

SAN JOSE TO GREET 174 TEAMS FOR NATIONAL JACL BOWLING TOURNAMENT MAR. 6-11 AT MEL'S PALM BOWL

By the Board

By William Matsumoto, Nat'l 3rd Vice-President

Sacramento, Calif.

Perhaps the biggest news items for members of the Japanese American Citizens League since Ham, the cheerful anthropoid, was sent into space was the number of JACLers—8,000—in the middle of February. A contributing factor for this count is the Pacific Citizen, the JACL publication now a part of the membership benefits.

Latest reports from National Headquarters finds San Jose, which is hosting the 15th annual National JACL Bowling Tournament next month, and San Francisco chapters are neck and neck in the membership derby, leading the field with more than 500 members each.

And Sacramento chapter leads in the 1000 Club derby with 67 already reported and 35 soon to be submitted.

Headquarters also reports that 11 chapters have established all-time high records in membership and 10 more chapters are on the verge of similar accomplishments.

Northern California-Western Nevada District Council leads district-wide with something like 4,800. According to Frank Chuman, the chapters in the Pacific Southwest District Council have something cooking and we should be able to report very shortly many more all-time high totals from down South. Frank feels 20,000 JACLers will be a reality very soon. Maybe it will be more because of the tremendous bargain tying in a subscription to the PC with membership.

All chapter membership chairmen are urged to turn in application cards to National Headquarters as soon as possible. It does take about 10 days to process the cards before we can send the PCs. We would like to also remind you that Mar. 31 is the "cut-off date"—so make doubly sure our new and renewal memberships are sent to Headquarters.

Various areas have also reported "PC with Membership" has been accepted with a great deal of enthusiasm by the general membership. So let's all get out in the next week or so and get our all-time high.

Japanese cultural-trade center project in San Francisco topic of JACL address

SAN FRANCISCO — M. Justin Herman, director of the San Francisco Redevelopment Agency, spoke at the local JACL installation dinner last week on the Japanese Cultural and Trade Center, which will break ground this week at the cleared section of the waterfront.

In addition, the heart of the former Japanese town, the architect for the project is the world renowned Minoru Yamasaki of Detroit. Herman showed colored slides of the project models which delighted the 134 JACLers and their friends present at the dinner.

Herman said that Yamasaki's method of designing a project is to construct a number of scale models and he must be completely satisfied with it before starting work on the drafting board.

"These pictures are of model No. 3. I understand he is on No. 6 and will probably go over No. 20," Herman said.

A Japanese architectural and construction firm of Tekanaka Associates has already established an office in San Francisco and will do most of the interior construction.

Dinner and dance were held at A. Sabella's Restaurant on Fisherman's Wharf on Feb. 10. Dr. Himeo Tamura was the toastmaster of the evening, and Dr. Clifford Uyeda presented a review of the 1960 highlights.

Chapter Officers

Installed by the National JACL Director Mas Satow were:

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Cited for special recognition at the dinner was Sam Sato a devoted and tireless worker for the Bakersfield Gardeners' Assn., recently formed with 30 charter members. Lloyd Kumata, 1959 JACL president, is heading the constitution committee.

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Congressman Inouye to address awards fete at Fairgrounds

SAN JOSE — A record turnout of 174 teams—126 men and 48 women—will participate Mar. 6-11 in the 15th annual National JACL Bowling Tournament, being co-sponsored by the San Jose Nisei Bowling Association and San Jose JACL at Mel's Palm Bowl, 1521 W. San Carlos.

The complete schedule of events, designating squad times for the teams on Thursday, Mar. 9, the doubles on Friday and singles on Saturday, has been published by the Tournament Committee, co-chaired by Asa Yonemura and Joe Tenma.

(The Pacific Citizen will publish the roster of teams in next week's issue.)

Men's Teams: Over half of the men's team are entered with 900 averages. There are 15 teams, led by Towne Flower Shop of San Jose captained by Tok Abo at 909, in the 950 class; 22 in the 925 class; 30 in the 900 class; 21 in the 875 class; 12 in the 850 class; 12 in the 800 class and 4 in the 750 class.

Tak Abo sports the highest individual average at 210, followed by Fuzzy Shimada 207, Dixon Ikeda 203, Roy Kunizawa 202, and Jeet Yagi, Art Nish, Frank Sakamoto and Seichi Hayashida, all 201.

Women's Teams: While the bulk of the women's teams are in the 700 class, Aloha Bowl All Stars of Hawaii leads with 728 average, followed by Tachima Bros. of Los Angeles with 696. There are 9 teams in the 600 class, 17 in the 700 class, 7 in the 750 class, 10 in the 800 class and 3 in the 850 class.

Individually, Judy Sakata (first Nisei woman to roll a perfect 300 game) heads the competition with her 201 average, followed by Alice Fong 198, Dot Andrade 196, Frances Klein 192 (latter pair from Hawaii) and Dusty Mizunoue 190.

Matsuo of Denver, last year's women's all-events champion, returns with a 178 average. Other all-events stars competing include Nobu Asami of Oakland, Louisa Yui of Seattle and Chiyo Tashima of Los Angeles.

Shun Nakayama of Denver, last year's men's all-events champion, is not listed. But other all-event stars of previous tournaments are entered, such as Henry Aragaki of Honolulu, Yulene Takai and Ken Yee of Sacramento, Ko Aribara of Long Beach and Harley Kusumoto of Los Angeles.

To Honor Hawaii: There are eight men's and three women's teams hailing from Hawaii. The tournament is paying special honor to the 50th State at the awards banquet Mar. 11 at the Santa Clara County Fairgrounds Exhibition Hall by having Congressman Daniel Inouye (D., Hawaii) as the banquet speaker.

"Mom" Staggard of Hawaii, whose efforts over a decade ago to break the all-white clause in the WIBC, will be special guest of the tournament and honored by National JACL.

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First IN&S official seeking citizenship for Issei dies

(Special to Pacific Citizen)

WASHINGTON — The first Commissioner of Immigration and Naturalization to come out officially for Issei naturalization died Feb. 11 of a heart ailment in a local hospital.

He was Watson B. Miller, 82, who also came out for repeal of the Japanese and other Oriental Exclusion Acts and for Immigration quotas for all nations on the same basis as for Europeans.

He was particularly proud of the World War 2 and cited them as proof of loyalty of both Issei and Nisei. Watson also stated that those of Japanese ancestry had earned the right to both citizenship and immigration for others of the same ancestry without discrimination.

Appointed by President Truman in 1947, Watson was asked to do something about the tragic plight of more than a million displaced persons left homeless by WW2.

Largely because of his efforts, the American Legion adopted a more lenient attitude toward DPs. He had been chief of American Legion's veterans aid program for 18 years before entering government service in 1941 and headed the Federal Security Administration, which is today the Dept. of Health, Education and Welfare.

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Assembly permanently tables resolution for Dr. Lechner

SACRAMENTO — The Assembly Rules Committee Tuesday morning rejected by a voice vote of 3-2 a resolution commending Dr. John R. Lechner of Los Angeles after objections were expressed by the Japanese American Citizens League.

The resolution, introduced by Assemblyman Lou Francis (R., San Mateo), commended Dr. Lechner for "his long and distinguished career educating our citizens and fighting the communist conspiracy". It was referred to the Rules Committee by the Assembly on Jan. 24 when information of Lechner's racial activities during World War II against persons of Japanese ancestry was furnished from JACL at the request of Assemblyman Jerome Waldie (D., Antioch).

National JACL President Frank Chuman, appearing before the Rules Committee, declared his personal opposition as well as the organization's was not for the reason why Dr. Lechner was being

commended. Chuman told how JACL was first organized as the American Loyalty League in 1924—three years before Lechner served as director of the Americanism Educational League—with a strong stand of Americanism. He then read JACL's public statements against communism, which were passed by the national convention in 1936, again in 1954 and reaffirmation of the same anti-communist stand in 1960.

Look at the Record: Speaking for the organization, Chuman said the issue leading to his appearance was not any stand of Dr. Lechner against communism or for Americanism.

"The issue was whether the State Legislature of elected representatives could endorse a man with a record of hate-mongering, rabble-rousing and bigotry," Chuman declared. "The information of Dr. Lechner's background should be noted before any public commendation is to be offered."

The hearing was held in the small Rules Committee room, which holds about 40 persons, before an overflow crowd.

Francis, who introduced the resolution, a poke for about 40 minutes in praise of the director of the Americanism Educational League. He said he had been a member of the group and was familiar with its activities. He urged support of his resolution praising Dr. Lechner who is planning a vigorous campaign to fight communism in America. Two other assemblymen also spoke in support of the resolution.

Only Objector: Chuman was the only person objecting to the resolution and spoke for about 20 minutes. He attacked Lechner for his wartime rabble-rousing tactics in trying to stir up hatred against the Issei and Nisei, not only in California, but in Utah, Colorado and Washington, D.C.

Lechner had gone to Washington, D.C., in late 1944 to ask congressmen and government officials to keep all Japanese Americans out of California. Presenting himself as an American Legion spokesman in the Nation's Capitol, the American Legion had to repudiate Lechner for assuming that role.

Chuman stated that passage of the resolution would give Lechner "a license to say anything he wants, of any group he wants, anytime he wants." He also detailed the history of JACL's involvement in the Lechner case to the Rules Committee, recalling that JACL was asked to furnish background information on Dr. Lechner.

WEST L.A. JACLER DUE MILITARY RETIREMENT: Maj. George Kanegae, active West L.A. JACLer, is departing Feb. 25 for a 14-month tour of duty in Korea, leaving his wife and three children here. It was reported by West L.A. JACL president Aki Ohno. He plans to retire from active military service upon return.

Presently assigned with the 8th Army, Maj. Kanegae was among the first group of Nisei volunteers to enlist in the Army from West Los Angeles in 1941. He served with military intelligence during World War II in the South Pacific and was stationed in Japan before his current assignment stateside.

Kanegae was born in Gardena, but went through secondary schools in West Los Angeles.

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National Director Mas Satow was confided by the administrative assistant Steve Nagler of Assemblyman Waldie. Satow then telephoned Chuman in Los Angeles, informing him of the resolution. Chuman then obtained the files on Lechner from the Pacific Citizen and dispatched his protest against the resolution.

Other JACLers attending the hearing were Saburo Kido of Los Angeles, in Sacramento to attend a meeting of the California advisory committee of the U.S. Civil Rights Commission, national director Mas Satow and Ginji Minutani, active Sacramento JACLer.

Assemblyman Waldie, who alerted JACL about the resolution, is a member of the Rules Committee and voted to permanently table the resolution. Two members of the eight-man committee were absent.

Waldie told JACL officials that a testimonial banquet honoring Lechner is being planned for Feb. 22 in Los Angeles as part of a fund raising campaign of the Americanism Educational League. This once-defunct organization has been revived with a \$40,000



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Why a Tuesday Deadline?

Several people have asked why we insist on the Tuesday deadline for chapter news when the Pacific Citizen is dated Friday. We hope our story this week of why will enable our chapters to understand and thereby gain their cooperation.

Several years ago when Shiz Kozumi ran the Shin Nishibei press in the San Francisco area, he was able to get his paper out on time. He was able to do this because he had a large staff of reporters and editors. He was able to do this because he had a large staff of reporters and editors. He was able to do this because he had a large staff of reporters and editors.

Today, because of our extended run of 10,000 copies and it'll be 10,000 weekly by the end of this month, Bob comes into the shop by 6 a.m. to publish the PC. He must have the press ready for the daily Shin Nishibei by 1 p.m.—which involves changing the six-page ink rollers and the tedious task which he maneuvers by himself of switching the 4-page paper rolls with the 6-page paper rolls. To the reader who hasn't seen the Shin Nishibei pressroom, I want to assure that this task of switching is not as simple as it appears.

Let us hope there is no quarrel about the PC being dated Friday. Readers in the city and some parts of the county receive their PCs on Friday morning. Readers elsewhere in the state apparently get it by Saturday or by Tuesday or Wednesday at the most distant points in the United States.

In order to have the four PC pages ready for the press early Thursday morning, it involves my working "around the clock" on Wednesdays until 3 or 4 a.m. Thursday. No one can be particularly happy about this turn of events, but our determination to have the important news of the week in the PC each week under the circumstances which I shall describe leaves us no alternative.

To understand these circumstances, let me preface the remarks by admitting that the PC is a "one man" operation so far as editorial and mechanical responsibilities are concerned. It starts with opening of the mail from our news sources, checking, editing (rewriting, if necessary), writing the head, setting the type in set, reading the galley proofs and placing the type into the page forms, and locking the page forms for the press. The PC has never authorized the employment of an assistant in any of these phases. Maybe it will one of these days, when finances and conditions permit or necessitate.

The business manager handled the business department, seeing that the proper ads got into the proper issue each week. Now that worry has fallen on our shoulders with our regional director gone from the local scene. Because of the tight production schedule, especially on Wednesdays, we have had to insist on a Tuesday deadline for all chapter news. As we explained at the PSWDC Chapter Clinic last Sunday at sunny Indio, it would be grossly unfair to hold up a story which adhered to the deadline to make room for a story which comes in late—when the news value of both stories are about equal.

Production facilities at the Shin Nishibei are about par for a Japanese vernacular newspaper—one operator to set the straight matter on one machine and another operator to set the heads and display advertising matter on another machine. At the Shin Nishibei, it is unique among the Japanese vernaculars because of its automatic typesetter, known in the trade as TTS (teletypesetter), where a typist punches out the copy on tape, which is fed into the automatic typesetter. Longtime PC readers will remember that day we wrote about "automation" reaching our story.

about four years ago with the installation of TTS here. Our production schedule is closely linked with Shin Nishibei's schedule. Shin Nishibei has long insisted that PC copy be on hand early in the day so that when copy for the daily is finished, the operators can continue to set PC copy within their eight-hour work schedule.

Since the first of the year, we have imposed on Saburo Kido (who lives about a 10-minute drive away by car from my home) to bring in the PC copy each morning. And it has been a satisfactory arrangement—the best we've had in the near-10 years of operation in Los Angeles. But to see that Sab is able to bring in the PC copy, it means taking work home and clocking away in the middle of the night after spending a few of the waking hours at home with the family after supper.

The news from chapters which comes into the mail by Tuesday, as you see, is prepared that night at home in time for Mr. Kido to take down to the shop on Wednesday. By Tuesday night, we have sufficient copy prepared to fill our four big pages. Of course, we make allowances for advertising and pictures. But in recent weeks because of the flood of chapter news of installations and elections, even the pictures have been held up.

Chapter news items that reach us Wednesday (the mailman doesn't come to the 125 Weller St. address until 11 a.m.) is checked for the "Calendar" column only. At times, a last-minute correction may be reported which we check on the galley proofs. And often times, a major story which is in process of development comes in by wire, telephone or special delivery mail. But these are stories which are being anticipated and squeezed into the tight Wednesday schedule.

Now this week, we waited for developments of the California Assembly Rules Committee which met on Tuesday on the Dr. Lechner case. The final story was written on Wednesday and given to the typesetter immediately. Then the process of running the tape already cut and being cut through the typesetter reading the proofs and locking up the pages began—which didn't let up till the wee hours of Thursday morning.

Such is the typical work week at the PC—and with this bit of "inside the PC" information, we trust our chapter correspondents will understand the insistence of our Tuesday deadline.

Since Shin Nishibei hasn't the facilities to set all the type on one day, we must turn in copy from as early as Friday. This is why our regular columnist and "By the Board" contributors try to meet a Monday deadline. As we have no idea of the amount of news coming to us from the chapters each week, or necessity we prepare news of a general Nisei interest over the weekends to have copy ready Monday morning.

District councils and chapters we know, schedule their events on weekends. Those scheduled on Fridays and Saturdays have a good chance to make the Tuesday deadline. Those on Sundays have a slimmer chance, depending upon where the events are held. But some reporters in regions outside of Southern California have made the Tuesday deadline—to which we are most grateful for pursuing a deadline in professional fashion.

Our work schedule, week after week, is a bit and tuck. It requires rewriting stories and preparing heads at the shop in the afternoon. And you'll find me sitting next to the chattering typesetter, which may be jammed requiring my further attention, to transfer the type to galley. Anything to save time, which is so precious the first three days of the week. When we have our Monday issues, the work schedule is even sorer. But let's not go into that. I think this sub-story has been overdone already.

PC LETTERBOX: D

Li'l Tokio as a Tourist Mecca

I have read with considerable interest Henry Mori's column in the Feb. 4 issue of the Pacific Citizen. Mr. Mori touched on something which is, I believe, of expanding and eventual vital importance to the Japanese American citizens of the Los Angeles area and, indirectly, of those in other sections of the country. I refer to Mr. Mori's discussion of the Little Tokyo area which is threatened with property condemnation in the near future.

The business conducted in Little Tokyo seems to be divided into two separate categories: merchandise and services provided for Japanese Americans, and similar attractions aimed at the visiting and so-called trade.

From the latter viewpoint, as Mr. Mori so ably points out, Little Tokyo is a disappointment. People visiting the area to see and patronize the Japanese community find an unimpressive area which does not reflect, in its overall appearance, the excellence of the things which it has to offer. Few people not acquainted with the area would realize that at the top of a staircase which looks a little like the entrance to a second rate Turkish bath is actually one of the finest restaurants on the West Coast. Few of the shops offer "curbstone appeal" on a quality level with the merchandise they carry. The area, as it is now, lacks the distinction and appeal which it needs to become a first rate tourist Mecca and shop center for everyone interested in Japanese merchandise, arts and crafts, and cultural achievements.

In Hollywood considerable money is currently being invested to make this unimpressive section look as most visitors imagine it to be before their arrival. Little Tokyo has a similar problem, but the solution may be somewhat simpler. Mr. Mori, in his column, stated that in five years the north side of East First Street may be taken over for municipal buildings. That would destroy what little atmosphere Little Tokyo now possesses to attract the visitor and invite him to patronize the stores and other establishments.

The solution may well lie in doing some careful planning now to relocate Little Tokyo in an area where a sector can be developed according to a definite plan. The former International Settlement in San Francisco set itself apart with arches across the street marking off the area. If a development plan is presented, permission should be obtainable to put a large Torii gate over the entrance to the new Little Tokyo making the area distinctive as is the present Chinatown development. If store fronts and other structures could be simply decorated in an oriental manner, and somewhere a small Japanese garden provided, the tourist business alone should triple.

Visitors like glamour, atmosphere, and the aura of something different. They want to take pictures with distinctive backgrounds. Apart from the church, which few visitors find on their own, there is no spot in the present Little Tokyo which would be likely to inspire a tourist to expose some film, or induce a local resident to bring his guests downtown for dinner and shopping in a "different" climate.

For several years it was my daily responsibility to cover entertainment for a major New York newspaper. After attending hundreds of concerts, plays, festivals, night club performances, and other attractions, I began to gain an insight into what will appeal to the public, particularly on a continuing basis. The average American couple, say from the Midwest, would like to visit an atmospheric Japanese restaurant and be waited in by a kimonoed waitress. They would like to see a Buddhist church respectfully, they would like to visit a Japanese garden, see some bonsai trees, inspect a display of Kabuki dolls, and buy something to take home so they can tell about their visit to the Japanese center in Los Angeles.

If they walk through a not very impressive area, as they do now, they will buy a lantern for forty five cents and stop long enough.

Farewell dinner for Joe Yasakis set Feb. 24

The farewell dinner for the Joe Yasakis has been rescheduled to Friday, Feb. 24, 8 p.m. at Raffles, 910 Deegan Blvd. It was announced by the sponsors, who include Frank Chuman, Southwest L.A. JACL president Mark Kiguchi, A.I. Takei of the West Japanese Democratic Club, and Kango Kuniyoshi of the Japanese American Community Services steering committee.

Yasakis, deputy attorney general, and his wife Jessie are moving to El Cerrito where the Nisei attorney plans to enter private practice with office in Oakland. Both have been active in the Southwest L.A. JACL and Joe is currently a member of the PSWDC board.

Longtime scout leaders

YUBA CITY.—Recognition of long service to the Boy Scouts was given to George Marumoto of Live Oaks for 30 years and to Akiji Yoshimura of Colusa for 29 years by the Butte Area Council at its annual meeting held here Jan. 30.

JA Center elects

MINNEAPOLIS.—Yuke Morikawa was elected 1961 chairman of the JA center board of directors, succeeding Ben Senzaki. The center has served as a central meeting place for Japanese American groups, including the Twin Cities UCL.

to look at the pictures of the entertainers at the New Ginza. If they find a charming and atmospheric sector, designed to appeal to them, they will venture to have dinner, they will stay and take pictures, and they will take home a Kabuki doll and case (or something similar) because a fifteen cent finger rap won't do justice to the evening they've had.

To do this would involve considerable uprooting, but the rewards would certainly repay the investment promptly. It would add fresh impetus to the Nisei Festival. It would attract many more visitors. It would stimulate interest in many Japanese arts and crafts.

The number of things could be done to augment interest in, and appreciation of, Japanese talents and accomplishments are literally legion. Before any of them can be undertaken, it will be necessary to have a suitable background against which they can be projected.

As a professional in the field of public relations may I suggest that discussions which might result in a more distinctive and better planned Little Tokyo area are very much in order among the property owners concerned. Such discussions may well decide whether the sector is to lose its present prestige, or be redeveloped into something which, like the Farmers' Market, will become a famous attraction, appealing alike to both visitors and permanent residents of the area.

JOHN BALL, JR.
Downtown L.A. JACL

[John Ball, Jr., until recently was a daily columnist for the New York World-Telegram and Sun and as he admitted, "the urge to express myself on public issues has not yet fully subsided".—Ed.]

Format Reaction

I feel that the newspaper size format is very good and has added real dignity to our newspaper. The print is readable and the articles are much better arranged than previously in the tabloid size. I was surprised at the amount of articles which does not seem to allow too much space for ads. However, I am sure that as the ads increase, you will be able to arrange the news in the best possible way to make maximum use of both.

I have heard comments from the rank and file members to the effect that the newspaper is not only attractive, but that it has added prestige to the organization. These favorable comments are deservedly yours, and I am passing them on to you for your edification. FRANK CHUMAN
Nat'l JACL President
Los Angeles.

With all the problems we have in getting out our local scandal sheet, I can well appreciate the headaches you probably have with the PC. Congratulations for doing a real fine job, though.

If you're still looking for opinions on the new format, here's my two cents worth. I'm old fashioned and like the tabloid size better. Besides being a neater and more compact package, I feel the feature articles and chapter news items probably stand out better when they don't have to compete with too many other news articles on the same page.

DICK KUSHINO
JA Journal
Minneapolis.

... I like the old "tabloid" better.

The tabloid was never "lost" in the shuffle of other daily newspapers we have at home.

HENRY KANEKAE
Orange County JACL.

... We like the "new look" very much.

YOSHIKO INOUE
San Luis Valley JACL.

FIRST GROUP MOCHITSUKI IN PHILADELPHIA NOTED

PHILADELPHIA.—Local JACLers gathered on two weekends recently to pound a total of 380 pounds of mochi, which were distributed to over 30 families here. They met at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Masaru Hata, who saw no reason why the Japanese here could not provide the traditional New Year item on a do-it-yourself basis.

By-products were sore muscles, blisters and callouses of the first community mochitsuki in Philadelphia. Mochi-eaters reported complete satisfaction.

Sumitomo Bank may open Southwest L.A. branch

The Sumitomo Bank of California wants to open its fourth facility in the Southwest area of Los Angeles, it was reported last week. Application has been filed with the State Banking Commissioner. Need for a bank to serve the growing community in Southwest L.A. where many Issei and Nisei have established businesses and homes was cited in the application.

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Kurt Ota elected by San Mateo JACL

SAN MATEO.—Kiyoshi Kurt Ota will be the San Mateo JACL president for 1961, succeeding Haruo Ishimaru to the post.

Names of the newly-elected cabinet members for the coming year were announced by chapter officials this past week and it was also revealed that an installation dinner is planned for Saturday March 4 at Belmont Casino.

Ota's cabinet will include Mrs. Irene Ikeda and Jake Owa, v.p.; Yob Tanaka, rec. sec.; Sike Yamaguchi, cor. sec.; and Mary Su-tow, treas.

Other members on the new chapter board will be Horoshi Ito, Ton Marutani, Dr. Saburo Nagumo, William Nozaka, Moto Takahashi, Gen Utsami, Stanley Yamada, Kunio Yamaguchi, Kumi Ishida and Mrs. Mary Tauda.

San Francisco Auxiliary to meet at dep't store for interior design talk

SAN FRANCISCO.—A display of interior decorating a W.J. Sloans has been scheduled for San Francisco JACL Women's Auxiliary for its first meeting of the year Feb. 27, 7:30 p.m.

Miss Sumi Fujita, Auxiliary president, announced Norman Black AID will discuss and show various periods of furniture in their many show rooms on the second floor. Problems encountered in interior decorating, guidance in purchase, selection of fabrics and various combinations of fabrics and colors will be part of the lecture after the tour.

The meeting and tour is open to both men and women.

CYC acknowledges \$700 gift from women's club

Acknowledgement of a \$700 check from the Montebello Japanese Jrs. of the California Federation of Women Clubs was made this week by Tom Shimazu, president, on behalf of the Community Youth Council.

The CYC, organized to sponsor sub-teen youth athletics, is managed by members of the Southwest L.A. JACL (of which Shimazu was its 1960 president), Japanese American Optimists, Perry Post of the American Legion and Nisei VFW Post 9388.

Currently, CYC is operating five basketball leagues with Sab Nagata as commissioner at various city school gyms. The season ends with a tournament, scheduled for Mar. 19 at Belvedere Jr. High.

Club organized to foster adult-youth understanding

SACRAMENTO.—A new social group has been organized here to be known as "Rokumun". Its purpose is to encourage a better understanding between the young and old within the community through the medium of dancing.

The first dance to be sponsored by the newly formed group will be on March 4, at the Post 67 Hall on Stockton Blvd., directly across the street from the California State Fair Grounds.

The committee in charge has announced that dancing will be from 9 to 1 a.m. and that everyone, young and old, is invited. Committee members are as follows: Marumoto Sakuma, invs. George Tambara, hall; Dr. James Kubo, tickets; Tak Tsujita, orch.; Harry Morimoto, gate; and William M. Matsumoto, pub.

Chicago 1000ers plan luau at own Mar. 25 whirling-ding

CHICAGO.—That sacred arm of JACL famed for its austerity, the Mystic Order of the Tie and Garter (better known as the 1000 Club) will hold its annual Chicago JACL "tea" at the VFW Hall, 3345 N. Clark St., on Saturday, Mar. 25, 8:30 p.m.

In a solemn effort to rid themselves of the sobriety label and enliven the functions, the knights of the buffet table headed by good knight Dr. Frank Sakamoto have selected Anthony Muranaka to chair a genuine Hawaiian luau, complete with three-finger poi, hula dancers and island music. Mark "Kotonk" Yoshizumi, program chairman, promises an evening filled with frolic for all kanes and wahines.

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Keep Driving



By Henry Mori

Los Angeles NEWSLETTER

'Friends of the Library'

It's a very healthy sign to see so many Japanese American parents participating in community and civic affairs. Many of them give much of their time in PTA work, school programs and charitable campaigns to make a dent of goodwill in society.

And whenever there looms a problem in the community, Nisei leadership and names seem to appear in the foreground.

An interesting project is being undertaken now by members of the Sixth Ave. PTA in the Southwest area. The group is obtaining signatures on a petition to save the familiar site of the Jefferson branch of the Los Angeles Public Library.

Mrs. William Hattori, who is in charge of the PTA's newsletter at Sixth Ave. School, was named as the head of the "Friends of the Library" to keep the landmark from "going to the pot," so to speak.

There are many children of ethnic groups who badly need this facility. There are Nisei who claim to have used the Jefferson branch 20 years ago and "would not want to see it go."

To bring a JACL flavor into the story we heard from attorney Mark Kiguchi, new president of the Southwest L.A. chapter. He drafted the petition which is being circulated by Mrs. Hattori and her committee. His voluntary work is greatly appreciated by the "Friends of the Library," says Mrs. Hattori.

The committee is not only seeking the continuance of book facility but is also asking for improvements and increase in the number of published material for the library. The Jefferson branch is said to have the "poorest" adult book circulation in the 32 city units. Everybody must be too busy working or watching television in the evening, one volunteer quipped.

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By Larry Tajiri

Vagaries

Objectionable Filmfare

HOLLYWOOD's stereotype of the Japanese villain has been traditional, ever since the movies were truly the flickers. Back in 1909, when Hollywood itself was still a slumbering suburb a long ways from Pershing Square, one of the first of the anti-Japanese movies was produced. This was called "The Japanese Invasion" and pictured the Japanese valet of an American military officer who stole military secrets concerning the defense of the west coast.

In the next dozen years, as Hollywood grew to be the motion picture capital of the world and the movies burgeoned from two-reelers to films which took an hour or two to tell a story, more than a score of pictures of anti-Japanese content were produced. The Japanese, and the Chinese along with them, were among Hollywood's favorite doers of evil deeds.

Some of these films were propaganda dramas, produced specifically to incite public opinion against the Japanese, resident and overseas. Examples were "Patria," the Hart serial which starred Mrs. Vernon Castle and showed Warner Oland as a Japanese secret agent involved in acts of sabotage within the United States, and "Shadows of the West," which the American Legion circulated in 1920 as part of a campaign to support passage of the anti-alien land law. The latter film pictured California Japanese as traitors.

Other anti-Japanese pictures of this period were not political in content but conventionally used the Japanese as villains. Sessue Hayakawa was the star of one called "The Cheat" in 1914 in which he was shown branding Fanny Ward on the shoulder when she refused his attentions.

"The Cheat" is notable in that it provoked probably the first protest of any racial minority group against a Hollywood film. A movement was initiated by the Japanese Association to buy the negative from the studio and thus stop the release of the picture, but the effort failed.

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THE JACL in the 1940s protested to a number of Hollywood studios against the release of pictures made during Hollywood's early hysteria during World War II in which Japanese Americans were designated as traitors. The films included "Air Force" and "Across the Pacific," both made by Warner Bros., RKO's "Betrayal from the East," and Fox's "Little Tokyo, U.S.A."

The JACL's efforts did not stop circulation of the pictures, nor did they halt the subsequent release of these films to television—it would be naive to expect that the studios, with hundreds of thousands of dollars invested in the pictures, would be so altruistic as to junk the negatives. But JACL efforts undoubtedly were fruitful in gaining Hollywood's attention to the Nisei story as a whole.

As news of Nisei GIs was publicized, Hollywood's later produced a number of films in which distinctions were made. One of the first to reflect the changed climate was 20th Century Fox's "Daisy Kenyon" in which Dana Andrews, as a hot-shot eastern attorney, goes out to California to defend the property of a Nisei soldier. The short sequence had nothing to do with the main story of the picture, which starred Joan Crawford and Henry Fonda. Fox also toyed for a while with a project called "I Am a Nisei," but the script never got before the cameras. Later, thanks to Dore Schary, Sammy Fuller and others, the study of the Nisei in war was told in such films as "Go for Broke," "Steel Helmet," and, more recently, in "Pork Chop Hill" and "Hell to Eternity."

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TODAY, the Japanese villain is extinct in Hollywood. The sensibilities of Japanese Americans aside, Hollywood doesn't care to rouse the disfavor of the movie audience in Japan, now that Nippon is one of the prime foreign markets for Hollywood's products.

But other minorities are feeling the heat. The Italian Americans are currently up in arms over the plethora of gangsters of Italian ancestry pictured in films and in TV drama, particularly on television's "The Untouchables."

The other day, protests from prominent Italian Americans drew a concession from ABC-TV, which shows "The Untouchables" on its network, that care will be taken not to offend persons of Italian ancestry.

More recently, Chinese Americans have started a campaign to ask delete certain portions of the script of Allied Artists' "Confessions of an Opium Eater" which are considered offensive to persons of Chinese descent. Chinese American actors hired for roles brought the script to the attention of leaders in the Los Angeles Chinese community.

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PROTESTS of this sort enter a delicate field, because such action can be construed as censorship. It must be admitted that no racial group has a monopoly on villains, or on heroes. Such action must not impinge upon the valid presentation of a character in a story.

However, as in the case of the Nisei—when Hollywood films propagated myths regarding espionage and sabotage involving Japanese Americans—the projection of the lies onto film can do undue harm to a minority group. In such cases, protests certainly are in order.

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WE knew an actor in Hollywood who once turned down what, to him, was the greatest opportunity of his movie career. He was given a script for a film called "Marie Galante" but, when he read the story, he was unable to play the role. "It was the best part I've ever been offered," the actor, the late Miki Morita, said ruefully. "But the story called on me to play a Japanese who wants to blow up the Panama Canal."



NISEI FILM FIRM SIGNS AKEMI TANI

Akemi Tani, 19-year-old queen of the 1960 Nisei Week Festival in Los Angeles, signs her first motion picture role, a featured part in the "Phantom Planet," to be produced by Fred Gebhardt (left) next month. Nisei artist Robert Kinoshita (right) looks on as Akemi signs for first production to be made by Four Crown Productions, recently organized with substantial capital from Nisei investors. Kinoshita is an associate producer and will act as art director and production designer for the film.

Nisei art director for TV series quits post to organize Hollywood film company

A Nisei artist has turned his talents from an art director in television to become a producer of a newly organized motion picture production company.

Robert "Bud" Kinoshita, 46-year-old USC School of Architecture graduate, resigned last week from his position at Ziv Inc., producer of many successful TV series. He

Fuzzy Shimada signs with Fresno entry in pro keg league

FRESNO. — Probably the best known Nisei bowler in the country, Fuzzy Shimada of Santa Clara was signed to bowl with the Fresno entry in the National Bowling League, which gets underway in 12 cities throughout the country on Oct. 13.

Shimada was originally on the draft list of the Dallas entry but Fresno obtained the rights to contact him.

The 38-year-old champion of many state and Northern California tournaments, including JACL and Nisei events, currently carries 204 and 208 league averages. He has a 734 and a 725 series this season at Mountain View's Camino Classic League.

The salary setup established by the NBL for each team is \$100,000 maximum, with a minimum of \$4,000 each and a maximum of \$35,000 for any one player.

Each team will roll approximately 67 matches on a round-robin schedule over a 26-week period. Other members of the league are: Los Angeles, Dallas, Fort Worth, San Antonio, Birmingham, Miami, Kansas City, Mo., Detroit, New York, Minneapolis-St. Paul and Milwaukee.

Ellsworth Hobler, president of Hobler Enterprises, Inc., which is the local franchise holder, revealed last week ground breaking ceremonies for Fresno's new \$400,000 four lane bowling stadium will be in April.

Both the city and county planning commissions recently gave their approval to the site for the new stadium which will be located on nine acres of ground on N. Cedar Ave., between E. Fairmont and E. Santa Ana.

NCNGA golf tournament

at Pebble Beach Mar. 18-19 SAN FRANCISCO. — The annual No. Calif. Nisei Golf championships will be hosted by the three local clubs, Spoon and Tee, Kasumi and Century, on Mar. 18-19 at Pebble Beach and Del Monte course.

Because the Pebble Beach management said openings for 10 foursomes on both dates were the only ones available, the Nisei sponsoring committee is restricting the tournament to NCNGA members with handicaps of 24 or less and all registrants will not be able to play at Pebble Beach.

Weekend ski trip

Los Angeles Nisei skiers have reserved Mammoth Mountain Inn at Mammoth Lake for the weekend of Mar. 24-26, it was announced this week by Jimmy Higashi, George Fujita and Tommy Katayama. Accommodations for 40 people were planned.

Oakland Hi-Fli golfers

OAKLAND. — Harry Sekigahama was elected president of the Oakland Hi-Fli golf club for this year.

Sacramento Nisei Golf

SACRAMENTO. — James Kubochi was named president of the Sacramento Nisei Golf Club for 1961.

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Puyallup Valley's Issei Story outlined

Puyallup Valley embraces the urban area of Tacoma (150,000) and the rural areas of Fife, Puyallup, Sumner, and Orting (25,000). The original report was to cover data representative of this area. However, at the initial meeting of the committee, it was decided to include the neighboring White River Valley areas of Auburn, Kent, and Renton (52,000), since the White River Valley at this time does not have a JACL chapter.

Assignment I: Persons to be named to the National Committee. Kaz Yamane (Nisei—Tacoma Area) leader and official in the Tacoma Methodist Church, well-known national, regional, and local JACLer, 1000 Club member, and Sappho Pin holder; strong supporter of youth development program; member of the YMCA.

Shuichi Fukui (Issei—Tacoma Area); vice president of Tacoma Buddhist Church, active JACLer, former publisher and editor of Tacoma Japanese newspaper, president of Nikkei-jin Kai, World War I veteran.

Daichi Yoshioka (Nisei—Puyallup Valley); past president of local JACL chapter, chairman of the NW JACL Board, 1000 Club member, official in the Tacoma Buddhist Church, past president of NW Young Adult Buddhist Association.

Tom Sakahara (Issei—Puyallup Valley); board chairman of Tacoma Methodist Church, president of Puget Sound Vegetable Growers Association, co-chairman of Washington Rhubarb Association, active JACLer, civic and sports figure of Fife community.

Frank Natsuhara (Nisei—White River Valley); chairman of the Board of Director of White River Buddhist Church, prominent merchant and grower of Auburn, active JACLer.

Katsumi Murakami (Issei—White River Valley); instrumental in establishing the Japanese language school, the Salvation Army and Christian Church in pre-war Auburn, Japanese community leader.

Assignment II: Outstanding Issei. Sotaku Kuramoto (deceased) was one of the inspiring leaders of the early Japanese farmers who settled in the Puyallup Valley. As the population of the Japanese increased in Fife, he saw the need for some kind of an organization to band the group together and organized the Fife Japanese Association in 1914, where the farmers could meet and discuss farming methods, religious, and community problems. In 1924, helped form the first lettuce shipping association.

Umeki Yoshioka (deceased) was the first president of the Puget

Sound Growers Association, and remained active in the management of the Association until his death in 1960. He has long been the recognized leader of the Japanese community and the person to whom the Caucasian groups called on to enlist the farmer's aid in community projects. He was also the president of the Tacoma Buddhist Church for 30 years.

E.K. Saito (deceased) came to White River Valley about 1919, as a farmer. In 1924, he started the White River Packing Co. in Kent to purchase and ship produce grown in the valley. Recognized community leader, he fought to aid the farmers during the alien land law trouble days.

Chiyokichi Natsuhara farmed and later started a general merchandise store in Auburn. Led the drive for building of the Auburn Buddhist Church to be used also for Language School and Community Hall.

Masato Yamasaki (deceased) was the principle of the Tacoma Japanese Language School from its inception in 1919 until it was closed during the war. He generally acknowledged that the fine record of the Tacoma Nisei both as citizens and as individuals can be traced to Mr. Yamasaki's guidance.

Note: Also to be included in this group are the three living exemplary Issei, Messrs. Shuichi Fukui, Tom Sakahara, and Katsumi Murakami. Refer to Assignment I for details.

Assignment III: Why Japanese settled in the community.

1. Around 1870 the Tacoma Harbor was established as the only port of entry in the Northwest. The Japanese who entered through this port came to this country primarily to earn money. Those seeking agricultural pursuits proceeded on to the fertile farms of Puyallup and White River Valley. Those who remained in Tacoma were hired as house-boys, kitchen helpers, dish-washers, railroad and mill hands.

2. Early experiences as recalled by the Issei left in this area dealt with the anti-Japanese feeling motivated by politicians of 1919-26 years. There were numerous experiences resulting from the actions of the anti-Japanese leagues, vigilante groups, etc.

Assignment IV: Prefecture from which the Japanese came.

1. The Japanese who settled in Tacoma were predominantly from Yamaguchi, Hiroshima, Wakayama and Kumamoto Kents. The farmers who settled in the valley came primarily from Hiroshima Ken with Yamaguchi and Ehime Ken also represented.

2. The earliest Japanese in Tacoma were students and laborers. Around 1898, the railroads and the saw-mills brought groups of laborers to work as section and mill hands. The valley Issei were all farmers who were encouraged to settle there to help clear the then seamy lands and to help in the cultivation and harvest of the berry farms around Sumner and Orting.

Assignment V: Non-Japanese who know about the early Japanese.

Miss Myrtle Warren (Tacoma), school teacher, taught majority of the Japanese pupils of the pre-war era, and was frequent guest at Japanese community affairs.

Archie Dellplain (Tacoma) school

teacher taught school in the valley, and his interest in his Japanese pupils extended beyond school doors.

Joe Gordon (Tacoma) attorney, with his father, now deceased, were trustees of the Japanese Language School.

Ralph Dickman (Tacoma), employer, employed many Issei on his saw mill operation.

Dr. J.H. Corliss (Valley) physician, aged 93, but with vivid memory of pioneer undertakings of the Puyallup Valley areas. Presently active in the Western Washington Fair Association and Pierce County Republicans.

Charles Orton (Valley) bulb grower and shipper, president of the Puyallup Valley Bulb Exchange. Representative of Washington State University. A pioneer farmer who has befriended Issei both as employer and friend.

Charles Cavanaugh (Valley) employer, presently operates a hardware store in Auburn, but in the early days also had a wagon shop. Can recall the first Issei he met who was working as a porter in a saloon.

Stanley W. Brown (Valley) accountant, lived in Auburn since 1905, and was in the banking business from 1915 to 1928, where he had many dealings with the Issei farmers.

Jens K.B. Anderson (Valley) employer, presently the owner of the City Transfer in Kent. Earliest recollection of the Japanese settling in the White River Valley was around 1900. He was then in the hauling business and hauled produce.

Lloyd Reddington (Valley) farmer, born in the valley in 1899 and recalls his father used to lease land to Japanese farmers.

Assignment VI: Raising of funds. That should it become necessary to raise funds that the door-to-door method be used. Another suggestion that merited consideration was for each chapter to divert certain portions of all fund raising projects until the necessary money was raised.

This completes the Issei Story, Part I. We hope to report to you other parts of the Issei Story as they are developed.

Musical arrangers

Nisei composer Tak Shindo was re-elected to the board of directors of the American Society of Musical Arrangers recently. The group mediates for a membership of some 600.

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Ruth Hoshimiya Deguchi of Altadena, Calif., is shown with Roma Lind of Hollywood at the Roma Lind Salon on Sunset Blvd.

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Chapter of Year Report: Challenge of 1961 consists of projects unfinished in 1960 for San Francisco JACL

(The report of the San Francisco JACL activities for 1960 was prepared and presented by Dr. Clifford Uyeda, a member of the board at its installation banquet on Feb. 19. This tradition of reviewing chapter activities is one which other chapters may well emulate.—Editor.)

BY CLIFFORD UYEDA

San Francisco. Mr. Toastmaster, honored guests and ladies and gentlemen: Every year at this time an attempt is made to review the programs of the year just past and we try to galvanize in 1961 year just ahead.

One of the purposes set forth in the JACL constitution is for us to "sponsor constructive projects, programs and activities which will benefit our group and community." We have tried very hard to live up to this goal. The 1960 total membership of 1,260 for our chapter was the largest in the country for the third consecutive year and was a big factor in the success of our chapter activities.

Under the leadership of our president John Yasumoto, the San Francisco JACL was an active force in the community affairs which helped to tie a closer and friendlier relationship between our country and Japan. Early in the year the JACL volunteered to help the Red Cross pack blankets for the 1st Typhoon Relief, and also supported the Olympic Fund drive to help raise money for the Japanese Winter Olympic Team competing at Squaw Valley. In September we participated in the local Pacific Festival Week in which the Japanese actors won first prize and the float sponsored by the Japanese community was awarded third prize.

Community Projects

Also at the community level JACL was an active and participating member of the Council for Civic Unity, a voluntary organization to promote equality of rights and opportunity without regard to race, religion or ancestry. A chapter committee on Fair Employment Practice was formed with Jack Kusaba as chairman to counsel individuals on their rights under California's new Fair Employment Practice Commission. The women's auxiliary members manned the mobile units to help the San Francisco Tuberculosis Association, and also volunteered to register voters for the November election. Together with the Golden Gate-Nisei Memorial Post 2873, JACL sponsored a special Memorial Day service.

At the chapter level the activities are too numerous to mention them all. The highlights were the Hilo Tidal Wave Fund solicitation, the 8th annual Nisei Olympics, the Oratorical and Essay contests in association with our participation in the National Convention at Sacramento, the naming of the second annual San Francisco JACL Scholarship award winners, sponsoring of the Candidates Night just prior to the November election, the reactivation of the Speaker's Club, and the New Year's Eve dance. All these functions can be mentioned in seconds, but each program required extensive planning and an expenditure of time and efforts so generously contributed by the members.

1960 saw the birth of the San Francisco Junior JACL. A nucleus of the former JACL Youth Group with Miss Marie Kurihara's cap-

able advice had been demonstrating their ability in the various community activities such as the Parent-Youth Conferences and other San Francisco Youth Association conferences. We extend our most hearty welcome to them as they now join us in our common goal.

Special mention is reserved for programs in which Issei were involved. The women's auxiliary made their semi-annual visits to the Laguna Honda Home for the Aged. At these visits Japanese food, candies, tea, magazines and other articles are brought to the Issei residents of the Home. These visits are financed by proceeds from the two orchestra dances sponsored by the women's auxiliary.

The close of 1960 saw the beginning of our effort to write the documentary History of the Issei in America. This phase of our history is rapidly passing away, and with all speed we hope to document the Issei story. By their loyalty and integrity they championed the good name of their homeland. As hardy pioneers they helped develop the Western States. And as devoted parents they willingly sacrificed personal comforts and privileges to give their children the education they prized so dearly. History will seldom record a more respected and admired story as that of the Issei's.

Event of the Year

If there is such a thing as an event which outshone all others during the year 1960, the Issei Recognition Banquet must be mentioned for this honor. A total of 170 gathered on the crisp autumn night to honor and to express appreciation to the Issei pioneers of our community. It was a gala performance—well planned, well attended, run smoothly, and from comments well appreciated.

All was not rosy, however. Like any other service organization, we had our internal dissensions, the most serious of which was certain groups attached to the parent JACL by name and originally formed to help recruit JACL members, which now felt that they derived no special benefit by remaining JACL members. We hope that these groups can be brought back into our fold, and we believe this is possible when it is realized that the JACL exists to their benefit in a much broader sense than in subsidizing their social functions. Each member they recruit for the JACL is their contribution toward raising the status of the Japanese Americans specifically, and the minority group in general, for our organization is dedicated to this broad program.

1960 may have been just an average year for JACL activities, but the quality of the performance was high. There was much on the agenda, however, which was unmet and must be taken up again this year. A more effective membership service must be obtained. Japanese Americans must be made more politically mature. Activities for the Issei must be organized. Japanese cultural education needs stronger and more active support. Youth group programs need further expansion. These are but few of the many unfinished business of our organization.

Looking back over the year just completed we are happy about the programs successfully undertaken, and somewhat sad that so much was left undone. The remaining program is our challenge, and with your help and support 1961 should be a memorable and a gainful year.

(Dr. Uyeda, who served as chapter newsletter editor, is staff pediatrician at Kaiser Foundation Hospital in San Francisco.—Ed.)

Hi Akagi re-elected Alameda president

ALAMEDA. — Hi Akagi has been re-elected president of the Alameda JACL in an election conducted recently by mail ballot, according to a chapter announcement.

Akagi, part owner of a local sporting goods store, will be serving his second consecutive term. Other cabinet members elected with Akagi include:

Jug Takeshita, 1st v.p.; George Ushijima, 2nd v.p.; Yas Yamashita, treasurer; Joan Narahara, rec. sec.; Mrs. Frances Kolke, cor. sec.; Mrs. Betty Akagi, Rev. Jun Fujimori, Miyoko Furuta, Tazuo Inaura, Mas Nakano, Mrs. Nellie Takeda and Min Yonekura, bd. memb.

The new officers will be installed during the annual installation dinner to be held on Saturday, Feb. 18, at the Alameda Country Club. The dinner will be held at 7:30 p.m. at the Alameda Country Club. The dinner will be held at 7:30 p.m. at the Alameda Country Club.

A highlight of the dinner program will be the presentation of a \$100 check to Victoria Shigeko Kadota, winner of the local chapter's first annual scholarship award. Among the guests will be Victoria's mother, Mrs. Megumi Kadota, Mayor and Mrs. William McCull, Mr. and Mrs. Satow, Rev. K. Teruo of the Alameda Buddhist Temple, and Rev. and Mrs. Jun Fujimori of the Buena Vista Methodist Church.

Hanao Imura will be the toastmaster.



PLACER COUNTY CHAPTER ELECTS FIRST WOMAN PRESIDENT

Harry Sands, president of the Auburn Area Chamber of Commerce, congratulates new officers of the Placer County JACL after installation services held at Del Oro High School in Loomis. Sands was the installing officer. From left to right: Aster Kondo, imm. past pres.; Martha Kubo, hist.; Hiroshi "Doc" Takenoto, 1000 Club; Kay Miyamura, ath.; Janet Tanaka, rec. sec.; Dorothy Hirakawa, cor. sec.; Howard Nakae, treas.; George

Nishikawa, social; George Hoshida, v.p. Lincoln district; George Ishihara, v.p. Newcastle district; Kunio Okusu, v.p. Loomis district; and Ellen Kubo, Miss Kubo is the first woman to become president of the Placer County chapter which was chartered in 1928. Not present were Minoru Hirota, vice president, Penryn district; and George Mayeda, vice president, Auburn district.

—Photo by Kay Miyamura, Penryn

NC-WNDC told of project used to expose housing discrimination in Peninsula; San Francisco wins 'Chapter of Year' award

CONCORD. — Housing discrimination in the San Francisco Peninsula area has been exposed by Negro and Caucasian members of the San Francisco Council for Civic Unity, its executive director Frank Quinn declared at the Northern California-Western Nevada District Council banquet held at the Concord Inn last Sunday.

Quinn said the project involved a Negro team and a Caucasian team seeking to buy homes in various areas of the Peninsula. The Negroes were turned down every place in spite of good character and credit references, whereas the whites who followed to the same places were encouraged to buy even though their character references were deliberately presented as on the questionable side.

"Equal housing opportunities at the present time is considered a privilege," Quinn commented, "but it should be a right."

Backs AB 801

He made references to AB 801, now in the California state assembly, which would outlaw discrimination in public and private housing, because of race or color, and regarded it as desirable and necessary legislation. He also added that Nisei understood what legislation could do because of their own personal experiences.

Quinn also called on JACLers to interest themselves in local redevelopment and renewal programs. He reminded that two-thirds of the world's population was dark-skinned and felt that people need experience locally of living side by side with other people of the minority groups.

The banquet audience of 250 was greeted by Concord Mayor Tom Sherry.

Other honored guests introduced were Assemblyman John Knox (10th Dist.), Assemblyman Jerome Waldie (11th Dist.), Concord City Manager Farrel Steward, Walnut Creek City Manager S.L. Kimball; Joseph Silva, Contra Costa County supervisor and board chairman; Dr. Harold Blum, Contra Costa County health director; and their wives.

Sapphire Pin Awarded

National JACL Board secretary Jerry Enomoto presented the sapphire pin to Dr. Yoshiye Tozasaki, longtime active JACLer of Contra Costa County chapter.

San Francisco JACL was awarded the 1960 NC-WNDC "Chapter of the Year" trophy from Dr. Tozasaki. Sonoma County was rated second and Sacramento, third.

NC-WNDC Chairman Henry Kato swore in the Contra Costa chapter officers. William Waki, who extended greetings to the delegates from 24 out of 25 NC-WNDC chapters attending earlier in the day, is 1961 president.

Assemblyman Waldie expressed his strong opposition to the proposed resolution honoring Dr. John R. Lechner for his "Americanism."

Marvin Uratsu was banquet toastmaster. Numerous gifts donated by local merchants were distributed as door prizes.

A moment of silent tribute was also paid to the late Col. Walter Tsukamoto, who was active in the Sacramento Chapter as well as the

Berkeley JACL announces committee appointments

BERKELEY. — At the first meeting of the new Berkeley JACL Board held at the home of Hiroshi Kanda recently, appointments of various committee chairmen were approved as follows:

Sat Nishita, memb.; Mary Ann Takagi, nat'l planning; Rev. George Nishikawa, Junko Kato, Nobu Uratsu, Ted Hirota, Chiyu Sumitomo, M. A. Takagi, pub. rel. and newsletter; Hiroshi Kanda, ath.; Tosh Nakano, 1000 Club; Shiro Sato, legis.; George Yasui, fund raising; Roy Maruyoshi, housing; Matsui Fujii, Issei Story; Dr. Roy Hama, S. Nishita, R. Maruyoshi, M. A. Takagi, prog. T. Hirota, R. talent show; Mas Yonekura, Dr. Henry Takahashi, Shigeru Kousaka, Frank Yamashita, bd. of trustees.

Frank Yamashita, 1961 president, and officers were installed last week in a joint dinner with the Oakland JACL cabinet, headed by Endo, at the Berkeley FOE Hall. Tad Hirota and Molly Kitajima were dinner co-chairmen.

Ernest Fujimoto and Charles Akita, the Brawley delegates, are living today in Los Angeles. I had a talk with Ernest the other day about the 1960 convention. He said he and Charles went to San Francisco by car, put the car in a garage, and took a boat ride up to Seattle. Those were the days when ships were plying the coast route, covering Seattle, San Francisco and Los Angeles.

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Northern California District Council.

District Business

With Henry Kato presiding at the district council business session, the delegates voted to discontinue the annual district golf tournament, accepted a bid from San Francisco JACL to host the August quarterly meeting, and approved action for chapters to wire members of the State Assembly Rules Committee opposing commendation for Dr. Lechner after a report was given by Mas Satow.

Yone Satoda reported on the prospects of securing a regional director for the Northern California office. Peter Nakahara reported on bills of interest pending in the State Legislature, especially AB 801 which would make discrimination in housing because of race or color unlawful and expand the present FEPC scope to process complaints of housing discrimination. The FEPC would be renamed the Fair Practices Commission.

The NC-WNDC chapters pledged \$10 each to push this legislation. Bill Matsumoto, national JACL membership chairman, commented that more than half of the 1961 memberships were from the NC-WNDC area.

Living with JACL: by Saburo Kido

The First Biennial

Part II: Conclusion

As I ramble along with the past of the JACL, I am happy to note that there are some long-lost friends reading these installments. For instance, a letter arrived from Fresno the other day. I wondered who had written to me. It was from Taokutaro Nishimura Slocum.

Then the following day, I had a phone call. Slocum had phoned me that he was in town. We went to the Kawafuku for dinner and had a nice time, reminiscing about the days gone by. He brought me some material which may be helpful when I begin to cover the days of the Oriental World War I Veterans Naturalization Bill campaign.

I thought he was in the dry climate of Arizona; but he informed me that he was home. He gave me a shock after I asked him his age. He seems to be well preserved for a man of 66. He had come to Los Angeles to join a reunion of his 1916 class.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Kamayatsu brought me their albums which would have provided me with more pictures of the 1930 convention. However, I do not think the budget of the Pacific Citizen would allow the cost nor the space so I am returning them without using the material. By the way, I may mention that Mrs. Kamayatsu was one of the belles of the 1960 convention. I used to know her from the days she was attending the San Francisco Bible Training School. Her maiden name was Yuki Kuwahara from Turlock way in Central California.

After graduation, she had been sent to Spokane as a social worker. I had mentioned to Yuki that she had a promising young man under her wings. The person was Welly Shibata. I have not asked Charles and Yuki if theirs was a conventional romance. At least, they must have met each other for the first time at Seattle.

Mode of Travel

According to Akira Horikoshi of San Francisco, he went to Seattle by train. Since he had the privilege of a pass as an employee of the Nippon Yusen Kaisha, the great Japanese shipping firm of prewar days, he said he took this means. However, on the way home, he squeezed into our car so anyone can imagine what the condition was.

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District council committee chairmen were appointed by Kato as follows: Jack Kusaba (San Francisco), budget-finance; Peter Nakahara (Sequoia), legis-legal; Haruo Ishimaru (San Mateo), fair housing; Yone Satoda (San Francisco, recog.; Marie Kurihara (San Francisco), youth; Dr. Yoshiye Tozasaki (Contra Costa), prog-activ.; George Ushijima (Alameda), memb.; Frank Oda (Sonoma County), Issei Story; and Edison Uno, Pacific Citizen.

After considerable discussion, the chapters accepted the NC-WNDC goal of 450 Thousand Chibbers.

Workshops

Three workshops concluded the afternoon agenda. Dr. Yoshiye Tozasaki led one group on chapter programs and activities. Jerry Enomoto led another group on youth and was assisted by Marie Kurihara and Chizu Iiyama. It featured a panel of Donald Ishii, San Francisco JACL; Cheryl Imura, Sacramento Jr. JACL; Harvey Shinomoto, Oakland Jr. JACL; Sharon Ide, Eden Township Jr. JACL; and Pat Iiyama, Contra Costa Jr. JACL. The third group was composed of chapter presidents meeting with National Director Mas Satow.

Community-minded Coachella CLers can be greater help to National

BY HARRY HONDA

Many of the speeches National JACL President Frank Chuman has made in recent weeks at various chapter installation banquets dramatized the need for JACLers to take a more active role in community life.

But in speaking last Sunday at Indio, Chuman flipped the record and played the other side for Coachella Valley JACL, one of the few chapters where its members are thoroughly integrated in the life of the community.

Chuman was the principal speaker at the banquet climaxing a full day for some 80 delegates who spent several hours in the morning discussing PSWDC business and the entire afternoon on the chapter clinic. The meeting was co-hosted by East Los Angeles JACL and Coachella Valley JACL at Pinecrest Dining Room.

"Because JACL has provided means so that its members can contribute to the community-at-large, JACL need not fold its tent when members become an integral part of the community—as here in Coachella Valley," Chuman declared. "There are still problems for JACL to solve in immigration and housing and to get the Issei Story."

Chapters, such as Coachella Valley and San Luis Obispo, which have most of its members taking active part in all phases of community life—civic, schools, business, politics—can help JACL eliminate the problems in housing and immigration because of their contacts in the community, Chuman suggested.

"They may not need us, but we need them," Chuman continued, "to tell the Issei Story of their own community." The Nisei of Coachella Valley can gather the stories, interviews and historical data of the Issei pioneers who turned the desert wastes of Coachella Valley and Imperial Valley into the garden showcase of California.

Chuman revealed that he plans to visit those areas where JACL chapters were once active in Montana, Wyoming, New Mexico and Texas to urge Nisei there to help JACL publish the "Issei Story." This project is one of the many reasons why JACL should stay national, Chuman noted.

'Chapter of Year'

Before Chuman's address, Kango

Kunitugu, past PSWDC chairman presented the 1960 PSWDC Chapter of the Year plaque to Dr. John Kashiwabara, Long Beach Harbor District chapter president for his outstanding chapter program and activities. Long Beach has won the award four years in a row.

The day began with the district council learning the Pacific Citizen sustained a \$5,000 loss for its 1960 operations, hearing a brief report from Dr. Roy Nishikawa on the So. Calif. regional office and voting to commend the action taken by Frank Chuman in protesting the resolution by the State Assembly for Dr. John Lechner.

The PSWDC chapters also agreed to send individual telegrams to members of the State Assembly Rules Committee, indicating their protests.

Chuman discussed the Lechner question in detail, recalling how the resolution was brought to the attention of Mas Satow, national director, in San Francisco when an administrative assistant to Assemblyman Jerome Waldie (D, Antioch) asked for background information on Dr. Lechner.

Fair Housing Bill

Kango Kunitugu, PSWDC legislative-legal chairman, also reported on the Hawkins fair housing

bill now in the California legislature. The chapters were urged to contact this bill by letters and contributions.

Kay Nakagiri, PSWDC chairman, reported for Joe Yasaki, PSWDC constitution committee chairman, on the proposal to change district elections from May to the November meeting.

Mark Kikuchi, Southwest L.A. chapter president, reported that Hirasawa was named district council convention, which his chapter will host on May 6-7.

Other reports were made by Ken Dyo, PSWDC 1000 Club chairman; and Roy Yamadera, PSW Issei Story chairman.

During the luncheon period, Chuman met with new chapter presidents to discuss some of the problems confronting National, such as membership, Issei Story and clarified current policies.

Sam Furuta, clinic chairman, conducted the afternoon session where all delegates sat in the same room to participate together rather than break up into workshop groups. The topics were program and activities, membership, public relations and Pacific Citizen, and Issei Story.

Tom Sakai, Coachella Valley JACL president, greeted the delegates for the host chapter.

Orange County JACLers urged to take more active interest in community affairs

NEWPORT BEACH. — With the presence of distinguished civic leaders year after year at Orange County JACL installation dinners, National JACL President Frank F. Chuman said it was time for the chapter to return their interest by taking a more active role in community affairs. He was the principal speaker at the Orange County JACL inaugural dinner here last Saturday.

Chuman noted that civic leaders and public officials from city, county and state offices have long embellished the places at the head table.

Attending last Saturday were Judge Kenneth Morrison, Judge Robert Gardner, State Senator John A. Murdy, Jr., Assemblyman Richard T. Hanna, County Sheriff James Musick, County Counsel Stephen Tamura and former county counsel Robert Waldron, and their wives.

Other special guests included PSWDC chairman Kay Nakagiri and OC JAY's president Joe Nakamura.

Aware that Orange County was the "most growing" county in California, Chuman urged Nisei to be a part of the growth by taking active interest in the school programs, housing, freeways, civic expansion and service projects such as the Heart Fund, Community Chest, etc.

Henry Kanezoe, 1961 president, and his board were sworn in by Nakagiri. Other members of the board were:

PLACER COUNTY JACL

PICNIC DATE APRIL 16

LOOMIS.—The 13th annual community picnic and homecoming sponsored by the Placer County JACL will be held Sunday, April 16.

The announcement was made by George Hirasawa, chairman. A crowd of some 5,000 is being expected again for this big event which is held annually at the JACL ball park in Penryn. Hirasawa also said that in the event of inclement weather, the following Sunday, April 23, will be the alternate date.

'Monte Carlo' night

enjoyed by Mt. Olympus

SALT LAKE CITY. — As a meeting arranged by members of the cabinet, the Mt. Olympus JACL staged a "Monte Carlo" night recently to the delight and entertainment of over 50 members.

Those attending were given a fortune in "play money" with which to play the games of chance. Min Matsumori, Yuki Nakagiri, Martha Sumai and Hiro Iwazaki were given prizes for winning the most in the allotted time. Among the various games were roulette, chuck-a-luck, bowling, golf, race cars, horse racing, darts, penny pitch, 21, clown pitch and others.

Mrs. Sadie Yoshimura, chairman, was assisted by: John and Akiko Tomita, Frank Yoshimura, George Tamura, Bob Mukai, For Ushio, Matt Tateoka and other cabinet members.

Tom Matsumori was appointed sergeant-at-arms and Mary Sugaya, historian, during the brief business session preceding the games.

School bond advocate

BERKELEY. — Mas Yonekura, East Bay Nisei attorney, has been named as one of the nine members on a campaign policy committee for the city's coming vote on school bonds.

Formation of this steering committee for the campaign was announced last week by Mrs. Alice Sackett, president of the Berkeley board of education.

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