

Shame of Our Nation



Negro members of the bi-racial "Freedom Ride" group sit outside their gutted bus after it was stoned and burned by a mob of whites who attacked the group on highway near Anniston, Ala. The group, sponsored by Congress of Racial Equality, has been testing Southern bus segregation laws.

Washington, D.C. **RIGHTFULLY**, we Americans have expressed shock and disgust when communists, leftists, and zealous students have fomented riots against constituted governmental authority and to protest certain political decisions or actions.

Rightfully, we have deplored the so-called tyranny of the minority when mobs take the law into their own hands and substitute brute force for legal recourse. Rightfully, we have proclaimed that the breakdown of law and order in any part of the world, and especially in our own land, threatens the security and safety of all, and particularly those in our own country.

Yet, last weekend, several hundred armed United States marines and other officials had to be rushed into Alabama to try to restore peace and order after a mob of white persons attacked a racially mixed group of bus riders in its capital city, Montgomery, the so-called "cradle of the Old Confederacy."

Although the President described the situation as "a source of deepest concern to me, as it must be to the vast majority of the citizens of Alabama and all Americans," while instructing "the Justice Department" to take all necessary steps, and although the Attorney General quickly instituted action to "guarantee safe passage in interstate commerce," the very fact that these racial outbreaks did occur, attesting that all Americans do not yet enjoy the full and equal protection of the laws everywhere in these United States, is the shame of our Nation.

IT IS bad enough for our own consciences and for our international image and prestige that, on the seventh anniversary of the historic United States Supreme Court decision outlawing racial segregation in our public schools, in too many places—North as well as South—the "law of the land" is still being defiantly or covertly resisted or circumvented, discrimination against Negroes particularly continues in employment, housing,

HOLLYWOOD CANDIDATE CROWNED NISEI RELAYS QUEEN, APPEARS TONIGHT



SANDY SAITO
Picked Nisei Relays Queen

Nisei Relays queen Sandy Saito will present the awards to the outstanding chapter athletes of the past CYC basketball season at the Hollywood JACL's Maytime Square Dance tonight at the Elvian Park Lodge. It was announced by chapter president Fred Thorne.

Sandy, who was judged winner last Friday night, was the chapter's candidate in the contest to choose the queen of the relays to be run this Sunday at the University High School oval.

Also scheduled to attend is Jim Mizushi, contest chairman, who will present Sandy with the trophy emblematic of the honor. Tentatively scheduled to attend the 6:30 p.m. event which will also honor graduates of the area is Goro Suzuki, star of the Broadway and road show versions of "Flower Drum Song," who is now working on the movie of the same name.

Suzuki will appear if his shooting schedule permits. His son Jimmy is on the chapter basketball team. George Saito is chairman of the event which will serve a western-style dinner.

and recreation, and prejudice in so many places challenges and humiliates not only the American Negro but also the official diplomatic representatives of the new sovereign nations of Africa.

But, how much worse is it when vigilante mobs are allowed to wreak violence upon peaceful "freedom riders" and bystander citizens?

In spite of the difficulties incident to the forthcoming "summit" meeting between the chief executives of the United States and the Soviet Union and the continuing American crisis in space, in disarmament, in Cuba and other international "hot spots," it may well be that our greatest single problem is in this field of human dignity and opportunity within our own country.

Admittedly, great progress has taken place in the field of civil rights. Admittedly too, there is growing realization in the North and in the South that the day of racial integration and acceptance cannot be postponed indefinitely. What happened in Alabama may be only a momentary setback in the campaign for racial equality, even though the casualties are real enough.

The courts have defined racial segregation as the constitutional blemish of all Americans. The Administration has demonstrated in many ways its objective to eliminate racial discrimination. The grim and tragic events of this past weekend, however, demonstrate the lack of congressional or legislative sanction to provide the full and equal protection of the laws to all Americans regardless of their race, color, and creed.

IN OUR tripartite checks and balance system of government, two coordinate branches—the judicial and the executive—have demonstrated their will to provide equality for all Americans; only one—the legislative—has refused this far to join in this attack upon the un-American practice of racial inequality.

As we view the congressional situation, he ought to risk endangering the rest of his legislative program if necessary, for—coincidentally—the core of the opposition to his Administration's socio-economic objectives is essentially the same as that which opposes all civil rights legislation, the congressmen (including Senators) from the Deep South.

If, by his leadership, President Kennedy can defeat the anti-civil rights bloc by securing more "truly democratic" and "less restrictive" parliamentary procedures for the consideration of even the most "controversial" measures, he will win not only effective civil rights legislation but also the majority of his legislative program. The "Key" to Dixiecrat threats to prevent consideration or defeat "progressive" legislation is in the Senate and the House that encourage an organized minority to frustrate majority will.

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consider his views on the urgency of civil rights legislation in this session of the Congress, especially in the light of the developments this weekend in Alabama. We believe that he will agree that he needs to be armed with new and more potent weapons to carry out his constitutional responsibilities to all the citizens of the United States, the protests of one section of our country notwithstanding.

Should he request such legislation from the Congress, we are confident that an aroused citizenry will support his leadership, for too long, for one reason or another, have we tolerated racial discrimination and persecution to hinder both internal domestic development and our leadership of the free world.

INCIDENTALLY, these vicious outrages against our fellow Americans in Alabama have a melancholy resemblance to some of the violence directed against persons of Japanese ancestry in this country after the attack on Pearl Harbor. We have special reference to the overturning of trucks and the "voluntary evacuees" who left California at the invitation of the Commanding General of the Western Defense Command early in 1942 to avoid "detention" and "relocation" in wartime internment camps.

What happened then to us of Japanese ancestry, in a sense, is happening again, only this time to another group of Americans. Somehow, it seems that we never learn!

TO DEDICATE PLAQUE IN MEMORY OF TSUKAMOTO

SAN FRANCISCO.—Sixty Army friends of the late Col. Walter Tsukamoto have contributed toward a bronze plaque in his memory which will be placed in the San Francisco Presidio Chapel. It is to be dedicated this Sunday, May 28, at the Presidio.

Col. Tsukamoto, who was National JACL president in 1938-40, died of a heart attack Jan. 20 in Heidelberg, Germany. He was a ranking officer in the Army's Judge Advocate General's Department.

ARKANSAS VALLEY JACL CONTRIBUTES \$100 TO COLORADO BOYS RANCH

LA JUNTA, Colo. — The Arkansas Valley JACL has contributed \$100 to the Colorado Boys Ranch here. Indicating its interest in curbing juvenile delinquency.

The presentation was made recently by Hank Konishi, treasurer; Robert Mayeda, chapter president; and Tom Nakayama, immediate past president, to John May, ranch executive secretary.

The chapter, whose territory stretches close to 100 miles along the Arkansas River, is one of the three dozen chapters surpassing its 1960 membership this year with 88 members, representing some 80 families in the valley. About 30 members are veterans of World War II.

Colorado Boys Stater

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In Memoriam

The names of 76 Japanese American war dead interred at the Golden Gate National Cemetery in San Bruno are being published in the Pacific Citizen for the first time.

In most cases, the locale of the immediate next-of-kin is designated, while in others where next-of-kin has not been located, the original residence of the deceased is indicated. National JACL Headquarters would appreciate any information regarding the 13 next-of-kin still unknown.

Notices of the Memorial Day program being sponsored by the Golden Gate Nisei VFW Post and the No. Calif.-W. Nev. JACL District Council at San Bruno have been sent to all known next-of-kin.

Chester Abe (Florin)
Frank Akabane (Berkeley)
Shiro Asahine (Salt Lake)
Hachi Endo (Oakland)
Abdullah Shiotani (Watsonville)
Russell Fujino (S.F.)
Barbara Fukushima (Stockton)
Tatsuro Furukawa (Stockton)
Kuni Hattori (Flora, Calif.)
Paul F. Horiuchi (Morgan Hill)
Robert S. Hoshino (Chicago)
Stanley T. Ichiki (Chicago)
George Ikeda (Roy)
Roy Ikeda (Hawthorne)
Kiyoshi Ishizumi (Oakland)
Noboru Kajiura (Oakland)
James J. Kanada (Concord)
John J. Kato (S.F.)
Joseph H. Kato (Fremont)
Kenji K. Kato (San Mateo)
Kazuo Kawata (Eden Township)
Memoru Kinoshita (Livingston)
Yutaka Kozumi (S.F.)

Satoshi B. Kurokawa (San Jose)
John H. Kyono (S.F.)
Harry Makita (Placer)
Eizo Masuda
Peter S. Masaoka (Sonoma)
Isamie Matsukami (Salt Lake)
Tom T. Mizumi (Hayward)
Timothy I. Mizokami (Berkeley)
Harold Moriguchi (S.F.)
Yoshinori Sakai (Flora)
Tokuo Murakami (Watsonville)
Jim Nagata (Redwood City)
George I. Nakamura (Santa Cruz)
George S. Nakamura (Acamp)
Clyde C. Nakaya (Richmond)
Minoru Nakayama (Alameda)
Willie Niede (Hayward)
Takamori H. Nishi (Hayward)
Tadashi Nozaki
Arnold Oiki (Livingston)
James S. Okamoto (San Mateo)
Gogo Okamura (S.F.)
George Omokawa
Donal C. Ota (S.F.)
Akira B. Otsubo (Stockton)
Tom Sagimori (Berkeley)
John M. Sakaguchi (S.F.)
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Toshikazu Shoji (Livingston)
Sadaaki Suetaka (Reno)
Hiroshi Sugiyama (S.F.)
Gogo Sugiyama
Yoshio Suzuki (S.F.)
Teruo Tabata (San Mateo)
David Kiyoshi Takahashi (Berkeley)
Shiro S. Takeuchi (Mentore)
Thomas Tawizawa (Fremont)
Henry Terawawa
Michio Teshima (Riverdale)
Bill J. Yamai (Mt. View)
Fred M. Yamamoto (Palo Alto)
Joe R. Yasuda (Santa Rosa)
Kazuo Kawata (Eden Township)
Hiroshi Yonemura (S.F.)
Hajima Yoshino (S.F.)

Rowher WRA cemetery may become nat'l shrine maintained by Nat'l Park Service

STOCKTON. — Hope that the lonely plot of land which is the final resting place for some 24 Japanese Americans at the former Rowher WRA Center in Arkansas and marked by a massive Nisei war memorial monument erected by the residents of the center may become a national shrine was revealed in a letter published recently by the Arkansas Gazette of Little Rock.

Public interest in these graves was heightened last month when former residents of Rowher in Los Angeles as well as Chicago discussed ways and means of returning the graves to the West Coast.

Since then other interested people such as Dr. Joseph B. Hunter, assistant director of the relocation of the Arkansas Council of Churches, P.O. Box 371, Little Rock, and Mrs. Jun Agari of Stockton, former Rowher resident, have pushed the project along.

Mrs. Agari, who has been in contact with Dr. Hunter, sent articles of West Coast reports to him and Dr. Hunter has reciprocated with articles published in Arkansas papers.

The latest development came about when the Arkansas Gazette published an editorial in its Apr. 24, 1961 issue, giving credit to Dr. Hunter for the project.

Credit to Legionnaires
The editorial elicited a letter from Loyd McDermott, department adjutant of the American Legion, 1415 W. 7th St., Little Rock, Ark., which stated that the first time the American Legion heard of Dr. Hunter's interest was after June 26, 1960 when the Arkansas Democrat wrote about a trip to the cemetery by several American Legion officials to see what could be done about the graves.

"For more than a year, Clovis Copeland of the Arkansas Publicity and Parks Department has urged its development as a tourist attraction before we made the trip to see if the Legion could assist," McDermott wrote the Gazette.

Nisei chaplain at Western Michigan Univ. to lead study-work project in West Africa

NEW YORK. — A Nisei minister, now an active worker among college students, will go to West Africa as a leader of an American student study-work group this summer.

The Rev. Minoru Mochizuki, formerly of San Francisco and now chaplain at Western Michigan University's Campus Christian Fellowship at Kalamazoo, Mich., will lead a group of 11 students to Sierra Leone.

This country, formerly a British protectorate, gained full independence on April 27.

This group led by Rev. Mochizuki will be one of 18 groups going to 16 different West Africa countries under a study-work project known as Crossroads-Africa.

College student from all over the country are participating in this project, each paying \$900 for this experience of going to Africa to live among Africans and to share in a common building project.

The work project for the Sierra Leone group will be to build a road somewhere in the interior.

Leaving June 25
The group will leave Washington, D.C. on June 25 and return Aug. 30 and will visit neighboring Guinea and Liberia in addition to Sierra Leone. Members of these work project groups will have opportunities to talk not only with leaders of government and busi-

California JACL chapters active in all but one of the proposed congressional districts; voters to determine 38 seats in 1962

Californians spent the past week-end perusing the proposed reapportionment of congressional and assembly districts. The new plan was unveiled last week in Sacramento. The bill for reapportionment was sent to the Assembly floor for a final vote, scheduled for yesterday.

Political observers in Sacramento have pointed out that the bill

should enable the Democrats to gain at least a 24-14 margin in Congress, eight more than they have now, following the 1962 elections. This number corresponds with the number of new congressmen the state will get.

The Assembly membership will remain at 80 but the Democrats are expected to bolster their present 47-33 margin by a large extent

through reapportionment.

'Write Your Congressman'
When the JACL chapters are writing to their new congressmen after 1962, all but one of the 38 will be recipients. The exception will be the 33rd district, formerly the 26th of San Bernardino County. The listing below includes the name of incumbents in the House of Representatives from the present 30 districts.

1—C. Miller (D); Sonoma County.
2—Johnson (D); Placer County.
3—Moss (D); Sacramento, Florin.
4—OPEN; Marysville.
5—Shelley (D); San Francisco.
6—Mailliard (R); San Francisco.
7—Cohelan (D); Oakland, Berkeley.
8—G.P. Miller (D); Alameda.

9—OPEN; San Jose, Eden Township, Fremont, Gilroy.
10—Gubser (R); lives in new 9th Dist., but expected to run as incumbent of 10th Dist.; San Jose.

11—Younger (R); San Mateo.
12—OPEN; Watsonville, San Benito County, Monterey Peninsula.

13—Teague (R); Santa Barbara, Ventura County.
14—Baldwin (R); Contra Costa.

15—McFall (D); Stockton, French Camp, Cortez.
16—Sisk (D); Livingston-Merced.

17—Hagen (D); Tulare County, Delano, Bakersfield.
18—Hosmer (R); Long Beach Harbor.

19—Holfield (D); East Los Angeles.
20—TO BE REVISED: Smith (R) and Lipscomb (R) both live in this new district and revision has been promised to avoid this doubling-up; Hollywood, Pasadena.

21—OPEN; Downtown L.A.
22—Corman (D); San Fernando.
23—Doyle (D); Long Beach Harbor.

24—Hiestand (R); Pasadena.
25—Roussell (R); Pasadena, East Los Angeles.

26—Roosevelt (D); Southwest L.A., Venice-Culver.
27—OPEN; San Fernando.

28—Bell (R); West Los Angeles.
29—OPEN; East Los Angeles, Hollywood.

30—OPEN; East Los Angeles, Downtown L.A., Southwest L.A.
31—McDonough (R); Southwest L.A.

32—King (D); Gardena Valley.
33—McDonough (D); Gardena Valley.

34—OPEN; Orange County.
35—Utt (R); Orange County.

36—Wilson (R); San Diego.
37—OPEN; San Diego.

38—Saund (D); Coachella Valley, Imperial Valley.

39th District
Many Nisei voters who used to live in Congressman McDonough's 15th district in the Southwest area will be shifted to the new 30th District which takes in L.A. County, Boyle Heights, New Chinatown and the Southwest area north of Exposition Blvd.

It appears that those who wanted to urge the candidacy of a Nisei attorney to run in the 15th District last November will not be able to in the newly-formed 30th District. He has moved outside of the district.

The new district, however, will make the so-called Oriental votes more influential than before.

Fair housing bill in Minnesota passes
ST. PAUL. — The Minnesota Fair Housing bill was passed by legislature recently and becomes effective Dec. 31, 1961.

The bill was passed by a wide margin of 85-0 in the House but by a narrow 36-30 margin in the Senate, despite five attempts to amend it on the Senate floor.

Sen. Donald Fraser of Minneapolis was credited with leading the fight to stave the amendments, anyone of which if adopted would have crippled the proposal.

ISAMU NOGUCHI FETED BY CANADIAN SCULPTORS

TORONTO. — Famed U.S. Nisei sculptor, Isamu Noguchi, during his recent visit to Toronto at attend the First Canadian Conference Of The Arts, accepted honorary membership in the Sculptors Society of Canada. He is the first honorary member of the society.

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

Arkansas Valley
Chicago
Cleveland
Dayton
East Los Angeles
Eden Township
Florin
Fremont
Gresham-Tridale

Hollywood
Marysville
Orangetown
Pasadena
San Francisco
Seabrook
Sonoma County
Twin Cities
West Los Angeles

Congressman Judd to be main speaker at EDC-MDC confab

MINNEAPOLIS. — Rep. Walter H. Judd (R., Minn.) will be the principal speaker at the forthcoming joint convention of the Eastern and Midwest District Councils of the Japanese American Citizens League here at the Radisson Hotel on Sept. 1-4.

Dr. Judd was the keynote speaker at the Republican national convention last summer in Chicago and is regarded as one of the foremost congressional authorities on the Far East.

Dr. Judd is also remembered for his tribute to JACL on the 25th anniversary of the Japanese American in the Congressional Record.

With the international situation on pins and needles, troubles in southeast Asia, possible admittance of Red China to the United Nations and, if so, their consequences, Congressman Judd is much in demand as a speaker since he is familiar with these topics.

The EDC-MDC Convention chairman Tomo Kosabayashi said JACL was fortunate in having Congressman Judd as one of its main speakers.

Several national JACL officers are expected to attend, including president Frank Chuman of Los Angeles, 1st vice-president Patrick Okura of Omaha and national director Mas Satow of San Francisco.

Berkeley dentist earns colonel rank
BERKELEY. — Dr. Mas G. Tsukasaki was recently promoted to the rank of colonel in the U.S. Army Dental Corps.

A graduate of the Univ. of California in Berkeley, Dr. Tsukasaki has been active in the U.S. Army Reserve since his separation from his tour of duty. During World War II, he served in Europe with the 114th Evacuation Hospital.

To date, it is believed that this is the highest rank to be attained by a Nisei in the U.S. Army Dental Corps.

His active reserve assignment is with the 332nd General Hospital at the Oakland Army Terminal, where he is the acting chief of dental services.

Carrying an expert pistol classification rating, he has also been an active member of the 15th Army Corps pistol team for the past two years participating in the U.S. area sector and 6th Army matches.

GIRL STATER

PAT SAKAMOTO
Butte County Representative



Pat Sakamoto, daughter of the Fred Sakamoto and junior at Gridley Union High School, was named Girls State representative for Butte County and being sponsored by the Gridley Junior Women in cooperation with the American Legion Auxiliary Unit 17 of Chico.

Miss Sakamoto will attend Girls State at Davis, June 26-July 4 with over 400 other girls from throughout the state.

A Girls Stater is chosen because of her high ideals and aspirations as an outstanding student and one who is liked and respected by her teachers and classmates—an "all around American girl." This is one of the highest honors a junior can attain. Currently she is the Gridley Union High School student body secretary.

Parents are active members of Marysville JACL.

Sac'to JACler active at Lions Club official, delegate

SACRAMENTO. — Harry Morimoto, has been elected first vice-president of the Haggin-Grant Lions Club.

The Del Paso Heights Jeweler is also active as a member of the Sacramento JACL board. He has been chosen to represent the club at the Lion & C District convention to be held in Hoberg's on May 26 to 28.

Morimoto will be accompanied by his wife, June, who is now serving as president of the Lions Auxiliary.



DR. WALTER H. JUDD
Minnesota Congressman

Chuman lauds stand of L.A. Mirror for supporting evacuees

The Los Angeles Mirror was commended this past week by National JACL President Frank Chuman for supporting the proposition that Nisei civil service workers of Los Angeles County who had paid toward their retirement while confined in relocation centers during World War II should be reimbursed.

The Mirror, in a front-page editorial, announced its stand on Mar. 22 (see Mar. 31 PC).

"On behalf of the entire organization, and especially on behalf of our fifty-one chapters in the State of California, I wish to express my individual thanks, as well as those of our organization, for your forthright stand in support of this proposition."

"As you state in your fine editorial, although there were only forty-six Nisei then employed, we agree with you that it is a matter of principle and of fair play that these forty-six Nisei be accorded the same right to retirement fund payments as those employees who were absent on military leave."

"We sincerely appreciate your deep concern in this matter and I wish to take this opportunity to personally express our thanks to you in writing."

State Sen. Dolwig named speaker at Evergreen rites

State Sen. Richard Dolwig (R., San Mateo County) will be the principal speaker at the Memorial Day rites to be conducted by the Nisei Veterans Coordinating Council at Evergreen Cemetery next Tuesday, 11 a.m. Jack Matsukawa, commander of the DAV Nisei Chapter 109, is program chairman.

Dolwig, an attorney in Redwood City, has served in the state legislature since his release from military service in 1946.

Rites at Denver

DENVER. — The Mile-Hi JACL and Mountain Plains District Council will join other local groups at Memorial Day services to be conducted by the Cathay Post 185 of American Legion at Fairmount Cemetery, 12 noon, Yosh Arai, program chairman.

RODNEY OMACHI CLAIMS SECOND \$1,000 AWARD

STOCKTON. — Rodney Omachi, son of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Omachi, returned to Sacramento to claim his second \$1,000 scholarship prize this past week, winning the top prize in the Central Valley Math Quiz. The previous week he was awarded a \$1,000 cash prize in the Bank of America Achievement program.

Omachi, student body president at Edison High, is a straight A student with hopes of majoring in medicine or mathematics at Stanford.

He also won a \$300 scholarship from the California Scholarship Federation, thus giving the Sansei a \$2,300 stake on which to start his collegiate career.

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REAPPORTIONMENT HOWLS

Obligated to make room for eight new congressional districts, the California Assembly this week acted upon a proposal reapportioning the boundaries of the congressional and assembly districts, reflecting the population increase as indicated in the 1960 census.

As one reporter put it, that "long-awaited, sometimes decennial political bombshell — redistricting" exploded in California and politicians, national and statewide, "will be assessing its fallout for weeks to come."

Reapportionment is easily one of the most important political acts each decade in California. With each reapportionment, the political patterns of California were set for the ensuing decade.

With the 1962 elections, the political influence of California with its 38 congressmen is vastly increased and makes California's congressional delegation the second largest in the House, surpassed only by New York's 41.

The reapportionment bill gives Southern California five of the eight new congressional seats — three of them in Los Angeles County, which now teems with 42 per cent of the entire California electorate.

Politicians are already forecasting the redistricting job the Democrats have done (their first in the 20th century) will bring them rich harvest of increased political power in 1962. The new political map virtually guarantees that Democrats will come out of the 1962 election with the eight new seats. The present count is 16 Democrats and 14 Republicans. Democrats are also expected to pick up as many as 10 more seats in the Assembly, upping their present strength from 47 to 57 and trimming Republican strength from 33 to 23.

Even before the bill was publicly unveiled last week, Republican critics were denouncing it as a masterpiece of vicious gerrymandering. The foremost Republican voice in the state, Los Angeles Times, editorially exclaimed: "this exceeds honest gerrymandering; it approaches grand larceny."

In 1951, when the Republicans had charge of reapportionment, the Democrats howled with equal anguish.

Now there is talk the Republicans may try to revise the new map by carrying it to the electorate. The Democrats back in 1951 tried it, too, but unsuccessfully.

Assemblyman Robert Crown of Alameda, who chaired the election and reapportionment committee, conducted public hearings throughout the state during the early months of this legislative session. His committee was composed of 11 Democrats and six Republicans. It also consulted with incumbent office holders, weighed all ponderables — geographical and political, and endured pressures that always accompany the charting of new political lines in any state.

So far as JACLers writing to their congressmen when the new map becomes effective, we shall have active chapters in all but one of the 38 congressional districts. The only one missing — in San Bernardino County — never did have enough Nisei interested in organizing an active JACL chapter.

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APPORTIONMENT ADD

With the number of Representatives fixed at 435 by law (even though the Constitution calls for one representative for every 30,000) since 1929, the admission of Alaska and Hawaii as states, (the number temporarily rose to 437, it reverts back to 435 and each congressman will be representing an average of 460,000. The 1950 average was 344,597.

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GERRYMANDER

The scheme of rearranging political districts, which made some areas look like pieces from a jigsaw puzzle and giving the party in power an unfair advantage over the opposition party, goes back before the time of Elbridge Gerry, when he was governor of Massachusetts in 1812 and wanted to increase representation of the Democratic party in the state senate. He redistributed the districts in such a way that the contours looked like a salamander. One Federalist editor, Benjamin Russell, growled: "Better say a Gerry-mander!" and this outlandish name has stuck in American politics.

Historians have pointed out this practice was started in 1799 in Pennsylvania when the counties of Bucks, Chester and Philadelphia combined to prevent the city of Philadelphia from securing its proportionate representation.

The Massachusetts law of 1812 resulted in 29 seats being secured by 50,164 Democratic votes and only 11 seats from 51,766 Federalists regained control of the Massachusetts House.

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Chapter
Chit-Chat

Chicago JACL

When the Chicago JACL executive board and some members hosted a dinner at Como Inn on April 29 to the Issei Story executive committee meeting that weekend, there was a look of real surprise on Frank Chuman's face when a birthday cake was placed in front of him. The report adds that there were no candles on the cake.

Hiro Nakamura, who teaches English at Englewood High, will be teaching the same subject in Japan for a year. He has been accepted as an exchange teacher in Japan.

Tory Yamaguchi, Amy Inouye, Sumi Shiba and JACL board member Tommi Kakita preferred early spring vacations this year, taking the New York-Washington circuit. The girls saw three shows within a five-day period.

Fred Tanaka, who started the JACL dance classes a few years back, has tied the marital knot with Joyce Yamamoto on April 14.

Cleveland JACL

MDC Chairman Joe Kadowaki has been elected to the National Japanese American Citizens League Services Center board of directors.

The JACL trip to Niagara Falls scheduled this past weekend was cancelled. The committee is planning a trip to Detroit's Aquarium.

West Los Angeles JACL

The chapter movie benefit held at the local Gakuen was a tremendous success, with more than 200 persons attending. Thanks to the Asiatic Film Co. for making his possible. Proceeds will be used for our local track meet to be held May 21 at University High School.

PC Letter Box

After Matsuoka's Speech

Los Angeles
Mike Matsuoka's accumulated views (JACL 5-6-61 L.A.), "laid on the line" for the more apathetic members who might have been drifting away, left us acutely aware of how quickly people—including ourselves—forget. Even important things that have cost a lot.

After reflecting on the world situation, implications of the Red threat and domestic repercussions, I arrived at a few sentiments concerning another national group with which we have almost no contact and about whom I've thought seriously for the first time.

If winter ever comes and Red China and the Free World—with or without a combatant Japan—should ever draw swords, we Japanese Americans, of all decent human beings—you don't have to be a humanitarian or even a Christian—should be first to immediately demonstrate the courage of our convictions by going on record that we stand in defense of any poor souls who are unlucky enough to be part of a west coast Chinatown about to have their civil rights summarily suspended without due process of law and trial, under the guise of national defense or anything else. I will have the pleasure of knocking down his throat the teeth of the first Nisei or anybody else who suggests wearing an "I'm No Chinese" lapel button to ensure our safety from vandals.

Maybe I am insinuating an unnecessary precaution for which there is no need, but judging from the way Laos is slinking and the gradually increasing Sino-phobia detectable in the various mass communications media, I can easily conceive of things getting worse. Red China may underestimate the U.S. and overextend its hand through miscalculation, although his is unlikely unless it develops to own A-bombs.

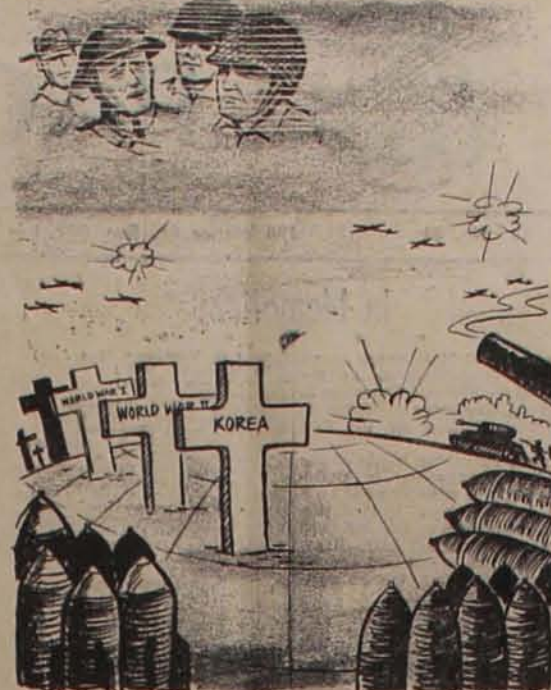
At any rate, regardless of Communism, USSR, Red China, brush-fire wars or no, we should stick to our avowed course unwaveringly. "Better Americans in a Greater America," especially by doing out there to make ours a Nation where Americans in all lines of endeavor who have responsibility in making valuations on anything affecting people, shall do so without prejudice as to religion, derivation, or position. By making this a genuine reality, we also may be helping to improve the world a bit. With these safeguards assured, we can welcome competition from any quarter; and, as now, always be happy to open the record for inspection by anybody with the interest and competence to judge.

TARO KAWAKAMI

ORANGE COUNTY LASS
TO VISIT FINLAND

GARDEN GROVE — Irene Chizoko Yamani, 16, of Garden Grove High School will depart June 9 for Finland under a student exchange program for the summer, according to Henry Kanegae, Orange County JACL president, who is her uncle.

Miss Yamani is a junior at school and is expected to return in September. Several Orange County JACLers have made similar summer trips to Europe in recent years.



'I Thought They Told Us To Rest in Peace'

Prejudice and Hawaiian Dialect

BY ALLAN BEEKMAN

Honolulu
There is a type of discrimination against the Nisei in Hawaii related to local patterns of speech. Whether such discrimination is also related to race, a Mainland Nisei may sometimes be called upon to decide for himself. We may imagine a Mainland Nisei becoming acquainted with the phenomenon at an Independence Day gathering in Honolulu.

"We hold these truths to be self-evident," he hears a speaker intone. "Dat all men ah created equal; dat dey ah endowed by deh creatur wit subtain unalienable rights; dat among deese ah life, libeerty, and da pusbitt of happiness."

These exotic accents, and the peculiar inflections that accompany them, may inspire the visitor with uneasiness, the kind of uneasiness he might feel upon seeing a loved object being put to an improper use. The speech might even strike off associations of a movie gangster genially exhorting his henchmen to increased dedication.

If the visitor remains in Hawaii, he will gradually become aware that the accents he has heard are characteristic of a widely used idiom, an idiom that draws upon the aboriginal tongue for an important part of its vocabulary and that has a syntax compounded of the language patterns of the polyglot people from whose speech it has evolved—an idiom often unintelligible to the uninitiated.

Childhood Dialect

"My mama geeve me leaking," says a child, who has learned the dialect at his mother's knee. He is not announcing an operation to provide him with better drainage. He is expressing the conviction that the pursuit of a certain course of conduct will put him in danger of receiving corporal punishment—a licking to use the pronunciation of people who do not know better.

To a greater or less extent, most Nisei in Hawaii seem to use this dialect. Such use results in some prejudice against them by people bred to standard English. The Mainland Nisei may explore his own feelings to ascertain if such prejudice is racial.

(Ed. Note—As one Mainland Nisei, we don't feel any prejudice on how a person speaks and wouldn't classify prejudice as racial in this case. We remember one JACL convention where the delegate from Texas spoke with an identifiable Texas drawl and another from Manhattan with an unmistakable Eastern accent.)

A familiar example may also help to classify such prejudices: the example we have of the attitude of the French speaking Norman invaders of England to the Saxon speaking residents. The Normans, to pursue this analogy, had no idea that they were dealing with another race. The concept of race had yet to be formulated, and people had not yet been trained to react to it. The Normans saw the difference between them and the defeated Saxons as being one primarily of culture and language—particularly language.

The Normans assigned the defeated Saxons, along with their language, to the barnyard and other unlikely places. So what was cow (cu) and hog (hogg) to the Saxon churls assumed the more refined designations of beef (boef) and pork (porc) when served up on the tables of the lordly Normans.

CSEA chapter official

LONG BEACH — Active Long Beach-Harbor District JACLer Peggy Tanaka will be installed as new secretary of the California State Employees Assn. Chapter 100 at Long Beach State College next month. She recently was elected over two other candidates. Miss Tanaka is administrative secretary for the college business manager.

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Tokyo Topics: by Tamotsu Murayama

Issei Story Lead in Berkeley

Tokyo
Now that longtime Professor Chiura Obata of the Univ. of California at Berkeley has completed his semi-annual tour of Japan with many American friends and is back home, he should be freely interviewed and be allowed to recall some of the forgotten pages of Japanese life in America for the Issei Story project.

Much has been said of the accomplishments of the Issei pioneers in the fields of agriculture, mining and commerce. But there is a unique facet of Issei life in American literature. Professor Obata was among the few Issei who actually took part in the Issei Story project at the turn of the twentieth century.

The early history of Japanese cultural life in California is centered at "Miller Heights" in Oakland, where such Japanese poets as Yone Noguchi and Isen Kanno worshiped the poet of the Sierras—Joaquin Miller. Dr. Obata is probably the only person alive today who knows of the famous "Heights" activities.

Japanese Bohemians

Kanae Nagasawa, founder of Fountain Grove in Santa Rosa, was a close associate of Miller and composed poems of his own. Nagasawa was the samurai from the Satsuma clan in Kagoshima.

Yone Noguchi, who lived in America between 1893 and 1902, became a famous Japanese poet and was a close friend of the Hindu poet Tagore, the Nobel

Prize winner. His son is the noted Nisei artist Isamu Noguchi. Isen Kanno was a famous poet of the early days, his pieces being introduced from the Atlantic to the Pacific. His American wife, Gertrude Boyle, was also a famous poetess and sculptress. She had numerous exhibitions in America and Japan.

It might be said that the Miller Heights in Oakland was the cradle of the Japanese literary and cultural movement in America. It is interesting to know that there were many well-known Japanese poets in America at one time. They had conquered the language barrier and mastered the expression of their thoughts in English. They are all dead today and forgotten.

Played Baseball

The JACL project to record the history of Japanese in America comes at an opportune time. Further delay may leave many phases of Japanese life in America without accurate records.

Dr. Obata happened to be the sole survivor of the first Japanese baseball team, which was organized in San Francisco to meet the team from Waseda University. They played at Stanford University. The Waseda coach was the late Professor Isao Abe, who later organized the Social Mass Party in Japan.

Obata also organized about seven or eight baseball teams among the young Issei in the Bay Area. He also was a key man for the first Japanese theatrical group in California.

Los Angeles Newsletter: by Henry Mori
Yokohama-Born West Pointer

NOMINATED by Rep.-James Roosevelt, D-Los Angeles, a Yokohama-born UCLA student has successfully passed examinations to enter West Point this July 5.

The 20-year-old appointee is Ken Yoshitani, the second son of Mr. and Mrs. Masaharu Yoshitani, now residents of New York. Ken lives with his brother, Ryo, and both attend UCLA.

Six years ago when Ken came to the United States he had no dream of ever qualifying for West Point. But in the spring of 1960 he applied and then early this year he passed his physical.

Yoshitani attended Seika Elementary School in Yokohama. He enrolled at Stevenson Junior High School in East Los Angeles. He was graduated from Hamilton High School with top honors.

Another Sasei from Los Angeles is making a name for himself in a military school.

Cadet Captain Lowell M. Hattori was judged the outstanding cadet selected for assignment to the U.S. Army Ordnance Corps at Pennsylvania Military College in Chester, Pa. He received the Gold Scholarship Award of the American Ordnance Association.

IN A CITYWIDE essay competition, Linda Murayama, 16-year-old B12 student at Marshall High School was third place winner in the contest sponsored by the Los Angeles Committee on Employment of the Physically Handicapped.

The daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ben Murayama was honored with nine others at the awards luncheon at the Biltmore Hotel. A CSEF she plans to enroll at UCLA next February to take up studies in either teaching or social science. Linda's prize was a \$75 savings

bond from William K. Hopkins, chairman of the Governor's Committee on Employment of the Physically Handicapped.

FAMILIAR names from the past who were the backbone of the Magnolia YWCA Residence in East Los Angeles gathered early this month to close a memorable chapter in their voluntary work.

The Residence which served the last 37 years, weathering evacuation, wartime vandalism and the west coast resettlement period has been purchased by a private Nisei family.

Oldtimers will recall the East-side dormitory for girls as one of the social spots for Nisei activities before the war. Among the honored for their devoted welfare work included Mrs. George Takeyama, Katsumi Mochida, Miya Kikuchi, Kenzo Sugino, Choyee Kondo, Nagamine, Gen Nakamura, the Rev. and Mrs. Kojima Unoura, the Rev. John M. Yamazaki and International Institute's inspiring leaders, Elsie Newton and Esther Bartlett.

The Frank Chumangs were also cited for their contribution in maintaining operation of the Residence with other volunteers. More recently Frank gave of his legal service in drawing up a memorandum agreement between the Los Angeles YWCA and a new Japanese American Y committee so that funds derived from the sale of the two-story wooden frame structure and monies left over from previous operation can be properly facilitated when needed.

The building was sold at a reported price of \$18,000.

The end to the Magnolia Residence brings somewhat of a nostalgic pang to middle-aged Nisei.

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Vagaries: by Larry Tajiri

'Bridge to the Sun' Finished

WHEN Mariko Miller visited Denver some months ago from her home in Casper, Wyo., she expressed concern on the motion picture adaptation of "Bridge to the Sun," the story of an interracial marriage which her mother, Gwen Terasaki, had written. Mrs. Miller hoped that Jacques Bar who was producing the picture in Paris, Washington, D.C., and Tokyo would approach this realistic story with fidelity. She also was concerned whether the Hawaiian Nisei actor, James Shigea, would be able to delineate successfully the role of Hidenari Terasaki, the Japanese diplomat who married a girl from Honolulu which married a girl from Honolulu which married a girl from Honolulu.

The word is that "Bridge to the Sun" has turned out better than studio expectations and MGM is withholding the release of the picture (it originally was to be released this month) in order to give the film a better advance little publicity and the reason is that MGM, which originally purchased the screen rights to the Terasaki book after its publication by North Carolina University Press and subsequent condensation in Readers Digest, turned it out to French producer Jacques Bar. The picture was made as a co-production with Bar who operates out of Paris. As a result "Bridge to the Sun," although it takes place in the U.S. and Japan, was considered a French production and MGM's publicity bon-tous didn't test for it.

Final production work on "Bridge to the Sun" was completed in Hollywood recently with Shigea and Mrs. Miller dubbing some scenes on the MGM lot.

The picture is principally a love story, beginning with the meeting of the girl from Tennessee and the Japanese official in Washington, their courtship and marriage. Terasaki's involvement in a last-minute attempt to prevent a war between the United States and Japan, hours before Pearl Harbor, by arranging direct communication between President Roosevelt and the Japanese emperor is reportedly a dramatic sequence in the film. After Pearl Harbor Gwen Terasaki decides to take her daughter, Mariko, and to accompany her husband to Japan aboard the exchange ship Gripsholm. In Tokyo Mrs. Terasaki addresses the

Nisei psychologist granted \$62,000 to study rise of Japanese American delinquency

Though statistics show that Japanese-American crime rate is minute compared to that of other ethnic groups, its percentage of increase is high—and a UCLA assistant professor of social welfare is searching for the reasons.

Dr. Harry H.L. Kitano, a specialist in child psychology, recently received a two-year, \$62,000 grant from the National Institute of Mental Health to carry out the project. He believes his findings will be of value to all groups concerned with juvenile crime.

The San Francisco-born Nisei scholar was one of the chief assistants in a minority housing survey conducted in the San Francisco Bay Area by a U.C. professor several years ago.

He headed the staff which compiled data in the San Francisco and Berkeley Japanese homes.

"Much to the surprise of the police, third-generation Japanese-Americans have been showing up among trouble-making gangs," he said. "Twenty years ago this

was unknown."

Backed by a team of researchers, the UCLA professor will investigate the relationship to juvenile crime among younger Nisei of (1) a change in attitude toward authority, (2) a change in ways of reacting to stress situations, (3) a breakdown of social integration (or group unity), (4) the sudden uprooting resulting from other factors.

"We may find," Dr. Kitano said, "that the trouble stems from the Americanization process itself. It seems that the third-generation is reacting to stress in a typically American way—by striking back."

"This is in contrast to the stereotype Japanese reaction of grimly carrying on in a prescribed manner no matter how tough the odds."

Nisei girl top graduate of USC pharmacy school

Margie Yasuko Furumoto, graduating senior at the School of Pharmacy, Univ. of Southern California, has won the 1951 Lehn & Fink Gold Medal Award for the highest grade average in her class.

She attended secondary school in Hiroshima, and L.A. City College from 1935 to 1937 where she was the top student in the whole school.

She was the recipient of a University full scholarship through the entire time at the School of Pharmacy, USC, and was active in extracurricular affairs. She was vice president of The Japanese Students Club, vice president of Rho Chi, historian and secretary of Lambda Kappa Sigma in 1938 and 1939 respectively, treasurer of The Antidotes and a member of Iota Sigma Pi, National Women's Chemistry Honorary Society.

Although her future plans are not definite, she hopes to enter the hospital pharmacy field.

Nikkei Lions formed

SAN FRANCISCO.—The new Lions club formed of Nisei here was formally organized last week as the San Francisco Nikkei Lions. The club will hold its charter night dinner June 15. Other officers elected were:

Yutaro Shiohara, Dr. Robert Kiyasu, v.p.; Miki Moriwaki, treasurer; Hisao Ito, secretary; Kei Hori, tail twister; Robert Nagata, Lion tamer; Takao Okamoto, Yoshiaki Moriwaki, Hirofumi Minami, Yukio Kumamoto, Frank Kashiwagi, Harry Katsuyama, Sumio Kawasaki, James T. Sakata, Ichiro Sakaki, ed.

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Nisei athletes prep for JACL trackfests

Close to 250 athletes will compete in the 10th annual JACL Nisei Relays this Sunday at University High School, 11800 Tenth Ave., West Los Angeles, according to George Fujita, relays chairman.

A card of 32 championship events covering all four classes of competition will get underway at 1:30 p.m. The preliminaries will be held in the morning.

For class championships, the point spread in the open and junior divisions will be 10-6-4-2 (four places) in the individual events, 10-8-4 (three places) in the relays. The point spread in the midget and cub divisions will be 10-6-4-2 (five places) and 10-8-4 (three places), respectively.

In calculating for the individual high point trophy, the track committee decided that those points won in individual events only are to be added.

90 youngsters romp at WLA jr. meet

Under the able chairmanship of Y. Tsuruda, the second annual West Los Angeles JACL junior track meet met with success last Sunday afternoon at University High, where 90 youngsters from eight through 15 years of age competed.

No team championships were offered but the enthusiasm for the medals to winners in all four classes did not falter for a moment during the day, according to chapter president Akira Ohno. He also paid tribute to the local youth leaders who assisted the track committee.

Lovely Pat Ando, queen for the junior track meet and chapter candidate in the Nisei Relays queen contest, presented the medals.

NOBU ASAMI SHARES IN BPAA WOMEN'S DUO TITLE

ALBANY, N.Y. — Nobu Asami and Helen Duval, a pair of veteran California bowlers, won the eighth annual BPAA Women's National Doubles Tournament.

Mrs. Asami, of Richmond, Calif., 38, and Mrs. Duval, 48, of Berkeley, Calif., rolled a 16-game total of 6306, for \$1,000 and a trophy.

Eden Township-Fremont join in family bowling

SAN LORENZO. — Eden Township and Fremont JACL chapters will co-sponsor a family bowling night at the Grand Lanes, Hayward, on June 3, 8 p.m. League and non-league bowlers are invited. Trophies will be awarded on a handicap basis for single and doubles events, with special events for women and children.

Reduced prices for children were promised. Aki Hasegawa, Yas Ishida and Harry Kawabata are handling the arrangements.

Puget Sound golfers

SEATTLE.—Dr. T. Uchida was recently named president of the Puget Sound Golf Club for 1951. In the 1950 club competition for "Golfers of the Year," Jun Hayakawa took top honors while Min Hashimoto was second.

East of the River: by Dick Akagi

Tree-Planting in New York

New York's tempo and density can intimidate strangers. Yet there are times when the town, or at least one part of it, slows down to a point where you get the feeling that maybe this is a pretty homey little community after all.

Several months ago a woman named Maggie, who lives across the street from me, began to work on a project to "Beautify 96th Street," specifically this meant getting trees planted on our block. It struck me then as an impossible undertaking since it required lugging loads to foot a substantial portion of the costs. Landlords in New York are bloodless corporate entities and I couldn't see these legal abstractions willingly paying for anything, much less contributing toward something as aesthetic as trees.

Maggie billboarded all the buildings on the street with posters she herself had made. The posters themselves were classic; unprofessional in lay-out and lettering, they first stopped the viewer with their childlike crudity, then charmed him with the straightforward sincerity of their appeal. The very vulnerability of the posters reflected Maggie's own innocence.

And Maggie did. She got twenty trees for 96th Street. Perhaps typical of New York, the trees were planted in two days. On the first day a crew came in with pick-axes and jack-hammers and tore off the pavement in neat patches where the trees were to go. The next day twenty scraggy saplings stood in the patches.

Last week there was a little ceremony on our block to celebrate the tree-planting. The state senator made a speech and a nationally known television performer sang a song and it was a fine occasion all around.

Six teams are also in the Junior division: Long Beach JACL, Un-touchables, O.C. JAYS, San Fernando JACL, West Los Angeles JACL and the Lonely Guys.

There are seven in the Midget division: Long Beach JACL, Westside Dodgers, San Fernando JACL, Uptown Youth, O.C. JAYS, Wanjia, and Tigers.

And seven more in the Cub division: Long Beach JACL, Gardens Swim School, Westside Dodgers, Uptown Tigers, Venice-Culver JACL, Wanjia and Tigers. And each division has a smattering of "unattached" athletes.

San Francisco JACL Olympics deadline extended to May 29, meet at Kezar June 4

SAN FRANCISCO. — Indications are that a record number of entries will be submitted for the 1951 Nisei Olympics track and field meet at Kezar stadium June 4.

A last-minute addition of a new event—baseball throw—for the new Pee Wee and Junior divisions was announced by the sponsoring San Francisco JACL track committee.

"As most of the youngsters are competing in the Optimist baseball leagues, this event should be a natural," declared Michi Fukuda, co-chairman for the coming meet.

The other co-chairman Akira Watanabe said that San Jose and Stockton are again planning to send large teams while Marysville will be entering the Nisei Olympics for the first time.

Livingston is also expected to enter a number of sprinters and hurdlers for this meet.

May 29 Deadline
Deadline of entries for the meet is Monday, May 29. It was announced by Fukuda and Watanabe. Entry blanks for the meet have been mailed to presidents of over 50 JACL chapters in California and to many clubs and churches in the Bay Area.

Additional blanks have been prepared and are available by writing Watanabe at 1832 Buchanan St. However, copies of the official form may be used for additional entries.

Meanwhile, sign-up for the San Francisco JACL team is continuing.

Yukio Isoye, who will coach the local squad for the open and 100 lb. exempt lightweight divisions, is currently rounding up athletes to compete in the June 4.

Los Angeles JACL Nisei Relays TRACK RECORDS

OPEN DIVISION	
100—Bob Watanabe (West L.A.)	10.0s (1952)
220—Mas Miyano (Hobos)	21.8s (1950)
440—Victor Mitsuno (Hobos)	51.8s (1954)
880—Henry Kawamoto (Lords)	2m.04s (1954)
1 Mile—Kikuo Morioka (Japan)	4m.37.5s (1952)
70 Highs—Dave Yamada (Hobos)	9.2s (1955)
Bill Saito (West L.A.)	9.2s (1958)
120 Lows—J. Karahara	13.3s (1941)
180—Lows—Tommy Hom (Hobos)	19.8s (1950)
Pole Vault—Dave Hoshimura	13 ft. 14 in. (1941)
Broad Jump—Will Tawa	22 ft. 7 in. (1938)
High Jump—John Kanaya (Santa Clara)	6 ft. 4 in. (1936)
Shot Put—Tom Sano (Fowler)	55 ft. 6 in. (1958)
Hot-Step-Jump—A. Tamura	44 ft. 7 in. (1941)
880 Relay—Hobos	1m.32.6s (1950)
440 Relay—Hobos	44.2s (1950)
—Event replaced by 180 lows	
JUNIOR DIVISION	
50—Beebe Kataoka (Const.)	5.6s (1956)
100—Dick Sakamoto (Orange County)	10.3s (1958)
Cliff Yoshida (Untouchables)	10.3s (1950)
660—Victor Mitsuno (Hobos)	1m.31s (1955)
120 Lows—Walter Shiori (Long Beach)	14.0s (1958)
Dave Sato (West L.A.)	14.0s (1956)
Pole Vault—Yamamoto (Venice)	12 ft. (1941)
Broad Jump—Melvin Matsukane (Orange County)	21 ft. 6 in. (1950)
High Jump—Art Tsutsui (NAC)	5 ft. 8 in. (1955)
Shot Put—Jerry Osumi (Hobos)	53 ft. 10 in. (1956)
440 Relay—Hobos	45.9s (1958)
660 Relay—Hobos	1m.10.7s (1958)
MIDGET DIVISION	
50—Cliff Yoshida (Tigers)	6.0s (1959)
75—Rocky Tadashira (Long Beach)	8.8s (1959)
Broad Jump—Mickey Sato (Tigers)	18 ft. 1 in. (1955)
High Jump—Denny Kanegae (Orange County)	4 ft. 8 in. (1950)
440 Relay—Hobos	50s (1959)
CUB DIVISION	
50—Billy Zaima (Tigers)	7.1s (1959)
75—A. Furukawa (Fighting Tigers)	10s (1950)
Broad Jump—Stanley Shirai (Wanjia)	14 ft. 9 in. (1950)
High Jump—Gene Kawakami (Fighting Tigers)	3 ft. 10 in. (1950)
440 Relay—Tigers	1m.1.3s (1959)

San Francisco JACL Olympics TRACK RECORDS

CLASS "A" RECORDS	
100—Bob Kameoka (Downtown L.A.)	10s (1958)
220—Bob Kameoka (Downtown L.A.)	22s (1957)
440—Victor Mitsuno (East L.A.)	52s (1957)
880—Henry Kawamoto (Downtown L.A.)	2m.7.4s (1955)
1 Mile—Min Nakamura (West L.A.)	4m.49.5s (1959)
70 Highs—Howard Shintaku (Sacramento)	8.9s (1950)
180 Lows—Hideo Sakamoto (Reedley)	20.5s (1956)
Pole Vault—Neal Yoshida (Reedley)	12 ft. 9 in. (1959)
Broad Jump—Ron Fujino (West L.A.)	22 ft. 4 in. (1958)
High Jump—John Kanaya (San Jose)	6 ft. (1950)
Shot Put—Tom Sano (Fowler)	55 ft. 5 in. (1956)
Discus—Tom Sano (Fowler)	147 ft. 1 in. (1956)
880 Relay—Reedley	1m.34.9s (1957)
CLASS "B" RECORDS	
50—Dave Iwata (Long Beach)	5.5s (1959)
100—Hiroshi Fukuda (San Francisco)	10.4s (1959)
660—Harry Ito (Stockton)	1m.33.7s (1956)
120 Lows—Osami Takeda (Sacramento)	13.6s (1958)
Pole Vault—Frank Ishihara (West L.A.)	10 ft. 2 in. (1956)
Broad Jump—Ed Hayashi (Sacramento)	21 ft. 7 in. (1957)
High Jump—Nawaki Uemura (San Francisco)	5 ft. 5 in. (1958)
Shot Put—Dennis Tanaka (San Francisco)	55 ft. (1958)
440 Relay—San Francisco JACL	46s (1958)
CLASS "C" RECORDS	
50—Hiroshi Nakai (San Francisco)	5.9s (1957)
100—Dick Hachiya (Reedley)	5.9s (1959)
100—Tom Tokubo (Reedley)	10.7s (1959)
Broad Jump—Dick Hachiya (Reedley)	20 ft. 4 in. (1959)
High Jump—Dick Hachiya (Reedley)	5 ft. 1 in. (1959)
440 Relay—San Francisco JACL	55.8s (1960)

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sachusetts legislature.

In 1788, the enemies of the Federal Constitution in Virginia tried to prevent the election of James Madison to the first Congress by this political dodge. Fortunately, it was unsuccessful — for Madison is acknowledged as the "father of the U.S. Constitution".

While a system under which each party gets its fair quota could be devised to eliminate gerrymandering, politicians seem almost unanimous in approving this practice. And voters seem to agree to this "good old American custom".

As for Gerry, the man whose name seems immortalized by the decennial practice, he later became vice-president to James Madison. Gerry died in office. Active in Massachusetts politics after graduating from Harvard in 1762, he was identified with the patriot party of Samuel Adams, served as a member of the Continental Congress, was one of the late signers of the Declaration of Independence and at one time served in the Massachusetts legislature as well as the U.S. Congress in the 1780s.

Gerry was a strong anti-Federalist in his day, opposing the creation of a strong national government. His exertions at the Constitutional Convention of 1787 were ceaseless to what he felt were wholly undemocratic influences in the Constitution and opposed its ratification. One of his reasons for opposition was that it contained no bill of rights, and we all know these were proposed in 1789 and adopted two years later.

While Gerry (pronounced with a hard "g") is remembered for Gerrymander (pronounced with a soft "g" or "j" sound), we hope this week's column will raise our respects of Elbridge Gerry to what he really was — a patriot and a statesman.

Eastern District Council Report

JACL Truly National

BY CHARLES T. NAGAO, Past EDC Chairman

Seabrook, N.J. — From the standpoint of a Japanese American Citizens League member or even of just an American of Japanese ancestry, it is taken for granted that the Japanese American Citizens League is a National Organization with some eighty-five chapters scattered throughout the United States; and hence, we all felt in the past sometime or another when we have been asked about what kind of an organization is the Japanese American Citizens League, etc. that with pride we have stated that each chapter is a part of the National Organization.

I believe that the Japanese American Citizens League, being a National Organization, is significant in its intent to indicate unity and strength, thereby enabling each individual American of Japanese ancestry, particularly the Japanese American Citizens League members, to realize the benefits to be derived thereof.

During the recent Seabrook Chapter Installation banquet, the Honorable Milton W. Glenn, Congressman from the Second Congressional District of New Jersey, which encompasses the southernmost counties of New Jersey—Atlantic, Cape May, Ocean, and Cumberland—was the guest speaker of the evening. His speech on the first one hundred days of the Kennedy Administration was very interesting and informative.

However, his commentary preceding his above topic is what prompted me to touch upon this seemingly "died-in-the-wool" acceptance that the Japanese American Citizens League is a National Organization is a paramountly accepted and believed version by the representatives in Washington, D.C. from the western states where the majority of the Japanese American Citizens League chapters are located.

But when Congressman Milton W. Glenn had said, "Well, fellow congressmen from the West, I am going home this weekend (May 13-14) to speak at the annual installation banquet of the Seabrook Chapter Japanese American Citizens League," he received this reply from the Western congressmen, "What in the devil do you mean going home to speak at a Japanese American Citizens League Installation Banquet? Why I thought that this Organization was existing only in our part of the country!"

Needless to say the above boldfaced statement indicates the necessity of an active public relations program in contacting at every chapter level, particularly those in the West, in order to convince those Congressmen who represent the constituents that the Japanese American Citizens League is truly a well organized National Organization.

Undoubtedly, owing to the fact that there are only four chapters in the Eastern District Council, it makes it easier to maintain a closer contact with our Congressmen in Washington, D.C. At any rate let us all be assured that for the sake of widening the recognition of the Japanese American Citizens League in the eyes of our lawmakers in the Nation's Capitol two congressmen from both Philadelphia and Seabrook Chapter area can be very helpful.

The recent appearance of the Honorable Richard S. Schweiker, Congressman from the Thirteenth Congressional District, Montgomery County, Pennsylvania, as the main speaker at the Philadelphia Chapter installation banquet certainly indicates all that is stated above.

San Francisco JACL's 1961 scholarship committee will be headed by Katherine Reyes, local public school teacher. It was announced by John Yasumoto, chapter president.

The chapter scholarship committee is now making plans for the third annual award of \$250 to some deserving local high school student.

All students of Japanese ancestry who are members of either January or June graduating classes at any local high school and are planning for further education are eligible to apply for this scholarship.

Notices are being sent to all local high school and application forms are available by writing to the San Francisco JACL at 1759 Sutter St.

June 23-25 dates for S.F. scholarship benefit movies

SAN FRANCISCO. — The third annual benefit movie program for the San Francisco JACL scholarship fund will be held on the weekend of June 23-25 at Kinmon Hall.

The chapter will again award a \$250 scholarship to a deserving local high school graduate who intends to continue his or her education in college.

Two Daisies films, "Furai Monogatari" starring Kazuo Hasegawa, Jun Negami and Kowjiro Hongo, and "Beni Asami" have been announced for the scholarship fund benefit movie night, June 23-25, at Kinmon Hall. Show starts at 6:30 p.m.

Senator Lions elect

SACRAMENTO. — Richard Uno was elected president of the Senator Lions Club for the coming 1961-62 term. Other members of the board elected were: Eugene Okada, George Muraki, Mas Ota, v.p.; Joseph Sato, treas.; Tosh Tada, Lion tamer; Peter Takuma, tail twister; Paul Nakashima, bulletin; Ichiro Fukutome, Buddy Kawaye; Fred Sanhong, Thomas Nishizaki, bd.

Ft. Lupton delegate

FT. LUPTON, Colo. — Ronald Murata, son of Mr. and Mrs. Lee Murata, was named Boys State delegate from Ft. Lupton High School recently. He ranks in the upper third of his junior class and is outstanding in leadership, scholarship, service, character and in citizenship.

Gresham-Troutdale JACL honors local graduates

PORTLAND. — The second annual banquet for graduates was held by the Gresham-Troutdale JACL last Saturday at the House of Pancake. Ten college and high school graduates were honored. They were: High School: William Fujimoto, Jayne Kinoshita, Dick Lee, Oshio Marjorie Ando, Raymond Onchi, Gail Kikkawa, Robert Takeuchi, Karen Kashiwa, Shizuko Kikkawa. College: Joyce Kikkawa, Charles E. Saverude, former Gresham High School principal, was the main speaker. Joe Kato was program chairman, Mrs. Kaz Tamura, toastmistress.

East L.A. JACL family picnic at new site June 11

The East Los Angeles JACL family picnic will be held on Sunday, June 11, from 11 a.m. at Barnes Park, 400 S. McPherson, Monterey Park. Free ice cream and soda will be provided. There will also be games and prizes for children.

The new site offers electrical outlets, barbecue pits and plenty of shade. The picnic is being arranged by members of the chapter board of governors: Sam Furuta, Anson Fujikura, Cy Yaguchi, Hisako Kawakami, Dr. Robert Ohi, Dr. George Wada, Fred Wakabayashi, Henry Oosawa, Hilde Katayama, Mrs. Sakae Hasegawa, George Nomi and Mary Mitner.

Florin JACLer promoted

FLORIN. — Judy Gotan, active Florin JACL, was recently promoted to Grade GS-9 as Digital Computer Programmer at the Sacramento Signal Depot. She entered government service after college in 1951 as a clerk-steno. Working herself up, in 1958 she entered this Digital Computer Field as GS-5, progressing herself to GS-7 in 1960.

She is believed to be a only Nisei woman in this area holding this grade. She served with the Florin Chapter JACL Board Member for the past six years.



TWIN CITIES UCL HOSTS 1961 EDC-MDC CONVENTION

Pausing a moment for the photographer are the busy crew of Twin Cities UCL members who are preparing the joint EDC-MDC Convention at Minneapolis, Sept. 1-4. It ranks next to a full-scale national convention in point of attendance and activities. Pictured (from left) are: seated—Andrew J. Sato, Mrs. Kay Kushino, Dr. Simpey Kuramoto, convention chairman Tomo Kosobayashi, Sumi Teramoto, Tom Kanno; standing—Yoichi Ito, George Yoshino, Yuk Yamaguchi, Meko Fujita, Henry Makino and Howard Nomura.

Kathy Reyes appointed S.F. scholarship chairman

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1000 CLUB NOTES

65 Life Thousands

A portion of the 1000 Club life member dues being held in reserve was withdrawn in January by National Headquarters and credited to the respective chapters. Life Member dues today are \$500—\$25 of which is withdrawn each year.

There were 65 Life Members in the 1000 Club for the year 1960 as follows:

PACIFIC NORTHWEST

Mid-Columbia—Roy Yano, Portland—Dr. Robert Kinoshita, Puyallup Valley—George Ota, Seattle—Frank Hattori, Takashi Hori, Frank Kuno, Henry T. Kubota, Takeshi Kubota, Ken Nogaki, PNWDC Mike—Edward Yamamoto, Mrs. Matsui Yamamoto, Tom Shoji Yamamoto.

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SAN FRANCISCO—Frank M. Nonaka, NCWDC Mike—Mrs. Miyoko Yuki, Takeo Yuki.

CENTRAL CALIFORNIA

Delano—Ernest Takaki, Fresno—Fred Hirasawa, Parlier—Harry Isaki, Ben Koga, Norman Miyakawa.

PACIFIC SOUTHWEST

Downtown L.A.—Saburo Kido, Gardena—George Kobata, Dr. John Koyama, Ken Osaka, Pasadena—Tom Ito, San Fernando—Dr. C. T. Sakaguchi, Southwest L.A.—Masami Abe, Taro Kawakami, Mrs. Chieko Taya, Fred M. Taya, Dr. Tom Watanabe, Venice—Culver—George Inagaki, Mrs. Yukie Inagaki, Frank K. Inagaki (in memoriam).

West L.A.—Dr. Kiyoshi Sonoda, Mrs. Mitsuo Sonoda.

INTERMOUNTAIN

Idaho Falls—Dale Harada, Sadao Morishita, Joe Nishikawa, George Nukaya, Frank Yamazaki, Rexburg—Wright Sakota, Salt Lake—J. J. Wagner, Snake River—Thomas Isari, Kay Teramura, James Watanabe.

MIDWEST

Chicago—Roland Hagio, Harold Gordon, Dr. William Hura, Harry Mizuno, Shig Okuno, Dr. Frank Sakamoto, Shig Wakamatsu, Kumeo Yoshinari.

Dayton—Dr. James Taguchi.

EASTERN

New York—Edward Kunita, Philadelphia—Marti Michener, Washington, D.C.—Kenko Nogaki.

Nisei property site of \$1-million building project

BUENA PARK. — Ground was broken this past week for a new \$1 million, 10-building, seven acre, light manufacturing plant site on Orangehorpe, west of Western Ave. here.

Concrete began flowing for two of the planned 10 buildings, each with approximately 10,000 square feet.

The seven acre project includes four buildings on the property of the Nishizu brothers and four on the former Edna Hess property.

At the ground breaking ceremony were Clarence, John, and Henry Nishizu along with Takito Yamaguchi of the Bank of Tokyo of California which partially financed the project. Police Chief Ralph Selby, Chamber of Commerce manager Ed Bernard, City Manager S.V. Erdelyi, and Fire Chief Bill Berbeck.

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Gresham-Troutdale Issei honored by JACL chapter

GRESHAM, Ore. — The Issei parents were treated to a delicious Chinese dinner and a Japanese movie at the local G.T. Hall by members of the Gresham-Troutdale JACL on May 13.

Japanese Consul and Mrs. K. Urabe of Portland was honored guest. Mas Suzuki was emcee for the evening.

Dayton CL dates

DAYTON, O. — The veranda of the Dayton Canoe Club overlooking the Miami River here will be part of the setting of the Dayton JACL Spring Dance tomorrow night.

The chapter also announced July 9 as the date of their picnic at Hills and Dales Park.

Former L.A. newspaperman art director in Wisconsin

SILOUS CITY. — Ex-newspaperman Joseph Ishikawa, director of the Sioux City Art Center has resigned effective August 31, to assume position as director of the Theodore Lyman Wright Art Center, Beloit College, Beloit, Wis.

Ishikawa has been director of the Sioux City Art Center since October, 1958.

The former Los Angeles Nisei, had been curator and assistant director of the Des Moines Art Center from 1951-1958; prior to that curator of the University of Nebraska Art Galleries.

Beloit's Wright Art Center was established in 1892; its present building was dedicated in 1930 and has since been remodeled. It has eight exhibition galleries and several collections totaling over 6,000 art objects.

Under Gemini

SAN FRANCISCO. — June 10 is the date for the San Francisco JACL Women's Auxiliary record dance, "Under Gemini", with stereophonic music provided by Relece Hamel at Park-Presidio "Y". The dance starts at 9 p.m.

Marianne Otobishi, chairman, will be assisted by: Mrs. Betty Ozaawa, tickets; Toshi Watanabe, ref.; Alice Teragishi, Phyllis Watanabe, Evelyn Hoey, dec.

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During FDR's First Year

Part V: Continued

Those years before World War II were difficult for both the Issei and Nisei when it came to understanding each other. Both groups desired very much to be understood by the other, but the principal handicap was language. These were the same years when the attitude of the Issei upon the Nisei was that the Nisei were their children.

The Manchurian incident of 1931 leading to the establishment of Manchukuo as a new nation under the tutelage of Japan was the main topic of discussion those days. The Japanese vernaculars had extensive coverage.

The convention committee in San Francisco had to be careful about the keynote speaker so that there would be no cause for friction in the Japanese community. The most prominent speaker who knew the position of the Nisei was Chester Rowell, chief editor of the San Francisco Chronicle at that time. He was a very highly respected community leader. The dangerous situation was that he had been critical of Japan's position, branding the Japanese as aggressors.

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of the Civic Auditorium in the Civic Center. As part of an Americanization program, the school authorities agreed to release the Japanese high school students from classes in the afternoon. This was how the hall was packed.

Kramer Bill

The Hokubei Asahi carried an editorial under the title of "Citizens Have Done Something" on Feb. 21, 1934. It was in relation to the successful campaign of the JACL against passage of the Kramer Bill. The contents make it clear that it was still not smooth sailing for those who were espousing the cause of the Nisei movement. It should make interesting reading today.

(The Kramer Bill provided that if the wife of an American citizen were an alien ineligible to citizenship, their children born abroad would be an alien and not a citizen as the father.)

Citizens Have Done Something

Our elders have been continually questioned the value and importance of the Japanese American Citizens' League. We have fought and struggled to explain our cause and accomplishments, but our elders have been indifferent toward our achievements, and have considered the leagues as organizations which were only interested in social gatherings.

It is true that the leagues have given dances and benefit shows but they have been sponsored for two main purposes: to attract more citizens to the leagues through social means and to raise funds.

But bigger things have been accomplished already by the leagues. In 1931, the Cable Act amendment was passed through Congress by the united efforts of the league members, and restored American citizenship to many second generation wives of Japanese ineligible to citizenship. Miss Sugi of Los Angeles was sent by the leagues to Washington to plead the cause. And she was successful.

Then again, the Seawall Bill, in which an alien was prohibited to possess any firearms or to fish in California, was withdrawn through the concerted efforts of the leagues.

Now, in the latest case, the leagues have been instrumental in quashing the Kramer Bill in Congress, which would have been highly detrimental to the children of citizens with alien wives.

We believe these instances are sufficient to show the power and

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Pasadena community picnic

PASADENA. — The 11th annual Pasadena community picnic, sponsored by the Japanese Gardeners Assn., will be held June 18 at Brookside Park Sec. B. Active JACLers Ken Dyo and Harris Oza-wa will be emcees. Ben Hirano is picnic chairman.

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Calendar

- May 27 (Saturday) Dayton — Spring Dance, Dayton Civic Club, 8 p.m.
- East Los Angeles — Emerald Ball, Chalmers, 1010 S. Broadway, 7:30 p.m.
- Two Cities — JACL Old Lodge, 8 p.m.
- May 18 (Sunday) Portier — Issei Recognition Banquet, House of Pancake, 1010 S. Broadway, 10 a.m.
- Los Angeles — Nisei Relay, University High, 10 a.m.
- San Jose — Pancake breakfast, Buddhist Church Annex, 10 a.m.
- Pasadena — JACL Meeting, 8 p.m.
- Portland — Memorial Service, JACL Hall, 8 p.m.
- NCWDC — Memorial Service, Golden Gate National Cemetery, San Bruno, 10 a.m.
- June 3 (Saturday) Eden Township — Family Bowling Night, Grand Lanes, Hayward, 8 p.m.
- San Francisco — JACL Olympics, Kezar Stadium, 10 a.m.
- Serrano — JACL picnic, Elk Grove Park, 10 a.m.
- June 4 (Sunday) Philadelphia — General meeting, 8 p.m.
- San Francisco — Auxiliary record dance, Park-Presidio "Y", 9 p.m.
- Detroit — Benefit movies, International Institute, 7:30 p.m.
- Southwest L.A. — Quinceañera Ball, 10 a.m.
- East Los Angeles — Chapter picnic, Barnes Park, Monterey Park, 11 a.m.
- June 11 (Tuesday) East Los Angeles — General meeting, International Institute, 7:30 p.m.
- June 15 (Thursday) (Chapter) Ito, Mori report due, Sanger — Graduate dinner, Desert Inn, 7:30 p.m.
- June 16 (Friday) Cleveland — Scholarship Award banquet, Riverside Methodist Church, 8:30 p.m.
- June 17 (Saturday) Sonoma County — Swimming party, Sequoia — Graduates dance, 8 p.m.
- Pasadena — Community picnic, 10 a.m.
- West Los Angeles — Polio-tetanus clinic, Stoner Ave. Playground, 10 a.m.
- San Francisco — Benefit movies, Kinmon Hall, 7:30 p.m.
- Long Beach — Chapter coronation ball, Cotta Cotta, 10 a.m.
- Chicago — JACL graduates dinner-dance, Sheraton-Palace Hotel, 8:30 p.m.

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