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HARRY K. RONDA, Editor

Los Angeles Newsletter: by Henry Mori Going on the Road Again

Former So. Calif. JACL regional director, Fred Takata, who decided to get into travel agency work appears to be bubbling over with enthusiasm nowadays. He resigned from his JACL office only two months ago but already has been able to tour London, France and Tokyo for a three-week orientation tour via Tokyo-Do Travel Agency where he is employed.

His boss, Roy Takada, is taking a tourist group to Hiroshima and Tokyo, for the first time in his life, will be seeing the best spots of scenic Japan.

The jet has cut down air travel time considerably and in 10½ hours—the train time between here and San Francisco—you can be in London. So in the short span of seven days you can cover quite a bit of Europe on a package tour.

It seems that when Takata takes his baptismal trip to Japan as a tourist guide, Eui Tanabe, also sometime JACL regional director, will be just a few days ahead of him.

Tanabe, of the Far East Travel Service and president of the Japanese Chamber of Commerce, left yesterday for Tokyo. He'll be carrying goodwill messages from Mayor Norris Paulson and Board of Supervisors Chairman Ernest E. Debs on his Oriental sojourn.

Nagoya, sister city to Los Angeles, will be one of the highlights of Tanabe's visit.

About London, Takata said he was "rather disappointed." He said Italian people impressed him as being very happy and well-adjusted. "Perhaps the reason for this is their custom of taking a siesta every afternoon at 1 p.m.—closing shops and offices until 4 p.m.," Takata added. But there is a catch, Italians work until 8 p.m., so the story goes. In other words, you'll be bucking the 4 o'clock traffic. No pun intended.

In London, Takata and his group were not lost and stopped one Englishman to inquire about a certain hotel where they were staying. It was in Piccadilly Square which is the Times Square of England. He said he had great difficulty, although humorous, in interpreting "right" with reference to direction and "right" as emphasis. "Now, you turn right, right; then left, right, then right, again, right?" So it went on.

Two hours later Takata groaned his way back to his hotel. The streets there run in almost every direction, except up.

QUEEN CONTEST

At least five JACL chapters have come forth to volunteer their service in obtaining candidates to vie in the 21st annual Nisei Week Festival queen contest. Although the girls will not represent, particularly the chapter, they will go under the banner as area entries. Districts include the San Fernando Valley, Long Beach, Orange County, West Los Angeles, East Los Angeles, Downtown, Southwest and Hollywood.

The coronation of the 1961 queen, to succeed Penny Akemi Tami, last year's Downtown JACL chapter entry, will not happen at a dance this August. But it will come at a dinner and entertainment affair at the Biltmore Bowl, Aug. 5 with judging to take place at that time.

The Nisei Memorial Post 9038, Veterans of Foreign Wars, will be the sponsoring organization. The show will include headliner vocalists Bob Newkirk, of the Linda Darnell-Newkirk team.

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Nisei legal minds agree with JACL policy on Kawakita matter that Japanese government shouldn't intervene for traitor

(Two commentaries by attorneys on the Kawakita matter have been published by the Nisei press this past week after the National JACL Board made known its declaration of policy on this question. One was an open letter to Frank F. Chuman, national JACL president; the other the personal observations of a newspaper columnist. Mike Masaoka's column last week also goes into the background of the Kawakita matter at great detail.—Editor.)

A DELICATE SUBJECT

Los Angeles
When I read the UPI dispatch about Prime Minister Hayato Ikeda of Japan planning to appeal to President John Kennedy for leniency for Tomoya Kawakita, a Nisei who was sentenced to death and later commuted to life imprisonment for treason, I had grave misgivings as to the advisability of such a course. It was a story which had been picked up from the Sankai Shimbun of Tokyo in connection with the forthcoming visit of the Japanese prime minister.

Since the case was tried about fifteen years ago, most of us have forgotten the facts. The situation was not a pleasant one for all persons of Japanese ancestry (or the trial was given a prominent spot in the metropolitan newspapers day after day).

From the standpoint of the Japanese leaders, they may condone the acts of Kawakita. According to the Japanese standards of treatment these days, what Kawakita is claimed to have done may not be a crime which warrants a life imprisonment. I saw the Japanese movie, Ningen No Yoken, a Shochiku production, a few weeks ago. It portrayed the brutality of the superior officers to the privates. I do not know what the American public's reaction was. I doubt if the majority believed that such treatment was accorded in the army. However, I had heard of such vicious attitude of the officers from many sources.

Dual Personality

It reminds me of the statement Judge Roger Pfaff of the local Superior Court made to me in Salt Lake City during the war years. He was a major of the U.S. Army attached to the Selective Service System in Washington, D.C. at that time. He had been close to the Japanese people before the war since he was connected with the exchange of college students between Japan and the United States. He said a Japanese had a dual personality. When he is a civilian, he is kind, gentle and courteous; but give him a uniform and he becomes a changed man—brutal and arrogant.

We, citizens of Japanese ancestry, have another angle from which we have to consider this matter. Kawakita may be happy to have such a powerful influence, such as the Japanese prime minister, to intercede for him. However, the question which should come to the mind of everyone of us would be, "What business has the Japanese government with an American citizen?" There is no question that there is the danger of a misunderstanding and misconception being created with the American public. It may work against Kawakita. The ordinary procedures may become involved in international complications.

It has taken a tremendous sacrifice on the part of the Nisei to win the recognition of the American public that they owe only one allegiance; that is, to the United States, their country. The fiction of dual nationality had created some doubt. However, the heroic deeds on the battlefields of Europe, as intelligence officers, and as civilians supporting the war efforts have dispelled the cloud.

When it comes to the question of what the American government does with its own citizens, no one can dispute the fact that it is a domestic matter. No foreign government should intercede without being told, "Mind your own business."

Gesture Not Welcome

It is not a welcome gesture from the Nisei's standpoint. We want to handle our own problems ourselves. We do not want a foreign government to meddle into the internal affairs of this country which has a distinct possibility of involving us.

A dangerous precedent may be set. There is the danger that an impression will be created in the American public's mind that the Japanese government may have some voice in the Nisei's attitude and rights, which is far from the truth. This may force us to be up on all affairs connected with the Japanese government.

Groups within this country are launching a movement to seek leniency from the President. What they are doing will be opposed

by those who are against such leniency. This is to be expected; but it will be pro and con among American citizens. It is different when the ire is directed towards the Japanese government for interfering in our internal affairs.

Simple things like this can stir the emotions of people. The repercussions will be far reaching. Even the trade relations will be affected. The racists may find the opportunity to make the Japanese their targets.

Role of Spokesman

The Prime Minister of Japan must not overlook the fact that he is the spokesman for his country. He does not belong in the same class with Diet members signing a petition for the commutation of a life sentence.

Before Mr. Ikeda comes to this country, we hope there will be a statement forthcoming which will deny any intention on his part to discuss this matter about Kawakita's clemency.

SABURO KIDO
Shin Nishinichi, Mar. 23

OPEN LETTER

Oakland
Dear Frank: This is in reply to your recent news release setting forth the National Board's declaration of policy on the Kawakita case, in which the government of Japan and more particularly, Premier Ikeda, were admonished from intervening on behalf of Tomoya Kawakita, who is now serving a life sentence following his conviction of treason.

I agree with the Board's position that the Government of Japan should not intervene on behalf of Kawakita, but for entirely different reasons than set forth in the declaration of policy.

JACL seems to assume that the Kawakita case is an "internal, domestic matter" because the case was tried in the Federal courts, and its ultimate disposition is within the sole discretion of the President of the United States. I submit that this is a non sequitur because it does not necessarily follow upon analysis, that a case is per se "internal and domestic" because it is tried in the Federal courts. For example, if Kawakita were a Japanese national and had been convicted in the Federal courts of espionage and sentenced to life imprisonment, the Japanese government could well be within its rights to negotiate through diplomatic channels for a commutation of his sentence. Recently, we had such an example of Presidential intervention on behalf of two U.S. fliers who had been accused of violating Soviet territorial boundaries. Another example is the case of Francis Powers, where the U.S. government, through its Embassy in Moscow, attempted, albeit unsuccessfully, to secure his release.

Golden Gate Nisei VFW post to install cabinet

SAN FRANCISCO — James Matsuka, active San Francisco JACLer, was elected commander of the Golden Gate Nisei Memorial Post 9879, VFW, recently. Other officers are: Sam Nagata, sr. v.c.; Thomas Machida, jr. v.p.; Jerry Trout, chaplain; Bob Kawachi, Q.M.; Dr. Cal S. Ueda, surgeon; Shig Miyamoto, adv.; Shory Okumura, adj.; Yosh Matsuka, serv.; Paul Kanazawa, legis.; Yori Wada, pub. rel.

They will be installed April 22 at the mass installation rites at the Veterans War Memorial Bldg. New post officers will be honored at Nikko Sukiyaki on April 29.

Santa Rosa High honors

SANTA ROSA — Kent Sakato, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ted Sakato of 4338 Whistler Ave., was the lone Nisei senior among 43 students of Santa Rosa High School to become a CSF member. At a recent honor assembly, Sakato was presented a newly created Block S letter in addition to the CSF pin.

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successfully, to communicate with Power prior to his trial.

It would appear more correct to state that the government of Japan should not intervene in the Kawakita case because he was convicted of a crime, namely, treason, which only a citizen of the United States could be convicted of. Moreover, Kawakita has returned to the United States following the war, on a passport issued by the U.S. government or Kawakita's own claim of U.S. citizenship.

I also have serious objection to the last portion of the policy statement which is not only self-serving, but implies that any intervention by Premier Ikeda on behalf of Kawakita might be construed as an attempt by a foreign government to represent members of JACL. I repeat that I feel that any intervention by Premier Ikeda in the Kawakita case would be ill-advised, but I see no useful purpose served by reaffirming JACL's policy that "no foreign government shall represent our members in any matters."

Finally, what attempts, if any were made by JACL to determine whether the UPI story was accurate? Was the declaration of policy based solely upon the UPI story or did you or Mike Masaoka get some confirmation from the Japanese Embassy at Washington that the Kawakita case was on the Premier's agenda? If the UPI story turned out to be true, my own feeling is that JACL's stance and record could have been preserved by a letter through channels, addressed to the Premier rather than through the use of a highly publicized declaration.

MAS YONEMURU

Carol Ogata plans career in teaching

HONOLULU — Carol M. Ogata, 17-year-old Pahoa High School senior who won this year's Voice of Democracy broadcast script-writing contest, credits her teacher for being chosen national winner.

"I owe Miss Irene MacKenzie a great deal of credit" for winning the 14th annual nationwide contest. As first place winner, she receives a \$1,500 scholarship to any U.S. college she chooses. She plans to attend Univ. of Illinois and major in mathematics and become a mathematics teacher.

Miss Ogata said she almost failed to get to Washington, D.C., to receive the award on Feb. 22 because of the airline flight engineer strike. Upon being grounded in San Francisco she was a house guest of a friendly woman she had met on the flight from Honolulu. Another woman gave up her reservations to Chicago so the teenager could get to Washington on time.

Add bowling alley to Japanese Canadian center

TORONTO, Ont.—The incorporation of the widely discussed bowling alley in the proposed Toronto Japanese Community Center was accepted last week by board and plans to raise \$180,000 to construct the modernistic edifice from April 21 were announced.

Noted Canadian Nisei architect Raymond Moriyama unveiled a new model, which will have a 600-capacity auditorium, library, judo arena and small meeting rooms.

Seattle Trade Fair

SEATTLE—The Washington State International Trade Fair opens its tenth annual show April 20-30, at the Naval Supply Depot here with its first truly international participation. European and Asian nations will exhibit including Japan, Korea and Okinawa.

West Fresno Rotary

FRESNO — Y.R. (Shim) Hiraoka, an attorney, is the new president of the West Fresno Rotary. He will represent the organization at the Rotary International convention in Tokyo in June.

Henry Kazato was also named one of the directors.



YOUTH SPEAKS... \$1,500 Prize-Winning Speech

Following is the text of Carol Ogata's prize-winning broadcast script written for the Voice of Democracy contest. The 17-year-old Pahoa (Hawaii) High School senior received the top prize, a \$1,500 scholarship, in Washington, D.C., on Feb. 22. Congressman Daniel Inouye prefaced his talk at the 15th annual National JACL Bowling Tournament awards dinner at San Jose by reading the speech.

BY CAROL OGATA

I am an American of Japanese ancestry. My grandparents were immigrants to this country. Our nation fought a bloody war with the people of my grandparents' homeland. Yet, I am no less an American than a person who can trace his ancestry back to the Minuteman who "fired the shot heard 'round the world." I am no less an American because this is America. I am no less an American, for that Minuteman or his father or grandfather before him was an immigrant also.

Our nation's greatness was built by the fired, the discontented, the adventurous, the hopeful and the desperate from numerous countries.

To all these America gave a new lease on life, and all these people contributed to America's greatness.

The virgin land and open skies presented opportunities, but these were unattainable except through hard work. Hard work did not deter these people, for in America, as nowhere else in the world, a man was truly free.

The people worked and suffered but never yielded. Great cities sprang from the earth, till in some places there were forests of buildings instead of forests of towering trees.

Industries grew, agriculture flourished, and our country became what it is today—prosperous and still growing.

HARD WORK and creative thinking built our country, but our country was born and preserved in blood. Americans fought to gain their independence. They fought against common foes. They even fought brother against brother. Yet in the end the United States of America remained united.

Such is the history of our nation, built by the sweat and blood and ingenuity of countless individuals. This is our heritage.

I, AS AN American, proud of my heritage, will defend it.

Where else can there be so much prosperity and abundance? Where else will you find a Catholic and Protestant running for the nation's office and have each man considered for his abilities and not for his religion?

Every time I am given a chance to voice my disagreement, I will try to remember that I, too, must give others an equal opportunity to voice their opinions.

Every time I communicate with God in my own way, I must remember to put in a few words of thankfulness.

Every time I am given a chance to make my own decision, I must

Where else will you find territories as eager to become a part of the nation?

Where else will you find the government so close to and so representative of the people?

My answer is nowhere else but in my homeland—America.

To some people America may be the farms and fertile valleys. To others bustling cities, filled with humanity may spell America. A Negro mother may hear America in the voice of Marian Anderson. A Jewish citizen may look with pride upon the life story of Albert Einstein.

AMERICA is a combination of all these things.

America represents something intangible, yet something we live by day in and day out. It represents something people have given and will give their lives for. It represents something people take for granted at times. It represents democracy. Democracy, our daily way of life, can survive only if all of us are determined to keep it alive.

THEREFORE, I vow to defend my country, not with arms and fists, for I am quite helpless with these; not with angry words, for they are of no avail; but in every way I can—through my actions and with my heart.

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NAIRO conference

SAN FRANCISCO — Tad Masaoka with the U.S. government housing agency was appointed finance committee chairman of the forthcoming NAIRO conference to be held here Nov. 7-10.

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NAT'L BOARD MEETING:

An Eastern Point of View

This National Board follow-up was basically prepared for members of the Eastern District Council by its chairman William Marutani of Philadelphia. However, for the edification of all JACLers the EDC's thinking on one of JACL's important issues: finances, is presented.—Editor.

By William Marutani, EDC Chairman

GETTING THERE:

Philadelphia
I always seem to find something "wrong," no matter how many times I may fly.

Once, when I took off at night aboard a propeller-driven craft, I noticed, much to my dismay, that one of the starboard engines was "on fire."

Then on this flight to the National Board Meeting in L.A., I was idly gazing out the port window when I suddenly noticed the jet pod, slung under the wing, disconcertingly but most distinctly jiggling up and down. I had the sinking feeling that at all times, on my flight, some lackadaisical ground crew had overlooked tightening some bolts or had altogether overlooked putting some on. I began wishing that I had let that girl at the airport sell me the maximum amount of air insurance. But the pod precariously (to me, at least) managed to hang on until we landed in Los Angeles, just five hours since we took off from Philadelphia.

THEN THE MAD WHIRL BEGINS . . .

In rapid succession: stepped off plane, grabbed bags, hopped cab, left bags in hotel room, dashed up to meeting room, immediately began discussions. And for the next three days a marathon of business, business and more business.

TOUCHING ONLY THE BASES, AND THEN ONLY SOME OF THEM:

To get the flavor of things you had to be there. A poor substitute would be to give you an "insider's" report. But limitations of space permit me only to "touch some of the bases" and then in a perfunctory way. However, undoubtedly the Pacific Citizen will be giving a complete report so I'll confine myself to some personal observations which may be of interest to you.

ISSEI STORY will be moving ahead. Much planning has gone into the program thus far, and this is as it should be in order to be worthy of the project. But now plans will begin taking shape in the form of concrete actions.

FINANCES and the "Fair Share Plan" came under considerable discussion. The EDC attitude might be summarized as follows:

Our main concern is the national organization and objectives and for these we are willing to put forth (and have) our best efforts. It was in this spirit that EDC has returned 1000 Club rebates to National, although we most certainly could use the money here; that we subscribed to "quota" share we meet the national organization's needs rather than adhering strictly to what might be our lesser "quota" under the "Fair

Share" formula; that we agreed that no rebates shall be forthcoming to any EDC Chapter until and unless all EDC Chapters meet their quotas; that we assumed a quota which imposes a financial load of anywhere from \$8 to \$10 per member in the EDC, causing considerable financial strain upon the Chapters.

But if we permit selfish provincialism to rule, then only the national organization—and thereby ourselves—can be hurt. At the same time and for these very same reasons, we deplore any attitudes which seek to "get by as cheaply as possible"; we believe that in order to have a healthy organization all chapters and members must, insofar as possible, bear a "Fair Share" of the financial needs.

As a matter of financial necessity, EDC is willing to contribute the present "quota" needs until the biennial ends but in the meantime the present "quota" should not be dimmed with the misnomer of the "Fair Share Plan". More on this at a later date.

TRAVEL POOL is a subject closely tied in with the foregoing philosophy. If we are to be a national organization, there is no room for selfish concepts that a chapter ought not pay into the travel pool because it may feel that it does not get a direct dollar benefit.

To make the plan even more equitable, the suggestion was made that the travel pool contributions should be on a per capita basis so that a Chapter with, say, 800 members will be contributing proportionately more than a Chapter with only 80 members. It is inequitable that the former match only the latter's contribution of \$50.

THERE WERE MANY, MANY OTHER SUBJECTS COVERED, important ones. But these will be left to the "Pacific Citizen".

IMPRESSIONS:

As anyone who has had the pleasure of meeting with JACLers from throughout our land will readily tell you, I also continue to grow in my admiration and respect for each and everyone of these individuals. As personalities they are top notch; in their occupations and in their communities, each excels; as a team you could not ask for a more harmonious and better working group, but with definite, individual opinions.

I returned from the sessions with the warmth of confidence and pride in the knowledge that JACL and our future are in excellent hands.

Bakersfield JACL names picnic committeemen, plans May dinner meeting

BAKERSFIELD.—Local JACL president Joe Ono conducted a general meeting recently at which time it was voted to hold a dinner meeting in May. Dr. Toshio Yumibe, 1st v.p., is in charge of contacting a speaker, making dinner arrangements and setting the date.

The annual JACL picnic is scheduled for April 23 at Lowell Park. Those appointed by Lloyd Kuratoka, 2nd v.p., to serve on the picnic committee were: Mrs. Sid Kinoshiwa, prizes; Albert Tatsu and Kinya Sakamoto, donations; Mrs. George Tatsu, door prize solicitation; Glenn Sogo, refreshments; Toney Misono, games and Ben Kinoshiwa, microphone.

Appointed by Ono for AID chairman is Mrs. Mike Torii and gifts chairman, Mrs. Tom Kuwahara.

Other business discussed were the summer bowling league and a dinner meeting honoring the community Issei at a future date.

Downtown L.A. JACL sponsors musical program

The Downtown Los Angeles JACL chapter will sponsor a Japanese popular music program on Saturday, April 1, from 7 p.m. at Koyasan Hall.

Two local bands, Akatsuki and Shochiku, will furnish the latest as well as old favorites of Japanese popular music.

Solchi Fukui, chapter president, requested every member of the chapter attend dinner at Far East Cafe at 5 p.m. on April 1.

Florin JACL movie night April 15, for scholarship

FLORIN.—Florin JACL will sponsor a Japanese movie benefit April 15 at the local Methodist Church hall. William Kashiwagi, chairman, said proceeds will be used for the newly established chapter scholarship fund and local chapter program.

ANNOUNCEMENT

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PSWDC CONVENTION COMMITTEE PLANS

Busy working out details for the seventh biennial Pacific Southwest JACL District Council convention to be held May 6-7 at the Sheraton-West Hotel, Los Angeles, are members of the host chapter Southwest L.A. JACL: (from left) front—Maebelle Higa, Mark Kiguchi, chapter pres.; Sam Hirasawa, conv. chm.; Ruth Nishimura; back row—George Matsubara, Virgie Tachibana, John Ankey, Mary Nomura and Art Sugita.

Donations received for Sonoma County scholarship fund

SEABASTOPOL.—The need to gather statistics and historical information for the JACL Issei Story as rapidly as possible was further evidenced by the number of local Issei pioneers who have passed away since the first of this year.

Dr. Roy Okamoto, president, acknowledged the following donations to the chapter given in memory of their beloved ones:

Received from Minoru Matsuda Family for Taichi Matsuda, father, age 73 and among the first Issei to be naturalized, \$30; Mrs. Kii Kimura for Tokiko Kimura, husband, age 65, \$10; Arthur Sugiyama Family for Shokichi Sugiyama, father, age 79, \$20 and Charles Yamamoto Family for Kiyu Yamamoto, mother, age 79, \$20.

In addition a sum of \$10 was received from T. Yasutake of Santa Rosa.

The donations received by the chapter have been placed in the Fund, Dr. Okamoto, announced.

Monterey JACLers buck spring fever

MONTEREY.—Comes now that spell-binding atmosphere, like a magic something in the air which engenders a vague restlessness commonly called "spring fever". Some of the more popular activities including fishing, gardening (lackadaisical type), new clothes, a mess of poison oak (not recommended) and vacations.

The Monterey Peninsula JACL sails into this season with a general meeting on Wednesday, April 19, 7:30 p.m., at the JACL Hall; a benefit Japanese movie program on Sunday, April 23, and Monday, April 24, with Mas Yekogawa in charge; and the junior baseball program from April 9 at the Little League Ball Park, Palo Verde and Montecito Sts.

The youth athletic program, under Ky Miyamoto and Jim Takigawa, is open to boys from 8 to 13 years of age. It will be the first practice session, starting at 1 p.m. Boys should bring their own gloves.

The chapter will hold its first potluck dinner of the year on April 9 from 5:30 p.m. A Chinese menu is being planned.

Touring Japan
Three JACLers, Masako Takahashi, Shiz and Willie Torabayashi departed for Japan, March 27 as members of a special Buddhist tour. Noby Takigawa will serve as temporary Sunshine Girl during April and May while Shiz Torabayashi is vacationing.

The stupendous performance of the chapter's Red Cross committee, headed by Edna Ishikawa, was praised by the Monterey Bay ARC chapter. The Auxiliary group was assigned a larger and more difficult area to canvass than in previous years, but the zeal with which the drive was conducted culminated in an over-the-top collection.

Assisting in the drive were Takeko Ishikawa, Reiko Miyamoto, Yoichi Esaki, Joanne Nishi, June Masatani, Mitsuyo Kanaya, Esther Higashi, Margaret Sakino, Yoshiko Miyamoto and Kiyoko Kadani.

'April Fool's Fling' theme of S.F. Auxiliary dance

SAN FRANCISCO.—The San Francisco JACL Women's Auxiliary will hold their third annual benefit orchestra dance at the local Buddhist Hall, Miss Fumi Shimada, chairman, announced that "April Fool's Fling" has been chosen as the dance theme. George Takamoto and his modern swing quartet will provide the music for the affair from 9 p.m. to 12:30 a.m.

Assisting Miss Shimada are Sumi Utsumi, hostess; Dorothy Suzuki, refreshments; Louise Koike and Yasuko Fujita, decoration; Miyu Magota, tickets.

Dance proceeds will go toward the purchase of Japanese food, reading material and other gifts for the aged Japanese residents at the Laguna Honda Home. The admission to the dance will be \$1.75 per person.

Mother of 1000er succumbs

Mrs. Taki Shimotsuka, 72, native of Fukushima and a naturalized citizen, died Mar. 25 after prolonged illness. She was the mother of Mrs. Mitsuo Sonoda, 1000 Club life member of West Los Angeles JACL. Also surviving are husband Takejiro, two sons and two daughters.

IDAHO FALLS CHAPTER FETES ISSEI PIONEERS AT ST. PATRICK DINNER

IDAHO FALLS.—A sumptuous buffet supper at the Hotel Bonanza on St. Patrick's Day marked Idaho Falls JACL's Issei Appreciation Night with chapter president Leo Hosoda as emcee.

Takeno Sakaguchi rendered a tribute to the pioneer Issei and Roy K. Shikashio responded in behalf of the Issei.

Tonga Island and Hawaiian students at Ricks College provided a special musical program of native songs and dances. Mrs. Fred Ochi opened with invocation and Todd Ogawa closed with benediction. Mrs. Sud Morishita and Takeo Haga, chapter social chairmen, were in charge.

West L.A. JACL sets April, May calendar

Four public events are on tap for friends and members West Los Angeles JACL during the months of April and May, it was announced this week.

This Sunday at Stoner Playground, the chapter is holding an Easter Egg hunt from 1 p.m. The chapter Auxiliary will be assisting. Special entertainment includes the presence of Ali Valli, the clown.

The chapter is willing to sponsor 10 local students to the Hi-Co Conference scheduled April 21-23 at Camp Max Straus. Students must be a high school senior or a first year collegian. Information may be obtained from Mas Oshinomi, GR 3-0346, or Kenzo Okubo, GR 7-4186.

Benefit Movies

A first-run double feature Japanese films will be shown at a chapter benefit May 13, 7:30 p.m., at Sawtelle Gakuen. The films are through courtesy of Asiatic Films.

The chapter will sponsor a team in the forthcoming Nisei Relay to be held at University High School on Sunday, May 28. Because the school is in West Los Angeles, strong local participation is being expected by Tadd Tokuda, GR 9-8373, who has issued a call for entries in the open and junior divisions.

N.Y. community relations consultant meets JACLers

NEW YORK.—Community relations consultant with the City Commission on Intergroup Relations, Mrs. Phyllis Grunauer, met informally with New York JACLers at last week's meeting at Grant Community Center.

George Kiyotoku, chapter chairman, said her appearance at the meeting was part of the chapter's plan to become acquainted with other organizations with goals similar to that of JACL.

Sanger community picnic set Apr. 16

SANGER.—The annual Sanger community picnic, sponsored by the local JACL, will be held at Burriss Park on Sunday, April 16. Hugo Ogawa, chapter vice-president, is general chairman and will be assisted by:

Sus Takemoto, transp.; ref: JACL; YBA, purchasing, games; Tom Nakamura, tickets.

At the last general meeting, the scholarship award committee was selected as follows: Peter Hasegawa, chmn.; Hugo Ogawa and Masami Arita.

Local graduates from high school and college will be honored at a dinner June 15 at the Desert Inn. Hugo Ogawa will also chair this annual event.

SAN MATEO CHAPTER INSTALLS KURT OTA AS 1961 PRESIDENT

SAN MATEO.—Kiyoshi Kurt Ota and his cabinet were installed as new officers of the San Mateo JACL for this year at a dinner at the Villa Hotel Mar. 19. Assistant president Ota are:

Mrs. Irene Ikeda, 1st v.p.; Jake Owa, 2nd v.p.; Mary Sumi, High Yoko Tanaka, rec. sec.; Sike Yana-guchi, cor. sec.; Kumi Ishida, Haruo Ishimaru, Hiroshi Ho, Dr. Saburo Sogomo, Mrs. Mary Tanaka, William Nakasaka, Moto Takahashi, Gen Utsumi, Stanley Yamada and Kuniyo Yamaguchi, bd. memb.

Guest speaker for the evening was Major Clyde West of San Mateo who talked about the future growth of San Mateo and the responsibilities of its citizens in longed lines. She was the mother of Mrs. Mitsuo Sonoda, 1000 Club life member of West Los Angeles JACL. Also surviving are husband Takejiro, two sons and two daughters.

Nat'l Board recommends

This concludes the highlights of the National Board meeting held in Los Angeles, March 17-19. The official minutes are being prepared by National Headquarters for distribution to the chapters.

(Continued from Last Week)

Issei Story.—In the progress report on the "History of the Japanese in America, 1860-1960" presented by Shig Wakamatsu, national chairman of the Issei Story project, the Board was informed that the scope and depth of the final product hinged upon the amount of funds to be made available.

The Board recommended the project executive committee, composed of Bill Hosokawa, Mike Maekawa, Dr. Scott Miyakawa, Frank Chuman, Shig Wakamatsu, Goro Nakamura and Akiji Yoshimura, meet as soon as practicable and propose some worthy sum to complete the project.

It was reported 54 chapters have Issei Story chairmen. Six chapters and one district council covering eight chapters submitted the data asked in Assignment No. 1. As technical as that assignment may have appeared to the chapters, Wakamatsu explained that his committee sought basic data which would guide the technical staff when it came time to rather information first-hand and evaluate chapter capabilities. Wakamatsu was confident that local leadership and personnel would be able to assist the project staff.

A more simplified procedure with target dates was requested.

Budget-Finance.—An entire afternoon and part of the evening were devoted to problems of budget-finance, which were presented by Kumeo Yoshinari in his interim report, by Yone Satoda as assistant treasurer, and by Dr. George Miyake, national chairman of the Endowment Fund committee.

In the interim report, Kumeo said it was too early to project the outcome of the 1961 financial picture or to speculate on the effectiveness of the "fair share" quota. However, he was encouraged by the early membership returns (crediting PC with membership) and reported those areas of responsibility in which key members of his committee will be engaged.

Yone Satoda, asked to cover his areas of responsibility, reported on the 1960 and 1961 (up to Mar. 15) financial performances of chapters. He intends to issue quarterly reports, showing 1960 and 1961 quota & remittance by chapters. The 1961 performance by district councils follows:

District	Quota	Remitted
PNW	\$1,410	\$2,323
NC-WN	\$718	\$1,132
CS	\$2,285	\$1,116
PSW	\$2,985	\$3,880
IDC	\$7,518	\$3,880
ML-P	\$7,518	\$2,253
WAC	\$11,395	\$2,580
EDC	\$3,898	\$1,449

Yone will also be the liaison man to coordinate 1000 Club and membership committee activities with the budget-finance committee. He is also investigating possibilities to make the convention travel pool more effective.

'Fair Share' Formula
Kumeo announced Dr. David

Mura will continue his work in selecting the "fair share" formula.

Some changes are expected in view of the incorporation of 1000 Club "goals" into the chapter quota by various district councils although this was not intended when delegates met at the last national convention, 1000 Club goals were included to assure 1000's renewals. At the Sacramento convention there was no iron-clad quota for 1000 Clubs, but a goal of 8.2 pct. of the national membership average from the best two out of three past years was designated. Some chapters felt 8.2 was unattainable and thus a realistic 1000 Club quotas were devised and adopted by district councils voluntarily. This procedure has marred the original philosophy of the "fair share" plan—equal taxation on a per capita ideology.

Kumeo told the Board a national finance committee is being organized, composed of representatives from the eight district councils. This committee will be asked to evaluate ideas and refine recommendations before presentation at the next national convention.

Personnel Policy

Suggested for consideration at the next convention will be such items as salary scales for the professional staff as well as retirement and other fringe benefits, and appealing publicity on finances.

On personnel, Kumeo recommended the last sentence in Art. VI, Sec. 2 of the JACL Constitution be deleted. It reads: "Term of office for all members of this department shall be from one convention to the next succeeding national convention unless otherwise provided." His proposal was based on the need to encourage permanent employment of its professional staff.

Other considerations raised by Kumeo in his interim report covered membership dues, supporting memberships and the 1000 Club. Kumeo added that the national budget-finance committee would assist him to seek new avenues of revenue as well as making better use of present sources: such as endowment fund, PC advertising and other financial booster clubs.

Rebates

In the open discussion on quotas and rebates, Bill Marutani explained EDC's policy that all of its chapters must help to meet the district quota before rebates are to be allowed.

Because district councils have generally adopted the revised quotas which include 1000 Club goals, a lump sum chapter quota would be prepared for the 1962 convention.

Chuman then called for a financial review by districts.

CCDC reported that it is trying to meet the quota established for this biennial but found that 1000 Clubbers and wives are not renewing. Mtn-PDC reported the rural chapters would meet their quotas and Mide-Hi probably. PNW sees trouble in one chapter but it can be ironed out. EDC is willing to help National but can't

understand why some chapters won't help in the travel pool. MDC will try to meet its quota although one chapter felt theirs was too high. NC-WN would meet theirs. IDC said many JACLers have moved out of its area. PSW noted weak chapters in its district and felt a regional director was needed to help out as well as strengthen local chapters in view of the membership potential.

Midwest Office.—The Board approved \$500 to help furnish the Midwest Office since its recent move to new quarters. Board was informed Chicago JACL is contributing \$500, local JACLers \$500 and the JACL Credit Union \$250.

Endowment Fund.—Dr. George Miyake of Fowler, national chairman of the endowment fund committee, reviewed JACL's portfolio with Bank of America Trust and found 68 pct. of the fund was in bonds and the remainder in common stocks, which he described as an "income stability" position. While this condition may render reasonable returns, market value of JACL's portfolio does not increase and he recommended the Bank of America be asked to invest in growth-type securities.

After considerable discussion, the Board recommended the endowment fund committee be actively engaged with the Bank of America Trust so that growth-type stocks can be studied and that greater emphasis be placed on "growth stability" rather than "income stability".

Judgment of which "growth-type" securities are to be considered will still remain with the stock officers.

Pacific Citizen.—Dr. Roy Nishikawa reviewed PC operations since PC with Membership was put into force the first of this year. He noted that the announced cut-off date of Mar. 31, 1962, has accelerated membership returns to a new high for this time of the year, that the editorial policy now boosts internal public relations, and that with the increase in circulation to over 11,000 each week with an estimated readership of 55,000 the prospects of advertising in the PC should appeal to businessmen.

He reported PC will place an ad in the Yellow Pages of the Los Angeles telephone directory. He also said advertising kits for the chapters is being prepared.

Proposal that PC be designated as a "membership publication" was accepted.

1962 Convention.—Suggestions were made by Board members to the 1962 National Convention board as to principal speakers, themes and format.

Jerry Enomoto, youth committee chairman, proposed his committee be assigned the task of selecting a theme for the oratorical-essay contest and that the National Board hold a reception for youth delegates. Workshop, forum and exhibits for booster delegates were also recommended. A PC Award for the best looking chapter newsletter was also mentioned. Step-up in national committee

work was urged so that delegates can tackle problems immediately and even allow some time to let official delegates visit the world's fair at Seattle.

International Relations.—Bill Marutani reported for Dr. Warren Watanabe, national chairman of the international relations committee. Procedural questions were raised and clarified by Chuman. Issues to be first referred to this committee are first referred to the National Board, which determines whether the problem is proper for the committee.

Marutani said the committee plans to codify informal opinions thus far rendered.

On the question whether JACL should give information of a public nature about JACL and its membership to foreign governments, the Board recommended that there be no active cooperation and that it not be given when asked.

Movie Project.—Fred Matsuo of Asiatic Films, 811 N. Broadway, Los Angeles 12, was introduced. He outlined a program that could be National as well as chapters raise funds. He also offered his professional help to promote the plan.

The Board accepted, indicating a project to help meet the \$10,000 allocation for the Washington State alien land law repeal campaign is of immediate concern. DC chairmen also indicated preferred months to carry out this project. A 50-50 division of the net profits (half to chapter, half to alien land repeal) was determined. Chapters will be charged \$10 per showing and chapters must pay for projectionist services and other incidental expenses.

Deployment of National Officers.—The present policy on deployment of national officers to district council conventions was explained as follows: that each convention is entitled to two national officers (not necessarily incumbents) outside of its district area, traveling at National expense. The National Director is not to be considered as a "national officer". Arrangements are to be announced by respective conventions.

Kawakita Matter.—See Mar. 24 PC. The Kawakita matter raised by the newspaper account that Premier Ikeda would ask for executive clemency when he visits President Kennedy in June was discussed. The thinking of the Board was announced by Frank Chuman in his declaration of policy.

Chapter Chit-Chat

Monterey Peninsula JACL

Paul Kaseyama attained the highest mark in the recent Mathematic Association of America test at Monterey High School. His paper has been submitted for national competition.

San Francisco JACL

Wedding bells rang out March 11 for Daisy Uyeda, former National JACL administrative assistant, and Yone Satoda, past NC-WNDC chairman, at the local Buddhist Church.

Recently engaged were Sophia Okamoto and Jim Iwatsubo.

New CPAs are Jim Nishi and Ben Nakahira, who recently passed their CPA exams.

Washington, D.C., JACL

Yosh Sakauye was at Vero Beach and covered the Tokyo Giants-L.A. Dodgers play-by-play for Voice of America rebroadcast to Japan. He also interviewed Judge Oka of Miami who recently returned from a trip to Miami's sister city of Fujisawa.

A silver plate was presented by the Nisei Investors of D.C. to Dr. and Mrs. Henry Minami on their 25th wedding anniversary.

Serving as technical assistants for Kenhouse Players' production of "Teahouse of the August Moon" recently were Mmes. Eiko Mitoma and Hiro Omata. The community group has been working for various schools in nearby Montgomery County, Md. They assumed the tremendous task of assembling all the costumes, made zabutons and other miscellaneous props, taught the female lead a Japanese dance in addition to the main job of instructing the cast the correct pronunciation of Japanese words.

Fowler JACL

The construction of the freeway between Fresno and Kingsburg has started and property of local JACLers, Dr. George Miyake, Tak Sugimoto and Tom Mabebo has been purchased by the State.

Roy Kato is chairing the chapter basketball clinic for 9-14 year-old youth. Seventeen youngsters reported this year. In a couple of weeks, the youth softball season will start.

Detroit chapter pushing '61 membership drive

DETROIT.—The Detroit JACL membership drive is underway with Karl Nomura as drive chairman. Zone captains and teams are soliciting old and new members to complete the canvass to surpass last year's membership of 291.

Dues for the chapter will be \$5, single; \$8, couple; \$23, 1000 Club, and for the spouse of a 1000 Club member, the spouse will be \$4. All dues include a due to the Pacific Citizen.

Living with JACL: by Saburo Kido

'32 L.A. Convention

Part IV: Continued

When I went to San Francisco last week as guest of the Sumitomo Bank to participate in their open house, I took an early jet flight and spent a few hours perusing the bound volumes of the New World Daily News. I ran across many interesting items.

In the last installment, I mentioned about Goro Murata attending the Northern California district convention. At that time, the chapters were functioning under the name of Northern California Citizens League Federation, not district council.

The district meeting was held on Nov. 28-29, 1931 Saturday and Sunday. I was the chairman. Fresno, Placer County, Santa Clara County, East Bay Region, San Francisco and Los Angeles participated.

At the Saturday morning session, several changes were suggested to the national constitution.

San Francisco asked that the federation members support the bid for the 1934 convention.

The group decided to have the Pacific Citizen become the official organ of the National JACL. This matter was to be presented to the 1932 convention.

On Sunday morning, I discussed my pet subject of those days, Fraternal Insurance. It was decided that the matter be presented at the 1932 convention.

Sunday afternoon's affair was one of the events which has remained in my memories. Consul General Kaname Wakasugi, who was very kind to the Nisei, had arranged to invite the delegates to the Nippon Club. I was not a member of this organization as yet. The club house was at 740 Taylor Street.

The announcement of the invitation was made at the lunch table. However, the out-of-town delegates wanted to go home so when we arrived at the Nippon Club there were only a handful there. This presented a most embarrassing situation. Therefore, the women were asked to help. Everyone of us took the phone and called up our friends who may be at home around 2 p.m. We finally rounded up around 20 people. There was plenty of sushi and good food. Consul General Wakasugi spoke of the Manchurian Incident. We "saved our face" even though the number was small.

Consul General Wakasugi was a