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## COLUMN LEFT:

### JACL History Project: Issei Story

By SHIG WAKAMATSU

Chicago

The circumstances and considerations which led to the mandate of the "History of the Japanese in America" project by the National Council last summer will be of interest to all who are concerned with the overall progress of JACL as an organization. We are also mindful of those who have expressed the fear that JACL has run out of ideas or that what we need is a "bold and imaginative" program to attract more adherents.

In my opinion, JACL could not possibly run out of ideas so long as there are people in existence and a society, out of which arise the daily manifold problems. It becomes not a question of abundance or dearth of ideas, but that of priority of the problems to be tackled with the means at hand.

As for a "bold and imaginative" program, I have come to scrutinize such euphonious usage because at the end of the rainbow, the term is usually found to represent one's own pet idea—or, even worse, nothing concrete at all.

We are, nevertheless, concerned in how well our organization would recognize those responsibilities which are properly ours, and how well we would distinguish our role in each case. The History Project is in direct relation to these fundamental considerations.

Let us take, for example, JACL's responsibility to our youth, the Sansei. There was unanimous agreement on our sense of duty to the Sansei, but when it came to specifics of how National JACL should involve itself, differing views were encountered. The JACL could not become a youth organization per se at the expense of other obligations as regards public relations and general education. Of course, it would be senseless to duplicate those activities of a youth program which are already in progress in the community and of which our youths are active participants.

Our answer was unfolded by reverting to the two basic tenets of JACL—education and good citizenship. Our basic concern with the Sansei is that of education (from which good citizenship evolves)—of instilling in them a sense of duty and responsibility, ambition, pride in their heritage, habits of good health, for they are endowed with the same characteristics as their Issei grandparents, and the good use of these qualities will contribute much to making our country stronger.

We have had indications that the Sansei are keenly interested in knowing more about their own background. This provided the clue and the rest was a matter of insight. If the Sansei are to develop into good and useful citizens, one of the vital requirements, whether they realize it or not, is a knowledge of their self-identity. The unique role of the JACL would be to bring about such knowledge in a form that could provide a basis for communication between the Nisei and the Sansei. The "Issei Story," as this project is popularly called, would be an objective worthy of accomplishment from this standpoint alone.

The public relations program of the JACL has been adequate and effective in the sense of countering challenges of outright prejudice and discrimination pointed at our ethnic group. Today's social environment, however, no longer makes it fashionable or profitable for racist elements to expose themselves so openly. That JACL's efforts in the past have helped to bring about this improvement is of no comfort when we view the results and implications of the recent Alien Land Law Repeal campaign in the State of Washington.

I believe that the situation during the campaign, in which there was no visible organized opposition, is an example of the nature of our public relations problems which we will face in the future. While I am not trying to pre-judge the electorate, it seems that the age-old connotation of the word "alien" was a stumbling block in their understanding of this issue. It would have been of great help to the Repeal Committee and to their friends if there was available the kind of material and information that our History Project would reveal—the contributions of these "alien" Japanese immigrants to the growth and prosperity of the state as well as the remarkable adjustments they have made in society. As our fellow JACLers in Washington gird themselves for 1962, it is inspiring to note the relevancy of the History Project Instructions as a part of their preparation for the second and, we hope, final attempt.

New strategies and tactics in public relations, therefore, are necessary to meet changing conditions. Concerning this aspect, Dr. T. Scott Miyakawa, History Project Consultant, has commented that "some of the findings (of the systematic analyses which social scientists and historians might make of the raw data) may directly help the JACL and other civic organizations to do their long-term work more effectively. The history, the popular story, and the social science analyses can furnish the material for many news releases, TV stories, and perhaps even movie scripts.

This use of the information probably would not be a formal section of the project, as such, but an important pro-

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### 'World Bowl' Replacement

By Henry Mori

## Los Angeles NEWSLETTER

### For the 'Newcomers'

With this first issue of 1961, every household with JACL membership will be subscribing to the Pacific Citizen. We get the feeling that we've hit a national hook-up and, of course, more JACL homes in Southern California will be getting this newspaper.

"Newcomers" to this column will have to get used to some of the jargon that appear in the Los Angeles Newsletter from time to time. Labels like "the Mori Mansion" and the "Mori Million" will be coming at you. Needless to say, our abode is neither a mansion nor our bank book show a million buck deposit. But these phrases have caught our "exclusive" readers and they seem to like the idea.

As far as the readership drawing power is concerned, this Newsletter appears to be getting its share. The housewives tell me they love it, the menfolk not so much and the publicity hounds use it as a willing source for free write-ups.

Names make news and we're always ready to mention a few good things about people—even to the extent of flattery, for we're all human and flattery sounds good to the ear, even if you don't believe it.

This column apparently has its faithful followers. After a decade, we received a Christmas card from a St. Louis JACLer who added: "I still read your column." But our kids gotta have shoes so we hope more readers will be glancing at this corner from now and bear with us every other week.

LFL Tokio had more than its usual share of activities in 1960. What with the Centennial celebration of the U.S.-Japan trade and amity pact, combined with the annual Nisei Week Festival, and the Los Angeles-Nagoya sister city ceremonies taking place during the year, our community leaders had one of their busiest years.

Various JACL chapters in the Pacific Southwest District Council contributed their time and effort toward the success of these special events, too. From the Downtown L.A. JACL, its president, Katsumu Mukaeda, served as chairman of the LFL Tokio Centennial cultural program at the Shrine Auditorium. It was the scene of an elaborate ceremony and presentation in which civic, county and state dignitaries participated. Goro Nakamura, '59 Downtown president, also had his hands full directing

programs of one type or another. And being the chairman of the naturalization committee for the Japanese Chamber of Commerce, he put forth his efforts in heralding the new era for new Issei citizens.

On the political front, Issei and Nisei Republicans were quite active along First and San Pedro streets, although their cause may have been futile. Their counterpart in the Japanese American for Kennedy did much better, having their awesome headquarters in the Crenshaw Square, another building project invested with Issei-Nisei capital.

So another year has passed and in the words of President-elect Kennedy, "We must move forward. We cannot afford to stand still." This is the type of spirit which JACL must pursue.

In the past decade, the JACL has made tremendous progress in legislation and civil rights. With its growth has come prestige. What JACL must do in the coming decade to sustain this status becomes the immediate concern from 1961 and the ensuing years.

We know that the membership will support the programs of JACL to keep it going.

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### Nobu McCarthy and Michi Kobi

Two of Hollywood's actresses of Japanese ancestry have been in the news recently. They are Nobu McCarthy and Michi Kobi, and both have important roles in forthcoming productions.

Mrs. McCarthy, whose career has been a busy one since she arrived not too many years ago as the war bride of GI David McCarthy, announced the other day that she and her husband are joining two other Japanese American couples in pioneering venture in Brazil. In this mid-twentieth century, The McCarthy's (she's an advertising man), TV publicist Don Jones and his wife Mickey, and Helen Higgins and her husband hope to build new lives in the western frontier of Brazil, not too far from the world's newest city, Brasilia, which will be the country's capital when completed.

The three couples have pooled their money to buy 368 acres of virgin land in the highlands north of Brazil and hope to plant it in fruit trees.

Nobu has been the leading lady in such recent pictures as "Gaiety Girl," opposite Jerry Lewis, "Wake Me When It's Over," and "Walk Like a Dragon," in which she and James Shigeta had the romantic leads as a Chinese American couple in the frontier American west. Currently, she is appearing as a 15-year old Maori girl in the New Zealand drama, "The Spinsters," at MGM.

The AP's Bob Thomas asked Nobu the other day how she felt about leaving the United States for another country. "If my husband wants to go, I must go," she said. "He is like Japanese husbands. He cannot find a thing around the house without me." It's a coincidence that Nobu's family—her father once was a Japanese consular official in the Canadian capital city of Ottawa where she was born—is now in Brazil, having emigrated from Japan five years ago. Her father is now a dress designer in Sao Paulo, the city with the largest population of persons of Japanese ancestry (some 100,000) outside of Japan.

The prospect of Brazil means the problem of learning another language for Nobu. "Languages," she said, "do not come easily to me." She had trouble learning English, despite her Canadian birth, but now speaks it so well she is in considerable demand for Hollywood productions.

"I'm doing much better than when I first came here," she said. "All it takes is a little bit of makeup."

She pointed out that Occidental performers have been playing Oriental parts on stage and screen and would like to reverse the process.

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By Larry Tajiri

## Vagaries

My husband could speak no Japanese, and I knew no English. It could be very embarrassing. Sometimes men would come to the door of our house and I would invite them in to tea. It was not until later I found they were brush salesmen.

Mrs. McCarthy is being considered for top roles in two Hollywood films of 1961. These are Ross Hunter's production of "Flower Drum Song" for Universal-International, in which Shigeta will play the role lead, and in Warner's "A Majority of One." In the latter, the romantic story of a Jewish widow from Brooklyn and a Japanese businessman, she plays the latter's daughter. Rosalind Russell will portray the widow and Alee Guinness the gentleman from Tokyo.

"I hope to continue doing movies," Nobu said. In this jet age, she proposes to commute from her Brazilian home to Hollywood when she has movies to do.

Michi Kobi, a Sacramento girl who left the relocation camp in Topaz, Utah, to study the dramatic arts in New York, appears as one of the geishas in "Cry for Happy." Columbia's new comedy about American servicemen—James Shigeta is in this one too, as a Nisei Navy officer named George Washington Suzuki. She also had the leading distaff role in "Twelve to the Moon" and played in "Hell to Eternity," a recent war drama.

Miss Kobi, who made toured for two years as Lotus Blossom in "Teahouse of the August Moon," was quoted the other day on the casting limitations confronting an actress of Oriental ancestry.

"The film parts I usually get are very hip cocktail party girls or fluttering geishas," she said.

Miss Kobi would like to play a non-Oriental role.

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## 1960 Christmas Cheer program ends on merry note; \$3,000 goal oversubscribed

The week after deadline, the 13th annual Christmas Cheer drive acknowledged \$410 for the week prior to Christmas to boost the grand total over its goal of \$3,000, chairman Jim Higashi announced. Long Beach Jr. YBA held an intensive five-day sembler sale to turn in \$185 to Christmas Cheer. June Shioji and Amy Yanabu were in charge.

Washington, D.C., Santa Boys Club conducted their own special Christmas Cheer drive, submitting \$111 to help needy Japanese in Southern California. Doug Akagi, club president, took the lead in this campaign. A final report is to be submitted to the Los Angeles City Social Service Dept. within 16 days. It is expected to show that out of \$3,174.44 available for 1960 distribution (\$3,033.40 from the 1960 campaign, \$50 from the Harbor Hills last March and \$111.34 reserve from the 1959 campaign), \$2,872 was distributed to 213 adults and 108 children. Special gift items amounting to \$114.50 were purchased for patients at rest homes. Total expenses amounted to \$135.20 (postage, stationery, packing supplies) and the remaining balance \$51.87.

Donations received after Dec. 27 were placed in the 1961 Christmas Fund reserve.

### CHRISTMAS 'PACKAGE' FOR MIYATAKE HOWLS

Bobby Miyatake, color cameraman for Toei Miyatake Studios, had a busy Christmas morning, unlike many fathers supervising the opening of packages under the tree. He was raising his wife, Eunice, to the Huntington Memorial Hospital, where a 6lb-11 oz girl was born to the happy couple. She was named Mari Carolyn.

The Miyatakes have a 5-year-old son Kurt and another daughter Lynn, 17-month-old.

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By Fred Tokata

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Southwestward

## HAPPY NEW YEAR

As the JACL takes its very first step into the new decade, may we take this opportunity to wish you all a very happy and prosperous New Year.

The new year was a happy one for members of the PC Board and Staff for the Holiday Issue brought in the largest number of ads in the history of our publication—all of which was made possible through the hard work and efforts of individuals and chapters of our National organization.

## TO NEW READERS

We would like to welcome the thousands of new readers who will be receiving the Pacific Citizen for the first time. Beginning with this issue, each JACLer who is signed up for 1961 membership will be subscribers. We hope that the enjoyment you get out of reading this publication will encourage you and others to become staunch members of our great organization.

## How a Chapter Quota Is Figured

A delegate to the last National JACL Convention at Sacramento, Ira Shimazaki of Washington, D.C., presents about as clear a picture of the tentative problem of chapter quota as he has. We are indebted to the October 1960 issue of the D.C. News Notes for his story and several others selected especially for the December "introductory issue" to acquaint the membership with JACL objectives and programs.—Editor.)

## BY IRA SHIMAZAKI

Washington, D.C.

Finally the fog is lifting from the budget and finance policy that was adopted at the National Convention. A new formula will determine the chapter quotas which is based on the average membership of the best two out of the past three years. This system replaces the old formula which was based on the potential membership of the chapters, taking into account the population of the Nisei in that area. Whether the new system is better or not, it deserves a good try.

The final decisions on budget and finance are:

1. The quotas will be determined on per member basis as stated above. The quotas are allocated to the district council and each district council will determine the respective chapter quotas.

**\$98,450 Budget**

2. A basic budget of \$72,500 was approved plus a supplemental of \$25,950 for PC with membership, \$2,500 to finance procurement of wartime films on the Nisei, \$2,500 for youth work and \$2,500 to initiate the last story. Total—\$98,450.

3. The 1000 Club membership is divorced from the budget quota. However the 1000 Club requirement is 8.2 per cent of chapter membership. Chapters are entitled to 40 per cent rebate providing they meet the quota based upon membership.

4. Total 1000 Club income and certain fixed income will be deducted from the budget to determine the amount to be raised. From the total budget of \$98,450 the anticipated \$34,000 from 1000 Club dues and \$12,000 from the endowment fund is deducted leaving \$52,450 to be raised on membership basis.

5. Membership dues raised one dollar making it \$3 per year.
6. The Eastern District Council share is 5 per cent of the adjusted basic budget of \$52,450 or approximately \$2,620.

**EDC Quota**

Comment:

The above figures under item 6 reflect a considerable increase due

to the fact that our previous district council quota was 3.72 per cent of the National rather than the 5 per cent. Although the total dollar amount is about \$200 less, this does not include any 1000 Club membership.

The allocation of the \$2,000 quota is a painful duty in which representatives from our four chapters will have to agree upon very soon. Our EDC Chairman, Bill Marutan, has suggested a preliminary budget for our chapters based on the average membership formula which is N.Y. \$367.50, Philadelphia \$311, Seabrook \$962.50, Washington \$805.

Assuming that our chapter quota is \$805, it means that we will have to sign up almost 270 members to attain this goal. \$3 of the \$44,390 budget that we were working on at that time. Projecting our quota with the same ratio but on the budget of \$52,450, our quota should be around \$650. In my opinion that figure is a more realistic goal which can be attained by our chapter if enough effort is put forth.

## Realistic Goal

Your delegate at the National Convention was not asleep all the time. He voted for the above proposals with the assumption that the Washington chapter quota would be \$525 on the basis of the \$44,390 budget that we were working on at that time. Projecting our quota with the same ratio but on the budget of \$52,450, our quota should be around \$650. In my opinion that figure is a more realistic goal which can be attained by our chapter if enough effort is put forth.

## French Camp Auxiliary

STOCKTON.—The French Camp Auxiliary sponsored the annual Christmas party for children of Tracy and French Camp on Dec. 23. Katy Komure, chairman, was assisted by Terry Hotta, Miyuki Kanemoto, French Camp JAYs and Irene Nakano.

## TOKYO TOPICS: by Tamotsu Murayama

## New Ikeda cabinet organized, not likely to last; Socialist mission called 'joke'

TOKYO.—The new Ikeda Cabinet has been organized after a stormy ordeal with the Socialists. However, Prime Minister Hayato Ikeda can be expected to have more trouble from the Socialist-Communist camp. Because of disagreement among various factions, the best men for the cabinet were not selected.

It is now generally believed that the Ikeda cabinet will not last long.

Now comes a big "joke" in the announcement that the Socialist Party is planning to send a "good will" mission to the United States. How these Socialists can say they want "friendship" with America after spreading anti-American propaganda and fanning the movement to keep President Eisenhower from visiting Japan last June is beyond the thinking of this reporter.

President-elect Kennedy may welcome this "good will" mission because he was never personally attacked as President Eisenhower was. But if Kennedy does shake hands with the Japanese Socialists, the left wingers in Japan are sure to capitalize on it. They have already declared that Vice President Nixon's defeat in the general election was due to President Eisenhower's anti-Communist policies.

It should be recalled that the late Socialist Chief Asanuma, who was assassinated by a youth, humiliated American Ambassador MacArthur, charging that America was a joint enemy of Japan and Red China. The Socialists also

## PC Letter Box

## GLAD TO HELP

We wish to express our sincere appreciation for the splendid publicity you have given our fashion show "Sleigh Ride in Fashions," which was held in conjunction with the 11th Annual Central California JACL District Council Convention. Because you have cooperated wholeheartedly with us to publicize this event, we were able to have a very successful fashion show.

PATSY TANAKA  
Committee Secretary  
Fresno

SACRAMENTO  
TO BID FOR '63  
JACL KEG MEET

SACRAMENTO.—The Sacramento Nisei Bowling Association and the Sacramento JACL plan to bid for the 1963 National JACL Bowling Tournament, it was announced this past week by Shig Sakamoto, executive secretary of the Sacramento NBA. The bid will be submitted at the 1961 tournament at San Jose next March.

The local NBA, with full support from the JACL chapter, has proceeded to name five members who will serve on the steering committee to map preliminary plans for staging of the tournament if Sacramento successfully receives the bid.

The five men are Ed Hayashi, current president of the NBA; Shig Sakamoto, executive secretary of the NBA; Bill Matsumoto, National 3rd vice president of the JACL; Kenny Shibata, past chairman of the Nisei Classics; and Dobby Tsugawa, JACL advisory board member in Bowling.

If the bid is accepted, the 48-lane Country Club Lanes in the north area of Sacramento is being considered although by 1963, more new bowling establishments of 40 to 48 lanes are expected to be built in the area. The tournament may be held at the Hotel El Dorado, the sprawling garden-type motel which was the scene of the recent 10th Biennial National JACL convention, which Sacramento JACL successfully hosted last June.

Standing by, if the bid is accepted, are local JACL members, tournament-wise and experienced in dealing with conventions and public relations to assist the steering committee. They include Toku Fujii, general manager of El Rancho; Dr. Jim Kubo; Dr. Henry Sugiyama; Kuni Hironaka; Bob Watanabe; Tak Tsujita; Eugene Okada; and Keiji Oshima.

Dobby Tsugawa, current chairman of the Sacramento Nisei Classic League and past NBA president, will represent the Sacramento delegation at the meeting of the JACL Bowling Advisory Board at San Jose this March during the National JACL Bowling Tournament.

(Orange County JACL has already announced its intention of bidding for the 1963 tournament at San Jose. The site for the tournament has been selected on the basis that a California chapter would host the tournament every other year alternating with a non-California chapter. Although not a definite policy, the pattern in California has been to have the tournament alternate between Northern and Southern California when the Nationals are held in California.)

KAJIMOTO WHACKS  
299 IN BOWLING

GARDENA.—Ty Kajimoto smashed a 208-299-188-695 series at Missile Bowl in the Gardena Nisei League play Dec. 25. The long-time bowler left the 10-pin wobbling on his 12th toss in his bid for a perfect game.

In recent weeks, Ty has been hot: stacking up high games of 289 and 279 in league play.

Up north, Jim Sakamoto of San Jose turned in one of the biggest series of the current season with 269-235-234-738 in the San Jose Nisei Classics. Bowling with Towne Flower Shop, the squad rapped a 2909 total, including a 1032 game.

SACRAMENTO JACL FORMS  
'LITTLE LEAGUE' CAGE  
PLAY FOR BOYS, GIRLS

SACRAMENTO.—Little League basketball for girls and boys under 16 years of age has been organized by Sacramento JACL, under the experienced guidance of Toku Fujii.

These leagues are being sponsored for the first time by the local JACL. Various church groups are participating and their teams are scheduled to play on Saturday afternoons at Joaquin Miller Jr. High School.

Serving on the league cabinet are the following members:

Joe Osuma, Nisei Keikoan, Jerry Kamekura, Toku Fujii, Nobuo Matsumoto, James Watanabe, Jr.; Amy Inoue, sec.; George Okamura, asst. sec.; Hank Nishizaki, equipment; Ben Iwakiri, Harry Fujii, statisticians.

Weekend trip to Squaw  
Valley planned by skiers

SAN FRANCISCO.—Tats Sumida was re-elected chairman of the JACL ski club in the organization's recent meeting. Helen Kusumoto was also re-elected secretary-treasurer.

The club's next activity is a dinner on Saturday, Jan. 7, at 2016 Pine St. from 6:30 p.m.

The club also announced that its next ski-trip will be held Friday, Saturday and Sunday, Jan. 20, 21 and 22 at Squaw Valley. Reservations can be confirmed at the dinner.

Steve Furuta of L.A. High  
named all-Southern guard

Steve Furuta, husky 185-pound guard for the Los Angeles High School varsity football team, was named to the first string on the all-Southern League team.

The finals of the city play-offs between Furuta and his mates went to before losing to Banning.

Regarded as one of the best linemen in the city, Furuta was responsible for L.A.'s fine record this season in which the Romans posted a 9-2 season.

No. Cal. Nisei invitational bowling meet  
set for two weekends; \$9,000 in prizes seen

SAN FRANCISCO.—The Northern California Nisei Invitational Bowling Tournament, one of the largest Nisei tenpin fests in the country, will be held on the two weekends of Jan. 21-22, and 28-29, at the Downtown Bowl in San Francisco, according to Tournament Chairman Sachi Takenaka, president of the San Francisco Nisei Bowling Association, sponsors of the tournament.

The 11th annual affair this year is expected to draw more than the record 150 teams which participated last year with a prize distribution of \$9,000. The entry deadline was set for midnight Jan. 8.

The tournament is a handicap affair, open to all Nisei and members of Nisei bowling leagues. In the women's division eligibility is also extended to members of a recognized Nisei Association.

Handicaps for the men will be based upon two-thirds of 200 with a minimum entering average of 150, while the women's handicaps will be computed on two-thirds of 180 with no minimum entering average. Averages are to be based upon the 1959-1960 Book, otherwise the current winter league averages of 21 games or more, as of Dec. 17 for the men, Jan. 8 for the women.

In order to accommodate the large number of men's teams expected, special bonus squads have been scheduled for 1 p.m. and 3:30 p.m. on both Saturdays. For the 1 p.m. squad, there will be an added \$75 for the team placing first in the squad, with \$30 for second place, provided there are

at least 9 teams signed up for the squad. For the 3:30 p.m. squad, the added first place bonus will be \$50 if eight to sixteen teams are entered, and \$30 for second place if there are 17 teams or more. Other men's squads are scheduled for 6:15 p.m. and 9 p.m. on the Saturdays. The women's team will roll at 6:15 p.m. and 9 p.m. Saturdays.

A special ragtime music doubles and sweepers for both men and women will start at 1 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 21, as lanes are available, with both events terminating at 8 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 22.

Assisting tournament chairman Takenaka on the committee are co-chairmen Mutt Matsumoto and Ray Lynn, Mas Satow, Smokey Todd, Frank Iiyama, Nob Wada, Koyo Otaguro, Dick Kondo, Min Tachibana, and Mito Mienomiya. Shinko Wada will head the women's division with committee members Art Kawamoto, Helen Sato, Norma Sugiyama, Kay Mochida, Edith Fujikawa, Mary Amano, Kim Furiya, Helen Kodama, Chiz Satow, and Suzy Toda.

## Sac'to NBA tourney

SACRAMENTO.—One of Northern California's major Nisei bowling tournaments, the annual Sacramento NBA will stage its tourney during the weekend of Feb. 3-4 at the 48-lane Country Club Lanes. General chairman will be Eugene Okada, assisted by Ed Hayashi, Shig Sakamoto, Dobby Tsugawa, Kenny Shibata, Kuni Hironaka and Dr. Jim Kubo.

Madeline Miyamoto selected to represent  
U.S. at 'Under 21' world fencing tourney

## BY TOORU KANAZAWA

NEW YORK.—Madeline Miyamoto, the southpaw fencing star who did not go to Rome when she failed to qualify for the U.S. Olympic team, may get to go overseas after all. However, there's a big "if." A matter of \$4,000.

That is the amount required to send a team of three members of the women's fencing team of Fairleigh Dickinson University, Teaneck, N.J., to the "Under 21" World Fencing Championship scheduled for Duisburg, Germany, next April.

Miss Miyamoto and two other top-notch fencers, Carol Kuzen and Jay Reid, have been approved by the Amateur Fencers League of America, to represent the U.S.

## To Prepare for '64 Games

If the girls can make the trip it will be the first time that the U.S. would be represented in this international contest. It is a first step taken to prepare American athletes to improve their performance at the 1964 Olympic Games which will be held in Tokyo.

In charge of the fund raising campaign is Evelyn Terhune, amateur coach of the F.D.U. team and a member of the 1960 U.S. Olympic fencing team. In a report from the Teaneck campus she is quoted as saying:

"To begin to worry about the next Olympics in 1963 and 1964 is too late. We must start now to develop our youngsters in 1960, the average age of our fencing team was 31 with five competitors out of 21 over 40 years old.

"The Russians produced a gold medalist who is 22 years old and West Germany a first-place winner 21 years old.

## U.S. Never Entered

"All of the communist nations and all of our European allies enter competitors in this 'Under 21' championship each year. No one has ever represented the United States! I hope this situation will be remedied this year.

"I am happy to report that the People-to-People Sports Committee, Inc., has extended its good offices for this project and that all denials are tax-deductible. The People-to-People Sports Committee is dedicated to improving international relations through athletics. The government, recognizing this group's value as a good-will ambassador, has granted tax-deductible status for contributions to the committee."

Contributions to the campaign's goal of \$4,000 should be made out to People-to-People Sports Committee, Box 344, Rutherford, N.J.

Miss Miyamoto, daughter of Mr.

VENICE ORGANIZES YOUTH  
COMMUNITY COUNCIL

VENICE.—The Venice Community Youth Council, which will sponsor a full program of athletics for boys from 8 to 13 this year, has been organized by representatives from five local Nisei organizations: The Marina Gardener's Association, Judo Club, Gakuen, Fishing Club and Venice-Culver JACL.

Kaz Adachi is the chapter representative to the council for 1961.

Starting this month, the council will organize a basketball league at Marina Del Rey gym. A registration fee of \$5 per boy will cover a year's membership.

Nisei scientist given  
\$86,000 government grant

Dr. Henry Nakada of Scripps Clinic and Research Foundation at La Jolla, and Dr. Anthony J. Andreoli, associate professor of microbiology at Los Angeles State, received an \$86,256 grant from the National Institute of Health of the U.S. Public Health Service for their basic research work.

The co-investigators are cooperating in a five-year study of an important group of organic chemical compounds known as mucopolysaccharides.

LEGION POST NAMED FOR  
NISEI HERO: MUNEMORI

Sadato Munemori American Legion Post 321 was chartered last month as Harry Miya, charter commander, received the post's papers at ceremonies held at the Beverly Hills Post 233 Clubhouse.

The post is named in memory of the first Japanese American to be honored as a Medal of Honor winner. Munemori, a Los Angeles Nisei, was killed while fighting with the 442nd RCT in Italy in World War II. The decoration was presented posthumously to his mother, Mrs. Nawa Munemori.

French Camp JACL  
elects Bob Ota

FRENCH CAMP.—Bob Ota has been elected as 1961 president of French Camp JACL. An outstanding community leader, Ota is currently serving on the Board of Trustees of French Camp Grammar School.

Serving on the cabinet with him are George Komure, 1st v.p.; K. Hamamoto, 2nd v.p.; John Shimazaki, treas.; Lawrence Nakano, sec.; Fumi Higashiyama, cor. sec.; Fumio Kanemoto, pub.; Chizu Komura, hist.; John Fujiki, del.; George Matsumoto, alt. del.

Installation of officers and banquet will be held on Jan. 20.

TWO NISEI STUDENTS AT  
AT COLLEGE OF PACIFIC  
ON COLLEGE WHO'S WHO

LIVINGSTON.—Miss Thais Kishi, the eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Norman Kishi of Livingston, has been selected as one of 22 seniors at the College of the Pacific for outstanding recognition in "Who's Who in American Colleges and Universities."

George Nagata of Stockton, a music major and concertmaster of the COP Orchestra, was also named to the 1960 edition. He has played with the local symphony and is a frequent violin soloist with campus music groups.

Throughout the nation students are chosen for this honor because of their proficiency in their field to be listed in this annual publication.

Thais, majoring in elementary education at COP is president of the Associated Women Students this year. She was "tapped" at the installation of the AWS officers last spring as one of nine senior girls chosen for the membership in the Honorary Society of Knowledge at the college.

She has been active in student affairs during her four years at COP, serving as president of Manor Hall in her freshman year, historian of the Associated Women Students as a sophomore, and vice president in her junior year.

Thais was graduated from the Livingston High School in 1957. Her father was a 1929 graduate of College of the Pacific.

## Selma Aux'y elections

SELMA.—Heading the Selma JACL's Women's Auxiliary for 1961 is Mrs. Haruko Yamamoto, president, assisted by Mrs. Kimi Nagao, v.p.; and Mrs. Gladys Shimamoto, sec.

## VITAL STATISTICS

**BIRTHS**  
FRESNO  
Fuji, Joe—boy, Dec. 1, Reedley.  
Hohara, Shinichi—boy, Dec. 3, Reedley.  
Inoue, Yukio—girl, Nov. 29, Reedley.  
Iwanaga, Henry—boy, Nov. 29, Reedley.  
Kawaguchi, Tom—boy, Dec. 2, Madera.  
Masada, Toshihiro—girl, Dec. 5, Carut, here.  
Matsuka, Akira—boy, Nov. 13, Ninojima.  
Nishimura, Hiroshi—boy, Nov. 5, Ochi.  
Ken—girl, Nov. 3, Talmi.  
Dr. Akira—girl, Dec. 1, Reedley.  
Tatami, Akio—boy, Nov. 6, Parlier.  
Tatami, Yoshihiko—girl, Nov. 24, Parlier.  
Takayama, Matsuhiro—girl, Oct. 20, San Jose.  
Tsuiguchi, Toshio—boy, Oct. 15, Umat.  
Masami—girl, Nov. 5, Ralain City.  
Yamamoto, Keny—girl, Oct. 10, Selma.  
Yamauchi, Shigetoshi—girl, Nov. 6, Yamauchi.  
Tsuoyoshi—girl, Oct. 9, Fowler.

**SEATTLE**  
Miyazaki, George—boy, Sept. 29, Hiram.  
Iwano, Iwano—boy, Sept. 20, Renton.  
Fujioka, Kenji—boy, Sept. 27, Yagi.  
Takagi—girl, Oct. 25, Renton.  
Sakurai, Iru—boy, Sept. 19, Tahara.  
Shige—boy, Nov. 3, Tusetaki.  
Paul—boy, Oct. 16, Yagi.  
Peters—boy, Nov. 1, Yamashiro.  
Tadao—boy, Oct. 12, Penryn.

**WEDDINGS**  
Dockum-Okamoto—Nov. 19, James E. Santa Monica; Janet M. Honolulu.  
Ieki-Obata—Nov. 19, George, Parlier.  
Betty M. San Mateo.  
Ima-Kiyonaga—Oct. 15, Paul and Hiroko, both Seattle.  
Inoue-Nishimoto—Jim M. Fresno; Michi Reedley.  
Kono-Yamamoto—Nov. 12, George Monterey; Emiko, Altadena.  
Minabe-Yabuno—Nov. 26, Shiro, Livingston; Tomiye, Fresno.  
Matsune-Yamamoto—Oct. 29, Steve H. Stockton; Jean, Hawaii.  
Matsuyoka, Oye—Sept. 18—John J. So I. Tokyo, F. Honolulu.  
Nakamoto-Hashimura—Oct. 15, Wallace and Nancy, both Chicago.  
Nino-Kuramoto—Nov. 12, Hiroshi, Madera; Midori, Selma.  
Dorothy-Okino—Oct. 29, Kenneth T. and Dorinda, both Chicago.  
Shimoda-Shintake—Paul Y. Jr. and Barbara S., both Torrance.  
Shimizu-Nagareda—Nov. 20, Edward and Susan, both Los Angeles.  
Teraoka-Onomichi—Nov. 12, Henry, Bowles; Jean M. Kingshure.  
Tamanaka-Yamada—Nov. 6, Kiyo and June, both Chicago.  
Yokomi-Nakatsukasa—Nov. 19, Ted T. and Sue, both Los Angeles.

**DEATHS**  
Honda, Dennis, 17, Sunnyvale, Nov. 29.  
(p) Mr. and Mrs. Hiroshi, (b) Melvin.  
Hori, Masaharu, 57, Fowler, Dec. 8.  
Ogawa, Shizuechi, Fresno, Dec. 8 (in Japan).  
Yamada, Mrs. Shizuko, 60, Runtine, Tor Beach, Nov. 23.  
Yamada, Mrs. Tei, 61, Watsonville, Dec. 8.

## Oregon Nisei Veterans

PORTLAND.—Dr. Tosh Kuge was elected 1961 commander of the Oregon Nisei Veterans. He is also an active Portland JACL 1000 Club member.

## Trade center opens

Japan Export Trade Promotion Agency (JETRO) has opened its showcase and information center at 717 W. 7th St., Los Angeles, last month.

Texans reminded of exploits of 442nd RCT,  
although Nisei interviewed was in 1st Army

HOUSTON.—"I was the only Japanese American in the First Army," Robert Saibara, 7506 Moline, recalled with a smile, "and I enjoyed every minute of it."

"The men treated me like a hero because they thought I was from the famed 442nd, the all-Nisei combat team cleaning up Italians south of us. Actually," Saibara said, "I was just a radioman who never carried a bayonet."

But Robert Saibara is modest. As radio officer for Gen. Courtney Hodges' First Army, he served through three major offensives in Europe, became one of the highest ranking Japanese Americans in World War II.

During the Battle of the Bulge, Major Saibara led a motor messenger company through German lines, narrowly escaping capture.

Made Lt. Colonel

On May 12, 1945, Germany surrendered, and Robert Saibara returned home a lieutenant colonel with three battle stars.

He was awaiting orders to join his regiment in the assault against Japan when the first atomic bomb fell.

Today, at 50, Saibara runs a thriving radio and television shop at 7430 Park Place Blvd., dotes on his three daughters, loves football and fishing, attends the Presbyterian church. (He is a graduate of Texas A. & M.)

No American today would think of questioning the place of Saibara, or any other Nisei, in this country.

## Not Always So

It was not always so.

When the Japanese bombed Pearl Harbor in 1941, many Americans began looking with suspicion on their neighbors of Japanese extraction.

Issei were interned as enemy aliens. This was bitter irony, for they, unlike other immigrants, had been prohibited by law from becoming naturalized.

By 1942, some 110,442 men, women and children of Japanese blood had been taken to inland detention camps for security checks, including Saibara's father, Kiyooki, a prominent Webster rice farmer for 40 years.

He was released after a few days, but many other persons of Japanese extraction spent up to two years in detention.

## 5,000 Lost Faith

Many lost faith, and more than 5,000 asked for repatriation to Japan.

Kiyooki Saibara remembered the words of his father who had brought him to America:

"If the need ever arises, place yourself on the altar for America."

So Kiyooki Saibara, then 54, made short wave radio broadcasts to Japan, extolling the virtues of

Nisei serving on board  
of Gardena realtors

GARDENA.—Kay Kamiya of Kamiya-Mamiya Realty Co., one of the charter members of the Gardena Board of Realtors, and Ken Nakaoka were installed as members of the board of directors for 1961.

Kamiya is serving his second term as an officer of the Gardena Board of Realtors. Both are 1000 Club members of the Gardena Valley JACL.

Willie Funakoshi voted  
insurance group director

Willie Funakoshi of the Funakoshi Insurance Agency was among nine officers recently installed as director of the Insurance Association of Los Angeles for 1961.

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democracy.

In 1943, Mike Masaoka of Fresno, Calif., young executive secretary of the Japanese American Citizens League, induced the government to form the 442nd all-Nisei combat regiment.

Masaoka was the first 442nd volunteer. The regiment became the most decorated in American history. One-third of its men were killed. Not one was taken prisoner.

Inspired by the example of the Masaokas and the Saibaras, 4,000 of the 5,000 detained Nisei who had denounced America had a change of heart.

The detention camps began emptying, and by war's end, 13,000 Nisei were serving in the United States armed forces.

—Houston Chronicle.



