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East of the River

By Richard Akagi

“ODDBALL”

New York

This morning's "New York Times" carried a brief item which reported the jailing of a pacifist for boarding a nuclear submarine without permission.

This pacifist is undoubtedly a nut. Or a saint. In any event, an oddball.

But thank God there are in this country oddballs like him, men cut from the same individualistic cloth: A. J. Muste, Shorty Collins, John Thomas, Charlie Bell, L. B. Moseley, Allan Hunter, Norman Thomas, to name a few. Some of us owe to these men the faith we now have in the processes of a free society. The support they gave the Nisei during the period of evacuation and relocation helped to dissipate the skepticism we felt about the possibility of justice in "a white man's democracy."

White provincialism put the Nisei behind the barbed wires of America's first concentration camps. White provincialism established the "National Origins Principle" in our immigration and nationality laws. White provincialism still serves to enforce discriminatory practices in all sectors of the country.

Particularly during the war years when espousing the cause of the Nisei was an act fraught with economic and social hazards, these oddballs demonstrated that their belief in "equal justice under law" was not qualified by considerations of race or ancestry. When the Nisei had few friends, the oddballs, who cared more for principle than social standing, supported our struggle to be recognized as full-fledged American citizens with all the rights and privileges attending thereto.

But in times of plenty oddballs are not too acceptable. Their beliefs are too thorny, their actions embarrassing.

Rather, the Nisei seem to prefer the shallow and sentimental "liberalism" of the so-called "social service" organizations, which permit the Nisei to join their ranks. These organizations are almost exclusively white and predominant status as the Nisei are, membership in these groups is incontrovertible evidence, in their own minds, that they have become "assimilated" into the white community.

I suspect that much of the blame for the recent defeat suffered by the Nisei in the state of Washington on the alien land law referendum can be attributed to the Nisei's smug assumption of "acceptance," based on their having participated in parades wearing some silly headgear, and their unwillingness to jeopardize that acceptance by getting into an all-out fight, which would serve to set apart the Nisei as racially distinct from other citizens.

Remember now thy ancient benefactors in the days of your conservative middle years. The time may yet come when the single voice of an oddball will be more comforting than all the adolescent mumbo-jumbo of your fraternal brothers.

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Calif. FEPC rules on first formal hearing announced

SACRAMENTO. — The first formal public hearing of the California Fair Employment Practices Commission, held last Jan. 9-13 in Los Angeles, has resulted in the order for the Santa Fe Railroad to reinstate Negro coach cleaner Leslie Andrews at its Barstow yard, pay him 10-months back pay and promote him at the first opportunity, it was announced here this week.

The commission found Santa Fe guilty of two violations: refusal to promote and subsequent firing because of filing a complaint with FEPC.

While this was the first formal hearing, virtually all complaints of racial or religious job discrimination investigated by FEPC during its first 17-months have been resolved short of public hearing. There were 695 cases on file and 127 have been closed.

Phone Cover Girl

Draws Winning Design for Lodi Directory

LODI. — Judy Michiko Kosaka, 17-year-old daughter of Mrs. Florence Kosaka of 1018 W. Lockeford, was saluted recently by the City Council for designing the cover for the new Lodi telephone directory.

She had competed with other art students at Lodi Union High School for a suitable design. Judy's winning design was based on the Lodi-Kofu "Sister city" theme, showing an American woman and a Japanese woman, each with a telephone supposedly talking to each other.

George Creighton, local manager for Pacific Telephone, said that as far as he can determine this was the only time a cover contest was held. Miss Kosaka was presented three shares of telephone company stock as part of the prize.

HARRY MATSUKANE'S SON ELECTED STUDENT MAYOR

PLACENTIA. — Melvin Matsukane, eldest son of active Orange County JACLers Harry and Bernice Matsukane, was elected mayor of Placentia during Student Government Day observances here Feb. 7.

Ronnie Murakami, eldest son of Shig and Mitsie Murakami, was elected councilman for the day.

Both are Valencia High School students.

Idaho area Sansei directory compiled

IDAHO FALLS. — A 20-page directory of Sansei living in Idaho Falls, Blackfoot, Rexburg and Pocatello has been published by the Idaho Falls JACL Newsletter. Takeo Haga, Mrs. Fumi Tanaka and Newsletter Editor Mrs. Aki Tokita compiled the information.

Listings include the name and address of the parents, mother's maiden name, name and birthdate of each Sansei child in the family. The directory is being sold at \$1 with proceeds going toward equipment and supplies needed by the Newsletter.

The directory may be obtained from Mrs. Tokita, 350 E. St., Idaho Falls, Bldg. 54, or Mrs. Fumi Tanaka, Rt. 1, Shelley, Idaho.

JACL REPRESENTED ON CITY YOUTH AUTHORITY

SAN FRANCISCO. — Two new board members were appointed this week to the Adult Advisory Council of the San Francisco Youth Association, a city-wide youth organization for high school students. Appointed were Albie Hicks of the Univ. of San Francisco and Marie Kurihara, San Francisco JACL board member and Jr. JACL adviser.

The adult council is chaired by Stephen Zellerbach; Thomas E. Howe, executive director. Jr. JACL delegates to the SFYA are Paul Fujii, David Hara, Sandy Inui and Margaret Kai.

Chicago Nisei wins \$1,500 newspaper contest prize

CHICAGO. — Dr. Sam Sasamoto, a Chicago Board of Health dentist, hit the jackpot this past week when it was announced that he won \$1,500 in "Find the Right Job" contest sponsored by the Sun-Times. He correctly matched five words in all 10 puzzles which appeared in the newspaper for three weeks.

Dr. Sasamoto said that the prize money will be used for medical bills, baby clothes, furniture and other expenses. The Sasamotos expect their first baby next September.

Veterans charter flight

CHICAGO. — Nisei veterans and families planning to attend the Nisei Veteran Reunion in Hawaii, June 10-17, may join the Chicago Nisei Post 1183 chartered flight by writing for details from Joe Sagami, 4138 N. Clarendon, Chicago 13.

Ancestral Society

PORTLAND. — A new group, the Japanese Ancestral Society, was organized last month with Tom S. Tamiyasu elected president.



The Indomitable Snowman?

PC LETTERBOX:

Thoughts from Hawaii

I have lived in Hawaii for the majority of my life where the JACL is non-existent. During my stay on the continental United States for business and education, I have discovered the establishment of the Japanese American Citizens League, an organization primarily for Japanese affairs, in every principal city where there is a concentration of Japanese.

No doubt there are deeds performed by the JACL that is deserving of high praise. However, I would question the present need to publicize such mottoes as "Security through Unity". Perhaps, unity was required during the period of World War II and shortly thereafter but all will agree that the situation has greatly improved.

I have not observed here in Hawaii or on the mainland any condition so grave that the security of oriental peoples were jeopardized. There are isolated minor differences in all locations but time and demonstrated righteous American living by Japanese is steadily winning the confidence of even the most prejudiced being. Furthermore, it is impossible to convince ignorant people that all have certain inalienable rights by demanding that they recognize the Constitution or any written law. It is a privilege to be an American and as minority peoples, we Japanese must earn the privilege of acceptance by merit.

I am certain that the JACL does not intend to incite sit-out programs such as those fostered by the NAACP but the recent action against Dr. John Lechner has me troubled.

I am sure that the degradation of Dr. Lechner, however "bigoted racist, and rabble-rousing" his action, has gained the Japanese nothing but the satisfaction of revenge. Moreover, I suspect that the JACL intervention has reopened old wounds. In ventures such as the Lechner case, a few true allies are gained but the enemy becomes a more bitter and vigorous monster.

You may think that I, residing in Hawaii, should not be concerned about a case in California but the JACL represents to approximately 170,000 people their closest contact to Japanese behavior. The majority of us in Hawaii are proud to be born of Japanese parentage and will continue to crusade for wider recognition of our Constitutional Rights through unorganized, individual deeds that are indicative of Americanism.

The transmission of Japanese Community news through the media of the press, particularly the

Pacific Citizen, is an acceptable American custom. However, bold prints of "Security through unity" gives foreigners and unacquainted people the impression that there still exists wholesale inequities in the United States against Japanese. This is not true. Look to Congressman Dan Inouye.

Please promote Americanism and the Japanese through the freedom of the press. There are enough publications in the United States to the contrary.

RICHARD Y. OKITA

Honolulu, Hawaii

Idaho Falls JAY parents

the question came up as to whether the parents of Idaho Falls JAYs should be JACL members or not. I feel that at least one parent should be a JACL member in order for their son or daughter to be eligible for membership with the JAYs here.

My reason for this is plain. First, are there any parents who are not JACL members who will take over the responsibilities for maintaining the youth group? I don't think so. Secondly, the JDC and the National is going all-out to support the youth group organization to combat juvenile delinquency. The time and finances should be expended for the benefit of JACL member families first, and the residue, if any, can be used on others.

My feeling is that as long as the responsibility of action, behavior and the conduct of the youth organization here is in the hands of JACL, then the Idaho Falls chapter has the right to insist on membership if they so desire.

At this time, I should like to commend the Idaho Falls JACL membership for approving admission of youths from Rexburg to the Idaho Falls JAYs. We welcome the Rexburg youths to Idaho Falls and look forward to the sharing of mutual fellowship and acquaintances.

LEO HOSODA

Idaho Falls JACL
(Foregoing comments were published in the chapter newsletter.)

Japanese population in Utah decreases

SALT LAKE CITY. — The United States Census Bureau reports the 1960 Utah population was 890,627, of which 4,371 were Japanese. There were 4,452 Japanese at the 1950 counting.

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By Henry Mori

Los Angeles NEWSLETTER

Lechner Undeserving

Because the JACL was on the alert when as Assemblyman proposed a citation for Dr. John Lechner of Los Angeles for his long and distinguished career educating our citizens and fighting the communist menace, that resolution was voted down 3-2 by the Assembly Rules Committee recently.

Dr. Lechner is the executive director of the Americanism Education League.

Strangely enough since the abandonment of the resolution there has been an undercurrent of scattered remarks that persons of Japanese ancestry should let "by-gones be by-gones" and let Lechner have his resolution.

The fact that the JACL objected to the resolution has no bearing on such stupid thinking.

Would the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals give a citation to a man who once had gone around kicking a down-trodden dog but suddenly "changed his attitude" and went on to pick on another animal?

Only an opportunist would do that. And when given another opportunity or a situation whereby persons of Japanese ancestry again becomes unpopular, Dr. Lechner would, no doubt, be the type to go witch-hunting promptly.

We just can't see a man being recognized for what he actually is even though time has changed and his chances to racebit Issei and Nisei citizens are no longer there.

Yes, we believe it was worth every bit of trouble to stop a man from getting something he doesn't deserve. And, Dr. Lechner, in our estimation, hasn't lived up to what the Assembly resolution suggests or implies. Future citations of any sort would be worthless if the recipient's value of human dignity and understanding is not all there.

We firmly feel that even if Frank F. Chuman, our national JACL president, fails to accomplish anything else during his second year of office, his convincing stint before an Assembly hearing will mark him as one of the more "successful national presidents" in the years to come.

For certainly no one could be happy—JACL or not—to even think that wartime racists could be forgotten all so that easily just because we live in 1961 today and not in 1941, 20 years ago.

We are all prone to remember the bad as much as the good and we just can't label Dr. Lechner

a champion of any sort. People just don't change that quickly.

NIHONGO GAKKO

Our sons, Bennett and Dana, are helped in learning a smattering of the Japanese language. Like in other families, we tend to call them by their English names—until we get mad or upset. Then, it's Takao and Kenji!

Bennett has been attending a Japanese school to "recall" some of the words and expressions he used to rattle off when he was three years old. Dana was never a linguist (only five) but he's trying with some glee and laughter.

A few nights ago, Bennett said "konban wa" before going to bed. He said he wanted a "samui mizu" (cold water).

All this for \$6.50 tuition a month, attending every Saturday from nine to three.

His literal translation is really stunning us. "Mata kore kara anata miru ma de" (until we meet again). That's we!

Jim Higashi to head Li'l Tokio Jaycees

Active JACLer Jim Higashi was named president of the Japanese American Jr. Chamber of Commerce for 1961, succeeding charter president Tamio Katayama, at the board of directors' election meeting this week.

Higashi, who works for a wholesale drug firm, has been director of Christmas Cheer. He will be assisted on the JCC board by:

Kenji Nakamura, Jun Mori, Bob Tanaka, v.p.; Dave Yokozaki, state director; Sam Niede, treasurer; George Fujita, asst. treas.; Iwao Kozumi, Mike Yamano, cont.; Mike Yamane, C. Fujita, Goki Kineya, Fred Tanaka, Tamio Katayama, Akiyoshi Yamada, bd. members.

Mrs. Jean White was named head of the women's Auxiliary.

Ex-L.A. Nisei promoted in gov't foreign service

WASHINGTON. — Toshio Tsukahara, formerly of Los Angeles, has been elevated to the rank of consul and secretary in the U.S. foreign service, the D.C. News Notes reported this past week.

Pioneer druggist dies

Tamio Kato, 88, who opened Li'l Tokio's first drug store in 1905, died Sunday, Feb. 26, after a prolonged illness. He was recognized as the "mayor" of Japanese town in the early days.

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By the Board

By Mikio Uchiyama, CCDC Chairman

Discrimination Goes Underground

Fowler, Calif.

Nothing is more pleasing to the ear than the resulting harmony of a difficult musical composition. The Central California District Council meeting in Bakersfield was just that. The District Council met at its first quarterly meeting on Feb. 5 with the past year's officers joining the newly installed to discuss and decide this year's JACL programs and objectives. The advice and counsel of the old with the vim, vigor and vitality of the new promise another bonanza year for Central California JACL.

The injustices, prejudices, and the wrongs that now have been corrected were glaring, academic and flagrant wrongs committed upon the Americans of Japanese ancestry and were wrongs which affected our very livelihood and existence. The prejudices and wrongs which we are now striving to correct are less patent, more secretive, and less notorious, but no less unjust and discriminatory, than that which have been now corrected.

The new objectives and the goals in confronting and combating these injustices and discrimination will require greater determination and sense of righteousness in that they do not necessarily attack our very livelihood and existence.

The programs and the decisions reached by the chapter delegates and representatives clearly indicate that we all agree that the work of JACL is far from done. Having acquired the correction for the more flagrant injustices practiced upon us, we now find ourselves in company of other Americans who are also striving to attain a greater America for better Americans. We are being called to fight and strive with other Americans to abolish the prejudice and injustices against other Americans as well as ourselves. Our great driving force heretofore was selfishness because we were the injured but now we are fighting and striving with our sense of righteousness as a motivating force. Hence, as we stand on this threshold of newer goals to be attained, an examination of our force, (our thinking) is necessary so that we can strive steadily forward without faltering with the wisdom which we have acquired and the vigor and vitality we are gaining.



STOCKTON'S 1960 CHAPTER OFFICERS

Recently installed were Stockton JACL's 1961 chapter officers. Pictured are (from left) in the front row—Ted Ishihara, president; Dorothy Baba, secretary; and Yoshikawa, president; Louise Baba, secretary; Yukio Shinohara, treasurer; and Al Umuro, vice president. Back row—Al Nakashima, treasurer; and George Baba, secretary.

INCOME TAX, SOCIAL SECURITY TOPICS FOR CONTRA COSTA MEETING

RICHMOND — "Income Tax and Social Security Laws" will be the topic of the first general membership meeting of the Contra Costa JACL on Friday, March 10, at the Pullman School, 39th and Florida Ave. Hiro Hirano, CPA will discuss current income tax laws, and Bill Nakagami, claims representative of the Berkeley office of the Social Security Administration, will explain recent revisions and additions to social security.

Slated to begin at 7:30 p.m., the meeting will be aimed at all sections of the Japanese American community, especially the Issei. William Waki will chair the discussion and interpret in Japanese. A feature of the evening will be a question and answer period. A very short business meeting will precede the program, and refreshments will be served. Sumio Yoshii, program chairman for the chapter, will be in charge of arrangements for the evening.

San Benito County JACL card party proves success

SAN JUAN BAUTISTA. — Annual card party sponsored by the San Benito County JACL Chapter proved to be a huge success with more than 100 people enjoying an evening. Prizes for the games were all donated by the local merchants. Profits derived from the event will be used for building maintenance during 1961. Social chairman Dick Nishimoto was in charge of the event and refreshments, assisted by Dennis Nishita on the public address system. Sam Shingai, chapter president, expressed thanks to all those responsible for the success of the card party. Plans for the annual chapter bowling night under the direction of Shio Nakamoto, chapter bowling team captain, are being formulated. Date and place will be announced in the near future.

Basketball tourney for Pasadena scouts slated

PASADENA — The Pasadena JACL will sponsor its first annual basketball tourney at John Muir High School playground on Sunday, Mar. 26, 1 p.m., for members of the local Scout Troop 41. The troop's six players will compete. Butch Tamura and Kei Mikuriya are tournament co-chairmen. The chapter will issue awards to the tournament all-stars and the tournament "most valuable player".

SAN FRANCISCO CHAPTER SIGNS 884 MEMBERS

1961 membership campaign through March to continue

SAN FRANCISCO — The latest count of San Francisco JACL's membership was announced at 884 by campaign co-chairmen Chibi Yamamoto and Hank Ooyashi.

The campaign is still on and teams are still hard at work soliciting new and old members. Last year, the chapter led the nation with 1,227 members—an all-time high for an individual chapter.

Chapter activities get underway tomorrow evening with a big Get Acquainted mixer at Park-Prezidio Y.M.C.A. with Mrs. Yo Hirooka, program chairman, in charge.

All members, new and old, and prospective members are invited and everyone attending will have a chance to win one of the many door prizes. Steve Doi is in charge of games. Betty Sasaki is in charge of refreshments. Other committees include:

Miech Nishida, Chibi Yamamoto, Sat Iwamoto and Akira Watanabe. Bill and Eleanor Anjo, Arthur Murray instructors, will demonstrate the latest steps as a preview of what is in store for the six-week class being sponsored by the chapter. The series begins Mar. 11 at the Park-Prezidio Y.M.C.A. Chapter members will be charged \$1 per lesson, non-members \$1.50. The advance payment of \$5 for the entire series was also announced for members, \$8 for non-members. Koji Ozawa and Marie Kurihara are co-chairmen of the class.

Sheraton-West locale of PSWDC convention May 6-7

Mark Kiguchi, Southwest Los Angeles JACL president, today announced the appointment of past president Sam Hirasawa as the general convention chairman for the annual convention of the Pacific Southwest District Council.

A full two-day schedule of events has been arranged, according to chairman Hirasawa, with the entire convention facilities of the Sheraton-West Hotel being turned over to the Southwest Los Angeles JACL Convention Committee. The annual confab will be held over the weekend of Saturday and Sunday, May 6 and 7.

Officially scheduled events for the opening day are: 10 a.m., registration and coffee; business sessions to be held in the Terrace Room; 12 noon, informal luncheon and resumption of business sessions at 1:30 p.m.

The official convention banquet will begin at 6 p.m. in the Regency Room, with the convention dance slated to follow at 9 p.m. A convention bowling tournament is being held at the Holiday Bowl, roll off time of 10 a.m. Sunday, May 7. District Council officers and official delegates will continue their deliberations at the Terrace Room. The two-day convention will be topped by the official Convention Luncheon and Fashion Show in the Regency Room. Installation of new District Council officers, presentation of bowling trophies and awards, and drawing for convention prizes will take place during the luncheon program.

All business sessions of this convention will be chaired by PSWDC chairman Kay Nakagiri of San Fernando. The entire affair is being hosted by the Southwest Los Angeles JACL. Slatel to begin at 7:30 p.m., the meeting will be aimed at all sections of the Japanese American community, especially the Issei. William Waki will chair the discussion and interpret in Japanese. A feature of the evening will be a question and answer period. A very short business meeting will precede the program, and refreshments will be served. Sumio Yoshii, program chairman for the chapter, will be in charge of arrangements for the evening.

Chapter scholarship applications mailed

SEBASTOPOL. — Applications for the third annual Sonoma County JACL Pioneer Memorial Scholarship from high school students of this county are now being accepted.

Dr. Roy Okamoto, chapter president, announced the forms have been mailed to all high schools. Deadline for applications has been set for Saturday, April 22. The award is open to all high school seniors and is not limited to those of Japanese ancestry. Frank Oda is scholarship chairman, assisted by Ed Ohki, secretary.

Previous winners were: 1959—William Akutagawa of Anahy High, now attending Santa Rosa Jr. College. 1960—William Hayashi of Santa Rosa High, now attending Stanford University.

ALAMEDA JACL PASSES LAST YEAR MEMBERSHIP

ALAMEDA. — Surpassing last year's mark of 147, the Alameda JACL has signed up 153 members for 1961 in a current membership campaign, according to George Ushijima, chairman of the chapter membership committee. Of this number 27 are Issei naturalized citizens.

Applications for membership in the local organization will be accepted through March. Ushijima was assisted in the drive by a committee consisting of Mrs. Betty Akagi, Hi Akagi, Miyoko Furuno, Mrs. Kay Hattori, Haruo Imura, Teizo Imura, Dr. Roland Kadonaga, Joan Nakahara, Mrs. Nellie Takeda, Mits Umene, Yas Yamashita and Min Yonekura.

Southwest L.A. CL installs Kiguchi, teles PTA leader

Mrs. Ken Kozasa, active Parent Teacher Association worker, was honored by the Southwest Los Angeles JACL last week as the "Outstanding Community Worker of 1960" during the banquet at the New Ginza to install the 1961 chapter officers led by attorney Mark Kiguchi, president.

Known as Betty to her friends, Mrs. Kozasa has served as PTA president while her two sons, William and Richard, went through primary and secondary schools at Madison, Wis., and Los Angeles. The boys are now in college. Mrs. Kozasa has also served as president of the Olympic PTA Council, composed of 20 units representing 27,000 parents, and as chairman of the 10th District Presidents' Council, composed of all PTA presidents in the district.

Currently, she is serving her second term as president of the Exposition Community Coordinating Council. She is also past area chairman for the local Community Chest drive, a member of the Los Angeles County Conference on Community Relations, American Red Cross and American Cancer Society. She has also been cited for community services by the Los Angeles Commission on Human Relations and the Southside Chamber of Commerce.

About 60 persons attended the banquet, emceed by Mac Hamaguchi. Dr. Roy Nishikawa installed the officers. National JACL President Frank Chuman gave a brief talk. Tom Shimazu was presented the past president's pin, while his wife Michi was given a dinnerware set from the chapter.

Three chapter events are on tap for March, noted Kiguchi. The Crenshaw A.C., 2501 W. Vernon, will be the site for all of them. There will be the "Afternoon at Crenshaw A.C." this Sunday, general meeting on Tuesday, Mar. 14, with tax attorney Art Katayama as speaker on "Income Tax", and an investment discussion group meeting on Tuesday, Mar. 28, with Yukio Matsumoto, investment counselor, as speaker.

Seattle chapter out to secure all-time membership high

SEATTLE. — Response to the mail and telephone campaign to secure membership in Seattle JACL has already brought the 1961 enrollment to last year's number of 224. It was announced this past week by Eddie Shimomura, chapter membership chairman.

Solicitation teams have been organized to complete the canvass for a record high. Team captains and members are as follows: Dr. Kelly Yamada, Mac Kaneko, Rev. E. Andrews and Charles Toshi. Min Yamaguchi, H. H. Kikuta, M. Noji, Agata, Hattori and Toru Sakahara. Min Tsubota, Hiram Akita, Dr. Terrence and Kay Yamaguchi. James Matsuo, H. T. Kikuta, William Hiram, Hiram Akita, Dr. Terrence and Kay Yamaguchi. Phil Hayakawa, Elmer Ogawa, Tak Kubota, Yukio Kuniyuki and Bill Kawabata. Nish Kuniyuki, John Aoki, Paul Tomita and Mrs. Ruth Matsuo. Fred Takagi, Tom Iwata, T. Kame and Fred Iwata. George Kawachi, Mr. Ozawa, Eddie Otsuka and Tak Hori.

Chapter dues here are \$5 and includes subscription to the Pacific Citizen. Chapter dues for 1000ers are \$27, reported Tom Iwata, chapter 1000 Club chairman. Importance of a strong chapter was stressed by Shimomura who said help will be needed with the National JACL Convention in 1962 and the legislative program, especially the anti-alien land law committee work.

Yosh Sakahara head Snake River Valley

BY VIRGINIA HIRAI

ONTARIO, Ore. — The part played by members of the Japanese American Citizens League in combatting discrimination and in helping other minority groups with their problems was stressed by Mas Satow, National Director, at the installation banquet of the Snake River Valley JACL held at the East Side Cafe here Feb. 18.

New officers installed were: Yosh Sakahara, pres.; Jim Fujito, 1st v.p.; Akira Wakasugi, 2nd v.p.; Tom Nakano, 3rd v.p.; George Matsura, treas.; Reiko Shirashi, sec.; Charles Watanabe, social; Sanami Nakano, hist.; George Mita, 1000 Club; Abe Saito, del.; Tom Hashimoto, Harold Higa, Frank Ogami, Harry Morikawa, Harry Namba, George Nishimura, directors.

A check for \$200 was presented by the Presbyterian Nursing Home by Abe Saito, outgoing president, during the evening's program.

Also on the program, for which Joe Saito, was toastmaster, was the invocation by the Rev. George Uyemura, minister of the Community Methodist Church; the welcome by Abe Saito as president of the Snake River Valley chapter; musical numbers by Mary Ann Wakasugi and Alice Nishitani; and a Japanese dance by Mary Jean Kuga.

DETROIT. — The designation of cabinet posts for Detroit JACL officers was announced by Peter Fujioka, president, as follows: Yoshiaki, president; Kenneth Miyoshi, 1st v.p.; Ed Shino, 2nd v.p.; Tochi Shimoura, cor. sec.; Yoshiaki Inouye, rec. sec.; Setsu Fujioka, hist.; Sud Kimoto, youth; Roy Kano, 1000 Club; and Mary Kami-doi, pub.

How to make sembei

IDAHO FALLS. — The Idaho Falls JACL Auxiliary will meet next Thursday, Mar. 9, 8 p.m., at the JACL Hall to learn how to make sembei (rice cakes) from Kazuko Honda. Hostesses for the evening will be May Ogawa, Irene Sato and Ida Ogawa.



DETROIT'S 1961 CHAPTER BOARD

Members of the Detroit JACL Board of Governors system for the year 1961 installed at the 15th Annual Installation Dinner Dance held Jan. 28, 1961, are seated (from left) Wally Kagnawa, vice chairman; Yoshiaki Inouye, sec.; Peter Fujioka, chairman; Mary Kami-doi; Sotaku Fujioka; and Ken Miyoshi. Standing (from left) Frank Watanabe, past pres.; Sud Kimoto; George Otsuki; Stanley Malecki; Edward Shinno, treas.; Karl Nomura; Dick Kadoshima; and George Nagano. Missing from the picture are Louis Furukawa; Walter Miyao and Am Omura.

—Photo by Tom Hashimoto.

Traditional events, special projects for Sequoia chapter slated for year

REDWOOD CITY. — The Sequoia JACL this week announced its program of activities for the remainder of the year. These are in addition to specialized events, such as entering a chapter float in the Redwood City Fourth of July parade, participating in the local Women's Garden Club flower show, welcoming ships from Japan that dock at the port of Redwood City and sponsoring a baseball team for youth.

The calendar follows: March 18—Bridge Tournament. April 2—Easter Egg hunt. June 17—Graduation dance. July 23—Community picnic. Oct. 27—Hallowe'en party. Nov. 18—Potluck dinner. Dec. 21—New Year's Eve dance. Jan. 13—Installation dinner.

Bridge Tournament

The second annual chapter duplicate bridge tournament scheduled Mar. 18, 8 p.m., at the Veterans Memorial Hall here is open to beginners and advanced players. First-place trophies will be awarded.

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Benefit Japanese movies scheduled this weekend

SEBASTOPOL. — The Sonoma County JACL benefit Japanese movies, originally scheduled for Mar. 18-19, has been switched to Mar. 4-5 at the local Memorial Hall.

Proceeds are used for many of the chapter activities and projects, movie chairman Tak Kameoka pointed out. Free refreshments will be served during intermission.

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Living with JACL: by Saburo Kido

For the Nisei Women

The PC editor and I were talking about locating the former Miss who had some material about her trip to Washington, D.C., in 1931 to lobby for the Cable Act amendment. We finally located her and when I phoned her, I said: "Pardon me if I am mistaken, but do you happen to be the former Miss Suma Sugi?" I felt I had the right party from the voice which answered the phone and it turned out my intuition had not betrayed me.

The former Miss Sugi is now Mrs. Harry Yokotake, working for the Los Angeles Board of Education. Since the information requested happened 30 years ago, I promised to refresh her memory by sending recent installments of "Living With JACL". I am going to do the same thing with Tokutaro Nishimura. He may not be too busy and may be in a mood to recall some of his personal experiences in Washington, D.C., as a one-man lobbyist in 1933.

No doubt, during those days of the 1930s, the job of influencing legislators was most difficult, not only because of the anti-Japanese atmosphere but few had any sympathy for an Oriental or understanding of the younger Issei and not wanting to return to Japan. It was difficult to believe that there were persons of Japanese ancestry willing to give up their mother country and become naturalized U.S. citizens.

Part III: Continued

When the legislative process for the Cable Act amendment began to move, it went along at a rapid pace. From the newspaper accounts, Suma Sugi reported from Washington that the Senate has passed an amendment providing American-born women need not lose

awarded. A perpetual trophy will be presented to the chapter with the most winners representing the chapter. Last year, San Jose JACL won the perpetual.

Nancy Sakuda will be in charge of the refreshments committee.

Chapter Archives

D.C. JACL Chapter Seeking Documents of Early Years

WASHINGTON. — Although starting its 16th year, the Washington, D.C., JACL is found without any historical documents of its past activities and the chapter board at its January meeting decided to establish an archive in the form of a Chapter Scrapbook under guidance of Emily Higuchi.

Past issues of the D.C. News Notes, now in its 11th year of publication, will provide part of the records. So that a complete record may be compiled, the chapter has appealed to members for clippings and photos of past chapter activities for the Scrapbook.

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had written that Suma was "given an ovation that has never been given to any American-born boy or girl." While in New York, the same reporter added, she "made a very favorable impression on the men and women of the older generation and assured them of the hopeful future of American-born Japanese in California, and especially those in Southern California."

When she returned to Los Angeles, a banquet was given in her honor at the Mandarin Cafe with 400 present. Susie Andow, chapter vice-president, was master of ceremonies.

Those of us in San Francisco were watching the actions of this "conquering heroine." We read of her welcome home and reporting to the Los Angeles JACL. However, nothing further seemed to happen. We thought that every hamlet would be fighting to have her come to speak before them. Since we had not done anything to help defray her expenses, it was decided something should be done to inform the chapters.

One evening, Tamotsu Murayama happened to come to my home. I was then living at 1623 Webster St., San Francisco. We talked about the great work Suma had done for the welfare of Nisei women. We felt that if chapters in Southern California weren't interested in her story, she should be invited to visit the chapters of Northern California. Since all seemed interested, the official move to contact Suma was made. She replied there were no immediate schedules for her and agreed to visit the chapters. This started the first lecture tour as far as the Northern California chapters were concerned. (To Be Continued)

Chapter Chat-Chat

Items for this column were gleaned from the various JACL chapter newsletters received within the past two weeks.

Salt Lake JACL

Our 1958 JACL Convention Queen, Margaret Itami, is in faraway Hawaii attending the Univ. of Hawaii this year. She finds the weather very enjoyable and like it very much there.

Two former candidates in the 1958 convention open contest, Ruth Okawa of Salt Lake and Kiyo Miya of Ogden, are still "bowling them over"—in the bowling alleys. Both of them are on the same women's team entered in the JACL bowling tournament at San Jose this coming week.

Jerry Tsuyuki has opened a beautiful and colorful sukiyaki house, "The Mikado".

Nick and Grace Tasaka are lending their talents to the local Senokai by instructing the group in dancing.

Idaho Falls JACL

Eke Inouye's daughter Candice accompanied her dance instructor Betty Anderson to a dance instructor's convention at Salt Lake City. Recently where she was a model. Candice is an acrobatic dancer and baton twirler.

George Kobayashi was elected to a three-year term on the Idaho Falls Y.M.C.A. board of directors.

Leo Hosoda was chosen lantern of the newly formed Lions Club of Annon.

Mrs. Fred Ochi participated in a panel discussion at First Christian Church when local churches observed Race Relations Sunday.

Washington, D.C. JACL

Back in one piece from a skiing trip to Seven Springs, Pa., were Emily Higuchi, Kathryn Tomikawa and Kyoko Ishiyama.

A most welcome addition to Maszuka-Ishiyama and Associates is Akira Sano from San Mateo, Calif.

On special duty in Atlanta, Ga., in early February away from all that D.C. snow was Hisako Sakata.

Yoshio Sakata, new D.C. board member and News Notes business manager, is a native of Los Angeles, left for Japan after finishing junior high school. He is a Kyoto Imperial University graduate, taught in Kagoshima, worked at ATIS, GHQ, Tokyo during the Allied Occupation of Japan and returned to U.S. to attend graduate school at Northwestern. He worked for the Army Map Service for several years after arriving in D.C. in 1952. He has been with the Voice of America since 1957.

An avid sports enthusiast, he captained a team in the JACL Bowling League, a member of the D.C. Buffers and interested in forming a "Golf" club. His brother Muneo and Jane Sakata are now in Frankfurt, Germany.

Venice-Culver JACL

What prominent local Nisei doctor who is an ardent bowler, more than once carrying his medical bag instead of his bowling bag?

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