

New Frontier Appraisal

SIX MONTHS have now passed since President Kennedy's New Frontier replaced former President Eisenhower's Great Crusade. Though it is much too early to discern dependable definite trends and even governing philosophies of this new Administration.

COLUMN LEFT

Any Prejudice Left?

Some pre-adolescent awe for Philadelphia gained by reading history books in school must still remain since our vision of talent among Nisei in the City of Brotherly Love appears constantly in greater numbers proportionately speaking to other metropolises.

Through my many years with the Pacific Citizen, I have found nearly all contritors to this paper from Philadelphia have shown a consistently high degree of excellence in style and thought. We are publishing Allen Okamoto's piece in the EDC Report of the Month today as further evidence.

It should provoke some of our readers to comment on what he says and we invite them to submit their own opinions for the "PC Letterbox".

In commenting on public relations and JACL, Allen, who is chapter president in Philadelphia this year, says to the question: "Isn't there any prejudice and discrimination present?" — "prejudice is like a stick on your shoulder which you dare some one else to knock off."

He has other observations which ought to awaken Letterbox contributors. Some might agree with his comment that if a JACL chapter dwindles to "a strictly social group, for this you need not be a part of a national organization."

He appears to be among those who feel Philadelphia Nisei are working JACL out of existence there by doing a good job with individual PR — "which I believe is more effective than a half-hearted organizational method", to quote his concluding salvo.

Being Los Angeles born (as compared with Allen who is Philadelphia born), I have never regarded prejudice like a stick on my shoulder. I suppose if a good majority of the Japanese Americans felt that way in March and April, 1942, the forceful evacuation to camps would not have been as orderly or peaceful. I remember judo flips and fisticuffs when someone other than one of our kind cried out "Japs" to us — except when he happened to be a policeman.

Prejudice is not an inward mental process, but outward that results in some kind of hurt or injury. Furthermore, prejudice which denies the principle of "human brotherhood" — or racial prejudice — is a fallacy, pure and simple. The Negro, Caucasian, Oriental are all divisions of the human family. The sentiment that one race is superior under the guise of ultra-nationalism or superpaternalism is a perversion of true love for country.

There is one failing whenever people talk about prejudice. It is not enough to declare prejudice is wrong. People find it difficult to carry out the obligations implicit in the phrase that "we are all brothers under the Fatherhood of God". They must be set forth in detail with regard to all races and nations in the world. And this brings up the question of international relations, upon which we might dwell some other time.

—H.H.

In spite of the brave words of the presidential campaign last fall, there is little distinguishable between this and the last Administration, especially in domestic affairs, in its broad, general objectives. Only in the diplomatic field does there appear to be any real changes, and these are in emphasis and not in direction.

IN THE legislative field, the major bills that have been passed by the Congress thus far are not those promulgated by the Kennedy Administration, but rather left over measures from the past six years when there was a Republican (Eisenhower) in the White House and the Democrats controlled the Congress.

Bills to aid depressed areas, increase the minimum wage, expand housing subsidies, boost and security benefits and assist education—in one form or another—were passed by either the House or the Senate in previous years. And even the long-term commitment that the President is seeking for foreign aid was approved by the Senate some three years ago.

On the other hand, so-called New Frontier legislation has not fared too well even in this Democratic Congress.

Probably the most sweeping innovation of this Administration, the master plan for agriculture, has had its major provisions gutted. The plans for overhauling and reorganizing the major regulatory agencies, like the Federal Communications Commission and the Federal Trade Commission, have been rejected by the Congress. The revised farm bill, for federal aid to education is apparently doomed by the action of the House Rules Committee last week to pigeonhole their consideration this session. The controversial tax changes to close alleged loopholes and to provide a more equitable tax base have either been indefinitely postponed or so modified as to be unrecognizable. The campaign promise of medical care for the aged, lined through social security, will not be pressed this year.

AS WITH every Administration since the end of World War II, international challenges are most dominant. Berlin, Laos, and Cuba continue to remain the more spectacular headaches, though the need continues to strengthen the military alliances in both Europe and Asia. Disarmament and nuclear testing issues are also hold-overs from previous Administrations.

But, there seems to be an effort to seize the initiative in the propaganda battle with the Sino-Soviet bloc, to demonstrate greater concern and involvement in the progress of the less developed countries by such dramatic gestures as the Peace Corps, to replace hostility toward neutrals with some understanding and cordiality, to shift from historic support in the United Nations of our West European allies in colonial matters in Africa and elsewhere to the side of anti-colonialism and anti-imperialism, and to re-establish Franklin D. Roosevelt's Good Neighbor policy in Latin America with the Alliance for Progress.

Since the all-important issue is survival in this nuclear age, this continued preoccupation with foreign affairs is understandable and acceptable.

AT LONG LAST, it appears that the Kennedy Administration will call upon the American people for the sacrifice that he expressed as necessary not only in his acceptance speech in Los Angeles a year ago as the Democratic Party nominee but in his Inaugural Address six months ago, if this nation is to survive totalitarian, communist competition.

A year ago, Candidate Kennedy

put the question in these words: "Whether our society with its freedom of choice, its breadth of opportunity, its range of alternatives, can compete with the single-minded advance of the communist system? Have we the nerve and the will," he asked?

"Are we willing to match the Russian sacrifice of the present for the future in order to enjoy the present? That," he said then, "is the question of the New Frontier."

This past week, President Kennedy summarized the specific sacrifices that he believes to be necessary to meet the present danger and put the question up to the American people and to the Congress.

FROM THE standpoint of JACL's specific concerns, in the first six months of the Kennedy Administration, there has been no presidential statement of policy on immigration, or on the return of private wartime vested property of Japanese owners.

In the civil rights field, the President has taken administrative action to eliminate racial and religious discrimination in employment and, through the office of the Attorney General, to speed the desegregation of public schools and public facilities, to facilitate the registration of Negro voters, and to assure the right of even the so-called Freedom Riders to interstate travel.

In addition, he has appointed qualified Negroes to high federal offices, including the first Negro to be named to the three-member governing District of Columbia Commission and the first Negro ever to be named to be a United States Attorney (for the Northern California District).

He has also attempted to eliminate discrimination in housing and apartment rentals to African diplomats and to all Americans in Washington, New York, and elsewhere.

He has consistently refused, however, to urge specific civil rights legislation by insisting that all administrative and executive possibilities should be attempted and exhausted before additional laws are requested from a reluctant Congress. He is following through on his campaign theme that the prestige and the personal intervention of a strong Chief Executive can accomplish much in the civil rights field even with the statutes now on the books.

IN SPITE of the abortive Cuba "invasion" and the increasing tensions particularly in Berlin, public opinion polls indicate that he enjoys far greater personal popularity with the American people now than he did last November when he defeated then Vice President Nixon for the presidency by less than one percent in the national popular vote.

The latest polls suggest that some 70 percent of the people now believe that he is doing a "good job".

Curiously enough, the two main criticisms of the first six months of the Kennedy Administration are identical to those charged to the Eisenhower Administration.

One is that its deeds fail to match up to its professions. The other is that it has failed to develop an overall definitive policy, especially as to how to cope with the world-wide challenge of the communist imperialists.

This summary appraisal of the Kennedy Administration thus far may not be indicative of things to come. But, at least, they reveal a consistency in operations with that of the previous Administration. Whether this is good or bad, we shall leave up to the judgment of the reader.

Brown signs bill eliminating citizenship requirement to qualify for old age pension

SACRAMENTO. — A bill passed by the 1961 legislature to eliminate the citizenship requirement as a qualification for state old age assistance has been signed by Gov. Edmund G. Brown.

The measure, authored by Assemblyman Philip Burton of San Francisco, was sponsored by the Community Service Organization, Inc., which has sought the change since 1953.

Representatives of 30 chapters of the Mexican American group were present in Governor Brown's office for the signing.

The law will become effective Jan. 1, 1962.

JACL Bill in 1955 Many Issei among those who still do not have American citizenship are not eligible for state old age pension under the law, although a JACL-backed bill passed by the 1955 state legislature did add a number of other older Issei.

The 1955 bill gave state pension rights to alien residents who had been denied U.S. citizenship prior to Dec. 25, 1952 when the Walter-McCarran immigration and naturalization bill went into effect.

However, this 1955 measure limited those eligible under the law to those who had reached 60 years of age by 1952.

Thus, any Issei alien resident of the state now between 65 and 68 and in need, is not eligible for the pension but will be from Jan. 1 under the new act.

"This is one of the most important measures of the year," Brown told the CSO representatives. "It is often difficult for us in the state government to appreciate all of the social problems of our state. It gives me great pleasure to meet those of you who will be helped by this law."

CHUMAN LAUDS PASSAGE OF OLD AGE PENSION BILL FOR ALIENS

National JACL President has lauded the recent passage of the bill extending state old age benefits to alien residents of California introduced by San Francisco Assemblyman Burton.

"It is heartwarming to know that our representatives in the California Legislature take a special interest in these residents, sufficient to make it possible for them to have a part of their economic burden alleviated by such beneficial legislation," Chuman declared.

"Many of our (Issei) residents have attempted to get along somehow on Social Security benefits, and in many instances, due to pride, they have been able to maintain only a bare subsistence."

In extending the thanks to Assemblyman Burton on behalf of the JACL chapters in California, Chuman also noted "I know that this bill will make it possible for our resident aliens to receive state aid if they are in need."

"We deeply appreciate the personal interest you have taken in these persons to enable them to live the remaining years of their lives with dignity and self-respect."



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NEW JERSEY NEGRO WINS CIVIL RIGHTS HOUSING CASE

NEWARK, N.J. — The State Division on Civil Rights has ordered a developer to sell a \$20,000 ranch home to a Negro field engineer employed by the government and to end all discriminatory practices in housing sales.

A cease and desist order was issued by the division against the Harbord Realty Co., trading as Asbury Gardens, Neptune, N.J., Harold Strauss, Arthur C. Samuels and Isador Strauss.

The complaint was filed by Ermon K. Jones, of Neptune, employed by the U.S. government at Ft. Monmouth, N.J.

Neptune is a mushrooming Monmouth County community in the Jersey shore area about 20 miles south of New York City.

Rebuffed Three Times

Jones, whose wife, Blanche, is a teacher in the Neptune school system, claimed he was rebuffed three times in 1959 in attempts to purchase a \$19,990 ranch house in the Asbury Gardens development.

During a public hearing held by the division, Samuels, who was the salesman, testified that he refused to allow Jones to fill out a purchase application or leave a deposit because "he was of the Negro race."

The division ordered Harbord, Harold Strauss and Samuels to "cease and desist from all discriminatory practices in the conduct of their business in the housing development known as Asbury Gardens, and that the corporation shall immediately notify all of its employees and agents of this policy."

The order further provided that officers of the corporation should appear July 26, at the division's offices here "prepared to enter into a contract of sale" with Jones.

The division said it would supervise the manner in which all provisions of its order were carried out.

St. Louis city law against bias goes into effect quietly

ST. LOUIS. — This city's law against bias in public places went into effect quietly despite rumors that it would touch off racial incidents.

No major disturbances occurred, and only four incidents of alleged violations were reported to police in the six days after the law went into effect July 1.

Under the public accommodations law, persons who wish to make complaint must file affidavits with the antidiscrimination division of the St. Louis Council on Human Relations within 30 days after being refused service at a place of public accommodation.

A section of the law states that "any person violating any of the provisions of this ordinance shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and shall be fined not less than \$25 nor more than \$500."

Petitions Filed

Two petitions to halt integration have been filed in court. One seeks a temporary restraining order that would delay enforcement of the accommodations ordinance; the other contests the legality of the law and the city's right to pass and enforce it. Both petitions are under advisement by Circuit Judge Robert J. Kirkwood.

The petition seeking a temporary injunction was filed by Streckfus Steamers, Inc., owners and operators of the SS Admiral, largest excursion boat on the Mississippi River.

Capt. Roy Streckfus, president and general manager of the company, said the policy of the line "will continue to be 'white persons only.'" He added that this policy is "for the protection of both colored and white, as we would not want anything to happen to either."

The captain said, however, that on any Monday or Tuesday night any "reputable organization, whether white or colored," would be able to charter the boat. He explained these are the only nights the boat is available for charter.

Cardinal Led Integration The breakthrough in segregation is attributed in large measure to the action taken in 1947 by Archbishop (now Cardinal) Joseph E. Ritter of St. Louis when he integrated all Catholic schools in the archdiocese.

Public schools followed suit in 1954. During the 1950s, movie houses gradually relaxed their ban on Negroes.

But major hotels and virtually all public restaurants remained off-limits to Negroes until recently.

'HIRE THE HANDICAP'

IDAHO FALLS. — Denis Ochi's entry in the state "Hire the Handicap" poster contest won first place and he will have an all-paid trip to Boise to receive his \$100 cash award. He substituted in the Radio State KIFI art department while the artist was on vacation recently.

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East of the River: by Dick Akagi Here We Go Again

New York

Well, Life has done it again.

Obviously there's a copywriter loose in the vast Time-Life empire who has not been told that "Jap" is not an acceptable word.

In a full-page house ad in this week's issue of Life (July 21) there appears this passage, which is a fine example of the Luce-goesed sense of drama with its firm grasp of the non-essential: "... Then came the real news for Americans — Pearl Harbor. That week-end gave Life's editorial staff its greatest editorial crisis. The weekly issue had closed as usual Saturday, December 8. When the Japs struck, the editorial staff was called back..."

In a way Life has us in a bind here. After all, how can we Nisei expect a good patriotic Life copywriter to be careful about the sensibilities of our one-time enemy? The man is writing about Pearl Harbor and at Pearl Harbor it was the "Japs" who attacked us. Just as it was the barbaric "Japs" who staged the Tokyo riots and tried to keep the right-thinking "Japanese" from ratifying the Mutual Security Pact. It is indeed a puzzle.

I imagine that by the time this column is printed a dozen or so Nisei will have given vent to their annoyance and frustration by writing our National Director Mas Satow with the helpful injunction: "Do something!"

Actually the basis of our protest is moral. In a society like ours where the necessary presumption is that "all men are created equal," it is immoral to demean by law, action, or language any ethnic or racial group. And "Jap," at least in our generation, is a term of derogation.

But I doubt that this kind of argument will make much of an impression on anybody at Life. I don't think Life really gives a damn or will do anything to prevent recurrence of the usage in the future.

Perhaps it's time we began to use some leverage other than a simple appeal to decency. It's ironic but this same issue of Life carries two advertisements for Japanese cameras: a quarter-page for Yashica, and an eighth-page for Ricoh. The Japanese camera industry ought to be informed about the recalcitrance of Life regarding the usage of the term "Jap." Advertising agencies handling Japanese camera accounts ought to be asked to protest; unless guarantee is given that the offense will not be repeated, their advertising should be withdrawn from Life.

There are also American advertisers who are doing a big export business with Japan. In the field of bowling, for example, both American Machine and Foundry and Brunswick are establishing lanes in Japan. As a matter of fact, since the Nisei are among the nation's most avid bowlers, any sizable protest from the Nisei bowlers to AMF and Brunswick about advertising in Life would be given careful attention and it wouldn't be long before word got back to the vice-presidents at Life.

I think a campaign mounted along these lines would have impact. At least it would be more interesting than writing letters to Life's editors.

And who knows? Life may see the light — if the torch is held by the advertisers.

Amendments to Calif. constitution of concern to Nisei to appear on '62 ballot

Those who have been advocating a streamlining of the California state constitution will get little satisfaction out of the 1961 session of the legislature, according to Assemblyman Edward E. Elliott, who disclosed this week that 17 ballot propositions providing amendments to the constitution were placed on the 1962 general elections.

Three appear of vital interest to persons of Japanese ancestry. Among the most substantial of the proposals is Senate Constitutional Amendment No. 10 by Sen. Hugh Burns of Fresno, providing for a \$100 million bond issue to provide rental housing for aged or physically handicapped persons in low income categories.

Urged by JACL Study One of the chief proposals made last year at a study of Issei aging in Southern California by the JACL was for low-rental housing.

The bonds would be used for construction, acquisition, or development of low rent housing projects through loans to public agencies or private corporations. A low rental housing for senior citizens has been projected in Fresno county under sponsorship of a private group.

Other propositions on the ballot of direct concern to Nisei is SCA 20, which increases from \$5,000 to \$10,000 the value of property a war veteran's widow may own before losing her tax exemption eligibility.

Assembly Constitutional Amendment No. 4 would require assessment of farms on the basis of agricultural value only.

Tax Relief to Farmers This would provide tax relief to many Nisei farmers owning farms adjoining suburban areas now flourishing throughout Northern and Southern California.

ACA 48 simplifies the ballot in Los Angeles County by permitting automatic election of unopposed candidates for superior judge.



REGIONAL DIRECTOR

Meet our new JACL regional director, Jim Higashi, of the Southern California office. He was also named business manager of the Pacific Citizen. As our new columnist, Jim will be "Free-wheeling on the Freeways", telling our readers what a busy hub the regional office is.

DR. MINOL OTA NAMED STATE VETERINARY HEAD

POWELL, Wyo. — Dr. Minol Ota, Lovell veterinarian, was elected president of the Wyoming Veterinary Medical Assn. last month at the 29th annual meeting held at Northwest Community College here. His wife, Masako, was elected historian of the ladies auxiliary to the association.

The Nisei veterinarian, who was raised in Cheyenne, participated in panel discussion on large animal problems, such as bovine cases, lameness in horses, the economics and practical treatment of feed lot diseases, threat of foreign animal diseases and swine diseases.

He was chapter president of the Northern Wyoming JACL in 1949 and very active with youth work in his community, being awarded the National JACL medal for distinguished community leadership in the "Nisei of the Biennium" contest of 1954.

KUNITSUGU HAS 'OUTSIDE CHANCE' FOR L.A. CITY COUNCIL APPOINTMENT

Kango Kunitsugu, active South-west L.A. JACL and community leader and project engineer for a Beverly Hills firm, was among the first six to be called as the Los Angeles City Council's charter and administrative code committee Monday began to screen some 30 persons from the multi-racial 10th District to fill a vacancy created by the election of Charles Navarro as city controller.

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"I am not a representative of the Japanese American community," and he proceeded to outline the major problems of the 10th District, saying the area was suffering from blight, juvenile delinquency, and problems affecting minority groups.

Asked about his thought of the 10th District being re-districted to the San Fernando Valley two years hence as has been urged by some civic leaders, Kunitsugu said he would oppose the move.

Others appearing the first day were Louis L. Litwin, 31, an attorney and only Caucasian called; Dr. J.A. Somerville, 72, member of the Police Commission under Mayor Bowron and an unsuccessful candidate for the 10th District in 1953; Mrs. Augusta Glover; Police Lt. Thomas Bradley, 43, regarded as one of the leading contenders from the Negro community; and Cagie S. Johnson, 49, restaurant service supervisor.

Councilman Henry said more candidates would be interviewed Thursday. He said it would probably take a month for the committee to reach a decision.

The recommendation of the committee need not be accepted by the City Council, it must be recommended.

The 37-year-old Nisei, if selected, would occupy the same seat in the city council chamber Navarro had as councilman as seated in a semi-circle alphabetically. Kunitsugu would sit between Holland and Rundberg.

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Even-numbered districts elect councilmen in the non-presidential years. The 10th District votes next in 1962.

SAN JOSE STRAWBERRY GROWERS WIN JURY AWARD OF \$93,000

SAN JOSE. — Isamu Fukagawa and Tomoye Fukagawa, strawberry growers on Sylvandale Avenue in San Jose, won a jury verdict of \$93,000 on July 21, after five days of trial in a Superior Court in Santa Clara County.

The Franklin-McKinley School District of Santa Clara County condemned a 9.888-acre portion of their 20-acre prune and strawberry ranch.

Two school district appraisers testified concerning the fair market value of the Fukagawa property, one appraiser insisting that it was worth only \$6,500 per acre as R-1 subdivision land, and a second appraiser testifying that it was worth \$7,500 per acre.

The property owner's appraiser asserted that the fair market value was in the neighborhood of \$10,000 per acre as R-1 subdivision land. The school district had initially offered the Fukagawas \$7,000 per acre for their property in southeast San Jose.

The case was tried by Peter M. Nakahara of the law firm of Kanemoto I. Nakahara in San Jose.

PRESBYTERIANS BACK OMAHA JACL IN REPEAL MOVE

HASTINGS, Neb. — The Nebraska Presbyterian Synod recently urged the Nebraska Legislature to repeal the law declaring void marriages between white persons and those possessing one-eighth or more Negro, Japanese or Chinese blood. The resolution, part of a report by the Social Education and Action Committee, which was presented by the Rev. William E. Chapman of Omaha, declared the section of the statute (42-103) should be repealed "in view of its denial of personal freedom, the concept of racial equality of the Constitution and its lack of utility to the commonwealth."

"We further request other churches to join us in this petition," the resolution said.

Step up pace in Canada to rid 'Jap' in news headlines

TORONTO. — Following the footsteps of the Japanese American Citizens League's successful campaign to get the term "Jap" designated as "derogatory and offensive" by lexicographers, the New Canadian has initiated a similar program to have this term eliminated from use in Canada. The first successful attempt reported by the Japanese Canadian vernacular press involved a letter to the Toronto Globe and Mail newspaper, following the latter's use of "Jap" in the July 7 issue. A week later, the New Canadian was informed that the Globe and Mail desk editors were asked to avoid this term in the future.

\$592 from fireworks

PALO ALTO. — Sequela JACL's first venture selling fireworks during the week preceding the last Fourth of July netted \$592.88 from sales. It was announced by Hiroji Kariya, sales committee general chairman.

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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.

Landmarks of the Old Days

IT MUST have been at least two years ago that we took a walk around this part of town on a Sunday afternoon, and recalled some of the sights, landmarks and happenings of the "old days," and we that we mean more than 30 years ago.

Believe that this column would up with the old Main Street grammar school at 6th and Main with its 98 per cent Oriental population, and how the entire student body marched up to the new Bailey Gatzert school, of learning one rainy September morning in 1921. The resumption of the nostalgic trip about the community came today, as a result of indecision and a feeling of "what to do next."

About 11:30 the night before, from two thirds of our float was moved (with the help of police) from Ishimatsu & Soda shop near the ball park, to the 7th Ave. Service garage at Jackson, which belongs to those three good JACLers: Charles Toshi, Ted Imanaka, and George Koyama. Someone hinted that he might be down Sunday to do what he could on the float, so we stopped by to see if there was activity.

The fairly large size garage building, until a few years ago also housed the J.N. Kishi soy sauce plant, besides the 7th Ave. Service. But in the early 20s and before the days of supermarkets, it was built to be a south end version of the uptown public markets, with everything in the food line from meats and fish to produce and bakery goods, each operation under individual ownership. Somehow the venture didn't survive for long, despite the fact that the market was a convenient stop for bus riders to three large population areas, Beacon Hill, Rainier Valley, and East Yester-Mt. Baker.

Just a block east is the now vacant Tacoma Hotel and the surrounding ever sliding hillside in the pathway of this century's (two hope) freeway. The hillside until built up with steel rails and concrete used to slide halfway into Jackson St. During the 20s some guy set up a series of shacks made of scrap lumber and corrugated iron, connected by V-shaped wooden troughs. He called it the "Day and Night Clay Paint Company." Until the day we left Seattle in 1928, never saw any shipping facilities for the operation. Well, maybe it was all experimental and shipments could be carried down the muddy trail in a gallon jug.

But perhaps the idea was not so screwy after all, because during War II we were supplied some junk called "cold water paint" used for camouflage purposes. I swear it was nothing but OD colored mud, with perhaps an additive to make it last through a small amount of rain.

Block and half to the south, Seattle still has a wooden sidewalk. It's in that half of the block occupied by the Welcome Annex Hotel, which must have been in existence before the Jackson Street regrade of 1909, because the story is that this remaining one of the two Welcome Hotels, had to be jacked up to street level, when

the regrade went in—a board sidewalk built in front; the entire operation shifted above a cavernous hole. The contours of the boardwalk resemble the ocean swells. Only other such boardwalk in town that we know of, is at Maynard and Weller, but it is kept in better repair.

After we went to New York in 1928, it became fashionable for the carriage trade to "do" the swells in Harlem. Seattle had a touch of the fad also, and according to what we have heard, the Black and Tan Club at 12th and Jackson was the most popular. Used to receive a letter or two from Nisei friends about an ad hoc, smoky evening spent in the tiny, smoke clouded basement full of pseudo-sophistication. Although such clubs went out of fashion long before "Noddies" Smith's demise in the mid-40s, he evidently still had some of the "moola." A provision of the will allowed for the car of his sovereign pet dogs, including the allowance and such for the keeper, a former club employee. As they will, the dogs eventually died one by one, but in the end, the keeper was left out in the street on crutches. Well maybe all the funds had run out by that time.

MANY ARE the stories told about Noddies Smith. One of them we feel is authentic because it was told to me by a long time social worker in this district. There was a U. of W. com—doing a thesis on social conditions in this south-central area. One of the chapters was to be on prostitution in the so-called international community. After going through channels from the central to local agencies, it was suggested that the interview Noddies. When confronted with a description of the thesis writer's aims, he said: "UHM, mmmmm MMM mmmmm, they teaching you THAT in college now?"

Chapter
Chit-Chat

Idaho Falls JACL

Wedding date: Karen Yamasaki, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Yamasaki, of Idaho Falls, and Frank Yamada of Los Angeles, now attending Washington University Dental School in St. Louis, on July 29. Karen was a National JACL convention princess at Salt Lake City.

Vacationers are coming and going to and from Idaho Falls in recent weeks. Seen at the Idaho Falls JACL picnic were: Ken Morishita of Salt Lake, Tom Harada of Havre, Mont.; Kiyoshi Yamashita of Overton, Nev.; George Yoshimura of Roy, Utah; Kenji Shiozawa of Logan. Eke and Martha Inouye visited Eke's brother Kay at Homedale, Idaho; Martha's sister, Mrs. Bill Utsunomiya at Moses Lake, and another sister, Mrs. Tom Oroski at Quincy, Wash. They witnessed Susan Utsunomiya in

PC Letter Box

For for Thought

Charmont, Calif.
I want to thank you for a misprint that gave me so much food for thought that I want to share it, if I may, with your other readers.

On page 1 of your June 30 issue, Premier Ikeda, in addressing the National Press Club, is reported to have spoken among other things of Japan's efforts to "achieve a higher standard of living."

From the context it is clear that the "to" in the last word was intended to be "to," but what splendid substitute I can imagine no better recipe for curing the world's ills than that we and every one else achieve exactly that—the higher standard of living that Jesus Christ quoted from the Hebrew Scriptures with his own strong endorsement of it as the fulfillment of the law:

"Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart and with all thy soul and with all thy mind;" and "Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself."

The failure of us Christians to achieve that standard made me feel foreign visitor say to an American church audience, "You have a wonderful religion that you have not experienced." When we do experience this standard in our relationships in family, community, nation, and international relations, what a blissful time this diplomats will have!

CHARLOTTE B. DEFOREST

Bank of Tokyo plans
for branch approved

SAN FRANCISCO. — The Bank of Tokyo of California will open a new branch in the Western Addition Japanese culture center project in the new future. Permission was received on July 14, from the State Banking Department.

The total cost of this project will be in excess of 10 million dollars and will feature a hotel, restaurant, authentic Japanese theater, and a small mall type shopping center.

Minoru Yamasaki, noted Nisei architect is in charge of design for this development. When the project is completed it will serve as a focal point in the entire United States as a "true center of Japanese culture."

Japan Center Bank
The new branch of the Bank of Tokyo of California in this project will be known as the "Japan Center Branch" and will be designed in harmony with the

stalled as grand representative of the Order of Rainbow at a four-state convention at Pasco and toured Grand Coulee dam before returning home. Ky and Chizuko Nii toured San Francisco, Los Angeles and Phoenix; visited with her brother Hideo Narita with Japan Air Lines, recently transferred from Tokyo to San Francisco. Dr. Ted Kowana of Riverside, Calif., is visiting relatives in Idaho Falls.

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Freewheeling on the Freeway:
Challenge of a New Job

By Jim Higashi, PSW Regional Director

ON THE JOB—A phone call from National President Frank Chuman has resulted in quite a change in both private and public life. As "the man who dropped in to use the office typewriter" over eight years, I was free and easy and comparatively without restrictions, but now as the new Southern California Regional Director and a fledgling columnist (by order of Editor Harry Honda) I am in a quandary whether to accept congratulations or sympathy! All joking aside, the new duties present quite a challenge and so far have been very interesting!

First week really flew by what with the short week and the "cell orientation" in office routine and procedure and trying to catch up on the backlog of correspondence.

Part of the schedule reads something like this: luncheon with the Northwest Orient Airlines sales representative; Downtown Los Angeles JACL board meeting; Coronation Dance of the West Los Angeles Chapter; PSWD board meeting; Long Beach Harbor District family barbecue outing; Nisei Week board meeting and the election meeting of the Los Angeles JACL Coordinating Council.

Others were: appointment with City Councilman Ed Roybal; Queen Presentation dinner at the Downtown Los Angeles Chapter; Nisei Week Queen committee; Queen's Tea at the home of Consul General Yukio Hasegawa; appointment with Mrs. Dorothy (Mayor Vorty's personal secretary); PB visit with Supervisor Ernest E. Debs, who is the chairman of the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors; consultation with Casey the Mailer on PC circulation problems; working on the mailing list for the PC Holiday Issue; PC board meeting; Pasadena steak bake, and before you know it "Ye Old Editor" says "four three weeks are up, get the column in by Monday the 14th!" Found out it's very hard work to fill the void left by Two Big Men — Tats Kushi and Fred Takagi.

COORDINATING COUNCIL — Hardworking George Fujita and the quiet but very efficient Sam Uchida were unanimously re-elected chairman and secretary-treasurer, respectively, of the Los Angeles JACL Coordinating Council.

Unusually heavy work load faces the members of the Coordinating Council during the 1961-62 year. The annual Christmas Cider Fund Drive, Nisei Relays Benefit Dance and Queen Contest, Nisei Relays, 1962 Nisei Week Coronation Ball and Carnival are just few of the major projects facing the JACL.

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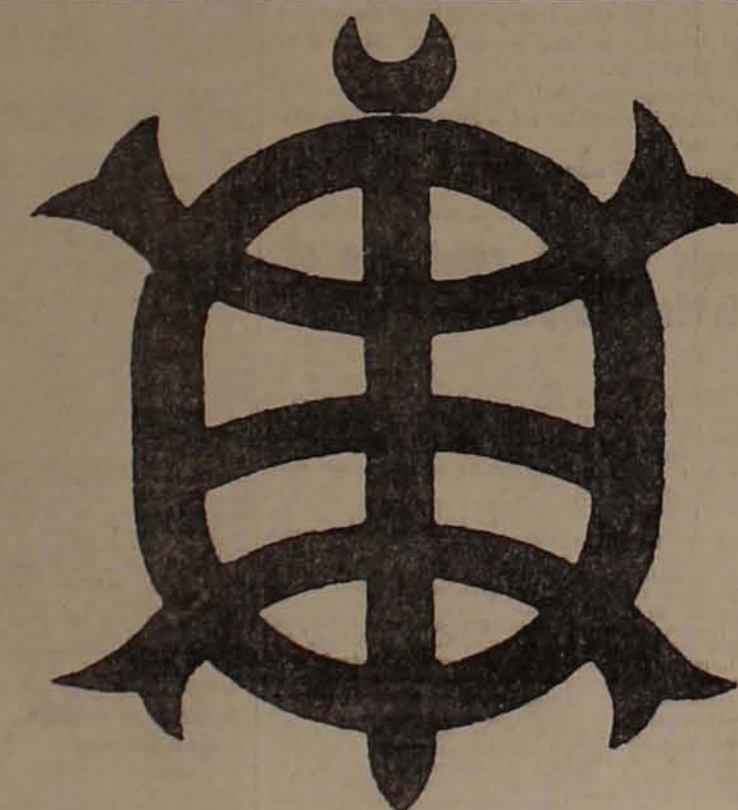
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By Bill Hosokawa

From the Frying Pan

PICNIC TIME—When the history of the Japanese in America is written, I hope something is included therein about picnics. Perhaps the community and organization picnic is not strictly a Japanese contribution to the American way of life. But no other ethnic group seems to take on these events with greater dedication, determination, organization and concentration.

I suppose Japanese community picnics have their origins back in the old country when villagers, reaping from their labors, took time out during the summer to relax, visit with their neighbors and enjoy themselves. Back before the war on the West Coast, every Sunday from early June to late August was the occasion for some kind of picnic or another. And in the larger communities some times there were as many as two or three picnics scheduled for a single Sunday. (Everybody worked Saturdays in those days, so Sunday was the only day of rest—although picnics could hardly be considered rest.)

The kenjin-kai (prefectural association) picnics were the most elaborate. I remember as a child in Seattle that sometimes a boat would be chartered and hundreds of men, women and children would take off for some exotic island across the sound for an exhausting day of relaxation. Pink lemonade was provided by the barrel. There was all the free ice cream one could eat. And every mother in the community spent most of the previous night cooking up rare delicacies, the like of which one hadn't seen since New Year's Day.

The annual picnic was the occasion, too, to be treated to a new pair of rubber-soled canvas shoes, which were known as tennis shoes, though most of its new precious little about tennis. These canvas shoes were necessary for good performances in the foot races, for prizes of rare value went to the fleet of foot.

CONTEMPORARY PICNICS—The tradition of picnics, I suppose, is being continued on the West Coast today. I know it continues

strong and vigorously in interior areas like Denver. As a matter of fact, they often are the only occasion to see and renew acquaintances with people one hasn't seen since the previous year's picnic.

The traditional picnic format hasn't changed much. First, there is a committee whose function it is to plan the program and to put the arm on local merchants for a means of prizes. The idea, as I see it, is to appoint as many individuals as possible to these committees. That way everyone gets in on the act, which is very important.

The electronic age has added one new wrinkle to the picnic business. Back in the old days some leather-lunged character was nominated to make the announcements, and this he did with the aid of a large megaphone. Today he has been replaced by the public address system which is responsible for destroying the peace of an otherwise quiet and enjoyable occasion. The PA systems also have been responsible for the addition of a new event on the picnic program, an event which might be entitled grab-the-microphone.

The idea is to grab the mike and make speeches. There must be something about a microphone, which magnifies the human voice to terrifying proportions, that brings out the orator in many men. At any rate, grab-the-mike is one of the most popular events in any Japanese community picnic. The PA systems at picnics these days also brings the doubtful pleasures of music to anyone within earshot, which can be a far piece these days. Otherwise retiring individuals, who normally talk in whispers and keep their radio sets tuned low at home, seem to take the attitude that a picnic is not complete without music, the louder the better. Thus, when the orators are through for the day, the music comes on. And on. And on.

The music has one advantage. It makes that particular corner of the park quite unpopular with persons who don't have any particular business with the group, so the picnicers are guaranteed a certain amount of privacy. And I suppose that's important, too.

Midwest District Council Report

Twin Cities in Pre-Confab Twitter

BY KAY KUSHINO

There is an unnatural hustle and bustle, the constant flurry of conversation taking place at unexpected hours in unusual spots, the scurrying back and forth of small groups of determined individuals saluting forth with equally serious countenances to keep a rendezvous with time, what do you suppose is the crux of all this unprecedented activity?

Well, for the elucidation of those unfortunate individuals who are not abreast of current events—it's the Nisei citizenry of the Twin Cities United Citizens League, battling against time to complete plans for the coming joint EDC-MDC convention in Minneapolis Sept. 1 to 4.

In something less than six weeks, the grandest event in the history of the local JACL will take place at the Radisson Hotel in Minneapolis, climaxing many long months of planning by the various committees.

Convention co-chairmen Shimpey Kuramoto and Tama Kobayashi are forging ahead with relentless determination to make this convention one of the finest and most productive ever initiated.

Converging on the Twin Cities will be a most impressive list of JACL notables, National President Frank Chuman, luncheon speaker; Second Vice-President Pat Okura of Omaha; Kuramoto Yoshitaki, National Treasurer; 1960 Club Chairman Frank Hattori of Seattle; Mas Sato, National Director; Shig Wakamatsu, Past National President; Washington Representative Mike Masaka, and the two district chairmen, Bill Marutani and Joe Kadowaki of the EDC and MDC councils respectively.

Record Turnout Seen

Advance registration reports indicate there will be a record number of officials, booster and Junior JACL delegates from all chapters involved, including New York Philadelphia; Seabrook, Washington, D.C.; Cleveland, St. Louis, Dayton, Detroit, Milwaukee, Chicago and Cincinnati.

Because of the large number of Nisei delegates anticipated, a special Junior JACL program has been set up, under the capable direction of Miyo Tsuchiya, local youth group chairman.

Highlighting activities such as an outdoor picnic and cook-out, dance, banquet and a night-long tour, youthful delegates will also participate in panel discussions being formulated by Abe Hattori, MDC Youth Program Coordinator, and many of the other adult sessions.

Congressman Judd

One of the most regular speakers on the American scene, Dr. Walter H. Judd, Congressman from Minnesota, has been procured to deliver the keynote address at the banquet. Because of his recognized ability as an authority on Far Eastern affairs, and his avowed interest in the JACL, Dr. Judd's presence will add much color to the convention events.

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WE HAVE A HARD CHOICE TO MAKE

One of the seven girls will be crowned winner of the Nisei Week queen contest Aug. 5 at the Festival Coronation program at Biltmore Bowl. Meeting together for the first time at the Japanese Consul General's residence in Pasadena recently are (from left) Gerry Uyema of Southwest L.A. JACL; Hiromi Fujinami of East Los Angeles JACL; Joyce Kanase of San Fernando Valley JACL and JA Club; May Ishihara of Long Beach Harbor District JACL; Shirley Tayekko Nishimura of West Los Angeles ACL; Dianne Misao Kubota of Orange County Kazuo Masuda Memorial VFW Post; and Shirley Kamayatsu of Downtown L.A. JACL.

—Cut Courtesy: Rafu Shimpo

Public invited for first time to witness judging of Nisei Wk. Festival queen contest

With the long awaited 21st annual Nisei Week Coronation a week away, details for the glamorous social event were announced by Queen Committee Co-Chairmen Soichi Fukui and past commander Bob Hattori of the Nisei Memorial Post No. 9938, VFW. The Nisei Week affair slated to take place at the Biltmore Bowl on Saturday, Aug. 5.

According to the Queen committee, the Queen judging is being held in two segments: initial appearance of the seven candidates in colorful kimonos and the finale in traditional white gowns.

It was again emphasized that the entire proceedings will be in full view of the audience, giving those in attendance a chance to judge right along with the panel of judges.

Judging Standards

The seven candidates representing various areas in Los Angeles and Orange counties will be judged on the basis of: 40 pct. beauty; 10 pct. figure; 25 pct. charm and personality; and 25 pct. on poise and speaking ability. The most difficult part of the "contest" will come when they are asked to give a short speech not to exceed three minutes. The difficulty comes in that the topic of the speech will

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Long Beach Nisei Week queen candidate participates in Int'l Beauty Congress

BY RUBY MIO

LONG BEACH. — Things are really popping for "Miss Harbor", May Ishihara, Long Beach JACL's candidate in the Nisei Week queen contest, for she has recently been bestowed with still another title.

It all happened after the local JACL sent in her picture to the Press-Telegram, announcing that she had been chosen "Miss Harbor". It caught the eye of one of the Harbor Department officials, and he struck the idea that Long Beach ought to solicit her majestic services.

An exclusive press party was being held last week at the Reef Restaurant where all the International Beauty Congress delegates were being presented. There they introduced May as "Miss Port of Long Beach."

Only the local big-wigs and IBC officials were present and Miss Ishihara felt doubly honored when they seated her next to the current reigning "Miss International," Stella Marquez of Colombia!

Asked for Autograph

Friday evening, May attended a dinner at the Lafayette Hotel where she, along with the IBC delegates, were presented in formal gowns. Eager spectators had to be roped off at the entrance of the hotel as the lovely girls were being deluged with autograph seekers. It was here that Miss Ishihara, for the first time in her life, really felt like a celebrity when a little girl approached and asked for her autograph.

Modest May was aghast and couldn't believe that anyone would want her autograph, so she asked, "Are you sure you want mine?" "I'm nobody—I'm just 'Miss Port of Long Beach!'"

Sunday morning Miss Ishihara and Miss Australia greeted the luxury liner SS Canberra as she steamed into the Port of Long Beach during her maiden voyage. They presented flowers to Sir Donald F. Anderson, Lady Anderson and their daughter. He is the P & O-Orient Lines board chair.



PROBLEMS OF AGING TO INCREASE

REPRESENTATIVES OF CHAMBER OF COMMERCE and JACS meet to discuss problems of the aged. From left to right—Paul Takeoka, executive secretary of the Japanese Chamber of Commerce; Mike Suzuki, acting director of JACS; Mrs. Tami Oka, Chamber staff member; Kiyo Yamato, chairman of JACS Committee on the Aged; and Soichi Fukui, JACS board member, tackle growing problems of the elderly persons of the community.

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Frank Shimada ekes win in first BANGA journey

SAN FRANCISCO. — Frank Shimada of Garden City, Calif. won the first annual 36-hole Bay Area Nisei Golf Assn. tournament played over Pajaro Valley and Pasatiempo courses on recent weekends. He shot a 78-73 (14) for a 140 net, besting fellow club member Frank Yoshida by one stroke.

Second low net award went to George Ura of Watsonville, Calif. with 76-78 (10)—144. Winners of the three lower flights were F. Okamoto of Watsonville, net 144; Tad Nakamura of Hi Eli, net 144; and T. Sugimoto of Spoon and Tea, net 145.

Eleven clubs participated in the BANGA tournament.

Upsels mark golf journey for Chicago Thousand Clubbers

CHICAGO. — Dr. Frank Sakamoto, 1000 Club Chairman of the Chicago JACL, announced the results of the annual golf tournament held at beautiful Silver Lake Country Club Sunday. Despite a continuous shower, a good crowd showed up determined to attend this much publicized event.

Under the capable leadership of chairman Yosh Yamada and tournament director Harry Mizuno, a hilarious time was had by all. From the starting gun, and it was really that, with the starter using a pistol to get the golfer at the top of his swing, to the end when the golfers had to use a putter with the head cover on, on the 18th green, it was a day of laughs and also a grim tragedy (they thought) for some.

This was a day of upsels, but this was not really to be a surprise at an event like this. The 8 favorites ran last to the dark horses in the derby. Tom Okabe emerged as the winner with a net 58. G. Yoshida came in second, Frank Sakamoto came in third.

In between, there were laughs, such as Yosh Yamada, hereafter nicknamed the "kicker" who attempted to use a free kick, and kicked it right into the sandtrap; George Teraoka, and Tom Kurisu who ended up in the bushes and attempted to use his free kick, and ended up by missing it completely; Bill Hira, who attempted to use his free roll on the green, and threw it further away than from his original spot; Kaz Kawamoto who thought he was a sure winner, five putting the 18th green.

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6. Frank Sakamoto	88-27-71
7. Aosh Yamada	101-30-71
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By the Board

By Henry Kato, NC-WNDC Chairman

The San Francisco Chapter will host the third quarterly meeting of the Northern California-Western Nevada District on Sunday, August 6, at the El Cortez Hotel, 7th and Ash St., near Balboa Park.

The Executive Board met on July 9, and after a lengthy discussion, sanctioned the request of the San Francisco Chapter to raise the tariff. It was unanimously agreed by the host chapter and board members to charge Official Delegates \$7, booster delegates \$3, and Jr. JACLers \$4.

Akiyo Yoshimura will have a progress report on the Issei Story Project, and chapters are requested to delegate their respective chairman to attend this meeting to enrich themselves to the many intricate details that must be compiled and instructions that must be completed to keep this great project rolling.

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San Diego to host next PSW quarterly

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Registration will be open from 9 to 10 a.m., with business sessions scheduled for two hours in the morning and in the afternoon, ending by 4 p.m. A two-hour luncheon from noon will feature State Assemblyman Mills of San Diego.

The main business to be discussed will be the JACL Issei Story project in which the National JACL seeks to raise \$100,000 as its share of the cost of the undertaking. A foundation will be asked to underwrite \$300,000 of the \$4,000,000 projected cost.

Sim Togasaki of San Francisco, national finance chairman for the Issei Story Project, is scheduled to make his progress report.

Saburo Kido, past National JACL president and publisher of the Shinichi Bei, is scheduled to give the Issei Story finance report while Roy Yamadera, district council chairman for the project, will give a progress report.

Among other reports scheduled are:

Treasurer's report by Mas Hironaka of San Diego, regional office report by the regional director, Pacific Citizen report by its editor Harry Honda, youth report by Miki Fukushima of Hollywood.

Legislative report by Kango Kunitaga of SWLA, membership report by Fred Muto of San Fernando, PSWDC quota report by Mas Hironaka, international relations report by Kay Nakagiri of San Fernando, 1963 Convention report by Jack Matsueda of San Diego and Aki Ono of West Los Angeles, and National JACL Scholarship report by Tats Kushiya of Gardena.

Kay Nakagiri is chairman of the district council with Frances Ishii as secretary.

A pre-registration deadline of Aug. 1 was announced by the host chapter. Pre-registration fee will be \$4, including cost of the meal. Those registering late will be charged 50 cents extra.

Luncheon will consist of pot roast of beef, tossed green salad, potatoes, rolls and butter, coffee, tea or milk and sherbet.

A special meeting of chapter presidents and JACL regional director Jim Higashi during the luncheon period has been called.

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Tips for Jr. IDC Delegates

POCATELLO. — With the coming of the Youth Convention less than three weeks away, many questions are being raised concerning the two days activities planned here for Aug. 11 and 12.

Attire? Girls — Sweet summer cottons and heels will be the most appropriate for meetings, luncheons, contests and mixer. Hats and gloves are optional for the luncheons. For the mixed social and outdoor buffet planned for Friday afternoon, Bermuda's and slacks would be most comfortable. For the Convention Ball, cocktail dresses, party dresses, semi-formal dresses and any dressy dress will be fine.

Fellows—Suit and tie will be suitable for the meetings, luncheons, contests, mixer and convention ball. For the mixed social and outdoor buffet planned on Friday afternoon, sports outfits will be tops.

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