

# President's Corner

By Frank F. Chuman

## Visiting the Pacific Northwest District

Los Angeles  
My recent trip to Seattle, Washington was for many purposes. It was my honor to install the Seattle and the Puyallup Valley Chapter officers for this year. I also transmitted the thoughts of the National Board members regarding various arrangements for a streamlined yet effective national council session to Jim Matsuo, Chairman of the 1962 National Convention to be held in Seattle. I was also in close touch with Tak Kubota and the other members of the Washington Anti-Asian Land Law Committee for the campaign to be waged again in 1962 throughout the State of Washington for the repeal of the Washington Alien Land Law.

I also installed the officers of the Portland Chapter on my way home from Seattle with members of both Portland and Gresham-Trousdale chapters joining me for dinner at the beautiful new Portland airport.

Throughout the trip, I thoroughly enjoyed the warm hospitality of members, friends and community leaders. Fresh green scenery and stimulating discussions on JACL problems by our earnest and faithful members.

To all of the officers and members of the great Pacific Northwest, my sincere thanks for making my trip a most memorable one.

The Seattle and Puyallup Valley Chapters are staffed with young, capable, energetic leaders, balanced off with experienced, long-time, faithful JACLers, and I look forward to a very successful year from these two chapters.

The Olympic Hotel in Seattle, Washington is an ideal location for our forthcoming 1962 National Convention. The hotel itself is the largest in the City of Seattle, and is elegant in decor. Jim Matsuo has already obtained 350 room reservations in the hotel and 150 more rooms in other hotels and motels, so that all of our members will have accommodations at or near the Olympic Hotel.

Reserving 300 hotel room units is most important to the JACL at this time since about 12 million people are expected to attend the Centennial Celebration and Sea Fair Festival in Seattle, which commences the day after our National Convention ends.

Within the Olympic Hotel are ample accommodations for our committee meetings, national council meetings, dances, receptions, Thousand Club whirling, hospitality room and places for visual displays, which will be a new feature of the Seattle Convention, so that each chapter throughout the United States through actual materials, photo-

## '60 CENSUS SHOWS 464,000 JAPANESE IN UNITED STATES

Rank as leading Asian group, Chinese follow with 237,000

WASHINGTON. — The advance census report for California this week reveals the Japanese population in the state has nearly doubled in the past decade. The totals for the state: 1960—137,317; 1950—84,324 for a percentage increase of 62.8. There were 78,453 males and 78,864 females in 1960 as compared with 45,633 males and 39,323 females in 1950.

WASHINGTON. — The United States Census Bureau has reported that the American Japanese population of the United States increased 42 per cent from 1950 to 1960, with the 1960 total 464,332. According to the 1960 census, Indians in the United States numbered 523,591 compared with 337,499 in 1950.

A sharp increase was reported also in the Asian population. People were classified as belonging to the nationality they reported themselves to be, so the figures include both native and foreign-born.

Filipinos increased 44 per cent, to a new total of 176,310, and the Chinese population was up 58 per cent to a new high of 237,292.

The total United States population as of April 1, 1960, was 179,323,175. The Negro population was reported earlier to be 18,871,831.

## CINCINNATI CIRCULATES OWN QUESTIONNAIRE TO TAB 'ISSEI STORY' DATA

CINCINNATI. — A comprehensive study of the Issei Story has been undertaken by the local JACL in connection with the national project to publish a definitive history of the Japanese in America.

Dr. James Takao, local Issei Story committee chairman, will be assisted by Jim Takeuchi and Dr. James Tamura. Mr. Shimizu was named official translator for the committee.

The chapter has released a questionnaire for its own study and in a period of one week after release, there was a 30 per cent return, Dr. Takao revealed.

## IOWA-YAMANASHI TIE 'SISTER STATE' KNOT

DES MOINES, Iowa. — The State Senate approved a resolution last week recognizing Yamanashi prefecture in Japan as a "sister state". The prefecture has taken similar action.

Last summer, Iowa swine breeders airlifted 36 pure-bred pigs to Yamanashi to help rebuild its agriculture, which was hard-hit by the typhoon.

## Labor Dept. trying to stop boycott of Japanese cloth

WASHINGTON. — Secretary of Labor Goldberg said he was using his good offices to try and prevent a labor union boycott on Japanese cloth scheduled for May 1. He has been consulting with the Amalgamated Clothing Workers, clothing manufacturers and the State Dept.

Jacob S. Pofsky, ACW president, had announced the boycott was against the increasing import of finished garments from Japan.

## VENICE-CULVER BIDS FOR NEW MEMBERSHIP HIGH

VENICE. — The Venice-Culver JACL, at its March 7 board meeting held at the home of Mrs. Sumi Kashiwagi, was informed its membership drive signed up more than 200.

Venice-Culver hopes to pass its all-time high of 315.

George Inagaki is membership chairman.

## Kango Kunitzugu heads Community Service board

Kango Kunitzugu was elected president of the Japanese American Community Services of Southern California board of trustees last week. Serving with him are:

Tokuasa Sanada, 1st v.p.; Yosh Inagaki, 2nd v.p.; David Watanabe, 3rd v.p.; Mrs. Midori Watanabe, sec.; and Tosh Terasawa, treas.

On the board are: One year—Mrs. Sakaye Arashi, Hideo Inoue, Kyoshi Kawanami, Kay Nakagiri, Stephen K. Tamura, Tosh Terasawa, Mrs. Midori Watanabe and Kango Kunitzugu.

Two years—Mrs. Dorothy Dohi, Sotchi Fukui, Yosh Inagaki, Riharu Kato, Mrs. Toy Kanaga, Rev. Akira Kuroda, Tokuasa Sanada and Kyo Yamato.

Three years—Sam Ishihara, Casey Kanyama, James Mitsumori, Dr. David Mura, Father Clement, Wilbur Sato, Eddie Shimatsu and Art Takei.

## Sierra Nisei VFW post to install new officers

FRESNO. — Sierra Nisei Post #499, VFW, and its auxiliary will install their new officers April 21 at the Villa Basque. Minoru Hata, accountant, is the new post commander. Mrs. Ann Okamoto is Auxiliary president.

## San Francisco Nisei organizing new Lions unit

SAN FRANCISCO. — A new Lions club may be organized shortly in the San Francisco Japanese community, according to Robert Tsunoda, who reported another prospective member meeting has been planned for April 19 at the Yamato Sukiyaki.

Probably the only all-Nisei unit is the Senator Lions in Sacramento. Many Nisei are charter members of the Cosmoopolitan Lions in Oakland and many are in the First Hill Lions of Seattle.



## White River Valley reactivated, elects Willie Maeberi head

KENT, Wash. — William Maeberi, charter member of the prewar White River Valley Civic League, was elected president of the newly reactivated chapter at a meeting held at the White River Buddhist Church on March 17.

Other officers elected were: Ishi Suyematsu, v.p.; George Kawasaka, treas.; Mary Tsujikawa, sec.; Teddie Kanda, cor. sec.; Frank Natsuhara, del.

Maeberi was born in Pendleton, Ore., and attended school there and is now manager of Washington Pottery Co., superintendent of Sunday School and a member of the Bishop's Committee at the St. Matthews Episcopal Church. He is also active in youth programs, such as YMCA, Little League baseball coach for five yrs.; and Campaign Committee Chairman Boy Scouts three yrs.

Tom Takemura, of the Puyallup Valley JACL, introduced the speaker for the evening, Clarence Campbell of Tacoma, who spoke on Social Security.

Dr. John Kanda, chairman of the reactivation committee, appointed Harry Enoch of Puyallup to plan the program for their next meeting Friday, April 7, at the White River Buddhist Church.

Thirty-three people attended the election meeting, of which five were from Puyallup Valley JACL.

## Buying campaign of Western Pioneer stock by 'non-Japanese' interests reported

A campaign to buy into Western Pioneer Insurance Co., the first company formed by persons of Japanese ancestry in California since evacuation, was uncovered by the Shin Nishibei last week.

This campaign was evident in the special advertising placed in the Pacific Citizen and other Nisei newspapers in California.

The stock, originally issued at \$25 per share, is understood to have a book value of about \$35. Present stockholders are said to be offering \$27 per share by those described as "non-Japanese interest" to gain control. It was also reported the present Nisei group in control has made a standing offer to purchase any shares of the company from those wishing to cash in their holdings.

Formed in 1949, the company with main office in Oakland, came into existence in 1949 with a paid-in capital of \$360,000. Since the Japanese had returned to the West Coast only a few years previously with the lifting of the Army's exclusion ban, the organizers of the casualty automobile insurance company look almost a year to raise the needed capital.

With the combined efforts of the Nisei and Issei in Northern and Southern California, the raising of the \$360,000 needed to start the company was accomplished within the deadline.

Those who recall the early days of return of the evacuees have not forgotten the discrimination by the many insurance companies, some of which required the Japanese to buy shares before the automobile insurance policies were sold. Others had to face higher premiums.

To overcome such a situation, the Western Pioneer Insurance Co. was formed with Japanese capital. Around 1952, an additional \$300,000 capital was raised, making the total investment \$660,000. Inasmuch as the investors were persons of Japanese ancestry living in California, this was considered to be an amazing feat—more so since it was only a few years after the return from the disastrous evacuation.

\$3 Million in Assets

According to the latest financial statement released by the Western Pioneer Insurance Co. to its shareholders, the assets have increased to \$3,000,000. The company constructed and owns the building in Oakland which houses the main

Washington, D.C.

NO United States Ambassador to Japan has known persons of Japanese ancestry on both sides of the Pacific more intimately than Dr. Edwin Oldhouse Reischauer, who will soon be leaving Washington to take up his new responsibilities in Tokyo as America's Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary to our most important Asian ally.

A distinguished Far Eastern historian who has been directing the Harvard-Yenching Institute at Harvard University since 1956, he will be the first non-career diplomat to Tokyo since the end of World War II. He succeeds popular Robert Murphy, knowledgeable John Allison, and energetic Douglas MacArthur II as the United States envoy to postwar Japan.

His knowledge of Japanese problems and his fluency in that difficult language, as well as his personal acquaintanceship with many of Japan's leading personalities at all levels of Japanese life, qualifies him for his difficult assignment, according to the standards set by the new Kennedy Administration.

THE REISCHAUERS are a truly honored and respected name in Japan.

Dr. August K. Reischauer, the father of the new envoy, is one of the best known Christian leaders in Japan. The elder Reischauer, now 83, first went to Japan at the age of 27 as a professor at Meiji Gakuin in 1905. He stayed in that country, except for brief visits to the United States for "lecture" or fund-raising purposes, until 1941. He was one of the founders of the Tokyo Women's Christian College and personally raised more than 200,000 needed for the purchase of the land and the construction of the famed college. A well known scholar on Japan and Japanese culture in his own right, he was awarded the

## REISCHAUER HOUSE GUEST OF WASHINGTON JACL

(Special to Pacific Citizen)

WASHINGTON. — Edwin O. Reischauer, newly appointed ambassador to Japan, was the house guest of Dr. and Mrs. Takahiko Yoshihashi for five days early this month in their Takoma Park, Md., home. Dr. Yoshihashi is Assistant Dean of the School of International Service at American University in Washington, D.C., and has been a member of the JACL for many years.

Reischauer and Yoshihashi are long-time associates, having met at Harvard University where they both served on the faculty. They collaborated in writing the Harvard Japanese language textbook, which they are now revising together.

Japan scholarship

PASADENA. — Julie K. Tashima, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert H. Tashima, 1620 Kern Way, was awarded a cultural scholarship, awarded annually by the Japanese government to a person of Japanese ancestry. She is a U.C. Berkeley graduate with teaching credentials and majored in art. The award alternates with residents in Hawaii each year.

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## Gov. Brown signs bill to abolish literacy challenge at polls

SACRAMENTO. — Literacy tests for voters at the poll have been abolished in California as Governor Brown signed the measure last Friday, which grew out of mass challenges of minority group voters.

The measure, introduced by Assemblyman Crown of Alameda, was passed along party lines. Republican leaders have been thinking of a statewide referendum if the governor signed the bill.

Governor Brown emphasized that the bill doesn't change the provision in the state constitution which requires voters to be able to read English. Voters still have to sign the affidavit at the time of registration that they are literate and if they lie, Brown said, they can be jailed up to three years.

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## EISENHOWER TENTATIVELY DUE IN JAPAN OCT. 12

TOKYO. — The Yomiuri reported the Japanese government is preparing a hearty welcome for General Eisenhower, who has tentatively agreed to leave San Francisco by ship and visit Japan in the fall. He is scheduled to arrive in Yokohama Oct. 12.

Plans are being drawn up by the Japan Alumni Association of Columbia University. A two-week tour is being arranged, including an audience with the Emperor.

## Santa Clara County Nisei seek school board votes

SAN JOSE. — Four of the 47 school district elections April 18 in Santa Clara County have Nisei on the ballot for trustee positions. Two incumbents face opposition.

Calvin Kawanami, Encinal District trustee, and Robert H. Sakamoto of Oak Grove face opposition. Nobuo Mizota is seeking one of five posts on the Alviso board. Harry Miyakusa in the Orchard District is seeking one of three vacancies.

## Widow wins \$18,000 award on industrial accident case

SANTA BARBARA. — Mrs. Yasuyo Yamada was awarded \$18,000 from the Globe Indemnity Insurance Co. after a hearing before the State Industrial Accident Commission, for the accidental death of her husband, Masato, who was employed as a gardener and handyman at the residence of Mrs. Rhoda Prud'Homme in Montecito.

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## Washington Newsletter: by Mike Masaoka

## Ambassador Reischauer

her husband as Ambassador to Japan.

Mrs. Reischauer, now a naturalized American citizen, is the Ambassador's second wife, his first having died in 1953. It is reported that they were first introduced by mutual friends, magazine writer Demaree Bess and novelist James Michener.

Born in Tokyo, Mrs. Reischauer is the granddaughter of the late Japanese elder statesman, Prince Matsukata, who was twice Prime Minister in the late 1880's when Japan was emerging as a modern state and international power. She was educated at the American School in Tokyo. She graduated from Principia College in Elmhurst, Illinois, in 1937.

She too is a prolific writer, though she is best known for her two articles in the "Saturday Evening Post" on postwar Japan.

THOUGH THE Prime Minister of Japan has declared that there are no remaining "outstanding problems" between the United States and his country, Ambassador Reischauer faces many difficult issues. Among these are those relating to the role Japan can and should take in the current Laos crisis, the current "protectionist" drive in the United States against imports from Japan and other Asian countries, and the hopes of the new Kennedy Administration not only with Japan but with the entire Asian-Afro bloc.

To his vital assignment, he takes unquestioned ability and unprecedented background, as well as the best wishes of his fellow Americans, particularly those of Japanese ancestry.

The JACL, and the American Committee on Japan, were among the organizations that endorsed President Kennedy's nomination and urged the Senate to confirm him as our fourth postwar Ambassador to Japan, noting that he may well usher in a new era of Japanese-American relations.

His published books on Japan include "Japan Past and Present", 1947 and revised in 1953; "The United States and Japan", 1950 and revised in 1957; and "Wanted, An Asian Policy", 1955. His translations from ancient Japanese literature include "Izayoi Nikki", "Heli Monogatari", and "Tsumami Chugonon Monogatari". His latest book is "East Asia: The Great Tradition", 1960.

SINCE IT has been accepted American State Department Foreign Service policy that United States representatives who have married foreign nationals are not sent to the country of their wives' nationality, there has been considerable comment and speculation about the purchase of the land and the construction of the famed college. A well known scholar on Japan and Japanese culture in his own right, he was awarded the

## SEE BIG YEAR FOR CIVIL RIGHTS LEGISLATION THROUGHOUT STATES

Six states enact fair housing acts; 20 have state FEPC

NEW YORK. — A big year seems in store in 1961 for civil-rights legislation in the United States.

Already, with many state legislatures still in session, New York and Pennsylvania have been added to the list prohibiting discrimination or segregation in private housing. This brings to six the states with such laws, and similar legislation is now pending in nine others.

One defeat has been recorded—in New Mexico.

The New York State law, effective Sept. 1, bans racial and religious discrimination in private multiple dwellings, except owner-occupied, three-family dwellings in all commercial space and in private developments of 10 units or more. It also prohibits discriminatory acts by brokers, builders, and lending institutions.

States which now have anti-discrimination, private-housing laws are Colorado, Massachusetts, Connecticut, Oregon, Pennsylvania, and New York.

Such laws are pending today in Alaska, California (AB 801—the Hawkins Housing Bill), Illinois, Michigan, Minnesota, New Jersey, Washington, and Wisconsin, according to the National Committee Against Discrimination in Housing.

20 States with FEPC

Other civil-rights measures now in state legislatures across the United States would lessen discrimination in public accommodations, employment, and education.

A survey just made by two lawyers, Michael A. Bamberger and Nathan Lewin, under the auspices of the Harvard Law School shows that 20 states from Massachusetts to California now have fair-employment practices commissions.

The Harvard Law School study of FEPC operations in general indicated that these commissions have been fairly successful in breaking the color line in employment.

## SEC. OF LABOR PICKS EX-442 RCT 'TOP KICK' FOR FEDERAL POSITION

HONOLULU. — Henry S. Kuniyuki has been appointed Federal veterans' employment representative for Hawaii and Guam by Arthur J. Goldberg, U.S. Secretary of Labor, it was announced recently.

Kuniyuki, now the veterans' employment representative in the Honolulu office, replaced William A. Cottrell who retired last year.

He is married, has three sons and lives at 340 Hind Drive, Aiea, Hawaii.

Kuniyuki was a first sergeant in the 442nd Central Postal Directory Team during World War II and is now a major in the Hawaii National Guard.

## UW Japanese alumni being reactivated

SEATTLE. — Reactivation of the University of Washington Japanese Alumni Assn. has been discussed here recently and Min Masuda has been appointed temporary chairman. Last year, the Univ. of California Japanese Alumni was reactivated.

A directory of Japanese UW graduates will be compiled by Mrs. Takashi Fujii, 3316 - 23rd Ave. South. A call for names and addresses into the directory was made.

## Parlier speech contest

PARLIER. — Judy Kashiki, daughter of a former Parlier JACL president, John Kashiki, won the Parlier Lions speech contest recently. The theme was "Our American Heritage".

## Chapter Index

Chapters listed below have stories in this week's Pacific Citizen. Some chapters did make our Tuesday deadline but space did not permit its insertion.

Chicago  
Cincinnati  
Cleveland  
Contra Costa  
Dayton  
East L.A.  
Gardena Valley  
Omaha  
Orange County  
Parlier  
Pasadena  
Petaluma

Portland  
Rexburg  
Sacramento  
San Diego  
San Francisco  
Seattle  
Southwest L.A.  
Stockton  
Tulsa-Culver  
Washington, D.C.  
Watsonville  
White River

## Scope of Unruh civil rights act to be tested in Orange County housing bias case

Racial discrimination in the sale of real estate was attacked this week in a suit filed in Orange County Superior Court by Alex and Lucille Vargas who charged they were denied the purchase of a home in Tustin because of their Mexican ancestry.

The test, which is supported by the American Civil Liberties Union of Southern California, also seeks to determine the scope of the 1959 Unruh Act barring racial discrimination by business and services.

The suit contends that real estate broker C.F. Harrison accepted a \$100 deposit from the Vargas couple on Oct. 3, 1960 toward the purchase of a home in a tract known as "Squire's Corner."

Four days later the deposit was returned and the Vargases were advised the transaction could not be completed because of their Mexican ancestry, the suit charged.

The suit was brought as a class action to prevent similar discrimination by other real estate brokers and salesmen in Orange County.

ACLU Attys. A.L. Wirin and Richard J. Kamins said that real estate operations come within the Unruh Act. Realtors, however, contend that the Act does not apply to their business because of special efforts which have been made to implement the statute by other pending legislation.

Wirin said the purpose of a pending fair housing bill (Assembly Bill 801) is simply to make absolutely clear what is already reasonably clear under the provisions of the Unruh Act.

There will be other speakers as well as a question and answer period. Refreshments will be served and the meeting is open to the public.

## YOUTH WORKER CITED AS 'CITIZEN OF THE YEAR' BY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

MORGAN HILL. — Paul Yokoi was honored this past week as the "Citizen of the Year" of Morgan Hill for his outstanding contribution to the community in youth activities. This is Yokoi's second community honor, having been named "Kawanishi of the Year" in 1960.

The latest honor was presented Mar. 25 at the annual dinner of the Morgan Hill-Madame Chamber of Commerce. Yokoi was honored presented with the quartermaster medal by Raines Hayes, Sgt. Martin R. Barthel VFW Post commander.

## Oh, Say Can You See . . .

CALIFORNIA. — The world's tallest flagpole, which was dedicated to the memory of Helen Momita, and constructed by contributions from all over America including many JACL chapters, was back in the news this past week.

Policeman Doyle Wallis was waved by a flag. He was ordered during a windstorm to take down the flag from the 384-ft. flagpole here.

As he loosened the tie ropes, an exceptionally strong gust of wind caught the flag. The hoisting cable grew taut and flapped into the air with Wallis hanging on.

Fire Capt. James O'Brien dashed along under Wallis, jumping up trying to relieve the air-borne policeman as he was whipped through the air. Wallis finally let go.

O'Brien estimated Wallis landed 100 ft. from where he took off. At his highest point he was about 15 ft. in the air.

His adventure didn't end the troubles, however. When Wallis let go of the wind-whipped cable, it swung up over power lines feeding electricity for the entire town, shorting out all power.



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## Ye Editor's Desk

In the field of mass communications—which covers newspapers, radio-television, books, magazines and advertising—a good tradesman in these fields is well acquainted with the hazards of libel.

The Civil Code of California describes "libel" as "a false and unprivileged publication by writing, printing, picture, drawing, or other fixed representation to the eye which exposes any person to hatred, contempt, ridicule, or obloquy, or which causes him to be ashamed or avoided, or which has a tendency to injure him in his occupation."

A risk facing editors of a newspaper in their daily handling of news is real when exhaustive investigation of every fact is sacrificed for the dictates of a deadline. And a newspaper which seeks to expose corruption in a community faces the threat of a suit by someone who thinks it will be impossible to prove in court that what the reporter has unearthed.

Saburo Kido, an attorney by profession and a newspaperman by heart, this past week told his readers in the Shio Nishibei some of the special provisions of California libel law concerning newspapers and broadcasts. He writes: "The plaintiff must demand correction within 20 days after knowledge of the publication or broadcast of the statements claimed to be libelous. The statements claimed to be libelous must be specified in the notice for correction."

Unless this demand is made, and correction refused, the plaintiff can recover only "special damages." This is to mean that the damages to be paid will be what he has suffered in respect to his property, business, trade, profession or occupation, including such amounts of money as the plaintiff alleges and proves he has expended as a result of the alleged libel, and no other.

If the retraction is refused, then the plaintiff can recover general, special and exemplary damages. However, plaintiff must prove that the defendant made the publication with actual malice and then only in the discretion of the court of jury. The actual malice cannot be inferred or presumed for the publication.

"As far as definitions go, 'general damages' are damages for loss of reputation, shame, mortification and hurt feelings. 'Exemplary damages' are damages which may in the discretion of the court of jury be recovered in addition to general and specific damages for the sake of example and by way of punishing a defendant who has made the publication or broadcast with malice."

So, as to libel, every publisher or broadcaster is engaged in an extra-hazardous occupation.

Yet, I am reminded of what Cicero said: "We should never so entirely avoid danger as to appear irresolute and cowardly. But, at the same time, we should avoid unnecessarily exposing ourselves to danger, than which nothing can be more foolish."

This matter of libel is a real one for the Pacific Citizen and JACL, having been served by Dr. John R. Lechner of Los Angeles for a retraction of a statement contained in the Feb. 4 PC in Larry Tajiri's "Vagaries"—"An Echo from the Past: Lechner." The director of the American Educational League cited a quote from Frank Chuman's protest to the State Legislature that described him as "one of the most bigoted, racist, rabble-rousing individuals in the state of California against loyal citizens and residents of Japanese ancestry."

About the same time, the Honolulu Mainichi of San Francisco was also served a demand for retraction.

As reported Mar. 24, the JACL is setting aside the demand in the firm belief and in the light of Dr. Lechner's own printed material that it can support the statement made by Chuman in his protest to the State Legislature against a resolution commending Dr. Lechner. The Honolulu Mainichi, however, has retracted; but as Saburo Kido pointed out: If a retraction is printed, "the only damages" to be collected by Lechner will be for the loss of property, business, trade, profession or occupation.

For the record, let us continue Kido's commentary.

There is no question that retraction will be the easiest way out. However, if the JACL has proof about Lechner's conduct against persons of Japanese ancestry during World War II, it stands to reason that there will be no retraction.

"At this stage, it appears to be difficult for the JACL to withdraw. When the charges were made openly as part of the protest, Lechner was submitting himself before the State Assembly. This is one of the cases where there seems to be no middle ground for retraction by giving excuse of mistake and so forth."

"To retract may be the easiest and least expensive; but JACL's reputation will be at stake. If a body is standing up for a principle, there can be only 'right' or 'wrong.' Consequently, it is a situation which may lead to a court battle. And for this JACL is prepared as the National Board has authorized the securing of competent counsel."

"Once the required date passes, it will be Lechner's move as to what strategy he will employ and the sum of money he desires. This required date was the PC published Mar. 24."

"The general tendency is to let the newspapers write what they want. The thing will blow over. The more fuss one makes, the greater will be the curiosity of the public. Unless there is a special interest, everyone is inclined to forget within 30 days any kind of a derogatory remark because of news events."

"It is going to be interesting as to what Lechner does."

End of Kido's commentary.

Over a year ago, we bought Paul P. Ashley's little handbook, "Say It Safely—Legal Limits in Journalism and Broadcasting," published by the Univ. of Washington Press (1958), and read it. After Lechner's demand for retraction was served and the PC Board met with Frank Chuman to deal with the demand, we read Ashley's book a second time—but must confess that it had more meaning because libel became a real problem for us.

In it are some expressions which are considered libelous "per se," when defamation is evident from the article itself. And libel per se is actionable per se. The consequence is that the publisher or broadcaster must prove truth or show privilege or other sufficient defense. The plaintiff is not required to prove the falsity.

As Ashley puts it: "These are the dangerous libels."

For instance, you don't go calling anyone an "atheist, communist, fascist, Ku Klux Klan," or being associated with any organization that's subversive or oppositionist. You don't refer to businessmen as "bankrupt, a crook, fraud," etc.

There are other facets to this business of libel law, but after the inspired comments of Mike Masaoka in his column last week, I thought this week's bit will round out the situation for our readers. Larry Tajiri told us he was never served a demand for retraction, so this makes PC's first.

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## PC Letter Box

To be Remembered

Crestwood, N.Y.

There are a lot of things I wish to get done that I do not get around to until they lose news value, and one was to send you a word about Minoru Yamasaki at the first World Agriculture Fair in New Delhi, India which closed in February 1960. Millions of people in Asia saw and enjoyed the beautiful pavilions and grounds designed by Minoru Yamasaki and Associates, and they were seen in newspapers and moving pictures by many readers and lookers in the United States. But there was one aspect of Minoru's work which only those connected with the P.C. itself would know about, and which I have intended to pass on to readers of the Pacific Citizen, many of whom know the architect.

I happened to be in New Delhi at the time the great World's Fair opened having assembled the collection of American handicrafts for our government and later helped with their installation and interpretation, and so I witnessed much that went on at the Fairgrounds.

There was, as would be inevitable in connection with the opening of any world's fair, great pressure on those who were responsible for having things ready on opening day. Minoru, of course was there, and had been for weeks, but somehow along the line there had been a failure in the designer's department and the Chief designer was absent. This threw a great strain upon others and especially upon the architect who had assumed many of the responsibilities of the Chief designer, and it was upon him that most of the staff had to depend to get last hour and last minute things done.

The pressure was greater on the United States contingent because President Eisenhower was to be there to officially open our part of the Show.

There was plenty of confusion in the effort to open on time but everyone concerned in the matter will always remember the calm, efficient and kindly way in which Minoru Yamasaki handled the very difficult and confused situation, meeting and often anticipating the needs of scores of the staff, most of whom had never been thrown into close contact with any of our Nisei citizens before. And this was an experience and proof of superiority that all will long remember.

We who had charge of the handicrafts exhibition will always be grateful for his indispensable help. And I should add here my personal appreciation to another JACL member or family, Mr. and Mrs. Mike Masaoka who, at the eleventh hour made it possible through a loan of their handicrafts from Hawaii to have our new and last state adequately represented.

ALLEN EATON

(Everytime we hear from this gentleman, that warm feeling of goodness comes again for having read his book, "Beauty Behind Barbed Wire", which looks at the creative genius of those who were at evacuation camps. Mr. Eaton is a member of the New York JACL.—Editor.)

## 'Did You Say, J.D., that You Dreamt All the Wongs Rose in Protest?'

## Tokyo Topics: by Tamotsu Murayama Recovering from Heart Attacks

Wires, letters, cards and even flowers and fruits have come from Hawaii and the rest of the United States. I don't know how to thank them. Since the doctors haven't allowed me to write as many letters as I would like in the present condition, I must convey my appreciation through this column.

Right after Christmas, the first heart attack struck me down but it didn't appear to be serious. But after the New Year holidays, there were four in succession.

And making believe I was a hard-boiled newspaperman, I tried to be hospitalized. But that last one hit me so hard I was immobile for eight hours. There was no need to argue any further and I was thrown into St. Luke's International Hospital, only American-style medical institution in Japan.

Doctors said it was a very close call for me after making a complete check-up. At first, I was told I would be home in two or three weeks. Nothing doing—five weeks have passed and then some and me, just looking at the white ceiling day and night. (Tamotsu posted this column on Mar. 13.)

The check-up revealed a rare artery case caused by high blood pressure. Luckily, no surgery is anticipated to cure for this condition. When I am released, those long stretches of newspapering will have to go. Chasing for news and excitement like a mad man has been my life for the past 32 years. That plus scouting to help the young people.

Scouting Requirement

About scouting, the Boy Scouts of Japan constitution requires all of its officers be Japanese nationals. And to comply with this rule, I have renounced my American citizenship and have surrendered my U.S. passport. There was no remorse in this act for I believe in scouting. (And Tamotsu is vice-president of the Tokyo scout council and a member of the national executive board of directors.) However, now I have to waive all these activities.

The tempo having been broken the pace today is one of reading.

## SUMITOMO BANK TO OPEN SOUTHWEST L.A. OFFICE

The Sumitomo Bank of California was granted permission to open a branch in Crenshaw Square in southwest Los Angeles. Ko Miwa, local vice-president, revealed this week. While a separate building for the bank is being constructed, Sumitomo will open a temporary office at the present Crenshaw Square premises.

It also asked permission from the State Banking Department to open a branch in San Jose.

## Bank of Tokyo expansion to other areas revealed

Request by the Bank of Tokyo of California to open new offices in San Jose, Fresno and Oxnard, San Francisco has been filed with the State Banking Department, it was learned this past week.

Tatsuo Shibata, bank president in San Francisco, revealed the application for the uptown San Francisco area is for a branch in the new \$10 million Japanese Trade and Cultural Center.

## Parlier Girl Stater

PARLIER.—Mutsuko Kozuki, daughter of Mrs. and Mrs. George Kozuki, 16163 E. Adams Ave., was chosen Girls State delegate by the local American Legion Auxiliary Raising Unit 36. She is an honor student at Parlier High.

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## Well-rounded program planned Apr. 21-23 for PSWDC-sponsored Hi-Co Conference

An outline of the 1960 Hi-Co Conference program for April 21-23 at Camp Max Straus in the Verdugo Hills was released this week by Sharon Aono, conference publicity chairman. The project which caters to high school and college students in under sponsorship of the Pacific Southwest District Council.

A well-rounded schedule with discussion and resource personnel from all walks of life participating will include a get-acquainted mixer on Friday night after registration and cabin assignments, and Saturday recreation.

Some of the college students who plan to lead in the Saturday morning discussion are under leadership of Megumi Fukushima, Pomona; Tom Okada, USC; Diane Morishita, Whittier; Amy Yutani, UCLA; Dr. H. Kawamoto, USC graduate.

The first session of "Tips on Your Career" will be held the same morning with professional people serving on the panel. Those who have accepted the invitation to be present include:

Janice Kubota (pharmacy); Judy Okada, Grace Yamada (education); Bill Kobayashi (engineering and real estate); Ed Fujimoto, Al Eddow (mathematics); Henry Yamada (dentistry); Bert Yamasaki (sociology); May Shimomiyai (secretarial science); Bruce Kaji (real estate); and Mrs. Sue Joe (fine arts).

After lunch, the second session of "Tips on Your Career" will follow. In the latter afternoon, several oral round table discussion groups will be conducted. Those who will lead include:

## Northwest Picture: by Elmer Ogawa PNWDC Votes in White River Valley

As indicated in last week's report, one of the bright spots of the PNWDC meeting was the reactivation of the White River Valley Chapter of the JACL. Once very active, the Chapter has been dormant since the evacuation of 1942.

Credit for this happy accomplishment should go almost entirely to our Puget Sound Valley chapter, especially for the leg work of the old war horses, Kaz Yamane, Dr. Sam Uchiyama, Bob Murakami, Tom Takemura, and others. Said Dr. Sam, "The response to our personal canvassing of the valley was most encouraging and we really started to become aware of the potential when actually out counting noses. Ninety-one families in the area, and we are sure of active participation of 60 families at the kick-off, which will bring in over 100 members."

Actually, when the canvassers had 39 petitioners for the reinstatement of the Chapter, they figured the snowball was big enough to go along of its own momentum, and went back to the full time job of making a living, a problem that haunts all of us. So now, there are three chapters in the State of Washington, and plenty of room for more yet.

During the district council session at the Olympic Hotel Sunday, March 26, the matter of the six-month probationary period on White River Valley was brought up, and it was pointed out WRV is not a baby chapter—the ranks are full of old timers, and as the result of the discussions, the PNWDC voted unanimously to waive the six-month probationary period on the White River Valley chapter. President Frank Chuman concurred with the sentiments of the council.

## Charter Legionnaire, Cler Karl Iwanaga dies at 68

Karl K. Iwanaga, 68, retired Nisei attorney-at-law and World War I veteran, died after a prolonged illness on Mar. 27. He was a charter member of the Los Angeles JACL and Commodore Perry Post, American Legion.

Iwanaga served as chapter president in 1931-32 when the Los Angeles JACL was preparing for its second biennial National Convention. He also organized in 1925 a group of young Nisei citizens in what was then known as the "Japanese Citizens League."

The Hawaiian-born Nisei was a second lieutenant with the Hawaii Japanese Infantry Regiment of World War I.

## Seattle NVC, Auxiliary installs new officers

SEATTLE.—The Seattle Nisei Veterans Committee and its women's auxiliary have sworn in Ted Nakanishi and Masao Tanaka as chairmen of their respective groups. A large delegation from the Oregon Nisei Veterans Club was also present.

Albert Bonus was presented an honorary membership certificate in recognition of his long-time interest and support of the NVC. R. Allan Kozu, son of Dr. and Mrs. Shinji Kozu was the recipient of the NVC Jr. Citizenship Award.

## Ann Arbor Sansei touring with Michigan glee club

Edwin F. Sanaki, son of active Detroit JACLers Dr. and Mrs. John D. Sasaki of Ann Arbor, is touring with the Univ. of Michigan Men's Glee Club and will appear on the Dinah Shore TV show this Sunday evening.

A graduate student in physiology, young Edwin is a fifth-year member of the club, which won first place in the 1959 International Chorus Festival in Wales.

## Jackson St. council

SEATTLE.—The Jackson St. Community Council has moved its office to 417 Rader in the Nikko Bldg. Seattle JACL president Phil Hayasaka is council executive secretary.

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Registration is restricted to the first 100 and Masako Uyeno, chairman, noted April 7 is the final day. Application forms are available from:

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# Director's Report

By Masao Sawo, National JACL Director

## STORY BEHIND THE STORY

The recent action of the Idaho State Legislature in voting unanimously for the repeal of the law prohibiting naturalized Orientals from voting and placing the matter before the electorate, described by National Second Vice President George Sugai in the March 24 PC, reminds us that all this started because of an alert Nisei, Henry Yamamoto, of Coeur d'Alene, Idaho.

An article about this in the Coeur d'Alene Press was sent by Yamamoto to his cousin, Ed Yamamoto, active Pacific Northwest JACLer of Moses Lake, who in turn forwarded it to Headquarters. Copies of the clipping were sent to PC for publicity purposes and brought to the attention of George Sugai and Intermountain DC Chairman Joe Nishikawa who took over from there in very effective fashion.

## IN THE WORKS

Now that the Pacific Southwest District Council will be responsible for the judging, details of the 1961 National JACL Scholarship competition will be announced next month to all the chapters. This will mark the 16th year of the P. Ben Masao Memorial Scholarship generously given by Mrs. Haruyo Masao. Incidentally, Mrs. Masao will be leaving for a well earned trip to Japan this month, and we wish her bon voyage.

Our National Constitution calls for the naming of a National Nominations Committee one year prior to the National Convention. During the next month or so, each District Council should name a representative to serve.

A campaign to all television stations throughout the country calling attention again to the wartime stigma derogatory to Japanese Americans will be revived. Many new television stations have come into being and there have been personnel changes of program and film editors since our efforts in this direction five years ago.

In process by the National Program and Activities Committee is a summary compilation of the programs and activities of the chapters during 1960 taken from the quarterly reports submitted by the chapters. The record of such reports last year was rather disappointing. The object of this compilation is to provide a listing of a variety of tried programs for the mutual benefit of all the chapters. We hope to find their individual reports of great help in making an evaluation of their year's program. The NC-WNDC now bases its Chapter of the Year award on these reports.

And speaking of National Committees, District Councils and Chapters should complete the naming of representatives to the various National Committees in order

## Calendar

**April 8 (Saturday)**  
Cincinnati—JACL excursion.  
Washington—Community picnic, Santa Cruz County Fairgrounds, 11 a.m.  
Dayton—Ladies Night, home of Mrs. L. Nakagawa, 8 p.m.  
San Jose—Family bowling.  
**April 9 (Sunday)**  
San Francisco—Auxiliary visit of La Honda.  
Monterey—Peninsula—Jr. baseball, Little League Park.  
Monterey—Peninsula—Auxiliary picnic, 3:30 p.m.  
Glenn—Community picnic, Uvas Picnic Grounds, 9:30 a.m.  
**April 10 (Monday)**  
Pasadena—Board meeting, home of Jim Oishi.  
East Los Angeles—General meeting, International Institute, 8 p.m.  
**April 11-13**  
Berkeley—Basketball tournament.  
**April 12 (Saturday)**  
San Diego—Supper meeting, Congregational Church, 10th and Ocean View, 7 p.m.  
Franklin—Community picnic, Santa Cruz County Fairgrounds, 11 a.m.  
Washington School, 7 p.m.  
Long Beach—Oriental Fantasy dance, Harbor Comm. Ctr.  
Fresno—Fresno benefit movie, Methodist Hall.  
Mil-Hill—Chow mein benefit, TSCC, 8 p.m.  
Cincinnati—JACL picnic, at home of Mrs. Masao Sawo, 8 p.m.  
Chicago—JACL Appreciation Night, at Olivet Comm. Ctr. Sat., at Chicago Buddhist Church Sun.  
**April 15 (Sunday)**  
Sanger—Community picnic, Burris Park.  
Fresno—Community picnic, Kearney Park, 2 p.m.  
Placer County—Community picnic, Bull Park, Penryn, (Apr. 22 rain date).  
**April 19 (Wednesday)**  
Monterey Peninsula—General meeting, JACL Hall.  
**April 23 (Thursday)**  
Sacramento—General meeting, Nisei War Memorial Hall, 12 p.m. speaker, "Horse Racing and Permittals."  
**April 21-23**  
PNWDC—Hi-Co Conference, Camp Max Strauss, Los Angeles.  
**April 22 (Saturday)**  
Cincinnati—Potluck supper, First Unit Church.  
Detroit—Spring Dance, Veterans Bldg.  
Dayton—Stag Night, home of Mrs. Yamamoto.  
**April 23 (Sunday)**  
Fresno—Community picnic.  
Bakersfield—Community picnic, Lowell Park.  
**April 23-24**  
Monterey Peninsula—Japanese movie benefit.  
**April 29 (Saturday)**  
Gardena Valley—Installation-Recognition Banquet.  
Southwest L.A.—Bowling League banquet, Carrolina Pines, 7 p.m.  
May 4 (Thursday)  
West Los Angeles—Polio-Infantus clinic, Stoner Ave. Playground.  
May 7 (Sunday)  
Detroit—Mother's Day Banquet.  
San Francisco—Jr. JACL variety show, May 4.  
Southwest L.A.—JACL convention, Sheraton-West hotel, Sat.-regis. 10 a.m. sessions, 10 a.m.-5 p.m.; banquets, 8 p.m. Sun.-sessions, 10 a.m.; bowling at Holiday Bowl; 12 n. lunch-fun show.  
May 7 (Sunday)  
Alameda—NC-WNDC spring quarterly meeting.  
May 13 (Saturday)  
West Los Angeles—Benefit movies, Saretto Gakuen, 100 p.m.

# 1000 Club hits new all-time high: 1,432 in current standing

SAN FRANCISCO. — The JACL 1000 Club has an all-time high of 1,432 members in good standing as of March 31. It was announced by National Headquarters this week. It surpasses the previous record of 1,401 recorded at the Sacramento national convention in June, 1960.

For the month of March, there were 39 new members and 153 renewals for a total of 192. For the last half of the month, eight new and 74 renewals were acknowledged as follows:

**THIRTEENTH YEAR**  
San Luis Valley—Roy Kouyee, Snake River—George Sugai, San Francisco—Dr. Kazuo Togasaki.  
**TENTH YEAR**  
San Luis Valley—Charles Hayashida, Tulare County—Tom Shimazaki.  
**NINTH YEAR**  
Downtown—John M. Honda, MDC—William T. Ishida.  
**EIGHTH YEAR**  
Portland—John M. Honda, Philadelphia—Dr. Mitsuo Hirata, Chicago—Mike M. Kudo, San Luis Valley—Mike Mizokami, Har-Tsumida.

**SEVENTH YEAR**  
San Diego—Paul Hoshino, Sacramento—Yasuhiro Ito, Kanji Nishihama, East Los Angeles—Mrs. Mary Mittler, Seattle—Ohtake, Cleveland—George Suzuki.

**SIXTH YEAR**  
Idaho Falls—John M. Honda, Tulare County—Mike Imoto, Hiroshi Mayeda, Ed Nagata, Doug Yamada, Hialeah—Yoshihiro Ito, Detroit—A. Joe Ito, Detroit—George Matsubiro, Sacramento—Mamoru Sakuma, Cleveland—Jack Y. Shiba, Seattle—Dr. Paul S. Shikaya, Pocatello—Hiro Shiozaki, New York—Murray Spring, St. Louis—Dr. George M. Tanaka.

**FIFTH YEAR**  
Pasadena—Dr. Joe Y. Kato, Oakland—Arata Akahoshi, Tulare County—Akio Fukushima, Harry Nii, Jack Sumida, Shiba, San Diego—Jack Y. Hamaguchi, Sacramento—Kay Hamatani, Ralph Nishimi, Cleveland—Richard F. Kurihara, Tom T. Sashihara, Chicago—Harry T. Kuwahara, Dr. Joe M. Nakayama, New York—Kiyoshi Sugihara.

**FOURTH YEAR**  
Tulare County—Takashi Arima, Geo. Oh, Kay Watanabe, West Los Angeles—Ruchi Ishioka, San Diego—Jack Y. Hamaguchi, Sacramento—Jimmie Kai, Chicago—Ted Kawachi, Kay Tamada, Pasadena—George Koike, Ronald Y. Pocatello—L. F. Nelson, San Jose—Dr. Robert S. Okamoto, Cincinnati—Benny Okura.

**THIRD YEAR**  
Tulare County—Dr. K. William Ishida, Tak Ishioka, Nori Ogata, Gene Shimizu, Pocatello—Larry Thatcher, Seattle—Charles T. Toshi, Pocatello—Seiji Endow.

**SECOND YEAR**  
Sacramento—Paul Hatanaka, Puyallup Valley—Dr. Saburo Kajimura, Reedley—Dr. Akira Takai, Detroit—Frank Watanabe, San Francisco—John Yasumoto.

**FIRST YEAR**  
Seattle—John Aoki, Sacramento—Dr. Chiew, Kiyoshi Kay Takamoto, Detroit—Hideo Fujii, Tulare County—Hatakedo, New York—Harry S. Inaba, Downtown L.A.—Mrs. Mine Kido, Venice—Culver—Fred Makimoto.

**ORANGE COUNTY JACL MAY DOUBLE ITS BEST MEMBERSHIP MARK**

SANTA ANA. — The annual two-month campaign to sign up JACL members is underway in Orange County with Harry Matsukane in charge. An unprecedented goal of 400 has been announced and it is expected it will far surpass its previous high of 172.

The new goal indicates the potential in the increasing number of Nisei into Orange County. Chapter dues are \$4.50 per person, including subscription to the Pacific Citizen.

Membership captains are: Mits Kito, Leonard Miyawaki, Mrs. Frankie Fukuda, Tad Munemitsu, Clarence Nishizu, Eiden Kanegae, Mrs. Janet Mouri, Mrs. Mariko Imamura, George Kanno, Mas Masuda, Dr. Fred Kobayashi and Frank Mizusawa.

**STOCKTON JACL-sponsored Girl Scout troops host International Day program**

STOCKTON. — Girl Scout Troops 215 and 101 held "International Friendship Night" March 17, at Hazelton School with a potluck supper of foreign dishes prepared by parents of the members.

Tables, where 132 were seated, were decorated with dolls representing various nations.

Mrs. Robert Wright, guest speaker, showed slides from her recent trip around the world. Troop members, dressed in national costumes of foreign lands, presented a skit.

Guests include: Messrs. and Mrs. Joe Curran, Joe Dwyer, F. W. Landeen, Herbert Heim, Ed Yoshikawa, all of Stockton, and Arthur Viera of Manteca.

Troop committee members of both groups attending were: George Baba, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Dobana, Minnie Sam Tsuruta, Merle Robertson and Leroy Abritton.

Mrs. Tom Okamoto and her daughter, Patty, provided many varieties of camellias to decorate the tables.

Troops 215 and 101 are sponsored by the Stockton JACL. Mrs. George Baba is troop leader for the units.

**Parlier community picnic committeemen named**

PARLIER. — Committeemen for the annual Parlier JACL community picnic to be held on Sunday, April 16, at Kearney Park's Oak-noll Section "A" were announced this past week.

They were: Kenji Osumi, Tom Takata, prog. James Kuroki, Gin Aki Kinoto, volleyball; Nob Doi, tramp, Tad Kato, P.A. system; Gerald Ogata, ice; Ralph Kinoto, prizes; Sue Miyakawa, prize table; Fred Nagata, Fred Kusaki, Tom Okubo, Harris Tanaka, judges.

**Cleveland Jr. JACLers slate 'Spring Fun Night'**

CLEVELAND. — "Spring Fun Night" for Jr. JACLers here this past week meant a buffet dinner, volleyball, shuffleboard and dancing at the Central YWCA. It was a prelude to the Easter break for college students.

Mas Maruyama will be emcee. On the committee are: Messrs. Robert Yamada, Shig Konoike, Sam Sakai, and Mas Umemoto.



INSTALLATION OF RENO JACL OFFICERS

Members of the 1961 Reno JACL cabinet at a recent installation dinner were introduced as follows (from left): Buddy Fujii, del. and membership chmn.; Yoshie Fujii, pres.; Charles Glattey, v.p.; Setsuko Oki, sec.; Joyce Chikami, treas. Not shown are Paul Nozu, 1000 Club chmn.; Robert Debold, pub.; and Ida Fukui, Issei Story.

# Issei pioneer reticent of past honors, was first Japanese to graduate Cal-Tech

PASADENA. — Progress has been reported by Aki Kawai, local JACL Issei Story Committee chairman, as data for the initial report to be submitted to the national project committee is being gathered.

One Pasadena pioneer recently interviewed by Pasadena JACL president Mack Yamaguchi was Jiro Morita, born in Shizuoka and landing at San Francisco in 1909 at the age of 17.

Two years later he was in Pasadena, attending high school and was the fourth Japanese to be graduated. He continued his studies at Cal-Tech and became its first Japanese graduate.

A modest man, Yamaguchi said it took a lot of prodding to have Morita reveal that he was the first scoutmaster of Troop 41, that he went overseas to fight for Uncle Sam in the first World War

with another Pasadena Issei, Nisuke Mitsumori.

**On Blackout Patrol**  
Morita was a grocery store operator before evacuation, assisted with the local blackout patrol and was evacuated to Gila River Relocation Center, where he devoted himself to youth activities.

Now semi-retired, Morita does a little landscape gardening and lives with his wife at 950 Chevron Court. He helps with Tomono-Iye, a home for the aged Issei of Pasadena.

His two sons and two daughters are all well-known. First son William, a graduate of Nebraska and USC with a master's, is a space engineer with North American Aviation. Other son Richard, also a Nebraska graduate plus a Ph.D. from UCLA, is teaching at the Univ. of Nebraska.

**Beautiful Daughters**  
His two daughters, both beautiful, were in queen contests. Elsie, now married to a nurseryman, was a Nisei Week attendant and is a graduate of Doane College in Nebraska. And Helen, married to a physician, was the PSWDC queen in the national JACL contest.

Morita feels that if Nisei parents would show their children the Issei type of sacrifice, honesty and integrity, the fine citizenship record of Japanese Americans would remain admirable.

**Ways & Means committee formed to aid D.C. JACL**

WASHINGTON. — The Washington, D.C., JACL president John Yoshino appointed Harry Takagi as chairman of the ways & means committee, which will look into the fund raising phase of chapter activities in order to meet the National JACL quota.

Assisting him will be Hisako Sakata and Ira Shimazaki.

**Living with JACL: by Saburo Kido**

The item I picked up about our past National President George Inagaki was a gem. I have heard many favorable comments. And it was profitable for me too. George treated me to lunch. However, I seemed to have hurt his ego. He said, "What do you mean inhumanity that I am a 'has been' with the ladies? And mentioning about my losing hair and giving the impression that I am getting bald was hitting below the belt." I must leave the question to the members as to whether I was making a correct observation or not. I may have to go to Dr. Roy Nishikawa to have my tri-folial glasses adjusted; but I do not think they are that bad as yet.

**Part IV: Continued**  
There were other interesting items I read in the New World. There was the story from Los Angeles which stated that there will be around 25,000 eligible voters of Japanese ancestry within the next 20 years. This was the figure estimated by the Japanese consulate based from October 1, 1930. The voters number was expected to reach at least 3,500 by 1935.

It stated that allowing for probable error of 20 percent, but counting those who are likely to return to their native land from Japan, the estimate of 3,500 voters was considered to be a safe estimate.

At that time, only 1,247 were figured to be of age here. Including those of dual nationality and possible error, around 2,000 were supposed to be living in the nine Southern California counties.

Another article mentioned that the Japanese population of Los Angeles according to the 1930 census was 21,901. Seattle was second with 8,448, and San Francisco ranked third with 6,350.

A story about Hawaii may be of interest. The Japanese population was estimated to be 143,000 as of 1930. They had 38 percent of the bank accounts in Hawaii, which amounted to 38.31 per cent of the savings.

As far as school teachers were concerned, there were 2,646 in the public school system of Hawaii. Of these, 1,041 were Caucasians; 521 part Hawaiians; 373 Chinese; 358 Japanese; 213 Portuguese; 101 Hawaiians; and all others 39.

Out of the 358 teachers of Japanese extraction, 126 were men and 232 women.

The year 1931 was an active year for the growth of the JACL chapters in Northern California. I remember we were being called to visit the various communities to talk on the JACL. Inasmuch as the average age of the Nisei was young, the main encouragement for the organization was from the Issei leaders.

We were thinking of the JACL more as a fraternal-civic body to promote the unity and welfare of persons of Japanese ancestry, especially the citizen group.

The Issei were looking at this movement from a different angle. They wanted the JACL to be more of a political action group. This is understandable. They wanted the Nisei to help fight against the strong anti-Japanese sentiment in the state. Naturally, this was reflected in the California legislature, too.

The horizon of the Nisei did not

# Gardena Vly. JACL re-elects Hiraide

GARDENA. — Toshio Hiraide, local attorney, was re-elected president of the Gardena Valley JACL for 1961 at a recent board of governors meetings. Other officers re-elected were Leon Uyeda, v.p.; John Fujita, treas.; and Rose Shimamoto.

George Watal was appointed membership chairman; Ronald Shiozaki, reappointed 1000 Club chairman; and Hiroshi Ito, Issei Story chairman.

Elected to a newly created advisory board were Paul Koga, Ryo Koma, Dr. John Koyama and Sam Minami.

Elected to the board of governors were: Mrs. Dorothy Dohi, John Fujita, Phil Furukawa, Tosh Hiraide, Sei Imamura, Dr. Harry Iida, Henry Ishida, Yo Kobata, Frank Kuida, Ellen Kubo, Tats Kushiida, Ken Nakaoka, Wilbur Sato, Rose Shimamoto, Ronald Shiozaki, Alice Takahara, Dr. Masashi Uriu, Leon Uyeda, George Watal and Yo Minami.

A combination installation-recognition dinner of old-time Gardena Valley JACLers on April 29 has been tentatively set. Henry Ishida is chairman.

**Investment topic of Cleveland JACL meeting**

CLEVELAND. — Because of wide interest among JACLers in investment, the Cleveland JACL will meet tonight at the offices of Merrill Lynch Pierce Fenner & Smith, Inc., on the 14th floor of the Illuminating Bldg. and hear one of its executives speak on "Investment Information."

Program chairman John Ochi and Jiro Habara are in charge of the meeting. Other meetings being planned by this committee for the remainder of the year will follow the theme of The Family.

**Idaho school queen**

ST. ANTHONY, Idaho. — Teddy Lou Hikida, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ted Hikida of Teton, was selected South Fremont High School candidate in an east Idaho district queen contest last week. Her parents are both active Rexburg JACLers and her father is a past chapter president.

# District Reports: PNW-NC-WN Emphasis of Youth Programs Seen

Now that the pace of chapter activities has slackened a bit, we shall devote column space to District Council affairs. Each of the eight district councils has been informed that space will be reserved for them once a month.

The first week of the month is reserved for the PNWDC and NC-WNDC; the second week for the CCDC and PSWDC (these columns are already in the hands of the editor—thanks), the third week for the IDC and Mtn-PCC, and the fourth week for MDC and EDC.

These district reports will be filed by DC officers other than the chairman, who has his say in "By the Board" member chapters and special writers.

This is another innovation to make the PC a truly membership publication. —Editor.

**BY PHIL MATSUMURA**  
San Jose

Having been handed an ultimatum from Henry Kato, chairman of the Northern California-Western Nevada District Council, to write this week, there are a few things which can be told at this time. Now, some of these may not be representative of the activities being carried on by other chapters in our district.

On the chapter level, some of the forthcoming activities would be the fourth annual basketball tournament sponsored by Berkeley JACL for teams composed of high school players to be held April 14-15 in Berkeley. San Jose JACL will be the defending champions, and a team under the guidance of Abo Kogura and Glen Taketa will be out to retain the perpetual trophy. Also included in the program is a free-throw contest which I believe was won by Terry Maruyama of San Jose last year.

Youth activities seem to occupy the programming of many chapters. San Francisco's track and field meet scheduled for June 4 at Kezar stadium should attract more entries than ever with the addition of two new classes. At the moment, I am confused just how the classification will be made in the PeeWee class, but then we expect more press releases on it.

**CYS Formed**  
San Jose is progressing on its plans for recreational activities for its youngsters with the formation of a Community Youth Service representing the coordinated efforts by Nisei Post VFW, Buddhist and Wesley Methodist churches and JACL. Baseball for boys 8-16 with Rudy Tokiwa in charge is the first project to be started. In fact, a game with Palo Alto team managed by Kaz Mayeda is slated for Sunday, April 16, 2 p.m. at Columbus Park at Taylor and Spring Streets.

A pancake breakfast is set for Sunday morning, April 16, 8-12 noon at Buddhist church annex with Tom Ichishita of VFW in charge. The profits will be used to finance the purchase of baseball equipment. Everybody welcome. Dollar for adults and 50 cents for children.

**SWLA meeting, egg hunt attendance encouraging**

Attendance at the last two Southwest L.A. JACL functions were encouraging, according to Ken Hayashi, chapter publicity chairman. There were over 200 youngsters and parents hunting for eggs Easter Sunday at Rancho Cienega and 75 at the investment group meeting last week at Crenshaw A.C.

The tiny tots at the Easter egg hunt were treated to over three hours of games and prizes. Ted Fujii was in charge.

Yukio Matsumoto, of Mitchum Jones and Templeton, who spoke on investments signed up over a dozen people for a monthly class he will conduct on investments. Sam Hirasawa was chairman of the meeting.

Mark Kiguchi, chapter president, was highly pleased with the response.

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