of U.S. 54 years. A pioneer gardener who has lived continually in the Southwest Los Angeles area, founder of the Japanese Gardeners Association, founder of the Southwest L.A. Japanese Credit Union, member of the Centenary Methodist Church board, member of the Southwest L.A. JACL board.

YOSHITARO MATSUSHITA, 71, of Tottori-ken, resident of U.S. 53 years. A pioneer flower grower in Hawthorne, one of the founders of the So. Calif. Flower Market, one of the largest Japanese American corporations in the community.

SHIROICHI KOYAMA, 70, of Wakayama-ken, resident of U.S. 54 years. A pioneer farmer in the Santa Maria Valley. Living today at Guadalupe.

GEN OSHIO, 70, of Shizuoka-ken, resident of U.S. 48 years. Came after graduating from Waseda University, Tokyo. A pioneer in the express-trucking business, only one in the Japanese community. Has assisted in all Japan Relief campaigns by providing free trucking service.

KIYOMI AKIYAMA, 71, of Nagano-ken, resident of U.S. 53 years. A pioneer in the gold fish and tropical fish farming and hatchery in Orange County, still operates his hatcheries on a 1,000-acre farm; an elder of the Presbyterian Church. (Father-in-law of Judge John Aiso of Los Angeles).

MITSUHIKO SHIMIZU, 70, of Wakayama-ken, resident of U.S. 50 years. A pioneer department store businessman in Li'l Tokio, served as the first president of the Japanese Chamber of Commerce and headed the Li'l Tokio Retail Businessmen's Association the first six years after it was organized in 1945, and active in various civic groups.

The honorees will be a part of the Ono Parade on Sunday, riding in open cars.

West Fresno merchants to dress up town as international shopping community

FRESNO.—The Fresno City Council approved last Friday an application by the Redevelopment Agency to the Federal government for \$247,000 in survey and planning funds to finance a detailed study of the West Fresno business community.

The West Fresno Improvement Association, under the guidance of Frank Tuck as president, plans to make the 900 and 1000 blocks of G St. and China Alley an international community with an Oriental flavor and motif.

Tuck said efforts already are underway to get the aid and advice of architects in Hong Kong and Tokyo and one in Southern California of Oriental descent who is designing buildings for American firms in the Far East.

Tuck reported arrangements already have been made with a local bank for financing and that everybody in business in the area now will be given an opportunity to participate.

On the physical side, parking needs will be met, China Alley will be widened 25 feet, all entrances now on G St. will be closed off and China Alley will be the business section. The existing Chinese temple on G St. will become a tourist attraction.

Tuck continued: "When this international business area where all ethnic groups will participate in its economic life is completed, it truly will be the show place of the entire San Joaquin Valley and the biggest tourist and business attraction between San Francisco and Los Angeles."

"At one time prior to World War I the 900 and 1000 blocks of G St. and China Alley were

the hub of business for the Chinese and Japanese people. At that time much of the night life of the city was centered in this area."

"During World War II and with the relocation of persons of Japanese ancestry many stores were left vacant. These were replaced by people from other areas whose ideas, thinking and business methods were not compatible to this business section."

"During the helter skelter days of the war many restrictions were relaxed, which tended to create the slums or rundown condition of the area."

"This blight was not created overnight. It was a slow process of 18 or 19 years."

"Today the West Fresno Improvement Association is taking on the huge project of making this truly 'an exotic old Chinatown,' not to be limited to Chinese shops or restaurants but to contain Japanese, Spanish-speaking people, Filipinos, Armenians, Basque, Italians, all the ethnic groups in the area."

"We are proud to say that the entire West Fresno community is in favor of this undertaking and are looking forward to creating an outstanding attraction for convention-goers, tourists and the local citizenry."

The newly re-elected officers and directors of the association are: Tuck; Ben Nakamura, v.p.; Allen Mar, Jr., sec.; Manuel Roger, treas.; Fred Rodriguez, sgt. at arms; and Y. Okuda, Mrs. Jessie Mar, Ernest Sam, William Wong, Akira Yokomi, Ikuro Komoto, Quan Chuck, Dick Campos, S.G. Sakamoto, Roy Ikeda, Teong Mar, Sen Chon Wong, Tom Antuna, Edward Mar and Thomas Dong, directors.

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Kubota, Chairman, Committee for Repeal of the Washington Alien Land Law, 1314 Maynard, Seattle, Wash.)

THAT 'NAKED FEELING'—You may have experienced the same thing: You meet friends who can reach far back into your life and recall episodes you'd long forgotten, perhaps forgotten with good cause.

In Sacramento I unexpectedly ran into friends who could trace the gamut, beginning with the pre-school era (Min Tsubota), the Taylor "Nihon-gakko" days (Shiz Nakanishi) canvas burns from "judo" practice in Kadoyama's barn (Noguchi boys), the high school commencement procession (Florence Akahoshi, nee Tanemura, who was my processional partner), the pell mell rush from the Kodiak Island cannery boat when it docked at Ketchikan to get a glimpse of a sister Abe Hagiwara was reputed to have at his bakery (we never did find out if Abe did have a sister but came away leaving Abe's cash register punching a merry tune), the bitter-sweet nostalgia of putting out the "Tulean Dispatch" (Kats Murakami, Kenny Hayashi, Eugene Okada, but regrettably missed editor-in-chief Howard Imazeki), the biting cold winter at Ft. Snelling (with Hifumi Ikeda, Sho Sato, Yone Satoda) where I painfully learned that a Pfc's month's pay of some \$40 was easily seduced by a pair of "snake-eyed sugar cubes", a session of "whatever-happened-to-what's-his-name" with army buddies Lt. Frank Nishio and Lt. Joe Yasaki, and culminating with meeting Sam Ueyehara, head of the San Fernando chapter, who was one of my early law clients. From these folks few secrets are hid; each holds a limb of a total skeleton exhumed from the closet of time. In their cumulative presence you feel somewhat "naked", if you know what I mean.

Just one point: Don't get all your friends into one room at the same time.

ONE-SEATER OR TWO—Min Tsubota, president of Seattle's chapter, has known me from days when I wore trap-doored coveralls; somewhere around the house we have a picture of Min, his sister Yoshi, myself and "Spikey" (Min's dog) taken over 30 years ago. It was during one of those early years (I was sort of the gang mascot) that I was duly baptized to the sober significance of Hallowe'en as being the night on which all respectable out-houses must assume the horizontal position in homage to the patron saint, NeeWollah (obviously an Indian deity if not "Hallowe'en" spelled backwards). All out-houses aspired to attaining the heights of gracing some barn as a steeple, but few achieved this high honor, but not because we did not try. In Nakatsuka's model-T we scoured the countryside. Now, this was no mean feat, hoisting one of these structures aloft, and if the trick could be put over with a "two-seater" out-house, it attained the dignity of being a marvel of an engineering feat. I don't recall in existence anything as luxurious as a "three-seater" (undoubtedly in respect to the principle "three's a crowd") but that would have been a challenge to test the mettle of the model-T gang.

All of which leads to this closing observation: I don't know where these present day juvenile delinquents will end up the way they're going; in my day we confined ourselves to good, wholesome fun.



POINTING Southwestward

By Fred Takata

HAIL THE NEW QUEEN—Last week the Downtown L.A. Chapter came up with a winner, when beautiful Penny Tani was crowned queen of the 20th Annual Nisei Week Festival at the Coronation Ball held at Beverly Hilton Hotel. We were fortunate in serving on the queen committee this year which was a wonderful experience since it gave us an opportunity to get acquainted with each of the candidates. All of them are truly real queens in our estimation and they were very cooperative throughout the rugged week when the girls were asked to visit city officials and shops every day of the week. The other beautiful queens were Helen Amemiya, Miss ELA; Carolyn Kikumura, Miss SWLA; Joanne Nohara, Miss Hollywood; Doris Fujino, Miss Orange County; Joan Takenouchi, Miss Long Beach; Jean Ikkanda, Miss WLA; and Janice Mirikitani, Miss San Fernando Valley.

There has been some loose talk about the contest being rigged and the girls being bitter about not winning the crown, but we assure you that this type of talk is not originating from the participating girls, but by some headline seekers on the outside. Serving on the committee this year for the first time, we've had the opportunity of working with the group from the planning stages right to the final night which will be this Sunday and we can't say enough about the outstanding job done by members of the queen committee composed of Roy Hoshizaki, Archie Miyatake and Willie Funakoshi, with Kazie Nagao serving as the official hostess. These individuals have spent the entire week with the girls taking them to different events and activities. The real unsung heroes of the Nisei Week Festivities however were the sponsoring representatives who made sure their candidates were at the right place at the proper time and without their help the success of the queen committee would not have been possible.

The queen committee met on Saturday afternoon on the day of the Coronation Ball at the office of Willie Funakoshi where the large sealed and taped envelope containing the votes of the judges was removed from his safe where it had been kept since the judging took place. Inside the large envelope were the sealed envelopes of each individual judge which were opened and tabulated and the winner being announced for the first time at the Coronation Ball that evening. The girls did not appear according to the way they placed at the Ball, but the way they would appear on stage according to height. We mention this for the record and any complaints or criticism should be directed directly to our Committee and not by spread-

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CRUSADE TO EXTEND FREEDOMS FOR INDIVIDUAL CHECKED, CLERS TOLD

BERKELEY.—"America has not lost her sense of mission for the freedom of every individual, but instead of trying to extend our freedom, we have tried to contain it", according to Mrs. Ruth Kingman who spoke at the banquet of the JACL Northern California-Western Nevada District Council here last Sunday at the Claremont Hotel.

Mrs. Kingman stated it was important for every citizen to express himself to his elected representative in government at the city, state and national levels. "I know of no other group who are better qualified to help out representatives in government than the Nisei as a result of your wartime experiences. As a matter of fact, it was you Nisei who originally got me started to think seriously about what an ordinary citizen might do to protect and extend our freedoms".

She recounted how during wartime a Nisei friend said he wondered what the church people were doing about the impending evacuation of Japanese Americans. "I decided then to put up or shut up, and I have been doing that ever since" declared the person responsible for the effective wartime Pacific Coast Committee on American Principles and Fair Play.

'People's Lobby'

With her husband, Harry Kingman, formerly Executive Secretary of the Univ. of California YMCA, Mrs. Kingman has been engaged during the past four years in a "people's lobby" in Washington. "We wanted to see how far we, who represented no special interests but only the concerns of ordinary citizens, could be helpful in shaping the right kind of legis-

lation for this country".

Mrs. Kingman gave high praise to those who comprise the Congress of the United States. "Every one of them works hard, in fact they are all overworked. This is why they appreciate expressions from their constituents and welcome informational material from lobbyists who play such a necessary role in the nation's capital".

Mas Yonemura chaired the banquet. Other guests attending were State Assemblymen Byron Rumford and Don Mulford, both of Berkeley.

Twenty-three of the 25 chapters were present at the DC business session chaired by Yone Satoda where reports were given by DC Program and Activities chairman Dr. Yoshiye Togasaki of Contra Costa; JACL Hawaii Tidal Wave Disaster Fund by Kei Hori, San Francisco; Youth Work Chairman John Enomoto, Sequoia; DC Nominating Committee, George Baba, Stockton; Peter Nakahara, Legislative-Legal chairman who spoke on recent cases of housing discrimination.

Pledge Financial Aid

DC chapters pledged financial support to the Washington Alien Land Law repeal campaign after a report on this by National 3rd Vice President Bill Matsumoto.

Haruo Ishimaru, Chairman of the Committee Against Housing Discrimination recommended a DC workshop on this subject to familiarize members with all the ramifications involved and, more active participation in pressing for fair housing legislation.

A rundown on the actions of the National Council at the recent 16th Biennial National Convention was given by Secretary to the National Board Jerry Enomoto, who gave a summary of the report of the 1960-1970 National Planning Commission; by Akiji Yoshimura who outlined the National JACL Issei Story project with chapter involvements; by George Inouye, who told of the implications to the chapters of the Pacific Citizen to every household; and by National Director Mas Satow who picked up other important decisions made.

DC Chairman Yone Satoda outlined the new formula for determining financial quotas and the DC accepted the proposed individual chapter quotas totalling 5,600 regular memberships at \$3 per member exclusive of 1000 Clubbers.

Regional Director

A proposal that the District Council consider the hiring of a Regional Director and move in this direction was tabled and referred to the Executive Board for further study. In this connection it was pointed out that the NC-WNDC would be raising one third of the National quota.

Miss Chizuko Tsutsumi, staff member of the San Francisco International Institute, on a special project assisting Japanese wives of American citizens, spoke briefly about her work in assisting these newcomers in their adjustments.

The quarterly meeting was hosted by the Berkeley chapter under the direction of its president, Masuji Fujii.

San Fernando Valley JACL steak barbecue tomorrow

SAN FERNANDO.—The San Fernando Valley JACL Chapter will hold its annual Steak Barbecue this Saturday, Aug. 20, 3 p.m. at the local city Recreation Park (at Park St. between First and Fourth). A full afternoon of games, races, and a complete barbecue dinner will be in store for all.

Committee chairman Kaz Kubota will be assisted by Tom Endow, Kats Hazama, John Kaneko, Satsuki Kubota and Fred Muto. Kats & Mary Arimoto will be in charge of games for children.

Nisei drowns trying to swim ashore

SALT LAKE CITY.—Masao Fujii, 25, drowned while attempting to swim ashore from his drifting boat at the lake in Rockport Recreational Area on Aug. 5. He had been boating with Geraldine Furukawa, 19, after both decided to take a swim.

Officers said the boat drifted away from them. Miss Furukawa told investigators that she tried to swim to the boat but decided she couldn't reach it and swam to the east bank of the lake instead.

She thought Fujii, who works as a pharmacist, was behind her swimming toward shore, but when she looked back she could not see him. The man drowned in about 50 feet of water near the dam at the north end of Rockport Lake.

The body was recovered by sheriffs two days later.

For publicity chairmen

A course designed to assist people writing publicity for newspapers was announced for the coming fall semester starting Sept. 12 at Dorsey Adult School, 3537 Farmdale Ave., AX 1-1514. A very successful journalist will teach this course in Journalism.

Gets prison sentence

VISALIA.—Larry A. Tlmita, 20, of Portersville, who was found sane after a 90-day observation period at Atascadero State Hospital, has been sentenced to state prison after being found guilty of illegal possession of high explosives and voluntary manslaughter in connection with the Feb. 28 death of Billy Orton, who was killed by a grenade made by Tomita.



1000 CLUB Notes

SAN FRANCISCO.—National JACL Headquarters acknowledged only 33 1000 Club renewals for the first half of August as follows:

TWELFTH YEAR
Southwest L.A.—Dr. George S. Tarumoto.
TENTH YEAR
Philadelphia—Jack K. Ozawa.
EIGHTH YEAR
Fowler—Dr. George Miyake.
Gardena Valley—Ronald Shiozaki.
SEVENTH YEAR
New York—Mrs. May N. Hirata.
D.C.—John Y. Yoshino.
SIXTH YEAR
Downtown L.A.—Annabelle H. Akita.
Alameda—Haruo Imura.
D.C.—Mrs. Elizabeth F. Murata.
St. Louis—Dr. Masao Ohmoto.
FIFTH YEAR
Twin Cities—Sam S. Hara.
Venice-Culver—George T. Iso.
Delano—George Y. Nagatani.
St. Louis—George Shingu.
New York—Murray Sprung.
Detroit—Tom T. Tagami.
Orange County—T. Takenaga.
Ventura County—Dr. Tom Taketa.
Tulare County—Mrs. Ethel Tashiro.
FOURTH YEAR
Gardena Valley—Kay K. Kamiya.
Orange County—Dr. Fred I. Kobayashi.
Philadelphia—Mrs. Chiyoko T. Kojima.
Dr. Eichi K. Koiwai.
New York—Tokichi Matsumoto.
St. Louis—George Matsumoto.
Delano—Bill T. Nakagawa.
Pasadena—Mary K. Yusa.
THIRD YEAR
St. Louis—Kiechi Hiramoto.
East Los Angeles—Hideo Katayama.
SECOND YEAR
St. Louis—James Hayashi, Dr. Richard Sueoka.
Seabrook—Keigo Inouye.
Fuyalup Valley—Dr. Keith H. Yoshino.

If it's time to renew your 1000 Club membership this month, remit directly to National JACL Headquarters, San Francisco.

Over 400 frolic at Contra Costa picnic

RICHMOND.—Over 400 persons attended the Contra Costa JACL Picnic held Aug. 7 at Wildwood Acres in Moraga Valley. Co-chairmen Steve Niino and Joe Oishi reported that this was one of the largest and most successful outings in the chapter's history.

Ticket sales and cash donations grossed \$1,281.85. Net receipts for the chapter were \$737.01. The Hilo Flood Relief Fund totaled \$5, the Washington State Alien Land Law Fund \$6.

Eichi Nakazono and Marvin Uratsu were emcees for this event. Niino and Oishi expressed gratitude to all friends and business firms contributing picnic prizes and donations. They also thanked the committee which staged the year's biggest event.

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The National Director's Report

By Masao Satow

San Francisco

National President Frank Chuman was in San Francisco the first week of August attending a meeting of Gov. Brown's Committee to protect consumers, so he took advantage of the situation by calling us into a huddle with National 3rd VP and National Membership Committee Chairman Bill Matsumoto. We gave special attention to the 1961 membership campaign—coordination, timing, brochures, membership card format. Chapters will be urged to conduct early membership drives to enable their members to take full advantage of the new PC-to-every-household deal, and the new plan certainly calls for prompt remittances of memberships to Headquarters. Four issues of the PC will be sent to chapters upon request for distribution to their present members just prior to their respective membership roundups, by way of introducing them to their official organizational weekly. We will be meeting with the BC Board on August 21 to work out the administrative procedures involved. Meantime, we trust chapters will speed up their 1960 membership remittances to clear the way for the new push. Add Omaha, Contra Costa and Monterey Chapters to those reporting all time membership highs, with Ventura County, Pasadena, Fresno, Florin, Delano, Arizona, and Mile-Hi, doing better than last year.

LEGISLATIVE—The Bay Area human relations agencies met with State Assemblymen Byron Rumford to peg State legislative priorities in the field of civil rights. This to match a similar meeting held in Southern California and preparatory to coordinating the joint efforts. Of particular concern to California JACL chapters will be the 16th Biennial Convention mandate to push legislation for non-discrimination in housing.

HAWAII FUND—We are in receipt of a nice letter of acknowledgement from Editor A.E.P. Wall for the Hilo Tribune for the \$6,000 plus which Congressman Dan Inouye delivered in person on July 31 to the newspaper's Disaster Fund. We have received an inkling of a very successful benefit luau promoted by the Milwaukee Chapter, the result of which should push this national drive sparked by Joe Kadowaki to over \$9,000. And thanks to Joe Kadowaki whose initial generous contribution will give Headquarters a Thermo-Fax reproducer to save us considerable paper work.

1960 NATIONAL SCHOLARSHIPS—The dossiers on the 25 nominees for the 1960 National Scholarships are now in the good hands of the judging committee in Washington, D.C. chaired by Dr. George Furukawa and assisted by John Yoshino, Dr. Harvey Itano, Saburo Hasegawa and Dr. Takehiko Yoshihashi.

MINUTES INVOLVE HOURS—We have just about completed editing the much talk-talk of the National Council meetings. We are working toward a target date of the end of this month for the minutes to be reproduced and bound. For once we are thankful for the relatively slack August correspondence, but we would like to see a few more 1000 Club pick-ups.

15TH NATIONAL JACL BOWLING TOURNAMENT COMMITTEE—We met for the first time with the San Jose Committee for our 1961 National JACL Bowling Tournament which has already been at work for a number of months in preparation. Our 15th Nationals will be dedicated to the 50th State of Hawaii, and according to Kanaka Bill Kenzie who was also at the meeting, 120 bowlers are already signed up for the March 6-11 blue ribbon classic. Tournament Co-chairmen Joe Tenma and Asa Yonemoto are looking forward to a record breaking number of entries and also predict record breaking performances at Mel's 40-lane Palm Bowl.

HELLO THERE—A good many JACLers from other parts have come by or called while shivering in our delightfully cool and workable weather. Mountain Plains DC Chairman Min Yasui, as busy as ever, was in long enough to type out his version of what transpired at the midnight sessions of the National Council on finance . . . Former St. Louis President Dick Henmi obliged us by delivering Nisei of the Biennial Congressman Dan Inouye's gold medallion and scroll to Fresno . . . National oratorical contestant Peggy Sasashima came to

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POINTING SOUTHWESTWARD: by Fred Takata

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ing vicious rumors which has proved quite embarrassing to a few of the candidates. The girls are doing a tremendous job to make a successful Nisei Week and are enjoying every moment of their reign and we hope there will be no further comments that will spoil this wonderful experience for the girls.

REGIONAL OFFICE CARNIVAL BOOTH—At this year's Nisei Week Carnival being held this Saturday and Sunday, a special booth is being set up by some volunteer JACLers to sell pop corn with the entire proceeds going towards refurbishing the new Regional Office. Tom Ito of Pasadena has loaned the use of his pop corn machine and George Nomi of ELA has graciously donated his services in painting signs for the booth. We hope that everyone attending the carnival will drop a little business our way and we can also use a little additional help. Part of the booth will be set up with a movie projector to show the JACL film, "The Challenger" periodically during the day. Hope you'll all join in with us.

OFFICIALLY MOVED—We've paid our first rent for our new office and are officially occupants of the new Sun Building, 125 Weller St., Room 302. This last Sunday we had another crew of active JACLers who helped to move the last of the office equipment to our new location. Those up early Sunday morning were Mas Hayashi, Bob Sawai, Roy Yamadera, Frank Okamoto and the staff. To all those who helped in the big move, we express our deepest appreciation.

Chapter raising dues in '61 explains 'why' to members

"Column Left" this week commends the Sequoia JACL for being the first to translate the mandates of the 16th Biennial National JACL Convention in its newsletter in terms of what it means to its membership from 1961.

The report below was published in the August newsletter. It summarizes what JACL has spent in the past and what it intends to do accomplish in the 1961-62 biennium, how much it will cost and how the funds are to be raised.

Before chapters undertake the membership campaign, it is suggested that its own financial picture with relation to the national program be explained by a newsletter. Many basic questions from the general membership can be answered beforehand.

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The Sequoia JACL Newsletter

Sonoma County CL starts fall season

COTATI—The Sonoma County JACL Chapter will get their fall program underway with a back-to-school and 1000 Club swimfest, set for Saturday, Sept. 3, at the Pioneer Motel Pool in Cotati. Following the swim a hot dog roast will be held. Martin Shimizu, chairman of the event, stated that full details for this affair will be mailed to all local chapter members.

Meanwhile, tickets are now available at \$1.50 through local members for the annual benefit scholarship striped bass fishing derby, which has been set for Sunday, Sept. 18 at Nelson's Fishing Resort on the Napa River. Registered participants may fish anywhere on the Napa River or the bay area, however, the catches must be brought to Nelson's Fishing Resort, official weigh-in station, by 5 p.m.

Besides the many valuable awards for the largest catches, a number of gate prizes will also be given.

As in previous years it is anticipated that a large number of fishermen from all Northern California will take part. Proceeds from this derby will be placed in the chapter's 1961 Pioneer Memorial Scholarship Award Fund. Those desiring boat reservations have been requested to notify George Hamamoto or Jim Miyano, co-chairman for the event.

Also slated for the month of September is the semi-annual benefit Japanese movies with Tak Kameoka in charge. Details for this affair will be announced just as soon as film commitments are confirmed.

Martin Shimizu, chapter president, has announced that contributions have been made to the Washington Alien Land Law campaign as well as the Hilo Tidal Wave Disaster Fund.

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report on finances follows:

CHAPTER FINANCES—The Sequoia Chapter will be asked to contribute about \$955 towards the National JACL budget of \$98,000 during 1961. The National organization spends \$18,000 to maintain the Washington office. Through this office the JACL was active in obtaining Statehood for Hawaii, worked on the following bills during the past year; evacuation claims, evacuation Civil Service, Yen deposit exchange, Vested Property, Supplementary Agricultural Workers from Japan, Entry of non-quota orphans, Civil Rights, Immigration, Return of Citizenship, Derogatory Motion Pictures, etc. . . . many more . . .

JACL will undertake a documentary History of The Issei. In the field of Public Relations efforts will be made to reassert true Nisei image as Americans, attempts will be made to develop a better informed membership. Pacific Citizen will be provided to every household membership, JACL film library of evacuation and 442nd RCT films from National Archives will be started . . .

In addition to the Washington Office, National has \$33,000 in salaries, \$5,000.00 in office rent, over \$1,000 each for, telephone, postage, office supplies, National President, National Board Meetings, administrative and retirement expenses, \$4,000 for travel expenses, and \$18,000 for Pacific Citizen with memberships.

Besides our contribution to the National JACL budget, our chapter has basic expenses of a projected budget of \$811, as follows: \$180 Postage, \$150 youth program, \$250 for community picnic, graduation dance and party, installation dinner, annual potluck dinner; \$50 in hall rentals; \$100 District Council meetings and Youth meetings; \$40 goodwill flowers; \$41 fund raising expenses. All other activities to be self supporting by necessity.

The Finance Committee Chairman, Tom Yamane and Tak Sugimoto, Chapter Treasurer, have recommended, and the Chapter Board has approved a raise in Chapter dues to \$5 per person to meet our expenses. Everyone should keep in mind that subscription to Pacific Citizen is given free with each membership. The decision to raise the dues was based on an anticipated income to the chapter as follows:

Membership Dues (allowing for drop due to higher dues) \$750.00
Bingo Fund Raising 100.00
Fourth of July float (assuming, of course, that we will win first prize again) 200.00
Other means for funds 300.00

ANTICIPATED INCOME: \$1,350.00
(Anticipated income with no drop in membership: \$1,750.)

Proposed Budget 1961 \$811.00
Quota 955.00

TOTAL EXPENSES: \$1,766.00

Thousand Club memberships (voluntary \$25 donations) not included in above. Chapter has 13 1000-Clubbers.

Total expenditures in 1959 were \$1,145.34 including quota, and 1960 projected expenditures will be \$1,100. We must have the continued support of every member, even with the increase in dues, to provide the service to the community that JACL serves.

MAY WE COUNT ON YOU?

SAN FRANCISCO JACL AUXILIARY FASHION LUNCHEON SET SEPT. 24

SAN FRANCISCO—The Gold Room of the Fairmont Hotel will again be the setting for the luncheon-fashion show to be given by the San Francisco JACL Women's Auxiliary Saturday, Sept. 24, from 12:30.

For the seventh annual Auxiliary show the City of Paris will present distinguished fashions from the Gown Salon which carries the creations of such outstanding names in the couturier world as Estevez, Helga, Howard Greer, Ceil Chapman.

A showing of furs from the collections of internationally-famed designers, Schiaparelli, Da Vinci, etc., will highlight the event.

Also to be presented are many styles from the Collette Shop which features young-in-heart easy-to-wear designs.

Chairman for the show is Mrs. Char Doi, Auxiliary president.

Tickets are now available and can be purchased through Auxiliary members, or by calling Arney Hatsuano, PR 5-0238, or Mrs. Doi, PR 6-0723. They can also be obtained at the National JACL office, WE 1-6644.

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By Richard Akagi

A CONVERSATION TO MIDWAY

New York

The hackie, an elderly bespectacled Negro, put down his paper, listened wordlessly to my request to be taken to the Midway airport, and was silent for a block or two as he put the cab in gear. But, once out of the Loop traffic and as we approached the entrance to the Congress Expressway, he opened up with: "Politics in this country is sure a funny business."

And he never stopped talking after that. He had an odd lilt to his speech; I learned later he came from Montreal.

"Now if Kennedy was a Republican and Nixon was a Democrat, it would make things much clearer," he said. I wasn't sure I understood what he meant but I didn't ask for clarification; I was having difficulty getting my cigarette lighter to work. "I'm Catholic but it would be wrong for Catholics to vote for Kennedy just because he's Catholic." He paused then added: "You know, there's 286,000 black Catholics in this city."

"How many?" I wasn't sure I had heard correctly.

He laughed, pleased at my ignorance and surprise. "286,000 in Chicago alone. Ten parishes solid black. Yessir, ten solid black parishes." He began to name them, got up to about five or six, then waved off the rest: "I can't remember them all, but there's ten."

I knew great many Negroes were turning to Catholicism, which is not surprising in view of the enlightened and aggressive racial policies of the Catholic Church, but the number cited by the cab driver was still startling. Let me append a footnote here to illustrate the alertness of the Catholic Church: at a recent testimonial dinner here in New York, the Pope cabled a personal message of congratulations to the honored guest, Catholicism's most illustrious athlete, Floyd Patterson.

"I'll tell you something else you don't know," said the cab driver. "There's 30 million blacks in this country. Not 12 or 15 million or whatever they tell you."

His constant use of the term "black" instead of "Negro" or "colored" interested me; I wondered if he had been an early disciple of the "Buy Black" movement or whether it resulted from his Canadian background or it was simply a matter of personal idiosyncrasy.

"Where did you get this information?" I asked.

He interpreted the question as a challenge to his integrity, or so it seemed, and he bristled: "I worked in the fingerprinting bureau here during the war, that's where I got my information. A man with his eyes open can come up with certain conclusions. Perhaps you're one of those that believe that just because I'm driving a cab I'm not capable of making deductions."

He was mollified by my denial of any such opinion. In a friendlier mood he said: "They don't let you know there's 30 million blacks in this country because they're afraid if the blacks realize this they won't put up with any of this nonsense any more."

Later, holding me with a firm look through his back-view mirror, he said: "I used to speak a little Chinese. Can't do it any more. Now my son, he can speak Japanese fluently. He's married to a Japanese girl." He mused over the fact he couldn't speak Chinese any more but revived as he observed: "I can carry on a conversation in Polish, Swedish, French, Italian." He rattled off a few phrases in Italian, at least they sounded Italian to me, and that's what the cab driver said they were.

I wished him luck as I left the cab. Though I didn't tell him so, I felt the compulsions that moved him, moved me. Hail, brother, and stay loose.

NAT'L DIRECTOR'S REPORT: by Masao Satow

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dig out material on JACL for a special sociology paper . . . It was nice to see Sumi Shimizu, Shig Wakamatsu's invaluable secretary; May Hirata, former secretary for our New York Office; former National 1000 Club Chairman Kenji and Ethel Tashiro; hard working Convention Co-chairman Tak Tsujita . . . we were pleasantly surprised to get local telephone calls from long time 1000ers Charlie Ishii of Orange County and John Nitta of Philadelphia, and from Mt. Olympus official delegate Bob Mukai on special reserve duty at the Presidio.

Looking west from First and San Pedro, Li'l Tokio streets are decorated with banners and lanterns for Nisei Week Festival, coming to its climax this Sunday with an gigantic Ondo parade with 1,000 dancers.—Miyatake Photo.

PRESS COMMENTS:

Japan: Voters Counter Rioters

Editorial, Christian Science Monitor, July 29, 1960

Unfortunately the clamor of a hundred thousand snake-dancing demonstrators can make a deeper impression on world opinion than the actions of ten times as many quiet Japanese voters.

Riots are generally considered big news; provincial elections, trifling.

But nonetheless it is significant news that Japan's ruling conservative party—which suffered so humiliatingly from ex-Premier Kishi's maladroit parliamentary tactics and the resulting anti-American-treaty riots last month—has since won three substantial victories in provincial governors' contests.

In the latest of these, the conservative candidate in Gumma prefecture triumphed by a majority of about 250,000 to 184,000 over his Socialist opponent. The latter, despite outside aid from leading Socialist and Communist antipact speakers, fell 24,000 votes short of the Socialist total polled in 1956 gubernatorial elections.

This sampling from three district elections does not represent the whole nation. But it is many times more representative than the sampling found outside Parliament last month—some 40,000 provincial demonstrators joining forces with

perhaps 60,000 from Tokyo.

What the provincial election results do is to put the Japanese popular mood back into perspective. They do not indicate that the people vigorously prefer military alliance with the United States. There is still doubt about this course—doubt about an active alignment against China and Russia for which Japan is clearly responsible. But the results do indicate that the reticent mass of Japanese voters reject the extremism represented by the Tokyo rioters.

In view of this news from the ballot boxes, the diplomatic assessors should revise any impressions they may have had of a Japan eager to embark on a new course full speed away from the West. The rioters have not wrested the tiller from the voters after all.

Calif. state fair dates

SACRAMENTO.—The 1960 California State Fair will be held from Aug. 31 through Sept. 11. (The recent 1000 Club whing ding for the JACL convention was held on the Fairground's Governor Hall.) Each day will be packed full of fun, entertainment and education.

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Judy Sakata named to all-western women's keg team

Judy Sakata of Los Angeles was named on the "300" Magazine Women's All Western Bowling Team, according to the August issue of the publication.

"Recently named 1959 Bowler of the Year by the Southern California Bowling Writers Association, Judy was a member of the crack Tournament Bowl team which won the BPAA National Ladies' Team championship at Detroit this February. Also nationally, she was second in this year's WIBC doubles with Gene Goff on a 1190 score, and second in the JACL Tournament singles with 573. A big tournament money winner, Judy has, during this past season, captured the Las Vegas Showboat Sweeper, Bowl-O-Drome Queens, Tournament Bowl, Pacific Recreation, and Santa Fe Bowl classics. She carries a 202, 194, and 197 average in their leagues, and has a high 713 series and 277 high game."

Judy also won the National JACL Women's four-game sweeper with a new record of 823 and was a member of the JACL Tournament Women's championship team—Holiday Bowl.

Nobu Asami of Berkeley was designated Captain of the third team, and Mats Ito of Denver was given honorary mention.

Salinas Valley JACL outing at Mass Landing Aug. 21

SALINAS.—The Salinas Valley JACL will hold its end of summer Weiner Bake this Sunday, Aug. 21, at Moss Landing starting at 5 p.m.

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Northwest Picture

By Elmer Ogawa

Deep Sea Salmon Fishing

Seattle

The state of the salmon fisheries is of vital concern to Oregon, Washington, British Columbia, and perhaps most of all, Alaska. In terms of describing it as a Northwest Picture, it may be expressed as extremely wide angle.

Reports that the controversial Bristol Bay area has just completed its most successful season since 1948 will very likely indicate an easing of tensions along the Pacific Rim, especially as it relates to Japanese American problems concerning deep sea salmon fishing.

For years talks have been going on between cannery representatives of the two countries, the departments of fisheries, and departments of State. The results of these conferences have been that the boundary line has been pushed further west until now it is approximately at the 180th meridian. Japanese interests have been truly concerned over the charges that their boats were taking too great a number of American salmon spawned in the Bristol Bay area, and also agreed to limit the catches.

As we look at the results of the bountiful 1960 season, nearly 1,000,000 cases in the Bristol Bay area, representing a take of 15,000,000 sockeyes at 94½ cents each to the fisherman.

In the past 20 years, the only seasons when the Bristol Bay red salmon pack was more than 1,000,000 cases were 1943 when the pack was 1,275,081 cases; 1947, when it was 1,335,031 cases and 1948 when the score was 1,236,226.

Seasons are later, in the more easterly and southern fishing grounds on the North American side, but through last Sunday, the total Alaska pack had reached 2,134,210 cases.

Fishing seasons are carefully controlled with an eye to conservation. Experts scan the run as it starts to come in and if the prospects are good, as it was this year, the fishing season is extended. This year the Bristol Bay fishermen put in 20 days. Payoffs up to \$25,000 were not uncommon, and the fisherman who pocketed \$10,000 considered himself among the less fortunate.

Some fishermen are a zany lot according to the reports of Times editor Ross Cunningham who is on the spot, and Robert Hellman, a staff writer in Seattle. In one small Alaskan town with about 25 miles of road, automobiles are being air freighted in—the freight about \$475. One fisherman bought a plane, hired a pilot to fly it, till he learns himself.

One couple arrived in Seattle last week with \$21,000 to spend. The wife had earned \$5,000 with a set net on the beach. They visited the ball game and told the cab to wait to be sure of a ride back to town. Did the same at the hydroplane races. Purchases included clothes for the family of seven, a fur coat for the missus, and a \$450 ring which she cannot wear because of an allergy, furniture including a vibrating chair, merry-go-round for the kids and hi-fi set. Night-clubbing activities indicated a preference for Chinatown. The husband allowed that Seattle is a little better than Anchorage, said that up there one can get rid of \$4,000 just like that—here it takes a little longer. At home the house is paid for. Fuel and food supplies for the winter are in. Nothing to do but take it easy, and hope for a good season next year. We hope so too.

The interviewers found some young fellows who are using their fish money to go to college so there's more than one facet to the story.

We started out to reflect on the ponderosities of the international fishing situation, but got side-tracked. Concern is being shown over the growing size of the Russian fishing fleets in the Bering sea, and their encroachment on the King Crab areas. The U.S. has no fishing agreement with Russia.

Sidelighting the whole situation is an old (July 9) report of Tokyo which says that the Trade Ministry had authorized the import of some 3,000 tons of frozen red salmon worth \$2,430,000 from the United States—the first salmon ever imported by Japan.

The frozen salmon is going to cannery in Hokkaido who need the fish for export to England.

WASHINGTON NEWSLETTER: by Mike Masaoka

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vention Banquet in Salt Lake City, Utah, two years ago, has written an inspiring and illuminating document that should be of special interest to all Americans of Japanese ancestry, especially those interested in politics and the congressional scene.

Congressman Saund tells of the question he was asked when running for judge in the town of Westmoreland, two years before he successfully defeated a famous aviatrix and wife of a millionaire for a seat in the House of Representatives: "If you're elected, will you furnish the turbans or will we have to buy them ourselves in order to come to your court?" "My friend," he replied, "you know me for a tolerant man. I don't care what a man has on top of his head. All I am interested in is what he's got inside it."

He also makes one observation that is of special moment to our policy makers: "There is no need for the people of the United States or their Government to instruct Asians the meaning of democracy. In their hearts, they already know. But there is one burning question uppermost in their minds: Are the American people willing to accept them as equals in every respect? If we are ready to answer that question in the affirmative, we have nothing to fear."

"Congressman from India" is a book well worth reading and one that ought to grace the libraries of all Americans of goodwill, and especially Japanese Americans.

GUEST COLUMNIST:

Nisei veteran helps rehabilitate Japan's communications field, in top gov't post

(Contributing columnist William T. Kawai of Washington, D.C., to the San Francisco Hokubei Mainichi, tells of a Nisei who has attained the top rung of the U.S. civil service classification for "general service" workers.)

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BY WILLIAM T. KAWAI

Washington, D.C.

The word ENDEAVOR is defined by Webster as meaning, to try hard; make an earnest attempt; an earnest effort to accomplish something. Allow me to tell you a story of one Nisei and his interpretation of this word.

Henry T. Masuoka was born in San Francisco, but shortly thereafter his family moved to Sebastopol, Calif., where he spent his childhood days. In a family of four brothers and a sister, he had his full share of trials and tribulations, long hours of work in the apple orchards, and work at home that never seemed to end. And during the depression years, he was not exempt from the work-and-study method of obtaining an education which he so greatly desired.

After graduating from the University of California in electrical engineering, he joined forces with a small group of Nisei and established the United Engineering Manufacturers, Incorporated in New York City. Here Hank enjoyed a short period of success in the field of engineering, learning for the first time the true sociological values of modern society. It will be noted that appreciation and understanding of these values have stood stalwartly behind Hank in the years to come.

Hank was drafted into the United States Army in 1941, earning to his commission as an officer in 1945 prior to his overseas assignment. During his long hitch in the United States Army, the greatest portion of the time was spent with the Field Artillery communications unit, a part of the Eighth Division. Later he was reassigned to Military Intelligence, and sent overseas as an intelligence officer attached to a unit under the Headquarters of General Douglas MacArthur during the final phases of his famous return to the Philippine Islands.

With GHQ SCAP

It was in the Spring of 1947 when I first met Hank. He was at that time assigned to the Industrial Division, Civil Communications section, GHQ SCAP. In his position as Industrial Engineering Advisor, he was responsible for the rapid and efficient rehabilitation of the Japanese communications systems and industry. His application of technical know-how, coupled with logical and methodical means of accomplishment contributed in no small part to the progress of this rehabilitation during the initial years of the U.S. Occupation.

Hank became one of the best known and liked Nisei in the Japanese communications field, and seldom was there an occasion when he wasn't present to offer his moral and technical support to the gathering. Hank realized early that the ability to speak the Japanese language was a great contributing factor in understanding the Japanese people. It was through this understanding that he was able to apply the proper guidance so necessary to the rapid rehabilitation of the communications systems during the initial postwar period of chaos and confusion. The name Henry Masuoka is still remembered today among

the industrial and governmental communications circles of Japan for his great and numerous contributions to the Japanese Government.

At the termination of the U.S. Occupation period in Japan, Hank was requested by the U.S. Military Communications Division to join their new headquarters staff at Zama, Japan. In keeping with his usual enthusiasm to continually work in the best interest of the United States Government, he agreed to remain in Japan and continued to support the Signal Section activities through the following years. With this reassignment, Hank's responsibilities changed, but with his usual flexibility he soon became an authority in the field of Signal Supply and logistic support, and was promoted to the position of Deputy Director of the Signal Supply Division of the Headquarters, Armed Forces Far East Command. Furthermore, his long experience with the Japanese communications industry, and the U.S. Army Signal Section enabled him to offer a substantial contribution to the efforts of supply and logistics during the period of the Korean fracas.

Assigned to Washington

In 1958, political pressure from Washington, D.C. dictated that he return to the United States. It was with reluctance that he left the shores of Japan and his numerous Japanese friends, but with his usual determination he energetically entered into his new position in the Supply System Engineering office, P&D Division, Office of the Chief Signal Officer. His continuing efforts and superior performances in this field resulted in a reassignment and promotion in October, 1959 to the position of Deputy Chief of the Mutual Security Office where his responsibilities now include the determination of policies that effect the global United States Foreign Aid Program in the field of communications.

The top grade of GS-15 in Civil Service is a coveted one. There are literally hundreds of thousands who never achieve this grade though they may have tried a lifetime. It is indeed an accomplishment worthy of mention when a Nisei reaches this goal. Hank Masuoka is one of a very few Nisei who has been appointed to this high grade in Civil Service as a result of his continuing endeavor to improve himself while contributing his best to the interest of the United States Government.

It may be of interest to the hundreds and thousands of Nisei in the United States Government Service, scattered throughout the world at the present time, to stand back a minute and reflect on the accomplishments and contributions of Henry Masuoka; the fellow Nisei who applied the word ENDEAVOR with force and enthusiasm to overcome the multitude of barriers and obstacles that are forever appearing within our present society.

EDITOR'S NOTE: Hank lives with his wife, Jean, and two daughters, Charlotte and Beverly, at 3535 No. Nottingham St. in Arlington, Va. One of his brothers was killed in action in European theater of World War II, and he lost his mother some five years ago.

Fair-Rodeo queen

SEDGWICK, Colo. — Yaeko Kinoshita won over 16 other contestants to reign as queen of the Sedgwick County Fair and Rodeo Aug. 18-20 at Julesburg.

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Tie Denver-Takayama as new sister cities

DENVER. — Denver formally affiliated Friday as a sister-city with Takayama, Japan, in ceremonies at Mayor Dick Batten's office on July 29.

Takayama is a city of 75,000 population located in the mountains about 250 miles southwest of Tokyo.

Carrying formal greetings to Mayor Batten from Shinichiro Iwamoto, mayor of Takayama, and from the Takayama Municipal Assembly was Tamotsu Murayama, public relations representative of the Japan Times.

Murayama has been leader of a delegation of 110 Boy Scouts from Japan attending the Scouts' annual encampment near Colorado Springs.

Present at the ceremonies were Harry T. Osumi, Denver jeweler for many years, and Rev. Noburo Tsunoda, minister of the Tri-State Buddhist Church, also of Denver.

Cultural Exchanges

Murayama presented Batten with a message of greeting from Mayor Iwamoto in Japanese "fude," or brush-lettering.

It expressed Takayama's interest in Denver, and hopes that the people of the two cities can engage in cultural exchanges.

The city also sent several dozen large photographs of Takayama business districts, residential districts, fiestas and mountain scenes.

Murayama gave Mayor Batten a number of woodcut prints by Takayama high school students, and a rare Kabuki drama mask carved of wood.

Batten said he hopes to place the gifts on display in the Denver Art Museum.

Mayor Batten gave Murayama a number of pictures of Denver mountains, of city scenes, skiing and rodeo events, to take back to Takayama.

He also presented him with a "Denver Dollar"—a silver dollar, minted in Denver, mounted in plastic bearing the city's seal. Murayama will present it to Mayor Iwamoto. —Denver Post.

Pioneer orchardist dies

BERKELEY.—Hango Uratsu, 82, of 2329 Edward St., father of active Contra Costa JACler Marvin Uratsu, died suddenly of heart attack on Aug. 11. He came to the U.S. in 1903 and operated an orchard in Placer County before evacuation. It is being operated by his son Hitoshi.

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Washington Newsletter

BY MIKE MASAOKA

Special Session Politics

Washington, D.C.
IF LAST WEEK'S activities are any criterion, this special post-convention session of this 86th Congress is going to be a real political carnival, with both Democrats and Republicans attempting to make political capital for the forthcoming congressional and presidential campaigns this fall out of what transpires in the next few weeks.

In this kind of climate, constructive, positive, and worthwhile legislation is practically impossible.

Nevertheless, since the Senate reconvened a week ago last Monday, the GOP minority has been attempting by its skillful maneuvering to dramatize and widen the already well-established cleavage between the conservative Dixiecrats and the northern liberals in the opposition party. On the other hand, the majority Democrats are not only attempting to defeat such maneuvers but also to limit their consideration to only a few, selected legislative proposals which will "clean up" the docket as left by the July 3 recess. The President, in the meanwhile, is leading the attack that may cause this supposedly "short" session to lengthen out until after Labor Day by insisting that Congress act upon his 21 "must" bills.

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IN ITS FIRST week, the Democrats and the Republicans traded accusations that they were "playing politics". The Democrats charged the Republicans with attempting to delay consideration of vital legislation, with the Republicans retorting that the daily sessions were being tailored to suit the campaign strategy of the Democratic presidential candidate.

Aside from ratifying the so-called Antarctic Treaty, the first week's jockeying in the Senate produced two results that may have far-reaching consequences in the coming campaign.

In the first test between the opposing parties, the Democrats turned back 54 to 28 an effort by Minority Leader Everett M. Dirksen of Illinois to place directly on the Senate Calendar, without prior referral to any legislative committee, two proposals rejected earlier in the year during debate which led up to the enactment of the Civil Rights Act of 1960—to provide federal assistance to states desegregating its public schools and to give statutory authority to the President's Committee on Government Contracts, which is concerned with the elimination of racial discrimination in employment involving federal contracts.

Although described as "phony as a three dollar bill" by liberal Democrat Hubert H. Humphrey of Minnesota, this failure on the part of the majority to "redeem", as explained by the defeated minority, the platform pledges of both parties may haunt the Democrats later in the year when they are soliciting votes from especially the Negro electorate.

The excuse offered by the Democrats, including their presidential and vice presidential candidates and the national chairman, was that consideration of civil rights at that stage of the session would only invite a Southern filibuster and result in preventing the passage of other important measures. None of the party leaders, by the way, precluded subsequent consideration of civil rights.

The second test involved minimum wage legislation sponsored by Senator John F. Kennedy of Massachusetts, presidential candidate. Opposed again by many Southern members of his own party, and by such Republicans as conservative Senator Barry Goldwater of Arizona, its passage may well be a test of whether the Democratic leadership of Kennedy and Majority Leader Lyndon Johnson of Texas can produce on their party's platform commitments.

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BECAUSE BOTH PRESIDENTIAL candidates and one of the vice presidential nominees, as well as both party chairmen, sit in the Senate, most of the publicity and spotlight will be on that chamber.

But, the real battleground may well be in the House, where the Rules Committee, with conservative Democrats teamed with sympathetic Republicans, has been blocking three major bills that are important to the Democratic campaign approach to November. These are aid to school construction; the on-site picketing bill, which proposes to legalize secondary boycotts and strikes in the construction industry; and a general housing bill, carrying big funds for college housing, urban renewal, public housing, and housing for the elderly.

In addition, the Rules Committee can block the meeting of compromise conference committees to settle differences in bills passed by both Houses.

As the House officially reconvened this past Monday, though it will not take up any significant measures until next Monday, Speaker Sam Rayburn of Texas was slated to meet with Chairman Howard Smith of Virginia regarding possible clearance for certain major bills.

Vice President Nixon was also expected to exert his "influence" on the four GOP members of the Rules Committee to try to persuade them to join the liberal Democrats on the Committee and clear certain measures for House consideration.

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Congressman from India

CONGRESSMAN D.S. "Judge" Saund, a naturalized citizen and the first person of Asian ancestry ever to be elected to the Congress, has just had his autobiography, "Congressman from India", published by E.P. Dutton and Company of New York.

The guest speaker at the 15th Biennial National JACL Convention (Continued on Page 7)

NISEI URGES U.S. SUPPORTED GROUP TO FIGHT COMMUNISTS IN JAPAN

TOKYO.—A Nisei civic and business leader from Honolulu this past week called for an American-backed organization to provide funds to groups in other countries that would "combat the Communist menace teeth to teeth".

Lawrence T. Kagawa, on a three-week business trip here, told United Press-International he was also meeting many influential persons to enlist their financial support for anti-Communist activities.

The 57-year-old businessman did not spell out exactly what kind of an organization he was thinking about, but did say it could either be governmental or non-governmental.

"Many Japanese were complacent over the recent ugly anti-government demonstrations that forced the cancellation of President Eisenhower's visit," Kagawa

said. "They said it was only a minority—but it was a tremendous and organized propaganda campaign."

In this sense, he said, the Japan riots were a "blessing in disguise because they pointed up the strong hand of the subversive elements in Japan."

He said that in a one-hour meeting with Prime Minister Hayato Ikeda he was convinced that Ikeda "is determined to bring law and order to this country and to restore the confidence in Japan of the entire world."

Kagawa said that "suddenly Japan as a whole is awakening to the danger of the Communist propaganda machine. The Japanese are trying to get hold of themselves and to restore the respect of the free nations."

Pediatrician heads Stanford researchers studying mystery of how heart pulsates

STANFORD UNIVERSITY.—Dr. Kenneth Tsuboi of the pediatrics department is heading the university's research team, which is delving into the mystery of just how the "storage battery" of the heart releases the energy which keeps the organ beating.

Research is being directed toward the small organic molecules called nucleotides—found in all living cells.

Dr. Tsuboi said the molecules are made of sugar and phosphate on a nitrogen base. They store up the energy which the cells create by burning up glucose, then keep it until the cell needs it to maintain its life and do its work.

"We are concentrating on the role of nucleotides in providing energy for the heart muscle cells to make the regular contractions which cause the heart to beat," Dr. Tsuboi said. The behavior of these molecules is one facet of perhaps the most critical question in all biology today.

Theory Still Vague

"It is a question which puzzles biologists, physicists and chemists alike. No one yet has figured out a satisfactory theory to explain how the chemical energy released by nucleotide is transformed into the electrical energy which can cause an impulse in a nerve cell."

Scientists know that the muscle cell is a structure of interlocking sliding rods of two proteins—actin and myosin. As the heart beats, these rods slide together. As the heart muscle relaxes, the rods pull apart.

Potent bits of stored up energy, called adenosine triphosphate, are hitched to these rods. In the course of a chemical change in the nucleotide molecules energy is released.

Somehow this energy is transferred from the nucleotide to the tiny rods which contract, and the heart muscle, a complex of thousands of these cells, pumps blood into the lungs and through the arteries.

But beyond this basic knowledge, Dr. Tsuboi said, a great deal needs to be learned about the frontier problem of the behavior of the nucleotides.

"It is quite possible, for instance," he added, "that a patient's heart muscle cells may be producing enough energy to maintain a strong heart beat, and that the actin and myosin molecules can use the energy effectively, once it is transmitted to them."

"But if the nucleotides are not doing their job of trapping the energy and passing it on when needed the patient may be in heart failure."

To find out more about the role and the chemical composition of the nucleotides Dr. Tsuboi and his associates are feeding basic chemicals with radioactive tracers to the contracting structure of the cell.

They hope in this way to find out the rate at which the nucleotides incorporate these chemicals, in contrast to other nucleotides which may not be hitched to the actin and myosin.

Two killed in car crash south of Bakersfield

BAKERSFIELD.—Miss Ouida B. Johnson, 65, of Los Angeles and Ted Hiramoto, 51, of Oculer were killed early Monday morning on US Hwy. 99, 20 miles south of here.

Highway patrol officers said Miss Johnson, who was driving Hiramoto's car apparently dozed and crashed into a palm tree in the center dividing strip of the highway.

Tidal wave fund —

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disaster fund through the office of Congressman Dan Inouye (D., Hawaii). The balance of the fund will be sent to Congressman Inouye for forwarding to the Hilo Tribune-Herald.

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- Aug. 20 (Saturday)
San Jose—Family barbecue, Alpine Park, 7 p.m.
San Fernando Valley—Steak barbecue, City Recreation Park, 3 p.m.
Aug. 21 (Sunday)
Salinas Valley—Weiner bake, Moss Landing, 5 p.m.
Monterey Peninsula—Barbecue, Big Sur State Park, 1 p.m.
Florin—Barbecue, McKinley Park, 2 p.m.
Aug. 26 (Friday)
Sequoia—Dance class, Palo Alto Buddhist Church.
Aug. 27 (Saturday)
San Diego—Chapter bowling tournament, Pacific Recreation.
Aug. 28 (Sunday)
East Los Angeles—Beach party, Newport Dunes, 1 p.m.
Sept. 2 (Friday)
Sequoia—Bridge Club, Okamura Hall.
Sept. 3 (Saturday)
Sequoia—Pottluck barbecue, Sonoma County—Swimfest.
Sept. 3-4
Long Beach—Community carnival, Harbor Comm. Center.
Sept. 7 (Wednesday)
East Los Angeles—General meeting, International Institute, 8 p.m.
Sept. 9 (Friday)
Sequoia—Bridge Club, Okamura Hall.
Sept. 10 (Saturday)
Cleveland—Issei Night, Central YWCA Little Theater, 7 p.m.
Sequoia—Barbecue, Flood Park.
Gardena Valley—Issei Political night, Japanese Comm. Center, 8 p.m.
Sept. 11 (Sunday)
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L.A. Coordinating Council—Family picnic, Sept. 14 (Wednesday)
West Los Angeles—General meeting, Sept. 18 (Friday)
Sequoia—Bridge club.
Sept. 17 (Saturday)
Long Beach—General meeting, Harbor Comm. Center.
Sept. 18 (Sunday)
Sonoma County—Stepped race derby, Nelson's Fishing Resort, Napa.