

Simple rites mark farewell to Aki Hayashi, cancer victim at 48

BY TOORU KANAZAWA
(Special to Pacific Citizen)

NEW YORK — National and community leaders and many friends paid their last respects to Aki Hayashi here Saturday. More than 200 mourners attended the simple rites held in the flower-decked chapel of Frank E. Campbell's funeral home.

The past national treasurer of the Japanese American Citizens League died Aug. 16, 6:15 a.m., at the South Nassau Community Hospital after a long illness.

Although the services took place only three days later, dozens of telegrams of condolence were received from relatives and friends, from Nagoya, Japan, and from all national officers of the organization.

Frank F. Chuman, national president, wired from Los Angeles: "Deeply regret untimely death of your husband Aki. In addition to his long and faithful service to the Japanese American Citizens League serving as our national treasurer, Aki was the sparkplug of the New York Chapter and of the entire Eastern District Council. I shall greatly miss Aki's cheerful personality as well as his many friends. On behalf of the JACL I extend to you the condolences of our officers and members."

Eulogy by Masaoka

Mike Masaoka, Washington representative, came up from the capital to attend. In his eulogy he said, "In the death of Aki Hayashi the world lost the type of leader it sadly needs in this age of mass materialism."

From Salt Lake City, Masao Sato, national director, wired: "deepest condolences on your great bereavement. As a national officer of the JACL, Aki made permanent contributions to its strength and effectiveness through his enthusiastic interest and concentrated efforts. We are all richer for our association with him."

From the wires and the four eulogies that were delivered at the services emerged the portrait of a man with a warm cheerful smile, loyal and hard-working, with the willingness without hesitation to serve the common good. Representative telegrams were read by Sam Ishikawa.

Masaoka, in his eulogy, noted the characteristic action taken by Aki at the time of the evacuation.

Aided Evacuees

Aki was born here in the East and did not know of the prejudice and discrimination experienced by Japanese Americans on the West Coast, he said. But in their time of trouble he offered his friendship and services, and did what he could for them. Since then he was active in JACL work.

To Midori, Aki's widow, and to his daughter, Dori Lynn, Masaoka pledged the dedication of the JACL in carrying on his work.

We are in a great cold war, he said, with liberty at stake. But we can look forward to the time when, through the dedicated efforts of those willing to serve, men like Aki, all of us can live in peace and friendship.

Short eulogies were also given by Tokichi Matsushita, president of the Japanese American Association of New York, Inc., and by Jose friends, Kyuichi Sugihara and two Matsushita.

Friends Unaware

Aki Hayashi had undergone two operations in the past year and a half, the first in May 1960, the second last June. Most of his friends, unaware of the critical nature of his illness, were shocked to hear of his sudden death.

He had served two terms as president of the New York Chapter, chairman of the Eastern District Council, and served one term as national treasurer of the JACL.

At the time of his death he was a sales representative for the New York office of the Noritake Company of Nagoya, Japan, known for its fine chinaware. Several eulogies were received from staff members there.

Organization-wide he was chairman

of the Issei Project committee of the New York Chapter, and chairman of the Nisei committee of the Japanese American Association of New York, Inc.

In the latter capacity he put on a family-style entertainment program and was in charge of arrangements for the annual New Year's Eve Dance Party.

The annual informals, which usually were attended by 500 to 600 persons, were the first and only name-band dances in the community ever to break even or wind up in the black.

Simple Rites

The funeral services were conducted by the Rev. Dr. Alfred S. Kamaishi, pastor of the United Church of Christ, Japanese American. He drew comfort from Psalms 90 and 23 of the Old Testament and parts of John 14 and Romans 8 of the New Testament for his eulogies.

Former national JACL first vice president Thomas Hayashi, as representative of the family, conducted the services.

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... a dedication to

servicing others

BY WILLIAM MARUTANI

EDC Chairman

Philadelphia

When one from our midst passes away, the most natural thing to do is to dwell upon the loss of the great loss. And there is certainly no greater loss to New York, to the EDC and to the Nisei community than the passing of Aki Hayashi. Needless to say, the loss of his family is ineffable and cannot be measured.

Aki was one who had every reason to continue life in his prime, successful, extremely capable, an infectious enthusiasm and well-liked by all. But there is no point in exploring the "why's" of his passing. That must be left to a higher judgment particularly so where it is so difficult to fathom as in this case.

Rather than dwelling on the loss, treat as it is, there is much that can be said for what Aki Hayashi has left to all: he has touched the lives of many with his gusto, humility, warmth, and dedication to serving others. These are not forgotten; these are never lost. They will continue to remain with us and grow, to be passed on to others when we who remain, also join Aki.

And in this very real sense, Aki does continue to live. And he is the true measure of a man's life.

BY RICHARD AKAGI

New York

Aki Hayashi died of cancer Wednesday, August 16, at 6 a.m. He was forty-eight years old.

Aki was that rarity, a truly good man. In him largeness of spirit and common sense were leavened by a merry disposition. He was a person of great warmth and fervent enthusiasm.

He was also, before his affliction, what I would consider a happy man. He loved his wife and his children.

EAST OF THE RIVER

Midori and he was proud of his daughter Dori Lynn. He had, of course, his plans for the future but he was already a fulfilled man.

For a Nisei, Aki was big physically, standing nearly six feet tall and weighing around 150. An Easterner by birth he had little of the prickly defensiveness that characterized many Nisei who came to New York from the West Coast after evacuation. Open-hearted, infectious cheerful, Aki quickly made many a lonely Nisei feel as though he "belonged." He was the best introduction to this vast and impersonal metropolis that anyone could have.

Mountain of Goodwill

Loyal and tireless, Aki inspired the New York JACL not only with his energy but his god-humored tolerance. As with large-hearted individuals he was always vulnerable in the small skirmishes of a committee meeting. He had none of the little verbal weapons with which lesser souls guard themselves. And it was this very vulnerability which in the end quieted the dissenters. How can you attack a mountain of goodwill without, finally, becoming abashed at your own mean-spirited tactics?

Aki's death is a great loss to the New York community. Specific talents are replaceable but the quality of character as Aki possessed is not.

I am grateful for the privilege I had of knowing him. I hope the knowledge of the affection and respect Aki inspired in all of us will help to sustain his widow and daughter in the days ahead.

Loss is more tragic because . . .

BY ROY KURAHARA

N.Y. JACL Board Chairman

New York

Aki Hayashi's untimely passing is greatly mourned. His was a life of love for his fellow man, in which he spent most of his energies on projects of betterment for the community.

He was an outstanding leader with the JACL and the Nisei Kai. Even after illness curtailed his activities, he still managed to lend his enthusiasm and encouragement to others. His loss is more tragic because he was a sincere, conscientious and gracious man.

Destined to be

national president . . .

BY KUMEO YOSHINARI

National Treasurer

Chicago

The untimely passing of Aki Hayashi is a great loss to the JACL for he was not only a dedicated servant to the organization's purposes but he was also a dynamic and innovative leader.

Had fate decreed otherwise, I'm sure he was destined someday to have become our national president. It is now ironic to say of what might have been.

To those of us who had the privilege of associating with him, we will always be inspired by the remembrance of his effervescent brilliance, magnetic charm; but above all, he possessed a lot of "horse sense."

His boisterous laughter bespoke of his innate good naturedness and tolerance for trivial and clean fun. His warm and friendly smile was infectious in disarming even the self-consciously shy person. His fluent articulation coupled with the intuitive knack to say the right thing at the right time made him an outstanding figure in any environment.

Of the varied virtues he possessed, the foremost attribute was his simple and genuine sincerity to be a real friend to all whom he encountered. His sensitive heart always was concerned for the well-being of his fellow men; especially to those of Japanese extraction. This is the reason for the JACL to have meant so much to him.

We will sorely miss his presence but we will be ever grateful that he has uplifted our ideals by his fine examples of the good life.

CALIFORNIA STATE FAIR

AWARDS PRIZES TO NISEI

IN ART COMPETITION

SACRAMENTO — Mary S. Shigetomi of Los Angeles has won one of the top prizes at the annual California State Fair and Exposition art competition.

She was awarded two cash prizes in the hand block textile division, another in the jewelry competition and a print submitted by her was one of six accepted for the State Fair show.

She received the \$100 purchase award for a cotton drape in the hand block textile division and a \$35 award for a dress fabric.

She entered a silver ring in the jewelry competition and was given one of the six \$10 honorable mentions.

Shigetomi's print was titled "Pomegranate."

Noted Nisei silversmith Harry



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AKI HAYASHI'S LAST PICTURE IN PC

Last Nov. 11, the Pacific Citizen ran this picture taken of Aki Hayashi (at left), being presented the JACL Certificate of Appreciation for faithfully serving two terms as National Treasurer, 1956-60, from George Kyotow, then New York JACL chapter president. Presentation was at the Oct. 20 installation dinner.

RUPERT HACHIYA TO HEAD IDC, YOUTH CONTRIBUTE TO PARLEY SUCCESS

IDAHO FALLS — The 11th biennial Intermountain District Council convention at the beautiful Idaho State College Student Union building is now history.

Hosted by the Pocatello JACL on Aug. 11-12, it was without a doubt the most unique in attendance since guests and delegates marking three generations assembled as one big family on a district council level. Joe Nishioka of Idaho Falls, retiring IDC chairman, noted.

Pocatello hosted the first IDC convention held twenty years ago. The two-day program just concluded was well-planned, filled with enjoyment and everything went off smoothly. Nishioka added.

Most Outstanding

He commended George Shiozawa, Pocatello JACL president, convention chairman Ronnie Yokota and members of the chapter. "This was the most outstanding convention ever staged in the IDC," and he congratulated Pocatello for winning the IDC Chapter of the Biennial award.

The remarks of Dr. A. Ray Olpin, who delivered the keynote address in tribute to the Issei, at the Friday dinner, brought tears to the eyes of the Issei.

National President Frank Chuman and Washington Representative Mike Masaoka also extended their tribute to the Issei. Chuman commented on the importance of the Issei Story Project, saying it was to inform the American public of the Issei contributions to the American way of life.

Nishioka also congratulated the Jr. JACL for their outstanding performance in their first biennial IDC youth convention. "The youths contributed immeasurably toward the success of the convention by their attendance," Nishioka explained.

Over 100 Youth

"More than a third of the 400 delegates registered were IDC youths. Much credit for this enthusiasm goes to Sue Kaneko, IDC youth chairman. They completed the IDC youth constitution and it was ratified."

The constitution calls for 50 cent membership dues to the IDC, the same as for JACL members.

Nishioka was elated to see the participation of the youth at the Pocatello convention. "It was most inspiring and refreshing. They certainly added a lot of enthusiasm; the young ladies, much charm and beauty."

"The National Board and Staff members were equally impressed by their participation. With the kind of leadership exhibited, the future of JACL is in good hands," he said.

Youth District Officers

Personal praise was also paid to Anne Kanomata, chairman of the youth convention, and other district youth officers elected as follows: Dean Hayashida (Boise Valley), treasurer; Kris Inouye (Boise Valley), reporter; and Marilyn Kawakami (Mt. Olympus), sec. Ben Kawakami of Mt. Olympus was elected IDC youth chairman early this year.

Harold Sasaki, 17, of Weiser and Sharon Kato, 17, of Pocatello, were selected Mr. and Miss Jr. IDC. Carolyn Inouye, 19, of American Fork, Utah, won the oratorical contest on the topic: "Struggle for First Class Citizenship." Norman Watanabe of Snake River was second.

Winners in the talent show contest were Mary Yoda, 17, of Blackfoot and Iris Ogawa, 15, of Caldwell in the senior division; John Ochi, 13, of Idaho Falls and Jeannie Yasuda, 14, of Wilder, juniors.

Three main items on the IDC agenda were the Issei Story Project, repeal of Art. 3, Sec. 3 of the Idaho State Constitution and election of IDC officers.

Committees for both the Issei Story and repeal of the Idaho statute denying naturalized Issei voting privileges have been appointed under leadership of George Sugai, national second v.p., and

Osaki of Pasadena was a \$10 prize winner for a poem on peace. The poem was "A Peaceful World" and was judged to be a masterpiece.

Against

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Twin Cities expects 300 for EDC-MDC convention

MINNEAPOLIS — The biggest convention this side of a biennial National JACL parley looms here over the Labor Day holidays with over 300 delegates and boosters expected at the joint EDC-MDC convention.

Adding to the color of the convention will be nearly a 100 youth delegates, meeting for the first time at a JACL district level east of the Mississippi.

The four-day affair centered at the Hotel Radisson starts on Friday night, Sept. 1, and ends with an informal National Board meeting on Monday morning, Sept. 4.

Tomoo Kosobayashi is general chairman of the Convention.

Judd Main Speaker

Convention headliners addressing the delegates will be Congressman Judd, remembered for his dynamic keynote address at the 1960 National Republican Convention and well known among persons of Japanese ancestry for his knowledge of the Far East and support of immigration and naturalization privileges for the Issei, national JACL president Frank Chuman, who will make the keynote address at the Saturday luncheon; and Mike Masaoka, who will be the main speaker at the youth's banquet.

Chuman told the Pacific Citizen he would base his talk on the convention theme, "Action on Decisions." He also plans to comment on his observations of JACL after

being national president for one year.

Several national officers will be present during the convention. They include K. Patrick Okura of Omaha, nat'l 1st v.p., and his wife Lily, who is the nat'l nat'l sec. to the board; Shig Wakamatsu of Chicago, imm. past pres. and nat'l chmn. of the Issei Story Project; Kumeo Yoshinari of Chicago, nat'l treas.; Frank Hattori of Seattle, nat'l 1000 Club chmn.; and Abe Hagiwara of Chicago, 1960-70 Planning Commission.

National Director Mas Sato of San Francisco will also participate in the convention.

There will be separate and joint district council business sessions, chaired by Joe Kadowaki of Cleveland, MDC chmn., and Bill Marutani of Philadelphia, EDC chmn.

Workshop sessions are planned for Saturday and Sunday on public relations, programming and organization. Frank Sakamoto and Henry Tanaka are in charge.

On the lighter side, the convention program includes a fashion show, bowling and golf tournaments, mixer, 1000 Club dining, the Sayonara Ball and sight-seeing.

Package deal for convention delegates will cost \$14, which covers registration and five events: mixer, fashion show, luncheon, banquet, Sayonara Ball.

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COLUMN LEFT

Horse and Buggy

One of the lesser-known talents of our National President is his love for music — the choral works, especially. Frank Chuman has been singing with glee clubs and choruses from high school through college and is today a member of his church choir. He has great delight with the songs of the Gay '90s — those tunes of the horse and buggy era.

But that's how far Frank goes for "horse and buggy!"

His last column, the President's Corner in the Aug. 11 issue, disapproves of a horse and buggy system when it comes to administering an organization, like the JACL with its chapters scattered across the country, trying to be of service to its membership and community.

"We can no longer operate our administrative procedures under the old horse and buggy system," he said. "In the interest of expediting the administrative processes, we must consider the advances in modern day devices and equipment."

This ought to be welcome news to many JACLers who have, at one time or another, served as officers and committeemen at the chapter, district or national level.

Maybe Frank's idea for teletype machines in the offices or homes of our key board members can wait until such equipment becomes more generally operated by the average businessman, but his proposal to reorganize JACL from top to bottom along more uniform and functional lines deserves wide study.

Because the proposal would affect the traditions and governing procedures of chapters, we trust every JACL chapter official will read that column of Aug. 11 and give it serious thought.

How soon the changes are to be effective depends on the preponderance of opinion in agreement with Frank's main thesis as expressed in the closing paragraph of his column.

"By more efficient use of 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 to be harassed, frustrated, discouraged and overwhelmed by the confusing mass of details and laborious handwork of today."

Indeed, this is in line with the 1960-70 Planning Commission recommendation. And any system which would improve the working relationship of the Pacific Citizen with the chapters and district councils is welcome — as we feel the merits of the overall changes in the organization will trickle down to assist us.

—H.H.

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Director's Report

By Masao Satow, National JACL Director

WE LOSE A GOOD MAN

Our first impression of Aki Hayashi back in the summer of 1939, when we were running one of his father's game concessions at West View Amusement Park in Pittsburgh, was a gangling youth who did everything with great enthusiasm, and this characterized all of Aki's efforts in behalf of JACL.

Born and bred in Atlantic City, it took a little time to sell him on JACL after he had come to New York and completed the College of the City of New York. But once he understood JACL, he moved into high gear for 15 years until the illness from which he never completely recovered sapped his physical strength.

Aki was the driving force behind the New York Chapter JACL-ADC drive, he served two terms as Chapter President, 1949 and 1950, and then pushed the Chapter's 1000 Club membership to one of the highest percentages of any chapter. He led the Eastern District Council during the 1951-1953 biennium, became National Treasurer in 1956, and was reelected for a second biennium.

During his stint as National Treasurer he drafted our present National personnel policy which includes health and accident insurance benefits and a retirement program for staff members. Despite the fact he was on the road a great deal as Merchandise and Sales Manager for Noritake Company, Inc., he was one of the most faithful and the promptest in replying to National Board correspondence. Even in his illness this year, he thoughtfully sent us a note commenting on the March National Board meeting, indicating his continuing concern and interest.

Aki was especially concerned with proper recognition to the Issei who settled early in New York City. He rubbed elbows with them as an active member of the Japanese American Association of New York, so it was natural he should have their confidence and enlist their support for JACL. Those who attended the EDC-MDC Joint Convention in Chicago in 1957 will never forget his "fantabulous" performance as luncheon toastmaster. He took on the Chairmanship of the 1959 Joint EDC-MDC meeting in New York. The many publicist stories he wrote for PC set a standard for convention publicity.

We can only say to Madori Hayashi and 11-year-old daughter Doris Lynn that National JACL shares in their great bereavement. JACL as an organization and all of us who worked with Aki have been enriched because of his inspiring services and his unselfish participation.

EDC 20TH ANNIVERSARY

They said it couldn't be done—an EDC Convention in midsummer!

Tokyo Topics: by Tamotsu Murayama

Issue of 'Privacy' in Japan

The speedy introduction of democracy into Japan after the war has spawned some curious issues. Some of them are very interesting.

Hachiro Arita, former foreign minister and a Socialist member of the House and a Socialist Communist candidate for the governorship of Tokyo, is fighting for his "honor" in a Tokyo court. A novel, written by Mikio Mishima, is said to expose the private life of Arita with his concubine-girls. The issue of "privacy," never discussed in public in the Japanese courts. It appears Socialist Arita will bring this question into the legal limelight for the first time, contending he is entitled to keep his private life concealed.

When the foreign minister became a Socialist Party member, it was a great surprise to many people. But his love affair was almost a publicly-known "secret".

Japan's famous politicians, if numbers and scholars have had concubines, generally speaking, "they" are called "mekake" or "nigo" (wife is first, the concubine second). Men in Japan who can afford them are allowed to have concubines—sometimes, a man might have two or three beside his wife.

To hear of prominent men in politics and business without having concubines is hard to believe. And as if to capitalize on this arrangement with men with know-how and whereabouts, these concubines have set up respected businesses: tea houses, restaurants, cafes and geisha houses. You might say these politicians know how to enjoy life and make money at the same time.

B.H. Chamberlain once wrote: "Japanese women are the most womanly, kind, gentle, faithful and

pretty. But the way in which they are treated by the men has hitherto been such as might cause a gang to any generous European heart.

"No wonder that some of them are at last endeavoring to emancipate themselves.
"A woman's lot is summed up in what are termed the three obediences—obedience, while yet unmarried, to a father; obedience when married, to a husband; and that husband's parents; obedience when widowed, to a son."

In a way, the postwar women of Japan have changed a great deal in dress, manners and customs but fundamentally, they are still the same. They are sweet and gentle—even though they engage in what has been described as "contract marriage" as their expression of "freedom". And many educated women today are concubines, believing it a reasonable and a quick way to fame and fortune.

In the prewar era, the concubines were called "women in the shadow"—they were never seen in public. Today, the concubines of prominent Japanese are proud of what they are. In this age of "democracy", they strut like peacocks.

Nisei optometrist named contact lens group head

FRESNO — Dr. Akira Tajiri, a Fresno-Reedley optometrist and JACL 1000 Club member, was named chairman of the contact lens committee of the California Optometric Assn.

A fellow of the American Academy of Optometry and president of the Central California Optometric Society, Dr. Tajiri is an innovator of many phases of practice pertaining to these comparatively new, tiny vision aids.

In Memory of Akira Hayashi

He gave his best at all times . . .

BY BILL MATSUMOTO
NACL Third Vice-President
Sacramento

Word that Akira Hayashi had passed on Wednesday, August 16th was a terrific shock to me, as well as our entire organization. Perhaps JACL will never be able to replace this fine man, for he gave his best at all times for the good of all concerned, never did he say that any job could not be done but let us do our best.

Serving as National JACL Treasurer from 1956 to 1960, Aki as we all knew him, did a real fine job, however because of his health could not attend the 16th Biennial Convention in Sacramento. All of us in Sacramento were looking forward to seeing him in Seattle in '62.

JACL, as well as his friends will miss him, for we all realize that we have lost a dedicated man, a man we all could depend on to do a job for all of us.

JACL was part of his bloodstream . . .

BY GEORGE KYOTOKU
Immediate Past President
New York JACL

Aki Hayashi's sudden and unbelievable passing has left many of us too saddened and stunned to fully appreciate the extent of the leadership gap he has created in the national and local JACL picture. Few gave as much of his time, effort and talent in as quiet and unassuming way as Aki did.

In 1959 Aki was busy with his day-to-day work and as National Treasurer of the JACL. In spite of this, he was asked to take command of the EDC-MDC convention of that year in New York City. This happened many months after preparations had been underway. The original chairman and his family had moved away from New York. It would be superfluous to recount the fabulous success of that Convention. Who has forgotten it to this day? In 1960 Aki resigned as National Treasurer. Perhaps it was due to his health. He may have felt his family deserved more of his time.

But the JACL was a part of Aki's bloodstream. He could not remain away from its activities. And he continued to advise the New York Chapter Board.

Back to Aki

In June this year, over half a year since the Issei Story Project was launched, the New York could not find a chairman for this committee. Appointments were made and declined. In characteristic fashion we went right back to Aki for help. A few weeks before he entered the hospital for the second time he accepted the chairmanship without qualification.

Substituting for others at difficult tasks became a specialty with Aki. "I'll do it. That's all right. Just send me all the information as soon as you can so I can study it." Those were the last words.

PC Letter Box

JACL as a Defender

San Mateo
It is incredible that at this once distant future there yet exists 'lucky' thinking in supposedly responsible leaders of our country to declare armed resistance to Californians who might flee to a neighbor "Nevadans," "Peepers" or "Friends" in the event of a Kremlin count-down on the "atomic button."

Not without logic that if our white brethren meet such a fate what might ours be? For all too often from our well meaning friends we now hear the solicitous words of hollow familiarity: "You know, I like the Japanese, but I don't trust the Chinese." And I, the once favorite whipping boy of the short-memoried past, and the American Chinese our brothers, now so shy in favor?

Herein lies a lesson for all Americans of Japanese descent. For man, whose paralytic bearing may in times of provocation wear the mantle of propriety, in times of peril tender itself in human form, far bestial than its animal kind. Thus, a people who forget his lesson however rich in wealth or generous in aid all too often comes to pass the classic destiny of man's inhumanity to man; where we cannot buy—by however great a bribe or by however great noble the deed—inseparable pain as experienced following Pearl Harbor.

Mankind has long been weary of the hollow words that kingdoms utter when they speak of "truth and justice," but where in the barbaric filigree of man's behavior could be possible debate the brotherhood of man and yet manifest the poorest excuse for breathing, or to propagate his own miserable kind?

Let all Nisei be reminded that his only insurance lies in his vigilant voice through a united organization; to emphasize that awareness, to stay the hand of calamity, and their misdeeds the public may construe to itself as "righteous."

The Japanese American Citizens League in its distinctive role as public defender steadfastly reaffirms our virtues and contains that serious breach for all Americans of Japanese parentage. It is not that this worthy organization has benefited the many, but that the small unworthy have long benefited from the few.

Should not our judgment or duty be less the heart than the head? Let not in requiem our emotion be: "That those who forget the past are condemned to relive it."

WILLIAM NOSAKA

with which we have now paraded typical words of assurance that if there is a problem he'll take over.

Instead of retiring from JACL activities, Aki has left us very much a part of it, as our Chairman of the Issei Story Project. His shoe is going to be very difficult to fill.

Among the few who had no 'enemies' . . .

BY MIKE MASAOKA

Last week, Akira Hayashi, of New York City, passed away, leaving as have to many other JACLers who have died recently a loneliness against the sky.
To his many personal friends, Aki was "just a wonderful guy" who, to use a word which he himself coined, was a "fantabulous" character. He was the personification of a successful family man, of a successful salesman, of a loyal living, of cheerful enthusiasm, of boundless energy.

In a world where there is so much antagonism and illwill, he was among the few who had no "enemies".
While his friends will miss him terribly, he will be missed more by many who were never privileged to know him as a community leader, that rare individual, especially in a "dog eat dog" society like New York, who spent most of his time and energy in helping his fellow men, New York City, and particularly those of Japanese ancestry in that metropolis, is a better place in which to live because Aki Hayashi lived and worked there.

Helped Resettlers

A native Easterner, he was president of the Japanese American Club prior to World War II.

When war came, and evacuation of all persons of Japanese ancestry from the Pacific Coast followed, Aki was among those who gave a helping hand to his fellow Americans of Japanese ancestry who resettled in the Gihum area. He subsequently joined in establishing the New York JACL chapter, was later elected its president. He then became chairman of the Eastern District Council JACL, and served two consecutive terms as National JACL Treasurer. Two years ago, when New York hosted the Third Biennial Joint EDC-MDC Convention, he was its hard-working chairman.

His successive elections to various posts of responsibility in the JACL are testimony not only to his ability but to the esteem and confidence which his fellow Nisei had in him.

Never Lived on West Coast

Since Aki had never lived on the West Coast, he had never personally experienced race discrimination against those of Japanese ancestry. But, as a citizen of the melting pot that is New York, he had witnessed the continuing struggle of other nationalities and minorities against prejudice and bigotry.

Therefore, he brought into the councils of the JACL a refreshing perspective and a new insight into the resolving of the so-called "Japanese" problem in the American tradition.

To those of us who knew and admired Aki, his memory will remain as an inspiration and a challenge.

To his beloved wife and daughter, Midori and Doris Lynn, we offer our sincere sympathies and condolences on the passing of not just a husband and a father but a truly great human being who in and by his life contributed so much to the well being of his fellow men.

Hayashi—

Continued from Front Page

cluded the services by expressing his appreciation on behalf of the family.

The casket was escorted to the hearse by six honorary pallbearers, the four friends who gave eulogies, Tom Hayashi and Toshio Hirata.

Cremation services were held at Ferncliff Chapel, Hartsdale, N.Y. with interment in the cemetery Mrs. Hayashi's mother, Kame Muraoka, and her aunt, Masu Oka moto, are buried there.

Born on Dec. 19, 1912 in Atlantic City, Aki was a graduate of City College of New York. He was a member of the prewar Tozai Club.

Two of his brothers, Mitsuru and Osamu served with the 442nd RCT. Surviving are: Midori, daughter; widow; Doris Lynn, daughter; brothers Prof. Teru Hayashi, Marine Biological Laboratory at Woods Hole, Mass.; Mitsuru in Seattle, Osamu of Charleston, West Va., and Mrs. Makoto Hayashi, Hill of Long Island.

Mrs. Sally Hayashi, wife of Prof. Hayashi, Mrs. Mary Louise Hayashi, wife of Osamu, and Leona Hill, husband of Makoto, also attended the services.

Six Nisei teaching for Salt Lake public schools

SALT LAKE CITY. — The new school semester begins in Utah on Aug. 31 with six Nisei teachers on the various faculties throughout the city. One teacher, Michiko Nakahara, who taught at Grant School, has transferred to Itazaki Air Base in Fukuoka, Japan. Other teachers are:

Julia Kiyonori, Northwest Jr. High; Katie Muraoka, Stewart Jr. High; Sakaye Nomura, Newman; Chieko Okazaki, Indian Hills; and Beaton Heights; Jun Oniki, Jackson; Alice W. Shiba, West High (homemaking).

Eight Nisei attended the Utah State PTA convention here this past month. They were: Misses Henry Kasai, Lowell PTA pres.; John Muroto, Glendale PTA pres.; Maki Katsura, Orem PTA pres.; Ikuo Katsura, Orem PTA pres.; Frank Yoshimura, Roosevelt PTA sec.; Henry Muraoka, Payson; Scotty Miyasaki, Corinne; Miki Enomoto, Ogden.

STOCKTON CHAPTER AWARDS JACL CHECK TO RODNEY OMACHI

STOCKTON — Rodney Seichi Omachi of Stockton, winner of the 1961 Pct. Ben Frank Masaoka Memorial Scholarship was conferred his \$300 award check on Aug. 12 at the Stockton YBA Building.

The presentation was made by Stockton Chapter JACL President Ed Yoshikawa, acting in behalf of Jerry Enomoto, Secretary to the National JACL board, who was unable to be in attendance due to a previous commitment.

A group, estimated at between 150 and 175, witnessed the presentation made during the intermission of the local chapter's annual benefit movies.

President Yoshikawa spoke with enthusiasm on the fact that he was the first Stockton student to receive for this award, and young Omachi graciously responded.

Rodney, an outstanding student during all of his high school years, plans to study medicine at Stanford University.

Chuman congrats scholarship winners

On behalf of the national JACL officers and members, National President Frank F. Chuman this week extended congratulations in a letter to recently-selected winners of the JACL scholarship. Rodney S. Omachi of Stockton, Pct. Ben Frank Masaoka Memorial; Alan Miyamoto of Southwest Los Angeles, Kenneth Muraoka of Sacramento, Linda Kobata of Long Beach, and Dennis Fujita of Palmdale, JACL scholars.

"Your outstanding scholastic achievements during your high school career, your leadership of the student body and your other qualifications and abilities have deeply impressed all of us," Chuman wrote.

"As you proceed on to the college or university of your choice, we hope that you will continue your work in preparation for a promising career in your chosen profession and an exciting and rich life ahead."

Morgan Hill student wins \$2,000 scholarship award

MORGAN HILL. — Lynn Elko Hatakeyama, valedictorian of her senior graduating class at Lake Oak Union High School, was announced as a \$2,000 National Foundation scholarship winner this year—the only one in Santa Clara County. She plans to study occupational therapy at San Jose State College in the fall.

The scholarship is supported by the March of Dimes for study in medicine, medical social work, nursing, physical and occupational therapy.

San Mateo baton twirler wins national honors

SAN MATEO. — Maxine Furuie of San Mateo was named "Miss Congeniality" at the queen pageant held at the United States Twirling Assn. national convention at Galveston, Texas, Aug. 11.

She was one of 12 finalists from the United States and Canada for the "Miss Baton Twirling Queen of 1961" patterned after the Miss America contest.

Maxine did an authentic Japanese dance for the talent part of the contest.

With over 400 contestants in the national twirling contest, Maxine won the title of "USTA National Champion, age 17 and over" in solo one baton. She also received the second place in the 13 years and over two baton division.

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Research on bilingualism bogs as Japanese-English speaking women shy

Will Be Compensated

BERKELEY. — Research on the use of two languages (Japanese and some English) is bogging down, according to Dr. Susan Ervin in charge of the study at the Univ. of California at Berkeley.

Because not enough Japan-born women or Nisei women who went to school in Japan have agreed to cooperate.

Dr. Ervin, who is assistant professor of speech started the project on bilingualism last August and has found it difficult to obtain a series of three interviews required for this study.

"They are much more shy than any group I know," says Dr. Ervin, who has studied languages spoken by French-American and Italian-Americans.

"We are hoping to persuade about 50 more women to cooperate," she added.

Object of Study

This project aims to find out how languages are learned, when they are used, the difficulties people have in speaking two languages, why some people have trouble learning, and just how they talk about various topics.

There are two groups of women studied. One group is Nisei women who went to Japan before 1945 and went to school a few years there, while some of their family or relatives stayed in the United States. They should be married, but the background of the husband might be Japanese, Nisei, or non-Japanese American.

The second group is Japanese-born wives who have been in the United States more than four years, or who have been married to American husbands at least four

years. The husband should come from non-Japanese family, which only speaks English.

In the three interviews both Japanese and English are used. Those who are interviewed will be paid, and also will be compensated for babysitters and transportation if necessary.

The material in the interview is kept with numbers rather than names, so it will be anonymous when the results are summarized. Miss Nishijima resides at 2324 1/2 Carleton St., Berkeley 4.

English for foreign-born

Dorsey Adult School will present an English class for foreign-born at Westminster Presbyterian Church, 2230 W. Jefferson Blvd., starting Sept. 12. Classes meet for three hours from 9 a.m. on Tuesday and Thursday.

DEATHS

Azuma, Nisuke, 74; Portland, Aug. 11.
Biramatsu, Mrs. Tsune; Oakland, Aug. 14.
Endo, Mitsuo, 73; Los Angeles, Aug. 15.
Isada, George M., 67; Portland, July 29.
Isida, Mine, 84; Los Angeles, Aug. 13.
Ito, Mrs. Haru, 81; Los Angeles, Aug. 12.
Koyanagi, Henry T.; Los Angeles, Aug. 15.
Miyoshi, Jack H., 36; Gardena, Aug. 13 — (p) Mr. and Mrs. Howard T. (b) Bobby K. (c) May Kuriyama. Nakano, Mrs. Haru, 86; Redwood City, Aug. 18.
Nunomura, Tom T., 58; Salt Lake City, Aug. 14.
Nishimura, Goro, 78; Long Beach, Aug. 14.
Oaki, Mrs. Mitsuo; Oakland, Aug. 14.
Takashi, Mrs. Dorothy, 30; Stockton, Aug. 15 — (b) Junichi, (c) Carolyn, Cathy, Carol Ann, (p) Mr. & Mrs. Chusaku Sakurai.
Takimoto, Ichiro, 88; Live Oak, Aug. 14.

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By Bill Hosokawa

From the Frying Pan

Denver, Colo. — Exponents of the first system contend that the meat flavor must be allowed to permeate the other ingredients, and this can be done only when the beef is cooked with it. "No," argue the others. "Beef is best when it is rare. It is an insult to the palate to toughen such fine pieces of premium meat by overcooking it like so much stew beef."

And what is your pet theory? AMERICANIZATION OF JAPAN — Girl-pinchers have become a problem in Tokyo that the police have made a thorough statistical study, according to intelligence from that city. The pinchers, called "chikan" like to work in crowded trains and elevators. Their victims usually are too embarrassed to make a scene, so the girl-pinchers are rarely apprehended.

The police discovered that more plump, round-faced girls of medium height with permanent hair cut medium-length get pinched than any other type. Girls with long faces are relatively safe and square-faced lasses rarely get pinched.

Girls who reported getting pinched were, most often, wearing blonde and light skirts. Light blue was the most provocative color, followed by beige, white and pink. More pinching was reported on Saturday than any other day, and the fewest on Friday.

And what of the "chikan"? A typical girl-pinchers was found to be a young man with a long or squarish face, childish looking with untidy hair, and inclined to talk in a soft voice.

The only advice police had for Japanese girls is to avoid exposing too much of themselves in public, which may be easier said than done in hot, humid Tokyo. The American preventative to publicly acquired bruises, as I recall, is to bash the pincher over the head with a loaded handgun while screaming bloody murder. If the Japanese trend toward Americanization continues at its present rapid pace, perhaps Japanese girls in the not distant future will not consider it immodest to wallop and holler in defense of their persons.

AMY, it just doesn't seem kosher to cover sukiyaki.

FIRST OR LAST? — Amy Vanderbilt is of the school that puts the meat into the sukiyaki skillet first. After it is properly browned, she adds the other ingredients.

There is another school of thought that advocates adding the meat last—just minutes before the vegetables have reached the proper state of doneness. The thin strips of beef are spread over the other ingredients and allowed to cook only briefly.

Northwest Picture: by Elmer Ogawa

First Matsutake Report

Seattle are made. Only time we remember seeing any showers fall on the Seafair Grand Parade was in '33 or '39. When remarks were made in the local Japanese community on the weather that day, the invariable reply was, "Yeah, but it's good for the matsutake." Here, as at other places, the weather is important. Forest fires, our summer festivals, and mushroom hunters. So Joe, wherever you are this evening, that's the last minute scoop. We miss you Joe, champion matsutake hunter and champion clam digger.

AND HERE'S hoping that some impressions may be at least partially changed, those impressions of Seattle weather; in view of the 1962 activities scheduled: the JACL National Convention, July 26-30, the 6 months Century '21 World's Fair, and Seafair at convention time.

A slap on the wrist to those who berate Seattle weather. On many subjects, the World Almanac is my favorite argument clincher. Here's the precipitation report for 1960. Although some cities report as high as 67-68 inches, we picked just a few in representative areas.

Seattle, 31.93; New York City, 42.03; Boston, 38.76; Indianapolis, 39.69; Cincinnati, 39.34; St. Louis, 37.86; Portland, Ore., 39.91. And for close comparison, here are Chicago, 32.72, and Detroit 31.03.

So, JACLers all over the good of USA, when you mention Seattle and it's great triple bill, the World's Fair, JACL convention, and Seafair all going on at the same time, don't let any creep say to you: "Aw it's raining there all time." It just ain't so. See you in '62...

ARE THERE some who scoff at the newsworthy importance of this so-called trivia? Lot of people are interested, we know from our own little "surveys", and remarks that

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Michener explains last April's row

Honolulu. Author James Michener, in a recent letter to Clarice B. Taylor of the Star-Bulletin, says the critical remarks attributed to him on the subject of Hawaii were the truth, but not the whole truth.

Michener wrote that the occurrence of the controversy "was something of an accident" and concludes with a hope that he will be able to visit with Mrs. Taylor in her home in Honolulu "before too many months elapse."

Michener, in his first extended comment on the controversy that stirred Hawaii to a boil last April, says none of the reports carried comments he also made on the enviable way in which Hawaii had been able to assimilate men and women of different races.

Said I before He said he thinks that if they had been carried the community might not have been so incensed since he really was not saying anything he had not said previously.

In this he seems to be referring to his comments that all is not perfect in Hawaii's racial "paradise" rather than to his remarks about the personal treatment accorded him and his wife, nee Mari Sabusawa.

The April interview by Joseph Wershba of the New York Post quoted Michener as saying that he was not going to put up with any more of the "guff"—meaning racial and religious bigotry—that he and his wife, a Nisei (American of Japanese ancestry) had suffered in Hawaii.

Michener, 54, later amplified this by saying it was confined to the upper levels of Hawaii society.

He added that he would not return to Hawaii "during the working period of my life."

Michener said he stands by the remarks in the Wershba interview and in his book, "The Report of the County Chairman." "On the other hand," he wrote Mrs. Taylor, "if any of my good friends were among the insulted, I apologize to them out of regard for the good times we have had together in the past."

Mrs. Taylor voiced with Michener in the preparation of the book, "Hawaii," and provided him with Hawaii historical material.

Michener asked that she reproduce his letter in full if she used any of it.

The letter is addressed to "Dear Kahuna-nui," a title he gave her once he had learned the various meanings of the word Kahuna and knew Hawaiians applied it to anyone skilled in some particular art. Nui, of course, means "big."

Her Explanation Mrs. Taylor explained Michener's reason for writing to her in this fashion:

"From the time 'Hawaii' had first been published, my telephone had rung incessantly: 'Why did you allow Michener to say so and so?'"

"An old time Hawaiian friend called and gave me a stern lecture on the beach boy situation. I had asked: 'Isn't it true?' 'Oh, yes,' she said, 'but you should never talk about it.'"

"So, I was not surprised when the explosion came in early April."

1st Negro appointed federal dist. judge worked, borrowed to pay for education

CHICAGO. — James Benton Parsons, the first Negro ever appointed to the U.S. District Court bench, is a former law school teacher and government prosecutor who regards the District Court as "the cornerstone of justice in the United States."

Parsons, 49, is a soft-spoken man who worked, borrowed and saved to pay for his college education, a master's degree in political science and a law degree.

"I like all outdoor activity except golf," he said. "I never found myself financially able or with enough time to take up golf."

Parsons was born in Kansas City, Aug. 13, 1911, and was taken by his parents to Decatur, Ill., where he attended public school. He was class orator and third in his graduating class of 360 at Decatur High School.

His speech was published and caught the eye of the late Howard Schaub, then owner and publisher of Decatur's afternoon newspaper, the Decatur Review.

Schaub offered him a job melting metal in the newspaper's composing room and loaned him funds from time to time to help finance his studies at James Millikin University and conservatory of music. After graduation in 1935, Parsons

joined the faculty of Lincoln University in Missouri for six years.

Each summer, during these years, he attended the Univ. of Wisconsin graduate school in political science, where he obtained his master's degree.

From 1940 to 1942 he was a supervisor in the public schools of Greensboro, N.C.

Parsons spent four years of enlisted service in the U.S. Navy from 1942-1946, saving enough from his Navy pay to continue his education.

He enrolled in the Univ. of Chicago Law School and received his degree in 1949. The same year, he took a teaching job at the John Marshall Law School in Chicago and also was appointed assistant corporation counsel for the city of Chicago.

Two years later he became an assistant U.S. district attorney in Chicago.

He was elected judge of Cook County Superior Court last September. Presently assigned to the criminal court division, he is presiding at the jury trial of seven policemen accused of looting stores with a confessed burglar. This scandal triggered a revamping of Chicago's entire police department.

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THIRD REASON

Mr. Wershba apparently decided that my first two reasons might be interesting but they were certainly not new, whereas the third reason was: It was upon this that he concentrated his questions.

Furthermore, he chose to ignore the careful manner in which I had expressed my third conclusion, and in light of what happened subsequently, I think that what I actually wrote is of some importance.

In the novel that I was about to release, the main theme was the enviable manner in which Hawaii had been able to assimilate men and women from many different races, and what I wrote was true: These Islands today represent a beacon light of hope for all communities who are striving for racial harmony and they are of extraordinary value to the United States because they prove that our nation can attain this harmony. But . . .

PERSONAL

I have often reflected that if Mr. Wershba had included the material before the but there would have been little occasion for the explosion. Furthermore, I took care to stipulate that my three reasons were personal, and I took the extra precaution of qualifying my third reason so that it particularly stood forth as a limited personal observation.

I therefore must conclude that Hawaii's fiery reaction was occasioned by undue emphasis upon one fragment of my statement which was magnified beyond its proportionate importance.

What rather surprised me when the storm broke was that Hawaii interpreted Mr. Wershba's story as something new, whereas actually I have long been on record in these matters. In my first writing on the Islands, in Holiday magazine many years ago, I referred to some of these problems and caught hell for doing so.

Some years later in an interview with Bob Krauss I rewrote some of my thoughts, and I remember that Akuehad and the nighttime opinion radio program contended that I was wrong.

In my New York Times essay, I spelled out my thoughts rather clearly. And, of course, in my novel on the Islands I had been specific on some of these matters. Therefore, when my remarks to Mr. Wershba were treated as something new, I was taken aback.

QUESTION RAISED

There remains, of course, the question as to whether I should have said anything, either in the Holiday article, the Times piece, to Bob Krauss, or in the novel.

I know there are those who have argued that it was none of my business and I acknowledge their condemnation. On the other hand, one of the characteristics of my adult life is that I have often written a good deal about it, and overseas, I have often defended America against exaggerated criticism on this point.

I suspect that I, rather more than most people, am obligated to be as honest as I can on this matter, and I have made a conscious effort to be so.

But what is of much greater importance, the world today and America in particular is undergoing a very difficult period in regards its racial relationship. This is perhaps one of the major areas of international concern.

You should witness the heartaches that are being suffered in Washington right now as our Government works to get decent housing for the new African ambassadors and diplomats, and acceptable schools for their children.

I have been concerned with these matters for 20 years, and they are major matters, so perhaps it was understandable that I rather than someone else should feel as I do.

OPEN TO ATTACK

From the news clips sent me from Hawaii on this matter, it seems I intentionally outraged some people. I'm sorry about this but I realize that no matter what I might say or do about the Islands would come under attack from parts of the community.

On the other hand, if any of my friends were among the insulted, I apologize to them out of

regard for the good times we have had together in the past.

But if Mr. Wershba were to ask me the same question tomorrow, I would have to give him the same answers. I would however add, "Joe, be sure to point out that this was merely the third of my reasons, and please quote all the material that appears before the but."

I suspect that as a good newspaperman looking for a headline story he would refuse to do either, and wed be right back where we were before.

NOT DISTURBED

On one point, my dear Kahuna-nui, I would appreciate it if you would reassure my friends. I was not personally disturbed by the newspaper reactions.

I thought that with two exceptions everything that appeared was within the bounds of acceptable journalism, but I still think it unfortunate that no one had an opportunity to read "The Report of the County Chairman" from which the statement was extracted before blasting away. My basic reaction has always been this: if a man offers the public a book of his opinions he thereby throws himself upon the mercy of the public, which has the right to react to him as it wishes. I have no complaints.

As a matter of fact, I think that compared with the way the Islands handled Robert Louis Stevenson, I got off easy. Do you remember what the newspaper said about him in 1888 when he left the Islands for what I think was the last time? They hoped the cannibals would eat him. (See Note 2 below.)

I trust that before too many months elapse I shall be able to visit with you in your new home. With your letter, I can't figure out where it is but I'm sure you're still surrounded by books and may you continue to get nourishment from them.

Much affection,
Jim

NOTE 1

On page 9 of "Report of the County Chairman" Michener gives his reasons for leaving Hawaii:

1—"That he would no longer be welcomed (in the Islands) after the novel 'Hawaii' was published. 'If you think you suffer retaliation because you voted Democratic, wait till this novel hits the stands.'"

2—"On the day-to-day operating level at which my wife and I had to live, we met with more racial discrimination in Hawaii than we did in eastern Pennsylvania, and my wife understandably preferred to leave there."

3—"We thought seriously about buying a home in Hawaii but had to give up plans to buy in the Kahala area, where discrimination prevents any Japanese from moving in." The three finest clubs in Hawaii admit no Orientals to membership.

NOTE 2

A Honolulu newspaper wrote: "Robert Louis Stevenson and party leave today by the schooner Equator for the Gilbert Islands. It is to be hoped that Mr. Stevenson will not fall victim to native spears; but in his present state of bodily health, perhaps the temptation to kill him may not be very strong."

APL cargoliner to sail

SAN FRANCISCO. — The 23,000-ton cargoliner President Tyler, latest ship in the American President Lines' fleet replacement program, entered service this week and will make its maiden voyage across the Pacific to the Orient, it was announced by APL president George Killian. It sails from San Francisco Aug. 31 for Yokohama.

Civil Defense instructor

FRESNO. — Robert Kimura, science teacher at Fresno High, has completed the course for instructing monitors for radiological detection at Alameda recently. The course is given by the Office of Civil and Defense Mobilization.

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SAN FRANCISCO. — Bob Wallman's orchestra from the Hotel Mark Hopkins' posh Lochinvar Room will again provide the music for the San Francisco JACL Women's Auxiliary luncheon-fashion show to be held Saturday, Sept. 23, at the Fairmont Hotel.

Wellman, who has been with the Lochinvar Room since its opening in 1953, has a popular album to his credit, "Dancing at the Mark," recorded by Fantasy a few months ago.

Playing for the Auxiliary event with Wellman will be Ken Hildebrand, piano; Bob Will, vibraphone and drums; Arthur Bergman, bass and guitar.

Tickets for the fashion show are available from Auxiliary members and National JACL Headquarters.

Apato, Inc., enlarges Gilman St. quarters

BERKELEY. — Percent developments by Apato, Inc., at El Cerrito and Burlingame have made it necessary to enlarge the 1329 Gilman St. office of the Nakamura Realty Co. to house both the Apato, Inc., and Apato Construction, Inc.

Isoo Kinoshita, formerly of Hawaii and general contractor, was appointed to head Apato Construction. Richard Wada of Berkeley will be consulting architect to Apato, Inc.

JAL reorganizes

SAN FRANCISCO. — Japan Air Lines will reorganize its operational staff in September. Shigeo Kameda, a Hawaiian Nisei, will be in charge of North and South America region as general sales manager.

HOUSING STUDY

BERKELEY. — An 18-member citizens committee to study housing discrimination was approved by the City Council here last week. Included among the appointments was Frank T. Yamazaki, real estate broker.

Nominations chairman

Tom Ito of Pasadena JACL was appointed PSWDC chairman for the National Nominations Committee, it was announced by Kay Nakagiri, district council chairman.

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By the Board

By Jerry Enomoto, Secretary to the Board

BEYOND THE HILLS OF IDAHO

Back in the "good old days" of camp, I remember part of a song that went something like—"away beyond the hills in Idaho." This past weekend I enjoyed my most pleasant assignment as a member of our National Board, when I had the privilege of seeing what those Idaho hills looked like.

The occasion was the Intermountain District Council Convention, commemorating the 20th anniversary of the IDC. It was a classic convention in every respect, truly reflecting the hard work and planning of the best of the IDC Chapter, and the best of the IDC Chapter President George Shiozawa, Convention Chairman Ronnie Yokota, past IDC Chairman Joe Nishioka, and all of the IDC JACLers deserve credit for a job well done.

"Prelude"

As an indicator of things to come, National Director Mas, Chiz, and I enjoyed a fine dinner the evening preceding the Convention at the Pagoda in Salt Lake City. Our hosts were the Salt Lake Chapter, with youthful Henry Kasal in charge of the festivities.

The evening was set up as a reception for the "grand-daddy" of the IDC, Mike Masahiko, whose influence apparently couldn't fail to be a "conspiracy" by United Air Lines to keep him from getting to Salt Lake City.

Fortunately, Mike arrived later at the meeting place, hungry, angry, but still in shape to give the group some inspiration.

National President Frank Chuman also joined us there. I'm sure that none of us missed noting the splendid turnout, including a handful of youthful JACLers. My personal thanks go to President George Yoshimoto, and the Salt Lake JACLers, for their wonderful hospitality.

It also seems appropriate to acknowledge, with thanks, the "red carpet" treatment accorded us by Jerry Enomoto, who opened up his restaurant in the wee hours to let us have some excellent tempura and sukiyaki.

The following morning at a seemingly ungodly hour, Mas and Chiz drove us all to Pocatello, and the Idaho State College campus, site of the Convention. Incidentally, a more attractive setting or better facilities, couldn't have been asked for.

"The Beginning"

An excellent program was launched with a luncheon and opening ceremonies at which Governor Smiley of Idaho greeted the delegates, as did Mayor Johnson of the host city. President Frank gave the principal address. A most impressive welcome was also extended by charming and attractive Miss Anne Kanamata, IDC Jr. JACL Convention Chairman.

The real beginning for me, in a sense, came that afternoon when I sat in on a meeting of the executive officers of the Jr. JACL. For several hours, this group stuck diligently to the singularly arduous task of assembling the final draft of their Constitution, in a business-like and sincere manner.

Contributing moral and vocal support were the adult advisers from the member chapters, with able legal consultation offered by Mr. Olympus Chapter President Bob Mukai—an enthusiastic supporter of the Jr. JACL and one of many JACLers whom I had the pleasure of getting to know for the first time.

The "beginning" tapered off that evening with a very impressive Issei Testimonial Banquet, that program was capped with a wholly unexpected "to me" display of Japanese linguistic ability by President Frank.

The usual comfortably relaxed "boudhahead" of past National President George Inagaki, preceded the main address (in Japanese) by Dr. Ray Olin, president of the University of Utah. The entire evening was a most fitting tribute to our Issei pioneers in the IDC.

Following dinner, I had the pleasure of crowning the winners of the youth "popularity contest", and one could not help but be impressed by the calibre of young people present.

The "beginning" was climaxed by the 1000 Club Whirling at the Green Triangle. Emcee George Issei (seems to rhyme with "misery") kept the festivities going despite the distraction of Mike's plaintive cries of "I'm hungry."

"The Middle"

Bright and early the next morning we all gathered for breakfast, and I subsequently had the privilege of addressing the youth delegates. Perhaps it was a "captive audience", but I could not help but be impressed by the large turnout, and the evident sincerity and interest of these young people.

During this session their Constitution was ratified and the official name of "Intermountain District Youth Council" (IDYC) was adopted.

Following the oratorical contest, I enjoyed a combination luncheon and fashion show, while getting in some valuable "shoo talk" with the Jr. JACL adult advisers, and IDC Youth Chairman Sue Kaneko. Any commentary on this youth convention cannot be meaningfully made without due testimony to the dedicated work of Sue, who has really sparked this movement. No person better deserved the Sapphire Pin.

As talented as they are enthusiastic, the youth completed the afternoon with a talent show.

"The End"

More than 500 JACLers and their friends attended the Convention Banquet, at which our incomparable Mike was paid well-deserved homage. It was a homecoming for him in a real sense. As the principal speaker, he delivered a stirring and eloquent message.

A memorable part of this evening for me was the impact that my dinner companion, Tommy Miyasaka of Rexburg, made upon me. Tommy is a blinded veteran whose composure, ability to express himself, and his adjustment to his disability could truly be called an inspiring thing.

The evening was climaxed by the ball, where some of the amazingly energetic, as well as lovely, ladies among our hosts were good enough to take their chances on the floor with me.

"In Retrospect"

I come away from this Convention with the strong conviction that the future of our national organization will be as bright as its past, as long as the kind of spirit generated in the IDC exists.

I have not been able to recall all of the memorable events and, more regrettably, all of the names of the many JACLers who went out of their way to make us feel at home. I hope that this all-inclusive word of thanks will do the job.

As National Youth Chairman, I was most gratified by the tremendous enthusiasm of the IDC youth. I hope that the leadership that they have displayed will be a spark to other areas, and that a meaningful and interesting youth program may be developed for our national convention in Seattle.

To the IDC youth I would like to conclude this message, by commending them for their spirit, and congratulating them upon the momentous occasion of the birth of the Intermountain District Youth Council.

Roy Kurahara to be installed New York leader

NEW YORK. — The New York JACL will have its formal installation of 1961-62 chapter board officers and members on Saturday, Sept. 9, with National Director Mas Satow as the principal speaker.

Roy Kurahara, of 1301 Amsterdam Ave., was elected board chairman; Richard Akagi, the Rev. S. Garry Oniki, v.c.; Joe Harada, treasurer; Marion Giesler, cor. sec.; Florence Nogaki, rec. sec.; John Iwata, memb. and George Kyotow, imm. past chmn.; Dr. Shigeru Knodo, Roy Sakai, Mike Watabe and Fetsuo Yasuda, bd. membs.

Appointed to the board were Shosuke Sasaki, anti-defamation; Tom Hayashi, 1000 Club; Akira Hayashi, who died last week, had been Issei story chairman.

Nine Cal-Western life insurancemen from one agency attend convention

SACRAMENTO. — Nine members (pictured in the California-Western States Life Insurance Co. display advertising in this issue) of the Wilshire Agency attended the Leading Producers Club convention in San Francisco this week. Attendance is for those who meet company standards for both production and quality of new business procured during the past 18 months.



INTERMOUNTAIN YOUTH OFFICERS

Scene of the IDYC installation at the recent Pocatello convention shows National President Frank Chuman (at left) swearing in the youth district officers: Anne Kanomata, 1st v.c.; Harold Sasaki, 2nd v.c.; Dean Hayashida, treasurer; and Kris Inouye, pub. Ben Kawakami, chmn., was unable to attend due to a commitment in Hawaii. Seated at Chuman's left is Archie Service, toastmaster.



INTERMOUNTAIN ORATORS

Competing at the IDYC oratorical contest on the theme: "Struggle for First Class Citizenship", Carolyn Inouye (left) of Mt. Olympus Jr. JACL was the winner. Norman Watanabe (middle) of Snake River Jr. JACL was second. At right is National President Frank Chuman, who presented the awards.

Urashimataro theme of new Japanese garden at Sacramento's Fairytale Town

SACRAMENTO. — This Sunday, a miniature Japanese garden based on the well-known fable of Urashimataro—the Japanese Rip Van Winkle—will be dedicated at Fairytale Town at William Land Park as part of the city's observance of the Fairytale Town's second anniversary.

Idea for a Japanese tale to be represented at the park came when a local furniture store, Breuners, donated its Japanese garden display consisting of rocks, bridge, torii, etc.

An area of 300 sq. ft. was made available for construction of a miniature Japanese garden based on a Japanese children's story theme. The city presented the plans to Japanese community through the Nisei VFW Post, JACL and Japanese Gardeners' Assn. and a hastily-formed committee selected the story of Urashimataro. Other Japanese community groups including church and service clubs were also called in and the project was unanimously approved at a community meeting.

Nagao Sakurai, well-known Japanese landscape artist now residing in Berkeley, has agreed to do the landscaping. The city is providing additional shrubbery, material and part of the labor. Other costs are to be met by a public campaign, to be headed by Willie Sakai, Frank Yoshimura, Tak Tsujita and Toko Fujii. The Sumitomo Bank volunteered its services as the collection agency.

San Fernando benefit dance to host queen

Appearance of Nisei Week queen Dianne Kubota and her court was announced for the San Fernando Valley JACL benefit scholarship dance tomorrow at the Valley Community Center in Pacoima.

George Shibuya, general chairman, will be assisted by: Zen Takahashi, decorations; Runko Iijima, tickets; Linda Shibuya, arr. and Alan Onouye, emcee. Highlight will be the announcement of the chapter scholarship winners, it was added by Kats Arimoto, chapter president. Entertainment will be provided by Al Williams' combo, recently appearing at the Lighthouse and the Hollywood Bowl.

D.C. JACLers prepare for 'Aki-no-Ichi' bazaar

WASHINGTON. — "Aki-no-Ichi" (Autumn Mart) will be the catchy theme of the D.C. JACL bazaar scheduled for Saturday afternoon, Oct. 14, at Pierce Hall, 13th and Harvard NW. The event will feature Japanese food, exhibits and a white elephant sale. Aki Iwata and Harry Takagi are bazaar co-chairmen.



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We wish to express on behalf of the Frank Oda family for the many, many acts of kindness extended by the people of the Turlock area, and for the many letters from well-wishers from all the Northern California chapters and district councils following the recent automobile accident which hospitalized the entire Oda family.

Our latest information revealed that Frank, his wife Ruth and their two children have been released from the hospital and are staying with Frank's sister, Mrs. Mary Matsuoka of Tracy, Frank, Ruth and daughter Susan are still undergoing treatment.

SONOMA COUNTY JACL CHAPTER

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Living with JACL: by Saburo Kidō

First Nisei Lobbyist

Part VII: Continued

Since he had no organization behind him, it was a one-man campaign that T.N. Slocum waged to have the naturalization bill for Oriental veterans of World War I passed by Congress.

It was his prolific letter writing that laid the foundation for his drive. He was writing to all his wartime buddies and people in high position to solicit their sympathy and support.

His targets were the veterans' groups, such as the American Legion, the Veterans of Foreign Wars, Disabled American Veterans, Spanish War Veterans and others. To get to the top meant to have resolutions passed at the national convention or encampment. It was a hard campaign because he started with individuals, then separate posts and to the state gatherings. After they had acted, the matter was presented to the national gatherings.

Disabled American Veterans

One of the first resolutions to be passed was that by the Disabled American Veterans of Arizona. Slocum had made contacts while he was in that state.

Part of the resolution read as follows:

"Whereas: Following the World War, all honorably discharged members of Army, Navy, Marine Corps and Coast Guards of Foreign birth, were by special act of Congress, granted the right to become citizens, but by a decision of the United States Supreme Court (in which the Chief Justice Taft dissented), these veterans of Oriental birth were denied the right of citizenship. And

"Whereas: There were approximately seven hundred veterans of Oriental birth who served in the armed forces of the United States

during the war, and many serving overseas, and have honorable discharge in evidence thereof, who because of the present interpretation of the Act, are unable to enjoy the right to become citizens. And

"Whereas: This petition does not raise any issue of immigration as it applies only to those American World War veterans of Oriental birth who served honorably during the war and who are now residents of the United States or its territories. And

"Whereas: The courts in denying naturalization to Oriental veterans of the American forces, under the Acts of 1918 and 1919, have stated that 'the services rendered by the petitioner should be appropriately rewarded but the privilege of citizenship resting with Congress, and with Congress alone, the courts have no power to alter and extend the provisions of law to that end.' And

"Whereas: Since the World War, the right to become citizens has been granted to Puerto Ricans and Filipinos by virtue of their military or naval services to the United States, and even to conscientious objectors. And

"Whereas: We, as comrades, honestly and sincerely believe that these Oriental Veterans of the American forces, who valved their right to alien exemption from military service and chose to serve and defend the United States of America, their adopted country, in the time of war, are entitled to the right to become citizens. . . .

The petition was to be presented to the 1934 national convention.

I did not realize the part I had played until I ran across a correspondence from Edward J. Nerom, Commander of the Department of California and Nevada, to Slocum, which stated:

"I wish to inform you that the Department of California and Nevada Council of Administration met at Fresno on Sunday, May 13th, and the matter of endorsing the movement to ask certain Japanese and Chinese full fledged citizens of the United States who have served the armed forces during the world war, was brought up for discussion.

"Incidentally, your friend from San Francisco, a young Japanese attorney, gave a very nice little talk in the form of a plea to the movement.

"The Council instructed me to inform you that they were in sympathy with your cause and that I shall refer the matter to our National Legislative Committee of which Comrade George Brobeck is chairman, at Washington, D.C. feeling that there is where the matter rightfully be referred to and handled. . . ."

The reason why Slocum concentrated his efforts on the veterans groups was that if a resolution was passed by the national body, it would become a mandate upon the lobbyists in Washington, D.C. In other words, the representatives who were supposed to look after the legislative program of the American Legion or the Veterans of Foreign Wars would feel it to be their duty to help the enactment of what the resolution desired to accomplish.

This was believed to be the most practical way. It would mean that the powerful support of these two organizations would be supporting and pushing the bill towards enactment. Then Slocum could be a consultant without being forced to do the actual contacting and lobbying.

The groundwork was carefully laid. I had forgotten that I played some little part in appealing for the support of the naturalization bill.

40 of 8 Interested

Another interesting sidelight appears in the resolution that was passed by the American Legion Post 30 of Sarasota, Florida. It had wanted Slocum to join the movement but could not do so because he was not an American citizen. Such being the case, the members had unanimously agreed to present "the facts and qualifications of this prospective member to the Grand Voture of the Department of Florida with the request that the matter be presented by the Grand Voture at the coming Paris convention of the National organization, to the end that a special dispensation will be made and Tokutaro Slocum declared eligible for membership in the 40 and 8.

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