

Kennedy Inauguration

By Mike M. Masaoka

A WEEK ago, through the miracle of television, millions of Americans thrilled to the inauguration of John F. Kennedy as the 35th President of the United States. In the world's most important event, the nation's capital since William H. Taft took office in 1909.

In words which will surely rank among the most eloquent ever uttered by an incoming Chief Executive, and which inspired confidence and pride among all Americans in our new spokesman, the youngest President ever to be elected (43) heralded his takeover from the oldest ever to serve (70) with the keynote for a new era of vigorous leadership. "Let the word go forth from this time and place, to friend and foe alike, that the torch has been passed to a new generation of Americans—born in this century, tempered by war, disciplined by a hard and bitter peace, proud of our ancient heritage—and unwilling to witness or permit the slow undoing of those human rights to which this Nation has always been committed, and to which we are committed today at home and around the world."

RECOGNIZING that the one great problem of the Nation is in the international arena, he concentrated his attention to this vital subject and said no direct wish on domestic problems.

"Let every nation, whether it wish us well or ill, that we shall

pay any price, bear any burden, meet any hardship, support any friend or oppose any foe in order to assure the survival and success of liberty.

Appreciating the necessity for national unity and sacrifice, he declared "In your hands, my fellow citizens, more than mine, will rest the final success or failure of our course. Since this country was founded, each generation of Americans has been summoned to give testimony to its national loyalty. . . . Now the trumpet summons us again. . . . It is a call that we must answer. . . . against the common enemies of man: tyranny, poverty, disease, and war itself."

"And so, my fellow Americans: Ask not what America will do for you, but what together we can do for the freedom of man."

THE promised new frontiers have dawned most auspiciously. Demonstrating the vigor of youth and the determination to become a "great" President, the Kennedy Administration is rapidly moving away from the transition period to launching its program, to make America "move again."

And, all Americans regardless of party, liking the simple style, far, hope and pray that its objectives will be attained: "creating not a new balance of power, but a new world of law, where the strong are just and the weak secure and the peace preserved."

Walter T. Tsukamoto

COLONEL Walter T. Tsukamoto, national president of the Japanese American Citizens League 1938 to 1940, passed away January 20 in Heidelberg, Germany, while on an assignment there as a member of the Judge Advocate General's Department of the Army.

One of the founders of the National JACL movement in the late twenties, he was probably the first Nisei to graduate from the Boalt Hall of Law on the University of California campus in Berkeley. He opened his practice in the California State Capitol and soon became well known as the Japanese American attorney who buttonholed legislators to vote against bills directed against the resident alien Japanese who because of federal law were unable to become naturalized citizens of their adopted land. In a sense, he may well have been the first Nisei "Lobbyist."

Personable, articulate, persuasive—he became one of prewar Nisei's most successful lawyers and eloquent spokesmen.

In 1939, when the Chicago Young People's Association selected its first Nisei of the Year, Sacramento attorney Tsukamoto won the Yamaguchi Award "For Meritorious Achievement" in reflecting credit upon those of Japanese ancestry in the United States.

IN 1937, when he was the executive secretary of the National JACL, he inspired the eventual organization of the Internment District JACL Council at an annual meeting of southern Idaho and northern Utah Nisei. In 1940, when the IDC was formally established, he was its keynote speaker.

During World War II years, when most persons of Japanese ancestry were in war relocation camps after their arbitrary evacuation from their west coast homes and associations, the JACL chapters and members almost alone kept the National Organization functioning in its dedicated task of "keeping watch and ward" over those of Japanese ancestry in this country.

By the Board

By William Marutani, EDC Chairman

The Case of the Flirtatious Blonde

The time was about 6 p.m., Saturday, Jan. 14. In the outskirts of Washington, D.C., the countryside was very dark and misty. In spite of Mike's expressions of doubts as to direction, Etsu, acting as navigator, "stuck to her guns" and through twists and turns unerringly led us to our destination, the Prince Georges Country Club where the D.C. Chapter was holding its installation dinner-dance.

In the back seat of the Masaoka "Olds", Congressman Barratt O'Hara (D. Ill.) and I had gotten on the subject of trial strategy and the amiable and able gentleman from Chicago's 2nd Congressional District was relating the case of his defense of a boy charged with homicide. This was during Congressman's years as a lawyer. It seems that the boy, in his efforts to win the favors of a certain blonde damsel, had purchased a new dress for her only to discover the fickle female repaying his generosity by flirting with a gang of eager lads, with her new dress of course. Such a situation portends only trouble. An argument ensued, became heated, a knife flashed and one of the gang lay bleeding, dying.

And so before we even knew it, thanks to Etsu's keen sense of direction, we rolled up the driveway of the Prince Georges Country Club.

The 'Dark Continent' . . . Stirs

Far away places with strange sounding names: Tanganyika, Mauritania, Zanzibar, Nigeria. Of these and other places Congressman O'Hara spoke at the dinner, having recently visited Africa as chairman of the House Subcommittee on African Affairs. A new giant stirs, might, to the point of

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Walter Tsukamoto succumbs

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SOUTHWEST L.A. JACL SHOOTS FOR 1,500 MEMBERS

Mark Kiguchi elected '61 president; Sunday set for installation rites

Southwest Los Angeles JACL has blasted off on its drive for more members in 1961 and will remain in the membership campaign orbit until March 15, it was announced this week by Attorney Mark Kiguchi, newly-elected chapter president.

"Our goal is a strength of 1,500 members," Kiguchi declared, "and we'll meet it."

He explained that every member of his board, numbering 19, will serve as a team captain in the campaign. Each team will consist of eight members.

"These teams will scour the entire Southwest area (which has an estimated 20,000 Japanese Americans) for renewals and potential members," Kiguchi added, promising that no one will be overlooked in the process.

Aiding Momo Murakami, membership chairman, are Kathy Sugawara, Frank Shimazaki and Paul S. Kato, Sr.

Chapter Board Members

Kiguchi will be assisted in the affairs of the chapter by: George Matsubara, exec. v.p.; Ken Hayashi, Vergi Tachibana, Paul S. Kato, Sr., admin. v.p.; Dr. Shio Tsurumoto, 1900 Club v.p.; Ed Shimatsu, prog. v.p.; Ted Fujii, special events v.p.; Maebelle Higa, social v.p.; Mack Hamaguchi, youth v.p.; Sam Oda, treas.; Yosh Kono, aud.; Eleanor Sekiya, rec. sec.; Ruth Nishimura, cor. sec.; Jun Nagatani, hist.; and Morio Kayashita, Matsunosuke O. James K. Sakakura and Kathie Sugawara, membs.-at-lrg.

The new board will be installed by Fred Takata, regional director, on Sunday, Jan. 29, 7:30 p.m., at the New Ginza restaurant. In addition to the regular New Ginza revue, an amusing program has been planned. The public as well as members are invited.

Reservations at \$5 per person are being accepted by Dr. Shio Tsurumoto (RE 3-1713), general chairman. Mack Hamaguchi will be emcee.

The special Community Service award will be presented to an outstanding Southwest Nisei at the dinner.

Chapter Programs

Many interesting events have been planned for the coming year for SWLA JACLers. They include picnics, barbecues, dances, dancing classes, cooking lessons, bridge classes, Japanese movies, an Issei Night, and lectures by leading authorities in various fields which may be of special interest to chapter members.

And the JACL has lost another of its selfless prewar leaders who gave so much of themselves to make the JACL the worthy organization that it was and has become not only in the lives of those it represents but in the life of the Nation it too serves.

CULVER CITY. — The Venice-Culver JACL board, under the presidency of Jane Yamashita, anticipates another year of activities and programs for the benefit and welfare of all Japanese Americans.

The new board will be formally installed at its annual dinner-dance tomorrow night at King's Tropical Inn, with dinner starting at 7. Local Kado will be emcee and national JACL president, Frank Chuman will be the principal speaker.

Among those to be honored as special guests are Mr. and Mrs. Austin Dixon, principal of the new Marine Del Rey Jr. High School; Mr. and Mrs. Nathan Kravitz, Stoner Ave. School principal; Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth L. Smith, Playa Del Rey School principal; Dr. and Mrs. Roy Nishikawa, past national JACL president; Fred Takata, JACL regional director; Stewart Robertson, managing editor, Culver City Star News; Harry Honda, PC editor; Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Gottlieb, assistant to Councilman Karl Rundberg; and Mr. and Mrs. Kay Nakagiri, PSWDC chairman.

The new board held its first meeting at the home of the president Jan. 10. The membership campaign being conducted by mail has resulted in over 80 renewals, the board was informed.

LONG BEACH C.L. TO ENTER BID FOR '63 KEGFEST

LONG BEACH. — The Long Beach-Harbor District JACL this past week revealed it will make a strong bid to host the 1963 National JACL Bowling Tournament at the San Jose meeting in March.

The chapter board rendered its decision at the December meeting. Long Beach was host of the 1955 Nationals.

U.N. CONFERENCE IN TOKYO POSTPONED, SAYS ALBUQUERQUE NISEI

Mrs. S. Ruth Y. Hashimoto of Albuquerque, reportedly going to Japan as an interpreter for Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt this year as delegates to a United Nations Association conference in Tokyo, has informed the Pacific Citizen this week that the conference has been postponed.

Mrs. Hashimoto, in the meantime, has been elected state president of the Association for the United Nations in New Mexico. Vern Countryman, dean of Univ. of New Mexico's law school, succeeded the active 1960 club member as Albuquerque AUN president.

During the past year, Mrs. Hashimoto has been speaking on the United Nations to such service groups as the Lions, Altruist International, Soroptimists, Hadassah, PEO Council, YMCA and PTAs, the churches, colleges and schools.

San Luis Valley CL installs Kunugi, honors Issei at fele

LA JARA, Colo.—The San Luis Valley JACL honored Issei pioneers of the area and installed its 1961 cabinet headed by Jimmy Kunugi at the Alamosa American Legion Hall Jan. 14.

Highlight of the evening was the inspirational talk by Seiji Horuchi of Brighton, a past national vice-president of the U.S. Junior Chamber of Commerce and state JCC president.

The Issei honored were Mmes. C. Tanaka, S. Hishinuma; Messrs. K. Fujii, E. Yoshida, K. Ono, T. Takahashi, T. Ogura and N. Nakano.

The other elected chapter officers, who were installed by District Judge Richard Conour, were: Harry Sumida, v.p.; Kay Shiohira, treas.; Fumiko Kunugi, rec. sec.; Yoshiko Inoue, cor. sec.; Den Shiohira, Sam Mizokami, Roy Tanaka, Clarence Yoshida, K. Ono, Roy Fujii, membs.-at-lrg.

Robert Hall, Sierra Grande school teacher, rendered several vocal selections and was accompanied at the piano by Karen Hishinuma. Mrs. Kay Shiohira read the Japanese American Creed. Roy Inoue was emcee; Mrs. George Hishinuma, entertainment chairman.

Outgoing president Fred Hayashida was presented the past president's pin by the incoming president. Dancing to Inoue's orchestra and movies followed the dinner, which was served by the Legion Auxiliary to 125 members and guests.

SAN FRANCISCO JR. JACL CHARGING 'FULL FARE'

SAN FRANCISCO. — The San Francisco Youth Group has changed its name to Junior JACL, according to Margaret Kai, president. When the Youth Group was first formed, the members felt that the "Japanese" tag would hinder their progress. But the present Youth Group felt that being affiliated with the JACL would not only help the chapter. This decision was made at the Jr. JACL board meeting. This decision was made at the Jr. JACL board meeting. This decision was made at the Jr. JACL board meeting.

Dues for the Jr. JACL here are \$3.50, \$3 going to National JACL and 50 cents being retained for Jr. JACL. The purpose for sending \$3 to the national organization was to get the Pacific Citizen and the Newsletter for each member, so the member may be informed and also to let other JACLers know what the San Francisco Jr. JACL is doing. This also provides an outlet by which the youth can express themselves. Miss Kai pointed out.

Stockton JACL to install new officers Feb. 5

STOCKTON.—The Stockton JACL announced plans for its installation dinner-dance last week. It will be held at the House of E.J. Murphy on Sunday, Feb. 5, 6 p.m. Reservations are being accepted by Henry Kusama (HO 4-2701). George Baba (HO 5-3396) and Dorothy Baba (HO 5-7521) until Feb. 2. Cost will be \$4 per person. Twenty-three members are on the membership committee, which is currently pushing its campaign to top last year's efforts. The officers are: Dick Full, Tom Okamoto, Jack Kitagawa, Max Sakai, Louis Baba, Frank Morita, Frank Inamasa, Lou Tsunokawa, Richard Yoshikawa, Toyoko Yuki Shinoda, Ken Takeuchi, Dr. Dave Fujishige, Henry Kusama, Atsuno, Ted Akaba, Dorothy Baba, Dr. Ken Fujii, Ted Ishihara, Frank Sakata, Ken Fujii, George Baba and Mas Ishihara.

Americanism was foremost in life of past nat'l president

Col Walter T. Tsukamoto was the living proof of Americanism in the Nisei in the United States and this, despite the bitter and most times directed against persons of Japanese ancestry during the war with Japan and in spite of the depressing experiences of the desert relocation camps during the war.

The highlights of his life—an attorney, national JACL president, "Nisei of the Year" in America in 1940, and an Army career man who was due to retire after 36 years of service—etches in bold fashion his dedication to prove that Americans of Japanese ancestry are as much American as Americans of any other ancestry.

Walter Tsukamoto's intelligence and integrity were demonstrated in his profession as a successful lawyer before evacuation in Sacramento and by his attainment of high rank in the U.S. Army afterwards.

His outstanding service to fellow Nisei culminated in his election as National JACL President and selection as the "Nisei of the Year" in 1940.

Born in Hawaii

Walter was born, 1904, in Molokai. He attended public schools in Sacramento and while attending high school, he was instrumental in organizing the American Loyalty League in Sacramento in 1922. He was graduated from the Univ. of California School of Jurisprudence (Boalt Hall) in 1929 with the degree of Juris Doctor.

During 1931, he organized the Nisei of the Sacramento area into a JACL chapter and served as its president until 1936 when he was elected national JACL's executive secretary in the late Jimmie Sakamoto's cabinet. He also served as chairman of the Northern California District during 1935-36. He was elected national president in 1938. Sim Tugasaki, who was re-elected a third time as national JACL treasurer in 1936, spoke of Walter as being "efficient, responsible and dependable, with plenty of know-how, in order to put the JACL on a business-like basis."

He added "Because of his attention, over-all planning and execution of organizational matters, he was able to increase the number

of chapters."

JACL Movement

When Tsukamoto became national president at the '38 JACL convention in Los Angeles, he spoke out the basic philosophy of the JACL movement. He said, "We believe in this organization because it is dedicated to all Americans, be they members or not; because its purpose is entirely unselfish and because it seeks to instill in the minds and hearts of all Americans of Japanese ancestry a deep love for and appreciation of this great country of which they are an inseparable and integral part."

Again in 1940 at the JACL convention at Portland, Tsukamoto spoke out strongly "We have affirmed and reaffirmed . . . our undivided loyalty to the United States. To this principle, there can be no compromise and regardless of the sacrifices which might be entailed, we must not forget that we are Americans first, last and always."

During the late 1930s, hostility toward Americans of Japanese ancestry was considerable and JACL, through its national president Tsukamoto, took an unequivocal stand of loyalty to the United States.

But Tsukamoto expressed a broader Americanism. "It is incumbent upon all of us to openly show our true allegiance to the United States, and our support for all views which are for the protection and welfare of the country, and opposed to all legislation or action which are based upon intolerance and racial prejudice."

His view on the function of JACL is still a basic policy. These were his words in 1940. Tsukamoto declared the JACL must "be unalterably opposed to any form of discrimination against any group of citizens based on race or color."

War Years

With the war and evacuation, the Tsukamotos were moved to Tulare Lake WRA camp, represented the camp with Tom Yego and Ted Nakamura at the November 1942

Dr. John Lechner was to be commended by State Assembly, but JACL intervenes

JACL's "watchdog" role nipped a resolution of commendation which was introduced in the California State Assembly this week for Dr. John R. Lechner, remembered for his wartime racism against Nisei.

Last Tuesday, Steve Nager, administrative assistant for Assemblyman Jerome Waldie (D., Antioch) recalled Dr. Lechner's tirades against the loyalty of Japanese Americans during the war years, and informed National JACL Headquarters of the pending resolution.

Frank F. Chuman, national JACL president, of Los Angeles, notified the resolution for the director of the American Educational League, promptly voiced the protest of the organization with the State Assembly in telegrams to William Monnell (D., Montebello), Assembly majority leader, Don Allen (D., Los Angeles), Edward Elliott (D., Los Angeles), Jesse

Unruh (D., Los Angeles) and

Waldie.

JACL Protests

"The Japanese American Citizens League strongly opposes any resolution, commendation or recommendation honoring Dr. John R. Lechner by the State Legislature," Chuman stated in his telegram. He has been "one of the most bigoted, racist, rabble-rousing individuals in the state of California against loyal citizens and residents of Japanese ancestry."

The protest pointed out that his unfounded accusations, suspicions and attacks impugning the loyalty and good citizenship of persons of Japanese ancestry caused irreparable harm in the dark days before and during World War II.

The wires were received in time Tuesday morning for the State Assembly rejecting the resolution 53-19, by referring the resolution back to the Rules Committee, that afternoon.

Gilroy Nisei cadet at Air Force Academy compiles outstanding record in 1st year

GILROY.—Cadet William Sakahara, Rt. 2, Box 218, Gilroy, has compiled an outstanding record in his first term in the United States Air Force Academy, Congressman Charles S. Gubser revealed here this past week.

Sakahara, whose home is at Rt. 2, Box 218 in Gilroy, entered the academy last July.

He has been honored with designation on the Dean's List which includes the top quarter of his class academically and has made the Commandant's List for proficiency "in performance of cadet duty."

He received further honors for being on both lists as his name went on the Superintendent's List, the Gilroy congressman noted.

Sakahara was an honor graduate of Gilroy High in 1939 where he ranked 24th in his class of 667. "Willie has justified every confidence that has been placed in him," Gubser added.

Auburn Kiwanian

AUBURN.—George Hirakawa of Penryn was installed as one of the directors of the Auburn Kiwanis recently.

Lodi Nisei group

LODI.—The Lodi Nisei Civic Society elected Mas Okuhara as president for 1961, succeeding Eugene Nishizaki.



COL. WALTER TSUKAMOTO Dies of Heart Attack

JACL emergency conference to chart JACL's wartime policies.

He was appointed on Dec. 17, 1942, as special JACL legal counsel in the suit of John T. Regan vs. Cameron King, wherein it was attempted to eliminate Nisei names from the register of voters in San Francisco. Two months later, however, when the Army lifted the bars against Nisei inductions, he volunteered and was accepted. He had been a reserve officer in the Judge Advocate General's department since his college days and by 1938 had attained the rank of captain.

Before leaving Tulare Lake, he said, "Nisei must realize in time of war, rights are subordinate to obligations and that their first duty is the obligation to serve their country without condition or reservation. We can fight for our rights when peace is again restored, and upon our record will depend how successful or unsuccessful the outcome."

Tsukamoto was prophetically right in those views. The sacrifices and heroic record of Nisei GIs during World War II has made possible the gains of the immediate postwar period. And Tsukamoto knew in building a strong organization for the JACL that it would require a nationally organized JACL to translate the brilliant record of the Nisei fighting men into present-day achievements.

During the debate among JACLers in 1938 on the question: Should JACL involve itself in U.S.-Japan Relations?, he concurred with the position taken by Saburo Kido that JACL should not.

"My concurrence is based in large part upon our joint efforts during JACL's infancy in formulating entanglements of any kind," he explained.

'Nisei of the Year'

During the first ten years of JACL, the formative years of the organization, Walter Tsukamoto was dynamic leader, whose philosophy and policies are still expressed in the JACL movement today.

His service to the cause of the Nisei was recognized in April, 1940, when the Chicago Young People's Association, under the leadership of another attorney, Franklin Chino, selected Walter T. Tsukamoto as the "Nisei of the Year."

In naming him for the Sankyo Yamaguchi Award, it was stated Tsukamoto well deserves this recognition for, in 1939, under his leadership, the JACL stepped out as the leading Nisei organization in the U.S. meeting pressing problems with intelligent dispatch.

Presentation of the award was made by Larry Tajiri of the San Francisco Japanese American News and certainly the citation that Walter T. Tsukamoto is honored as the Nisei who has contributed the most to the cause of the Nisei in America "was a fitting tribute to the leadership he gave during the years when JACL was maturing."

JAPANESE CANADIAN HISTORY NEAR COMPLETION

TORONTO.—Publication of the History of Japanese in Canada, a \$16,000 project being sponsored by the Japanese Canadian Citizens Association, has been planned for the fall of 1961 or spring, 1962.

Completion of the text by Ken Adachi was pegged for June or July, and the JCCA national executive committee was informed by Raymond Moriyama that there is interest in Japan to have the history translated and published in Japan. Moriyama, noted Nisei architect, was in Japan last year and was told the translation and publication in Japan would cost about \$2,000.

Served for thirty years in Army with distinction

(Special to Pacific Citizen)

WASHINGTON.—Col. Walter Tsukamoto, member of the Field Judiciary Division of the Judge Advocate General's Office, U.S. Army, died of heart attack Jan. 20, while on temporary duty as a law officer (military judge) on a general courts martial trial in Heidelberg, Germany. He was 56.

During his military career, Col. Tsukamoto served with distinction as a judge advocate officer in both of the major overseas commands, having been assigned to the Far East command prior to and during the Korean conflict and later in Headquarters U.S. Army, Europe.

His stateside assignments included duty with the 6th Army at the Presidio of San Francisco. He was the executive officer to the staff judge advocate and in the military affairs division in the Office of the Army Judge Advocate General in the Pentagon.

Interment Pending

Interment arrangements are being made at the National Cemetery in the Presidio of San Francisco, Calif.

He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Tsukamoto, of Arlington, Va.; three sons, Richard and David of Berkeley, Calif., and David of Cayce, Calif.; two daughters, Mrs. Charles Kobayashi of Berkeley, and Mrs. Roger Spencer of Franklin Square, N.Y.; his father Mr. Joseph Tsutsumi and brother Frank S., both of Berkeley; and a sister Mrs. C. Tanaka of Kuma, Japan.

Col. Tsukamoto was a member of the California State Bar American Bar and the Federal Bar Associations, the Judge Advocate Association, and was admitted to practice before the court of military appeals.

He was active in trap shooting, skeet shooting and tennis.

Military Record

He received the following military awards: the American Campaign Medal, World War II Victory Medal, Occupation of Japan, Commendation Ribbon, Bronze Star, Korean Service Medal, Armed Forces Reserve Medal, National Defense Service Medal and the United Nations Service Medal.

He participated in the following campaigns during the Korean conflict: U.N. offensive of the Chinese Communist forces intervention, the first U.N. counteroffensive, the Chinese Communist forces spring of offensive and the U.N. summer-fall offensive.

He received his LL.B. from the Univ. of California in 1929.

EULOGIES POUR INTO PACIFIC CITIZEN FOR DISTINGUISHED JACLER

FRANK F. CHUMAN

National President, JACL

Los Angeles

It is with a sad and heavy heart that we members of the Japanese American Citizens League pay our last respects to Colonel Walter Tsukamoto, the National President of the JACL from 1938 to 1940.

Colonel Tsukamoto served as president of the Sacramento Chapter and as National JACL Executive Secretary as well as National President of the JACL during the most turbulent and trying days for persons of Japanese ancestry in the State of California.

Ever since the late 20's and the early 30's and continually up until the day of the outbreak of the war and afterwards, political leaders, newspapers, special farm and fishing interests and other groups had attempted to make persons of Japanese ancestry the scapegoats for racism and bigotry.

In session after session of the California State Legislature, numerous bills were introduced to prevent the Japanese from farming, leasing, occupying or owning land, and to eliminate the Japanese completely from the great fishing industry which they had built up to a magnificent degree before the outbreak of World War II.

Because of the relative youth and inexperience of the Nisei, it was the older leaders like Colonel Tsukamoto who fought the battle for the Nisei and other persons of Japanese ancestry with fearless courage. It was through his efforts and leadership through the JACL, that the attacks upon us were blunted and deterred to some degree before the outbreak of World War II.

I know that Colonel Tsukamoto was proud of the great military history of the Nisei during World War II as he served the United States Armed Forces at the Military Intelligence Language School at Camp Savage and later at Fort Snelling, Minnesota. He also served with distinction in Tokyo with the

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East of the River

By Richard Akagi

A Visit to a National Institution

Marilyn Monroe lives on East 57th Street, which is a section of New York that is quietly opulent and monitored by wormy doormen who are actively unservile to toward all strangers.

When the cab pulled up at her address, I saw that her apartment building was of rather modest size, or perhaps it merely appeared that way, pinched in as it was between the massive granite facades of its neighbors. There were three of us: my boss and the young lady who knew Miss Monroe's secretary (the secretary had really been Arthur Miller; later, as a kind of an insane footnote to this episode, I began to feel that maybe Arthur Miller had given Miss Monroe his secretary as a part of the divorce settlement. Money Miss Monroe doesn't need, but a good secretary is hard to come by.) and me with the tape recorder. My boss included himself in on this trip for no other reason than he wanted to see Miss Monroe and the same was true of the young lady; I was the only working member of the crew.

An explanatory word should be added here: I am our shop's "expert" on what is known in the trade as an "open end" radio interview. An open end interview is one in which the original interviewer's voice (mine in our case) is deleted from the final tape to allow the local announcer to act as though he is actually asking the questions. This, then, was the job at hand: to talk to Miss Monroe and then turn that talk into an open end interview.

It should also be noted that I am a confirmed gawker. I love to gawk at celebrities and near-celebrities: Claude Rains regally strutting down Fifth Avenue with a woman, towering over him by a head, at his side; a male model in a cigarette commercial hurrying past Saks; Rosemary Clooney, looking pale and nondescript, going by St. Pat's; Tony Bennett ambling down Madison Avenue, whistling. I stand there staring in pigeon-toed stupor, mouth agape, bug-eyed, immobilized, an embarrassment to my more sophisticated friends and a nuisance to the pedestrian traffic. So, naturally, I approached this assignment of interviewing Marilyn Monroe with a numb, slack-jawed, tongue-tied anticipation.

We marched through the small lobby under the skeptical scrutiny of the doorman. We told the elevator operator the floor we wanted; the operator, a trusting soul, then commanded the doorman to call Miss Monroe's secretary, though we had already assured him, meekly, that we were expected. We were taken up to the floor but the operator waited until Miss Monroe's secretary came to the door and invited us in before he would go back down.

We entered the foyer; directly facing it was a room converted into an office, which handled the business dealings of the Marilyn Monroe Productions. To the left was a large room, shaped like a reversed L, and to the right a narrow corridor which led, as I discovered later, to the maid's bathroom and beyond that to Miss Monroe's private quarters. Needless to say, none of us ventured any further than the bathroom.

We were taken to the large room at the left, which was almost Spartan in its bareness, if you can accept the fact that a room can appear Spartan though it has a thick cream-colored rug covering its expanse, a grand piano nestling in one corner, an outsize divan—oh, forget it. Just the same, the room seemed bare. The short wall, the bottom bar of the reversed L, was occupied by a shelf of books; near the piano hung a large Japanese painting of a horse, dating back to the 17th century. Miss Monroe bought the painting only a couple of weeks ago, said the secretary, and a gentleman named Mr. Shirai came in a few days to make sure it was hung properly. Then we waited. We waited for an hour and a half. Then she came in. Miss Marilyn Monroe.

She was wearing black toreador pants and a white knit sweater. She looked fine.

Surprisingly, she struck me as being genuinely shy and, during the opening moments of our conversation, somewhat nervous. Up to the time she walked in, I had been mulling over a problem of my own: I didn't know whether to call her "Miss Monroe" or "Marilyn" during the interview. I decided to go with "Marilyn" and nearly gagged the first time I tried it.

The interview took fifteen minutes. When it was over she asked us to stay for drinks and so we sat around and talked for about an hour. While I can't recall much of what was said, the view was memorable. Later, when the elevator brought us back down to the lobby, we found Suzy Parker waiting to get on. I suspect that life on East 57th Street, despite the doormen, can be quite pleasant.

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Eulogies for Walter Tsukamoto

(Continued from Front Page)
Allied Occupation and was at the time of his untimely death, one of the highest ranking officers in the Judge Advocate-General's Office in Germany.

It was the inspirational leadership and tenacious struggle of our leaders in the JACL such as Colonel Tsukamoto that have brought all persons of Japanese ancestry to the high position of acceptance and recognition throughout California and the United States.

While we extend our deepest condolences to his wife and five children, we hope that they will be comforted in the knowledge that the great services of Colonel Tsukamoto will remain permanently etched in the hearts and history of the Japanese in the United States.

DR. THOMAS T. YATABE
Past Nat'l JACL President

Chicago
Though I have not had the opportunity of seeing Walter too often since the war, we kept in touch through correspondence.

The news of his passing came as a surprise and shock. We old timers in JACL will always remember him as an energetic and tireless worker, who gave a great deal of his time to help build the present JACL in its early days.

I remember Walter as a student at the Univ. of California when he attended the first conference of Nisei called together in San Francisco under the name of the American Loyalty League in 1923. It was there that I first met Walter and knew then that some day he was destined to be a leader.

Since 1929 he was identified with the Citizens League movement being elected National Secretary in 1936 and subsequently elected as our National President.

As our National president he served us all faithfully, lending a great deal of prestige to the organization with his dynamic personality, eloquence and untiring sacrifices which eventually led to his winning the Nisei of the Year trophy.

Though his services to our country kept him away from participating with us in recent years, Colonel Walter Tsukamoto will always be remembered as one of our national leaders.

We old timers will sorely miss him as we look back to the old days when we respected his advice, opinions and discussions regarding our problems.

Most of all we shall miss him as a dear and devoted friend. My heart goes out to his family with whom I have the pleasure and privilege of knowing in sharing this great sorrow.

GEORGE INAGAKI
Past Nat'l President

Los Angeles
Regretful news of Walter Tsukamoto's passing brings back a flood of memories for me. As a high school and college kid in Sacramento, Walt was one Nisei all of us, even as brash youth, looked up to and respected. It was Walt who first guided me into JACL and kindled the first spark of interest in the organization.

I, more or less, lost contact with him when I moved to Los Angeles in 1935. But World War II and Camp Savage brought us together again. Even though he was a captain by that time and I was a buck private, Walt never let me feel the difference in rank. Many were the rides he gave me into Minneapolis and often, because he loved to hunt, he dropped a pheasant or some other game at my wife's apartment.

Yes, Walt, by his kindness, thoughtfulness and love for his fellowman, left a lasting influence upon us who grew up around him. I join all the others in mourning the passing of a truly grand guy.

THOMAS T. HAYASHI
Nat'l JACL Legal Counsel

New York
With the untimely and premature death of Colonel Walter T. Tsukamoto, we have lost a valuable and eminent citizen and a great friend.

He was one of our outstanding legal minds: his juridical work was marked by energy and imagination. He was well qualified to give and did give his valuable guidance to those who aspired to enter the legal profession, such as myself in Sacramento some twenty five years ago.

I found time in a busy life to devote himself to the huge task of guiding JACL as its national president and as executive secretary. He was a warm and a generous friend and a particularly staunch friend of those who shared with him the labor and responsibilities of the JACL movement.

It is not my function to go into any lengthy discourse on his activities. These things are all well known. I conceive it my duty to voice the sentiments of my JACL associates and wish his wife and family our prayer that God grant them courage and fortitude to bear and a loss that is great.

OLD FRIENDS

Sacramento
Life's chapter was unexpectedly closed for Colonel Walter T. Tsukamoto in a distant land while removed from his family and home. Perhaps more so than others, his Sacramento friends were most shocked to learn of his passing because it was always felt that he was only on temporary leave of absence from our midst.

Colonel Tsukamoto had cast his eyes far into the horizon and set out to attain his aspirations. Much did he accomplish during his 56 years from a country boy to colonel in the office of Judge Advocate of the United States Army. His intervening years were fruitful and were filled with richness in service to his country and fellow man.

His loyalty to his land of birth had no peer. This was evident by over thirty years of military service as a reserve and active officer.

And his cherished aim was to be of good deed and service to his fellow Japanese Americans. He was the founder and charter member of the Sacramento JACL and its five time president. He assumed the duties of executive secretary of the National JACL before ascending to its presidency for the 1938-1940 term. For many years prior to World War II, he led maneuvers in the state legislature and before its agencies to preserve and better its political and economic future for Americans of Japanese ancestry and their alien parents. It is most regrettable that so little recognition had been given to Colonel Tsukamoto while he was still with us for his faithful services in the interest of his fellow Nisei.

Words of tribute to him at this time seem most hollow, an empty gesture. However, for those of us who considered him as our friend and who were sure to him by our friendship and fellowship, memory of Colonel Tsukamoto and all that he stood for will remain with us to times immemorial.

Foregoing is submitted as a simple statement of tribute to the Colonel by Jun Miyakawa, George T. Takahashi and Henry Taketa, in behalf of his oldtime Sacramento friends.

JOHN YOSHINO
D.C. Chapter President

Washington, D.C.

I first met Walter Tsukamoto in the late thirties, when he was the National JACL President. I was tremendously impressed by the ease with which he chaired the meetings and the patience he displayed in dealing with the obstreperous members.

Greatness characterized his leadership which began early in his life and went right on through his distinguished military career which brought him the honor and distinction of being the highest ranking Nisei officer in the United States Army.

He was an able lawyer, highly successful in his chosen profession and respected by his peers. He had an inclusive mind and his presentation flowed in logical and orderly manner.

He was an eloquent speaker. He was friendly, knowledgeable and helpful.

In recent years, his military assignments did not permit him to take an active part in the work of the JACL. He nonetheless maintained a continuing interest in the organization. At the time of his death, he was a member of the Washington, D.C. Chapter of the JACL.

His untimely death leaves a definite void in the ranks of the JACL.

MIN YASUI
Mtn.-PDC Chairman

Denver
Five years ago, for the 25th JACL Anniversary edition of the Pacific Citizen, we wrote:

"WALTER T. TSUKAMOTO... loyal American... Attorney-at-law, licensed by the State of California... 3rd National President of the Japanese American Citizens League... Acclaimed 'Nisei of the Year' in America, in 1940... Lieutenant-Colonel in the United States Army."

Sad news reaches us now, from Germany, advising that Walter T. Tsukamoto, age 56, succumbed of a heart attack last week, while serving with the U.S. Army in Europe.

Those words we wrote five years ago concerning Walter T. Tsukamoto still hold true, and the validity of his position as a patriotic American and as an honored leader of the Nisei in America is unchanged by his untimely passing.

Walter T. Tsukamoto is survived by his widow and five children. But more than that, he is survived by the gratitude of all persons of Japanese ancestry who have been blessed by his early devotion to the JACL, laying the basic foundations for a strong national organization which has benefited us all during these past thirty years.

Walter T. Tsukamoto, loyal American, past national JACL leader, an officer and gentleman of the United States Army, has gone to his eternal rest. But he leaves as a legacy for us all a brilliant and inspiring page in the proud history of the Nisei in America.

... strengthened JACL as an American institution, national in its organization

(Excerpts of Walter Tsukamoto's opening address to delegates at the sixth biennial National JACL Convention meeting at Portland, Ore., on Aug. 28, 1940.)

... objects and purposes of this organization is best expressed in the preamble of its constitution: We, the American citizens of Japanese ancestry, in order to uphold and defend the Constitution of the United States, to foster and spread the true spirit of Americanism, to build the character of our people morally and spiritually on American ideals, and to promote the welfare and aid in the development of Americans of Japanese descent as an integral part of the national life, do establish this constitution of the Japanese American Citizens League of the United States of America.

Although this problem is primarily one for the National Council to solve, it nevertheless rests upon the shoulders of each and every member of the League to do his or her share by educating those Nisei who are not as yet members and to assure the individual responsibility of increasing the present membership in this organization.

The only requirement of the JACL is that the members prepare themselves as substantial and worthy citizens of this great commonwealth and exercise their political franchise with this thought uppermost in their mind: that of acting for the best interests of our American democracy and the welfare of his fellow Americans.

We believe in this organization because it is dedicated to all Americans, be they members or not; because its purpose is entirely unselfish and because it seeks to instill in the minds and hearts of all Americans of Japanese ancestry a deep love for and appreciation of this great country of which they are an inseparable and integral part.

About the Chronic Complaints Against JACL

... In spite of the many benefits and privileges gained by the JACL for the Nisei in general, there have been chronic complaints. There are discontents and dissatisfactions and gloomy minds mistakenly think they see a breaking down of the organization.

In one sense discontent is a good thing. It is the opposite of self-satisfaction. It is a good thing to appreciate that we have not done

The JACL—skeptics, ill-wishers and minority oppression groups to the contrary notwithstanding—makes no compromise on the one and only reason for the existence of this organization: the maintenance and direction of every effort, program and activity as a patriotic body of American citizens to perpetuate forever our American ideals and institutions.

The Nisei have a solemn duty to the country just as other racial American groups have. However, the former have a duty to themselves also in developing their individual character as worthy and substantial citizens. As such they will be a position to make their proper contributions toward the national, economic, social and civic welfare, as well as to make of themselves as integral part of the nation's life. This organization is dedicated toward the realization of that purpose.

Let us keep foremost in our minds and hearts the blessed fact that we are Americans all, and that in the enjoyment of the many privileges of citizenship we stand ready at all times to contribute to the progress of our American principles of democracy and that whenever the need should arise we will be among the first to fight for the preservation of these ideals.

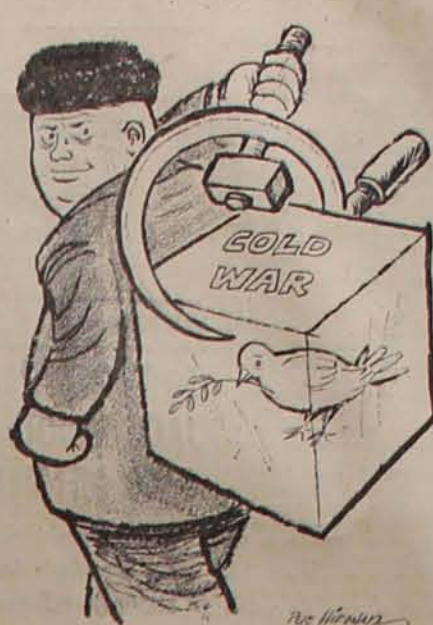
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Still on Ice

By Elmer Ogawa

Northwest Picture

First Day of School: Circa 1921

We'll say the name is Yama. It could stand for Yamauchi, Yamashita, Yamamoto, Yamauchi. He had stopped by the local pub a couple evenings in a row after an absence that could almost be measured in years.

It was good to see old friend Yama again—we hadn't swapped any conversation in such a long time, and now something would be added to the relaxation of the foamy ritual that separates the work-a-day monotony of the salt mines from the leisurely creative hours.

"On vacation, Yama?" We put out a tentative feeler. No, nothing like that. "Wife away?" If it was a guess, it was a wrong guess. And from there the talk drifted back to the old old times, after sketchily covering more recent events like who had departed this green earth since we had last met. Like the two union officials who gave scores of Nisei a big assist as they came back from evacuation.

Around thirty years ago was when people were really scratching to keep their heads above water, universal discrimination and prejudice was painfully commonplace, and in relating some of his experiences in trying to find just a job of any kind, he said, "You know, that's something I think you should write up more in that PC column of yours, the hundreds of absurd insults and rejections a YABO used to get."

Well, we could not quite agree to taking off on such a course, and opined that more constructive attitude is more appropriate since the situation is so greatly changed, and as a job seeker it's frequently an asset to be a Nisei.

Yama reflected on that one a little bit and then came back with the rejoinder that minority people still have a lot of trouble attending schools of their choice, and by gosh it reminded him of the time when as a first grader, the PTA had wanted to kick him out of an all-white school.

Well, now that sounded interesting, although not a bit like our impressions of PTA policy—the story might make an interesting oddity on its own merits, but not as a beef.

"We lived way down south, and it was really a farming community out there by the Seattle

city limits. Came the time the school year was about to start, my old man said the time had come for me to go to school and get an education. So he took me to the school, found the first grade room, dumped me there with my lunch, and took off. The only hitch was that I knew only the Japanese that was spoken around home. No English."

So, as Yama told it, after couple hours of trying to catch on to the teacher turning the class loose. He didn't know it was only 10:30 recess so he headed right for home. The old man was furious—ordered him right back to school with the advice that the next break would be for eating lunch. But when 2 p.m. recess time came, Yama headed straight for home again, and was promptly ordered right back to the seat of learning. It was a tough first day, with school being a couple miles away, or at least, it seemed like it, and most of the first day was spent tramping back and forth.

And Yama went on: "You know, my dad wasn't kidding about this going to school business—that was the year of a big snow, '21, I guess. In the morning, he packed me to school on his back, dumped me down on the school yard, and at the last bell, was there to carry me home again."

As can be readily understood, the odd ball speechless kid with the odd features suffered plenty of taunts—and got in plenty of fights but eventually gained the respect of the paleface classmates.

He evidently became one of the gang up to the point of participating in a raid on someone's apple trees. The kids were chased, and it was reported that "the Jap kid" it was in the gang. So you can hear about it, and says Yama, "That was one time he really cuffed me around—he told me that I was a thief, a disgrace to the family, and that furthermore if I was hungry for apples, he could buy all I wanted."

And you know somehow, we forgot to ask whether the PTA complaint was because the odd-ball kid was such a misfit not knowing when school was out, or for stealing apples, or for getting in too many fights.

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Shonien appeal near its goal of \$5,000

With the special Shonien Holiday-New Year appeal closing Jan. 31, it was reported 797 contributions totaling \$4,015 had been received as of Jan. 18. The goal is \$5,000, to be used to support the child welfare program.

Shonien revealed that part of the funds would meet the semi-annual payment of \$2,500 due each April and October on the \$40,000 building loan borrowed in 1955 to construct the new \$60,000 residential child care unit in operation since 1958.

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From the Frying Pan

By Bill Hosokawa

Denver, Colo.

WHAT'S THE SCORE?—For a long time we've been told the Nisei grew taller, heavier and huskier than their Japanese cousins because of the better American diet. Greater intake of meat and eggs, dairy products and fresh fruits and vegetables were said to be responsible for the fact that the American-born turned out to be larger (and presumably healthier) specimens although their racial heritage was identical to those born and reared in Japan.

Diet was again credited for the increased stature of postwar Japanese. The Japanese child of today gets more milk, butter, cheese, eggs and red meat than his father and grandfather did. He is also likely to be considerably taller and heavier than his immediate ancestors, and of course this is also true of the girls.

Comes now Physiologist Ancel Keys of the University of Minnesota with the warning that our fat-heavy diet increases the amount of a fatty white substance called cholesterol in our blood, damaging arteries, and leading to heart disease. Keys' views are published at some length and in worry-provoking detail in the January 13 issue of Time magazine. In the course of his studies Keys studied the eating habits and coronary death rates of middle-aged Japanese in Japan, Hawaii and California. Says Time:

"The native Japanese, he reports, get only 13 percent of their calories from fats. They eat a high-carbohydrate diet of rice, fish and vegetables, having an average cholesterol count of 120. The Hawaiian Japanese, on the other hand, also eat fish, along with meat, eggs and dairy products; they get 32 percent of their calories from fats, have an average cholesterol count of 183. The Los Angeles Nisei's diet is typically American; they get 45 percent of their calories from fatty foods, and their average cholesterol count is 213. (A cholesterol count of 240 or over is considered high.) For every one heart attack in Japan, Keys notes, the Hawaiian Japanese have four, the Los Angeles Nisei ten."

Are we, then, paying a penalty for greater stature and more interesting diets? Keys' position is supported by a good many medical men, but still others are not ready to accept his theories in entirety. They would give much importance to such matters as hypertension, stress, smoking and physical inactivity. Time says Keys gives these causes only minor roles.

Key's recommendations for diet reform are fairly simple: "Eat less fat meat, fewer eggs and dairy products. Spend more time on fish, chicken, calves' liver, Canadian bacon, Italian food, Chinese food, supplemented by fresh fruits, vegetables and casseroles." Keys himself does not have steaks, chops and roasts more than three times a week, a restriction which would be easy to follow in our case for economic rather than physiological reasons.

In the stage production of "Flower Drum Song," the night club master of ceremonies has a punch line that is often missed by the audience. When it looks as if the entire situation is going to blow up through a succession of boos, he says in a mournful aside, "Oh well, back to the laundry." However, it would seem that the Nisei, who as a group take a back seat to no one when it comes to enjoying food, are not going back to fish and rice as a steady diet solely on Keys' say-so.

A hamburger and milkshake, both high fat, is much more to the liking of Nisei palates than fish. On the other hand, fish isn't bad. And as for Chinese food, we can enjoy it seven times a week.

Fellow I know, doesn't say, "How are you?" any more. He inquires: "How's the cholesterol?" And how's your cholesterol count?



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Council for Civic Unity
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CONCORD.—The first quarterly meeting of the 23 Northern California-Western Nevada District chapter will meet here on Sunday, Feb. 12, at the Concord Inn, 1801 Will Pass Rd. Contra Costa JACL will be the host chapter under the direction of Sam Kitabayashi, 1960 chapter president and NC-WNDC Executive Board member Dr. Yoshiyuki Togasaki.

Registration will begin at 12 noon. Official delegates—\$3, boosters—\$3.50. Youth—\$3.50.

District Council Chairman Henry Kato will preside over the business session from 1 to 3 p.m. Three workshops will be conducted from 3:30 to 5 p.m. following a half hour coffee break.

(1) Chapter Program and Activities—led by Dr. Yoshiyuki Togasaki, NC-WNDC Program and Activities Committee Chairman.

(2) Youth program—With Contra Costa Junior JACL in charge, assisted by Jerry Enomoto, National Chairman, JACL Youth Committee, and Marie Kurihara, adviser to San Francisco Chapter, Youth Group.

(3) Orientation for new Chapter Presidents and Officers—led by Mas Satow, National Director.

Banquet Speaker. Frank Quinn, Executive Director of the San Francisco Council for Civic Unity, will be the speaker at the banquet which starts at 6 p.m. The 1960 NC-WNDC Chapter of the Year will be presented at this time, and the Contra Costa Chapter officers headed by President William Waki will be installed.

Major business items will be to follow up the resolution at the previous meeting backing up the legislative program of fair housing chapter quotas to include the 1960 Club chapter quotas, appointment and approval of District Committee Chairmen, and a preliminary report from a special committee on obtaining full time staff personnel for the NC-WN area.

JACL-ER'S DAUGHTER WINS HIGH SCHOOL HONORS

SAN FERNANDO.—Nancy Endow, vice president of the San Fernando High student body was selected as one of the Ephemerals of the February graduating class this week. The very outstanding and popular student is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Tom Endow, long-time active leader of the San Fernando JACL Chapter. Nancy was also one of the winners of the JAY Scholarships to the Brotherhood USA Conference last summer.

Other posts were won by San v.p. Dick Kaku, Student Ad-Fernando High School Sanel; Dennis Yamamoto, student body victory Board Chairman, and Norrine Kono, Dale Evans Class secretary.

Eden Township JACL elects S. Kawahara

HAYWARD.—The 1961 officers of the Eden Township JACL will be installed at a dinner to be held on Saturday, Feb. 4, 7 p.m., at the Doric, 2950 Mission Blvd., it was announced this week.

The new officers are Sam Kawahara, pres.; Sam Kuramoto, 1st v.p.; Tom Saito, 2nd v.p.; Dr. Steve Neishi, treas.; George Hata-keda, rec. sec.; and Mary Iyemura, cor. sec.

The newly-elected board members, who will serve two years are:

Tetsu Sakai, Aki Hasegawa, Shio Yoshida, Min Shinoda, Kawahara, Yato, Mrs. Iyemura.

Holdover board members are: Bob Latier, Mas Yoshioka, Tok Hiro-naka, Dr. Frank Saito, Kuramoto, Hata-keda, Dr. Neishi and Kuriyama (ex-officio).

Main Speaker. George Alcorn, director of the Univ. of California Extension Service, will be the main speaker, talking of his recent experience visiting farm lands in Japan. He was invited last spring by the Rural Rehabilitation Association, which has sent farm trainees to California, some being hosted by Eden Township JACLers.

Henry Kato, NC-WNDC chairman, will be the installing officer. Other guests include Kaz Kawaguchi, Fremont JACL president; Mrs. Henry Kato and Mr. and Mrs. Everett L. Ward.

Robert Latier will be emcee. Reservations at \$3.50 per person are being accepted by:

Kee Kitayama (GR 1-3860), Tetsu Sakai (LU 2-2431), Mrs. Masako Minami (BH 2-1881), Mrs. Takiko Shinoda (LO 3-7269) and Momo Kawakami (BH 6-5602).

The chapter acknowledges the memorial contributions from the Arai family on the passing of the father and from the Funamura family for the passing of Mary Iyemura's father.

Large turnout hears talk on juvenile delinquency

IDAHO FALLS.—A large turnout was reported for the joint Idaho Falls JACL and JAY's meeting Jan. 14 to hear Bonneville County's prosecuting attorney, Eugene Bush, speak on "Juvenile Delinquency: Its Symptoms, Causes and Cures" at the JACL hall here.

GIRL NAMED WINNER OF FIRST ALAMEDA CHAPTER SCHOLARSHIP AWARD

ALAMEDA.—Victoria Shigeo Kadota, June 1960 graduate of Alameda High School, has been adjudged winner of the local JACL's first annual scholarship award.

Presentation of the \$100 award will be made at the annual installation dinner of the local chapter to be held in February.

Miss Kadota, daughter of Mrs. Megumi Kadota, of 2108 1/2 Lincoln Ave., is enrolled at the Univ. of California in Berkeley and is studying to become a teacher.

The judges were Donald J. Bell, principal of Encinal High School; Hi Akagi, chapter president, and Haruo Imura, chairman of the scholarship committee.

Fresno chapter tells of program for 1961

FRESNO.—In the throes of their first project of the year, the Fresno American Loyalty League is expected to finish its canvass for JACL memberships by the end of January, it was announced by Dr. Shiro Ego, chapter president.

Membership is open to all American citizens 18 years old and over. Reminded Dr. Henry Karato, membership chairman, adding local fees were \$4.50 per single and \$7.50 per couple memberships. The Pacific Citizen is included in membership.

At the same time, the chapter has planned its program for the coming year, starting with a pot-luck supper on Feb. 18, tentatively slated for the Japanese Congregational Church. May Oh and Lily Suda are co-chairmen, assisted by: May Karato, Tomiko Ishikawa, Nancy Suda, Kazuo Iwatsubo, Ayu Kimura, Neva Saito, Miki Takakura, Sachiko Yoshiyuki, food; George Takakura, clean-up; Peggy Tsuruta, decorations; and Ben Nakamura, entertainment.

Pioneer Banquet. The Issel pioneers are to be honored in March as a special recognition dinner. Plans to expand it to the CCDC level with Issel living from Madera to Bakersfield being invited are under consideration.

The Fresno ALL community picnic will be held on Apr. 23 with Jin Ishikawa and Eddie Aburam already named as co-chairmen. Various committees, assisting them are to be appointed.

Other events slated are the annual steak bake, a general meeting featuring a speaker on a cultural topic in September, a masquerade party in October, and preparing in November for the CCDC convention and fashion show.

MEMBERSHIP CARDS READY FOR EDEN TOWNSHIP JRS.

HAYWARD.—The Eden Township Jr. JACL has received its Jr. JACL membership cards from National Headquarters to be distributed tonight at the general meeting being held at the home of Mas Yoshioka, 9617 D St., Oakland.

The youth group held elections Dec. 28 and the following were chosen: Sharon Ide, pres.; Gene Mori, v.p.; Robert Nakashima, rec. sec.; Takeko Tani, cor. sec.; Shigeo Masuyama, treas.; and Tullie Yamamoto, pub.

Jr. JACL dues for Eden Township are \$1.50, it was announced. Application was made for 28 members.

'61 calendar slated by Fowler chapter

FOWLER.—A preview of 1961 activities and appointment of committee chairmen headlined the first general meeting of the Fowler JACL held last week, according to Tom Toyama, chapter president.

A special dinner meeting is being called for 7 p.m., Feb. 25, at Bruce's Lodge to hear Judge Matt Goldstein, Fowler City Attorney Mikio Uchiyama, who is CCDC chairman, will introduce the speaker. The meeting was tentatively scheduled for Feb. 20.

The chapter calendar for the coming year includes a general meeting in March, community picnic on Apr. 18 at Kearney Park Section 2-A, youth softball and JACL softball programs in May, a dinner meeting in June.

No activities are planned through July to October because of the busy fruit and grape harvest season here.

10th Anniversary Fete. The year will finish with a 10th anniversary banquet at Bruce's Lodge on Oct. 14, participation in the Fowler Fall Festival parade, fishing derby, election of officers in November and the Christmas party and CCDC convention in December.

The chapter awards a scholarship to a deserving Fowler High School graduate in June.

Membership chairman Ray Nishina reported 83 regular members and at least nine Thousand Club members.

Committee Chairmen. Committee chairmen for specific events and chapter programs were announced as follows:

Mikio Uchiyama, legis-legal and quotas; Tom Shirakawa, scholarship; Dr. George Miyake, bequests, endowment; Haruo Nakamura, pub. rel.; Kazuo Miyama, 1000 Club; Fall Festival float; Howard Renzo, voters reg.; Ken Hirose, Hiro Asakawa, fishing derby; Dick Latier, golf; Toyama, sports; Tom Mukai, bowling; Tai Ideta, valed. prop.; Tom Kamikawa, FEPC; Community picnic—Tom Nakamura, chmn.; Mrs. John Nagayama, Mrs. Al-ree Taniguchi, asst.; Tom Kamikawa, Frank Saito, ref.; Ray Nishina, fin.; Haruo Nakamura, pub.; Bill Hashimoto, Roy Kato, games.

George Terakawa was named speaker on Japanese culture when the chapter is asked by non-Japanese groups.

Rexburg JACL fele Issei at chapter installation rites

ST. ANTHONY, Idaho.—A combined Installation and Issei Appreciation Smorgasbord dinner was held by the Rexburg JACL at the Silver Horseshoe Cafe here Jan. 13. Special guests were the Issei parents of the members and IDC Chairman Joe Nishioka and his wife of Idaho Falls.

After a welcome address by president Kazuo Hikida, a moving invocation in Japanese was given by member Don Powell. Installation of officers followed, conducted by Joe Nishioka.

Officers installed were Kazuo Hikida, pres.; Tetsu Miyasaka, v.p.; Haruo Yamasaki, treas.; Mable Sakata, rec. sec.; Miyu Hikida, cor. sec.; Fuji Hikida, 1000 Club; Jane Ikeda and Kiyo Fujimoto, sec.; Kiyoshi Sakata, del.; Mary Hikida, pub.; Jessie Miyasaka, welfare; Hiroshi Miyasaka, athletic; and Kate Miyasaki, sgt.-at-arms.

Joe Nishioka also led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance and presented a past president's pin to Kazuo Hikida.

A tribute to the Issei by Tetsu Miyasaki in Japanese stressed the obligation of the Nisei to live up to the high standards set up by the pioneering Issei, and also of their duty in the name of their parents of meeting their obligations in civic and church activities.

A Disney color film was screened by Charlie Beesley followed by a talk and color slides showing on Japan by Delmont Law, a returned LDS missionary from Japan. Some 52 members and guests were present.

Frank Yamasaki to head Berkeley JACL

BERKELEY.—Frank Yamasaki has been elected president of the Berkeley JACL. Other cabinet officers and board members for the 1961 term are: Sat. Nishita, v.p.; George Yasukochi, treas.; Nobu Uratsu, rec. sec.; June Kako, cor. sec.

New board members are Dr. Roy Hamaji, June Kako, Hiroshi Kanda, Roy Marubayashi, Rev. George Nishikawa, Sat. Nishita, Mrs. Chiyo Sumimoto, and Nobu Uratsu.

Old board members serving another year are Masuji Fujii, Tad Hirota, Shio Saito, Mary Ann Takara, George Yasukochi, Frank Yamasaki.

U.S. immigration policy rapped by Ohio prelate

CLEVELAND.—Current U.S. laws cutting off the flow of migrants from abroad are based on an "economic fallacy," Auxiliary Bishop John J. Krol of Cleveland has declared.

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CALIF. NISEI DEMOCRATS INVITED TO GOVERNOR'S BREAKFAST CONFERENCE

At least 25 Nisei Democrats are being invited to Governor Brown's breakfast conference Jan. 30 at the State Capitol. It was revealed this week by Art Takel, president of the West Jefferson Democratic Club, who is heading the Los Angeles delegation.

Problems of the community and matters relating to the Democratic Party are to be discussed.

The West Jefferson group is meeting tonight at the home of Ken Watake, 947 S. Federa, to prepare for the conference to be held at Mansion Inn Motel, which is across the street from the Governor's mansion in Sacramento.

Mikio Uchiyama of Fowler and Yori Wada of San Francisco are organizing delegations. Henry Taketa of Sacramento is in charge of conference arrangements.

Idaho Falls Nisei cited by clubwomen

IDAHO FALLS.—Mrs. Fred Ochi was among the eight finalists selected to compete in the third annual "Woman of the Year" contest sponsored by the Idaho Falls Jay-Cettes.

The active JACLer was nominated by the Bonneville County Republican Women's Club of which she is serving as president. This contest is sponsored in an effort to recognize some of the local women for their many hours of service to their community, their churches and homes.

She is past president of the Toastmistress Club, a member of the League of Women Voters, church board, a Sunday School teacher, and JACL youth counselor. She also teaches Japanese classes and has five small sons at home.

Sanger JACL committee chairmen appointed

SANGER.—Appointments of various chapter committee chairmen were announced this past week by Sanger JACL president Kelly Ishimoto.

Committee chairmen for 1961 are: Tom Nagamatsu, 1000 Club; Sam Kawahata, movie; Kazuo Komoto, T.Y. Kanagawa, Issei Story; George Fujihira, Chapter of Year; Tom Nakamura, membership and funeral.

Serving on the cabinet as Jr. JACL adviser will be Ben Matsunaga. Other cabinet officers are: Tom Nakamura, 1st v.p.; Hugo Oga-wa, 2nd v.p.; George Moriuchi, treas.; Masami Arita, rec. sec.; George Okajima, cor. sec.; Kazuo Komoto, del.; Ben Matsunaga, alt. del.; George Fujihira, hist.; Larry Hikiya, pub.; and Tom Tanimoto, alt.

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FAIR HOUSING LAW EXPANSION SOUGHT BY CALIF. ASSEMBLYMAN

SACRAMENTO.—Assembly Bill 7, "to put teeth" into the enforcement of non-discrimination in housing, has been proposed in the state legislature by Assemblyman Augustus Hawkins. It was reported by the California Committee for Fair Practices last week. The bill is now being circulated to permit other assemblymen to sign as co-sponsors.

Under the proposed measure, the Hawkins Fair Housing Law enacted in 1959 would be extended to prohibit discrimination on the basis of race, color, religion, national origin or ancestry in the sale or rental of all housing—private as well as public and publicly assisted housing.

It would also provide for administration enforcement by the Fair Employment Practices Commission (which will become the Fair Practices Commission).

"Successful enactment of A.B. 7 will give us the broadest, soundest and most effective legislation against housing discrimination to be found anywhere in the United States," Assemblyman Hawkins declared. "The housing law passed in 1959 was a first step—now let's complete the job."

"Assemblyman Hawkins included in A.B. 7 all the provisions agreed upon by the wide coalition of California organizations (including the Japanese American Citizens League) backing civil rights," stated C.L. Dellums, Chairman of the California Committee for Fair Practices, and Western Regional President of the NAACP. "We must now continue joint action to mobilize community support."

As outlined by the California Committee for Fair Practices, A.B. 7 contains provisions to:

1. Make it unlawful "to refuse to sell, rent or lease or otherwise to deny or withhold from any person or group of persons such housing accommodation because of the race, color, religion, national origin or ancestry of such person."

"Such housing accommodation" includes all housing "other than a single-unit dwelling occupied in whole or part by the owner as his residence."

2. Prohibit discrimination "in the terms, conditions or privileges of housing accommodations, or in the furnishing of facilities or services in connection therewith."

3. Prohibit discrimination by "any person, bank, mortgage company or other financial institution to whom application is made for financial assistance . . ."

4. Make it illegal "for any person to aid, abet, incite, compel or coerce the doing of any of the acts or practices declared unlaw-

ful."

5. Empower the State Fair Employment Practices Commission "to prevent violations" of the provisions of A.B. 7.
6. Authorize the Commission to proceed in a housing discrimination case "in the same manner and with the same powers as provided . . . in the case of an unlawful employment practice . . . and the powers, duties and rights of the State Fair Employment Practices Commission, its chairman, members, attorneys or agents, the complainant, the respondent, the Attorney General and the Superior Court, shall apply to any proceeding under the provisions of this section."

Bank appoints Nisei assistant cashier

SAN FRANCISCO.—Seizo Francis Oka, active JACLer, has been appointed an officer on the Bank of Tokyo of California as assistant cashier, here this past week.

Born in San Francisco in 1917, Oka went to Japan in 1929 and was graduated from the Tokyo College of Foreign Languages. Shortly after his graduation he joined the old Yokohama Specie Bank, Kobe office. He entered the U.S. Army Counter Intelligence Corps in Japan in 1946 returning to the United States in 1948. From 1948 to 1957 he handled evacuation claims for the U.S. Department of Justice. In March of 1957 he returned to banking, by joining the Bank of Tokyo of California, San Francisco head office, where he has been employed up to the present time.

Oka also teaches an evening class in Japanese at the San Francisco Adult Schools, is a notary public, and belongs to and takes an active part in many Japanese-American civic affairs. He is on the supervisory board of San Francisco JACL Credit Union.

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Director's Report

By Masao Satow, National JACL Director

We have just had a telephone call from California State Assemblyman Jerome R. Waldie of Contra Costa. The Democratic caucus leader, informing us that today (Jan. 24) a resolution is scheduled to be introduced in the Legislature commending Dr. John R. Lechner for his Americanism. Older Nisei will recall Lechner's Americanism included purging California of all Japanese Americans, inciting hate against them during wartime in the United States, and opposing their return to west coast homes even after their loyalty had been proved. As a matter of fact, Lechner's tactics became so obnoxious that the California Department of the American Legion, whose Americanism Committee he purportedly headed, had to repudiate him.

Fortunately for us, we have Assemblyman Waldie and others of integrity in the State Legislature who are willing to Lechner and will do everything possible to lay this action which the Legislature might have to regret as some future date. President Frank Chuman has been alerted, and his prompt messages to several key people should be enough to put the final kibosh on this.

Walter Tsukamoto

National JACL mourns the untimely passing of Col. Walter Tsukamoto in Germany. Our 3rd nationally elected JACL President will be remembered for his contributions to the organization's formative years and helping to set JACL's tone that we must prove ourselves worthy of the rights to which we are entitled, that the obligations of citizenship are primary, even over the rights of citizenship.

Somehow Walter impressed us over all the other Nisei we met at a College Student YMCA conference at Aulander we attended as a lowly freshman. A number of years later when we were initiated into JACL, Walter had already earned an important place in the national organization.

From 1936 to 1938 during his term as National Executive Secretary, then an elected and unpaid position, we had the privilege of serving as Assistant Executive and became acquainted with him through correspondence to which Walter was never too busy to attend. The following biennium he became our National President.

Walter Tsukamoto's services to JACL were especially invaluable during the prewar years in stopping the repeated efforts of California politicians and pressure groups in Sacramento to prohibit resident aliens from engaging in commercial fishing. Such bills were invariably introduced at every legislative session and directed against the Issei fishermen under the old cliché that their tuna boats were nothing but parts of Japan's Imperial Navy spying America's coastal waters. Only after our removal from the west coast under wartime hysteria was the California Legislature able to pass this bill which JACL subsequently had declared unconstitutional by the U.S. Supreme Court in the Takahashi Case.

Walt had a rough time in relocation center because of his outspoken Americanism. He was among the happiest when the Army changed its mind about accepting Nisei, for he had already waited 10 long years in the Army Reserve for a chance to serve his country. We had occasion to visit Walt at Ft. Snelling as he helped the many Nisei GI's there untangle their legal problems. After a tour of duty in Japan, he was stationed at the San Francisco Presidio. On several occasions he came out to Salt Lake City for assignments at Ft. Douglas and he always looked us up at Headquarters. When Headquarters moved back to San Francisco, busy as he was at the Presidio, he would call us once in a while to ask how things were going with JACL. It must have been quite satisfying to him to

become a high ranking officer with what had been the Western Defense Command which years earlier eased us out of the west coast with such dispatch in the name of military necessity.

Sequoia Installation

We were privileged to install Sequoia's new president, Sak Okamura, and his new cabinet. Toastmaster on Suzukiwaka of Japan Air Lines, in introducing the head table, delightfully managed to get husbands and wives mixed up, much to the amusement of everyone including Redwood City Mayor and Mrs. Weymouth. The banquet program covers were courtesy of Japan Air Lines, which we suspect an inclination on our part toward Redwood City, partly because our birth is registered there, but more so because of the congenial JACLers, amply evident at the post-installation informal reception at 1000 Clubber n. Hunter Doi's.

Managing Director of Redwood City Chamber of Commerce Frank Brinkman told of the problems of his organization, rather apropos of JACL. The C of C found it was trying to be all things to all men, so the Board decided to concentrate upon the primary purposes of the organization, and found that the organization grew stronger and attracted more members thereby.

Redevelopment

With Mr. Justin Herman, Director of San Francisco's Redevelopment program, scheduled for the San Francisco Chapter installation banquet on Feb. 10 he should command a good sized audience since the Japanese community is vitally affected by the redevelopment and rehabilitation program of the city.

This week Detroit 1000 Clubber and internationally known architect Minoru Yamasaki headlines our town as he addresses a joint luncheon of the National Home Fashions League and the Western Merchandise Mart on a sneak preview of San Francisco in 1965, with special reference to the Japanese cultural center blocks which he is helping to design.

Membership

Subsequent 1961 memberships from Milwaukee and Monterey give these two chapters all-time highs. Bakersfield and Puyallup Valley have done better than last year. Reports have also been received from Alameda, Fremont, Portland, Salt Lake City, Sequoia, Southwest Los Angeles, and Stockton, to boost membership to 5,000.

GUITARIST TO PLAY AT EAST LOS ANGELES JACL INSTALLATION DINNER

Guitarist Larry Hayashida will be a featured entertainer at the East Los Angeles JACL installation dinner-dance tomorrow night at Swally's Restaurant. He is the son of Charles Hayashida, past president of the San Luis Valley JACL, and nephew of the East L.A. chapter president Mrs. Mable Yoshizaki.

Fred Takata, JACL regional director, will swear in the officers being headed by Mrs. Yoshizaki for a second time. Other members of the cabinet and board are: Re-elected officers—Mas Hayashi, v.p. (social); Mike Hamada, treas.; Dr. Robert J. New, officers—Frank Okamoto, v.p. (memb.); Hiro Onuma, v.p. (program); Linda Ito, sec.; Pearl Yoshizaki, aud. Roy Yamadera, pub. rel.

Appointed—George Watanabe, 1000 Club; Frank Kawano, Bob Sawal, youth.

Board of Governors—San Furiata, Ritsuko Kawakami, Fred Wakabayashi, Dr. Robert J. New, officers—Wada, Cy Yuzuchi, Anon Fujikura, Hiro Kawa, Henry Onuma and George Nomi.

Bro. Yamadera will be toastmaster. Dinner will be served from 7 p.m. and dancing will continue until 1 a.m.

Pioneer Issei farm expert naturalized

SANTA ANA—A Japanese immigrant who came to this country 55 years ago and honored through the years by both his native and adopted land, achieved a lifelong ambition this past week.

Tsunji Chino was one of 86 Orange County residents who became citizens. His wife, Miyoshi, also was among the group. The couple lives at 845 E. McFadden, Santa Ana.

Chino was one of 27 Americans honored last June by one of Japan's highest honors, the Fifth Order of the Sacred Treasure of Japan, bestowed on him by Emperor Hirohito. Gen. Douglas MacArthur was one of the others to receive the honor.

The award was made in recognition of Chino's long record of bringing about harmonious relations between Americans of Japanese descent and those of Caucasian background.

His efforts led to non-enforcement of the Alien Land Law, passed in the early twenties.

As a celery grower in the Chula Vista area he worked constantly to improve relations with native Americans, and won himself high regard among his neighbors as testified by his election to the board of directors of the chamber of commerce in that city.

PSWDC CHAPTER CLINIC AT INDIO MOVED TO FEB. 12

East Los Angeles and Coachella Valley divide Clinic chores

Final plans for the 1961 chapter clinic of the Pacific Southwest District Council were completed at a special meeting of representatives from East Los Angeles and Coachella Valley chapters at Indio last Sunday.

Because it was the intent of the Council to hold the clinic of crowds during the Indio Date Festival, the chapter clinic has been moved up to Sunday, Feb. 12, at Pinecroft Dining Room on State Highway 111 and Madison St., just 1½ miles east of Indio. (The Date Festival is scheduled for the fourth weekend of February and the chapter clinic had been tentatively set for Feb. 26.)

A full day's program begins with registration at 9:30 a.m. and district council business from 10 until 12:30 p.m. with Kay Nakagiri, PSWDC chairman, presiding. A buffet luncheon follows and the chapter clinic will last from 2 until 5:30 p.m.

Chapter of the Year

The "Chapter of the Year" award will be presented by Kango Kumisugu, immediate past district council chairman, and National JACL President Frank Chuman will be the main speaker at the dinner starting at 6.

The Coachella Valley JACL has promised to give each delegate attending a bag of their world famous Coachella grapefruit to take home as a souvenir of their visit.

Fees for the day: \$1.50 registration, \$4.50 luncheon (includes registration), \$3.50 dinner only—\$7 package deal for all events and registration.

Chuman is calling an informal meeting of all chapter presidents during the luncheon. Regional director Fred Takata hopes that each chapter president will make a special attempt to be present.

Chartered Bus Set

The regional office has announced that a chartered bus will be leaving 125 Weller St. at 6:30 a.m. on the day of the meeting. Round trip fare will be \$4.25 per person. Reservations are on a first-come-first serve basis. The new bus will accommodate 41 passengers.

Present at the meeting last Sunday were Kay Nakagiri, PSWDC chairman; regional director Fred Takata; Mrs. Mabel Yoshizaki and Roy Yamadera of East Los Angeles; Tom Sakai and George Shibata of Coachella Valley.

Long Beach elects Ari Noda chairman, eyes 600 members

LONG BEACH.—Arthur Noda, proprietor of the Santa Fe Jewelers and member of an ardent JACL family, was elected 1961 chairman of the Long Beach-Harbor District JACL. He is the 13th president in the chapter's 22-year history.

Serving on the board are: Alan Kobata, exec. v.p.; Mrs. Ruby Mio, adm. v.p.; Dr. Haru Ishida, treas.; Mrs. Louise Kikawa, cor. sec.; Mrs. Minnie Hirata, rec. sec.; Eugene Sugiyama, blood bank; Kazuo Matsumoto, blood bank sec.; Kazumi Yamashita, hist.; Dr. Katsumi Iwami, 1000 Club; Dr. John Kashiwabara, memb.; Koo Ito, pub. rel.; Hach Yasunura, youth; Lloyd Nakatani, Hi-Co.

Other members of the board are: Mrs. Margaret Monita, George Iida, Dave Aoki, Hiro Morita, Kabay Iwaki, Sumi Fujimoto, Kazuo Takade, George Nakamura, Dr. Dave Mura.

The chapter board met to plan its program for the year and tentatively the following events have been scheduled:

Feb. 18—Japanese movies; Mar. 18—General meeting; Apr. 15—"Oriental Fantasy" dance; May 20—Issei Night; June 24—Coronation Ball; July 2—Beachcomber outing; July 23—Community picnic.

Sept. 16—General meeting; Oct. 21—"Autumn Ball"; Nov. 24—Basketball Invitational Tournament and Award-Dance; Dec. 9—Installation dinner; Dec. 17—Christmas party; Dec. 30—New Year's dance.

Blood Bank

Members of the local JACL, gardeners' association and the Harbor District Nikkeijin Kai have contributed 74 pints of blood to its Harbor District Japanese Blood Bank since its inception in February, 1959. As of mid-January, 36 pints have been used by members, one person requiring as many as 13 transfusions.

JACLers were urged to join the Blood Bank. To maintain active membership, a member of the family contributes a pint of blood at the Red Cross not often than once a year—presently, it is about once in two or three years. The Red Cross will notify members when the time to donate comes. Naturally with more members in the group, the less often one must give.

Membership Goal: 600

Response to the current membership campaign by mail has been slow but gratifying, according to past president Dr. Kashiwabara, membership chairman who has announced a goal of 600.

Personal canvass is being planned.

The 1961 dance classes for beginners and intermediate students began Wednesday night at the Harbor Community Center. Joe Fletcher and Betty Ruff of the Joe Fletcher Dance Studios are instructing. The 10-week session starting Feb. 1 will be \$12.50 per person. The beginner's group meets at 7:30 p.m., and the intermediate students start at 9.



WEST LOS ANGELES JACL INSTALLATION

Being congratulated for being re-elected president of the West Los Angeles JACL is Akira Ono (second from right), shaking hands with City Councilman Rundberg. Joining him are (from left) Fred Takata, JACL regional director; Kay Nakagiri, PSWDC chairman; and National JACL Frank Chuman (at extreme right).

CHUMAN WARNS WEST L.A. JACL MEMBERS BE REGISTERED VOTERS

By HARRY HONDA

As Frank Chuman, National JACL President, makes his rounds of the chapters since he took office at Sacramento last July, he has underlined the aspect of "American Citizen" in the organization's title: Japanese American Citizen League.

By "American Citizen," Chuman means that Nisei as citizens of the community "need not be shackled by interests of problems purely Japanese." Chuman places fundamental importance on the meaning of "citizenship." And it is in this direction that the whole organization must go.

Last week at the West Los Angeles JACL installation dinner-dance, Chuman who grew up in the same neighborhood as the 1961 West L.A. chapter president Akira Ono repeated he would call the roll of the chapters at the 1962 national convention in Seattle to see how many members are registered voters.

"I want every member to be a registered voter," Chuman exclaimed, "because its exercise is a basic right."

"If we mean what we say (that Nisei are American citizens of Japanese ancestry), let's be Americans and be registered to vote," he added.

At previous occasions, Chuman had noted that local politicians know how many Nisei voters reside in their district because of their names are easily recognizable on the rolls. The list of voters is a matter of public record and accessible to anyone for inspection.

"Invisible Americans"

Addressing an overflow audience of some 150 at King's Tropical Inn, Chuman described the Nisei as the "invisible Americans," noting that they are disappearing from the community scene. They are not attending the professional conventions in proportionate numbers. They are not as active as they should be in schools, community and other civic organizations.

"We should take more interest in local, state and national—even international—affairs. If we, not performing our duties as full American citizens," Chuman went on extemporaneously.

By the same token, Chuman hoped that JACL would be able to bust loose from its "insularism" and take more active interest in affairs not strictly Japanese. Even the general meetings, he suggested, could include speakers knowledgeable in national defense, the

science, schools, etc., and each community has a wealth of men and women in these fields.

Narcotic Problem

On this point that JACL should take active interest in problems not strictly Japanese but which embraces the entire community in which Nisei live, Chuman revealed that the chapters in California will gear their whole program to know more about the narcotic problem in the state, which has become a major crisis.

Governor Brown has formed a California Study Commission on Narcotics, to which Chuman was recently appointed.

This step was applauded by those attending the dinner, the second time his talk was interrupted by applause. The first interruption came when Chuman wanted all JACLers to be registered voters.

New Officers

The new officers of the chapter and the women's auxiliary, the only women's group organized in the PSWDC, were installed by Fred Takata, regional director.

Sworn in were:

Chapter—Aki Ono, pres.; Jiro Mochizuki, 1st v.p.; Shigeo Takeshita, 2nd v.p.; Roy Takada, treas.; Kiyo Nomura, rec. sec.; Mary Deguchi, cor. sec.; Steve Yagi, memb.; Mrs. Nishizawa, 1000 Club; Dr. Kiyoshi Sonoda, Dave Akashi, del.; Norio Takeuchi, Harry Felling, Tani Sakamoto, Mas Oshimori, Bob Iwamoto, Takeo Yabuta, Tada Tokuda, Joe Sase, bd. memb.

Auxiliary—Taye Isono, pres.; Satoru Ueno, v.p.; Haruo Harada, sec.; Mrs. Shigeo Takeshita, treas.; and Mrs. Sakae Kawata, pub. hist.

Master of ceremonies David Akashi introduced several special guests including City Councilman Rundberg and visiting chapter presidents from East Los Angeles (Mable Yoshizaki), Venice-Culver (Jane Yamashita) and Long Beach (Arthur Noda).

JACL plans for outstanding service to the chapter for the past year were presented by Aki Ono to: Mrs. Toy Kanegae, Mrs. Aya Yabuchi, Yo Tsuruta, Mrs. Mitsuo Sonoda, Kiyo Nomura, Mrs. Sumi Oshimori, Eileen Uchida, Hobi Fujii, Mitz Nishizawa, George Sakamoto and Joe Sase.

Ono, after being sworn in a second time, thanked the members for their support and hoped even more would support the program for the coming year. The chapter has been active this past year with youth and community affairs.

The Rev. Dr. J.K. Sasaki of the West L.A. Community Methodist Church gave the invocation. The Rev. Larry Uyehara of the West L.A. Baptist Church gave the benediction.

MILWAUKEE INSTALLS DENIS MAKIYA, SILVER PIN AWARDED TO NAMI SHIO

Wakamatsu reviews

'Issei Story' progress

By CLIFF DYKSTRA

MILWAUKEE.—The Milwaukee JACL was honored on Saturday, Jan. 14, with the presence of Shig Wakamatsu, Joe Kadowaki and Kume Yoshinari for its annual installation of officers held at Nino's Steak Round-up, site of the now famous MDC Convention whirling held here last May.

Wakamatsu, who was the main speaker, gave a complete resume of the Issei Story project and of the forthcoming goals of the national organization. It was an eloquent speech, the immediate past national president being in his usual good form.

Kadowaki, MDC chairman, installed the board of officers, gave a short speech of the merits and advances made in recent years in the Midwest District Council, and the streamlining it has undergone. The flight from Cleveland was turbulent, however, so he begged off giving a "Hilo Hattie" performance this time.

Before Kume Yoshinari, national treasurer, could begin to throw figures at us, he was presented with a gift of appreciation from the Milwaukee Chapter for the many years of moral and physical support rendered in the past. Of all the thousands of JACLers, he has been the most helpful to Milwaukee since its inception in 1946.

Silver Pin Awarded

Miss Nami Shio, "the faithful one" as she is referred to here and a former Milwaukee chapter president, was conferred the JACL Silver Pin, the first such recipient in the chapter. She has been the party, since 1946, to whom any problem was extended and particularly whenever a rough chaptermanship needed filling. It was only proper that this hard-working JACLer be the first to receive this award.

The chapter also patted itself on the back in acknowledging receipt of the \$100 Savings bond, the first

Living with JACL: by Saburo Kido

The First Biennial

Things are looking up! My friends are coming to the rescue! Akira Horikoshi, of the original conventioners from San Francisco who still lives there, rummaged through his attic and found his copy of the Japanese American Courier dated Sept. 6, 1930. I don't know how he retained this copy since it is over 30 years ago. However, the important thing is that it has been made available to me and permits me to recall the first national JACL convention with greater detail.

PART II: Continued

(The main points of the 1930 Seattle Convention were reported in Mr. Kido's column last week. Some of the details and sidelights will be offered in the ensuing installments.—Ed.)

According to the summary of the convention reported in the Courier of Sept. 6, 1930, it appears I did present the matter of a mutual benefit plan (reported as "fraternal insurance" in the Jan. 13 installment) but no action was taken. Apparently, it was tabled for further study.

Although it may be repetitious and tedious, I would like to add the summary contained in the Courier. After all, this convention was the beginning of our National JACL. It should be of interest to the younger as well as the long-time members to know what transpired at the convention which laid the foundation of our organization back in 1930. Instead of calling them "national committee meetings," as we do today, the 1930 parley called them "round tables" and there were five: (1) legal, (2) political, (3) social, (4) economic, and (5) international.

The summaries are as follows: "LEGAL"—Discussion of Cable Act amendment, resulting in drafting a resolution to Congress. Discussion of naturalization law and of Japanese World War (I) veterans of the U. S. Army; resolution to Congress drafted.

"Immigration problem and the Act of 1924. Discussion of passport problem."

"POLITICAL"—Discussion on the number of eligible voters in the district represented by each chapter and the drafting of a resolution. Discussion of political ethics, the opinion being expressed that standards are uneven, and that the Citizens League chapters should not vote in a bloc but (that each member vote) independently.

"The general opinion was held that women, both of Japanese and citizens of the United States, were taking an increased interest in politics and that though Japanese women had no vote, they influenced the political stream of Japan."

"Discussion of Japan's political heritage, and its comparison with the political structure of the United States."

"SOCIAL"—Four ways in which the Second Generation may gain recognition: (1) Power of numbers, (2) In commercial field, (3) Social contacts, (4) Own influence—character and personality.

"Discussion of marriage problem."

"Recommendation that Japanese language school should teach Japanese history and culture as well as the Japanese language."

"ECONOMICS"—Discussion of farming on the fact that Japanese American citizens have a great field in the agricultural line, being able by their knowledge of English to cut down the expense now existing between the Japanese farmer and the consumer.

"Discussion on the proposition

Roy Endo elected Oakland president

OAKLAND.—Roy Endo was elected 1961 president of the Oakland JACL while outgoing president Ken Matsumoto was elected chairman of the chapter's board of directors. A joint installation dinner with Berkeley JACL is being planned for February.

On the cabinet are David Saito, 1st v.p.; Katsumi Fujii, 2nd v.p.; Charles Kawasaki, 3rd v.p.; May Ikeda, treas.; Alko Yokomizo, rec. sec.; and Kathy Hagiwara, cor. sec.

Serving on the board are James Tsurumoto, Issei Story chmn.; Frank Ogawa, 1000 Club; Richard Lee, social and sports; Charles Ishizu, pub.; Nobuta Akahoshi and Hikoichi Tajima, Issei pub. rel.; Shiz Tanaka, George Kurata, Ted Mayeda, Asa Fujie, Harue Minato; Margaret Utsumi, Molly Kitajima and Grace Misaki.

ALIEN ADDRESS REPORT FORMS DUE BY JAN. 31

Allens in Southern California are reminded that the last day for filing Address Report forms is next Tuesday, Jan. 31. The law requires every alien except those having diplomatic status, representatives of certain international organizations and persons admitted temporarily as agricultural laborers, must file during the month of January each year.

The JACL Regional Office will assist Issei fill their forms.

CORRECTION

Name of the young San Diego girl in last week's picture on page 4 is Becky Ouyayshi.—Ed.

that those who attend college and graduate should have a set aim and stick to it after they get through school.

"Suma Sugli (of Los Angeles) reported on the work being carried on at Stanford University by means of a Carnegie Endowment on the second generation Japanese."

"INTERNATIONAL"—Informal discussion by Mr. Sakuramachi on the effect of the lifting of the gold embargo by Japan had on trade with the rest of the world, the efforts of the present (Hoover) administration to stabilize the economic conditions and the fact that commodity prices have reached the international average.

"Informational discussion by Mr. Yamanaka on the foreign trade of the United States, how her imports and exports compare with those of other nations, the fact that the U.S. holds the key to the world's law of supply and demand, and that international trade is based on the principle of reciprocity and interdependence."

A Favorite Subject

It must be noted that one of the favorite convention subjects of those days was the marriage problem. I used to take great pride in the fact that the Japanese exercised eugenics in their marriage. I remember lecturing on this subject at Mills College and at San Jose State Teacher's College.

The point I was trying to establish was the fact that the Issei custom of "picture brides" was not as inhuman as many of the American public had thought. The custom relied upon the long traditions and pride in one's family background. The custom included the calling for the services of a middleman ("bairakunin") to check into the families of the parties betrothed. It was not a caste system as Americans were led to believe, nor using of young people as chatties.

The Nisei today are aware of the conflict that existed between the American style of marriage through love and the Japanese style of pre-arrange marriages. We are also aware of the compromise that has evolved of allowing the parents to select a

"bairakunin" only after the opportunity of associating first is given before consenting to marriage is discussed.

"During the war years, these old practices were discarded. Families were no longer able to check into the ancestors of each other. The Allied Occupation in Japan also removed prejudice against intermarriage. Now that there are more than 25,000 so-called 'war brides' in America, the Nisei are intermarrying and there is little said against it."

The older Issei still prefer marriages between persons of Japanese ancestry. However, the Japanese community no longer considers intermarriage as strange and something to be shunned. And Nisei especially consider such marriages as inevitable in view of the social intercourse that begin from school days.

H.H.H. Okuda

In the same issue of the Courier is a story of the late H.H. Okuda, the Issei pioneer who was addressing the First Biennial Convention.

"(Mr. Okuda) related how he landed in San Francisco in 1899, clad in a cheap suit with only two dollars in his pocket. He lost his way to a farm and was unable to ask anyone as he knew no English. He slept in barns, haystacks and odd places for lack of a home."

"He worked for months under a foreman, only to have the latter disappear one night leaving him without the wages that were coming to him. He tramped up and down the coast, finally settling down in Seattle, where he has been for 33 years."

In conclusion, he remarked: "It is a great work you are doing. This is a history-making convention. If what the First Generation did we kept no records. We have collected old material on them, but no one can get everything. You must keep a record so that future generations can tell you did."

"The First Generation's work could not be completed because we have no vote, but you have the right. Use that right to your best interests, and questions will soon be settled one way or another. This is my earnest desire."

By the Board:

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being awesome, in area, resources, population.

To my right at the dinner table sat Mrs. Dillon S. Myers, "a real people" as they say. Delightfully natural, down to earth. It was not hard to see where her husband, wartime head of the W.R.A., derived much of his humanity which infused the administration of the relocation camps. We hope her grandchildren liked the "kokeshi" dolls that Congressman Dan Inouye and others of us showered upon her.

'To Get a Job Done, Give it to a Busy Person'

And that must have been how Mrs. Claire Minami was selected as general chairman of the dinner-dance. Others informed me that she sandwiched this project between teaching school and meeting her wifely and motherly duties. She's also a truly smooth dancing partner, managing to follow even this writer's awkward shuffling.

A Chapter with Leverage

The Washington D.C. Chapter is undoubtedly eminently unique among the 80-some chapters of the organization. Because it is located in the nerve center of our nation, the chapter's role, influence, activities and pronouncements can be far-reaching and magnified manifold. Thus, it is a chapter which, more than any other single chapter, serves the interests of all and does so, by the way, most unselfishly. And so it was heartening, when administering the oath of office, to see many experienced JACLers on the new Board of Governors with John Yoshino as the chairman. John, a member of the President's Committee on Government Contracts, was the immediate past president of the Chapter and thus brings a fresh reservoir of experience upon which to continue to build.

All in a Day's Work

If, like myself, you're among those who enjoy Italian matzahs-with-tomato-sauce (flavors include anchovy, onion, mushroom, etc.) topped with good fellowship,