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Salt Lake-Matsumoto 'Sister' Cities

TOKYO—Mayor Tokiya Furubata of Matsumoto City observed the second anniversary of the Sister City affiliation between Salt Lake City and Matsumoto recently.

U.S. Ambassador Douglas MacArthur II sent his message congratulating the splendid efforts of Matsumoto in promoting the good between the two cities across the Pacific Ocean.

Attending the celebration were American Consul Paul C. Dink, at Kogo and the U.S. Cultural Center Director William E. Dietz at Nagoya. Elder Glen S. Underwood of the Mormon Mission here also participated. Your correspondent was a guest speaker.

During the three-day celebration drawings from Salt Lake City school children were exhibited.

A troupe of 30 students from Utah at Utah drama club performed the popular musical comedy "Daddy Yankee" on Dec. 23 at Matsumoto, where the city staged an elaborate welcome. The visiting Americans, on tour of U.S. military bases in Japan, at the invitation of the State Department, visited Japanese homes and the hot spring in true Sister City spirit.

This cooperative venture was in sharp contrast to the demonstrations by Japanese leftwingers after the Japanese general elections (Nov. 20) when the United States was denounced.

JACL representative to state parley on apprenticeship elected confab secretary

SAN FRANCISCO—Kel Hori, active San Francisco JACLer, was elected secretary of the California Conference on Apprenticeship, which was convened for the first time in Fresno, Jan. 12.

The conference was the first meeting of the permanent committee on Apprenticeship Opportunities for Minority Groups of the California Council on Employment, Division of Apprenticeship Standards. Hori had been appointed to represent the Japanese American Citizens League by Frank Chuman, national JACL president.

Two surveys, one covering a sample of completed apprenticeships in the last five years, and one covering active apprentices, were approved with an eye toward a long-range program designed to create more opportunities for minorities.

The conference also recommended development of an apprenticeship information center, coordination between state agencies, California Labor Federation, employer groups and minority group organizations; re-emphasis on vocational counseling; publicity and further surveys.

General approval was also given for development of a workshop on problems confronting minorities in apprenticeship at the second biennial California Conference on Apprenticeship in 1962.

Representatives from the Urban League, unions and employer groups also attended this meeting.

Hori, who is a past president of the San Francisco JACL, is a member of the advisory council for the Dept. of Industrial Relations, Northern Area; manages his own employment agency, and active with the San Francisco YMCA, Pine Methodist Church and Scout Troop 12.

A graduate of Univ. of California in personnel and industrial relations, Hori has done graduate work in counseling and guidance at San Francisco State College. He is married to the former Helen Nitta and they have two boys, Keith II and Kent 9.

State supreme court rule permits ACLU to use school bldg.

SAN FRANCISCO—The California Supreme Court, in a 4-3 decision, ordered the Los Angeles Board of Education Thursday last week to permit the American Civil Liberties Union to hold meetings in John Burroughs High School.

The board had refused ACLU the use of the auditorium because it refused to submit a "statement of information" that it does not advocate overthrow of the government and that it is not a Communist group.

The majority opinion said the board had set up a "system of prior restraint" on free speech. "This amounts to a censorship in advance of the right of assembly and free speech on the mere determination of a probability of its future misuse," the court said.

This week, the assistant county counsel assigned to the school board, Clarence B. Langstaff, indicated that the Los Angeles and San Diego County councils will join forces and carry the fight to the U.S. Supreme Court, if the appeal to the State Supreme Court is denied.

Hawkins housing bill redesignated AB 801

SACRAMENTO — Assembly Bill 801 providing for administrative enforcement of a prohibition of racial discrimination in the sale or rental of housing, private and public, was introduced Jan. 26 by Assemblyman Augustus Hawkins (D, Los Angeles).

The bill was elevated to legislative status as AB 7.

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CONTRA COSTA TO INSTALL '61 OFFICERS

Rites in conjunction with NC-WNDC banquet at Concord Inn

BY CHIZU IYAYAMA

RICHMOND.—The Contra Costa JACL will install its new executive board members and officers in conjunction with the first quarterly session of the Northern California-Western Nevada District Council at the Concord Inn on Sunday, Feb. 12.

William Waki, 1961 president, will be assisted by: Sumio Yoshida, p.m.; Mas Iwahara, a.m.; San Kitabayashi, rec. sec.; George Sugihara, cor. sec.; New bd. mems.—George and Mollie Fuhoka, Mas Miyama, Rino Nakaji, May Nakano, G. Sugihara, Saeki Yamada, Hideo Horiuchi, E. Horiuchi, S. Yuki Iwahara, Joe and Masako Oishi, as hosts of the NC-WNDC meeting, the chapter has been busy with preparations. San Kitabayashi, host committee chairman, is being assisted by: Mas Iwahara, G. and M. Fuhoka, pre-reg.; Yuki Iwahara, Grace Go, Jackie Aji, telephone; Ruri Kitabayashi, E. Horiuchi, S. Yuki Iwahara, M. Fuhoka, Hannah Yasuda, reg.; Chizu Iyayama, pub. M. Oishi, Tami Waki, Y. Iwahara, Fumi Sugihara, coffee break; G. Sugihara, Dr. Yoshiyuki Tuganaka, G. and M. Fuhoka, star and guests; Steve and Lillie Nitta, and Zoya Waki, Shig and Chie Komatsu, J. Aji, Sam and Nellie Sakai, reception; S. Kitabayashi, arr.; M. Iwahara, emcee; M. Iwahara, treat; and S. Yoshida, prog.

City and county officials have been invited to witness the installation and hear Frank Quinn, executive director of the San Francisco Council for Civic Unity, principal speaker at the banquet who will talk on "Discrimination in Housing".

The tentative list of guests includes City Manager Laverne Kimball of Walnut Creek; Joe Silva of Antioch, chairman of the county board of supervisors; City Manager Farrell Stewart of Concord; and Dr. H. L. Blum, Contra Costa health officer, and their wives.

CHINESE AMERICAN GROUP TO PROTEST FILMING OF 'OPIUM EATER' STORY

Protest over the forthcoming film production of "Confessions of an Opium Eater" was made by the Los Angeles lodge of the Chinese American Citizens Alliance, it was reported last week.

Cooperation of other minority groups, including the Japanese American Citizens League, was being sought.

The script has been presented to prospective actors of Chinese descent residing in the Hollywood area. It was found that some parts were derogatory to the Chinese and the actors decided to refuse the roles.

It is recalled that JACL made a strong protest but in vain to a rarer protest when "Air Force" was being made in 1944. It is one of the films which were sold to television and later placed on the JACL list of "objectionable" movies because of the loyalty of Nisei being impugned.

Stanford fraternity gets Atty. General's help in threat for pledging Jewish boys

SAN FRANCISCO.—Atty. Gen. Stanley Mosk last week stepped into a dispute between the Stanford University chapter of Alpha Tau Omega and its national organization over the pledging of four Jewish students.

Mosk offered his assistance to the local ATO chapter and told Mike Kavanagh, president, in a letter that his office stands fully behind the chapter's "democratic philosophy" in pledging four Jewish students.

William K. Myrdal, chapter scribe, said the chapter has been threatened with disciplinary action and possible charter revocation by the national organization because it has refused to depledge the Jewish students.

Mosk's letter said that if the Stanford chapter's charter is revoked, he will investigate to determine if Alpha Tau Omega has chapters on any state university or state college campuses, and if so, whether they were violating the law against racial discrimination. Stanford is a private university.



EX-JACL STAFFER IN NEW ROLE

Fred Takota (left) joins the Taiyo-Do Travel Service this week after close to four years of service to the community as Pacific Southwest JACL regional director. Greeting him is Roy Takeda, proprietor and an Issei pioneer in the travel agency business.

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Businessmen show interest in S.F. installation fete

BY STEVE DOI

SAN FRANCISCO.—Local businessmen have indicated interest in attending the forthcoming San Francisco JACL installation dinner-dance, to be held Feb. 10, 6:30 p.m., at A. Sabella's Capri Room at the Fisherman's Wharf.

The interest stems from the announcement of the principal speaker, M. Justin Herman, who will elaborate on the \$10,000,000 Japanese cultural and trade center to be constructed in the Western Addition tract. He is executive director of the Redevelopment Agency of San Francisco.

Tickets are available from local JACL board members and at National Headquarters at \$3.75 per person.

President John Yasumoto will be installed for his second term with his board. Sumi Fujita of the Women's Auxiliary and Margaret Kai of the Jr. JACL will also be installed with their respective cabinets.

Committee members for this installation are Dr. Himeo Tamanoi, Yo Hironaka, John Yasumoto, R. Clifford Uyeda, R. Charles Takakawa, and Steve Doi.

Seattle chapter names movie 'censor' Shimomura as membership chairman

SEATTLE.—The important membership chairman assignment of Seattle JACL has been accepted by Eddie Shimomura. It was announced by Min Tambo, president.

Meanwhile, Takeshi Kubota has prepared the ballot for new chapter officers for the coming year.

Installation of Seattle JACL board members will be held jointly with Puyallup Valley JACL on Saturday, Mar. 25, the eve of the first quarterly session of the Pacific Northwest District Council scheduled the following day. National JACL President Frank Chuman and National Director Mas Satow are planning to attend both events at the Olympic Hotel, site of the 1962 National JACL Convention.

Memberships are being accepted by the JACL Office here at 318-6th Avenue South. Chapter dues are \$5 per member, including a subscription to the PC.

IDAHO FALLS CARNIVAL REPORTED AS SUCCESS

IDAHO FALLS.—The Idaho Falls Winter Carnival of Jan. 21 was regarded as a success by co-chairmen Eli Kobayashi, Shoji Nukaya and Deto Harada.

It was held at the Armory here, where food booths and concessions were busy from opening time of 10 a.m. until evening.

Oriental box lunches, home-made chicken noodles and chow mein were feature items. The bazaar was filled with home-cooked foods and sewing.

The cleanup committee returned the following day and wound up the day bowling at Bowl-Ero.

Cousins named to lists of prospective grand jurors

MARYSVILLE.—Roy Hatamiya of Marysville was among 30 listed on the venire of prospective 1961 county grand jury members. The grand jury when impaneled will consist of 19.

The week previous, his cousin Frank Hatamiya of Live Oak was named the 1961 grand jury venire of neighboring Sutter county.

Order of Rainbow

MOSES LAKE, Wash.—Sus Utani, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Bill Utanomiya, was installed as worthy adviser of the Order of Rainbows for Girls recently at the local Masonic Temple.



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'Quick, Ichiro, the Flit'

By Henry Mori

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1961 NISEI WEEK

The 21st annual Nisei Week Festival will be held Aug. 11 to 20 in Little Tokyo, the incorporated board decided last week.

This is one of the earliest announcements concerning the summer celebration the board has ever made. It's usually in the late spring that the dates are settled.

Takumu Maehara, who operates the Anzen Supply Co. at the corner of First and Weller Sts., will succeed Elji Tanabe as chairman of the Festival board. Tanabe became the president of the Japanese Chamber of Commerce for 1961 in relinquishing his Festival chairmanship.

Other familiar names in the cabinet are Willie Funakoshi, Roy Hoshizaki, Atchie Miyatake, Herb Murayama, Joseph Ito and Soichi Fukui.

Although swank and attractive in nature, the annual coronation ball in recent years is not drawing the crowd. The Veterans of Foreign Wars, Nisei Memorial Post 9338, which is sponsoring the 1961 affair, is planning something new to get the interest back. There have been talks that the coronation ball may be a two-day event with a banquet-stage show package deal on the opening night of the Festival and a dance during the week.

LACKS ATMOSPHERE

Li'l Tokio has never been quite up to what its name implies. It can hardly be called a typical Japanese town. It lacks the atmosphere; it hasn't any special Oriental attraction.

One Tokyo visitor said Li'l Tokio is suffering from "contamination." His candid view somewhat fits the general feeling of how Li'l Tokio may be no more in five years. The city plans to expand the East First Street between San Pedro and Alameda Sts. It means no more north side of Li'l Tokio.

Merchants feel that since the northwest corner gave way to the City Police Administration Building in 1950, this time there is no means of survival. Storekeepers must either go south on San

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Seek court decision to remove anti-Nisei restriction in deed

BY STEVE DOI

SAN JOSE.—Many years ago, Charles Pentler of Palo Alto bought some property from William M. Kirby, now deceased, who had placed a restriction and condition in the deed which held that should the properties be occupied by persons of African, Japanese, Chinese or Mongolian descent at any future time, the title would revert to him or his heirs.

Pentler, an experimental fruit orchardist, recently brought action in the superior court here to have his holdings from reverting to Kirby's son, Emmett, of San Mateo.

The suit was filed in order that should he die his land would go to his Nisei wife, the former Fumi Murayama of San Francisco (sister of PC correspondent Tamotsu Murayama of Tokyo).

Pentler wants the court to remove this restriction on grounds that while the U.S. Supreme Court has already ruled such restrictions unenforceable in the courts, the court's decision did not void them, according to his attorney Herbert S. Jones.

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Concertmaster

SAN JOSE.—Stockton violinist George Nagata was introduced last week as the new concertmaster of the San Jose Symphony when it played its second concert of the current season at the Civic Auditorium.

Born in Tokyo, he came to Stockton with his Nisei mother in 1948. He is now a senior at the University of the Pacific. He is also concertmaster of the Stockton Symphony.

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Vagaries: by Larry Tajiri
An Echo from the Past: Lechner

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ity's statement that Japanese loyalty to the United States is proved by the lack of sabotage." Lechner continued that "Japanese and Japanese Americans had been instructed not to commit sabotage until the order was given by Tokyo."

Lechner also brought to Washington a set of adopted state and national American Legion resolutions asking Congress to keep evacuees in relocation centers for the duration of the war and to pass legislation for wholesale deportation after the war. (Saburo Kido, writing in the PC of Feb. 12, 1944, reported Lechner had been "spanked" by a unanimous vote of the executive committee of the American Legion of California for purportedly describing himself as a representative of the Legion on his aforementioned Washington trip.)

JOHN LECHNER was the subject of a Pacific Citizen editorial on April 29, 1944 which noted that "since Pearl Harbor Lechner has concentrated his oratorical fire on persons of Japanese ancestry in the United States." The PC reported that Lechner had published a booklet, "Playing With Dynamite," which is being widely distributed and which warns the people of America against its citizens of Japanese ancestry. The purpose of the pamphlet appears to be to stop the present evacuee resettlement program of the federal government.

On July 22, 1944, The Pacific Citizen published a photograph of a copy of a letter circulated by Lechner calling for "overwhelming action" to oppose relaxation of restrictions placed on persons of Japanese ancestry after Pearl Harbor.

The letter, signed by "Dr. John R. Lechner, executive director," was on the letterhead of the Americanism Educational League, 838 South Grand Ave., Los Angeles, and dated June 5, 1944. It declared in part:

"A most dangerous move is contemplated by the War Relocation Authority which should receive attention of every civic organization in the Western States.

"Reports from several different sources, considered authentic, have been received that restrictions placed on the Japanese following Pearl Harbor are to be relaxed IN THE VERY NEAR FUTURE (the caps are Lechner's). Japanese, both alien and American-born are to be allowed to return to their former homes . . .

"This is a vital matter and fast, overwhelming action is essential . . ."

LECHNER ranged far and wide in his campaign against what he considered to be the Japanese menace in America. In Salt Lake City, Utah he spoke at a mass meeting at West High School, purportedly to tell the people of the Mormon state the potential danger of the evacuee who had resettled there. In the fall of 1944, Lechner appeared in Colorado, speaking on behalf of Amendment No. 3 in the state election which proposed to prohibit ownership and enjoyment of real property by "aliens ineligible to citizenship," meaning Japanese. Lechner addressed meetings in Denver, Grand Junction and Brighton on behalf of Amendment No. 3. The proposal was defeated by Colorado voters.

In his book, "Prejudice" (Little Brown, 1944), Carey McWilliams devotes more than a page to Dr. Lechner. Says McWilliams: "Dr. Lechner has not only been extremely active in organizing anti-Japanese sentiment in California, but he has had a hand in organizing two recent 'investigations' into the problem" conducted by committees of the California legislature . . .

Lechner is described by Morton Grodzins in "Americans Betrayed" (University of Chicago Press, 1949) as an "American superpatriot." Grodzins said Lechner's was one of "two of the most clamorous voices demanding drastic measures against American Japanese, both before and after evacuation (the other was that of Kilsoo K. Hahn, according to Grodzins). Author Grodzins, whose study was conducted originally for the University of California, devotes five pages to Lechner and Hahn in a discussion on "Pressure Groups" and the mass evacuation (pages 50-54).

HOWEVER patriotic may have been Dr. Lechner's motivations, the fact remains that he was a misguided zealot who mistakenly accused a section of the American population of disloyalty and served to impede the democratic treatment of persons of Japanese ancestry in the United States.

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JACL holds keys to open doors for its members to become better American citizens, Chuman tells Venice-Culver chapter

BY HARRY HONDA
With a group of local school administrators and teachers present as guests at the Venice-Culver JACL installation dinner-dance last Saturday, National JACL President Frank Chuman pointed to similar roles the school has with JACL in the principal address of the evening.
Noting that teachers have a priceless opportunity in their hands to open the minds of students in their class, the JACL likewise holds the key to open the doors for its members to become aware of the responsibilities as American citizens, Chuman declared.
Chuman urged JACLers to become aware of the problems of the community through the leaders within the community, adding that there are many qualified experts in various fields in the Venice-Culver area. He hoped that JACL as a national organization would emulate other national organizations like the Kiwanis, Shriners, Lions, Rotary, etc., in becoming vitally concerned with community problems.
"It is an unrealistic approach for JACL to close shop at this time," the Los Angeles barrister said, "even though our major legislative goals like evacuation claims and naturalization for Issei have been accomplished. A more thrilling experience lies ahead by looking in our own backyard and getting to know our community better."
The 1961 Cabinet
Dr. Roy Nishikawa, past national president, installed the following chapter officers for 1961: Jane Yamashita, pres.; George Inagaki, memb. and Spotlight editor; Frances Kitagawa, social; George T. Ito, program; Joyce Imanu, treat.; Mary Wakamatsu, sec.; Betty Yumori, 1000 Club; and Louis Kado, del.
Before the officers were sworn, Dr. Nishikawa paused to observe that Inagaki, who was a two-term national president and honored as "Nisei of the Biennium", the highest single honor bestowed by JACL to a Nisei, has assumed probably the hardest job in any of the chapter—the membership chairmanship and commented that it was indicative of his ardent devotion to the organization.
Jack Wakamatsu, accompanied by Frances Kitagawa, rendered two vocal selections: Toselli's "Serenata" and Leoncavallo's "Matinata".
Principal guests from three local schools were introduced as honored guests: Austin Dixon of Marina Jr. High; Dr. Nathan Kravitz of Stoner Ave. and Kenneth L. Smith of Playa del Rey.
Other honored guests included PSWDC chairman Kay Nakagiri and PC editor Harry Honda. The Rev. Carl Yoshimine of the Venice Free Methodist Church gave the opening invocation.
Kaz Adachi, outgoing president, presented a gift of appreciation from the chapter by Mrs. Frances Kitagawa. The flowers used to decorate the King's Tropical Inn banquet room were from Fred Moriguchi of Nisei Florist and the corsages were made by Richard Kitagawa.
The evening ended with dancing with the Four Others combo.

Cincinnati installs Hisashi Sugawara two get Silver Pins

CINCINNATI.—"What is it in your hands? In our hands we have health and educational opportunities. As the hand of each person is different, our individuality makes up our democracy. Important as the hand is to the individual, the individual is just as important to the democracy. Greater participation in politics, civic, and governmental affairs is of utmost importance," declared Mrs. Dorothy Dolbey, the only woman on Cincinnati's City Council, who was the principal speaker at the Cincinnati JACL installation dinner, Jan. 22.

The dinner was held at Shuler's Wigwam where the chapter's new board of governors was installed in a very impressive ceremony by Mas Yamasaki of Dayton, the charter president of the Dayton chapter and former MDC officer.
Installed were the following: Hisashi Sugawara, pres.; Al Kobata, v.p.; Yoshio Kamikawa, treat.; Betty Fukigawa, sec. Other board members are Mutsu Takao, MDC officer; Leon Sakai, Marnelle Watanabe, ex-officio and Ed Takahashi.
Mrs. Lil Yamasaki of Dayton extended the message from the Midwest District Council, stressing the importance of the Issei Story and for the chapter to participate in local community activities.

Silver Pins Awarded
Mrs. Takao presented JACL Silver Pins to Joe Sugawara and Taduo Tokimoto for outstanding service of exceptional quality on the local level.
On the lighter side of the program was a dance by Maxine Watanabe, Sansei daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Horace Watanabe, and a vocal and instrumental number on the koto by Mrs. Jack Huntsberger of Dayton.
Kaye Watanabe was the toastmaster. James Takeuchi was chairman of arrangements for the dinner. Sixty members and friends attended.

Arkansas Valley CL elects Bob Mayeda
ROCKY FORD, Colo. — The Arkansas Valley JACL held its annual installation dinner-dance Jan. 14 at the El Capitan Hotel here.
The new chapter officers are Bob Mayeda (La Junta), pres.; Jim Hiraki (La Junta), 1st v.p.; Harry Shironaka (Ordway), 2nd v.p.; Amy Konishi (Rocky Ford), 3rd v.p.; Henry Konishi (Rocky Ford), treat.; Sylvia Mayeda (La Junta), sec.; Pat Maruyama (La Junta), 1000 Club; and George Fujimoto (La Junta), aud.
District representatives to the board are Gene Hirakata, Lehiro Suto (Rocky Ford); George Hirai, John Maruyama (La Junta); Frank Shiba, Nob Hasui (La Junta); Fred Morimoto, Henry Hirose (Granada); and Joe Uyeno (Crowley).
Outgoing president Tom Nakama was emcee. Uji Harada conducted the installation ceremony.

Gresham-Troutdale JACL annual bazaar on Feb. 5
PORTLAND.—The Gresham-Troutdale JACL will hold its annual bazaar at the G-T Hall this Sunday, Feb. 5, from 11 a.m. until 7 p.m.
Kaz Tamura, Mmes. T. Muraishi, Fumi Kato and Ami Kinoshita, co-chairmen, said there will be a variety of games and food.

WLA senbei sale
West Los Angeles JACLers are conducting a senbei sale (50 cents a bag) this weekend, Feb. 4-5, with Tami Sakaniwa in charge of the sales committee. Funds will be used to carry out local chapter programs for youth and the community.

Women's Events
Sacramento Memorial Chapel won the women's team event with 2638, 2156, plus 482 handicap. Members of the team were Hika Yama, Sally Matsuoaka, Loretta Kaneko, Hika Noguchi, and Blanche Fujii. Camino Bowl of Mountain View was second with 2630. El Home Furnishings of San Francisco third with 2617.
The women's singles was won by Bernice Lee of Sacramento who posted 546 plus 60 for 606.
Dolly Fujisaka and Edith Fujioaka of San Francisco combined to win the women's doubles with 1011 plus 122—1133.
Mits Lynn and Hal Masamori of San Francisco outdistanced the field in the ragtime doubles, Muts hitting a sparkling 638. Hal adding 594, plus 86 handicap totalling 1318.
Bob Sakuma of San Francisco added the maximum handicap to his effort of 608 to take the three game sweep with 708.
The San Francisco Nisei Bowling Association gratefully acknowledges the generous trophy donations from Olympic Hotel, San Francisco JACL, Jimmie's Barber Shop, Kuratori & Murata Insurance, Zephyr Cleaners, Downtown Bowl, O'Hara Trophies, Fay Ling Inn, Kowji's Richfield, Pine Street Laundry, and Sumitomo Bank.

74 men's teams entered in Sacramento keg tourney
SACRAMENTO. — Thirteen teams averaging 900 or better are among the 74 men's teams entered in the Sacramento Nisei Bowling Association's invitational handicap tournament this weekend at Country Club Lanes, according to Eugene Okada, tournament chairman.
Towne Flower Shop of San Jose leads with a powerful 970 team, followed by Save Mart Majors of Stockton at 959.
Schedule calls for the first squad of 30 teams to roll at 7:30 p.m. on Saturday, Feb. 4. Thirty-four teams take to the floor at 10 and a midnight squad has 10 teams.

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ORANGE COUNTY JACL NAMES INAUGURAL SITE

SANTA ANA. — The Orange County JACL installation dinner-dance should beckon socialites of the Southland with the announcement of the swank Villa Marina, 1045 Bayside Dr., Newport Beach as the locale on Saturday, Feb. 11.
The program starts at 7 p.m., with dinner, entertainment and dancing.
Henry Kanegae, who served as chapter president in 1942, was elected to the same office for 1961.
National JACL President Frank Chuman was announced as the principal speaker with Kay Nakagiri, PSWDC chairman, as installing officer. Bill Okuda will emcee and dancing will follow with the Taiheyo Band.
Newly-elected members of the board are Mrs. Sam Morita, Mrs. Toro Inamura, Mrs. Hiroshi Fukuda, Elden Kanegae, Jack Matsumoto, and George Kanno.
Holdover board members are Dr. Franklin Yoshikane, Henry Kanegae, Frank Mizusawa, Leonard Miyawaki, Mas Masuda, Clarence Nishizu, Dr. Fred Kobayashi (1960 pres.) and George Ichien (1959 pres.).

Sequoia CL installs Sakaye Okamura

REDWOOD CITY. — At a recent dinner held at Ramon Oaks in Atherton, the Sequoia Chapter of the JACL installed its newly elected board members. The new board, headed by Sakaye Okamura, was installed by National Director Mas Satow.
Other Board Members included: Frank Ura, v.p. (program); Tak Sugimoto, v.p. (social); Aki Yamamoto, treat.; Miss June Sugimoto, rec. sec.; Tad Masaoka, del.; Mrs. Lucille Nakanishi, pub.; Mamoru Fukuma, alt. del. & memb.; Mits Kishima, alt. del. & youth; Miss Nanci Fujiwara, telephone; Sat Yamada, John Enomoto, ex-officio.
Following the dinner, Nancy Yara, vice-president of the Jr. Tri-Villes, read the Japanese American Creed, and the Japanese American Creed, and the Japanese Taniguchi, president of the Sr. Tri-Villes, gave a report on the Jr. JACL.
Mrs. Frank Brinkman was the guest speaker, and the other guests included Mayor and Mrs. R. Weymouth of Redwood City, Mr. and Mrs. Masao Satow, Frank Brinkman, Mr. and Mrs. O. Tallent, assistant editor of the Redwood City Tribune.

Marysville holds 25th anniversary

MARYSVILLE. — Mohammed T. Mehdi, director of the Arab Information Center of San Francisco, was the principal speaker at the Marysville JACL installation dinner Jan. 14 at Oroville.
Mayor Weisner of Oroville welcomed the guests and members at the chapter's 25th anniversary banquet. Frank Nakamura, charter member of the chapter, related the 25-year history of the chapter which began as the YBSC (Yuba, Butte, Sutter, Colusa) Chapter in 1935.
Akiji Yoshimura was toastmaster. George H. Inouye, members of the NC-WNDC board, installed Shurei Matsumoto as president.
Other officers for 1961 are: Terry Manji, 1st v.p.; Roger Tokumura, 2nd v.p.; Jim Fukui, treat.; Pat Ann Nakatsu, rec. sec.; Carol Wada, col. sec.; Nubia, pub. rel.; Tom Teesdale, 1000 Club; Clark Tokumura, Harry Fukumitsu, Tom Kinoshita, George Hatayama, Frank Hatayama, Akiyo Inagaki, Kenneth Tanabe, Akiji Yoshimura, Mosse Uchida, Takeshi Takeuchi, Arthur O. Frank Nakamura, Iwao Tokunaga, Bill Tsuji, Tom Tokunaga, bd. memb.; Dr. Yutaka Toyoda, past pres.
Terry Manji, banquet chairman, was assisted by: Shurei Matsumoto, Bill Tsuji, Dr. Yutaka Toyoda, George Inouye, Frank Nakamura and Akiji Yoshimura.

Salt Lake aliens register

SALT LAKE CITY.—Tosh Iwasaki was in charge of the two-day JACL project to assist local Issei file their annual alien address report last week at the Colonial Hotel lobby.

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SAN JOSE INSTALLS '61 CABINET, MEMBERSHIP NEAR ALL-TIME HIGH

BY LILLIAN HINAGA
SAN JOSE.—One hundred-twenty members of San Jose JACL witnessed the installation of its 1961 officers, enjoyed a dinner-dance Jan. 21 at the Golden Doors of Los Gatos and a program which featured an inspiring talk on "Issei Story" by Akiji Yoshimura and a beautiful violin solo by Miss Elaine Ikemoto, accompanied by her sister Arlene.
New cabinet members were installed by Peter Nakahara, a member of executive board of Northern California-Western Nevada District Council. As his first official duty as newly-elected president, Elsie Sakayae presented gifts to all outgoing officers. Norman Mineta served as master of ceremonies, while Henry Uyeda took care of general arrangements.
Announcement was made by Helen Hinaga of the luncheon-fashion show, which will be held during the forthcoming National JACL Bowling Tournament, featuring styles by Lanz of California. Entitled "Encores la Spring," it will be held at the Terrace Room of Hawaiian Gardens on Wednesday, March 8 from noon to 3 p.m. Tickets at \$3 per person are now available.
Norman Mineta reported that Congressman and Mrs. Dan Inouye of Hawaii will attend the tournament banquet on Saturday, Mar. 11, and that banquet committee including Shig Matsunaga, Grace Hane, Yoneo Bepp, Phil Matsumura and Lucille Nagashima are at work formulating all details for a gala and memorable evening.
Under the chairmanship of Dr. have been signed up for current Tom Taketa, close to 500 members year. The all-time chapter high of 501 was turned in last year.

Bakersfield JACL host at 1st quarterly session of CCDC

FRESNO. — The first quarterly meeting of the Central California District Council will be hosted this Sunday by Bakersfield JACL at the Rice Bowl, beginning with luncheon at 12:30 p.m.
Important financial matters are to be discussed during the business session chaired by CCDC chairman Mikio Uchiyama of Fowler.
Toru Ikeda will read the minutes of the previous meeting. Ben Nakamura will then present the treasurer's report. Appointment of standing committee chairmen will be read by the CCDC chairman.
Other reports are scheduled: 1960 New Year dance by Henry Mikami, 1961 New Year dance by Kiyoshi Kawamoto, joint campaign of civil rights organizations by James Kubota, non-chapter area, donations by Ikeda, Issei Story Project by George Kitahara and proposed Issei Recognition dinner.
George Kitahara, CCDC Issei Story Committee chairman, noted that Tulare County was the only chapter to have completed the project questionnaire that was due last Dec. 31. Tom Shimazaki is Issei Story chairman for Tulare County JACL.
Kitahara urged other chapters to complete the questionnaire as soon as possible.

TO SPONSOR BENEFIT DANCE FOR NISEI RELAYS

The Los Angeles JACL Coordinating Council this week announced a Nisei Relays benefit dance would be held on Saturday, Mar. 11, 9:30 p.m. to 1:30 a.m., at the Old Dixie Ballroom, 43rd and Western Ave.
This is the first benefit dance being held to raise funds for staging the annual Nisei Relays. Aaron Gonzales and his orchestra will play for the sports formal, stag-stagette dance.

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ASSETS		LIABILITIES	
Cash and due from banks	\$ 24,472.61	Shares	\$462,283.37
Personal Loans	360,260.13	Accounts Payable	129.49
Real Estate Loans	60,961.32	Guaranty Fund	10,270.18
Deposit in other credit unions	95,848.42	Undivided Earnings	24,102.93
Furniture, fixture and equipment	4,751.17	1960	\$ 1,413.63
Total	\$497,415.87	1960	\$24,102.93
Less Depreciation	2,392.57		
	\$495,023.30		
Deferred Charges	\$4,751.17	Total Members	783
Accounts Receivable	55.00	Total Borrowers	309
	\$499,774.47	Total Number of Loans	1960 284
		Total Amount Loaned, 1960	\$258,954.68

Profit and Loss Statement 1960

INCOME		EXPENSES	
Interest Received	\$34,186.58	Share and Loan Life Ins.	\$ 5,430.12
Other Income	4,874.79	Office Salaries	5,194.44
	\$41,061.37	Office Rent	360.00
		Telephone	170.20
		Electricity	108.73
		Postage	273.63
		Office Supplies	874.99
		Advertising	215.00
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		Net Profit	\$15,885.09

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By Fred Tokuta

POINTING Southwestward

So Long for Awhile

As I write my last column for the PC, I find it the hardest one to compose, for it's very difficult to put into words, how you really feel at a time like this. By the time this article reaches all of you, I will have left the JACL staff to be affiliated with the Talyo-Dow Travel Agency. The three years and eight months spent as Pacific Southwest Regional Director flew by in a breeze and it's hard to believe that I've been here that long. I can honestly say that the happiest moments of my life were spent right here in JACL, and I shall always cherish the many wonderful memories and the many, many new friends that I have met through my work. I wish to express my appreciation to all of you for making this possible.

A couple of weeks ago the Los Angeles JACL Coordinating Council, under chairman George Fujita, and the PSWDC, under chairman Kay Nakagiri, gave me a testimonial dinner at the Kamekura Restaurant. It was the very first time I was honored for anything in my life and I was surprised to see so many of my JACL friends present, some traveling from such far away places as San Diego and Santa Barbara. As Regional Director you are continuously jumping on the chapter people, pushing them on membership drive, quotas, PC ads, and a hundred other things, but I was really overwhelmed to know that I still had so many friends left in JACL.

The evening was a very enjoyable one with everyone giving a "eulogy" of my life in JACL, giving me a feeling I was attending my own funeral, but I assure you I'm very happy to be alive and grateful for the many wonderful things that were said.

However, some of my close friends couldn't miss the chance to take me over the coals and did a good job of giving me some uneasy moments. Joe Yasaki was MC for the evening and started to give me the treatment by telling about some of the extracurricular activities at the National convention, but he blew the punch line and I was very grateful to get the last laugh. However, Joe was not to be denied, as he gave out with a Japanese song that had all of us amazed, but the kicker was that he didn't know what the meaning of the words were, but neither did the rest of us. For the sake of the Issei present, I kept it was above board.

The District presented me with a very beautiful engraved wrist watch and a very elegant scroll made by Kanzo Kunitomi. I've always admired Kanzo's work on scrolls in the past and I'm very happy to have one of my very own. I also received a very nice suit through the courtesy of Penhouse clothes in Crenshaw Square, from whom I have been purchasing my suits in the past. It was a very nice gesture on their part and I am very grateful. National president, Frank Chuman also presented me with a check from the National or-

ganization which will come in handy in replenishing my disappearing bank account. To all of those responsible for making this one of the most enjoyable evenings for my parents and myself, my deepest thanks and appreciation.

GOOD MONTH OF FEBRUARY

The month of February has always been a very good month for me, since it seems everything good happens to me during this month. I only hope that this year will be no different as I move into my new position. I wish to personally thank my co-workers who had to put up with me these past years. To Harry Honda, Marie Sugita and Pearl Mughisha, I wish to express my appreciation for all their assistance, for without it, the operation of the Regional Office would have been impossible. I am also very grateful for the help and support given to me by the past staff members, Tats Kishida, Blanche Shiozaki, Miki Fukushima and Maebelle Higa. They all certainly played an important part.

I will always be indebted to my advisory board, composed of Frank Chuman, Saburo Kido, George Inagaki, and Dr. Roy Nishikawa, which proved to be a very valuable crutch for me to fall back on when I needed help. Of course, I'm very appreciative to the National Board, Shig Wakamatsu, Masao Satow, Chiz Satow and Daisy Uyeda, at National Headquarters for their understanding and patience in many of the problems that confronted the Regional Office. I know that if I were to continue mentioning names I would have to mention everyone of you, but my thanks would not be complete without expressing my deep appreciation to Mr. JACL himself, Mike Masakaka. His encouragement and assistance in Washington matters were invaluable in the functions of this office. To all of you who have worked with the Regional Office directly and indirectly my thanks to you all.

BANQUET BINGE

Many of the local chapters knowing that my duties would terminate at the end of January, really kept up hopping the last final two weeks as we were given the privilege of installing the West Los Angeles, East Los Angeles, and Santa Barbara Chapters over two weekends. I'm grateful to have had the opportunity to perform these installations as my last official obligations to the JACL.

During the years the JACL has become apart of me and I'm afraid whenever I strike up a conversation I shall inevitably end up talking about JACL. This isn't bad, but I'm afraid this didn't go over too big with some my dates in the past. Perhaps now that I'm going into the travel business and begin talking about faraway places, things may turn to the better. However, I'm still a strong believer in JACL and I'm counting on the PSWDC to become the Ichiban District in our National organization this year. Since I'll still be around on the membership level I won't say goodbye, but just so long for now.

CALENDAR

Feb. 4 (Saturday)
Eden Township—Installation dinner, 7 p.m.; George Alcorn, spkr.
Cleveland—Installation dinner, 7 p.m.
Feb. 5 (Sunday)
West Los Angeles—Banquet, 11 a.m.
Gresham-Trousdale—Bazaar, G-T Hall, 11 a.m.
Blackton—Installation dinner, House of E. J. Murphy, 8 p.m.
Montrose—Installation dinner, Spindrift Restaurant, 8 p.m.
COC—Quarterly session, Bakersfield JACL, 8 p.m.
Feb. 7 (Tuesday)
East Los Angeles—General meeting, International Institute.
Feb. 9 (Friday)
San Francisco—Joint chapter, Auxiliary, Jr. JACL installation dinner, A. S. Bell's Capt. Room, 8:30 p.m.; Justin Herman, spkr.
Feb. 11 (Saturday)
Orange County—Installation dinner, Villa Marina, 1045 Bayview, Newport Beach, 7 p.m.
Berkeley—Oakland—Joint installation, 7 p.m.
Feb. 12 (Sunday)
PSWDC—Chapter clinic, Coachella Valley and East Los Angeles JACL, 9:30 a.m. (Chartered bus leaves Los Angeles JACL Regional Office, 8:30 a.m., return by 11 p.m.)
NC-WDC—Quarterly meeting, Contra Costa JACL, 8 p.m.
Contra Costa—Installation, Concord Inn (in conjunction with NC-WDC banquet).
Feb. 18 (Saturday)
Pasadena—25th Anniversary banquet, Parlier Central High School banquet room, 8:30 p.m.
Pasadena—Installation dinner, Veterans Room, 220 N. Lake, Altadena, 7 p.m.
Long Beach—Japanese movies, Harbor Community Center, 7 p.m.
San Jose—Japanese movies, Washington, 7 p.m.
Fresno—Japanese movies, Washington, 7 p.m.
Feb. 19 (Sunday)
San Jose—19th annual National JACL bowling tournament, Mc's Palm Bowl.
Feb. 19-19
Los Angeles—19th annual National JACL Board meeting.

SPEAKER'S CLUB INDUCTS OFFICERS, DEMONSTRATES PRACTICE NIGHT TO GUESTS

SAN FRANCISCO.—The San Francisco JACL's Speakers Club held a guest night installation dinner at Yamato Sukiyaki, Jan. 24, with wives and interested friends attending.

Roy Watanabe, a Bay Area architect and member of the original club, installed incoming president, Eddie Moriguchi; Phil Marshall, secy., and Cal Kitazumi, treas.

A regular speech-making practice session was held in conjunction with the banquet. Participants included: Steve Doi, chairman, Wil Takamatsu, invocation; Howard Ho, humor story; Jim Nishi, table topics master for extemporaneous speech tests; Cal Kitazumi, toastmaster; Shig Fujimura, Phil Marshall, Eddie Moriguchi and John Yasumoto, principal speakers; Master evaluator and critic for the entire program was Yone Satoda.

Gresham-Trousdale picks Kaz Kinoshita

PORTLAND.—The 1961 Gresham-Trousdale JACL Installation banquet was held at Jimaco's Restaurant on Jan. 22. Program chairman Jack Ouchida was the toastmaster for the evening and the principal speaker was Honorable William G. East, Judge of the U.S. District Court for Oregon. A regular speech-making practice session was held in conjunction with the banquet. Participants included: Steve Doi, chairman, Wil Takamatsu, invocation; Howard Ho, humor story; Jim Nishi, table topics master for extemporaneous speech tests; Cal Kitazumi, toastmaster; Shig Fujimura, Phil Marshall, Eddie Moriguchi and John Yasumoto, principal speakers; Master evaluator and critic for the entire program was Yone Satoda.

SAN DIEGO C.I.

NAMES CABINET, SETS CALENDAR

Border City chapter pushing membership drive through February 4

SAN DIEGO.—The San Diego JACL board of directors recently elected its 1961 cabinet officers and announced its calendar for the remainder of the year.

Jack Matsueda, chairman, will serve as chapter president. He will be assisted by Bruce Asakawa, 1st v.e.; Josuke Sakamoto, 2nd v.e.; Harry Kawamoto, sec.; treas.; George Fujito, social; Tad Imoto, newsletter; George Kodama, pub.; Mas Hironaka, memb.; Shig Honda, assl. memb.; Paul Hoshi, 1960 Club; Nob Takashima, memb-at-lrg.; and Hide Takeshita, ex-officio and youth coordinator.

With the installation already held New Year's Eve, the chapter has been pushing its membership drive, which is expected to be concluded by the end of February. Other coming events include the golf tournament in March, Spring dance in April, 1st luck dinner meeting in May, Pine Valley outing in July, the annual community Fourth of July picnic, bowling tournament in August, general meeting in September, the Harvest Ball in October and elections in December.

There is an "open" date in November.

1000 CLUB NOTES

National JACL Headquarters this week acknowledged 63 new and renewal memberships during the second half of January for a monthly total of 98. The current standing is 1,332. There were six from Bakersfield JACL, the very first for the chapter.

THIRTIETH YEAR
Alameda—Sim Tozaki.
TWENTIETH YEAR
Downtown L.A.—Sho Iino.
D.C.—Ira Shimazaki.
ELEVENTH YEAR
San Francisco—Dr. Tokiji Hedani.
Long Beach—Fred Ikeguchi.
NINTH YEAR
Downtown L.A.—Taro Kawa.
D.C.—Mrs. Sally Furukawa.
EIGHTH YEAR
San Francisco—Fred Hoshizawa, Wil Iino, Hoshizawa.
Philadelphia—William T. Ishida, Twig Clites—Thomas T. Kanno.
Gresham-Trousdale—Hawley H. Kato, Idaho Falls—Fred Ochi.
St. Louis—Mrs. Janet Yamamoto, Yuki Kishimoto.
SEVENTH YEAR
Chicago—Dr. Minoru Amimoto.
San Francisco—Dixie Hunt.
Long Beach—Frank T. Ishii (in memoriam).
D.C.—George I. Ohta.
Mile-Hi—Minoru Yazu.
SIXTH YEAR
Sonoma County—Iwazo Hamamoto.
Long Beach—Frank T. Ishii (in memoriam).
Dr. John E. Kashiwabara.
Chicago—Max S. Joichi.
Oakland—Harvey Nakamura.
Downtown L.A.—Teru Shimada.
FIFTH YEAR
Seattle—John Fujimoto.
D.C.—Robert S. Oki, Chisato Ohara, Barry Tada.
San Jose—Eichi Sakauye.
Chicago—Chieko Tomihara.
FOURTH YEAR
D.C.—Frank Baba.
San Jose—Harvey Ishigaki.
Oakland—Frank H. Ozato.
Puyallup Valley—Kazuo Yamane.
THIRD YEAR
San Francisco—George Ohana.
San Jose—Dr. Thomas A. Hura.
D.C.—Ruth Kishimoto.
Fowler—Harvey Nakamura.
SECOND YEAR
Long Beach—Kay Baba, Joseph W. Fitcher, Sumitani, Fujimoto.
Seattle—Grant Benpu.
Chicago—William T. Okumura.
Puyallup Valley—Tad Sasaki.
FIRST YEAR
Bakersfield—Lloyd K. Kumatake, Tony Misono, Gaiichi Guy Murotani, Joe M. Ono, Harry Tatsuono, Toshio Yumbe.
Oakland—George T. Kurata.
Dayton—Roy Sugimoto.
Long Beach—Thomas Sato.
Seattle—Tatsumi Yasui.
San Francisco—Sumi Fujita, Henry Ohashi.
Downtown L.A.—George K. Uno.
D.C.—Paul Okamoto, Yoshio Sakauye, Mrs. Akiko Iwata.



DAYTON JACL INSTALLATION

Dr. James Taguchi (left), outgoing Dayton JACL president, congratulates his successor, Roy Sugimoto, while Charles Glover, among the guests of the evening, looks on approvingly. Glover is managing editor of the Dayton Daily News, "home base" for our PC cartoonist Pete Hironaka.

R. Sugimoto inducted as Dayton president, three active CLers receive Silver Pin

BY YOSHITAKA YOSHIDA

DAYTON, O.—On the day President Kennedy took his oath of office, new JACL chapter president Roy Sugimoto took his oath of office with his cabinet members at ceremonies held at Rieger's Supper Club.

The dinner was highlighted by the transfer of the chapter plaque (which roasts in the home of the local JACL president), guest speaker Kaye Watanabe of Cincinnati JACL, presentation of JACL silver pins to Dr. James Taguchi, Mas Yamasaki and his wife Lily, and chapter talent. Dr. Mark Nakachi was emcee.

Mr. Watanabe, noting that

JACL's mission of attaining equality for persons of Japanese ancestry was nearing completion, declared the important task of today was to provide a better future for the coming generation.

To do this, he said that "we should wholeheartedly participate in local activities, social and professional, to show our eagerness and sincerity to serve for the betterment of the community and the nation."

Watanabe also reminded that "our attitude has its roots in the effort of the Issei who were silent, yet patient, diligent and loyal parents."

"We should note these facts in the Issei history," he added.

Peter Fujioka named chairman of Detroit JACL board; supreme court justice speaks

BY MARY KAMIDOI

DETROIT.—With its new Board of Governors system going into effect for the year of 1961, the Detroit JACL installed its completely new (16) member board of governors at the 15th annual recognition and installation dinner held at the beautiful Statler Hilton Hotel on Jan. 28.

The principal speaker was the Hon. George C. Edwards, Justice, Michigan State Supreme Court, who gave a very inspiring speech on the subject of the courts of law and its effect on the rights of people.

The invocation was rendered by the Rev. Canon Dr. I. Johnson, rector, St. Johns Episcopal Church in Detroit.

Jerry Kawano heads Santa Barbara C.I.

SANTA BARBARA.—Dr. Charlotte D. Elmott, noted educator here and recipient of the 1960 Los Angeles Times Woman of the Year in Education award, was the key speaker at the Santa Barbara JACL installation dinner last Sunday.

She commented upon the maintenance of a low incidence of juvenile delinquency among Japanese Americans and credited this to strong family ties and family loyalty. She also spoke of her work as director of special guidance project for the Santa Barbara City Schools.

The dinner was held at the Copa Room of Fiesta Bowl. Kay Nakagiri, PSWDC chairman, installed Jerry Kawano, who was re-elected chapter president; Harumi Yamada, sec.; Mrs. Lillian Nakaji, treas.; Tom Fukumura, Mike Hide, Tom Hirashima, Mrs. Amy Hirata, Tad Kanetomo, Frank Mori, Mrs. Isabel Tanaka, Tom Tsumoto and Mrs. Jane Uyecasa, board members.

Retiring regional director Fred Takata also addressed the group.

Pasadena JACL installation dinner planned Feb. 18, other events for year outlined

PASADENA.—The Pasadena JACL's program for the community file their alien address report Jan. 18 at the local Union community began with assisting local Presbyterian Church. The occasion also served to sign others present as JACL members, according to Mack Yamaguchi, chapter president.

There are three events scheduled this month. The headline will be the chapter installation dinner at the Venetian Room, 2556 N. Lake St., Altadena on Saturday, Feb. 18, 6:30 p.m. Reservations are being accepted by Tom Ito, Harris Ozawa and Mack Yamaguchi.

The executive board will meet Feb. 21, at the Presbyterian Church. And Japanese movies will be shown free of charge in honor of new Issei citizens on Saturday, Feb. 25, at Washington Jr. High School.

Future Events Listed

General meetings are being planned on such topics as Income Tax, Health, Care of Eyes and other subjects.

The traditional chapter events for the remainder of the year in-

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Living with JACL: by Saburo Kido

The First Biennial

PART II: Continued

Seattle's reputation as being the most hospitable convention city, as far as the JACL was concerned, was established when delegates were being treated to dinners every evening. And to add to that hospitable touch, "blind dates" were provided. Somehow, I did not have much luck in that department for I had to work and talk about JACL.

Again referring to the Japanese American Courier of Sept. 5, 1930, it had this to say of the public meeting held after one of the dinners at the Maneki. The speakers were Kumataro Matsuda, Charles Akita of Brawley, E. Okiyama and Fred Hirasuna of Fresno.

"Charles Akita impressed forcefully on the audience the strength of the Brawley League." Of Tokutaro Nishimura Slocum, who turned out to be the firebrand and spark plug of the 1930 convention, the Courier commented: "Praising the spirit of the samurai and Bushido that lies in the ancestry and makeup of every Japanese, Slocum delivered an inspiration talk on loyalty to country."

It was the first time that I had heard such an eloquent, high-powered speech in English from a person of Japanese ancestry. Clarence Arai was fluent but Slocum was a fire-breathing orator. No better person could instill enthusiasm in the hearts of delegates. I was deeply impressed with his oratory, despite the fact that I had been raised in an environment in Hawaii where there was constant talk of Americanism. The Nisei were older than their brothers on the Mainland so this kind of talk was not new to me.

This meeting was held at the Nippon Kan. The program opened with the singing of "Kimigayo" and the "Star Spangled Banner." Hannah Kosaka, accompanied by Teru Watanabe at the piano, presented a violin solo. Now, these two names became well-known to me later on, but until I read the Sept. 6, 1930 Courier, I did not remember their participation in the 1930 convention.

Miss Kosaka happened to be my partner for the Sayonara Ball at the 1936 Seattle convention. Since she was on the reception committee, we met at the dance. Miss Watanabe became Mrs. Kahn Uyeyama of San Francisco and a very close friend during the late 1930s.

I had heard that Hannah went to Japan and then to Manchukuo after 1936 and was one of the better paid secretaries there. Then I heard she had married. I wonder where she is today. Another young lady was Merry Masuda, sister of attorney Tom Masuda, who has settled down in Chicago.

Other honored guests in attendance were Hon. and Mrs. Joseph A. Gillis, Mrs. T. Bohn, Miriam Hewlett, Mrs. Irwin Johnson, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Fontczak and MDC Chairman Joe Kadowaki of Cleveland.

To add a little entertainment, able emcee Tom Ishii introduced Sumi Cardoff and Mrs. Ebisuya. Sumi Cardoff rendered a vocal selection of a beautiful ballad and Mrs. Ebisuya, a selection on the samisen.

After a short intermission, everyone enjoyed an evening of dancing to the music of Al Matheson and his orchestra.

In Chicago. She married a Dr. Konzo (Kondo) who attended the 1930 convention for he happened to be in Seattle.

It may be interesting if readers will write in and let us know the whereabouts of those mentioned above. I would like to hear about them.

Another incident I remember about this Nippon Kan meeting was that Clarence Arai wanted a roll call of all visiting delegates. As I glanced over the audience, I realized many were absent. In fact, some of my own delegation had been dismissed. Young bachelors were not to be confined to a rally when visiting a new place. It would have been embarrassing to all concerned, so I asked Clarence to just ask to have the visitors stand.

Meeting the Courier Staff

When we arrived in Seattle, we were introduced for the first time to Jimmie Sakamoto, editor of the Courier who was already blind. We visited his office. Bill Hosokawa was a member of his staff, but I don't remember meeting him then. I also met Welly Shibata there. He is now editor of the English Mainichi, one of the important dailies in Japan. That meeting was comical for I thought he was only a high school student or was attending college. It turned out to be another faux pas of mine. Welly was already a college graduate, an honor student in journalism. He looked so young. He was a talented magician.

Tokutaro N. Slocum

Jimmie Sakamoto and Tokutaro Slocum were very good friends during this period. Later on, they parted company for reasons I do not know.

Slocum was one of the Japanese veterans of the first World War. He had been gassed in France. His lungs were burnt so he had to be hospitalized every once in awhile. For that matter, last Christmas he sent a little note from a hospital in Arizona.

During the discussion of the "legal" round table, Slocum was amazed to learn that it only required an act of Congress to win American citizenship for Japanese veterans of WWI after I had explained about passing a resolution for them. Slocum came from Japan as a little boy and was raised in an American family. He believed it required a constitutional amendment.

There was no one happier than Slocum. He said he was going to take up the battle to Congress. After the convention, he began to map out his campaign strategy. He began writing letters. He was prolific. It was his enthusiasm and contacts among the Veterans of Foreign Wars and American Legion which finally brought victory for him. More of this campaign in Washington will be written later.

'Convention Spirit'

One of the key men in the early days of JACL was Jimmie Sakamoto, who shed his enthusiasm for the Nisei movement through his Courier. An editorial in the Sept. 6, 1930 issue under the title, "Convention Spirit", had this to say:

"Heralding the light of a new day in the life of the Japanese communities along the Pacific Coast, a spirit of unity and co-

operation was an inspiring and accentuated feature of the first biennial convention of the Japanese-American Citizens League.

"With a large number of the leading lights among the second generation from Honolulu, San Francisco, Los Angeles, Brawley, San Jose, Stockton, Newcastle, Fresno, Portland, Oreg., New York City and from districts in this state, it cannot be doubted that what accrued from this convention will be important in safeguarding the genuine identification of Americans of Japanese ancestry with the political institutions of the nation through the organization of the Japanese-American Citizens League.

"The reason that this convention was the success that it was from a business viewpoint was the businesslike manner in which it was carried out. Nothing of an idle nature was proposed or discussed. Every committee functioned to attain progressive policies which would prove advantageous toward discussion and whose radiations would be carried as information and encouragement of the duties of a citizen to Americans of Japanese ancestry in order to create a fundamental structure of second generation character.

"As was shown by the resolutions committee and its propositions made to the convention, two important proposals were made. The first was the resolution to request Congress that those Japanese veterans of the American Army during the World War who were born in Japan, be given their citizenship due them on the basis that they pledged their life to this nation and people and who, at the time of their enlistment, were offered the inducements of citizenship.

"The second dealt with the Cable Act in which resolution was made an appeal to American justice and the fair-mindedness of Congress to allow the Japanese ancestry, as is given privilege to American women of to other women in this country, to be restored their citizenship rights after the death of an alien husband, or in the cases of divorce.

"These two resolutions drafted by Mr. Saburo Kido, a second generation lawyer, who also drafted the constitution for the Japanese-American Citizens League which was unanimously adopted, served to be the two most important measures taken up by the convention.

"The spirit behind those unanimous votes accentuated the unity and strengthened the attitude that as Americans the voters of Japanese ancestry should play a rightful part in a right manner in the political life of the country.

"The convention spirit at this initial biennial gathering has been that of unity and in giving it birth here the first rays of a new dawn for the second generation day have begun to show on the distant horizon. The convention is over but the spirit will live on."

Since the record of the early days of JACL is scarce, this report shall include more details than what has transpired in recent years. Since most of the present JACLers know what has taken place since 1932, our series will conclude with the 1952 Convention in San Francisco.