

Man in Space

A WEEK AGO last Wednesday (April 12), the Soviet Union sent a man into outer space, and returned him safely to earth. In the history of this civilization, this may well be the greatest achievement of these times in which we live...

WITHOUT doubt - politically - the Soviet Union won powerful new leverage in the struggle with the West both on specific issues and also for the allegiance of the uncommitted and the wavering peoples...

THAT MAN may now orbit in earth in 93 minutes serves to remind us how small our once-mammoth planet has become. How much more important it has now become that all men everywhere learn to live with each other as friendly and cooperative neighbors...

IT IS easy enough to explain just why the United States has not matched Russia's spectacular space feats, and to argue that in many - if not most - respects of space exploration we do not lag behind the Soviets, even though world opinion may think we do.

THE RUSSIANS, with understandable pride, boasted of the triumph of a "socialist" achievement and as "the greatest event in the history of mankind", ham-

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New U.S. ambassador to Japan discusses background of JACL, of ACJ and number of problems of Nisei concern with Masaoka

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Legislature approves Cal-Vet rights for Nisei

SACRAMENTO - The legislation to allow Cal-Vet rights to Nisei GI's who were evacuated in 1942 was passed this week by the State Legislature, Nisei were deprived of their rights to benefits because of their enforced absence from the state during World War II...

Gardena Valley to install officers

GARDENA - Old time JACLer will be honored at the annual installation dinner of the Gardena Valley JACL chapter, Apr. 29, at Rose Lane, 2030 W. Rosecrans Ave., reported Toshi Hiraike, newly elected president.

Wartime governor of Hawaii Stainsback dies

HONOLULU - Ingram M. Stainsback, 77, Governor of Hawaii in World War II, died April 12, apparently from a heart attack. He was born in Somerville, Tenn., and came to Hawaii in 1912 as an attorney. He was United States attorney for the islands from 1934 to 1940.

Surface mail rates to Japan increased

WASHINGTON - The Post Office Department will raise international mail rates from July 1. Except for Mexico and Canada, surface letters to all foreign countries will be raised from 8 to 11 cents and 7 cents for each additional ounce. Surface postcard rates will be raised from 5 to 7 cents.

JACL oratorical champion selected for study at university in France

SANTA ROSA - William Y. Hayashi, winner of the 1960 National JACL Oratorical Contest, Sonoma County Chapter and National JACL scholarship and state finalist in the Bank of America Achievement Award, has been selected as one of the freshman students at Stanford University to attend a university in Tours, France.

Adoption committeeman

FRESNO - Mrs. June Toshiyuki was reappointed to the Fresno County Adoption advisory committee under a new reorganization program put into effect by the county board of supervisors this past week.

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WALTER READY TO LOOSEN UP RIGID IMMIGRATION LAW

Unused quotas for use by American relatives reported in new bill

WASHINGTON - Rep. Francis E. Walter (D., Pa.), the most influential Congressman in immigration matters, indicated this past week that he is ready to loosen the rigid national origins quota system.

The veteran chairman of the House Immigration Subcommittee introduced a major immigration bill that would set up a reserve of unused quotas for use by relatives of American citizens and lawfully resident aliens in countries with long waiting lists of persons wishing to come here.

His bill would not change the system of allocating quotas to countries on the basis of their share of the United States population 40 years ago. But it would mean that unused visas assigned to countries such as England, which always has a lot left over, could be turned over to countries like Italy, which never has enough to go around.

Under the present system, about 55,000 of the 154,000 annual visas for permanent entry go unused. Walter's bill would make these available to countries with quotas of less than 7,000, in proportion to the size of their quotas.

JACL Comment Reserved (Since the actual text of the Walter immigration bill is not yet available, the Washington JACL representative was not able to comment fully upon the bill. But he did say, "Actually, his bill looks like a liberalization but I'm afraid that it won't help the Japanese as much as it appears on the surface.")

Former President Eisenhower had proposed pooling unused quotas, President Kennedy when he was a Senator proposed knocking out the quota system for relatives. Walter, who has always opposed tinkering with the quota system, had shown little interest in either proposal. But his bill is a blend of both.

Other features would assure a new nation created by the division of a country receive the minimum annual quota of 100 visas and that nations that merge (like Syria and Egypt) retain their former total; would make permanent the temporary provisions for admission of adopted orphans and tubercular relatives; and would eliminate the requirement that a visa applicant be asked his "race or ethnic classification."

Two New York Congressmen called for a more liberal immigration policy to provide a haven for those who need it, and to improve United States prestige throughout the world.

Sen. Kenneth B. Keating and Rep. John V. Lindsay, both Republicans, criticized discriminatory provisions in existing immigration law and urged greater concern for refugees around the world.

Immigration policy is an important part of foreign policy, both said in speeches at the National Council of Churches' Consultation on Immigration Policy at the Mayflower Hotel.

Keating said people forced to flee their homelands for racial, religious or political reasons should be admitted to this country as "parolees."

After two years' residence and approval by the Attorney General, they would be made permanent residents, he suggested.

Lindsay proposed legislation enabling this country to admit 10,000 refugees a year, "regardless of where they come from." He said the United States had offended many people by its concentration on immigrants from Europe.

Rep. Francis E. Walter (D., Pa.) co-author of the McCarran-Walter Immigration Act, warned that "chronic unemployment, a dangerous economic disease," makes it necessary for the Nation to look at the immigration problem "with more caution than was necessary three or four decades ago." He warned against any substantial changes in immigration policy.

Earlier, Under Secretary of State Chester Bowles told the gathering, "Foreign aid, no matter how massive, will not buy for us the loyalty of any nation. The primary, all-important objective of our assistance program can be simply stated: It is to help new and struggling nations create conditions which offer their people the steadily expanding measure of justice and opportunity which is essential to political stability and a free society."

Civil rights gains in Oregon, but stymied in California

Oregon barber shops, beauty salons can't discriminate save for 'just' cause



PRESIDENT INTERVIEWED FOR VOICE OF AMERICA

Frank S. Baba (center), chief of the Japanese Service in the Voice of America, was assigned by the U.S. Information Agency as project officer for the (NHK) Japan Broadcasting Corp. radio-TV team currently touring the United States, making a series of 15 radio television programs. On the first program, President Kennedy was interviewed by Yoshinori Maeda, NHK executive director. Interview was conducted in the White House cabinet room and seen by over 7 million viewers and heard by 15 million listeners throughout NHK's network in Japan. Baba is chairman of the Washington, D.C., JACL Issei Story Committee, a 1000er and long-active member.

Calif. real estate lobby presses point as fair housing bill fails in committee

SACRAMENTO - Two votes short of a majority, the Assembly Ways and Means Committee Monday night on a 10-9 tally retained the Hawkins Fair Housing bill.

But the sponsors of the bill to outlaw discrimination in the sale or rental of private housing pledged to rescue the bill from defeat.

Originally, the bill would have applied to all private housing except single family, owner-occupied homes. But Hawkins amended the provisions to exclude up to three units, one being occupied by the owner, in a bid to pick up additional votes.

Hawkins was reported to be confident that the two absent committee members, Gordon H. Winston, Jr. (D., Merced) and Mrs. Pauline Davis (D., Portola), would support the bill in that form.

Three bills introduced by Assemblyman Clark Bradley (R., San Jose) to abolish the state Fair Employment Practices Commission, the Consumer Council, and Economic Development Agency because "they served little useful purpose" were voted down by the Assembly Governmental Efficiency and Economy Committee Tuesday.

All agencies were established in 1959.

Assemblyman Bruce Allen (R., Los Gatos) Monday sought to re-

store the challenge provision at the polls on grounds that a voter can not read English as required by the constitution. Recently, Governor Brown signed a Democratic-backed legislation eliminating the literacy test at the polls.

The State Senate passed a bill introduced by Sen. Richard Richards (D., Los Angeles) barring the listing of race or color on marriage certificates by a 25-3 vote on April 11. It was sent to the Assembly.

The Assembly concurred the following day as Assemblyman Philip Burton (D., Los Angeles) had earlier introduced a similar bill. It was passed 57-13 after a lengthy debate.

The same day, another Burton bill prohibiting discrimination because of religion, national origin or ancestry in the sale of motor vehicle liability insurance was approved 55-6.

Along the lines of insurance, Assemblyman Robert Leggett (D., Vallejo) introduced several bills to target minority groups this past week.

AB 2604-outlaws cancellation of auto insurance policies on grounds of race, color, religion or national origin; AB 2605-bans inquiry into race, color, religion, national origin or ethnic background in charge insurance premiums or in applications; AB 2606-forbids insurance employees from asking applicants if they have ever had a policy cancelled except for non-payment of premiums.

'Flower Drum Song' Staging of the "Flower Drum Song" by the Starlight Association this summer at Balboa Bowl was recently announced to leaders of the Oriental community here.

Encouraging View

All of these civil-rights acts—the first of which, an FEPC law, enacted in 1946—have had successful histories of enforcement and little overt public opposition. A recent report, "Portland Race Relations, 1961," by the Urban League of Portland, gives this encouraging view of Oregon race relations.

Portland and the State of Oregon has shown outstanding progress in a short span of years toward eliminating discriminatory practices.

Employment: "When the World War II shipyards closed, Negroes faced a widespread discrimination as they sought employment in the general community. Today, Negroes and other nonwhites serve as elementary school, high school and college teachers; as hospital nurses, pharmacists, and laboratory technicians; as social workers, secretaries, beauticians, bus drivers, patrolmen, factory technicians, engineers, department-store sales clerks, and in many other fields."

Public accommodations: "In Portland and throughout Oregon, such accommodations as are offered by hotels, motor courts, restaurants, lunch counters, trailer parks, amusement places and other similar establishments are open to people of all races. Nonsegregation is the pattern in the use of public parks, playgrounds, swimming pools, golf courses, and other facilities."

Housing: "Nonwhites move from time to time and instances of organized opposition or violence are very rare."

But the Urban League also noted that "there are still no Negro longshoremen on the Portland waterfront, due to a long-standing practice of exclusion. There are no Negro clerks in locally owned supermarkets, chain stores or local branches of the mail-order concerns. Some builders, real-estate agents, and owners still express opposition to the entry of nonwhites into their housing areas. As yet the Urban League knows of no nonwhite family which has been able to purchase a home in a newly built subdivision developed for the general market."

"In Portland, as elsewhere," concludes the report, "housing segregation under a mere democratic practice by perpetuating segregation in schools and other aspects of community life, and by inhibiting normal social contacts between whites and nonwhites."

The league's observation is a reminder that it takes more than laws to wipe out racial discrimination in any state or community; but in Oregon laws have proved to be an effective first step toward that end.

-Christian Science Monitor

Legal aspects to collecting Issei Story facts viewed

CHICAGO - Harold R. Gordon is the author of a comprehensive article in the field of invasion of privacy and related areas, "Right of Property in Name, Likeness, Personality and History," which will be published in the next issue of the Northwestern University Law Review.

According to the noted attorney, who is an active Chicago JACLer and one-time national 1000 Club chairman, the publication date will be approximately May 1.

The article deals with the rights of individuals, private or public figures, who are commercially exploited in the various forms of publications and entertainment media—newspapers, magazines, books, motion pictures, radio and television.

"Though published in a law journal, it will be of special value to those people in the chapters around the country who will be collecting material for the Issei Story, because it clarifies the distinction between factual material, which is privileged so long as it is truthful and not libelous, and a fictionalized, distorted or sensationalized publication, which may involve legal liability," Gordon said.

Since the size of the run will be determined by the number of advance orders and the amount of reprints obtainable subsequently limited, those interested should write to Northwestern University Law Review, Business Office, 357 E. Chicago Ave., Chicago 11, and enclose a check for \$1.50.

THEME OF 1962 JACL CONVENTION WANTED

SEATTLE - Any JACLer who can suggest a theme for the 1962 National JACL Convention here shall win a \$50 savings bond, but the contest will close on April 30.

The suggestions should be forwarded to James Masaoka, convention chairman, 659 Jackson St., Seattle 4, Wash.

George 'Clem' Oyama heads Tokyo Nisei Club

TOKYO - George Clem Oyama was elected president of the Nisei Club of Tokyo at a board of directors meeting last week.

The former resident of Sacramento, Los Angeles, Denver and San Francisco succeeds Tom Oshidari. Other officers are Tom Matsutani, v.p.; Elmer Katayama, sec.; Frank Mori, treas.; and Oshidari, aud.

Others in the cabinet include Charles Yoshii, Roy Osaki, Masaru Ogawa, Welly Shibata, Frank Eto, Mrs. Peter Okada, Kiyo Nogami, Frank Kilo and George Nishio.

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Director's Report By Masao Satow, National JACL Director

LIFE MAGAZINE REPLIES. A letter from LIFE Magazine last week concedes our position on the use of the term "Jap". The editors naturally regret your distress voiced on behalf of the Japanese American Citizens League regarding LIFE's explanation of our use of the word "Jap" in a story of recent months.

LEGISLATIVE CONFERENCE. Some 400 delegates registered for the California Legislative Conference of human relations organizations this past weekend in Sacramento for the main purpose of being briefed and mustering support for Assembly Bill 801.

NATIONAL MEMBERSHIP. As of date our national membership has reached 15,000 with PC going to over 9,500 households represented in the membership.

60TH CHAPTER. Now that the petition of reactivation has been received, we officially welcome the (White River) Valley Civic League as our 60th Chapter.

Little and Big Differences. That these Issei parents differed from other Americans I soon realized as a school-aged Nisei-American.

NATIONAL STAFF. We are happy to welcome to our National Headquarters secretary staff Mrs. Yasuko Sako, who began this week to expedite things for us and ease our load.

OLD AGE ASSISTANCE. Besides AB 801 on housing and received this past week contributions totaling \$645 for our National JACL Endowment: \$25 from Mrs. Kau Iwanaga, Los Angeles; in memory of Karl, \$20 from Mrs. Yukio Kadowaki of San Francisco; and \$500 from 1000 Clubber Barton Sasaki of Weiser, Idaho.

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Philadelphia JACL Report: Open Letter to My Sansei Son

(This "open letter" was read at the recent Philadelphia JACL installation banquet as part of the address by William M. Marutani, JACL chairman and distinguished member of the Philadelphia Chapter. It so impressed the group that the chapter felt it would be well worth sharing the letter with all the Nisei parents and fellow JACLers.)

Dear Mark. You've been so busy going to school, collecting baseball cards, attending scout meetings and so forth—in general busy being just another American boy—that you haven't given thought as to just who you are and why. And in your wisdom as a parent, I know you will know just what I mean by this. I think it most important that you have a background, a foundation on which to grow and develop, to have an awareness of your personal heritage and thereby a personal perspective.

You may not now understand all the words and some of the things I write here may seem confusing. If so, some may be attributable to my ineptness of expression, particularly on matters such as this, and some to the parent's view which somehow seem innately confusing to children. This I know because it was not so very long ago that your Dad was a boy trying to understand your grandparents.

Three Generations. Ours is the story of some 170,000 Americans of Japanese ancestry, and you are very much a part of that story.

You are a "Sansei," meaning "third generation." You can make a good guess as to what is meant when your Dad is referred to as a "Nisei." Your grandparents, who first came to America in the very early 1900's, are the "Issei" or the first generation.

These are new Japanese words you can add to your vocabulary of "gohan," "kuchi" and "dorodarako."

Not unlike many Issei, your grandparents came from a small farm village in Hiroshima Prefecture called "Yasumura." While your grandfather owned extensive farm and woodlands, he might be called a "peasant"—and you can be proud of this origin, particularly in light of the accomplishments of these Issei and the stuff they showed they were made of.

Keep in mind, son, the hardy pioneers who wrote history across the Western prairies in covered wagons were the same kind of "peasants." And you can take equal pride in both.

However, in a number of respects the Issei pioneers faced situations which were difficult, certainly unique, for they came as strangers to a completely different culture, to a land of peoples whose race differed from their own and whose language they could not speak, and they came without money, without great promises but obviously with a lot of gumption and spirit.

We were Americans who had been taught to believe and cherish the very things that you're learning and will be learning: the majesty of the Constitution, the great value of liberty, the hard won freedom of men as imbedded in the struggle of our country.

Yet, for us these were replaced by imprisonment without charges, without trial, without an opportunity to be heard. If there ever was a time for hopelessness and gloom and bitterness, for renouncing America, surely this would be it.

Northwest Picture: by Elmer Ogawa Century 21 - Space Age World's Fair

In just a year from the date of this issue, Century 21, the World's Fair of the space age, is due to officially open its doors. It is going to be a good show, big, exciting, different, and a credit to the hosts; the nation, state and city.

As just about all PC readers are aware, it will be a colossal "added attraction" to the Japanese American Citizens League national convention here in Seattle July 26 to 30. And just as the JACL convention will be winding up, the annual Seattle SEAFAR, one of the nation's greatest summer festivals will go into full operation, and with the hydroplane races and pageantry will be an added inducement to JACL convention goers to stay over and see more of the charmed land of the Northwest.

The convention committee headed by Jim Matsuo is most grateful for the reservation of 350 rooms at the 1000-room Olympic Hotel, the convention headquarters, and this at the height of the season, too. Other motel and hotel accommodations have already been arranged. A judicious move because the old town will be jumping, and the housing problem will be critical.

The 600-foot Space Needle will be the theme symbol of the Century 21 Exposition. Some of the largest heaviest steel "I" beams ever made have arrived and are already going into its construction. The height of the needle was originally announced as 550 feet, but latest plans call for the addition of a 50-foot beacon, to make it 600.

Three elevators, two of them operating at 800 feet per minute will service the restaurant and observation platform at above the 500-foot level. Like a huge turntable, the dining room floor will revolve at the rate of one turn every hour, allowing diners to view the complete panorama, the Olympics, Cascades, Mt. Rainier, Puget Sound, the lakes, and all the interesting points of interest. Visitors will even look "down" on Queen Anne hill, the city's highest which adjoins the 74 acre Exposition grounds.

Other Attractions. The whole show represents an investment of \$80,000,000 not counting the exhibits. The attendance estimate 10,000,000 who will view five "worlds"—Science, Century 21, Commerce and Industry, Art, and Entertainment. Outstanding features will be the monorail, the space tower and restaurant, the Boulevards of the World, the U.S. Pavilion, and the Coliseum. The U.S. Science pavilion, you know, is the creation of Seattle-born architect, Min Yamasaki.



Postscript Hawaii Prejudice Not Based on Race

Honolulu. By charging racial discrimination in Hawaii, James Michener has applied a name to a social phenomenon here. I believe the name is a misnomer. The kind of discrimination the Nikkei have to fear in Hawaii is not based on race. So the indignant denials that have come from some Hawaiians are not without foundation.

The Hawaiians have good reason to believe that racial discrimination per se is not much practiced here. They seem to like such bona fide racial discrimination that occasionally comes their way, and would resent having it taken from them.

The Aborigines had no concept of race when Captain Cook discovered the Islands. Not having been isolated long enough to become genetically homogeneous, they were not a race themselves. They accepted the genetic difference of the newcomers without a qualm, and freely intermarried with them.

Many Islanders trace their ancestry from such unions. No doubt some such Islanders are members of the country club which Mr. Michener claims practices racial discrimination.

Cousins' Society. Probably no group has a fiercer pride in its ancestry than the Hawaiian Mission Children's Society—more commonly known as the Cousins' Society. The members are descendants of Hawaii's early missionaries, and membership is gained only by birth.

The Cousins' Society keeps alive the associations of the powerful families within it by periodic reunions. Aboriginal names have long been common among the members. At the next reunion there will be a new member with the family name of Muraoka.

One of the few cases of racial discrimination per se that comes to mind is that occurring in the wealthy Kamehameha School. Students who have no Aboriginal ancestors are excluded. To employ the gibberish of Hawaiian officialdom: students must be of "Hawaiian or Part Hawaiian blood."

Such mystic pronouncements are and dazzle the average resident of Hawaii who has been taught that only the Aborigines are Hawaiians. It has never occurred

to the non-Aborigine that he is also an Hawaiian—albeit, not a bloody one. A highly respected judge has publicly given his opinion that the racial discrimination practiced by the Kamehameha School parallels that practiced in Little Rock, Arkansas, and is illegal. But the Hawaiians are so accustomed to being victimized by the school that they are proudly complacent, in full conformity with the spirit of aloha.

Many Nationalities. Excepting for such examples, prejudice against the Nikkei does not spring from genetic difference. It finds its root in the traditional policy of the Hawaiian authorities of encouraging the people of Hawaii to believe they are any nationality, just so long as it is not American. The authorities tenderly indoctrinate the Hawaiian from the cradle upward with the belief that America is not a land of a single nationality, but a land where many nationalities live under a common government—analagous, for example, to the former Austro-Hungarian Empire. And it is from this notion that the threat to the Nikkei has emerged.

I met Mr. Michener only once. It was at Democratic headquarters the evening of our first state election. Even before all the returns were in, it seemed evident that our candidate for governor was destined to be defeated. In most of the other races there was cheering news. Two Democrats were elected to Congress, and the Democrats maintained a majority in the local government.

Conspicuous among the successful candidates were the Nikkei. They had come to dominate Hawaii's political life. Now and then to the accompaniment of the thump of guitars and the sweet voices of the women singers, some Nikkei politician, flushed with victory, would join the group of professional entertainers to express his exuberance in the hula.

Nisei Vs. Bias. Such self-felicitation may, I fear, have been premature. The situation here is rotten. And far from trying to extirpate the weed of prejudice, many Nikkei have been giving it loving care. Educated, energetic Nikkei, working through such organizations as the Japanese Chamber of

Commerce, are striving with apostolic fervor and dedication to identify themselves as Japanese. Most Hawaiians are convinced that the members of such organizations are what they say. The next storm that blows from Japan may persuade the electorate to act on the conviction.

ALLAN BECKMAN

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Chapter Chit-Chat West Los Angeles JACL Akira Ohno, chapter president, Steve Yagi and Dr. Kiyoshi Sonoda represented the West Los Angeles JACL at the informal reception for U.S. Ambassador Reischauer and his Japanese wife at the Sheraton-West Hotel last week.

Pasadena JACL Four active high school students are being sponsored by the chapter for the Hi-Co Conference this weekend. They are Betty Yamada, Phyllis Yamato (Pasadena High), Terri Nakanishi and Joyce Hirata (Muir High).

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From the Frying Pan

BRIMMING RESERVOIR — Last Saturday the Mile Hi JACL chapter put on what was billed as a chow mein dinner and Japanese art and cultural exhibit. This was proof indeed that America is a cultural potpourri for no one seemed to notice that chow mein is a Japanese flower arrangement as Swedish smorgasbord is to a Spanish bullfight.

Incidentally, if there is such a thing as a truly international dish, it must be chow mein. I once saw a sign in a Shanghai restaurant which read: "Chow Mein, San Francisco style."

But getting back to the Mile Hi chapter's benefit, an astonishing number of Denverites of diverse racial and cultural origins paraded through the Tri-State Buddhist Temple to partake of chow mein and view the flower arrangement, bonsai, ceremonial doll, painting and stage presentations.

Chapter President Tak Terasaki hovered over the proceedings like a solicitous maitre d'. In casual conversation with the visitors he learned that a large number of those attending had read about the event in the daily newspapers and had dropped by out of either curiosity or an interest in Japanese culture. Their reaction was uniformly good, indicating that whether they've done anything to merit it, the Issei and Nisei in the Denver area enjoy a well-filled reservoir of good will.

In passing, it should be noted the dinner and exhibit was pretty much a community-wide effort and an impressive triumph for the JACL chapter despite the bush league bickering that seems to be an inevitable part of Japanese American community life.

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SUZIE WONG, CONTINUED—Several weeks ago we commented in this space on the movie, "The World of Suzie Wong," wondering what Nisei reaction might have been if the film had been, instead, the story of Suzie Watanabe, Tokyo girl of easy virtue. We invited Nisei comment and judging by the response it appeared for a while that not even one literate person had noticed the column.

This is to report the impression was erroneous. The column has at least one reader. He is Murray Sprung, counselor at law, of New York City. Mr. Sprung is not a Nisei, but considers himself as a "first cousin." "My relationship is shared," he writes, "as a member of a minority group that through the centuries has suffered the slings and arrows of outrageous fortune."

"We have grown up," he continues, "so that now we share their pride with our elders from the old country, and we are no longer embarrassed when our traditions, customs, habits, clothes, and folklore are mirrored before the world. Yet, only yesterday, we resented these very things. We could not mark properly the line of demarcation between ridicule and dignity — yet ridicule we did suffer until dignified acceptance erased our pains."

"We rightly resented being called hyphenated Americans. Were we not living in the melting pot of the new world? Why then did we so quickly coagulate — like a clot on the horizon? True it is that we resent being identified with the worse of our people. Somehow we feel we are being measured by the 'bad lot', and found wanting. We cringe when we see in caricature our people and try to dissociate ourselves with them. Yet, how quickly we take pride with those who have been honored, and then we again emerge from our shell . . . What then would be the happy median? We do not ask to be loved; we ask only acceptance and fair play."

Mr. Sprung goes on to say he recently saw a Japanese film, "Akasen Chijai," (Street of Shame) about life in what is delicately known as the licensed quarter. Two young Japanese women recently from Tokyo were in Mr. Sprung's party and they wondered aloud what Americans would think of the Japanese.

"Another guest, an older Japanese, gave what I believe is the right answer," Mr. Sprung continues. "She said that every country, every people has its counterpart of the Suzies, not to worry over it, just sit back, relax, and enjoy the film." He concludes his letter with a verse:

"There is so much bad in the best of us,
And so much good in the worst of us,
That it hardly behooves any of us
To speak ill of the rest of us."

Which would appear to be darned good advice.

Community Services to develop referral system to aid Nisei welfare, police cases

A broad program to develop specific approaches to the growing problem of juvenile delinquency has been undertaken by the Youth Services Committee of the Japanese American Community Services of So. Calif. (JACS).

According to Yosh Inadomi, chairman of the Youth Services Committee, preliminary discussions were held recently with Oves Shirogiri, director of the Metropolitan Area office of the L.A. Probation Department and Sgt. Rex Hagar, head of the Wilshire Division Juvenile Police Unit.

Members of the committee in addition to Inadomi who met with the two public officials were Sam Ishihara, owner of the B & B Clothing Store and an active member of the Optimist Club; Hideo Izumo, public accountant and past president of the Hollywood JACL; and Mike Suzuki, director of Show-

Inadomi, operator of the Japanese Market chain and a member of the East Central Welfare Planning Council, declared, "Our discussion was extremely fruitful in the sense that we learned from these law enforcement and correctional officials what our community can begin to do in the area of youth delinquency."

Both Shirogiri and Sgt. Hagar indicated that there are such agencies in other communities to whom referrals can be made and cited the examples of the Jewish and Catholic Big Brothers program and the work of the Youth Counseling, Inc. in the Hollywood area.

"We were told," added Inadomi, "that these groups are highly successful in helping youngsters who are in this so-called 'Grey Area' and in preventing them from eventually winding up in Juvenile Court with delinquency petitions filed on them."

FEPC member to speak

Mrs. Carmen Wanslow, member of the state FEPC, will speak tonight at 8:15 at the monthly meeting of the West Jefferson Democratic Club at Crenshaw AC.

Placer JACL picnic earns local editorial commendation

AUBURN. — The Auburn Journal editorially congratulated the Placer County JACL last week for its efforts in staging the gigantic community picnic held last Sunday.

With 5,000 expected to attend, the Journal ventured to say that the picnicers would "leave the grounds with a little better understanding of their neighbors. Placer JACL is to be congratulated for the efforts expended by its membership to attain this objective."

The editorial described the chapter in these words in the lead paragraph: "It is doubtful that any organization in Placer County does more to foster good relations among the people than the county chapter of the Japanese American Citizens League, a nation-wide association."

"Members of JACL's local chapter spare no physical, mental or financial endeavor to work toward friendly and better every-day communication among the membership and interracially."

"This is the first time in our memory that a chapter picnic was the topic of a newspaper editorial. —H.H."

Pasadena troop 41 cops camping honor

PASADENA. — There were some 1,400 scouts competing this past weekend in the Rose Bowl District camporee at Brookside Park and the local Nisei Troop 41 walked off with the highest award as Ken Mayekawa's patrol registered 99 1/2 out of a possible 1,000 points.

The five other patrols of the troop, led by Pasadena JACL chapter president Mack Yamaguchi, amassed enough points to snag presidential streamers for their new scoutmaster Shigetō Nishio and his assistants:

James Sakamoto, Ronald Chen, Masao Sugano and Ken Ogawa.

At the Saturday campfire, six were tapped for the Order of the Arrow, honorary scouting badge. They were:

Alan Takaaki, Dick Itaya, Ronald Chen Jr., Albert Yamasaki, Gregory Yamaguchi and Mack Yamaguchi.

Girl, 7, wins grammar school talent contest

RICHMOND. — Corrine Sugiura, seven-year-old student at Mira Vista School, was chosen winner of the 11th Annual Elementary Student Talent Show, sponsored by the Contra Costa District Council Dad's Club on April 14 at the Richmond Union High School. Contestants from 21 schools were represented. Her winning number was a piano selection, Mozart's Turkish March.

She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Sugiura of Richmond and niece of Koji Ozawa, San Francisco JACL Board member.

CHICAGO JACLER PICKED FOR EVANGELISTIC TEAM HEADING FOR HAWAII

CHICAGO. — The Rev. Victor T. Fujii, pastor of the Christian Fellowship Church (Methodist), 912 W. Sheridan Rd., has been selected as one of about 15 ministers from all parts of the United States and Japan to take part in an evangelistic mission to Hawaii, April 28-May 13, directed by the General Board of Evangelism of the Methodist Church.

The nomination was made by the Rev. Harry Komuro, District Superintendent of the Methodist Churches of Hawaii and approved by the Rev. Charles W. Brahares, bishop of the Rock River Conference.

The Chicago JACLer will join most of the ministers of the mission team in Los Angeles on April 28.

His church is the only Methodist Church in the Chicago area that serves in any great numbers, former Hawaiians of various nationalities who now reside in Chicago.

Sonoma County students win Achievement Awards

SANTA ROSA. — Two Nisei were among winners of the Bank of America Achievement Award for high school seniors of Sonoma County.

At Petaluma High School, Dennis Fujita, son of Mr. and Mrs. Henry K. Fujita of 1850 Mountain View Ave., was named a trophy winner in the field of science and mathematics. Fujita also received a certificate in laboratory science.

At Santa Rosa High School, Kent Sakato, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ted Sakato of 4338 Whistler Ave., was awarded a trophy in the field of vocational arts.

Both entered the zone competition held in Vallejo on April 18.

MASS FOOD POISONING HITS NISEI FAMILY

It was summery weather in Los Angeles last Sunday and the first local case of food poisoning, believed to be caused by unrefrigerated potato salad or ham for the 19th season involved a Nisei family got-together at La Puente. Fourteen persons were stricken within two hours after they sat down for dinner at 4:30 p.m. at the home of Mrs. Miyoko Ariza.

Life of one of the victims, four-year-old Jimmy Oshiro, was saved when a sheriff's deputy found egg white down his throat. When the hospital arrived in response to a summons, they found Jimmy unconscious.

WEST L.A. JACL WOMEN SERVE AS HOSTESSES AT COLLEGE ALUMNAE TEA

The West Los Angeles JACL ladies recently served as hostesses at a Smith College Alumnae Tea at the beautiful Beverly Hills home of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Silverstein. Those helping were:

Mrs. John Katsoka, Fred Ota, George Kanagae, Hugh Hellenbach, Aki Ohts and her daughter Evelyn.

The home is Japanese in construction and decorated in every detail Japanese style. The swimming pool looked like a pond and the elaborate Japanese garden blended with the home. Even the doorknobs and the silver had the chrysanthemum crest.

The program included koto playing and flower arrangements by Mrs. Yuki Hasumi, the Japanese consul general's wife. The JACL ladies felt that what little they contributed was nothing compared with seeing this elegant home.

PC PHOTOGRAPHER WINS HONORS AT IPPA CONTEST

SALT LAKE CITY. — The International Professional Photographers Association awarded a silver cup and first-place blue ribbon to Mrs. Maurea Terashima for her entry in the hand coloring division at its seventh annual convention here at the Hotel Utah last weekend.

The lovely model in color was Naomi Adachi, 19-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Terry Adachi.

Husband photographer Ben Terashima, who has contributed his talents to the Pacific Citizen for many years, also won three "Prints of Distinction" ribbons.

Perry Post announces Boys State delegates

Bill Oku and Joe Ozawa were named as Boys State delegates by the Commodore Perry Post 525 this week, according to post commander Harry Yamamoto.

Oku, son of Mr. and Mrs. Shiro Oku of 1045 S. St. Andrews, is a 11th grader at Los Angeles High. Ozawa, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Joe N. Ogawa of 573 N. Commonwealth, is a 11th grader at Belmont High. Both youngsters are active in sports and campus clubs.

California Boys State will be held in Sacramento June 17-24.

APL to reduce economy class fares by 10 pct.

SAN FRANCISCO. — A 10 per cent across-the-board reduction in all round-trip fares to Japan, Hong Kong and the Philippines for Economy Class of the Presidents Cleveland and Wilson of American President Lines was announced today.

The new low rate is effective with the June 7 sailing of the Wilson from San Francisco, and will apply to all sailings of the two ships thereafter. With the 10 per cent reduction in a round-trip fare, a passenger may travel round-trip to Japan for as little as \$531.

DEATHS

Ambo, Torachi, 70; Los Angeles, Apr. 13.
Matsumita, Kisaburo, 80; Los Angeles, Apr. 13.
Nakamura, Mamoru, 57; Los Angeles, Apr. 3 (in Japan).
Sasaki, Saburo Shuichi, 77; Los Angeles, Apr. 12.
Suzuki, Sosaku, 83; Los Angeles, Apr. 16.



GOODWILL AMBASSADOR FROM LI'L TOKIO

Board of Supervisors Chairman Ernest E. Debs and Eiji Tanabe, president of the Southern California Japanese Chamber of Commerce, hold two official scrolls of greeting from Los Angeles County for presentation to Mayor Ryutaro Azuma of Tokyo, and to Acting Mayor Kiyoshi Sugito of Nagoya. Tanabe is in Japan representing Chairman Debs as an official goodwill ambassador.

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BOWLING BEAUTIES BECKON

Inviting JACL bowling enthusiasts to the Scotch Doubles Bowling Tournament are Penny Tani, John Ankey, chairman, and Nancy Akiyoshi. The tournament will be held May 7, 10 a.m. at the Holiday Bowl, in conjunction with the PSWDC seventh Biennial Convention, May 6-7 to be held at the Sheraton-West Hotel.

Nisei Week changes Coronation formal

For the tourists the weekend of Aug. 19-20 (Saturday-Sunday) in Li'l Tokio will be the most colorful days of the annual Nisei Week Festival with the ondo parade, carnival, judo, Ikebana and chano-yu all scheduled at that time.

For those who have clamored for a new crinkle in the Nisei Week format, the Nisei Memorial Post 9938, VFW, sponsors of the Festival coronation, are staging a dinner Aug. 5 at the Biltmore Bowl in conjunction with the judging, which will be viewed by the public for the first time.

Otherwise, the midsummer extravaganza appears to be the same as in past years from the standpoint of programming. A novice swim meet has been added with the local Japanese American Optimists in charge.

The Queen's Ball (formerly the Coronation Ball) will be held on Friday night, Aug. 11, at the Ambassador Hotel. Opening ceremonies at City Hall will be held that morning.

During the week to follow, there will be the art exhibit, bowling tournament, karate, goh, fashion show, kendo, baby show, Issei testimonial, stage show, talent revue and golf tournament.

George Kunitake elected VFW Post 9938 commander

George Kunitake, prewar Fresno resident who served in the Pacific theater after finishing the Military Language School at Ft. Snelling, will be installed as commander of the Los Angeles Nisei Memorial VFW Post 9938 tomorrow evening at Nikabob.

Bob Hayamizu, past national deputy chief of staff, will be installing officer, assisted by past post commander William Fujimori. Other post officers are:

Mate Nakasaki, sr. v.c.; Bob Okamura, jr. v.c.; Shigeo Takeshita, chp.; George Egechi, surg.; George Maruya, judge adv.; Iao Yasuda, qm.; Shobo Doiwchi, Salem Yawawa, Bob Hayamizu, trustees; Jim Tanaka, serv.; Dave Monji, legis.; Jack Nagano, pub. rel.; Frank Kishi, employment; Jerry Yamashita, hist.; and James Kai, O.D. assisted by:

Sno Horio, 1st v.c.; Kiyō Shimatsu, 2nd v.c.; Kenneth Knapp, adv.; Henry Sugai, Sgt.-at-Arms; Thomas Shimura, Fin.; Sho Matsuno, hist.; Clive Berke, chap.; Don Nariko, judge adv.

New American Legion post perpetuates Munemori name

An American Legion post perpetuating the name of Pfc. Sadao Munemori, the Los Angeles youth who became the first Japanese American to be awarded the Medal of Honor for heroism in World War II, will install its charter officers May 20 at the Hollywood American Legion Hall.

Harry Miya, commander, will be assisted by:

Japanese government decorates two Americans

NEW YORK. — In recognition of services to Japan in the fields of health and welfare, the Japanese government has awarded the Third Class of the Order of the Sacred Treasure to Dr. John B. Grant and the late Paul C. French, who was executive director of CARE.

Dr. Grant, now teaching public health at the Univ. of Puerto Rico, helped to establish public health and medical education in Japan between 1924-38.

'Miss Lincoln'

SAN DIEGO. — Sharon Hashimoto, 17, was crowned "Miss Lincoln" during the Girls' League Emerald Ball at Lincoln High this past week.

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CO-CHAIRMEN FOR S. F. NISEI OLYMPICS SELECTED

SAN FRANCISCO. — The ninth annual San Francisco JACL Nisei Olympics to be held at Kezar Stadium on Sunday, June 4, will be co-chaired by Mich Fukuda and Akira Watanabe, it was announced this week by chapter president John Yasumoto.

Invitations were sent to over 50 chapters in California and Nevada and numerous community organizations, such as the Boy Scout troops, Cub packs and churches.

Replacing the Cee class, competition in the lower divisions will be divided to Juniors, 12-15 years old; and Pee Wee, 9-10 years old. Official entry blanks will be made available soon.

Chicago JACL aids unique cage meel

CHICAGO. — A basketball tournament organized to give the short players an opportunity to compete against the best teams for its size was just concluded by the Olivet Community Center.

Hull House on the third annual United Invitational, defeating the Mohawks 67-53. The Warriors took third place by defeating the Nisei All Stars 65-47. Four other teams competed, each representing Chicago's various nationality and racial groups.

Chicago JACL's Sportsmanship Trophy was awarded to Indian Center, voted as the most cooperative in tournament play, by chapter president Joe Sagami. Other awards for the Chicago Nisei Athletic Association basketball leagues were also presented by Mike Ideno, Fran Silk and Kim Shitara of the CNAA.

Long Beach candidate for Relays queen announced

LONG BEACH. — Representing the Long Beach-Harbor District in the 10th annual Nisei Relays queen contest is June Shioji, 17, daughter of Mrs. Rose Shioji.

A senior at Long Beach Poly High, the petite 5-ft.-11-in. candidate is active with the Buddhist Church youth groups and plans to become a cosmetologist.

Contest deadline for nominations is May 12, according to Jim Higashi, contest chairman. Previously announced candidates are Pat Ando of West Los Angeles and Irene Kobayashi of Gardena. Seven more are expected.

San Jose CYS baseball teams down Palo Alto

SAN JOSE. — Coach Rudy Tokiwa's junior and pee-wee baseball teams both won their games with the Palo Alto contingents last Sunday. (The juniors (12-14 years) downed their opponents 18-4; the pee-wee (8-11 years) won 8-2. The local teams are sponsored by the recently formed Community Youth Service.)

The lads will hold practice and intra-squad games this Sunday, 4-6 p.m., at Balesito Park, 13th and Jackson.

To support the program, a benefit pancake breakfast will be held May 28 at the local Buddhist Church Annex from 8 a.m. till noon.

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San Francisco wins invitational cagefest

BERKELEY. — San Francisco JACL won the fourth annual Berkeley JACL invitational basketball tournament for high school-age students this past weekend.

Ron Teshima of Oakland won the free-throw contest and Reddley JACL was awarded the sportsmanship trophy.

Other trophies went to Berkeley JACL, finishing second in the tournament; Sacramento, third; and Sequoia, consolation.

Tournament all-stars were: Kelly Kitagawa, Stockton; Kenny Uyeda, Doug Yoshimura, Staff Sgt. George Harris, Berkeley; Kenji Kanazawa, Sequoia; Alyn Takata, Aaron Taniguchi, Berkeley; and Dave Hirano, Contra Costa.

The scores in the final round were:
San Francisco 72, Berkeley 43.
Sacramento 32, Stockton 23.
Sequoia 44, San Jose 43.

U.S. AIR FORCE WINS NATIONAL AAU JUDO TOURNAMENT OVER L.A.

SAN JOSE. — The U.S. Air Force team won the ninth National AAU Judo championship tournament here this past weekend. Staff Sgt. George Harris successfully defended his 1900 heavyweight championship and led the team to victory. He also won the grand individual championship, defeating Toshiyuki Seino, also of the Air Force and 100-lb. champion.

Seino, formerly of Hollywood Dojo, aided the service team to edge the defending champions from Los Angeles.

Ben Campbell of Northern California, 180-lb. champion, was awarded the "most outstanding judoist" honors of the two-day tournament.

Sumikichi Nozaki of Los Angeles retained his 140-lb. championship for the fifth season.

Sgt. Harris, who has been grand champion in 1957-58, will represent the United States at the International Judo Federation championships this November in Paris.

Bowlers to dine-dance

SACRAMENTO. — Locale for the forthcoming Sacramento Nisei Bowling Association dinner-dance to honor champions and team sponsors was selected this week at the Hotel El Dorado. No date was announced.

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By the Board

By Jerry Enomoto, Sec'y to National Board

Comments upon Youth Problems

Tracy, Calif. Coincidental with the writing of this column was the delivery of an extremely large, heavy, and official-looking envelope from National Headquarters. This turned out to be the minutes of our recent National Board Meeting. Along with commendations to Mas Saburo for his speedy and efficient work, I must also confess that I have not yet finished wading through this massive document.

While attending the Board Meeting, I was invited to meet with our past National President and southern district vice leader, Sab Kido, and some representatives of the Los Angeles vernacular press. We shared some ideas and thoughts about the alarming incidence of juvenile delinquency among our Japanese American youth in Los Angeles. A particularly disturbing and shocking episode, involving the so-called "Ichiban Club," was commented upon.

The so-called "Ichiban Club" aroused the L.A. Japanese community several months ago when its purported activities were published in the Nisei press. It had high school girls of Japanese ancestry, had to submit themselves to members of the opposite sex to become members.

Unfortunately, as I told Sab, my knowledge of the problem in Los Angeles is limited to the comments of friends and newspaper accounts. However, I do feel that a little readjustment in perspective might be helpful for all of us.

Also, the pitiless spotlight of publicity has done its part in shaping our perspective.

Borrowing a page from my field of work, it is interesting to observe that about 75 per cent of the commitments to the California Youth Authority, delivered to our institution for processing, come from Los Angeles County.

Obviously, my point here is not to persuade the Los Angeles Japanese community to take comfort in the fact that they are not alone. It is, perhaps, point out to others that this is

Downtown L.A. JACL to honor Issei women group

Officers of the So. Calif. Japanese Women's Club will be guests of honor at the Downtown Los Angeles JACL dinner meeting scheduled May 10 at the New Moon restaurant. It was announced this week by chapter president Soichi Fukui.

According to Fukui, the entire community has been receiving the kind aid of the women's club member whenever and wherever their services were needed. It was felt that something should be done to show them that everyone appreciates their contributions to community welfare.

Besides Hollywood personalities appearing, Matsuo had reported that Nisei amateur talent may be invited to appear on the program. Unknowns who had not made their public debut to date.

Inasmuch as this is to be a community affair, all those interested in joining are requested to make early reservations at the JACL office.



FASHION SHOW FOR PSW CONFAB

"A Visit to Loni's" whose styles will be presented in store at the Fashion-Show Luncheon during the coming PSWDC Convention, May 6-7. Virgie Tachibana, chairman of the Fashion-Show Luncheon; Faith Higurashi Akashi, one of the models; Loni and Michie Shimazu, in charge of the fashion show, are pictured in front of Loni's. Other models will be Penny Tani, Carolyn Kikumura, Helen Kobata and Nancy Akiyoshi. This event will be held in the Regency Room of the Sheraton West Hotel, May 7, 1 p.m. The public is invited and reservations can be made by calling the JACL Regional Office, MA. 6-4471. Deadline for reservation is May 2.

Philadelphia chapter swears in Okamoto as '61 chairman; new congressman speaks

PHILADELPHIA. — Allen H. Okamoto was installed as 1961 chairman of the Philadelphia JACL at the installation dinner held April 1 in a patriotic setting of the Valley Forge Hotel ballroom.

Serving with him on the board of governors are Mrs. Chiyo Koiwai, Miss Nobu Miyoshi, Kazuo Horita, Tom Murakami, Sho Maruyama, Miss Marie Mizutani, and Shoji Date, hist.

Okamoto was toastmaster, unaware that he would be installed as board chairman. Ben Obama started the program with invocation. After the dinner, EDC Chairman William M. Marutani swore in the new officers and Allen responded with a brief but sincere pledge to his responsibility and presented the past president's pin to Dr. Stanley K. Nagahashi.

Jack Ozawa's reading of the Japanese American Creed with tone, most sincere, deeply moved all

who were present. Marutani, who is also chapter 1000 Club chairman, as the opening speaker read "An Open Letter to My Saneisun." The letter (reprinted elsewhere in this week's PC) tells of the cultural heritage of Japanese Americans, the struggles of the Issei pioneers, the trials of the Nisei and the challenge facing the Sansei.

Rep. Richard S. Schweiker (R., Pa.), the main speaker, gave an interesting and amusing non-partisan talk on his experience (both social and political) as a freshman congressman in Washington, D.C. In his final remarks, he stressed the particular heritage of the varied background of the signers of the Constitution of the United States and correlated it to the present mixed backgrounds that make-up the spirit of America.

Preceding each speaker, an interlude of musical selections was presented by violinist Takao Sigitani, accompanied by Miss Virginia Heim at the piano and Dr. Nagahashi rendered the JACL Hymn, accompanied by Mrs. Betty Endo. The evening program concluded with singing of "America the Beautiful," led by Garry Oye and Mrs. Endo accompanying.

The new chapter president is a Philadelphia-born Nisei, married to the former Yoneko Watanabe of North Hollywood, Calif. They have four children. A 1000er and past board member, he has his bachelor's and master's degrees in chemistry from Lehigh University. A former employee of Atlantic Refining Co. for 13 years, he recently changed jobs and is now doing research work in the Life Support Section in the missile and space vehicle department of General Electric Co.

Allen also is among the original volunteers of the 442nd Regt. Combat Team. He enjoys deep-sea fishing, golf and just putting around the house.

The installation affair concluded with dancing to Jimmy Ray and his orchestra. Dr. Tom Tamaki and his wife, Marion, were dance co-chairmen. Splendid public relations was noted as many members invited their non-Nisei friends as guests.

NEW YORK. — Another informal meeting with leaders in other organizations whose goals are similar to those of JACL will be held tonight at Grant Community Center. It was announced by New York JACL board chairman George Kyotow.

Mrs. Jane Mills, Manhattan education director of the National Conference of Christian and Jews, will talk and lead the discussion after the sushi bento.

LAWRENCE NAKANO donation John Shimazaki, Inz. John Fukui, picnic assessment; Lydia Ota, Katie Komure, Michie Egusa, prizes; Alice Nishida, Florence Shimozu, Judges; Yosh Taniguchi, P.A.; George Komu, program; Mai Murata, equipment; Roy Yonemoto, Tak Haraomoto, transport; Harry Ota, Peter Takahashi, ref.; Bob Ota, coorres.; Fumio Kanemoto, pub.; Frank Koguni, ticket; Bob Takahashi, since.

Games and races are planned for children and adults, culminated by the traditional fukubiki.

DETROIT. — "Spring Thaw Dance" is the theme of the Detroit JACL dance to participate in the annual event. Winners in each class will receive trophies.

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Living with JACL: by Saburo Kido '32 L.A. Convention

Part IV: Continued. The first delegation to arrive on the scene of the 1932 National JACL Convention in Los Angeles was the Seattle contingent with Jimmie Sakamoto as one of the leaders. Inasmuch as a convention of this type was new, the experience of the Northwest members was welcome by all concerned.

The convention ran along smoothly, once it got underway. On the opening day (July 27), there were two editorials in the Raifu Shimpoo, which makes me wonder whether I should read between the lines. They were as follows:

FORGING FORWARD. The day long awaited has dawned and the sun on the mighty tower of the City Hall, where, in its session room, the second biennial convention of the Japanese American Citizen League holds sway.

Two years have passed since the first national gathering of delegates representing the American citizens of Japanese ancestry of this nation. An important and inspiring feature of that meeting in Seattle in 1930 was the spirit of unity and cooperation shown. This spirit was dedicated to the purpose of "moving toward the high ideals of American Democracy through a greater identification with the laudable and honorable aims in the political life of the nation."

Since that time, when more than twenty-five communities were represented at the convention, numerous chapters have sprung up which have added momentum to the life of the Citizens' movement. Their delegates are here today prepared to carry on the great work.

At this opportune time all petty prejudices and personal differences must be buried and forgotten, forever, if possible. The time has come when all American citizens of Japanese ancestry must pull together for a common cause — the cause of the second generation and the untold generations yet to come.

All our thought and action must be guided with the future in mind. To do the best work everyone must work together in unity, harmony and cooperation. The deadweights of faction and partisanship must be dropped.

What we sow today will bear bounteous fruit seven times seven generations from today. But we must sow well.

THE CITIZENS' LEAGUE. First established as a national body in Seattle two years ago, the organization of American citizens of Japanese ancestry which bears the name of Japanese-American Citizens' League is formed of chapters, as the United States is composed of states.

Each chapter has its own officers, constitution, name and by laws, which must not conflict with the policies of the national organization. Each chapter has one vote at the convention.

All Japanese citizens of the United States are eligible to membership in any one chapter. Chapters are organized in individual towns or cities.

The JACL is led by five officers, the president, vice president, recording secretary, corresponding secretary and the treasurer.

The National Council is the governing and executive body of the Japanese American Citizens' League, with which each chapter is represented on the Council by two members. The duties of this National Council is to set the policies of the JACL, carry out the business and in general promote the welfare of the members and the various chapters.

The purpose of the JACL is to work for the benefit of American citizens of Japanese ancestry, to unite them for mutual effort toward becoming good citizens, and to enable them to better participate in American government and life."

Opening Day. In the marble pillared Session Room of the City Hall, Mayor Porter presented the golden key of the city to the delegates, formally opening the three-day convention.

Polio clinics slated. The West Los Angeles JACL and Bay District Gardeners are co-sponsoring the next series of polio-titanus clinics at Stoner Ave. Playground starting Thursday, May 4. Subsequent dates are May 18 and June 22.

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1000 CLUB NOTES

National JACL Headquarters acknowledged 12 new and 56 renewal members in the 1000 Club at the installation dinner held April 1 in a patriotic setting of the Valley Forge Hotel ballroom.

Serving with him on the board of governors are Mrs. Chiyo Koiwai, Miss Nobu Miyoshi, Kazuo Horita, Tom Murakami, Sho Maruyama, Miss Marie Mizutani, and Shoji Date, hist.

Okamoto was toastmaster, unaware that he would be installed as board chairman. Ben Obama started the program with invocation. After the dinner, EDC Chairman William M. Marutani swore in the new officers and Allen responded with a brief but sincere pledge to his responsibility and presented the past president's pin to Dr. Stanley K. Nagahashi.

Jack Ozawa's reading of the Japanese American Creed with tone, most sincere, deeply moved all

who were present. Marutani, who is also chapter 1000 Club chairman, as the opening speaker read "An Open Letter to My Saneisun." The letter (reprinted elsewhere in this week's PC) tells of the cultural heritage of Japanese Americans, the struggles of the Issei pioneers, the trials of the Nisei and the challenge facing the Sansei.

Rep. Richard S. Schweiker (R., Pa.), the main speaker, gave an interesting and amusing non-partisan talk on his experience (both social and political) as a freshman congressman in Washington, D.C. In his final remarks, he stressed the particular heritage of the varied background of the signers of the Constitution of the United States and correlated it to the present mixed backgrounds that make-up the spirit of America.

Preceding each speaker, an interlude of musical selections was presented by violinist Takao Sigitani, accompanied by Miss Virginia Heim at the piano and Dr. Nagahashi rendered the JACL Hymn, accompanied by Mrs. Betty Endo. The evening program concluded with singing of "America the Beautiful," led by Garry Oye and Mrs. Endo accompanying.

The new chapter president is a Philadelphia-born Nisei, married to the former Yoneko Watanabe of North Hollywood, Calif. They have four children. A 1000er and past board member, he has his bachelor's and master's degrees in chemistry from Lehigh University. A former employee of Atlantic Refining Co. for 13 years, he recently changed jobs and is now doing research work in the Life Support Section in the missile and space vehicle department of General Electric Co.

Allen also is among the original volunteers of the 442nd Regt. Combat Team. He enjoys deep-sea fishing, golf and just putting around the house.

The installation affair concluded with dancing to Jimmy Ray and his orchestra. Dr. Tom Tamaki and his wife, Marion, were dance co-chairmen. Splendid public relations was noted as many members invited their non-Nisei friends as guests.

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Talent from the Bay Area will be represented on the program. A special feature is William Yasuo Hayashi, National Convention oratorical contest winner of 1960, student at Stanford University and San Francisco Music Conservatory, who will play a piano number.

Roy Ikeda is chairman, assisted by: Margaret Kal, tickets; Lily Moriguchi, pub.; Randy Sugawara, posters.

Juvenile problem topic of WLA JACL board. The West Los Angeles JACL Board has invited members to its regular meeting scheduled April 24 at Bess Elder Restaurant to hear Kango Kunitzugu and a local police officer discuss the juvenile problem. Reservations should be made with chapter president Akira Ohno, GR 7-7490.

Fresno community picnic this Sunday at Kearney. FRESNO. — The Japanese community picnic this Sunday at Oak Knoll Kearney Park is being co-sponsored by the Sierra Nisei VFW Post, the Fresno Gardeners Assn. and the Fresno JACL.

Eddie Aburamen and Jin Ishikawa are co-chairmen. Games, prizes and refreshments will be served.

French Camp-Tracy picnic at Mickle Grove April 23. FRENCH CAMP. — The annual French Camp-Tracy community picnic sponsored by the local JACL will be held this Sunday, 10 a.m., at Mickle Grove.

Tosh Hotta and George Komure, co-chairmen, are being assisted by the following committees:

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