

Berkeley CL to discuss proposal for selling its Haste St. property

BY GEORGE YASUKOCHI

BERKELEY—The Berkeley JACL membership will decide on whether to sell the Haste St. property, once the site of its headquarters and now a vacant lot.

A special meeting has been called for Monday, June 26, 8 p.m. at the Free Methodist social building, 1520 Derby St., to discuss the recommendation which has been made by the board of trustees, building committee and chapter board of directors to sell.

All members are expected to attend and contribute their views on this important issue. A mail ballot will follow this meeting.

The property was originally purchased by the old Japanese Association before World War II and included space for Japanese classes and rental apartments. It served as a meeting place for the Berkeley JACL in the early post-war period. When a separate Berkeley JACL was formed in 1953, it was decided the property

was to be sold.

Condemned and Razed
In 1959, the city building inspectors condemned the fast deteriorating structure and since then, the land has remained idle as an empty lot.

There were several proposals that the property be developed and plans were actually made in 1956 for construction of a community center with a few income units to sustain operating and maintenance costs. This was, at one time, the hope of the Issei who donated the property.

However, high costs thwarted these plans and discouraged the initiation of a \$75,000 fund drive. There was also strong feeling that a community center would only duplicate existing facilities and eventually prove a financial burden to the community.

Reason for Sale

The present recommendation for sale is predicated on the establishment of a permanent Berkeley JACL endowment fund from the proceeds of the sale, to be invested prudently in sound securities or in savings institutions.

Every attempt to keep the principal intact and even to increase it will be made. Only a dire emergency would result in the expenditure of this principal.

The annual \$75,000 from the fund would be used for:

1. Special projects of community value.

2. Awards and scholarships.

3. Research, study and action on problems affecting the chapter and the Nisei community, such as housing, employment, old age and delinquency.

4. Sponsorship of delegates to inter-group conferences, both youth and adult.

5. Current chapter activities beyond the scope of present dues and budget.

Fewer Fund Drives

It is further anticipated that the need for money raising affairs will be greatly diminished, enabling officers to concentrate on programming. No change is contemplated in the dues structure.

The recommendation to sell and setting up an endowment fund will also simplify management of chapter assets, create a stabler financial structure, increase income substantially and make possible an activities program of greater breadth and value.

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units as well as interim plans for use as a parking lot. However, it was generally agreed that the chapter was not in a position to manage income property and to cope with the many complex problems associated with construction, maintenance and tenant occupancy.

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Two graduates cited by East L.A. JACL

Margaret Sumiko Kikuta of Rosevelt High and Linda Sugimoto of Garfield High were honored with East Los Angeles JACL scholarships this past week. It was announced by chapter president Mrs. Mable Yoshizaki and Roy Yamadera, scholarship committee chairman.

The selections were made by faculty advisers at both schools. The chapter has established this program to aid deserving Sansei graduates at both of these schools.

The daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George Kikuta of Monterey Park, Margaret Sumiko Kikuta has held many posts at school. She was student body treasurer, club coordinator, active on the Girl's League Board and Girls Athletic Assn. She plans to study at East Los Angeles JC and UCLA and major in physical therapy.

Linda Sugimoto is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Tash Sugimoto of Monterey Park. She was active in the National Forensic League and the Garlands, a foreign language club, Girls League and the GAA. Linda was a princess in the recent JACL Nisei Relays. She plans to become a teacher by further studies at East Los Angeles JC and the University of California at Berkeley.

Placer County Sansei attends Boys State

AUBURN.—Geoffrey L. Igarashi, Jr., of Roseville High School is attending Boys State in Sacramento this week, having been selected by the Rocklin American Legion Post 620. He is the 16-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Geoffrey Igarashi, active Placer County JACLers.

Mrs. Kodani re-elected civic group chairman

Ruth Kodani was the unanimous choice to lead the Community Relations Conference of Southern California as chairman for the second consecutive term. It was announced at a banquet held last week at the Statler Hotel.

The prominent Nisei leader heads the Conference which lists the JACL and the Japanese Chamber of Commerce among the 67 member agencies.

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Sac'to 1000er to build 77-unit garden apartment

SACRAMENTO.—Construction will begin in the near future at Arden Way and Markston St., on a 77-unit, \$700,000 garden apartment development.

To be known as the Markston Apartments, the facilities will be owned and operated by George Tambara and Associates.

Tambara is an active 1000 Club member of Sacramento JACL.

Featured in the development will be recreational areas, including a large heated swimming pool, shuffleboard court and barbecue units. Each apartment will be air conditioned, kitchen equipped with built-in electric appliances, wall to wall carpeting and living rooms with large picture windows and hardwood wall paneling.

Paved parking facilities will be available for 100 automobiles. A lawn 25 feet in width will be in front of each of the ground floor apartments.

The apartments will be built by Compton Bros., of Sacramento. The designer of the development is John Y. Sato, Seattle architect.



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U.S. Supreme Court rules on six cases of interest to Nisei

Special to the Pacific Citizen. WASHINGTON.—This past Monday, in its last "decision day" of the 1960-1961 term, the Supreme Court of the United States handed down six opinions of special interest to Americans of Japanese ancestry, according to an analysis of the Washington JACL Office.

One of the decisions related to religious freedom, another to race relations, still another to "loyalty security," two to free speech, and, lastly, to the criminal law. All involve civil rights.

Religious Freedom

The nation's highest tribunal unanimously held unconstitutional a Maryland law that no one may serve in a public office unless he swears to his belief in God.

In this instant case, a Wheaton, Maryland, office manager who applied for a commission as a notary public was denied his commission because he refused to affirm his belief in God. The party involved insisted that this was no one's business but his own.

Associate Justice Hugo Black, in the majority opinion, declared: "We repeat and again reaffirm that neither a State nor the Federal Government can constitutionally force a person 'to profess a belief or disbelief in any religion.' Neither can they constitutionally pass laws nor impose requirements which aid all religions as against non-believers, and neither can aid those religions based on a belief in the existence of God as

against those religions founded on different beliefs." (Torcaso v. Watkins).

Because of the wartime experiences of those of Japanese ancestry, and particularly because so many Nisei are Buddhists, this is a milestone decision in the view of the JACL Office.

Race Relations

Unanimously affirmed lower court decisions allowing the Department of Justice to seek injunctions as a friend of the court against the public school segregation statutes passed by a special session of the Louisiana Legislature and also striking down that legislation which was enacted to circumvent the United States Supreme Court's 1954 decision outlawing segregation in the public schools. (Denny and Tugwell v. Bush and Legislature of Louisiana v. United States).

These opinions were a part of the series of such decisions that the high court has handed down in the several years since its historic case ordering the integration of the public schools of the nation. The JACL, mindful of the pre-World War II days in California especially when there were segregated schools for "Orientals", has been a close observer of these cases.

"Loyalty Security"

In a narrow five to four holding, the Supreme Court determined that the Navy could constitutionally lift the security clearance of a civilian short-order cook in a Navy base cafeteria without telling her why she was considered a security risk.

Rachel Brawner, a cook employed by a restaurant concessionaire at the naval gun factory in Washington, had her security badge taken away by the security officer. She was advised only that she did not meet the security requirements and was not given a hearing or further explanation. Without her badge, she was unable to continue her employment at the naval gun factory.

The majority opinion held that two basic questions were involved. The first, whether the commanding officer of the gun factory was authorized to deny Mrs. Brawner access to the installation was answered by Associate Justice Potter Stewart: "It cannot be doubted that both the Legislative and Executive branches are wholly legitimate sources of such explicit authority. The control of access to a military base is clearly within the constitutional powers granted to both the Congress and the President."

The second, whether this exclusion deprived the petitioner of any constitutional right, was answered: "The Fifth Amendment does not require a trial-type hearing in every conceivable case of government impairment of private interest. Where it has been possible to characterize that private interest as a mere privilege subject to the Executive's plenary power, it has traditionally been held that notice and hearing are not constitutionally required."

"This case... involves the Federal Government's dispatch of its own internal affairs... It has become a settled principle that Government employment, in the absence of legislation, can be revoked at the will of the appointing authority." (Cafeteria Workers v. McElroy).

This case recalls the post-evacuation experience of many Nisei cleared by security officers to leave the relocation camps, who, by arbitrary fiat, were refused employment and entry into various so-called military areas.

Free Speech

In another five to four opinion the Supreme Court held that a man compelled to join a railway union may prevent the union from spending his dues for political purposes he opposes. Under the union shop involved, employees must join the union within a specified time after being hired.

Two other justices said it was unconstitutional for a union to spend money against the political wishes of members, while another found the expenditures both statutorily authorized and constitutional.

The majority refused to go into the constitutional question that the two separate dissents did and interpreted only the intent of the law involved. They held that the Congress had designed the Railway Labor Act to make all employees pay for regular collective bargaining and similar labor activities—but not for politics.

Although limited to a construction of a specific statute, the decision could potentially affect political spending not only by labor unions but also other non-voluntary organizations.

In a companion case, in which there were ten opinions altogether, the majority upheld the constitutionality of compulsory membership in an "integrative" state bar association. Four justices so voted while refusing to pass on

the constitutionality of political spending against a member's wishes. Three justices found such spending unconstitutional. Some 26 states now have "integrative" state bar associations. (Latrop v. Donohue).

Criminal Law

In still another five to four decision, the Supreme Court overturned its landmark decision of 1949 and held that the Constitution forbids the use of illegally seized evidence in state criminal trials.

The search-and-seizure decision is expected to have sweeping effects on local law enforcement throughout the country. Some observers have already described it as the most significant limitation ever imposed on state criminal procedure by the Supreme Court in a single decision. The effect is to eliminate a long-standing difference in the rules for state and Federal courts.

A 1914 case, Weeks v. United States, decided that Federal Courts must exclude illegally seized evidence. But in 1949, in Wolf v. Colorado, the Court said that state courts were not bound by the same rule. Today, 24 of the 50 states admit such evidence. (Mapp v. Ohio).

This case, like so many others decided last Monday which recall the Nisei experiences of World War II, established precedents which, if in effect in 1942-45, could have prevented many bitter difficulties and problems.

Optometry college names Dr. Miyake to governing board

FRESNO.—Dr. George Miyake of Fresno has been elected a member of the governing board of the Los Angeles College of Optometry at the annual meeting of the board held in Los Angeles recently.

Dr. Miyake, a graduate of the Univ. of California School of Optometry, has been active in professional organizations, having served in various capacities including presidency of the Vision Conservation Institute of California.

He has been director of the California Optometric Assn., president of the Central California Optometric Society and as regional vice-president of the UC Optometry Alumni Assn. He is also a member of the American Optometric Assn.

Dr. Miyake served as charter president of the Fowler JACL, vice-chairman of the Central California District Council and is presently national chairman of the JACL Endowment Fund Committee.

With his partner Dr. Frank Nishio, he maintains offices in Fresno and Clovis.

Legionnaires donate for upkeep of Rowher cemetery

CHICAGO.—The Chicago Nisei Post of the American Legion announced it would contribute \$100 toward restoration and upkeep of the Rowher WRA Center cemetery and memorial. The monument is in tribute to the 37 heroes of the 42nd Regiment from the Arkansas relocation center.

NEARLY 3,000 ISSEI IN JAPAN RETIRED ON SOCIAL SECURITY BENEFITS

More than half of the \$316,000 in U.S. Social Security benefits going monthly to some 5,000 persons in Asia are in Japan, according to statistics released for 1959 by the U.S. Dept. of Health, Education and Welfare.

Japan, with 2,908 beneficiaries receiving a total of \$177,804 per month, ranks ninth of the list of foreign countries. Ryukyu Islands, listed separately, shows there were 271 beneficiaries receiving \$14,340.

Report was made available to Pacific Citizen by George Nakamura, local field representative and active Long Beach Harbor JACLer.

Chapter Index

The Pacific Citizen thanks the following chapters for having submitted articles for this week's issue by Monday, the new deadline for chapter news. It helps us to meet the press deadline which has been advanced to accommodate the extended run of 14,000 copies.—Editor

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'Command Decision': Evacuation, Part 4

Washington, D.C.

This is the fourth in a series, summarizing together with our comments, the chapters entitled "The Decision to Evacuate The Japanese From The Pacific", recently published by the Office of the Chief of Military History of the Department of the Army in a volume called "Command Decisions."

TOWARD THE END of January 1942, the California congressional delegation met and recommended the evacuation of enemy aliens and all "dual citizens" from critical areas on the West Coast. They did not mention the Japanese by name, however.

As a result of this congressional meeting and the mounting agitation for some arbitrary action against the Japanese, Attorney General Biddle called representatives of the War Department to meet with him to discuss what action, if any, should be taken at that time.

In opening that meeting, Biddle stated that his Justice Department would have nothing whatever to do with any interference with citizens or with the suspension of the writ of habeas corpus.

He handed the Army representatives a press release which was to be released jointly and included the statement: "The Department of War and the Department of Justice are in agreement that the present military situation does not require the removal of American citizens of the Japanese race."

It was Biddle's feeling that such a statement at that time might at least slow down, if not stop, the demands for wholesale evacuation of both alien and citizen Japanese.

The Army representatives—Assistant Secretary of War John J. McCloy, who later was to be most instrumental in the policy decision to organize the 442nd Central Postal Directory, General Gullion of the Provost Marshal General's Office, and Major Bendetsen—refused to agree to the sentence regarding citizen Japanese.

WASHINGTON NEWSLETTER

By Mike Masaoka

A FEW days earlier, Thomas C. Clark, now an Associate Justice of the United States Supreme Court, was named by the President as Co-Ordinator of the Alien Control Program within the Western Defense Command.

About this same time, General DeWitt had agreed provisionally to recommend the mass evacuation of all persons of Japanese ancestry from the Pacific Coast. And, the Provost Marshal's Office was formulating plans for the mass movement and had already located sufficient non-military shelter to provide substantially for all the West Coast Japanese. These were state and county fair grounds and race tracks near the big cities.

WHILE Secretary of War Stimson was holding a meeting on February 3 with McCloy, Gullion, and Bendetsen to develop a system of "licensing" citizens to visit or pass through certain military reservations to be set up around various strategic installations, he was handed a message just received between Chief of Staff General George C. Marshall and General DeWitt, in which DeWitt reported:

"I had a conference yesterday with the Governor and several representatives from the Department of Justice and the Department of Agriculture, with a view to removal of the Japanese from where they are now living to other portions of the State. And the Governor thinks it can be satisfactorily handled without having a resettlement somewhere in the central part of the United States and removing them entirely from the State of California."

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"I have never been a body to that, but I have said, if you do that, and can solve the problem, it will be a positive step toward the protection of the Coast... But I have never said, 'You've got to do it, in order to protect the Coast'... and I can take such measures as are necessary from a military standpoint to control the American Jap if he is going to cause trouble within those restricted areas."

THE PROJECTED joint news release was finally issued on February 5, differing from what either DeWitt or the Provost Marshal General's Office wanted.

With respect to citizens, it stated innocuously: "The Government is fully aware of the problem presented by dual nationalities, particularly among the Japanese. The appropriate Governmental agencies are now dealing with the problem."

FOLLOWING the February 2 meeting, McCloy telephoned DeWitt and told him about the licensing plan and cautioned him against taking any position in favor of the mass evacuation of all Japanese.

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Summertime in Central California seen as breeding ground for juvenile problems

BY THOMAS TOYAMA

FOWLER.—Many parents in the rural areas of the Central California think that Nisei problems do not exist. However in the past decade, many Nisei youngsters were involved in serious crimes in Central California and perhaps more youth problems will arise this summer vacation.

A former Fowler YBA member became involved with narcotics and robbed a Nisei store.

Another Nisei from a good Christian family was involved with narcotics. He also asked his parents at gun point to buy a new car, but the daughter called the sheriff and he was put in jail.

A former Del Rey, Sangar and Fowler resident robbed a store in Selma. This lad may be the same person who robbed in Sacramento.

A former Fowler resident now living in Los Angeles is passing bad checks after losing on horse races.

A Nisei robbed a Clovis Nisei's savings account and is still to be arrested.

A Fresno Nisei was passing bad checks in the Fresno City.

A Biola lad was passing bad checks.

A former Young Adult Buddhist leader in Madera was passing bad checks.

There were petty thefts in the Fresno area.

SACRAMENTO SANSEI AWARDED SCHOLARSHIP VALUED AT \$24,000

SACRAMENTO.—Ken Murakami, a graduate from C.K. McClatchy High School, received the highest scholarship award given a high school graduate in the United States this past semester.

The school principal announced at the commencement that Murakami received a scholarship amounting to \$6,000 a year for four years, which will permit him to study science at a university of his choice.

The report failed to mention the name of the scholarship.

HIGH SCHOOL AWARD NAMED FOR PENRYN NISEI

LOOMIS.—A special award and perpetual trophy to be awarded to an outstanding student was recently given to Del Oro High School as a memorial to a local Nisei dentist, the late Dr. Kay Kashiwabara.

The award was given by Mrs. Kashiwabara and won by Tom Cooper, student body president.

Dr. Kay, as he was known to all here, passed away while leading the Penryn Boy Scout Troop 9 as scoutmaster just prior to the 1960 Winter Olympic Games at Squaw Valley where the scouts served as aides.

He was also chapter president of Placer County JACL.

Cler donates land to city for road extension

FREMONT.—A road extension constructed on land donated to Fremont by Steven Nakashima, San Jose attorney, was opened with ceremonies this past week.

Mayor John L. Stevenson and a host of dignitaries cut the ribbon, officially completing the \$47,137 Durham Road extension from Grimmer Blvd. to Fremont Blvd., a key access to Fremont's industrial areas.

Durham Road was recently included by the City Council in the city's major street system. It will be a key access route to the General Motors plant, to be erected shortly in Fremont.

Toastmasters Club

PASADENA.—Aki Kawai, Pasadena JACL Issei Story chairman, was installed as lieutenant governor of Area B-1 for the Toastmasters Club. He was also elected or his outstanding record in building membership throughout the area, comprised of five clubs.

A Parlier youth was in serious trouble with the law.

A Nisei in Porterville took the life of a Caucasian by playing with a bomb.

A Fowler youth shot his mother. However the lad was a mental patient.

A former Fowler Buddhist Sunday School student carrying a trigger long knife to school.

A Fowler Nisei robbed a Nisei home and sold the television to another Nisei.

A Sanger Nisei was caught in the act of molesting a Caucasian girl.

Two Fowler youths were arrested taking high priced records, inserting them into cheap album and buying the album from a drug store.

Gov. Brown to lead Nisei Week parade

Gov. and Mrs. Edmund G. Brown will act as grand marshals of the 21st annual Nisei Week Festival parade, Aug. 20, when the week's celebration climaxes in Lodi.

"We are delighted to accept your invitation to attend the festivities that evening," Gov. Brown wrote to Elji Tanabe, president of the Japanese Chamber of Commerce.

Meantime, the Nisei Week Festival queen committee has asked that all applications to enter the contest be submitted to the Chamber office, 258 E. 1st St., before midnight June 30.

Paul Takeda, executive secretary for the organization, said at least seven candidates are known to be interested in running.

Nisei Week talent show issues first call

First call for amateur talent to perform during Nisei Week at Koyasan Hall was issued this week by Jim Higashi, Talent Show chairman.

Trophies to the first three-place winners in three divisions were also announced. The competition will be divided into age groups: 12 and under, 13-18, and 18 and over. Entry blanks are available at the Japanese Chamber of Commerce office, 258 E. 1st St., and at Magic Radio or Anzen Hotel Supply.

The show will be held on Friday, Aug. 21, from 6:30 p.m.

SEAFAIR CANDIDATE?

Nancy Ann Sawa, Seattle Japanese Community queen, and Lady in Waiting to the Royal Seafair Court of 1960, demonstrates what will happen to a young lady of the community prior to the kickoff of this year's Seafair.

Local queen selection will be held this week, but the announcement will be withheld until the Coronation Ball, July 8 at the Olympic Hotel Grand Ballroom. Who is the young stand-in with perfect neck, shoulders, back? Up here we're not saying, but remind all eligibles for the Queen title, "It could be YOU."



SEAFAIR CANDIDATE?

Nancy Ann Sawa, Seattle Japanese

Director's Report

By Masao Satow, National JACL Director

ORIENTAL RETICENCE?

The following observations are in order after seeing how the California Senate Committee on Governmental Efficiency pignooled the watershed Hawkins Bill aimed at declaring housing discrimination illegal.

1) The great pressures brought upon the legislators by opposing interests through a mix of letters and personal calls should convince us it is not enough for JACLers to have the local Chapter President or some designated officer write letters to their representatives in support of pending legislation on behalf of the Chapter.

Each JACLer must take it upon himself to communicate his own personal support as a registered voter and interested constituent. Several legislators who were in sympathy with fair housing laws received such a mass of mail in opposition from their constituents they could not conscientiously go all-out in support. Our own Assemblyman had several bundles of representatives of the opposition descended upon him on mass in Sacramento.

2) While it is understandable that Nisei who are the victims of housing discrimination shun the publicity of being victimized, and quietly keep trying elsewhere until they are finally settled, these instances must be publicized in order that our friends will realize everything is not so hunky-dory as they are led to think.

Our own Assemblyman John Buetterud was surprised upon being informed that Nisei faced discrimination in housing in San Francisco, both in purchasing homes as well as in rentals. He was under the impression that everyone was as friendly to the Nisei as he.

How many times have we been in conversation about Nisei being unable to buy a home simply because he was non-white, only to find several Nisei in the group admitting they had faced the identical situation some time ago.

They play right into the hands of those who maintain there is no racial discrimination in housing.

ISSEI STORY

Meetings on the Issei Story were held this fortnight with San Benito and Oakland. The San Benito Chapter boasts an unbroken history since its founding in 1933 with the distinction of being the only west coast Chapter to remain intact despite evacuation. Its Chapter building is only a stone's throw from historic San Juan Bautista Mission. San Benito consistently signs up 1000 per cent of its eligible membership.

The Oakland meeting was with members of the Chapter's Issei Story Committee, headed by Dr. Russell Wefara. Don Wefara, one of our real long-time JACLers, was in charge of the Issei Story.

THE MAJOR project in the Intermountain District Council this summer has been the Issei Story. Now that all chapters have completed their membership drives and the new administrations are swinging into action, all efforts have been concentrated toward completing Assignment 1.

Our district is fortunate in having capable people in charge of this project on the chapter level. They include George Isari and Frank Ogami of the Snake River chapter, Ontario, Ore. Mrs. George Nishitani and Henry Suye-hira of the Boise Valley chapter, Pocatello, Idaho has co-chairmen Frank Wada and Harry Watanabe. Mrs. Fred Ochi is committee chairman for Idaho Falls. While further north, Tommy Miyazaki is in charge at Rexburg Chapter. In Utah, Ken Uchida, Henry Kasai, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Akagi are in charge of Ben Lomond, Ogden, Salt Lake, and Mount Olympus.

AS WE dig into this Issei Story, we find ourselves coming up with questions, such as: Why did the Issei move so far inland when it was geographically convenient



FIVE SEEK 'MISS HARBOR' TITLE

Joan Takenouchi (at extreme left), who was 1960 Miss Harbor, holds the crown with five aspirants looking for honors this year to represent the Long Beach area in the 1961 Nisei Week queen contest. They are (from left) front—Dorothy Katsuda, May Ishihara; back—Sueko Yamashita, Hiroko Kotsubo and Amy Kitagawa. Final judging occurs tomorrow at the JACL Coronation dinner-dance at Lafayette Hotel in downtown Long Beach. Judges are Mrs. June Kawai (1948 Miss National JACL), Judge Martin DeVries, the Rev. Robert Gunter and John A. Paap. Dr. Masao Takenouchi will be toastmaster; Herb Gifford's combo will play, and Mr. and Mrs. Harry Manaka are co-chairmen of the event.

Nisei rasslers making big hit in Japan, Great Togo and Toshi Togo attracting fans

BY TAMOTSU MURAYAMA
(Special to Pacific Citizen)

TOKYO.—Nisei professional wrestlers are in Japan creating a virtual tornado. Their contests are bloody and gruelling. But the Japanese fans are impressed that the diminutive Nisei can really endure the fights and still manage to fall down the huge fellows on the mat.

The Great Togo, born in Oregon 45 years ago as George Katu Okamura, is demonstrating the human body can take a lot of punishment. Night after night, he is dishing out the rough stuff and the fans are getting a big charge out of this small fellow who is really staging a wonderful show.

The Japanese newspapers have been carrying stories about Great Togo, introducing this Nisei as one who is making a tremendous contribution to the growth of professional wrestling in Japan.

Ex-Olympic Champion

His partner, Harold Sakata and a former world weightlifting champion, is known as the Toshi Togo. The Togo pair fight like mad dogs and the show is terrific.

In the ring as referee is the very popular and highly respected Hawaiian Nisei, Oki Shikina, an old wrestling pro who seems to take the worst of the licking as he gets knocked off his feet, has his head cracked against the posts and sometimes thrown out of the ring.

About 10 years ago, the Shriners in Japan invited some American wrestlers to show their rough-house tactics. As part of the show it was necessary to have a Japanese participant.

About the same time, Rikidozan had a fight and left the Sumo Association and the Shriners decided to have him perform for the show. This reporter served as Rikidozan's interpreter.

After this show, Rikidozan went to Hawaii and was trained in U.S. style wrestling by Oki Shikina. He went to America and was a success. The Great Togo also helped him a great deal. A keen grappler with an aggressive attitude, "Ricky" came home to

Boost from brewery

Active Downtown L.A. JACLer Harry Yamamoto and Ronnie Sugiyama, owners of Towne Distributing, were cited by Burgermeister brewery last week for leading all wholesalers in the state for the greatest increase in sales during 1960.

\$500 to charity

SANTA ANA.—The So-Phis, Nisei women's group of Orange County, presented \$500 to the Orange County Assn. for Retarded Children at its recent installation of the '61-'62 cabinet headed by Dorothy Takai. Mrs. Mary Nitta, adviser, was installing officer.

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organize the Japanese Professional Wrestlers Assn., inviting many American professional wrestlers to perform. With his keen sense of business, Ricky has made a tiny fortune, owning apartment houses, gymnastic facilities and a sports center.

Ricky, the idol of the "karate chop" fans, has in the meantime learned enough English to negotiate all transactions for himself.

Nisei attorneys on both sides of key civil rights case

Nisei lawyers represented opposite sides in a case in the Appellate Department of Superior Court which marked an important milestone in civil rights earlier this month.

Complaints to Police

Johnson was arrested on reckless driving charges on Sept. 29, 1959. Subsequently, Johnson filed a formal complaint with the internal affairs department of the Los Angeles Police Department, alleging that he was punched, choked, kicked and beaten by arresting officers.

After a hearing, Johnson's charges against the police officers were dismissed. Johnson had not signed a criminal complaint with the city attorney.

The police immediately filed charges against Johnson accusing him of making a false police report. He was convicted in the lower courts and appealed.

In upholding the appeal, the Appellate Court majority drew a strong distinction between false reports involving crimes that required immediate emergency action by police, and complaints by citizen involving the conduct of police officers, which may be later disallowed.

14th Amendment Cited

The decision carefully spelled out the right of citizens under the 14th amendment to the U.S. Constitution to petition the government to right any wrong that the government is qualified to rectify.

Right of a citizen so to petition cannot be abridged, the court ruled. Prosecution of a citizen who makes such a complaint violates the citizen's right to petition for redress from his government.



VALLEY FEVER SPECIALIST ADDRESSES JACLERS

Bakersfield JACL had as its guest speaker Dr. Marco Brusch, Internal Medicine specialist, at their dinner meeting May 28 at the Chicken House. Dr. Brusch showed his award-winning film on Coccidioidomycosis and conducted an informative question and answer period. Shown discussing valley fever is (left to right) Delano JACL president Eddie Nagatani, Bakersfield president Joe Ono, Dr. Brusch and Bakersfield first vice-president, Dr. Toshio Yumibe. Delano Chapter members were invited to participate at this gathering.

—Photo by Leo Hagiwara

Chapter Chit-Chat

Philadelphia JACL

Powelton Neighbors, a group of residents dedicated to building a community of people with varied ideas and from all walks of life, is headed by Sho Maruyama, wife Joan is secretary.

Joanne Nitta of Lansdale, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Nitta has gained honors in two fields: fine arts and writing. Her watercolor "Flowers" was exhibited at the 13th annual show of the Lansdale Art League. Hers was among 100 entries finally selected from 250 submitted. She also won a \$25 savings bond first prize in the essay contest sponsored by the Ability First Committee of North Penn for high school students in Montgomery county. Her topic was "Jobs for the Handicapped, a Community Challenge".

Omaha JACL

The Omaha JACL Mixed Bowling League ended its '60-'61 season with a picnic outing. Pinfalls were league champions. Individual season awards were won by: Gladys Hirabayashi, 136; high game—Kay Nakadai, 233; Gladys Hirabayashi, 211; high series—John Holmes, 608; and Gladys Hirabayashi, 501.

Mrs. Lily Okura was elected to the board of the local chapter of the Nebraska Welfare Assn., and also elected state first vice-president.

Fowler JACL

Michie Taniguchi, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Sunato Taniguchi, won the \$100 Fowler JACL Scholarship at the Fowler High School commencement exercise, recently.

Ken Tsuchiguchi won the \$250 Fowler Lions Club scholarship and CCDC-JACL \$125 scholarship.

'Issei Story' project meeting at Monterey set

MONTEREY.—The general meeting of the Monterey Peninsula JACL scheduled Wednesday, July 19, will feature an informal talk on the so-called "Issei Story" project by Mas Satow at the local JACL Hall.

Satow at Eden Township

HAYWARD.—Eden Township JACL met last Wednesday at Castro Gardens to hear Mas Satow speak on the "Issei Story" project. Sho Yoshida was meeting chairman.

PC Letter Box

All gravesites decorated

Bethesda, Md. The caption with the Arlington Cemetery Photo which appeared in the June 9th issue of Pacific Citizen, implied that the graves of only two Nisei GIs were decorated on Memorial Day. (These graves are placed side by side. Their parents reside in Pocatello, Idaho.)

I wish to correct any misunderstanding. The members of the Washington, D.C. chapter made visits to all 20 of the graves of the Nisei GIs buried at Arlington National Cemetery, placing flowers and taking photos at each of the graves to be sent to next of kin.

I might add that prior to decorating the graves a short memorial service was held at the gravesite of Pvt. Raito and Sgt. Wataru Nakashima and PFC Kiyoshi Murakami, with Rev. Andrew Kuroda and Bishop Shojo Honda participating.

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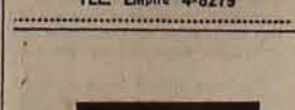
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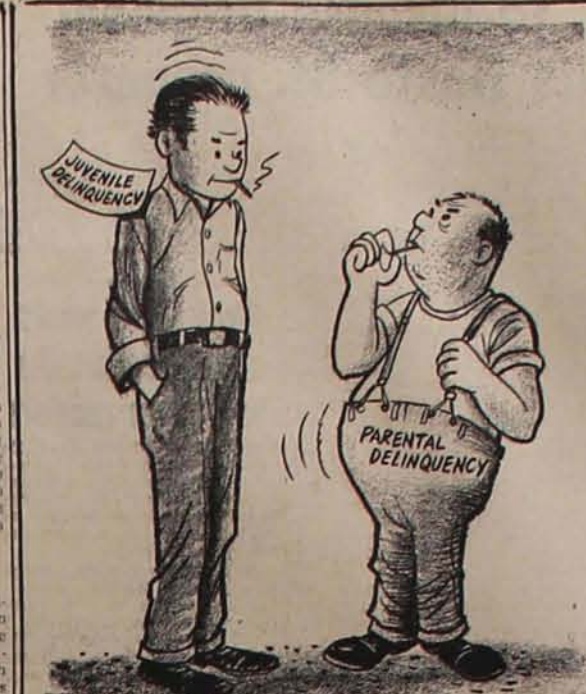
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Dual Growth

Los Angeles Newsletter: by Henry Mori

Measles Mark Mori Mansion

TO SAY that "we've had it" would be putting it mildly. The social doors to the Mori Mansion were shut tight, so to speak, for the last 30 days.

The kids in the family had the measles: Dana, first; Bennett, second; and Connie, the helms apparent to the Mori Million, third. And when the measles "overlaid" each youngster's time in bed—it you grasp what we're trying to say—then you get the feeling of having all of them down at one time.

It gets the parents down, too, mentally when that fever stick goes up to 104, and when they sleep more rather than make a lot of rumorm in the house.

But we think the crisis is over. Bennett and Dana are at it again. One leaves the other whimpers. We had a nice Father's Day at home Sunday, breaking the two boys apart.

Things could be worse, no doubt. By way of public record, since this is Connie's first time in print we just like to say she's almost 10 months old. She was born Sept. 4 last, day before Labor Day. We kept it a dark secret, ya, ya, ya! Of course, she's cute as a button.

GOV. Edmund G. Brown has accepted an invitation to act as grand marshal in the 21st annual Nisei Week Festival ondo parade, Aug. 19 in L.A. to Tokyo to climax the summer celebration.

Even a good Democrat can see that someone is quite concerned about the 1962 governor's election. Some of the strong Nisei Republicans should contact Richard M. Nixon to ride in another car. Then we'll have two California political big wigs, vying for First and San Pedro St. votes.

But we have a feeling Dick will play it cool and stay away—just like the time he did at the All-Nationalities Republican Club of Los Angeles in which Taro Kawa is the new president. Nixon had a letter of commendation full of

good words for the group which met at the Kawafuku that night but still no former vice-president of the United States.

That's one good way to lose grass-roots support. Especially when you're almost a stone's throw from First and Los Angeles St. Maybe he wasn't in Beverly Hills as one rumor had it.

Should be an interesting race for governorship next year. Don't ask us whom we like because we just don't know.

OUR GOOD Downtown JACL friend, Frank Omatsu, has just returned from Japan—a trip he was given by the Sumitomo Bank where recently he was promoted an assistant cashier. He's also a loan officer.

Omatsu said he and Jack Kusaba of the San Francisco Sumitomo Bank, the only two Nisei employees going at this time to Tokyo, were really given the VIP treatment.

The men were shown the Sumitomo Bank facilities in various big cities of Japan. As one of the big features during their trip, they were escorted through a private showing of Baron Sumitomo's fabulous family bronze collection in Kyoto which Omatsu claims is "second to none."

Omatsu and Kusaba toured Tokyo one week, then two weeks in Osaka. They covered Hiroshima, Fukuoka, Beppu, Kyoto, Kobe and Kyushu in the 30 days they were there.

All during their travel, the brass of Sumitomo escorted them to high spots of Japan. "I have been greatly impressed and didn't realize the magnitude of the bank's power and the rich background it possesses," Omatsu commented.

Frank, we're going to need that personal loan, right quick!

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Warner Bros. Jubilee of Films

TWO weeks ago we were in Hollywood for two days as one of some 200 newspapermen from 50 states who were invited to Warner Bros. Jubilee of Films, for advance screenings of "Fanny," "Sunset Boulevard," and "The Grapes of Wrath." It was a coincidence, but all three film dramas concerned the pre-marital romantic problems of young women.

The guest at the movie jubilee also were shown rushes from the just-completed "A Majority of One" and from "The Music Man," still in the making. The latter film, on the basis of the production numbers were screened, appears to be one of the great screen musicals. The "78 Trombones" finale is as rousing a climax number as any musical has ever attempted.

It is "A Majority of One," the screen version of the Leonard Spigelglass comedy about the romance of a Jewish widow from Brooklyn and a middle-aged Japanese tycoon, which would be of pertinent interest to Pacific Citizen readers. In the Broadway production Gertrude Berg was cast to type—the part could have been written for her—as Mrs. Jacoby and Cedric Hardwicke was Mr. Asano. In the movie, Director Mervyn LeRoy has engaged in some offbeat casting, and Rosalind Russell portrays the motherly woman from Brooklyn, while Alec Guinness is Asano.

Kana Ishii played the role of Asano's daughter-in-law in New York and on tour, while Tsuruko Kosayashi, who was one of the maids on Broadway, has the part in the film. Marc Mamo, a young actor of Franco-Japanese ancestry, recreates his stage characterization of Eddie, the hip Japanese houseboy, in the movie. Mamo, whose first Broadway experience was in "The World of Suzie Wong," displays a distinct talent for comedy as a young Japanese who is as hip as any member of the Elvis Presley set in America.

ONE OF the sound stages at Warner's was turned into a bit of Japan. A nine-room Japanese house was built on the set and furnished completely. The tatami—the grass mats which covered the floors—were shipped from Japan and nearly didn't arrive in time. It seems the mats were held up by U.S. customs in Honolulu for three months for fumigation. They arrived at Warner's the day shooting was scheduled to start on "A Majority of One."

Gardeners and arborists from the Japanese American community in Los Angeles also built a garden, complete with a lake, a waterfall, a rock-covered bridge and stone lanterns, inside the same sound stage. Bonsai trees were rented from fanciers in the Los Angeles area.

THE SEQUENCE shown from "A Majority of One" was that involving Mrs. Jacoby's first visit to Mr. Asano's home in Tokyo. Rosalind Russell, speaking with a trace of Brooklynese, arrives at the Asano home and is greeted by Guinness who speaks English to her but Japanese to members of his household staff. Whereas Cedric Hardwicke's Japanese lines were difficult to understand, Guinness speaks intelligibly in the Nipponese language.

The credit probably belongs to Guinness's application to the role—he is a stickler for authenticity—as well as to the influence of Bob Okazaki who served as Guinness' dialogue coach on the picture. Okazaki also was dialogue teacher for Marion Brando when the latter played Sakini in "Tea House of the August Moon."

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Nebraska anti-miscegenation law bothers Omaha JACL, seek repeal

OMAHA — Local JACL concern has long been focused on a Nebraska statute which voids marriages "when one party is a white person and the other is possessed of one-eighth or more . . . Japanese . . . blood." Also mentioned in this Statute 42-103 are the Negroes and Chinese.

According to Omaha JACL President Mike Watanabe, who is trying to measure how much interest the 1,000 Japanese Americans have in the state of Nebraska, the state of Nebraska has a repeal of this anti-miscegenation law, he hopes Nisei parents will not later wonder why "something wasn't done to see that my kids could marry in the church that they've been attending for years."

This past week, Watanabe said the "time for words has ceased and time for action has come" for repeal of the anti-miscegenation statute. He revealed that a few persons have expressed interest in seeing this law eliminated and efforts to call on support from people in and outside of Omaha would start.

At the present time, an Omaha Nisei wanting to marry a white person who belonged to the same church is forced to cross the river and state line and get married, say, in Council Bluffs, Iowa.

Writing in the Omaha JACL Bulletin recently, Watanabe said a meager few have indicated interest in repeal of this statute. Now, he

wanted to see how much the Japanese really want to help themselves as he outlined what might be done.

"One of the 43 senators in the Nebraska legislature has to be convinced of the unconstitutionality of this law," he noted. The legislator would then introduce a bill to repeal the statute.

"An attorney is needed who can write up the repeal so that it is in a form presentable to various committees and to all senators. Every person of Japanese ancestry residing in the state of Nebraska would have to make an attempt to influence at least a majority of the senators to vote for repeal of this law."

One-eighth blood extends genealogically to the great-grandchildren, assuming first generation parents are white and Japanese and children of succeeding generations each marry a white person.

Mountain-Plains District Council Chairman Minoru Yasui of Denver commented:

"Such a statute is a gratuitous insult to the peoples of Africa, to the peoples of Asia, and to all peoples whose skins are not white. It derogates against the winning of these peoples, whose support we shall desperately need in future forums, to the side of the free peoples of the West."

"Americans speak piously of freedom and equality for all men,

30 candidates now on list with Kunitzugu for city council vacancy, to be filled July 1

More than 30 including Kango Kunitzugu are actively seeking appointment to fill the unexpired two-year term vacancy in the Los Angeles city council. It was announced this week by Charles Port, city clerk official.

All candidates, to be reviewed by the Charter and Administrative Code Committee of the city council, are for the 10th councilmanic seat being vacated by Charles Navarro, who will be sworn in as city controller July 1.

This week, Kunitzugu won endorsement from the Chinese American Citizens Alliance, which is

allowed to extend support to political candidates.

In a letter addressed to Kunitzugu, Fred K. Wong, election committee chairman, wrote that the influential fraternal order organized in 1895 voted to aid the Nisei civil engineer and community leader's bid to win appointment by the City Council.

"We are confident that the Chinese-American community will wholeheartedly support your candidacy."

"It is without question," continued Wong, "that the racial and ethnic issue will be raised in relation to our support of your candidacy. Rather than to bind ourselves to the fact, we feel that this is only one factor as a basis of our support."

"Your activities in the community, your activities in the Democratic party and most important, your reputation in the community as a leader and a man of integrity provide the basis for eliciting our support," concluded Wong's letter.

Russell Endo of Tujunga to head Verdugo Hills high

TUJUNGA — Russell Endo was elected student body president at Verdugo Hills High School for the fall semester. Running against two other candidates, he polled more than a majority of all votes cast to become the first Sangei to hold this top office, in a school attended by a handful of Japanese.

The 16-year-old "A" student is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Hideo Endo of Tujunga.

This past semester, Russell served as Director of Finance, a member of the CSF Key Club, Subsidiaries (service), Slide Rule and Math clubs, band, and lettered in gymnastics.

Russell, an Eagle Scout, attended the Jubilee National Boy Scout Jamboree. He attends Pasadena Union Presbyterian Church.

Young Endo's father is the treasurer of the San Fernando Valley JACL.

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SAN FERNANDO JACL MIXED BOWLING STARTS

Adding another activity to its varied program, the San Fernando Valley JACL commenced a chapter Summer Mixed Bowling League the first week of May at Panorama Bowl. Harry

Otsuki (last row, fourth from left), league chairman, is being assisted by Virginia Yokomizo (kneeling at left), secretary.

Sam Kawanishi rolls 724—all-time high in California men's bowling championship

FRESNO — Sam I. Kawanishi, a 44-year-old clerk from Santa Fe Springs, rolled a 724 in the team event for the highest series in the 18th annual California state men's bowling championships being held at Cedar Lanes.

Kawanishi, a 195 average bowler, sparked the all-Nisei Premiere Lanes team to a tourney high scratch series of 2986 and a high game of 1967.

His 724 series is an all-time tournament high and it rocketed his scratch all-events to the top of the state standings with 1893. His nine-game total was boosted with a 579 doubles and 590 in the singles.

With Kawanishi on the Premiere

Lanes team are: Tom Yamada 576, Ko Aihara 621, Ty Kajimoto 584 and Easy Fujimoto 521.

The 3114 total, including the team's 128 handicap, boosts the Premiere Lanes five to second place in the handicap team standings, only 11 pins short of the 3125 posted by Barcellos of Santa Clara, a 296 handicap team.

Premiere Lanes in Santa Fe Springs will be the site of the 1963 National JACL bowling tournament and Kawanishi's team will

be hosts for the event. He and Yamada won the men's doubles crown in the 1960 JACL tournament with a 1245 total. Aihara was the men's all-events winner in 1955 with 1789. This past March in San Jose, where the 1963 meet was awarded to the Long Beach JACL chapter and Premiere Lanes, the same team rolled a 2909 for third place.

Top sportsman PASADENA — Glen Kawai, son of Mr. and Mrs. Nobu Kawai, was awarded the Regular medalion as a top sportsman at Pasadena City College. Seven athletes were honored. Kawai won his in tennis.

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SEQUOIA JACL HITS ALL-TIME MEMBERSHIP HIGH

Celebrating Sequoia JACL's all-time high of 276 members are membership solicitors and captains of the five teams at a recent dinner. They are (from left) June Sugimoto, Mrs. June Yamamoto, Aki Yamamoto, Mrs. Roz Enomoto, Sak Okamura (pres. and memb. chmn.), Mrs. Ami Doi, Jay Sasagawa, Mrs. Jeannette Arakawa and Al Nakai.

—Photo by Floyd Kumagai

East Palo Alto team wins

Sequoia membership honors

PALO ALTO. — The East Palo Alto team of the Sequoia JACL membership drive was named the victor in the contest for the team that was able to sign up the most new members.

The winning team, ably captained by Dorothy Fujiwara, recruited 31 new members. On the team were June Kumagai, Roy Nakai, Al Nakai, Mich Takahashi, Tom Tamari and Kaz Mayeda.

Membership drive chairman, Sakaye Okamura (also chapter president) announced that the 1961 drive has been very successful and

that the chapter has hit an all time high of 276 members.

The winning team was honored at Horky's in Palo Alto with a dinner given by the other teams, and presented with "victory medals."

Mrs. Ami Doi captained the runner-up team, signing up 26 new members from the Palo Alto area. Other members of this team were: June Sugimoto, Jeannette Arakawa, Jay Sasagawa, Mae Ura, Floyd Kumagai.

Other teams were: Redwood City (11)—Grace Kashima, capt.; Chiz Yamada, Kei Nakano. Redwood City (11)—Roz Enomoto, capt.; Sachie Higashi, Aki Yamamoto, Minoru Okamura.

Menlo Park—Hero Tsukushi, capt.; Howard Uyeda. Mt. View—Shozo Mayeda.

Hollywood plans for three future events

The Hollywood JACL board of directors met at the home of National JACL President Frank Chuman Tuesday night and decided on three future events of the chapter. Mrs. Chuman served refreshments. The national president and his family recently moved into the Hollywood area and have become chapter members.

The next chapter activity will be a beach party on Sunday, July 16, at Playa Del Rey. On Sunday, Aug. 27, at 3 p.m., the chapter plans a steak bake at Griffith Park, Area 4, and on Sunday, Oct. 8, a spaghetti dinner at the Hollywood Community Center is tentatively scheduled.

Other subjects discussed and approved were sponsorship of a Nisei Week queen candidate, carnival booth, and sponsorship of a candidate for the National JACL scholarships.

A run-down on the Issei Story project by the Chuman gave the board members a clearer picture of the undertaking, as well as the chapter's role in the project.

Fremont JACL to honor 15 local area graduates

HAYWARD. — A Chinese dinner at Mandarin Tea Gardens here will be held by Fremont JACL in honor of local graduates tomorrow from 7 p.m. Fifteen students ranging from grammar school to colleges, being invited are:

Yuko Matsumoto, San Jose State; Emily Kato, Tulane University; San Jose City College; Eleanor Shikano, Joyce Sekigahama, Mae Sekigahama, Sullivan's Beauty College; Eileen Masuda, Heald's Business College; Larry Padena, Washington High; Carroll Kato, Logan High; Robert Fujimoto, Vickie Taketa, Ben Shikano, Sunol Grammar; Fusako Yoshidome, Alvarado; Gary Nakata, Niles; Karen Murakami, Alviso.

Sat Sekigahama, chairman, is being assisted by Kaz Kawaguchi, June Hando, Tad Sekigahama.

Contra Costa JACL family barbecue due tomorrow

RICHMOND. — A family barbecue will be held by the Contra Costa JACL tomorrow at Alvarado Park. Chicken will be served from 6 to 8 p.m.

Adults will be assessed \$1.25, children and students, 75 cents, pre-school children free, with a maximum of \$4 for one immediate family in order to defray expenses. It will be open to members and friends.

Assisting Chairman Sumio Yoshioka are:

Steve Niino, Sam Kitabayashi, Shiro Abe, Mrs. Joe Goto, Tom Yamashita, Frank Wada, George Nakamura, Mrs. Molly Fujiwara, Mrs. May Nakano, Sam Sakai, and members of the Jr. JACL.

Boise Valley Jrs. view constitution

CALDWELL, Idaho. — The Boise Valley Jr. JACL met here June 3 to hear reports of the recent IDC meeting at Pocatello from various members.

Dean Hayashi, Jr. president, summarized the general IDC Jr. meeting and executive session held prior to the meeting. He presented the IDC Jr. constitution for adoption at the August convention. Delegates had favorable comments of the meeting and cited the efforts of Pocatello Jr. JACL and its president Anne Kanomata for the success of the business meetings and social events.

George Koyama and Masa Nishihara were also present at the meeting to discuss the chapter graduation dinner-dance held last week at Eagles Hall. Carol and Phyllis Yamashita brought members the "Seattle Storm" after the meeting. Mrs. Furushiro was in charge of refreshments.

Alameda JACL fetes 21 local graduates

ALAMEDA. — Twenty-one Nisei June graduates have been presented with graduation gifts by the Alameda Japanese American Citizens League, according to Hi Akagi, chapter president.

The total included 15 graduates of Alameda schools, three college graduates and three Oakland high school graduates, whose parents are members of the local organization.

The following graduates were recipients of the gifts:

Jean Hattori, Kiyoko Sato and Irene Takagawa, San Francisco State College; Dale Iwahashi, Castlemont High, and Janis Iwahashi and Gail Nakayama, Fremont High, Oakland; Yasuhiko Hashimoto, Marsha Hayama, Alice Takahashi, Joanne Takeda and Karen Yamashita, Alameda High, and Rose Okubo, Encinal High; Raymond Hayama, Susan Takeda, Dorothy Okamoto and John Tawaka, Jr., Porter Grammar School; Naomi Tomine and Tommy Yamamura, Haight School, and Joyce Hanamura, Lincoln School.

Three Alameda High graduates of January also receiving gifts after graduation were: Ronald Nakano, Noboru Noriye and Chris Tomine.

Anna Towata was chairman of the gift purchase committee.

Monterey picnic

MONTEREY. — The Monterey Peninsula community picnic will be held this Sunday at the county fairgrounds. In addition to races for children and a casting contest, a Japanese movie is on the program.

Judge Wong guest of DTLA luncheon

Hon. Delbert Wong, first Chinese American in California to be appointed a judge, of the Los Angeles Municipal Court will be guest speaker at the Downtown L.A. JACL luncheon next Wednesday noon, June 28, at Kawafuku. It was announced by Gongoro Nakamura, vice-president and luncheon chairman.

A graduate of U.C. Berkeley and Stanford Law School, Judge Wong served as a navigator with the U.S. 8th Air Force in Europe. He is in charge of the master calendar of criminal misdemeanor at the present time.

Judge Wong, who was appointed by Governor Brown in 1958, is an active member of the Chinese American Citizens Alliance and the Chinatown Optimists as well as the bar association.

He and his wife, Dolores, live in the Silverlake area with their four children. Mrs. Wong is a social worker.

1000 CLUB NOTES

Four new and 58 renewing members were reported in the 1000 Club for the first half of June by National JACL Headquarters as follows:

FOURTEENTH YEAR
East Los Angeles—Ken Utanomiya
Gardena Valley—Joe H. Kobata
Santa Maria Valley—Harold Y. Shimizu

TENTH YEAR
Snake River Valley—Mun Iseri
Jimmie—Nishi, Nitta
San Jose—Dr. Tokio Ishikawa

NINTH YEAR
Orange County—Hiroshi Nitta
New York—Miss Yae Togasaki

EIGHTH YEAR
Downtown L.A.—Solchi Fukui
St. Louis—George K. Hasegawa
New York—Mrs. May Hirata

SEVENTH YEAR
Downtown L.A.—Ted I. Akahoshi
Chicago—Shozo S. Nitta, Minoru Nitta, Mitsuo Nitta, Bill Okada
San Mateo—J. I. Rikimaru
Seattle—Minoru Yamaguchi

LIVINGSTON-MERCEDE—Fred M. Hashimoto
Seattle—Richard K. Murakami, Tad Yamaguchi

West Los Angeles—Ben M. Nishimoto
Fresno—Dr. Chester S. Oji
Pasadena—Harris H. Ozawa

SIXTH YEAR
San Jose—George K. Shlroma
Berkeley—Mas Yonemura

FIFTH YEAR
Sacramento—Merced Fujiwara
Livingston-Merced—Gene Kumaguchi
New York—Kenji Nogaki, William K. Sakayama, George G. Shimamura

FOURTH YEAR
Salt Lake City—George M. Katal
New York—Koma Komatsu
Sequoia—David Nakamura

THIRD YEAR
Mile-Hi—Samuel Kumagai
Gardena Valley—Dr. Hiroshi Kuwata
Orange County—Dr. Paul K. Sakaguchi
Chicago—Mrs. Mary Shimidzu
Mid-Columbia—George Tamura

SECOND YEAR
Milwaukee—Eddie Jonchich
New York—Masao Makita, Albert Yoshio Terada

FIRST YEAR
Seattle—Henry H. Miyake
New York—Mike Yatabe, Mrs. Sumiko Terada

Orange County—Dr. Steve Asahino

Sac' to JACL has scholarship plans

SACRAMENTO. — The Sacramento JACL this past week announced that a scholarship award will be given to an outstanding local area Nisei high school graduate.

January and June graduates from high schools in Solano, Yolo and Sacramento counties, except Elk Grove High, will be eligible for this scholarship.

Nisei students at Elk Grove High are already eligible for a special Nisei scholarship prize, it was stated.

Selections for the Sacramento JACL award will be based on scholastic achievements, extracurricular activities as well as need of the applicant, chapter officials said.

It was announced that graduates interested in the scholarship may apply by contacting:

Aki Muraoka, care of Sumitomo Bank of California at 1400 4th St., Sacramento.

Sanger graduates

SANGER. — The Sanger JACL held a dinner to honor graduates of local high schools and colleges June 15, at the Desert Inn.

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SATO INS. AGY, 366 E. 1st St.
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Living with JACL: by Saburo Kido

The 3rd Biennial

Part VI: Continued

One of the important issues debated during the 1934 National JACL Convention at San Francisco pertained to the proposition presented by the Los Angeles delegation.

For the first time, the question of proportional representation in the National Council was raised. However, the smaller chapters expressed their willingness to assume the same burden as the larger chapters, thus defeated the proposal and retained the one vote per chapter rule.

Those were the days when national JACL finances did not impose too large a burden. There were no paid staff personnel nor headquarters as such. Everything was accomplished on a voluntary basis with the chapter which was to host the next national convention assuming the expenses and responsibilities.

During the long discourse, delegates did feel that the time may come when the larger chapters would have to assume more of the financial costs for operating a national organization. It was felt that the problem would be tackled when it arose.

Among the resolutions which were passed were the following:

1. Anti-Communist: "There are alarming acres of destructive measures, subversive methods of propaganda and undermining tactics to implant within the public schools of the United States of America to displace the principles

of lofty Americanism and attempts to appear to be made to incite revolutions and undermine the fundamental principle of American institutions which are sacred and dear to us American citizens."

2. Headquarters Site: Be it resolved that the national headquarters of the Japanese American Citizens League be located in San Francisco until the convention in 1938.

3. Official Publication: "... that the Pacific Citizen be continued."

4. Okei Gravesite: "... that JACL, in keeping with the policy of respecting such hardy pioneers, should take steps to aid Placer County JACL's noble effort to beautify the grave of Miss Okei."

5. Poppy Sales: "... that each JACL (chapter) make arrangements with the nearest post of the American Legion and Veterans of Foreign Wars to help them in the sale of Memorial Day poppies for the disabled veterans with aid of the women members."

6. Anti-Discrimination: "... to investigate the federal appropriations which is alleged to discriminate against employment of citizens of Mongolian extraction."

7. Public Relations: "... that

chapters in various localities keep in close contact with their local public officials to make recognition of Japanese citizens more prominent."

1934-36 Officers

Final business of the convention was the election of national officers. The JACL constitution had been revamped to provide for them. Thus, the first nationally-elected president was Dr. Thomas T. Yatabe of Fresno.

Saburo Kido, who had served as executive secretary since 1932, was elected to the same post. Susumu Togasaki of San Francisco was elected national treasurer and John Ando of Los Angeles, assistant secretary. Chairmen of the various district councils were named vice-presidents.

Seattle was chosen again as the national convention city for 1936.

'Sayonara Ball'

The name, "Sayonara Ball," was used for the first time to the final social event of the convention. T.M. Okagaki, now known as Mrs. Larry Tajiri, wrote the following piece in the New World Daily News, which should give some idea of what a grand time everyone had at the Palace Hotel.

BY T.M. OKAGAKI

The spacious ballroom, bathed in soft lights, backgrounded the dancing of some five hundred delegates, moving to the syncopated music of Art Wiedner's orchestra.

Not a hundred balloons suspended from the high ceiling nor Japanese lanterns could hide the spacious dignity of the Palace Hotel ballroom. But neither could the wearing complexities of convention duties kill the final outburst of the Roman Holiday spirit which imbued the hearts and minds of the delegates during the lighter hours of the convention.

The crowd cheered the dedications of the orchestra made to sectional chapters and applauded with joyous appreciation as Mr. Nakase, beaming NYK manager, sang from the orchestra stand. But everyone burst into applause as "Texas Sally" Yabumoto stepped before the mike and sang a song, the words of which had been composed but a few hours earlier by Larry Tajiri, Los Angeles press delegate.

"It was a well dressed crowd that attended. Dresses tended to velvet sophistication ... dark velvets, rough crepe, satins.

"Those acting as patrons and patronesses were Mr. and Mrs. S. Nakase, Mr. and Mrs. S. Kuriyama, Mr. Katakoka, Mr. and Mrs. J. Koike, Mr. Shiota, Mrs. Robert N. Lynch, Mr. M.E. Mitchell.

The party was attended by 108 persons from Tacoma, Puyallup Valley, Seattle and White River Valley. Commended were members of the banquet committee:

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White River Valley installation rife

AUBURN, Wash. — The installation of White River Valley Civic League's officers at the Farm Inn recently was very inspiring. It is the latest of the JACL chapters to be reactivated since it was disbanded in 1942.

In conjunction with the installation was a party for eight local area graduates with Frederick Root, Federal Way High School vice-principal, as guest speaker. He touched on the highlights of each graduate. Then, he told of U.S.-Japan relations since their beginning in the mid-19th century, mixing in humorous and tragic events.

Also present were chapter presidents of prewar years: Min Okura (1938), Charles Toshi (1939) both of Seattle, and Tom Iseri (1934 to 1936, 1941) of Ontario, Ore. John Arima (1930-31) of Caldwell, Idaho, who was the first chapter president, sent a telegram of congratulations.

The dinner began with Pledge of Allegiance, the National Anthem and invocation, which was recited by the Rev. Tetsuo Unno of the Seattle Buddhist Church. Auburn Mayor James N. Shaugnessy and Neil E. Shaffer, representing Kent Mayor Thornton, gave brief messages expressing interest in JACL's reactivation here.

After chicken dinner, Frank Hattori of Seattle, national 1000 Club chairman, was introduced by Hiroshi Nakayama, emcee. Hattori administered the oath of office to William Maebori, chapter president, and his cabinet members. Koji Norikane was appointed chapter 1000 Club chairman.

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