

PSWDC parley opens tomorrow with Masaoka speech as headliner

Southwest L.A. hosts weekender

BY MAEBELLE HIGA
Heading into the homestretch, members of the Southwest L.A. JACL were feverishly trying to tie up the loose ends for what promises to be a bang-up Pacific Southwest District Council convention this weekend, May 6-7, at the Sheraton West Hotel on Wilshire Blvd.

"Delegates from the 19 chapters which comprise the PSWDC will be treated to the usual extraordinary, red carpet hospitality for which the Southwest L.A. JACL is noted," declared Sam Hirasawa, convention chairman.

Many headline events have been packed into the two-day convention. Highlight will be the rare Southern California public appearance of Mike Masaoka, JACL representative in Washington, D.C., called "Washington's Most Successful Lobbyist"; he will speak at the convention banquet on Saturday, 6:30 p.m., in the Regency Room. Considered by many as the outstanding speaker among Japanese Americans, Masaoka is in constant demand by organizations throughout the nation.

Welcome Extended
Two resolutions will be presented at the convention banquet, one from the County Board of Supervisors and another from the City of Los Angeles, it was revealed.

Supervisor Debs introduced the resolution welcoming the JACL Convention.

Councilman Reybal introduced the resolution honoring Mike Masaoka, main convention speaker. It was the first time that the City Council has honored a Nisei individual, Reybal added.

Business Session
Kay Nakagiri, PSWDC chairman, will sound his gavel at 10 a.m. tomorrow to officially open the convention. Registration at the door begins at 9:30 with Ruth Nishimura in charge.

The business meeting is expected to take up most of the day with time-out for luncheon and coffee break in the Terrace Room. Nakagiri's program is scheduled to stage one-act skits that are guaranteed to tickle the funny bones of delegates and boosters.

The hilarity phase of the convention is being handled by Mack Hamaguchi and George Inagaki.

Frank Suzuki of the Downtown

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Washington Newsletter: by Mike Masaoka

'Japanese' in America

Washington
OVER THE past weekend, members and consultants to the Executive Committee of the monumental JACL project: "History of Japanese in America: 1860-1960" met in Chicago to implement the mandates and decisions relating to this program of the National Council, which met in Sacramento last summer in conjunction with the 16th Biennial National JACL Convention, and the National Board, which convened in special session in Los Angeles in mid-March.

In this connection, especially since we discussed last week the 1960 Census of the "Japanese" in this country, it may be interesting to review some of the population facts regarding those of Japanese ancestry on the continental mainland, that is in the area of the 48 contiguous states which made up the Federal Union until Alaska and Hawaii were admitted as states in the past five years. Not until the 1960 Census, after these two Pacific territories had gained statehood status, were the population figures for Alaska and Hawaii included in that of the Nation.

The 1960 Census showed 464,342 United States, including 203,455 in Hawaii and 818 in Alaska.

For the first time since immigration from Japan became a reality, there were more persons of Japanese ancestry on the mainland than in Hawaii—259,887 to 203,455. If the Alaska "Japanese" figures are also deducted, the final statistics would be 259,071 for the 48-State area, which will be the one used for Census data prior to 1960.

Because of the increasing age of the Issei pioneers, and their mounting death toll, although we do not have a specific breakdown, it is estimated that in 1960 there were more "newcomers" from Japan, such as brides of American veterans, servicemen, and civilian personnel, than Issei. This is probably true for both Hawaii and the mainland.

ACCORDING to the Historical Statistics of the United States Bureau of the Census, 319,097 immigrants from Japan have been admitted into the United States mainland, excluding Hawaii and Alaska, from 1861 to 1959.

In the 40-year period, 1861 to 1900, 25,377 Japanese were recorded as being admitted.

Thereafter, ten-year breakdowns

PSWDC CONVENTION HOSTESS CAROLYN KIKUMURA

Welcoming delegates and boosters to the seventh biennial Pacific Southwest District Council convention this weekend at the Sheraton West Hotel is Carolyn Kikumura, who was the Southwest L.A. candidate last year in the Nisei Week queen contest and is convention hostess this year.

Gold Star Mother visits Arlington gravesite of her son, 17th anniversary of his death

WASHINGTON. — Mrs. H. Nagano of Blackfoot, Idaho, traveling alone, arrived at the National Airport on April 3 to visit the gravesite of her son, Pvt. Hiroshi Nagano, at Arlington National Cemetery.

This pilgrimage was the occasion of the 17th anniversary of her son's death. Pvt. Nagano was killed in action while serving with the 442nd Infantry Regt. in Europe. Once previously, Mrs. Nagano made the same trip. It was then on the ninth anniversary.

The Issei Gold Star Mother was greeted at the airport by Paul Okamoto, who drove her to Arlington Cemetery where they were met by Mrs. Aki Iwata. Together the group placed flowers on her son's grave.

Visits Other Gravesites
She also visited the graves of several other Nisei interred at Arlington: Pfc. Kiyoshi Murakami, Sgt. Wataru Nakashima, Pvt. Raito Nakashima, all of Pocatello, Idaho; and Pvt. Ray Shizawa of California.

Remainder of the day consisted of a tour of the Tidal Basin for a sight of the cherry blossoms and a quick trip through the Botanical Gardens and the Museum of Natural History with her D.C. chapter hostess and escort. Later the group was joined by Mr. and Mrs. John Yoshino and Leo Asakura for supper at China Inn.

Tired but happy, Mrs. Nagano left for Dayton, Ohio, and her

daughter's home after a whirling one-day trip here.

News Notes Comments
The D.C. News Notes editorially commented it was happy and proud to see a mother like Mrs. Nagano visit the Capital. "It is events such as this that furthers the necessity for the Arlington Cemetery Committee. We wish others in the local chapter can be called upon to render services as were provided by the aforementioned," the News Notes concluded.

DR. GEORGE ABE HEADS METROPOLITAN STATE HOSPITAL IN NORWALK
SACRAMENTO.—The appointment of Dr. George Abe as superintendent and medical director of the Metropolitan State Hospital at Norwalk was announced last week by Dr. Daniel Blain, state director of mental hygiene.

A graduate of UCLA, Dr. Abe earned his medical degree at the University of Cincinnati Medical School. The onetime Nisei Bruin basketball player has been associated with the Norwalk hospital since 1948.

Since 1959, Abe had handled the duties of associate superintendent and medical director of the hospital.

Dr. Abe, 45, succeeds Dr. Robert E. Wyers, who is retiring.

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1860	129,797
1901	233,627
1901-1980	33,462
1901-1940	1,948
1941-1950	1,555
1951-1959	4,035
1960	129,797

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'Issei Story' project moves forward

BY BILL HOSOKAWA
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Tribute to Parents
"We are asking the Nisei to support it as a tribute to their parents. Our efforts to get the project underway will help convince the great foundations of the importance and significance of the project. Once we have raised at least \$100,000 which will be enough to insure collection of documents and compilation of necessary data, we will be in a strong position to obtain a grant to complete the work."

Dr. Miyakawa, a nationally recognized scholar, is prepared to spend full time for three years in directing the project.

Other members of the executive committee attending the meetings were Frank F. Chuman, national JACL president; Masao W. Satow, national JACL director; Akihiro Yoshimura, Colusa, Calif., chapter liaison officer; and Gongoro Nakamura, of Los Angeles, Issei chairman. Also taking part in the conference were Dr. Gladys Ishida, of Wisconsin State Teachers College; Harold R. Gordon of Chicago, member of the legal advisory committee; Kumeo Yoshinori, national JACL treasurer; Abe Hagiwara, executive secretary of the national JACL planning commission; Noboru Honda, chairman of the Mid-west District Council history project committee; and Bill Hosokawa, chairman of the editorial advisory committee.

Fund Drive Groundwork
Chuman said he and Inagaki would meet with Masaoka, Satow, Yoshimura and Nakamura in Los Angeles this weekend to map plans for the fund drive.

"It will take at least \$100,000 just to do the bare minimum of the necessary work," Chuman said. "We are convinced the additional money is imperative to complete a necessary and permanently valuable project. Reports reaching me from all parts of the nation indicate there is great enthusiasm and support for the project."

Questionnaire to Be Sent
Yoshimura said a questionnaire would be sent to all JACL chapters shortly to enlist their aid in gathering preliminary data.

Wakamatsu said the present plan calls for the publication of a series of scholarly volumes based on the study, and at least one volume in popularized form for the general public.

"We have a story to tell that should be of interest to all Americans," he declared. "It is a story that will enrich American history. It is a story that has never been told in its entirety and we must record it before it is too late."

Since the idea of the project was approved at the last national JACL convention, Dr. Miyakawa has completed a 50-page outline for the study.

Seek removal of citizenship for Cal. old age pensions
SACRAMENTO. — Gov. Edmund G. Brown this week asked the California Legislature to repeal citizenship requirements for old age survivors pensions.

The Governor made the request as part of a three-point move to increase benefits to California pensioners.

Other measures in the Governor's new welfare program include a \$5 cost-of-living increase in benefits for old age survivors pensioners.

Another would abolish adult children of responsibility of contributing to the support of their parents who receive pensions unless they made a net salary of \$401 a month. Measures now before the Legislature set the paying point at \$301.

"I have felt for some time that citizenship should not be a requirement for qualifying for a California old age survivors pension," the Governor said in announcing the new program.

"The Department of Social Welfare, at my direction, has been working on methods to repeal this section of the law," he said. "New funds, made possible by changes in federal legislation, now make it possible for us to propose these liberalized benefits."

The repeal clause would make some 8,350 aliens eligible during the first six months of the program.

Jack Mizuha Elevated to Hawaii Supreme Court
HONOLULU. — A ceremony marking the elevation of Circuit Judge Jack Mizuha to the state supreme court was held last Friday before the state's high court.

Mizuha replaces Associate Judge Masaji Marumoto who reigned last year to re-enter private practice.

Mizuha was recently confirmed by the senate after appointment by Gov. William F. Quinn.

JACL credit union appoints Terashima, Okada loan officers
SALT LAKE CITY. — The Board of Directors of the National JACL Credit Union has appointed Hito Okada and Kay Terashima as Loan Officers and both are now empowered to make certain types of loans without prior approval of the Credit Committee.

This will now make it possible for certain types of loans to be made immediately at the Credit Union Office, 129 W. 1st St., by either of the aforementioned loan officers.

S. C. (Chippy) Umemoto is the new vice-president of the Credit Union replacing Yukus Inouye who still remains as a board member.

Another added new convenience expected to become effective this month for members—the signature loan limit will be raised to \$750 from the present limit of \$500.

Hawkins submits diluted version of fair housing bill
SACRAMENTO. — Assemblyman Augustus F. Hawkins, D., Los Angeles, said Tuesday last week he will strip from his housing anti-discrimination bill, AB 801, restrictions against private housing.

With a provision banning discrimination in the sale or lease of privately financed housing, Hawkins declared AB 801 would have no chance of getting legislative approval. The measure lacked two votes of clearing the Assembly Ways and Means committee two weeks ago.

Hawkins stated his bill, if amended, would make it tougher to discriminate in the sale or lease of publicly supported housing such as those financed under the federal housing administration, veterans administration and Cal-Vet programs.

The law already prohibits discrimination in these programs, he said, but enforcement by injunction is time consuming and costly.

Enforcement Plan
Hawkins plans to amend AB 801 to place enforcement in the hands of the state's fair employment practices commission. The commission will investigate complaints and, if necessary, follow up with court actions. The changes, Hawkins stated, would provide for criminal penalties.

With the amendments in the measure, Hawkins said he will seek a new hearing before the ways and means committee.

(JACL chapters in California were in support of AB 801, pledging \$500 to the campaign to have the measure succeed.)

CSO hails governor's request to aid aged aliens
The Community Service Organization announced that Governor Brown's request to the State Legislature to repeal the citizenship requirement for aid to the needy-aged, is the culmination of its eight-year drive to bring about this needed change.

Louis Zarate, National CSO president, said, "The Governor's request made (Monday), will relieve the plight of many long-time residents of California who have been neglected for too long."

The proposed law, AB-5, by Assemblyman Phillip Burton (D., San Francisco), will provide assistance to many aged non-citizens who for too long, have had to exist on handouts and at best on general assistance, provided by the counties in which they reside.

According to President Zarate, many of these people have resided in the state of California for periods ranging up to 60 years. Due to the lack of equal opportunities in education and the lack of English, many of these people have never been able to qualify for naturalization.

Eight years ago, the Community Service Organization took up the task of presenting to the general public and the State Legislature, the plight of these unfortunate aged people. Many civic, religious, educational, professional, and labor groups joined the CSO in asking passage of this legislation.

Push Voter Registrations
Last year, the CSO, on whose behalf this legislation was introduced, conducted its largest voter registration drive in the 15 years of its existence—150,000 voters were registered. Since 1946, the CSO has registered approximately 650,000 voters in California.

The Community Service Organization is a civic action organization, organized principally in California and other parts of the Southwestern United States, to aid the Spanish-speaking people to integrate into the overall life stream of the community.

Hershey Miyamura Opens Gas Station on U.S. 66W
GALLUP, N.M. — Hershey Miyamura, 35, only living Nisei Medal of Honor winner, has become Humble gas station operator on U.S. Highway 66 West. He opened his station last month.

He is remembered for staging a one-man bayonet counter-attack in the Korean conflict, helping the wounded, ordering his squad surrounded by Red Chinese to withdraw and then bayonetting his own way to safety. Later he was captured and held prisoner of war.

When discharged in 1953, Miyamura returned to Gallup to work at White's Auto Store. He was honored by the JACL as "Nisei of the Biennium" in 1954 and the U.S. Chamber of Commerce as "America's 'Ten Outstanding Young Men of 1953'."

JACL scholarship donor undergoes surgery
NEW YORK. — Tokichi Matsuoaka, president of the Japanese American Association of New York, Inc., underwent an operation at the Harkness Pavilion of the Columbia Presbyterian Medical Hospital on April 21.

His condition is reported as satisfactory. He was expected to stay in the hospital about two weeks.

(He is a donor of a scholarship which is being administered by the National JACL.)

Lutheran minister who aided POW in Hong Kong visits with sister in St. Louis
ST. LOUIS. — Mrs. Sachiko Eto, active JACLer, was visited by her older brother, the Rev. John Ki yoshi Watanabe, a Lutheran minister in Japan, recently while on his way home from London.

The Rev. Watanabe is the central figure in Ellen Field's book, "Twilight in Hong Kong." He lived in Hong Kong during the Japanese occupation from Christmas 1941, until the Allies freed the British colony in 1945. He was a guest on "This Is Your Life" TV show,

INTERMOUNTAIN DISTRICT COUNCIL CONVENTION SET AUG. 11-12 AT ISC
POCATELLO Chapter hosting two-day event

POCATELLO. — The impressive setting of the Student Union building on the Idaho State College campus has been selected as the site of the 11th biennial Intermountain District Council convention to be held on Aug. 11-12.

Pocatello JACL, as host chapter, has been conducting regular convention board meetings with Ronnie Yokota as chairman.

Invitations have been extended to a good representation of national officers: Mike Masaoka, who helped to organize the IDC 20 years ago; national president Frank Chuman, national director Masao Satow, nat'l 2nd vice-president George Sugai, and Jerry Enomoto, secretary to the board and nat'l youth committee chairman.

The board also discussed finances and registration fees. The pre-registration package rates will be \$15 for adult members, \$10 for youth members and \$25 for adult married couples. These rates represent a \$4 saving over costs of individual events.

The youth group will have its own JACL convention with Anne Kanomata in charge. The local Jr. JACLers, known as the Footlole Teens, are busy planning for what will be first all-youth convention at the district council level. Many will be asked to serve on more than one committee. Miss Kanomata declared.

The Footlole Teens are arranging several projects to raise funds for the youth convention.

Sansei participate in Youth in Gov't
Among top posts of the city occupied by high school students this week in Los Angeles was the office of Roger Arnebergh, city attorney, which found Grant Emi of Belmont serving as a participant.

The 17-year-old Sansei student, who resides at 135 N. Commonwealth Ave. is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Emi.

SAN MATEO. — Sue Yamaguchi daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Saki Yamaguchi, was one of the four city councilmen, while Jerry Takahashi, son of Mr. and Mrs. Shigeharu Takahashi, was one of the two municipal court judges in the 22nd annual observance of Youth in Government. Day observed here.

Both are students at San Mateo High where Jerry has been a star athlete, especially on the football team.

TWO SANSEI EARN NAT'L MERIT SCHOLARSHIPS
SAN FRANCISCO. — Kenneth K. Murata of Sacramento and Rodney S. Omachi of Stockton were among the 128 California high school students honored last week with Merit Scholarships in the nationwide contest.

Kenneth is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Harold Murata, 1421-32nd Ave., Sacramento and Rodney is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Omachi, 1743 S. San Joaquin, Stockton.

PULTZER PRIZE WON BY TOKYO PHOTOGRAPHER
NEW YORK. — The 1961 Pulitzer Prize for photography went to Yasushi Nagao of the Tokyo Mainichi for his picture of the Oct. 12 assassination of Japanese Socialist Party chairman Inejiro Asanuma.

It was the first time in the 45-year history of the awards that the best photograph was given to a foreigner. Only two others have won top awards before—in history in 1917 and in correspondence in 1934. Nagao's prize was \$1,000.

Ex-Seattle Nisei to receive honorary D.Sc. degree
SEATTLE. — A former Seattle Nisei, Dr. George Y. Shinowara of New York University College of Medicine will be awarded an honorary Doctor of Science degree at Wittenberg University's commencement in June.

An authority on coagulation of blood, Dr. Shinowara is professor of medicine.

California Nisei win school elections
FRESNO. — Seven Central California Nisei were successful in their bids for election as school trustees in the April 18 school elections.

Robert Kanagawa of Sanger who has previously served on elementary school district boards was elected to the Sanger Union High School board. He was one of two new members elected along with two incumbents in a six-way race. He received 646 votes.

In Delano, Dr. James K. Nagatani, running for the first time, was given the largest single vote ever recorded in a local school election in winning a post on the Delano Union elementary school district board.

The Nisei dentist and former CCDC JACL chairman received 1,062 votes of the 1,574 ballots cast.

Two Nisei are now on the Fowler elementary school board. Harry Hiraoka, an incumbent, had 350 votes and was joined as trustee by Harley Nakamura who polled 240 votes.

The other Nisei winners were Yoshiyuki Nakamura, Alta; Sumio Hoshiko, who received 64 votes to win in the Alvina district and Ichiro Kataoka in the Turley district. In the latter race, four new trustees defeated two incumbents. The other two incumbents did not run.

SACRAMENTO. — Three Nisei were elected April 18 to school district boards in Sacramento County and adjoining San Joaquin County.

William Y. Kashiwagi of Florin was elected as a new member of the Elk Grove unified school district board. He received 1,037 votes to 1,090 and 887 for two incumbents who retained their posts.

In the Walnut Grove district, incumbent Toshio Sakai was one of two successful candidates with 202 votes.

A write-in vote in the Rindge elementary school district upset two incumbent school trustees, including Mrs. Sho Ishimura in the San Joaquin county school elections.

A write-in campaign resulted in 14 votes for two new trustees to 11 for Mrs. Ishimura and seven for the other incumbent.

The voters of the Houston school district of Lodi approved a move to enlarge the school board from three to five members by a 51 to 15 vote and Satoru Sasaki was named as the fifth trustee. He polled a total of 52 votes.

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Director's Report By Masao Satow, National JAACL Director

Program and Activities Report In the hands of all chapters this week is a 10-page summary report of chapter programs and activities for 1960, broken down into 21 different categories.

Incomplete as the program summary is, it will still be helpful to chapters in evaluating their own programs and providing enough suggestions to keep any chapter occupied.

Our special commendation goes to Frances Ishii of Long Beach for the very complete reports with interesting remarks about each activity. She has done full justice to the large number of varied programs which have earned the Long Beach-Harbor District chapter the PSWDC Chapter of the Year Award for the third consecutive year.

A supply of quarterly report forms are being sent to all chapters this week with our May 1 National Membership Bulletin.

Membership: Intermountain is the first District Council to achieve an all-time high in membership, thanks to the hustle of the Mt. Olympus, Salt Lake and Snake River Valley chapters.

Mid-Columbia has moved into the circle of 10 chapters with all-time highs Berkeley, Hollywood, Santa Barbara and Salt Lake now give us 38 chapters exceeding their 1960 membership totals.

Movie Project: In preparation is a memo to chapters outlining details of the National JAACL Japanese Movie Project to support the Washington Anti-Alien Land Law Repeal campaign.

Issei Story Project: The report of the Chicago meeting of the National Executive Board of the Issei Story Project elsewhere in this PC will indicate we are moving forward on this important program.

As chapter liaison for the National Issei Story Project, Akiji Yoshimura will be making a personal report of last weekend's Chicago meeting this weekend to both the Pacific Southwest District Council Convention in Los Angeles and to the Northern California-Western Nevada DC quarterly meeting at Alameda.

Nat'l Board Meeting Minutes: In the mail this week to all chapters will be the complete minutes of the recent meeting of the National Board. Chapter presidents will please circulate these around to members of their board or cabinet.

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East of the River: by Dick Akagi

Miss Chugg

New York The other day I saw the advance photostats of an article on "Teacher of the Year," who is Miss Helen (Missy) Adams of Cumberland, Wisconsin. All the good things that should befall a good teacher will come her way.

Missy Adams is a kindergarten teacher and the youngsters who have been fortunate enough to have been in her classes will undoubtedly remember her the rest of their lives.

Chapter Chit-Chat

Pocatello JAACL Will Kawamura and Joe Sato were elected first and third vice-presidents, respectively, of the Pocatello Bowling Assn.

Mike Yamada is a member of the Intermountain Ski Assn. and vice-president of the Pocatello Ski Assn.

Ken Shiozawa was in Montana recently competing with the college rodeo group.

Junnie Wada, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Wada of Pingree, and Sharon Fukumitsu, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George Fukumitsu of Blackfoot, are entered in the 1961 Miss Blackfoot Pageant.

Washington, D.C., JAACL Miss Gail Emimoto modeled the Cherry Blossom gown by Japanese designer George Oka at the Julius Garfinckel fashion show on April 7 and was one of the lovelies on the People-to-People float in the Cherry Blossom float the next day.

D.C. JAACL Lt. George Okamoto was transferred from Aberdeen, Md., to a new assignment in Korea. He was tendered a party at the Jack Matsumoto home.

In and out of the hospital this past month were Mike, Midori and Michael Masao. First Mike with kidney stones, then Midori, quickly followed by Michael, who was so ill he had to be fed intravenously.

Harry Takai succeeds Harvey Iwata as JAACL Bowling League manager for the coming 1961-62 season.

Philadelphia JAACL Yosuke Nakano, 73, hard working JAACLer who died in Kobe on April 4, was on a world tour with his wife when he passed away. He was chief engineer with Wark & Co.

Introducing some of the new board members, the Philadelphia Chapter newsletter reports Mrs. Chiyoko Kawai hails from Tacoma, Wash., a surgical nurse and mother of four children; Sho Maruyama was born in Los Angeles and a graduate of Antioch College and Univ. of North Carolina, working as chief of the data processing section for the Philadelphia City Planning Commission; and Tomomi Murakami, former Compton, Calif., resident with degrees in electrical engineering from Swarthmore and Univ. of Pennsylvania is with RCA doing radar analysis.

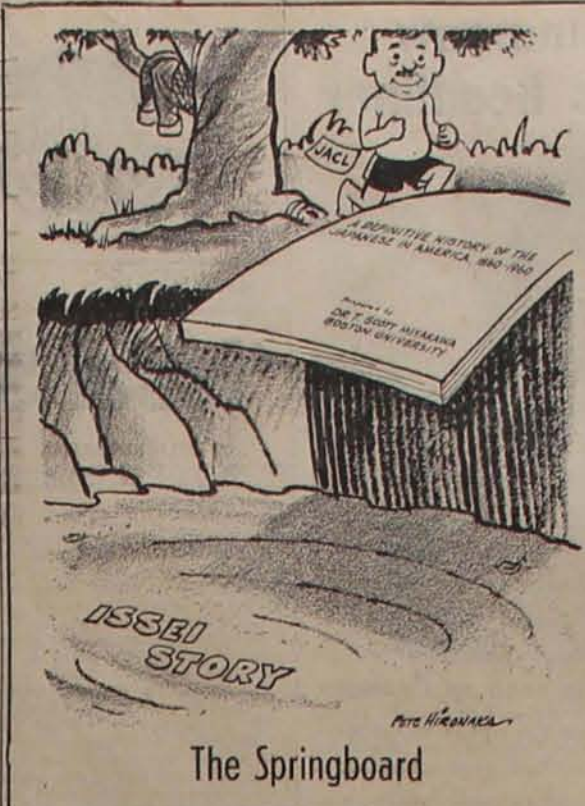
Mrs. Susan Sasagawa and her daughter Pamela appeared on "The Wonderful World of Gene London" TV show locally on Mar. 2 to depict the Japanese Festival of Dolls. Dolls displayed were over 50 years old and belong to Mr. and Mrs. Ichiro Hasegawa of Moorestown, N.J.

Cincinnati JAACL A queen candidate at her annual high school homecoming dance, Pam Hirashima, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Hirashima, of Greenhills High was selected as representative to Ohio Girls State in Columbus.

Sacramento JAACL The JAACL team in the 14-team Fraternal League at Alhambra Bowl won the league championship. Bringing home the huge trophy were Capt. Sam Ishida, Kaz M. A. Sun, G. A. Dave Kawamura, Glen Iwamoto, Bill Morita, Jun Morita and Dubby Tsugawa.

Tak Tsujita, chapter president, was a guest at the recent NAACP Life Membership and Awards banquet where Governor Brown was main speaker.

Pasadena JAACL Mary and Tom Ito will be in Stockholm, Sweden, the weekend of the PSWDC Convention held away at the Sheraton-West Hotel. Tom's absence from the ski trip being planned by the chapter for the 1960 Club whine-dine will be felt keenly, according to Dr. Ken Yamaguchi.



Tokyo Topics: by Tamotsu Murayama Remembered as 'Dr. Fu Manchu'

Tokyo Delegates who attended the 1931 Pacific Northwest District Council convention will remember the impressive and talented toastmaster Charles Yoshii of Portland and probably were enchanted by his ability to handle Chinese, thus gaining the moniker of Dr. Fu Manchu.

After that convention, Chuck came to Japan through the good offices of his distant relative Yosuke Matsuoka. By this time, Japan was getting ready for overseas broadcasting and Chuck came on to be Japan's No. 1 announcer in English. He gained prominence with his remarkable presentation of the radio. A former U.S. ambassador praised him very highly for his outstanding ability.

Today, Yoshii is one of the busiest persons in Japan. He is still a radio announcer, but also does narration for many famous movies. He is also engaged in the public relations field.

His Sister, Mary His sister, Mary, is also well-known. Probably the best known among the outstanding Nisei women in Japan, Mrs. Frank Takizo Matsumoto was active in the top social circles of Japan. She was

Sonoma County standing committee chairmen named SEBASTOPOUL. Various chairmen of standing committees of the Sonoma County JAACL were recently appointed by Dr. Roy Okamoto, chapter president.

Freestone peach growers MODESTO.—George Miyake of Atwater and Tokuro Yamamoto of Clovis were among nine incumbent renamed directors of the California Freestone Peach Assn. recently.

Issei Story Project: Roy E. Yamamoto, chmn.; Henry Shimizu, Tak Kametaka and Charles Yamamoto. Pioneer Memorial Scholarship (Established Mar. 6, 1959) Frank Oda, chmn.; Edwin Ohki, sec. Blood Bank Committee (Established Aug. 29, 1959) Anne Ohki, chmn.; Martin Shimizu and Dr. Tetsu Fujii. Building Fund Committee (Established Nov. 1956) Jim Miyano, chmn.; Henry Shimizu, Roy Yamamoto, Iwano Hamamoto and Frank Oda. Fishing Contest (Established Jan. 1948) Jim Miyano, chmn. Pacific Citizen: Frank Oda, chmn.

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Old Timer's Francies in Spring

Seattle "INDESCRIBABLE squalor" is the old reliable cliché that reporters use to describe the quarters of the bachelor recluse type that they find dead in the place some day. The words exactly befit the surroundings as we sit here by the kitchen window gazing about the old neighborhood on a bright spring day.

Beautiful spring days, bright in their fresh sunny warmth, and billowy clouds against an azure sky that beckon the leanman to the open spaces are supposed to have a chemical effect that bestirs a lot of ambition in mankind; and womanhood too, we suppose.

But to those whose futures are all behind them, the result is to kick up a lot of memories. Memories of the spring season when thoughts would center around planning the northward trek to the Alaska salmon canneries for the purpose of replenishing the jackpot for another school year.

Princess Michiko lauds Nihongo texts for California Nisei

TOKYO.—Japanese language textbooks called Watakushitachi no Nihongo being used by a Japanese language school system in Southern California received commendation of Crown Princess Michiko when she visited an international book fair here this past week.

Over 10,000 books from 26 countries are on exhibit. Princess Michiko visited the fair for about 45 minutes during which she picked up the Japanese language textbooks being used in California and after paging through these books she said admiringly: "These are wonderful textbooks."

The textbooks were edited by Y. Sugimachi of Los Angeles and published by the Japanese Language Educational Society of Southern California.

These textbooks were edited especially for Nisei children in the United States who wish to learn Japanese.

Detroit vacancy filled DETROIT.—Local JAACL board chairman Peter Fujioka announced that Mrs. Yave Ambo was appointed to a vacancy at the International Institute replacing Toshi Shimoura as chapter representative.

Lions official PORTLAND.—H. Hiram Hachibava past president of the Portland JAACL, became the first person of Japanese ancestry to be elected deputy district governor of the Lions Club for Region I, District 36-0. Last year, he was a zone chairman for the same region. He is a member of the Benham Lions Club.

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By Bill Hosokawa

From the Frying Pan

DELIBERATIONS IN THE TOWER—It was like the gathering of the clan. Masao Satow and Akiji Yoshimura were the first to arrive. They flew in to Chicago's dusty new O'Hare airport from San Francisco, and were met by Shig Wakamatsu and Kumeo Yoshinari. All four were on hand when I came in a few minutes later from Denver.

Yoshinari stayed behind to meet Frank Chuman and Gongo Nakamura arriving later from Los Angeles. Wakamatsu took the rest of us to Midway airport over the new expressway to pick up Mike Masaoka, flying in from Washington. It was well past 10 p.m. when we all checked in at the Sheraton Towers hotel.

For most of our waking hours during the next two days we were closeted in a 24th floor room working out details of the JACL's project to compile and record for posterity the story of the Japanese in the United States during the 100 years between 1860 and 1960.

Wakamatsu, an intense young man, had worked out an agenda for the committee as chairman of the project. I was an outsider, attending by invitation. It was a grueling series of meetings, with free and lively exchange of ideas as slowly a working plan for this immensely significant and exciting project took shape. If there are any serious mistakes in the plan, it will not be for lack of thought, deliberation and hard work.

HOW TO EXPLAIN IT?—One of the major problems facing the history project is that of public relations. How can the Issei and Nisei be made aware of the staggering size of the project? How can the committee explain the slow, laborious, scientific and detailed research that must be undertaken to make the history a truly authentic, documented, valuable work for posterity?

The project would be worthless and a waste of time and money if it were to be done superficially, if it were to be a once-over-lightly snow job extolling the virtues of the Issei and the triumphs of the Nisei. To be scientifically and historically valuable, this so-called Issei story must probe deeply, dig up the skeletons, analyze, correlate, check and triple-check, record and perhaps explain. Millions on millions of words must be read or listened to by trained social scientists, the most valuable bits saved and finally set down in imperishable print. Out of all this work will come a voluminous document that will help posterity to understand what the Issei and Nisei were, what they did, and why they did those things.

And yet this project cannot succeed without popular Nisei support, and that of the Issei, too. The sum of \$100,000 they are being asked to raise is a sizable one, even in this day of the inflated dollar and general Nisei prosperity. It can be raised only if the Nisei are convinced of the value of the project. This is where the task of explaining comes in.

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE TALK—One feature of the history committee's gathering was a meeting of Chicago Issei with Gongo Nakamura, Issei member of the committee and articulate salesman for Southern California. In reporting on contemporary life in Los Angeles, Nakamura painted a glowing and eloquent picture of Issei and Nisei progress. He talked of good times and fortunes being made and luxurious living. The image he painted was in glowing contrast to the drab hall.

Afterward, not one Issei in the hall indicated he would return to the pleasant life in California. Most of them came to Chicago as strangers in the cruel upheaval of the evacuation. Chicago's climate was hostile, its streets crowded and dirty, its vastness bewildering. Yet these Issei have acquired a sense of belonging. Chicago is now their home, and not even the visions of backyard swimming pools and the aroma of orange blossoms can uproot them. Most of those who yearned for the sun-kissed land already have departed. The remainder are Chicagoans for good, and more power to them.

L.A. smog forces orchid greenhouse operators to relocate to San Diego area

ENCINITAS—One of the nation's leading importer of vanda orchids, driven from Los Angeles by smog-caused crop losses, began operations here under an acre of glass, this week.

Tayama Greenhouses, Inc., at Requia and Westlake Sts., represents a quarter-million dollar investment, according to Fred Tayama, a partner in the firm.

The grower said the greenhouse should produce a crop valued at about \$150,000 annually.

Smog caused by a combination of auto, domestic and industrial pollutants has made it impossible to grow orchids in the Los Angeles area and last Christmas caused a \$25,000 crop loss, Tayama said.

About 85 per cent of the plants were lost and the remainder were of poor quality, he added.

Construction began a month ago at the five-acre orchid ranch in the country's flower growing center here in North-San Diego County.

Ethylene gas in smog "puts the orchids to sleep," Tayama further explained. This is due in part to the elimination by smog of half the normal light, which is essential in orchid growing.

About 70,000 plants will be moved from the South Gate area. Elliott Bud Cole, Tayama's partner, will establish residence here.

Tayama for years has supplied the Hawaiian vanda orchids for the Tournament of Roses parade in Pasadena. Other varieties also will be grown at the Encinitas greenhouses.

San Francisco scouts Japan-bound on Navy ship

SAN FRANCISCO—Some 35 Japanese American youngsters of Explorer Post 58 and associate unit of the Konkō Mission will embark June 27 aboard the U.S. Military Sea Transportation Service vessel, the USS General Sultan, for a goodwill and educational tour of Japan.

This is the first time a Nisei scout unit will be making a trip to Japan aboard a U.S. naval vessel. Ted Nishimoto, Post 58 assistant adviser, planned the project.

Woodblock printing

SAN JOSE—The local appearance of Isaku Nakagawa of Kyoto in a demonstration of woodblock printing was sponsored this week by the San Jose JACL. He is currently touring the country under State Dept. auspices.

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Nacirema alleges breach of contract in \$200,000 suit

Suit was filed last week in L.A. Superior Court by Nacirema Production Co. against Allied Artists, and several of its companies, for alleged breach of contract, seeking punitive damages and alleged monies distributor received in connection with "Hot Rod Rumble" and "Under Sea Girl."

Plaintiff's action asserts the deal was made Dec. 21, 1956—plus two supplemental arrangements in 1957—by which Nacirema assigned sole distribution rights to the film to AA.

Seeking \$150,000 plus \$50,000 punitive damages, accounting and other costs, plaintiff cites 14 alleged breaches in their agreement. Claim states defendants received \$150,000 the past three years of which no part had been paid to Nacirema.

The Nacirema production company was initiated by a group of Nisei to produce motion pictures. The company, headed by attorney Dave Yokozaki, also produced "Sierra Stranger."

HAWAIIAN SOPRANO GETS CHICAGO OPERA ROLE IN 'CAVALLERIA RUSTICANA'

CHICAGO.—A Hawaiian soprano, Emiko Suzuki, who came to Chicago nine years ago and who made her debut with the American Opera Co. in 1958, is scheduled to make her appearance with the same company on June 3 in the opera "Cavalleria Rusticana."

Ever since she was three, she had studied classical Kabuki dance and made her debut at the age of five. She received her present artistic status under the guidance of the prominent Blanca Sarova.

Miss Suzuki has successfully appeared in opera and oratorio performances throughout the Midwest after her debut in the role of Leonora in "Il Trovatore" in 1958. She is the leading soprano soloist at the Temple Shalom in Chicago.

Her great musicianship and lustrous voice made Miss Suzuki winner of the Chicagoand Music Festival Vocal Contest in 1958 in the dramatic soprano division. She sang in the Lyric Opera and gave numerous solo recitals in many languages. She has also performed before various societies as well as the public.

Ex-foreign minister named Japan U.N. envoy

TOKYO.—The Japanese government last week formally appointed former Foreign Minister Katsuo Okazaki as ambassador to the United Nations.

Okazaki, 62, an advisor to the Arabian Oil Co. succeeds Ambassador Koto Matsudaira, who was recalled by Foreign Minister Zen-aro Kosaka for another assignment.

N.C. centennial funds report surplus of \$3,600

SAN FRANCISCO.—A surplus of \$3,602.74 was reported last week by the joint Northern California Centennial Committee for last year's U.S.-Japan centennial activities. However, it includes \$2,726.73 advanced to the committee from a 1958 Japanese training squadron welcome fund.

The joint committee comprised of over 40 Northern California communities had a budget of \$20,000; raised \$25,354.22 including the advance and spent \$21,751.48.

The only scheduled activity not completed last year was a plan to build a memorial monument at the grave of Okai-san, the first pioneer Japanese woman in the United States, who died at the age of 19 in 1870.

Funds for this proposed monument in Coloma in Placer County were sought by the Sacramento members of the joint committee, but the group decided to disband without any further action on this project.

Beer joint refusing to serve Negro sailors disciplined for violating Civil Rights Act

SACRAMENTO.—The first disciplinary action against a liquor licensee under the 1958 Civil Rights Act, which bars racial discrimination by California businesses was reported last week.

"We've given a lot of warnings," said Malcolm Harris, director of Alcoholic Beverage Control, "but where it involves repeated violations as in this case we will take disciplinary action."

The ABC ordered revocation of the on-sale beer license of the Pacific Rendezvous, 1616 W. Pacific Coast Highway, Long Beach, for refusal to serve Negroes.

The penalty was reduced to a 45-day suspension, however, on condition that there be no further violations within the next two years.

Harris said the department had received complaints from the armed forces that Negro sailors were being refused service in the bar. He said the department called in the owner, Warner C. Miller, and warned him that he was violating the Unruh Civil Rights Act. The director said Miller replied that it would "ruin his business."

APL economy class fares to Orient reduced 10 pct.

American President Lines has announced a 10 per cent reduction in the economy class all-year round-trip fare effective with the departure June 9 of the President Wilson from Los Angeles to the Orient.

Sample fares: round trip from Los Angeles to Yokohama \$531; to Hong Kong \$594 and to Manila \$612.

Reduction also applies when passengers travel one way by ship and one way by air, according to Ron de Long, passenger traffic manager.

DEATHS

- Fuji, Mrs. Sally S., 36, West Los Angeles, Apr. 29. (a) Hobo, (b) Robert, (c) Beverly J., (d) Mr. & Mrs. Tokuyasu Sadahiro, four brothers and three sisters.
- Higuchi, Haruka, 80, Gardena, Apr. 30. (a) Mrs. Hajiro, 78; Los Angeles, Apr. 27.
- Inaki, Mrs. Masa, Oakland, Apr. 23. (a) George, 40; Los Altos, Apr. 20. (b) Mitsuo, (c) Susan, Kathryn, (d) Haruo, (e) Daniel, Douglas, (f) Kawakami, Sakutaro, 74; Salt Lake City, Apr. 20.
- Kimura, Kosaburo, 83; Salt Lake City, Apr. 27.
- Kiyo, Mrs. Eun, 72; Los Angeles, Apr. 27.
- Nakamura, Kazuo, 61, Oakland, Apr. 28. Tanaka, Yasutaro, 82; San Pedro, Apr. 30.
- Tanzaki, Yoji, 25; Gilroy, Apr. 27 (accident near Stateline, Nev.)—(p) Mr. and Mrs. Masaru, (b) Yoshiyuki, Masao and Susumu.
- Yamashita, Ziroku, 78; Sugar City, Idaho, Apr. 26.
- Yamauchi, Mrs. Ayako, 35; San Jose, Apr. 28. (a) Shigeru, (d) April, (p) Mr. and Mrs. Katsuchi Wakayama, two brothers and a sister.
- Yanashita, Paul S., 44; Monterey, Apr. 19.

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Bill Steigerwalt (at right), student body president at the Univ. of Southern California, addresses the opening session of the Hi-Co Conference held recently at Camp Max Straus in the Verdugo Hills of Los Angeles.

YOUTH SPEAKS ... Rain Unexpected Hi-Co Conferee

BY SHARON AONO
Hi-Co Conference Reporter

The 1961 Hi-Co Conference was held last weekend (April 21-23) at Camp Max Straus. I know the committee members and delegates could say that the conference was a success, despite the rain. Because of the rain the discussion sites had to be changed, however nothing was lost except for a few hairdos. Lloyd Nakatani, general chairman, suggested that next year we appoint a weather committee to divert the rain.

I'm sure everyone would agree that the highlight of the weekend was the keynote speech by Bill Steigerwalt, student body president of USC. He impressed us with his knowledge, ideas and wit and made us aware of our position as young Americans. Bill stressed our need to work hard at whatever we do. He said that we are entering an era of specialization but that it will be necessary to have a broad general background too.

Bill stated that we are tomorrow's leaders and that we must be ready to meet all the challenges set before us. He stressed the need to develop the individual within an organization and within a culture. He also stressed the need for the ability to make your own decisions and to stand by them.

Those of us on the committees realize that the conference wouldn't have been the same without the help and presence of the former Hi-Co leaders. Some of the all time greats, Bert Yamasaki, Al Eddow, and Gracie and Hank Yamada helped with some of the discussions and of course kept us all laughing with the usual jokes.

Bill "Mo" Marumoto was a big hit with his routines and song leading. The committee members would like to have "Mo" become a permanent fixture in the program. We missed seeing Frank Kawase, the '59 general chairman. Frank is working in Youngstown, O., now and has sent his best.

Our guests and chaperones mustn't be forgotten. It was great to see "Auntie" Fran Ishii, Kats Arimoto and Sam Uehara "guarding" us so well. Many thanks to Frank Chuman, National JACL president, and to Kay Nakagiri, Pacific Southwest District Council chairman for their support and encouragement.

By Sunday afternoon everyone was happy, inspired and tired. I think the girls were especially tired because of the 78 steps (Lloyd made me count them) and the thick mud they had to pass through to get to their cabins. However, there weren't any complaints. Thanks, girls!

The committees sincerely hope that the delegates were enriched by this experience and that we see them again next year.

Estimate 20,000 gardeners in state

SAN FRANCISCO.—The fifth annual Gardeners Convention, to be held at the San Mateo association, will be held at the Jack Tar Hotel here Nov. 4-5. It was announced by Tom Takayama, president of the host group.

With a 1,000 delegates expected to attend from throughout California, the convention will be under auspices of the California Gardeners Coordinating Council composed of three major federations.

It was estimated there are close to 20,000 gardeners in California, comprising the largest single business group among Japanese Americans in the state.

JACS slates kickoff banquet at Ambassador

The Japanese American Community Services will commemorate its establishment with an inaugural banquet at the Ambassador Hotel Embassy Room on Sunday, May 21, 7 p.m. Lt. Gov. Glenn Anderson and Stephen Tamura, Orange County counsel, will be featured speakers.

Anderson will present the charter of incorporation. Mrs. Sakaye Aratani is in charge of dinner arrangements.

Fowler Lions

FOWLER.—Mikio Uchiyama, city attorney and chairman of the Central California District Council, was elected 2nd vice-president of the local Lions Club.

Inafuku bowls perfect game

Richard Inafuku, 25-year-old bowler from Honolulu, rolled a perfect 300 game at Hollywood Legion Lanes last Saturday during the final week of qualifications for the L.A. Examiner singles classic.

He carries a 175 average, had the solid hits in the pocket except the eighth and last pitch which carried on the Brooklyn side. His previous high was 247.

For his 300 game, Inafuku received \$100 from the tournament.

San Jose CYS calls for track team entrants

SAN JOSE.—Under Community Youth Service sponsorship, the youngsters of San Jose will compete in the forthcoming San Francisco JACL Olympics in all three divisions. It was announced this week. Initial sign up for the team will be held at the San Jose JACL Bldg. on May 21, 8 p.m.

Tracksters of Santa Clara Valley may contact the following for information: Chi Akizuki CY 4-0635, Edward Taketani CY 2-5633, and Dr. Tom Taketa CH 1-8880.

Meanwhile, tickets for the CYS benefit pancake breakfast to be held on Sunday, May 28, from 8 to 12a., at the Buddhist Church annex are being sold by:

Tom Ichiishi (VFW), chmn.; Eiichi Sakauye, Norman Mineta, John Kanazaki, Edward Kitazumi, James Sano, Mita Kumamoto, Yoshio Ouchida, Nab Otomori, Chi Akizuki, Yone Kubo, Ich Omi, Ta dashi Okubo, Shig Otani, Shig Kanaguchi, George Yamaoka, George Kurasaki, Duncan Iwagaki, Dr. Tom Taketa and Phil Matsumura.

Tom Hoshiyama elected Buchanan 'Y' board head

SAN FRANCISCO.—Tom Hoshiyama was elected chairman of the Buchanan St. YMCA board of management, succeeding another Nisei, Dr. Robert Kiyasu, who served for the past two years.

Mrs. Kathy Reyes was chosen board secretary.

Five other Nisei serve on the 21-member board. They are: Wayne Osaki, Shuzoku Yoshimura, Yukio Wada, Yasuo Abiko and Dr. K. J. Kitagawa.

Mike Masaoka to speak in San Francisco May 11

SAN FRANCISCO.—Mike Masaoka is scheduled to speak at a special meeting of the No. Calif. Japanese Chamber of Commerce on Thursday, May 11, 6 p.m., at the Kimura Restaurant. Only members will be admitted to the lecture portion of the evening.

Hole-in-One

SEATTLE.—Eddie Sano of the Puget Sound Golf Club spanked a perfectly executed 5-iron shot into the cup on the par 3-15th hole at Earlington on April 23. In the foursome were Tom Taubota, Nob Takasumi and Ted Sano.

Awards dinner May 20

SACRAMENTO.—The Sacramento Nisei Bowling Assn. awards dinner-dance will be held at the El Dorado Hotel here on Saturday, May 20. It was announced by Ed Hayashi, president. William Matsumoto will be emcee.

Nisei Relays Committeemen

A partial list of committee members assisting George Fujita, chairman of the 10th annual Nisei Relays being staged by the Los Angeles JACL Coordinating Council at University High on May 28 was revealed this week.

Key assistants include Sam Uehara, fm.; Sam Hirasawa, meet coordinator; Fred Funakoshi, mid-get-cub divisions; Fujita, open-junior divisions. Other veterans of previous meets working are:

Dr. Tomi Fura, field announcer; Dr. Robert Watanabe, head starter; Frank Okada, JACL starter; George Onatsu, Frank Iwanaga, Tosh Miura, Imery; Frank Fukuzawa, Dick Miyakawa, Jim Kawakami, Mas Chomori, judges at the finish; Robert Tamae, clerk of the course; Frank Okamoto, Jack Hune, Frank Kumamoto, Tak Nomura, registrars; Jim Yamaguchi, trophies; Jim Higashi, queen comm. and pub.



JUNE SHOJI
Long Beach-Harbor District's candidate of the Nisei Relays queen contest is the latest entry.

Prelims Scheduled

Fujita announced that preliminaries for the following events has been set for the morning: Open Division—100, 200, 70 high, 150 low and broad jump. Junior Division—50, 100, 120 low and broad jump. Preliminaries are also scheduled for all midget and cub divisions events. The eight contestants with the best time qualifies for the finals scheduled to take place in the afternoon.

For the convenience of prospective participants, Fujita said that the Nisei Relays office (JACL office), 125 Weller St. will be open seven days a week until the entry deadline of Sunday, May 14; weekdays, 9 to 5:30; Sundays from noon to 5 p.m.

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President's Corner

By Frank F. Chuman

My recent out-of-town trip on behalf of the national organization took me into San Diego where I enjoyed the warm hospitality of the members of the San Diego Chapter. The planning committee had planned a dinner for only 60 persons, but approximately 150 members showed up, which number was far beyond the planning committee's most optimistic expectations.

In the course of the evening, I discussed the matter of a more efficient collection of our national and local chapter dues, so that the manpower of the chapters could be more effectively utilized toward community activities, thereby strengthening the chapters throughout the organization. Jack Matsueda, formerly of the San Francisco Chapter and now assigned to electronic data processing for the San Diego County School District, and Mas Hironaka, a federal employee, presently the Pacific Southwest District Council treasurer, are both interested in electronic processing. I asked them to utilize their knowledge and experience in studying ways and means of devising a system to eliminate the somewhat laborious process of collecting the national dues of our organization, which will soon reach a membership of 20,000 persons spread out through 86 chapters. You will recall this was one of the points in the ten-point program of my administration.

Registering to Vote

With the membership drive rapidly coming to completion throughout our organization, I want again to call to the attention of the chapters, their officers and members, the fundamental significance and importance of registering to vote. This is the simplest yet the most direct manifestation of our sense of responsibility as American citizens.

Receiving reports from throughout the nation that some chapters have a 100 percent registration of voters from their chapter members and that others are very close to having all of their members registered, I realize that each state has its own requirements for registration. I suggest that at the time membership into the organization is sought, that perhaps a deputy registrar of voters could either be nearby or that the prospective member be specifically asked whether or not he is registered, and if not, his name be submitted to the proper official for registration. Also, special nights, perhaps during the chapter program, can be made available for registration.

The tremendous influence and power of the registered voter may be noted in the record of the Community Services Organization, an organization of American citizens of Mexican ancestry.

At a recent banquet of the Community Services Organization which I attended, a report was made that in the past two years over 227,000 citizens of Mexican ancestry had been registered throughout the State of California. This is over a quarter of a million new voters besides the present one-half million presumably registered to vote in the Mexican American community.

The power, prestige and influence of such a record in a given community of a given group of people, regardless of party registration, is a fact which cannot be overlooked by public officials or civic organizations. This fact of political strength alone has resulted in approximately twenty direct political appointments into high position in the State of California during the past two years by the present administration.

Our purpose in registering not only in California but throughout the nation is not solely for political recognition or reward. The obligation to register is an intrinsic responsibility of each one of us as American citizens, and the influence of such a number has incalculable power in influencing legislation of benefit to us as American citizens of Japanese ancestry. This is the reason why I feel it most important, and also why it is the number one point in the ten-point program of my administration, which was set forth in my first column on February 4, 1961.

Other Viewpoints to be Given

During the remainder of my administration, I shall give my own individual point of view regarding the other points and also suggest ways and means of implementing them so that by the 1962 convention in Seattle, Washington, the entire organization will be able to evaluate the progress of our organization during my administration.



RENO JACLERS AID ELK'S FASHION SHOW

When the Reno Elk's Lodge held its luncheon fashion show, it chose an Oriental decor in decor. Photo shows JACL members Kimi Glattley (left) and Judy Aoyama (right) with Mrs. James Daley, chairman of the affair. The girls escorted the models into the auditorium. —Courtesy: Reno Journal.

WORKSHOPS ON PUBLIC RELATIONS, YOUTH HEAD NC-WNDC QUARTERLY

Delegates to convene at Alameda May 7

ALAMEDA. — Delegates from 25 chapters comprising the Northern California-Western Nevada District Council of the Japanese American Citizens League will assemble in Alameda this Sunday for their second quarterly meeting of 1961. Hosted by the Alameda chapter, the one-day session will take place

White River Valley installation banquet plans disclosed

AUBURN, Wash. — The first installation banquet of the reactivated White River Valley Civic League will be held on Saturday, May 28, at The Farm, on U.S. 99, just south of Federal Way Shopping Center.

Honored guests will include eight high school graduates from the Auburn and Kent high schools. The mayors of both Auburn and Kent have been invited to the dinner and installation ceremony.

Frank Hattori, the National 1000 Club Chairman, will be the installing officer. The guest speaker will be from the Univ. of Puget Sound. The starting time for the dinner is 6:30 p.m. Over 100 persons are expected to attend this banquet in honor of the graduates.

Active in planning the dinner and installation ceremony was the chairman, Thomas Hikida, assisted by Mrs. Kari Funai, Mrs. Koji Norikane, and Mrs. Frank Okimoto. President William Maebroni and his cabinet has been busy with arranging the details. The dinner tickets will cost \$3. Koji Norikane became the second 1000 Club member of the White River Valley Civic League. George Kawasaki, a transfer from the Puyallup Valley Chapter, is the first 1000 Club member in the reactivated chapter.

The next general meeting will be held at George Kawasaki's home, 28712 E. Valley Highway (Thomas) Kent. The meeting time is 8 p.m., Tuesday, May 9. Harry Enochi of the Puyallup Valley Chapter has arranged for a speaker for the evening.

STOCKTON COMMUNITY PICNIC ON MAY 14 AT LODI'S MICKLE GROVE

STOCKTON. — The annual Stockton community picnic sponsored by local Nisei civic, church and business groups will be held at Mickle Grove on Mothers' Day, May 14, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. It was announced by Al Umino and George Baba, co-chairmen.

The committee voted to discontinue dispensing of free beer and soda water, noting that costs have gone up and there was excessive waste. Last year, 11 cases of soda pop went unaccounted for. Money used for refreshment in the past will be used to secure a better grade of prizes for the races and gate prizes.

Attending the committee meeting were: Eddie Yoshikawa, Duke Yoshimura; JACL: Mrs. Mabel Okubo, Shoyu Furukawa, Etsu Matsushita, YBA: Bob Ogino, Japanese Gardeners.

List of Detroit JACL committee heads revealed

DETROIT. — The Detroit JACL board chairman Peter Fujioka has announced the names of the various standing committees and cabinet posts for the coming year. They are as follows: Wally Kagawa, activ.; Setzu Fujioka, hist.; Ken Miyoshi, pub. rel.; Yoshihiro Inoue, rec. sec.; Kari Norikane, memb.; George Otaki, Intl. Story; Dick Kadonobu, social; Mary Kawabata, pub.; Sud Kinoshita, youth; Ed Shingo, treas.; Frank Watanabe, 1961 Convention chair.; Roy Kaneko, 1000 Club; Toshi Shimizu, educ. an. cult. An. Omura, Lewis Furukawa, picnic; Walter Miyao, recog.; Stan Stalecki, ways and means.

1000 Club's all-time high continues to climb: now 1,438

The all-time high figure in the JACL 1000 Club continues to rise with a new ceiling of 1,438 members in good standing reported by National Headquarters as of April 30. This was an increase of six members since the March report.

There were eight new and 40 renewals received during the past fortnight as follows: FOURTEENTH YEAR San Francisco—Masao W. Satow TWELFTH YEAR Chicago—Theresa M. Kato ELEVENTH YEAR Idaho Falls—Yuko Inouye MARYSVILLE—Bill Yuki EIGHTH YEAR Marysville—George Y. Okamoto SEVENTH YEAR Stockton—Fred K. Dobana, Harry S. Hayashino CHICAGO—George K. Ikegami, Ray Ikegami, Kenji Nakane VENICE-CULVER—Louis Y. Kado Orange County—George Kanno

SIXTH YEAR Chicago—Tachio Goya, Earle H. Hori, Jiro Yamaguchi SEVEN YEAR Seattle—Alan A. Matsumoto San Francisco—George K. Ninomiya Long Beach—Arthur Noda, Roy Shiba Venice-Culver—Bryce S. Yamori FIFTH YEAR Downtown L.A.—Father Clement Chicago—William T. Mitsuuchi Berkeley—Toshiyuki Nakano St. Louis—Dr. George Sato Seattle—Mr. H. Nagamatsu

FOURTH YEAR Ben Lomond—Tatsuo Koga Long Beach—Mitsuo Okura Downtown L.A.—Mellito Sato Seattle—Shoichi Suyama

THIRD YEAR Songer—George Fujihara, George T. Urushima CHICAGO—George Kita SEATTLE—Alan A. Matsumoto San Francisco—George K. Ninomiya Long Beach—Arthur Noda, Roy Shiba Venice-Culver—Bryce S. Yamori

SECOND YEAR Seattle—James Baba Hamad Philadelphia—Tsugio Hamada Sacramento—Dr. Masao Satow Long Beach—George Hayashibara Southwest L.A.—Fred Y. Koyama Chicago—Lynn H. Local

FIRST YEAR Cleveland—Donald W. Eletsen, Tom Shepherd, John Kashiwa San Fernando—Kay Nakagiri Downtown L.A.—Noriyuki Oku Philadelphia—John H. Rogers Seattle—Mr. Heitaro Toshi

Salt Lake JACLers assist in various cultural programs

SALT LAKE CITY. — Salt Lake JACL Chapter members are well represented in the various cultural activities of an Oriental nature taking place in the city.

Appearing in the last "At Home" program of "Around the World" series presented by the Univ. of Utah were several well known chapter members including Mrs. Ben Oshita and Henry Y. Kasai as well as many other local citizens of Japanese ancestry.

The program was presented in the spacious and beautiful new University Student Union ballroom, April 30, and featured an hour of Japanese music and dance, both stylized and modern.

Highlighting the program was a petite and talented dancer from Kyoto, Miss Yoko Koga known professionally as "Wakayagi Kichishigeyo," presenting several dance numbers in her own unique and original manner which has delighted local audiences. Miss Koga is presently attending the university.

Mrs. Oshita appeared in "koto" and "samisen" numbers while Kasai presented vocal selections from Yoshie Fujiwara's Fisherman Songs.

Other members included Mrs. U. Tokunaga who participated with Mrs. K. Sauti in the tea ceremony and Mrs. Ken Takeno who demonstrated flower arrangements.

Show This Sunday Other chapter members will take part in the annual Japanese Flower Arrangement Exhibition sponsored by the local Senke School of Flower Arranging. The show is scheduled for May 7 at Jerry Tsuyuki's beautiful Mikado Suki Yaki, 67 W. 1st South, from 1 p.m.

Mmes. Ken Takeno, K. Sauti, and Jerry Tsuyuki are in charge of the event. Both Mrs. Takeno and Mrs. Sauti took part in a recent Spring Garden Festival which was sponsored by the Salt Lake Tribune and their striking floral display won honors and acclaim for the school in the three day festival.

The lovely authentic Oriental background of the Mikado should provide a setting most appropriate for the occasion. Tea will be served to the visitors and the public is invited—no admission charge.

Long Beach Saints

LONG BEACH. — The group of teen-age boys who have met informally for the past four years at the home of Mrs. Sue Joe, past national chairman of the JACL Committee on Work with Youth, has been formally organized as the Saints. The neighborhood boys' group of westside Long Beach is composed of youth between the ages of 16 and 19 with Tomizo Joe as adviser.

Cincinnati's bowl

CINCINNATI. — Hawaiian Club and Cincinnati JACL members will have a bowling party this Sunday at the Vets Bowling Alley. Tad Tokimoto and Sam Matsumami are co-chairmen.

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Living with JACL: by Saburo Kido

During FDR's First Year

Part V The next scene will shift to San Francisco where the 1934 National Convention was held. Before doing so, I wish to make one correction. I had a phone call from Dr. George Takeyama about Elmer Yamamoto residing in his absence. The kind doctor informed me that he chaired all the affairs he was supposed to. I merely jotted down what had been reported in the Rafu Shimpou. The over-simplification of events must have created this impression. I am glad to make this correction.

I will be going to San Francisco this week at which time I will try to cover the preliminaries for the 1934 convention. I know there was considerable time and effort expended in preparing for this affair. I served as the national secretary during those days under the Constitution which was then in effect.

Nisei of 1933 While going through the files of the Rafu Shimpou up to the end of June, 1933 to see whether any reports had been sent down from San Francisco, I ran across several interesting items which may be illuminating about the conditions in the Japanese communities of Southern California and elsewhere.

A coordinating council was organized in Los Angeles. One of the active members was Masao Satow of the Japanese YMCA, who served as the temporary chairman of the organizing committee. The

BANG-UP PSWDC CONVENTION DUE THIS WEEKEND AT SHERATON WEST

(Continued from Front Page) L.A. JACL was named program emcee. Mas Hamasu will entertain with his ukulele. "Shashin Keikoku," a popular skit staged by East L.A. several years ago, will be brought up to date, according to Hamaguchi.

Fashion Show For the women delegates and wives of delegates, Virgie Tachibana has planned a whiz of a fashion show during the Sunday luncheon at 1 p.m. Penny Tani and Mrs. Faith Higurashi Akashi, Nisei Week queens, along with Carolyn Kikumura, Helen Kobata and Nancy Akiyoshi will model creations from Loni's.

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Chicago JACL Report: Nisei pharmacist nominated by fellow workers for Chicago council award

CHICAGO. — Nelson Y. Kitsuze, chief pharmacist at Weiss Memorial Hospital, was chosen by fellow employees as their candidate for the city-wide "Employee of the Year Award Contest" of the Chicago Hospital Council.

Kitsuze was chosen because he commands the respect and affection of the entire hospital staff, not only for his outstanding professional ability and integrity but for his untiring devotion to the welfare of hospital patients and employees.

Since he became chief pharmacist of the hospital at the time of its establishment in 1933, he has continuously dedicated himself to the welfare of the patients, putting himself on call 24 hours a day and encouraging the nursing staff to call on him in any situation where he could be of assistance.

He has been an enthusiastic leader in encouraging extracurricular and recreational activities among hospital employees in such activities as bowling, a softball team, bridge courses, parties and dances.

As chairman of the Safety Committee of the hospital, he has been instrumental in innovating ideas which have led to increased safety in all departments. Through his unusual ability to work with people, he has inspired hospital employees to make recommendations for the Safety Committee.

Kitsuze is a member of the American Pharmaceutical Association, American Society of Hospital Pharmacists, and the Illinois Society of Hospital Pharmacists, of which he is a past president.

His interest in the furthering of pharmacy as a career led him to take a leading role in the establishment of "Hospital Pharmacy Day," one of the activities of which is the bringing of students into hospitals for a comprehensive tour and discussion periods.

Kitsuze received his degree in pharmacy at the Univ. of Southern California and before coming to Weiss Memorial Hospital in 1933 worked in several other Chicago hospitals and clinics.

He spent two years in the U.S. Army and went to Japan with the Counter Intelligence Corps during World War II.

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Rev. K. Umura was elected as the chairman. The JACL representative was Louise Suzuki, who is still active in the Chicago chapter.

The commissioner of the juvenile court, Stanley Sutton, gave some of the causes of juvenile delinquency; such as, influence of movies showing gangster films; broken homes; automobiles which give wrong kind of company; public dance halls; failure of parents to exercise discipline; legal delay in the court disposing of cases. He explained that the juvenile court was one which helped in correction, protection, education and supervision of juveniles appearing before it.

At the first meeting, reports from various parts of the city were obtained. It was stated that out of 10,000 cases of juveniles appearing on the police blotter, there was only 1 Japanese. This was a 15-year-old student, who had been turned over to a truant officer because of absence from his high school classes.

Upon investigation, it turned out that the student had left school to procure work. He had learned of the financial difficulties of his father and family. Consequently, he decided to help out by obtaining a job.

The problem was straightened out by the officer obtaining a work permit to qualify him for the work.

There was not one case on Terminal Island. The San Pedro school district had praises for the Japanese students for their obedience.

Terminal Island was evacuated because of the rumors of the approach of a huge tidal wave. As to the racial make-up of the Hawaiian population, it was reported that there were 380,000 persons in the islands. Of these, 40 percent or 146,000 were Japanese; 65,000 Filipinos; 45,000 Caucasians (including 20,000 soldiers and sailors); 27,000 Chinese; 22,000 Hawaiians; 17,000 Caucasian Hawaiians and so forth.

There was the strike of the Mexican farm hands. The JACL chapters of the rural area were involved to some extent in the members and their families who were operating the farms were targets of the strikes. There was a deadlock when the demand included the following: regular workers to be paid 30 cents an hour; temporary workers, 35 cents an hour; no "piece work," recognition of Mexican labor union; all laborers to be hired through the union; Mexican workers to be given first consideration over all other farm hands and so forth.

The San Gabriel Valley was forming a chapter. The officers were Frank Tanaka, pres.; Susumu Yamanaoka, 1st v.p.; Shizuko Shirane, 2nd v.p.; David Niitaka, 3rd v.p.; Masako Kishi, rec. sec.; Evelyn Miyahiro and Yuriko Koyama, treas.; Shige Hashimoto, agr. at arms; members at large: Gard Yokoe, Covina; Tsuyoko Kunisaki, Puente; Morio Aike, Potrero Hills; Takashi Kishi, Alhambra.

Up in the Pacific Northwest, the Yakima Citizens League was in the process of being organized. The anti-Japanese trouble in the Wapato district involved dynamiting, incendiary and other means against Japanese farmers.

The California legislature had some bills which were of concern to the Japanese; such as, to prevent Japanese to engage in any form of fishing; \$25 per year license for Japanese only; and an attempt to abolish net fishing.

The JACL was still not active lobbying at the Sacramento legislature. The Issei were carrying on their own fight, especially with regard to the fishing bills, the Japanese Fishermen's Association bearing the brunt of the campaign. It was reported that the captain and owner of a fishing boat were assessed \$100 each for the legislative lobbying. They were able to raise around \$10,000. Because almost identical bills appeared in the State Legislature at each session, they began to be called "clinch bills."



PHILADELPHIA CHAPTER 1961 BOARD MEMBERS Members of the 1961 Philadelphia JACL board were installed on April 1 at the Valley Forge Hotel. (From left) William Marutani, 1000 Club; Allen H. Okamoto, chmn.; Tom Murakami, Sho Maruyama, Marie Mizutani, Chiyo Koiwai, Nobu Miyoshi, Kazuo Horita, Ben Ohama, and Shoji Date, hist.

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Calendar

May 5 (Friday) Southwest L.A.—Issei Appreciate Nite Hollywood—Square dancing, Elysian Lodge

May 6 (Saturday) White River—Installation and Graduates banquet, Farm Inn, US 90

May 7 (Sunday) East Los Angeles—Emerald Ball, Chalmers, 1919 S. Broadway, 9:30 p.m. Twin Cities—Rikko Old Lodge, May 28 (Sunday) Los Angeles—Nisei Relaya, University High

May 8 (Monday) San Jose—Pancake breakfast, Buddhist Church Annex

May 9 (Tuesday) Pocatello—JDC Meeting

May 10 (Wednesday) Pocatello—Memorial services, JACL Hall, 8 p.m.

May 11 (Thursday) San Francisco, Sonoma County — Memorial cities, San Bruno

May 12 (Friday) Philadelphia—Board meeting, Allen Okamoto's res. 8 p.m.

May 13 (Saturday) Detroit—Japanese movies, International Institute, 7:30 p.m.

May 14 (Sunday) Seattle—Je Tri-Villa dance, Palo Alto Buddhist Church, 8:30 p.m. City's Sode-Japanese cooking, Dr. Y. Togasaki res. 3 p.m. West Los Angeles—Benefit movies, Sawtelle, 7:30 p.m.

May 15 (Monday) Idaho Falls—JAY's Mothers' Day program

May 16 (Tuesday) West Los Angeles—Auxiliary workshop, Mrs. Edie Takemura res.

May 17 (Wednesday) Pasadena—Board meeting, Union Presbyterian Church, 7:30 p.m.

May 18 (Thursday) West Los Angeles—Polio-vaccination clinic, Stoper, Ave. playground

May 19 (Friday) Cleveland—Trip to Niagara Falls and Canada

May 20 (Saturday) San Mateo—Dance, American Legion Hall, 9 p.m. Still-B-B-Goodies—dance, AAUEW Hall, 9 p.m. Long Beach—Issei Night, Berkeley—Benefit movie, Berkeley Little Theater

May 21 (Sunday) West Los Angeles—Junior treat mass, Thibault High, (Entry deadline May 19)

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