

## JACL Credit Union

The National JACL Credit Union is publishing its first 1961 semi-annual profit and loss and financial statements in next week's issue.

It also announces a 4 1/2 pct. dividend for the first six months of the year, the amount to be credited to the individual account of shareholders. The semi-annual dividend has been made possible by a change in Utah state laws pertaining to credit unions. The dividend is optional, however the credit union board of directors, supervisory and credit committees revised the by-laws in order to allow this additional benefit.

Another change is that heretofore dividends were calculated on the balance as of the end of each month. The new law states now that it must be figured on shares deposited on or before the 15th of each month. This year's semi-annual dividend is figured on this basis. Hence, members have been reminded to deposit to their share account on or before the 15th of each month in order to receive credit for that month.

There were two deaths in the JACL credit union family. One member, 24 years old, died of heart attack in June. Under benefits of the Loan and Life Savings Insurance of CUNA Mutual Insurance Society, the deceased's loan of \$296.03 was paid the credit union by CUNA and his savings of \$7.91 was remitted to his estate plus another \$7.91 as life insurance proceeds.

The second member, 58, also died of heart attack. This member had \$1,432.42 in his savings account so that his widow received the \$1,432.42 plus an additional \$1,324.32 from CUNA, \$1,000 for savings prior to age 55 and \$324.32 from (75 pct. of \$432.42) saved from age 55. The member's loan of \$469.31 was cancelled. The insurance benefit to the widow meant \$1,793.63 besides the member's savings of \$1,432.42.

Advertising in the Pacific Citizen has brought in a number of inquiries from various JACL chapter members. Several loans have been made which can be attributed directly to the Pacific Citizen.

Processing of certain types of loans through the loan officer has speeded up the making of loans. If the borrower now comes to the office, most loans can be made immediately. Heretofore all loans had to be approved by the Credit Committee, which met twice a week so that several days may have been required before the borrower could receive his answer or money. The Credit Committee still reviews the loans made by the loan officer to see that they are in conformity with rules and regulations stipulated by the board of directors.

Comparative figures for the same six-month period of 1960 and 1961 show:

	1961 1960
Number of Members	829 791
Number of Loans	325 222
Loans Outstanding	\$434,817.53 \$337,403.92
Loans Jan-June	\$178,835.56 \$142,408.78

—Hito Okada

## San Diego JACL declares 4 1/2% credit union dividend

SAN DIEGO. — The San Diego JACL Credit Union has paid its semi-annual dividends of 4 1/2 pct. on all shares of record as of June 30, and which were deposited by June 5.

The credit union has 148 accounts, 67 active loans and assets in the amount of \$34,682.11.

## President's Corner

By Frank F. Chuman

I WISH to thank the National Membership Chairman, Third Vice-President Bill Matsumoto of Sacramento, the Thousand Club chairman, Frank Hattori of Seattle, our National Treasurer Kumeo Yoshinari of Chicago, and each and every chapter membership chairman and officers, for their great and untiring efforts in having attained the high record in membership and remittance of membership dues to our National organization and Thousand Club members, as shown in the recent statistics furnished to me by our National Director, Mas Satow.

The membership as of July 31, 1961 numbers over 17,000. Thirty-three of our chapters have either attained or exceeded their 1960 membership, and an additional 15 chapters have attained an all-time high in membership. Thus, 48 chapters of our 86 chapters have reached tremendous heights and accomplishments in membership this year.

Recent figures from our National Treasurer indicate that we are approximately 85 per cent and approaching 90 per cent of our total budget of almost \$100,000. Our Thousand Club membership is at an all-time high. The vitality, interest and the great strength throughout our organization in each and every chapter is a phenomenal accomplishment at this time of the year. My sincere thanks to everyone who has made this record possible in spite of the increase in membership dues to cover the cost of the Pacific Citizen to each household of our organization. I hope that every chapter with membership dues collected will turn their funds in promptly so that proper recording can be made and the Pacific Citizen will reach the members immediately.

I AM becoming more and more aware of the magnitude of our organization. Our 86 chapters are scattered throughout 32 states of continental United States, and the membership is rapidly reaching the 20,000 mark. The Pacific Citizen, with an official mailing list of over 14,000, is now being read weekly across the nation by between 60,000 and 70,000 persons.

I am particularly conscious of the great size of our organization, and feel that the National Board and the members should readjust their thinking to render more efficient and more rapid the administrative processes and the means of communication of our organization from the members to the National Board and from the National Board to the individual members.

I am seriously considering simplifying the membership drive and the Pacific Citizen mailing list and other information necessary to record the progress of our organization by means of some type of electronic data processing system. We can no longer operate our administrative procedures under the old horse and buggy system of laborious hand selection or card type systems. Whatever record we need of membership, change of address, financial condition and every other type of necessary information to run our vast organization must be effected quickly so that the program of our organization can be quickly dispatched.

I am seriously considering some type of uniform printed form letters, such as "speedy-grams" in the nature of telegrams, or even teletypes to be installed in the offices of each of our National Board officers. We operate at the present time under most difficult typing and multiple carbon copy systems of communication among the National Board members and other key members who are constituents of national committees.

Instructions, information, advice, programs, inquiries, policy decisions, and all other aspects of communication must be speeded up and made efficient, so that our faithful and hard working National Board members will not be compelled to spend long hours of their own time in the evening laboriously typing out memoranda on old battered typewriters or making multiple carbon copies without the aid of a rapid and easy system. I am asking too much of our National Board members to constantly arrange for voluntary help from secretaries, although I deeply appreciate such voluntary help and faithful service from such secretaries at the present time. In the interest of expediting the administrative processes, we must consider the advances in modern day devices and equipment to speed the transmission of information and instructions throughout the key leaders of our organization.

ANOTHER administrative procedure which concerns me is the lack of uniformity in the election of officers in the chapters and

## SAN DIEGO JACL TO BID FOR 1966 NAT'L CONFAB

SAN DIEGO. — Jack Matsueda, JACL chapter president at the Border City here, announced San Diego would actively bid for the 1966 National JACL Convention. The chapter was given unanimous support by the Pacific Southwest District Council, which held its summer quarterly meeting Sunday at El Cortez Hotel.

By 1966, Matsueda said, San Diego would have adequate facilities to handle a national convention.

throughout the district councils and the lack of uniformity in the type of governing board system of the chapters and district councils.

For example, some chapters hold their election in the year prior to the succeeding year when the officers are installed. Other chapters hold their elections several months past January of each year. Other chapters have elections in the traditional setup of president, vice president, secretary and treasurer on a direct ballot system. Other chapters have elections of officers from a board of directors.

This hodge-podge of different dates and elections, officers and administrative organization creates inefficiency, confusion, overlap, and even serious gaps between new and old officers, so that the accurate and quick transmission of instructions and information is not possible. Our organization should be reorganized to establish a uniform table of organization from the local chapter, district council and National Board level, so that the lines of communication and responsibilities will be clearly defined on the part of each member and officer throughout our entire organization.

Furthermore, there must be a uniformity in the standing committees of our organization from the national standing committees to the local level so that there will be a direct line of communication from national to local levels.

I FORESEE a rapidly expanding era of programs and activities throughout our National organization as we forge ahead in the 60's toward the goals set forth by the 1960-1970 Planning Commission. I foresee a greatly accelerated public relations program and a more intensive program of joining with other civic organizations in our communities to consider the problems of the day.

By more efficient use of our manpower and energies with the assistance of advanced equipment, machines and electronic devices and a uniform body of officers and a uniform system of committees, the vast energies of our members can be harnessed toward the main objectives of our organization rather than be harassed, frustrated, discouraged and overwhelmed by the confusing mass of details and laborious handwork of today.

Washington Newsletter: by Mike Masaoka  
Joint EDC-MDC JACL Convention

Washington, D. C. — AS THE Intermountain District Council, JACL, proudly celebrates its 30th anniversary at its 11th Biennial District Convention in Pocatello, Idaho, this weekend, it is most appropriate to call attention to the forthcoming fourth Biennial Joint Conventions of the Eastern and Midwest District JACL Councils, which is to be held in Minneapolis, Minnesota, over the Labor Day weekend.

In contrast to the IDC, which made its greatest contributions to persons of Japanese ancestry in this country and to the JACL in the World War II era, these two post-war district councils made their major contribution during the historic legislative campaigns in which persons of Japanese ancestry were acknowledged as worthy of naturalization and immigration privileges and evacuees entitled to compensation for some of their evacuation losses.

Hosted by the Twin Cities (Minneapolis-St. Paul) United Citizens League chapter of the JACL, the official events are crowded into two full days (Saturday and Sunday, September 2 and 3). The Convention Mixer, however, is slated for Friday evening, September 1, and sightseeing events in the famous Hiawatha, Thousand Lakes, Paul Bunyan region, including the Minnesota State Fair, are included in the Labor Day (September 4) program.

For members of the National Board who happen to be in attendance, though, National JACL President Frank Chuman of Los Angeles has called an unofficial and informal Board meeting Labor Day morning in order to discuss certain organizational problems.

As in the case of the IDC Convention this weekend, because of the United Nations emergency proclamation by President Kennedy recently, much attention may be devoted to a consideration of how this special status affects Americans of Japanese ancestry and the JACL.

As Americans, JACL delegates will naturally be preoccupied, as in our Nation, with the grave international challenge and its domestic implications for all our citizens.

THERE ARE only four chapters (New York, Philadelphia, Seabrook, and Washington, D.C.) in the EDC and eight (Chicago, Detroit, Cleveland, Cincinnati, Dayton, St. Louis, Milwaukee, and Twin Cities) in the MDC.

And yet, it is these 12 chapters that give to JACL its truly national significance and effectiveness, especially in its "grass roots" influence on Congressional and Administrative activity in the nation's capital.

Though these chapters are located only in nine states, because many members reside in nearby states, actually chapter representation extends to 16 states in the heartland of the United States — Connecticut, Delaware, Illinois, Indiana, Kansas, Kentucky, Mary-

land, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, New Jersey, New York, Ohio, Pennsylvania, Virginia, and Wisconsin.

The EDC-MDC Chapters are in states with 232 members in the House of Representatives and 32 in the Senate, far more than the 74 other JACL chapters in the rest of the country combined can muster in the National Legislature.

IN THE new historic legislative accomplishments of JACL's post-World War II Anti-Discrimination Committee, these 12 chapters rallied their Congressmen in Washington to not only support the bills for evacuation claims and equality in naturalization and immigration and other corrective and remedial legislation unprecedented in the annals of any American nationality, but also to persuade their colleagues from the West Coast to reverse their traditional anti-Oriental role and vote for positive, constructive statutes.

When the JACL was strictly a Pacific Coast organization, the public at large and members of the Executive, Legislative, and Judicial branches of our Government were not familiar with Americans of Japanese ancestry.

Preoccupied, therefore, with the problems of their own constituents, they left the so-called Japanese problem to the Congressmen from California, Oregon, and Washington who, in that case, knew that being against the Japanese was politically popular.

Thus, when the war in the Pacific began on December 7, 1941, with the attack on Pearl Harbor, Congress and the White House had to depend on those from the West Coast to advise and guide them.

And, too many Congressmen from the Pacific Coast, subjected to tremendous pressure from economic and political groups with a half-century record of hate and prejudice against Orientals, took advantage of the tragic national emergency to "solve" the "Japanese problem" for all time. The arbitrary, mass evacuation by military fiat was the result.

In the always sound perspective of history, it is our considered judgment, which is shared by many historians that had the JACL the chapters it now has in the East and the Midwest, the mistreatment of persons of Japanese ancestry in the United States might well not have taken place in World War II.

IN THESE perilous times, when the dictates of our national crisis may bring about unique suggestions and practices, it is good for persons of Japanese ancestry and for JACL that there are these 12 JACL chapters in the Mississippi River Valley and eastward to assure that those of Japanese ancestry will always be given proper and due consideration at any and all times.

Of course, we do not anticipate any mistreatment comparable to that of World War II.

But, if there is any racial dis-

RODNEY OMACHI OF STOCKTON  
TOP JACL SCHOLARSHIP WINNER

Rodney Selchi Omachi of Stockton, Calif., was declared the winner of the Pvt. Ben Frank Masaoka Memorial Scholarship, it was announced this week by JACL National Headquarters. The scholarship is valued at \$300.

Four other finalists will receive JACL scholarships of \$200 each. There were 27 candidates submitted by their respective sponsoring JACL chapters.

Supplementary Winners  
The other JACL scholarship winners were Alan Tuneso Miyamoto of Washington High School in Los Angeles; Kenneth Kiyoshi Murata of McClatchy High School in Sacramento; Linda Kimie Kobata of Jordan High School in Long Beach; and Dennis Ken Fujita of Petaluma Senior High School.

"The judging as in the past was done in strict accordance to a point system with greatest weight given to scholastic achievement, but also considering quality and degree of extra-curricular activities, recommendations and personal statements," stated Tatsi Kishida, chairman of the scholarship judging committee.

The selection was made by a panel of judges comprised of five prominent Los Angeles residents including two educators. They were Mrs. Mary Tinglof, member of the Los Angeles Board of Education; Dr. H. Carroll Parish, assistant Dean of Students at UCLA; Hon. John F. Aiso, Judge of the Superior Court of Los Angeles; Gongo Nakamura, Issei community leader and past president of the Downtown LA JACL; and Saburo Kido, attorney-publisher and wartime JACL national president.

"All of the nominees had outstanding records and it was a difficult evaluation job for the judges," said Kishida, who explained that each judge had a three-day opportunity to carefully check over each applicant's portfolio individually preliminary to the evaluation by the entire panel.



RODNEY OMACHI  
Stockton Candidate Picked

Top awardee Omachi, who plans to enter Stanford University and prepare for the medical profession, was a "straight A" student, as were other finalists. Omachi was commended by his principal at Edison High School of Stockton, Calif., as "the most outstanding student this school has ever had the privilege to graduate." In addition to serving a student body president, 1960-1961 he was class valedictorian. He also served as president of his school's Science-Math Club, chapter treasurer of the National Forensic League, Senior Representative of the Key Club Executive Board Vice President of the orchestra reporter and photographer of Edison Hi-Lite, and as officer with several other scholastic committees and service clubs.

Scholastic recognition he has received include scholarships from the Elks Club, National Merit Scholarship, Bank of America Central Valley Mathematics Quiz.

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## JACL urges vested property bill be reported by House

WASHINGTON. — JACL last week urged the House Interstate and Foreign Commerce Subcommittee on Commerce and Finance to report legislation which would authorize payment of American war damage claims and monetary return of private property vested during and after World War II from the post-war economic repayments to be made by Germany and Japan.

Mike Masaoka, Washington JACL representative, in testimony before the Subcommittee emphasized that the two remaining major World War II problems within the jurisdiction of the full Interstate and Foreign Commerce Committee — war claims and vested private property — could and should be solved by joining the two into a single legislative package.

Noting that the Subcommittee had only the Administration's report favoring the payment of American war damage claims, JACL suggested that the new Administration's views also be requested on the subject of sequestrated private property return before the Subcommittee acted on any war claims bill.

If the Kennedy Administration will favorably recommend the ad-

dition of private vested property return to its war claims bill, with the financing to be from post-war economic assistance repayments from Germany and Japan, the JACL predicted that the 16-year-old issues could be resolved in a single, combination legislative package.

Democrat Peter F. Mack, Jr., of Illinois, is chairman of the Subcommittee. Other members participating in the two-day public hearings last Wednesday and Thursday were Democrats John D. Dingell of Michigan and Robert W. Hemphill of South Carolina and Republicans Milton W. Glenn of New Jersey, Hastings Keith of Massachusetts, and Willard S. Curtis of Pennsylvania.

War Damage Claims  
Last year, the Subcommittee reported and the House passed a bill which would provide for the payment of war damage claims out of the liquidated proceeds of sequestrated private property. The Senate Judiciary Subcommittee on the Trading with the Enemy Act amended the bill to restrict its authorization only to restrict all war damage claims. The Senate failed to act on this amended bill prior to adjournment last summer.

The JACL explained that it was not against the payment of war claims, but that it opposed taking money from liquidated vested property for that purpose. It also stated that the Minority Views of the House Interstate and Foreign Commerce Committee which, in reporting the war claims bill last session, stated that the use of sequestrated private property funds for the payment of war claims violated the constitutional prohibitions against confiscating private property and converting it to public use without just compensation.

The Minority also stated that in using these vested property funds for war claims, individual German and Japanese property holders in the United States would be asked to pay for the war damages caused by the German and Japanese military.

The Minority, who also urged the return of private vested property as a means of confirming American principles relating to the sanctity of private property, urged that war claims be paid from negotiated lump sum repayments for this purpose by German and Japanese Governments, by some other appropriate means, or by direct congressional appropriations.

## JACL for Property Return

The JACL stressed that, although most of the vested property belonged to Japanese nationals and corporations, much of it also involved native-born and naturalized Americans of Japanese ancestry. In addition to the yen debt claims of some 20,000 Issei and Nisei, the estates, trusts, and bequests of American Japanese with beneficiaries in Japan were described as were beneficiaries in Japan of insurance policies paid for in this country and both native-born and naturalized persons of Japanese ancestry charged with "cloaking" property for Japanese nationals even though these Japanese nationals had made no claim for this property. Issei and Nisei whose properties had been sequestrated while they were stranded in Japan during the war but who had returned to the United States subsequently and former American residents whose small private bank accounts and deposits in this country were also vested were added to the illustration of private property holdings still held in custody by the Office of Alien Property of the Department of Justice and which involve residents.

If, the JACL argued, American occupation troops in Japan after the surrender could not legally seize and retain private Japanese property at that time and under those circumstances, how can the United States justify its present confiscatory policy towards private property taken in this country during the war as a means to prevent its use for the benefit of the enemy?

Finally, the JACL argued that the American practice of keeping only German and Japanese private vested property violated United States treaties of commerce and friendship with both Germany and Japan, which enjoy "most favored nation" status under those international agreements.

Since Italy, Hungary, Rumania, Bulgaria and Austria, also all belligerents against the United States in World War II and whose private properties returned, continued refusal to extend the same treatment to the Germans and the Japanese constitutes treaty violations and discriminations against these now important American allies in Europe and the Far East.

## Repayment Fund

Reminding the Subcommittee that this June the Japanese and the United States had initiated memorandum agreements for Japanese repayment of postwar economic assistance, the JACL said that this places German and Japanese positions on par insofar as these repayments are concerned.

Since these repayments are from the governments of Germany and Japan, the JACL declared, that their use for the payment of war claims and monetary return of private vested property would not violate any constitutional concepts while reaffirming traditional principles of private property sanctity.

## 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.

Chicago	Placer County
Cleveland	Sacramento
Clovis	San Diego
Contra Costa	San Fernando
Curtis	San Francisco
French Camp	San Jose
Idaho Falls	Snake River
Long Beach	Southwest L.A.
Philadelphia	Stockton
	West Los Angeles



NISEI WEEK QUEENS: 1960 AND 1961

Akemi Tani, 1960 Nisei Week queen sponsored by Downtown Los Angeles JACL, crowns her successor, Dianne Misao Kubota of Anaheim, who was sponsored by the Kazuo Masuda Memorial VFW Post of Orange County. The new queen reigns this coming week in the 21st annual Nisei Week Festival in Little Tokyo. A secretary of the Orange County JAYS, she is majoring in secretarial work at Fullerton JC, is 5 ft. 4 in., 106 lbs. It was her first beauty contest.

—Toyo Miyatake Photo.

## Nisei engineer awarded Guggenheim fellowship to study aerospace propulsion

BERKELEY. — Robert Mitsuru Miura, graduate student at the Univ. of California, has been awarded a Daniel and Florence Guggenheim Fellowship for study from \$1,200 to \$2,000 a year; plus tuition, awarded annually to students of outstanding technical ability and promise in the fields related to the flight sciences.

The Guggenheim Laboratories were established this year. They include the jet propulsion center at Princeton, founded in 1948 to provide research and educational facilities for outstanding graduate students in jet propulsion, rocketry, and space flight sciences.

## Parlier High Graduate

Miura will be graduated in September with a master of science degree. He received his bachelor's degree from U.C. in 1960 and graduated from Parlier High School in 1958. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Richard K. Miura of Del Rey.

He was employed by Convair Astronautics in San Diego in 1960. He is presently working at the Institute of Engineering Research at U.C.

## Nisei hoodlum slabs youth at church softball game

An ill-tempered young Nisei, apparently bent on violence rather than reasoning to settle issues, became the target of a city-wide search by police and deputy sheriffs, suspected in the near-fatal stabbing of a white youth on July 31.

The victim was Leslie Stumpf, 15, of 917 N. Martel, who was in critical condition at the Citizens Emergency Hospital with two knife wounds in the back and another on his arm.

The incident occurred during a Nisei church softball game at Poinsettia Park playground, in Hollywood.

According to witnesses, two young Nisei spectators accosted Stumpf and another youth while the game was in progress and one of the Nisei accused the victim of whistling at him.

## Switchblade Pulled

When Stumpf denied any such action, his assailant pulled out a switchblade knife and cut him on the arm.

As the bleeding victim stooped to pick up something, witnesses told police, they saw him stabbed twice more in the back.

Authorities were quick to point out that the players had nothing to do with the knife but they are being questioned to learn if they can identify the original two, plus another pair, one a Negro, who rushed to join the assailant. None of them have been identified.

leading young engineers to receive similar awards at Princeton, Columbia and the California Institute of Technology.

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Miura received several scholarships during his four years as an undergraduate. He is a member of Tau Beta Pi, national engineering honorary fraternity and Pi Tau Sigma.

## ISSEI MOTORIST HAS FIRST MISHAP IN 48 YEARS

SAN FRANCISCO. — A youngster playing on the street was hit by a car being driven by Keisaburo Koda, prominent Issei community leader last week. The driver was not cited.

The accident occurred in front of the 1745 Eddy St. address when the child rushed out in front of the Koda car. He was treated at the Mission Emergency Hospital.

The investigating police learned that Koda has been driving cars since 1913 and that the Wednesday afternoon accident was the first mishap he was ever involved in 48 years of driving.





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## Freewheeling on the Freeway:

### Hectic Weeks in August

By Jim Higashi, PSW Regional Director

Two quite a hectic two weeks since appearing on these pages two weeks ago. Highlighted perhaps by the 21st Annual Nisei Week Celebration at the Biltmore Bowl on Aug. 5. Lovely Dianne Kubota received the rousing applause and cheers of very appreciative audience when she was crowned Nisei Week Queen of 1961. Her Majesty Dianne, representing Orange County, was sponsored by the Kameo Masada Memorial Post, V.F.W. Our local JACL also played a very important role, sponsoring six of the seven queen candidates: Miss East Los Angeles, Hiromi Fujinami; Miss Downtown Los Angeles, Shirley Kamayama; and Miss San Fernando Valley, Joyce Kanase. Shirley Nishimura, Miss West Los Angeles; Gerry Ikeno, Miss Southwest Los Angeles; and May Ishihara, Miss Long Beach Harbor District.

The list of honored guests was also very impressive, attesting to the social importance of the annual affair. JACL was represented by National President Frank Chuman, who was in a very jovial mood seated across from two Miss Japans, Atsuko Kyoto of the International Beauty Congress and Akemi Toyama of the Miss Universe contest. Other prominent guests included Joseph M. Quinn, Special Assistant to Mayor Yorty; Councilman Edward R. Roybal; Frank Petty, deputy to Supervisor Ernest Debs; and State Senator Richard Richards. Consul General and Mrs. Yukio Hasumi and former Regional Director Elji Tanabe, very active in community affairs as president of the Japanese Chamber of Commerce, headed the list of community leaders of Southern California.

We certainly look forward to a bigger and better Nisei Week in 1962. JACL here in Los Angeles will be doubly busy, what with the National JACL in Seattle Convention and the 22nd Annual Nisei Week coming on back to back.

#### QUARTERLY MEETING

Although this columnist has attended quite a few District Meetings, the third Quarterly of the PSWDC was the first one he attended in an official capacity. Hitch-hiked to San Diego—where, we caught a ride with District Chairman Kay Nagasaki, who incidentally had to drive the entire round trip when it was discovered that he was the only one with a full night's rest. Sam Uyehara, Kate Arimoto and yours truly barely made it to and from the meeting. With only couple of hours of sleep after the Coronation, it was a miracle that we stayed awake through the entire meeting.

The PSWDC was very fortunate in having State Senator Hugo Flecher of San Diego as guest luncheon speaker. This senator reported on the latest developments

## Tokyo Topics: by Tamotsu Murayama

### Sansei Scouts Visit Japan

TOKYO. — Explorer Scouts of San Francisco Kokokyo Mission Post 52 are touring Japan. This is the first group of Sansei scouts from San Francisco and it was my pleasure knowing their parents or grandparents in the prewar days.

The Rev. Fukuda of the mission is a devoted leader in scouting and has extended his aid to re-activating scouting in Japan after the surrender.

In prewar days, troops from Los Angeles and Sacramento visited Japan and deeply impressed the leaders here. This postwar visit of San Francisco scouts is very significant as it shows off the Sansei youth to the Japanese people. These youngsters understand practically no Japanese, but demonstrate their keen interest to learn something about their heritage. They are beginning to appreciate that there is more to their background than shrines and temples.

Next summer, the Boy Scouts of Japan will hold its huge jamboree at the foot of Fujiyama. Many scouts from all over the world are expected, including groups from San Francisco's Troop 12, Los Angeles' Koyasan Mission Troop, and one of the Hongwanji Mission troops in Hawaii.

San Francisco Troop 12 is the oldest Japanese troop, founded by Yoshio Sano, who was a great

## 21st ANNUAL NISEI WEEK FESTIVAL

# Nisei-Sansei Talent Show

KOYASAN BETSUIN HALL

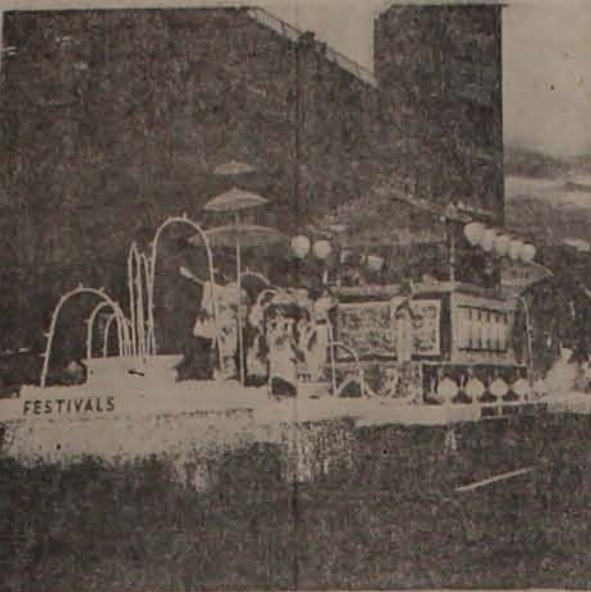
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Patricia Hada and Penny Deppu. Queen Ellen Kimura stands in the rear.



Seattle JACL's prize-winning float sparkles at night.

## Northwest Picture: by Elmer Ogawa

### 12th Seafair Sails into Sunset

AS WE sit down for the periodic typewriter chat, the 12th Seafair is drawing to a close. This afternoon, the unlimited hydro roared over the Lake Washington course, and most of the 14 boats which participated shared the \$40,000 purse in varying amounts. It was declared a highly successful regatta, so successful that Seattle may refuse the Gold Cup event if it should happen to come our way in 1962.

At this moment, the sun is low on the western horizon—the Rainier District Pow Wow is in full swing at Seward Park. Within the hour the Seafair pirates will sail off into the fading sunset to relinquish their activities for another year, and a fireworks display will mark the end of a hilarious action-packed 10 days.

The JACL and the Japanese community likewise stop for a breath, and with the start of a new week, accelerate the planning and work for the big jobs of '62: the national convention, and the campaign for the repeal of the anti-alien land law in the November election next year.

In retrospect, however, will entertain nostalgic reflections on the summer festivities of this season.

THIS IS but our second year of plunging into Seafair activities "way up to here." Hundreds of thousands of local residents, as well as summer visitors, who didn't take much notice in the past, are now quite aware of our Citizens League and the community. For two years now, it has been a source of pride and gratification to hear the PA system

#### DEATHS

Awane, Ochiyo, 70; Gardena, July 25.  
Hosokawa, Kiyoshi S., 69; Los Angeles, July 19.  
Fukukawa, Utaro, 72; Berkeley, July 17.  
Kawahara, Mrs. Kiku, 65; Los Angeles, July 22.  
Kimura, Wesley S., 19; Pacoima, July 26 — (p) Mr. & Mrs. James, (b) Ken and Perry.  
Mura, Takaji, 61; San Juan Bautista, June 27.  
Morita, Joe, 50; Selma, July 24 — (w) Shizuko, four children.  
Nagasaki, J. Kumakichi, 56; Los Angeles, July 17.  
Sakuma, Kiyoko San Mateo, July 15.  
Tanaka, Minoru, 57; Fresno, July 17 — (w) Umeko, four children, (b) Umeko.  
Tanda, Tanekichi, 65; Salinas, July 23.  
Tawara, Harry M., 76; Palo Alto, July 15.  
Toki, Sangoro H., San Francisco, July 26.  
Yamashina, Golehi, 34; Los Angeles, Yoshino, Ronald C., 30; Pacoima, July 26.  
(b) Yorio, (b) Sach, (b) Ken.

#### Seattle Betsuin to be headed by Nisei minister

SAN FRANCISCO. — Retirement of the Rev. Shozen Naito, rinban of Seattle Buddhist Betsuin, and the appointment of Rev. Kenryo M. Kumata as his successor, both effective Aug. 31, were announced by the BCA headquarters.

Rev. Naito is retiring after more than 34 years of service for the Buddhist Churches of America. He served for many years in the Sacramento, Alameda and San Francisco Buddhist churches.



## Strong Guide Line

### Paul Horiuchi to create Century 21 mural under cover, design to be shown next April

## PC Letter Box

#### Tri-Villes' generosity

I read with great interest and pride about the Tri-Villes in Tokyo Topics by Tamotsu Murayama (PC Aug. 4). The past record of this group and the Jr. Tri-Villes indicate that the contributions of \$50 each to three orphanages in Japan is typical of their generosity and goodwill.

Each year the girls select one organization to whom they can give a monetary gift. Several of the organizations having received contributions from the Tri-Villes were: March of Dimes, Shonen Children's Home, Japan Flood Relief, and the JACL Endowment Fund.

In addition, the girls make frequent trips to homes for children and the aged, taking with them refreshments and gifts.

Mr. Murayama neglected to mention that the Tri-Villes are members of the Local Sequoia Jr. JACL.

ROZ ENOMOTO

SEATTLE. — A huge mural, largest single work of art in the Pacific Northwest, will be unveiled at the 1962 Seattle World's Fair and Paul Horiuchi has been commissioned to create it.

The 55-year-old Seattle artist who is rated one of the region's best will create the mural, 17 feet high and 60 feet long, with all work being done under cover and the design revealed only at an unveiling at the Century 21 Exposition opening next April.

His first draft of the mural was shown to the project committee last week and it was approved quickly and warmly on behalf of Century 21.

Near the Space Needle The mural will be constructed and mounted in an architectural form designed by Paul Tairy, the fair's primary architect, located at the end of an open plaza adjacent to the United States Science Pavilion and the Space Needle.

The work will be non-figurative, "gay, bright and in keeping with the spirit of contemporary art and of the Pacific Northwest," it was reported by Norman Davis, who is in charge of fine arts.

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# From the Frying Pan

By Bill Hosokawa

Denver, Colo. — The current Saturday Evening Post carries a story about Ryoza Fuso Kado who lives on the outskirts of Los Angeles and is described as "the country's busiest rock garden builder." He is quoted as saying most Americans don't want a transplanting of Japanese rock gardens; they want a distinctly American rock garden, more natural and indigenous than the stylized gardens of Japan.

There will be some who disagree with this observation. The clean, uncluttered, serene, austere beauty of the traditional gardens have a goodly number of devotees in the U.S. of A.

"What a man needs is something he can never finish," Kado is quoted. That being the case, every American who is trying to pay off the mortgage on his home is in excellent shape.

The Saturday Evening Post's story, "Wizard with Rocks," is a warm and sensitive report on a man who has added much beauty to the American way of life.

**THE MIDDLE CLASS**—Fifty-six percent of Tokyoites questioned by a sociologist recently said they considered themselves in the middle class. But only 29 per cent said they were in a class which owned a modest amount of property.

The sociologist, one Prof. Kunio Okada, concluded that a large number of Japanese consider themselves to be of the middle class regarding social position and role in life, but lacking that status in terms of material possessions. This group is considered a new class, "chukan so," which is made up of middle class people without much property.

One Tokyoite said the "chukan so" has a "mysterious buying power" since these people have a tendency to spend more than they make, a feat made possible by installment buying practices.

Japan becomes more like America with every passing year.

**JACL FAIR**—In a few days Nisei and Issei farmers from the flat, rich, sun-baked acres around Rocky Ford, Colo., will begin marketing their wondrously succulent cantaloupes. These melons are justly famous, but perhaps no more so than other fruits, berries and vegetables grown by Issei and Nisei farmers in California, Oregon, Washington, Arizona, Idaho, New Mexico and way points.

Which leads to an idea: How about a JACL country fair at national and district conventions at which Nisei farmers could exhibit their produce and compete against other Nisei from all over the nation?

**WIZARD WITH ROCKS** — The

## Prewar Delta JACL contributes bond for Issei Story

SAN FRANCISCO — Acknowledgment of a \$100 U.S. Government War Bond purchased in 1941 as a contribution to the National JACL Issei Story Project was announced by Asahi Yohimura, National Chapter Liaison for the Project, at the Northern California-Western Nevada District Council meeting held here Sunday, Aug. 6.

The contribution is from the prewar Delta JACL Chapter, Sadao Yagi, chapter president in 1941, and former fellow chapter officers Mrs. Florence Kato and Bessie Matsubara, have been unable to locate other fellow chapter members at the time of the evacuation, and have urged the bond be used for the Issei Story Project in tribute to the many Issei who pioneered in agriculture in the Sacramento River Delta area, which includes Courtland, Lileton and Walnut Grove.

The Delta Chapter prewar purchased this bond for \$74 with a twelve-year maturity period. Because of subsequent revision in interest rates, the bond has been turned over to Jack Kusaba of Sumitomo Bank, NC-WNDCT Treasurer, to determine the present value of the bond.

After assisting the community at the time of evacuation, the Delta chapter did not have sufficient time to complete its own business arrangements. The bond came into the possession of Bessie Matsubara, who kept it in her personal safety deposit box through the war years.

Since very few families returned to the area after the war, the Chapter was not reactivated.

The three officers stated, "This is the best way to dispense with the final Chapter funds because we feel that the Issei Story will record for posterity the pioneering spirit of our parents."



CLEVELAND JR. JACLers RELAX AT WORKSHOP  
Rose Harano, Shirley Satoh, Joyce Shirasawa and Steve Fujita relax in the sand-filled basement playroom of the Gwin mansion in Cleveland during a break in the Jr. JACL discussion on careers. —Plain-Dealer Photo.

## New Japanese consul general assigned to San Francisco is native of Golden Gate city

SAN FRANCISCO — San Francisco-born Japanese diplomat Toshio Yamataka has arrived here to become Japan's fifth postwar consul general.

Accompanying the 47-year-old diplomat here were his wife, Kazuko, and daughter Chisato, 8. Another daughter, Mariko, 12, is in Japan with her grandparents, attending school.

Yamataka, who succeeds Masao Yagi, now Japanese ambassador to Iraq, was counselor at the Japanese embassy in Mexico City until his appointment as the consul general here on June 2.

His late father Chuji (Kyokko) Yamataka was editor of the old Japanese American News of San Francisco from 1911 to 1925 when he returned to Japan.

Born here in 1914

The new consul general was born here in 1914 while the Yamataka family was living at 1 Central Ave. He and his younger brother Masao attended Daddy Stone grammar school on Haigh St. before they went to Japan with their parents.

Yamataka formally took over his new post from C. W. Tadanaka, acting consul general, two weeks ago.

"I am very happy to be back in my native city," Yamataka said.

"San Francisco is a most important center, linking Japan and the United States. I will do my best to cement further the strong ties between our two countries."

Referring to his parents' long residence here, he added that he hoped in the near future to be able to meet many local area residents who knew them.

**Fifth Postwar Visit**

Yamataka who joined the Japanese foreign service in 1933 after graduating from the old Tokyo Imperial University said this is his fifth visit to San Francisco since the end of World War II.

He was here as a member of the Japanese delegation to the Japan peace treaty talks in September, 1951 and passed through here several years later en route to New York where he served as consul.

He was here again en route to New York when Japan was first admitted into the United Nations in December, 1956 and again last year on his way to Mexico City.

Yamataka and his family will live at the official consul general's residence at 801 El Camino Del Mar in the Sea Cliff district.

## Tri-city Jr. JACL career conference hosted by Cleveland

CLEVELAND — Sixty serious young people on the threshold of college, met on July 7 and 8 at Gwin, the Matha Estate in Gratesh, Ohio, to take a realistic view at their future career opportunities. They came from Detroit, Chicago and Greater Cleveland as members of the junior group of the Japanese American Citizens League. Co-chairmen were Joyce Shirasawa and Steve Fujita.

Workshop sessions were held on such subjects as psychology, physics, elementary education, mechanical engineering, medicine and nursing, architecture, social work and advertising.

But the hard-rock discussion centered around opportunities in their field for those who must combat prejudice, said Gene Takahashi, system engineer for IBM and an adviser to the Cleveland Jr. JACL. The other adviser is Dave Suguchi, a psychiatric social worker at Cleveland State Hospital.

**Value of Education**

Abe Hagihara, Chicago Jr. JACL adviser, spoke to the group. He said, "as a group, we have a tradition of maintaining high educational goals which we should retain in addition to becoming part of our community." He underscored that it was important for young people to appreciate the occupational opportunities now available to them and which had formerly been denied their parents despite education. He emphasized that "when our parents first came to this country they placed a high value on education. They sacrificed many pleasures to make certain their children got a college education."

Among those who discussed opportunities in their own careers and the preparation necessary to achieve them were: Dr. Tooru Ishiyama, director of psychology at Cleveland State Hospital; Howard Suguchi, project supervisor, Sylvania Corp., Boston, Mass.; George Ono, project engineer at Thompson Ramo Wooldridge, Inc.; Dr. Albert Goh, general practitioner and staff member of Fairview Park and Lakewood Hospitals; Fred Toguchi, architect and instructor at the Western Reserve University School of Architecture; Roseline Yoshida, Davis Corp.; Hank Tanaka, engineer of Hill House, rehabilitation center; Frank Shiba, general manager of fabrication division, Benders Structural Steel Corp.; and Mamoru Fungai, free lance commercial artist, all of Cleveland.

**Hosts to Visitors**

Cleveland Juniors were hosts to the visitors from Detroit and Chicago at a mixer on Friday night and a delicious steak dinner at Lucelone on Saturday night.

Advisers Kay Takemoto and Mrs. June Otsuji accompanied the Detroit young people. The successful conference ended with a social get-together at the home of genial Joe and hard working Toshi Kadawaki.

## OLIVER CLUB TO HONOR OUTSTANDING NISEI PREP ATHLETE OF SOUTHLAND

A perpetual trophy in memory of Nellie G. Oliver, teacher at Amelia St. School who organized a boys club which adopted her name, will be presented by the club to the outstanding Nisei high school athlete of the year in Southern California this September.

The selection will be made by members of the LIT Tokyo Nisei press.

The club was reactivated last week when former member met and elected Jack Kunitomi and George Fujita as co-chairmen. Fujita is also an active Southland L.A. JACLer and was recently elected chairman of the L.A. JACL Coordinating Council.

Before the war, when the Olivera were active in Nisei sports, there were seven clubs, boasting 500 charter and associated members.

## Placer JACL nine leads in second half of league

LOOMIS. — Winners of the first half crown, Placer JACL baseball team has a clear record in the second half after winning a protest of its 9-8 loss to the Sacramento Independents on July 16. That game, if necessary to determine the title, will be played from the third inning when an umpire's misinterpretation of a ground rule caused the protest.

Placer JACL had a 5-0 record as of the end of July.

## Hole-in-one made after hours costs \$1,500

SAN FRANCISCO. — Maxie Nakamoto of the Spoon and Tee club smacked a hole-in-one in the Examiner hole-in-one tournament last week but minutes after the contest had closed. It cost him in the neighborhood of \$1,500, the usual value of prizes going to winners in the classic.

## Time magazine recalls evacuation

Time magazine this week comments on the Nisei Week Festival with a twist that the Nisei press has hardly regarded.

"Officially, Nisei Week is a tribute to Southern California's Japanese-American community, the largest (90,000) in the continental U.S. Unofficially, it recalls an ugly footnote to American history: the World War II evacuation and internment of more than 110,000 West Coast Japanese, most of them native-born U.S. citizens."

About 60 words are devoted to Nisei Week festivities being held this coming week in LIT Tokyo, but the remainder of the near 1,300-word article under "Historical Notes" recalls the evacuation, the formation and heroism of the 442nd RCT and the relocation of Nisei into Southern California life.

Time interviewed Frank Chuman, national JACL president, who explained that the evacuees regarded the "enforced exodus" as "shikatanai"—realistic resignation.

## Little League in Japan

TOKYO. — The San Francisco Giants have contributed \$500 to a Japan Little League fund drive to send its champions to the regional finals in Hawaii in August. The Hawaiian zone winner will then go to the Little League World Series at Williamsport, Pa.

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## Nisei awarded 2 grants over \$20,000 each to research cerebral palsy, study of brain

VANCOUVER, B.C. — The United Cerebral Palsy Association, announced recently that a research grant for a study of brain function was awarded to Dr. John A. Wada of the Univ. of British Columbia. He is the only Canadian recipient of funds given by this foundation.

The grant is for \$20,000 for a two-year program project on behavioral effects of chronic irritative cerebral lesions.

Dr. Wada and his colleagues are attempting to confirm in the monkey their previous findings in the cat through inducing functional alterations in the deep structures of the brain by making injuries in the cerebral cortex. These alterations in function will be studied from the neurophysiological viewpoint, from the exact site of the secondary changes, the extent of deeper structures involved and the chronology of change.

The findings should provide basic information regarding the mechanism and nature of long term effect of irritative injuries of the brain as opposed to non-irritative lesions in children and on the function of the brain as a whole.

Dr. Wada has also received a similar grant of \$23,000 from the National Institute of Neurological Diseases of the U.S. Public Health Service to carry on this necessary work at UBC.

A 16-channel electro-encephalograph machine costing \$3,000 was presented to aid Dr. Wada's work by the Central Lions Club of Vancouver. He will use the machine for research on epilepsy and the after-effects of head injuries.

**Planning Commission OKs El Cerrito development**

BERKELEY. — The El Cerrito City Planning Commission last week authorized a use permit for a Nisei firm to build El Cerrito Towers, a \$2.5 million apartment house development that will extend along Fairmount Ave., east of San Pablo Ave.

Apato Inc. of Berkeley is the project developer.

In granting the use permit, the planning commission specified the 60-unit building cannot exceed 100 feet in height.

**Kaye Uyeda weds writer**

SAN FRANCISCO. — Kaye Uyeda, long active in JACL and Nisei Democratic circles here, and noted Bay Area newspaperman Robert L. Patterson of Tiburon were married at Carson City, Nev., on July 15.

Mrs. Patterson, for many years correspondent for the Tokyo Yomiuri, is currently with the California Heart Assn. Patterson is well known locally as columnist Freddy Francisco and author of many books, including a number of "whodunits."

## SOUTHWEST L.A. JACL ISSEI CHAIRMEN LISTED

Mark Kiguchi, Southwest L.A. JACL president, this week called attention to last week's omission of its Issei Story chairman from the national listing. Appointed earlier this year were Kathy Sugawara, 3705 Coliseum St., Los Angeles 16, and co-chairman George Matsubara, 3429 Potomac, Los Angeles 16. Assisting as Issei Liaison is Matsumoto OI.

## Rocky Ford actress touring eastern summer theaters

DENVER. — Kazuko Harada, an actress from Rocky Ford, Colo., is currently touring eastern summer theaters in the featured role of Minnie Ho in "The World of Suzie Wong."

Miss Harada, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Sadakichi Harada of Rocky Ford, was educated in Arkansas Valley school, at Radcliffe College and at the American Academy of Dramatic Art in New York City.

She has appeared in summer stock productions of "Philadelphia Story," "Dangerous Corner" and "Shining Hour."

## Senate committee acts on orphan adoption bill

WASHINGTON. — The Senate Judiciary Committee has approved separately legislation to extend for two years the law under which alien orphans can be brought into the country when adopted by American parents.

The extension would continue the covers only alien orphans under 14 when legally adopted by Americans. They would not count in the immigration quotas for their native countries.

The Senate added the same measure recently as an amendment to an overall bill consolidating the various government cultural exchange programs.

But sponsors of the alien orphan program feared the amendment might be scrapped by the House and the law which has expired may not be extended.

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## Stockton - French Camp combine efforts on Issei Story Project

STOCKTON. — The French Camp and Stockton JACL chapters conducted a joint meeting with a few of the local Issei to complete the preliminary project for the "Issei Story." The group met last week at the Stockton Buddhist Church library.

Because of the proximity of the two communities, the overlapping of people and places, it was felt that the wisest course would be to make it a joint project.

The meeting was conducted by Mas Ishihara and Fred Dobana, Stockton chapter co-chairmen for the Issei Story Project, and John Fujiki and George Komure for the French Camp chapter. Attending were Y. Itaya, S. Ishimaru, H. Inouye, Y. Agari, S. Ito, K. Kunimori and K. Ueda and Mrs. Kanaye Nakashima.

## Sansei youth attends Idaho Boys State

WEISER, Idaho. — Harold Sasaki, son of Mr. and Mrs. Barton Sasaki, of Weiser attended the Boys State session held recently at Boise. Sponsored by the Snake River Valley JACL, young Sasaki was elected U.S. senator.

Harold will be a senior at Weiser High this fall and will serve as student body vice-president. He is also a second year member of the National Honor Society, letterman's club and will help on the yearbook staff. He has lettered in football and track. He is also executive officer of the local Jr. Civil Air Patrol.

His father is an active 1000 Club member in the chapter.

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## Teenagers robbing Nisei news carrier arrested

SAN FRANCISCO. — Two teenagers who robbed a Nisei newspaper carrier boy of \$9 in collection receipts were arrested last week after their victim identified a picture of one of them in the police files.

The carrier for the San Francisco Chronicle, David Hara, 18, of 2885 Clay St., looked over a number of pictures at police headquarters and picked out one for the robbery detail inspectors.

"That looks like him," Hara told the inspectors.

Inspectors William Forter and Al Podesta went to the home of the 16-year-old suspect who denied the robbery at first, then confessed.

This young suspects companion, 18-year-old Otis Robinson of 690 Williams Dr., San Pablo, turned himself in an hour later.

He is the eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. Toshiro Hara and one of the San Francisco Junior JACL representatives to the San Francisco Youth Assn.

## Sansei girls win baton contests in state meets

CLEVELAND. — Carolyn Kanai, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Shig Kanai, won the title of Miss Majorette of Ohio in a statewide competition entered by the state's top 20 baton twirlers. She is a recent graduate of Wickliffe High School.

"At the Washington State twirling competition, Etsa Tatsumi, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. K. Tatsumi of Seattle, successfully defended her state championship and led the Seafair Pioneer drill team during Seafair Week. She goes to Sun Valley, Idaho, to be on a teaching staff of a baton camp."

## Speakers Club elects

SAN FRANCISCO. — Shig Fujitawara, a local engineer, was elected president of the San Francisco JACL Speakers Club, succeeding Eddie Moriguchi. Also elected were Bernard Yanover, sec.; and Wil Tsukamoto, treas.

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## Regional Review

Central California

## Floats Sparkle Clovis History

CLOVIS. — This Central California community of Clovis, with a population of 5,300, is situated 10 miles northeast of Fresno. Farming and businesses concerned with farming are the main occupations here.

There are about 200 Japanese in Clovis. The chapter covers the area of Clovis, Sunnyside and Blackstone districts.

The chapter was organized in 1956 by a nucleus who had been members of the Fresno chapter: Jim Miyamoto, Hubert Yoshida, Hifumi Ikeda, Fumio Ikeda, Tokio Yamamoto and Yoshito Takahashi.

Those who served as chapter presidents were:

1956—Jim Miyamoto, peach grower, packer and shipper.  
1957—Fumio Ikeda, fig and grape grower.

1958—Yoshito Takahashi, peach, melon, olive grower; also gondola operator for grape harvesting.  
1959—Bob Mochizuki, fruit and melon grower.

1960—Hifumi Ikeda, fig grower.  
1961—Kiyomi Takahashi, landscape gardener.

Other active members in the chapter include Hubert Yoshida, orange grower and wholesale nurseryman; Tokio Yamamoto, peach grower; George Shimizu, peach and grape grower.

## Outstanding Events

Outstanding events in the chapter during the past years range from Issei testimonials to community floats in the Rodeo Festival.

The first float was entered in 1956 with the Clovis Community Club, winning first place in the

western division and first place in the pleasure vehicle. A two-wheeler, decorated with flowers, was drawn by a horse. Children in the basket cart were attired in western clothes.

Again, the float entered jointly by the chapter and the community club in 1957, won first place in the western division.

In 1958, the jointly-sponsored entry won the sweepstakes award. It was a covered wagon decorated with flowers.

Another sweepstakes award was garnered in 1960 with a float depicting a Japanese tea garden.

**Issei Citizens Honored**  
First event undertaken by the chapter after its formation was a testimonial banquet for the newly naturalized Issei citizens of the area: Mr. and Mrs. N. Shohara, K. Nakagawa, Al Hida, Mr. and Mrs. K. Hirasuna, Mrs. Abe and Mrs. T. Masuda.

Also present at this occasion held in June, 1956, were Mayor John Weldon, Judge Ben Bolton, School Superintendent William T. Adams of the Clovis District, Charles Pruett, Fresno County regional planning commission chairman; and CCDC Chairman Jim Ishikawa.

The chapter has also assisted in CCDC programs such as the annual convention and men's softball league.

The whole community was invited last year when "Go For Broke" was shown at a family potluck dinner. And a fireworks sales booth was successfully operated.

## Scholarship—

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Seymour Memorial Award of the California Scholarship Federation, California Savings and Loan League, 14th of 12,000 students in the Mathematics Association of America Test, Latin Club scholarship, several speech awards with the National Forensic League and gold seal life membership with CSF.

He was also first in a class of 40 at the National Science Foundation Summer Biology program at the University of California at Davis in 1960, and this year with the NSF Research Participation Program at the University of California in Berkeley.

Omachi actively served his community as a member of the Stockton Youth Council and was president of the Future Scientists' Club of San Joaquin County Junior Museum. He was president of the Stockton intra-city council representing the city's five senior high schools.

Born in Gila River War Relocation Center in Arizona, Rodney is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Omachi of Stockton. The senior Omachi is a well-known attorney.

## Athlete — Scholar

Sponsored by Southwest L.A. JACL, Alan Miyamoto was student-body boy's vice-president, graduated first in his class of 600, voted "most likely to succeed" by his classmates, lettered for three years in gymnastics and co-captained his team this year.

He is recipient of several academic awards, the most notable being the Alfred P. Sloan National Scholarship to Stanford University. He also placed on the top percentile in the Iowa Test of Educational Development. He was a mathematics major. Son of Mr. and Mrs. Mikio Miyamoto, 1212 W. 124th St., he was born in Amache Relocation Center, active in the H.S. and Centenary Methodist Church.

Sponsored by Sacramento JACL, Kenneth Murata won the National Merit Scholarship to California Institute of Technology, placed first in the American Chemical Society contest in Northern California as founder and president of the Debate Club at McClatchy High. He is attending the summer institute of the National Science Foundation at U.C. Berkeley on a research grant.

Son of Mr. and Mrs. Harold Murata of 4442 Fair Oaks Blvd., Sacramento, he also majored in mathematics.

## Only Girl to Win

Sponsored by the Long Beach Harbor District JACL, Miss Ko-ba, aspiring to be an English teacher and will attend UCLA. She was recipient of the DAR Good Citizenship Award, Lions Club gold watch for the most outstanding graduate, Elks Club citizenship

scholarship on National Youth Day, UCLA alumni scholarship and graduated 12th in her class of 545.

She also was active on campus, being elected sophomore class president, student-body vice-president, Girls League vice-president, Latin Club president, and district secretary for the California Assn. of Student Councils. Daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Harold Kobata, 220 E. 71st St., Long Beach, she was born in Rivers, Ariz.

Sponsored by Sonoma County JACL, Dennis Fujita was first in his graduating class of 268, recipient of the Rotary Club Community Achievement Award, California state scholarship, B'nai B'rith scholarship and lettered three years in varsity basketball.

He was elected junior class and senior class president, and is active with the Petaluma Boy Scouts and Explorers. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Fujita, 1650 Mountain View, Petaluma, and was born in Amache, Colo.

## Pre-med student wins SF scholarship

SAN FRANCISCO. — Wynn W. Matsumura, son of Mr. and Mrs. Albert M. Matsumura of 1729 Laguna St., has been awarded the \$500 San Francisco JACL scholarship for 1961. It was announced by John Yasumoto, chapter president and Kathy Reyes, scholarship chairman.

Wynn, 18, a Lowell High graduate, is currently in Japan on a summer tour with the Boy Scout Troop 58. He is an Eagle Scout and treasurer of the local Jr. JACL.

He will enter the Univ. of California this coming fall majoring in pre-med.

He has been awarded a Univ. of California Athletic scholarship.

While at Lowell High, Wynn was a Block Letter holder for participating in various athletic events. He is a life member of California Scholarship Federation.

## August Ball to honor scholarship winners

SAN DIEGO. — The San Diego JACL scholarship award will be made at the chapter dance to be held on Friday, Aug. 25, 10 p.m., at the Miyoko restaurant.

The chapter acknowledged a net of \$315 for the scholarship fund received as proceeds from the picnic committee. The scholarship fund now has over \$1,700.

## Southwest L.A. beach party at Playa del Rey

The Southwest Los Angeles JACL community beach party, which was to have been held in July, will now take place on Sunday, Aug. 27, at Playa del Rey beach, from 1-5 p.m., it was announced by Art Sugita, program chairman.

The entire family is invited to attend as games and prizes are being planned for younger members of the family. Cold drinks, ice cream and watermelon will be provided free of charge. Sugita requested, however, that each family bring their own lunch.

Transportation or further information may be had by calling the JACL office, MA 6-4471, or DL 7-7329 (evenings), by Wednesday, Aug. 23.

## Jr. JACL car wash

"LEVELAND. — To raise funds or sending Jr. JACL delegates to the EDC-MDC convention in Minneapolis Sept. 1-4, the Cleveland club will have a car wash and bake sale this Saturday at the East End Neighborhood House,

## PSWDC delegates hear progress report of Issei Story Project, simple questionnaires for Issei made available

SAN DIEGO. — Sin Togasaki, national financial chapter representative of the JACL Issei Story Project, spoke to delegates of the Pacific Southwest District Council meeting here Sunday on the prospects and progress of the major significant undertaking since the organization broached the national legislative goals in 1948.

Togasaki, who was making his first appearance in an official JACL capacity before the PSWDC, hoped the Issei throughout America would contribute \$100,000, the initial portion to have the project started as a means to show appreciation and honor to the Issei.

Satow explained what other chapters and district councils have undertaken to get the project underway. He has been in consultation with chapter officers in recent weeks.

Roy Yamadera, PSWDC Issei Story chairman, made available to the chapters a simple questionnaire prepared in both English and Japanese to be circulated to Issei.

He credited Henry Kasai, Salt Lake JACL Issei Story committee chairman, for the questionnaire format.

**Sen. Fischer Speaks**  
PSWDC delegates, gathered at El Cortez Hotel, heard State Sen. Hugo Fischer (D.) of San Diego County during the luncheon. A young attorney who has been active in politics since 1946 and elected to office in 1959, he spoke informally on what constituted a

legislative-legal committee report. Sen. Fischer said that state government since 1959, when Governor Brown was elected, became vitally concerned with citizens as citizens by passing such laws as fair employment practices, effective civil rights, appointment of a consumer council and extension of nondiscrimination principles to housing financed by Cal-Vet loans.

He also went into detail over the passage of the elimination of the literacy test at the polls. In Fischer then noted he wasn't sure that literacy in the English language should be one of the requisites for voting. He viewed voting as an expression of individual judgment by the citizens in the operation of government.

According to the volume of mail he has received, Sen. Fischer regarded Southern California as a hotbed of dangerous reactionary movement organizations, such as the JACL, might be suspect for endeavoring to push humanitarian principles.

**DC Reports**  
After Jack Matsueda, president of the local chapter hosting the summer quarterly session, extended his greetings, PSWDC chairman Kay Nakagiri called for various reports.

A \$100 donation from the family of the late Arthur T. Shimizu was acknowledged by the PSWDC Treasurer Mas Hironaka.

The expansion of youth programs within the district was discussed.

## Chicago JACL fetes three prep grads with scholarships

CHICAGO. — The 1961 high school graduates of Japanese ancestry in the Chicago area were honored at a dinner dance sponsored by the Chicago JACL and Jr. JACL on June 24 at the Sheridan Plaza Hotel.

Russell Kumai, valedictorian of his class at Tilden Tech High School, was named recipient of the Chicago JACL Scholaristic Achievement Award and candidate for the 1961 Ben Frank Masaka Memorial Scholarship.

Selected as the "outstanding senior" of his class, he was active in the Junior Achievement program and the City, District and State Science Fairs. Russell received the B'nai B'rith's Honorable Mention Award as "Youth of the Year." He plans to enroll at the Illinois Institute of Technology this fall.

Ken Kasai, Lane Technical High School graduate who ranked scholastically in the upper five per cent of his graduating class of 768 students, was the recipient of the Jr. JACL Taihei Matsubara Memorial Scholarship of \$200. Ken is planning to attend the Univ. of Illinois at Navy Pier to study pharmacy.

Receiving the Chicago JACL Scholarship of \$100 was Nancy Koga, graduate of Waller High School and co-valedictorian of her class. Chosen as the Illinois Girls State alternate, Nancy will enroll at the DePaul University.

## Trade Fair booth

CHICAGO. — The Chicago JACL is operating a booth at the International Trade Fair here July 25 to Aug. 10.

Proceeds from this project have been earmarked for Community Service, Youth Commission and Scholarship programs.

Chairman Joe Sagami has stated that the chapter is counting on this project to raise sufficient funds to carry forth the various programs now in existence. The booths are being manned by volunteers.

It is estimated that over two million will attend this Fair.

## Family weekend outing

CHICAGO. — George Williams College Camp has been secured for the Chicago JACL annual family weekend of recreation and fellowship from Aug. 25 to 27. The outing will begin on Friday evening and end with the noon meal Sunday.

The camp is ideally located for both indoor and outdoor activities including archery, volleyball, basketball, swimming, horseback riding, golf, etc. Children will particularly enjoy this carefree holiday in the country. Baby sitting services will be available.

Total costs for the weekend including five meals and two nights' lodging are \$3.50 for children under 3, \$7.45 for 3 to 8 years, \$11.30 for children 9 to 12 and \$14.00 for teenagers and adults.

Reservations can be made and further information obtained from John Togashi, 520 Oakdale, Chicago, Ill. EA 7-8797.

## SAN FERNANDO JACL TO ANNOUNCE WINNERS OF SCHOLARSHIP AT DANCE

Announcement of two scholarship recipients will highlight the San Fernando Valley JACL Benefit Scholarship Dance, Saturday, Aug. 26 at the Valley Community Center, 12933 Branford St., Pacoima.

Representing the "cream" of recent Valley area high school graduates, students were judged on the basis of scholarship, service, leadership and character. The winners were selected by a scholarship committee headed by Kay Nakagiri. Both students will receive \$50 grants.

Kats Arimoto, chapter president, extends a special invitation to all school-bound young people. Entertainment will be provided by Al Williams' Combo with dressy sports the recommended attire.

## San Jose High scholars

SAN JOSE. — Two San Jose High School students were awarded scholarships recently for their outstanding scholastic achievements. Recipient of the Charles B. Gleason Memorial Scholarship (Univ. of California) for \$400 was Pat Hashimoto, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Hashimoto, Janice Jio daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Sal Jio, who was winner of the San Jose High School Faculty Scholarship for \$100.

Both Mr. and Mrs. James Hashimoto and Mr. and Mrs. Sal Jio are members of the San Jose JACL.

but no motions were passed on whether to expand the present H. Co. Conference to accommodate more young people, or whether JACL chapters should actively promote youth programs as a Jr. JACL. It was also suggested a youth program on a quarterly basis be considered.

Plans for the 1961 PC Holiday Issue were announced by Harry Honda, editor, who asked that chapters submit stories which would aid the Issei Story Project. Advertising kits to the chapters would be ready by the first of September, he added.

A deadline of Nov. 15 for both stories and advertising was also announced.

After reviewing the PSWDC portion of the national JACL budget, the district went on record to have the basic budget 1963-64 made available to chapters for study before the 1962 national convention.

Satow said a basic budget could be drafted by the end of this year.

**1000 Club Pilot Program**  
So that all memberships, regular or 1000 Club, would be due at the same time at the beginning of a new year, the San Diego JACL has undertaken a pilot program to prororate the 1000 Club portion contributions.

Plan is expected to eliminate paperwork at Headquarters and facilitate the chapter 1000 Club program.

Kats Arimoto, San Fernando Valley JACL president, presented the membership report for Fred Muto, PSW membership chairman. As of July 31, 15 of the 19 chapters passed their 1960 membership and six of the 13 chapters exceeded their 1000 Club membership.

George Matsubara, speaking for the Southwest L.A. JACL which hosted the district convention last May, thanked the chapters for its cooperation for making the convention a success.

## Credit Union

A committee of three, Mas Hironaka, Jim Higashi and Tetsu Iwasaki, was appointed to meet with the PSW JACL Credit Union board of directors on the proposal to merge or dissolve the JACL credit union.

At Noda, Long Beach JACL president, announced that tapes of Mike Masaka's stirring address at the May PSWDC convention are now available at \$7.50. Several chapters immediately placed orders for the tape.

West Los Angeles' bid for the 1963 PSWDC convention was accepted after Aki Ohno and Steve Yagi extended the invitation. West L.A. is also hosting the next quarterly session scheduled Nov. 12.

## Cortez chapter honors graduates

TURLOCK. — The Cortez JACL scholarships were awarded to Joanne Morimoto of Livingston High School and JoAnn Noda of Turlock High School.

Marking the end of the school season until the harvest is completed, over 150 attended the chapter steak barbecue at Crane Park July 15. George Yuge and Sam Kuwahara, co-chairmen, were assisted by:

Vincent Elementary — Helene Yotuya and Larry Date; Denair Elementary — Bruce Roth; Winston Elementary — Alan Miyamoto; Ballico Elementary — Sharyn Yoshida, Cathy Okamura, Karen Sakaguchi, Barbara Masuda, Shirley Baba, Ann Reichle; Livingston Elementary — Tommy Yamada, Crestey Elementary — Nancy Kawasaki.

Livingston High — Terry Asai, Joanne Morimoto, Jeanne Kajioka, Janice Yotuya, Catherine Miyamoto, Darlene Yamashita, Janice Kawasaki, Kenneth Nardie, Turlock High — JoAnn Noda.

Armstrong Business College — Tarye Kajiwara, Univ. of Calif. — Kay Kajiwara.

Kaname Miyamoto and Shinjiro Sugita, co-chairmen of the joint outing, were assisted by:

Yuri Masue, Ruth Yoshida, Evelyn Yamaguchi, Mabel Yoneyama, Lena Date, Mary Kajioka, and Haruko Nakata, Ben Kumimoto, Keiichi Yamaguchi, Nori Kajioka, Iro Yotuya, Yoshi Kubo, Kiyoshi Asai and Tak Date.

**Sansei WAC trainee**  
STOCKTON. — Polly Ann Nakamura, 18, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Nakamura, of 215 W. Fourth, is the first Nisei to enlist in the Women's Army Corps from the Stockton area. She was born at Rowher WRA Camp, Ark.

Undergoing basic training at the WAC Training Center at Ft. McClelland, Ala., she enlisted under the Army Graduate Specialist program and selected business administration as her choice. Her parents are JACL members here.

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## Living with JACL: by Saburo Kido

## First Nisei Lobbyist

## Part VII: Continued

Until T.N. Slocum sent me the documents and letters he had about the movement to obtain naturalization privileges for Japanese World War I veterans, I did not know that he had been naturalized by a Federal Court judge in Minot, North Dakota. The story is carried in the June 28, 1921 issue of the Minot Daily Optic, a clipping of which was sent to me. The story reads as follows:

"Tokie Slocum, young Japanese who has made his home with the Slocum family in Minot for a number of years, is one of the few natives of Japan to become a naturalized citizen of the United States. He was admitted to citizenship in the district court in Minot before Judge John C. Lowe left for Stanley to open the term of court there this week. Mr. Slocum just returned last week from Columbia University to spend his summer vacation in this city.

"An examiner representing the United States immigration department in Minneapolis was in this section of the state and Atty. K.E. Leighton of Minot was successful in having him committed to Minot and Judge Lowe held a special citizenship hearing. The examiner entered an objection to citizenship being granted because the applicant was not of the white race as required by the law governing naturalization passed in 1918. In view of Mr. Slocum's war record, Judge Lowe overruled the objection. He served with distinction in France, being identified as a sergeant major with a unit which figured in several important battles."

## Background of Case

Although the news item is brief, a great deal went on behind the scenes to culminate in this court decision.

It appears that the whole thing started way back in 1919. According to the letter of the chief naturalization examiner of the St. Paul, Minn. office of the U.S. Department of Labor, Naturalization Service, Slocum's petition for naturalization was filed while in the military service overseas on December 10, 1918.

In the letter dated July 1, 1919, Chief of Naturalization Examiner R. S. Coleman stated: "You are advised furthermore that as the

matter stands at present, it will be necessary for the government to object to your naturalization on the ground that you are inadmissible to citizenship because of the fact that you are not a white person. This is a question of course which will be submitted to the court at that time should you decide to proceed with your naturalization under your overseas petition."

Of course, there was the matter of personal appearance. The Commissioner of Naturalization wrote, "The court will be asked to rule upon the question of whether or not an alien who is now within the jurisdiction of a naturalizing court may have his overseas petition disposed of without actual appearance before the court heard the same, and further, whether or not Congress has made provision for the naturalization of subjects of Japan."

Judge K.E. Leighton of the District Court in Minot, North Dakota, had written to the Commissioner of Naturalization about the eligibility for naturalization of a native of Japan who had served in the United States Army during the war and who was honorably discharged.

The Commissioner replied in part as follows, which points out the law as he had interpreted:

"You are advised that the question of the eligibility of Japanese for admission to citizenship is one which cannot be answered with any degree of certainty. Prior to May 9, 1918, the question was almost uniformly decided in the negative in view of the provisions contained in section 2169 of the Revised Statutes, the courts held such persons not to be white persons within the contemplation of that section. The act of May 9, 1918, which provided an expedient means for the naturalization of foreign-born persons serving in the United States Army used the words any alien as descriptive of the persons it was intended to be benefited thereby, but later in the act the following was used:

"That all acts or parts of acts inconsistent with or repugnant to the provisions of this act are hereby repealed; but nothing in this act shall repeal or in any enlargement section 2169 of the Revised Statutes, except as specified in the seventh subdivision of this act and under the limitation there-

in defined . . .

"The courts have not been in accord in construing the words any alien; some taking the position that Japanese in the service, or who were honorably discharged, could be admitted to citizenship while others have taken the opposite view."

"Congress by the act of July 19, 1919, extended to aliens who had served in the Army during the war with Germany and were honorably discharged, practically the same benefits as provided by the act of May 9, 1918, for those who were actually in the military service. If the person to whom you have reference desires to have the question of his admissibility to citizenship authoritatively determined by the court he is at liberty to file a petition for naturalization under the provisions of the act last mentioned."

"As concerns your suggestion that some method should be provided whereby such persons could be naturalized, you are advised that this appears to be a question for determination by the legislative branch of the Government and the office can, of course, give you no advice with respect thereto."

Apparently, Judge Leighton was not the judge to handle the case. On April 6, 1921, a letter was sent to Slocum in New York City, telling him it was not necessary for him to appear in person. Judge John C. Lowe, who was going to handle the case stated:

"If you are coming to Minot in June anyway and then it will be all right, but if you are making Citizenship papers I do not think that is necessary as when you come in June you will see no one but me anyway and I am willing to issue the papers to you now without your seeing me again and going to the expense of coming out here at that time."

**Benefit luncheon fashion show by WLA Auxiliary set**  
West L.A. JACL Auxiliary members are currently selling tickets for their fall benefit luncheon-fashion show on Sunday, Sept. 17, at the Imperial Gardens. Following a 12:30 lunch, the fall collection of fashions by Iris Teragawa will be presented.

A make-up demonstration by Mrs. George Nakao climaxed the July 17 meeting, held in the spacious patio at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Kishi. Miss Shirley Nishimura, chapter's candidate in the Nisei Week Queen contest, was the model.

Hostesses for the evening were Mrs. Jou Okitsu and Mrs. Tom Watanabe. Mrs. Nakao was welcomed as a new member to the Auxiliary.

A potluck-splash party at the home of Mai and Mrs. George Kanagai, is the August attraction for the Auxiliary. Husbands will be guests at this meeting which will feature a talk by Tak Shindo, musician.

**'Uninvited' picnic guest**  
CLEVELAND. — The uninvited guest at the Cleveland JACL community picnic July 2 at Wiegand's Lake came in the early afternoon to upset the program for the day. It was "Jupe Pluvius"—rain.

However, the scholarship fund realized \$103 at the picnic.

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