

Freedom in Housing

SINCE THE end of World War II, along with most other Americans, persons of Japanese ancestry have enjoyed significant progress toward the attainment of full citizenship rights.

Insofar as housing is concerned, however, progress has been especially slow and fractional, particularly when compared to notable advances in other fields of civil rights, even though the proper ghetto "Jap towns" have largely disappeared and the anti-land laws have been declared unconstitutional or are imperative.

Today, probably more than in any other field of civil and human rights, racial discrimination in housing remains the most frustrating and humiliating of the several problems that challenge persons of Japanese ancestry and the JACL. Accordingly, most welcome was the recommendation last week (October 5) of the Civil Rights Commission that President Kennedy issue a broad Executive Order banning racial discrimination in Federally aided housing and Federally supervised mortgage lending.

By including private lenders such as banks and savings and loan associations in its suggested order, the Commission went well beyond its proposals to President Eisenhower in 1959, and even exceeded those of the privately organized National Committee Against Discrimination in Housing, which is composed of some 33 national civil and human rights organizations including the JACL, two weeks ago to the White House.

CONCEDING that the Administration and Congress would have to work out the rules and the sanctions, which cover not only the sales but also the construction of homes, Berl I. Bernard, the Commission's staff director, said that the 195-page report "breaks new ground."

If all its recommendations were implemented, the Commission estimated they would affect roughly 90 per cent of privately financed home sales, as well as all existing public housing, urban renewal projects, and housing for the elderly.

The report cited some instances of discrimination against Jews and Japanese Americans, as well as other minority groups, but it centered on the housing problems of the Negro. It urged equal opportunity in housing for all Americans, regardless of race, color, or creed.

THE REPORT quotes testimony from Commission hearings that "mortgage financing is considered to be the fountainhead of the housing industry" and that "banks

dictate where Negroes can live". The six-man bipartisan Commission found that "At all levels of the housing and home-finance industries—from the builders and the lenders to the real estate broker and often even the local housing authority—Federal resources are utilized to accentuate discrimination."

Nevertheless, the Commission charged that the Government "has done virtually nothing" to prevent discriminatory use of Federal housing benefits.

IN ADDITION to calling on the President to issue an Executive Order directing all Federal agencies concerned with housing and mortgage credit to adopt policies that would contribute to the "national objective of equal opportunity in housing," the Commission recommended that:

(1) The President direct the Federal Housing Administration, Veterans Administration, and Federal National Mortgage Association to take steps to assure nondiscrimination by builders, bankers, and brokers who participate in Government programs.

(2) Municipalities and states receiving Federal funds for urban renewal and highways be required to assure decent, safe, and sanitary housing for families displaced by highway and slum clearance programs.

(3) The President direct the Urban Renewal Administration to require that contracts between local public agencies and developers contain a provision assuring that new housing will be accessible to all applicants, and

(4) The President direct all Federal agencies concerned with housing and mortgages to obtain information on how the agencies are making mortgage credit available to Negroes and other minorities.

The Federal regulatory agencies listed in the Commission's report include the Federal Home Loan Bank Board, which has already issued a policy resolution opposing race discrimination by any of the 4,700 savings and loan institutions it supervises, the Comptroller of the Currency, which offers Federal charters to national banks, the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation, and the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve Bank.

MEMBERS OF the Civil Rights Commission, which was created by Congress in 1957 and whose life was extended for another two years by the last Congress, are Dr. John A. Hannah, President of Michigan State University, chair-

man; Robert G. Storey, a Dallas attorney and former president of the American Bar Association, vice chairman; Robert S. Rankin, chairman of the Political Science Department of Duke University; the Rev. Theodore Hesburgh, President of Notre Dame University; Erwin N. Griswold, dean of the Harvard Law School; and Spotswood W. Robinson III, dean of the Howard University Law School.

THE NATIONAL Committee Against Discrimination in Housing, of which JACL is a member, and the Commission itself in its 1959 report to President Eisenhower, limited their recommendations to the elimination of racial discrimination in only Federal housing programs.

The JACL heartily endorses the Commission's recommendation extending the proposal against racial discrimination to include private lending institutions, because, if the President restricted his order to Government-aided programs, many real estate dealers probably would shun the FHA and VA mortgage-insurance programs for conventional mortgage financing.

There is, however, doubt as to whether either the President or Congress has the constitutional authority to control the lending practices of financial institutions regulated, but not controlled, by the Government. And, even if the legal authority exists, there remains the question of how an executive order or a Federal law would be enforced, since the Commission failed to suggest any enforcement powers.

In spite of these questions, JACL commends the Commission for its courage and its insight by including private institutions within the scope of its report, for the inclusion is most realistic and important enough to require judicial determination.

AT A PRESS conference, the Commission's staff director explained that the proposals would not, for example, interfere with a white homeowner's decision not to sell to a Negro.

But, if a white owner decided to sell to a Negro, a mortgage lender would be forbidden to deny a loan to a Negro on racial grounds.

This may be a nice distinction, but we believe it to be the proper one.

And, it is our hope that the President, who made a campaign pledge last October to take executive action to forbid discrimination in Government-aided housing, will not only redeem his promise but also include the extension recommended by the Civil Rights Commission last week.

FOREST GROVE, Ore. — Corinne Kinoshita, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Kinoshita of Parkdale, was awarded a \$175 Honors-At-Entrance award for the fall semester at Pacific University, Dr. L. R. Reynolds, chairman of the scholarship committee and dean of the university, announced here today.

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Chuman also thanked Governor Orville Faubus of Arkansas, who approved and signed the bill proclaiming the cemetery a historic site and further signed the appropriation bill for construction of a special highway to the cemetery.

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Japanese American acts as a secret agent for Japan in a plot to blow up the Panama Canal.

4 Little Tokyo, USA — A Bryan Fox production for 20th Century Fox, starring Brenda Joyce and June Duprez. A group of Japanese Americans in Los Angeles act as a front for Japanese treachery.

5 Black Dragon — Originally released under the title of "Let's Get Tough," a Sam Katzman production. Pictures a spy operation in New York composed of resident Japanese.

6 Behind the Rising Sun — Story by James R. Young, and stars Tom Neal. A student at Cornell University goes to Japan, and commits brutal acts in China as a Japanese soldier.

Films Based on Lies

In the National Headquarters letter to TV stations, it was pointed out that these films are based upon lies. "The files of every federal intelligence agency prove there was not a single case of espionage or sabotage by a resident of Japanese ancestry before, during or after Pearl Harbor," the TV stations were told.

The absolute loyalty of Japanese Americans to the United States is a matter of civil and military record. Racial stereotyping is obvious enough, but impugning our loyalty is even worse."

The JACL letter also regretted the continued showing of the anti-Nisei films in some areas. "It is disappointing that television must continue to run these old films (reviving false wartime hatreds and arousing suspicion against one segment of Americans, at a time when our country is making real progress toward approximating democratic ideals and is trying desperately to win the hearts and minds of the free peoples of the world."

Previous Campaigns

In the spring of 1952, the nationwide JACL campaign took the form of having local chapters alert their respective TV stations to these derogatory films. A general letter was drafted by the National JACL Committee against Discrimination in Entertainment and Allied Fields, chaired by Ina Sugihara of New York.

Some of TV stations outside of chapter areas were alerted by the then national president, the late Dr. Randolph M. Sakada.

The second campaign in March, 1957, resulted in 480 TV stations being informed by National Headquarters. About 50 stations voluntarily replied, assuring their cooperation in not showing the films.

The National Action of Radio and Television Broadcasters' code review board found merit in JACL's case and brought it to the attention of its member stations in its June, 1957, issue of the "TV Code Subscriber Bulletin."

Sen. Warren G. Magnuson (D) of Washington, chairman of the Interstate and Foreign Commerce Committee, took a personal interest in the campaign and requested copies of all JACL correspondence, including the replies from television stations. Sakada advised.

Action by Chapters

K. Patrick Okura, national v.p. of Omaha and national chairman of the JACL public relations committee, said copies of the Japanese American Creed and Con-

gressman Judd's tribute to JACL on its 25th anniversary were also included in the mailing.

Okura has alerted chapters to call on their local TV stations, informing them that a local JACL is in its area. He also suggested that if the stations have not shown these films to let them know the local Japanese American community is grateful.

Okura also outlined a method of protest if the picture is shown. Immediately telephoning of the station, followed up by letters of protest with copies going to the TV editor of local newspapers, National Headquarters and sponsors of the show were designated.

Internal Revenue explains tax on evacuation claims

WASHINGTON. — U.S. Internal Revenue Service has announced that it has received a number of inquiries involving a misunderstanding of awards received by Japanese Americans from the U.S. Government in connection with claims filed under the Japanese Evacuation Claims Act.

The act in question provides payment for damages to or loss of real or personal property, no property made for non-taxability of awards made thereunder, accordingly, for Federal tax purposes the IRS must treat these awards in accordance with the general provisions of the Internal Revenue Code applicable under the circumstances.

IRS advised, however, that the awards themselves are not taxable as such, except to the extent, if any, that the amounts received exceed the cost or other basis of the evacuee's property involved. The excess is, in general, subject to capital gains treatment and taxable up to a maximum rate of 25 per cent, unless the property involved was held for sale in the ordinary course of a trade or business. If the amounts received do not exceed the cost or other basis of the property, no tax will be due.

Rules for Jimmie Sakamoto Memorial PC Award for chapter newsletters told

LOS ANGELES. — Rules concerning the Jimmie Sakamoto Memorial, Pacific Citizen Award for "outstanding examples in publication of chapter newsletters" were announced this week by Dr. Roy Nishikawa, PC Board chairman.

The Sakamoto Memorial Award will be made annually. The first awards will be made at the 1962 National JACL Convention in Seattle, where the late Jimmie Sakamoto edited and published his Japanese American Corridor, first all-English Nisei publication in the U.S. before the evacuation and where he returned after World War II to work for St. Vincent de Paul's Society.

The contest is open to all chapters which publish and circulate newsletters as a service to its membership and/or community.

The awards will be made in several categories: (a) local chapter reporting, (b) editorial, (c) personality story, (d) youth section, (e) women's section, (f) cartoon, (g) national reporting.

The PC Board, however, may not issue awards in all seven categories if, in its opinion, an outstanding example is lacking for a particular category.

Equal Chance Afforded

Dr. Nishikawa also pointed out that no awards are being considered for general appearance, explaining that the editorial content of chapter newsletters would be subject to the judging. "We will give all the chapters an equal chance at the awards," he added.

To be eligible for the award, chapter newsletters must be sent to the PC Board members, who will serve as the judges. Their addresses follow:

Dr. Roy Nishikawa, 234 S. Oxford Ave., Los Angeles 4, Calif.
Mrs. Marjorie Yokoe, 19194 8th Ave., Los Angeles 18, Calif.
Tals Kushiida, 1604 S. Gramercy Pl., Gardena, Calif.
George J. Inagaki, 13427 Milton, Los Angeles 86, Calif.
Arthur Ito, 1707 Redcliff St., Los Angeles 26, Calif.
Dr. David Miura, 2148 Shipway Ave., Long Beach, Calif.
Sho Iino, 3647 Wellington Rd., Los Angeles 16, Calif.
Fred Takata, 327 E. 1st St., Los Angeles 12, Calif.
Saburo Kido, 2626 S. Dalton Ave., Los Angeles 18, Calif.
Jim Higashi, JACL Office, 125 Weller St., Los Angeles 12, Calif.

For the initial award, chapter publications dated between July 1, 1961, and June 30, 1962, shall only be considered. Judges should be sent back copies from start of the judging period, if available.

All entries shall become the property of the PC Board and none shall be returned.

UN stamp designer

UNITED NATIONS. — The United Nations Postal Administration will honor the United Nations Children's Fund by issuing on Dec. 4 a commemorative stamp.

The stamp was designed by Minoru Hisano of Tokyo. It will be issued in three, four and eight-cent denominations.

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CAMPAIGN AGAINST DEROGATION

Several instances of the use of the derogatory term "Jap" have recently been brought to attention. These indicate that JACL must undertake an aggressive campaign to explain our feelings on this matter just as we have done in alerting television stations about the objectionable World War II films. Merchants regaling tourists in specific instances is a rather feeble way of smothering the elimination of the derogatory term in written and spoken language.

Shosuke Sasaki of New York who was instrumental in getting the American Newspaper Guild to go on record against the use of the derogatory term a number of years ago, is working on a fruit of a leaflet expressing our views on this, assisted by George Kiyono and Dick Akagi. Various definitions will be included to show the term is one of derogation to correct the views of some respectable people who maintain "Jap" is merely colloquial for "Japanese." Our initial intent was to produce a mimeographed sheet to be distributed among our chapters, but we now feel this should be a printed job for wider distribution through human relations organizations and teachers groups.

JAPANESE HISTORY PROJECT

With Issei Story project Finance Chairman Sim Togauchi, we held a press conference at 1090 Clubber William Kimura's William and Mary's Sukiyaki for representatives of the vernacular press in San Francisco to outline the project. Present were Yano Akiko and Seiko Tomaru of Nichi Sei Times, Shigeo Yoshitani and Howard Imazeki of Honolulu Star-Bulletin, and Shimeo Azami, Editor and Publisher of the monthly Nippon America. To group made a number of helpful suggestions in reference to publicity for the project. We are deeply grateful for the continued cooperation of the vernacular press to JACL.

"Issei Story project" is the popular and rather loose designation for what will actually be the history of the Japanese in America and which will include the Nisei, also. A public announcement of the history project financial campaign will be made the first part of November with public acknowledgment of voluntary advance gifts to date. We also hope to have the project brochures ready for distribution by then.

1962 MEMBERSHIPS

We are pressing the printer to get out the first batch of 1962 national membership cards next

LIL TOKIO READY FOR PROPERTY IMPROVEMENTS

LOS ANGELES. — If the minds of Lil Tokio merchants can get together, an Oriental tourist mecca may become a reality.

The rezoning of the four blocks in Lil Tokio from M-2 to C-M zone will become a city ordinance as required by law early in November, according to Earl Tanabe, president of the Japanese Chamber of Commerce, who spearheaded the request for a change in behalf of his organization.

Passing the Los Angeles City Council on Sept. 25, it must wait 30 days and the mayor has 10 days after that date to sign it into law.

The new zoning classification will enable businessmen to build hotels, shopping centers, heretofore prevented under M-2.

Royals District

Councilman Edward R. Roybal whose 9th District covers the First and San Pedro Sts. areas extended his best wishes to Tanabe in a letter made public last week.

"I am with great pleasure that I inform you that City Planning Case 1183 regarding the change of zone in the Lil Tokio area, as requested by the Japanese Chamber of Commerce, was approved by the Council on Sept. 25."

"The findings of the Director of Planning as to the effect of the requested change of zone on the Master Plan was approved as to public necessity, convenience, general welfare and good zoning practice," Roybal said.

The change opens the way to rejuvenate the area and make it an outstanding attraction to the general public, Tanabe added.

Civil Rights —

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Problem of Double Shift

Parents and educators alike here say this puts teachers and teaching under excessive public pressures. They also agree with the civil rights committee that because of double-shifting in these schools, "numbers of children are idle on the streets throughout a good part of the school day, in many cases without supervision."

New schools are planned and under construction in many of the congested areas, but this is very slow-coming relief.

To the school board's credit, its critics admit, is its recent reversal of a school district boundary change which would have taken 55 white pupils from an integrated South Side school and put them in an all-white school.

New monthly interest plan announced by Sumitomo

SAN FRANCISCO. — The Sumitomo Bank of California, Friday announced a new monthly interest payment plan savings account.

Makoto Sasaki, president of the bank, states that this new savings plan pays interest every month with interest computed on a daily basis from the day deposits are received to the day of withdrawal, and that no other bank is offering this program at the present time in California.

This plan supplements the popular regular savings accounts which also pays interest computed on a daily basis. Sasaki further states that this program is designed for those who wish monthly income from their savings with no risk as to the principal.

New JAL airport office

SAN FRANCISCO. — Japan Air Lines has opened a new airport office at International Airport here with Hideo Umemoto, formerly of Tokyo, in charge. JAL will continue to maintain its Grant Ave. sales office headed by Glen Sano and the regional headquarters at 240 Stockton with Shigeo Kameda in charge.

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Aging —

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100 to 750 persons. The other senior citizens, whether male or female, were residing with their sons, daughters or other relatives or in some home for the aged provided for in the Japanese community.

Low Rental Apartments

D. There was a general feeling that the senior citizens living alone did not particularly desire the cooperative or dormitory style type of living in boarding houses which required the individual to share his living quarters with two or more other persons. This type of cooperative dormitory type of living precluded any individual privacy, which was desired by each of the senior citizens.

E. It was therefore the feeling of the conference that through government assistance, whether state or federal, there should be provided low rental type of apartment units with individual bath, kitchen and living quarter facilities.

F. The American citizens of Japanese ancestry, whether sons or daughters, seem to have a deep sense of personal responsibility and obligation to their parents, and in most cases, regardless of the individual and psychological conditions existing with the senior citizen parents and their sons or daughters living under the same roof, this pattern of responsibility was widespread and prevalent, thereby relieving the economic pressure on those senior citizens subsisting on benefits and government assistance.

G. Although the state department of Employment in Los Angeles has a very worthwhile program called the "Homemakers of Los Angeles" wherein senior citizens can be called from time to time to work in private homes, it was the feeling that because of language barriers, such programs for employment were not being utilized on a widespread basis by the senior citizens in the Japanese community.

Greatest Issei Concern

G. The greatest concern among our senior citizens, like that of others in the greater community, was the drastic economic detriment which would ensue in the event the senior citizens suffered a prolonged illness or personal injury, thereby depriving them of their individual resources.

There was a strong feeling that some adequate medical and hospital insurance coverage should be provided as soon as possible to protect all senior citizens in the event of illness or accident or physical disability.

H. It was felt that with reference to any type of housing units for the senior citizens, that there should be some relaxation of the present health regulations, so that persons residing in such boarding type homes could also be provided with the minimum amount of medical care within the boarding home without relinquishing their right to remain in the home by being referred out to the County Hospital where the senior citizen would be taken care of as public charity cases.

I. Once the economic pressures were alleviated and a more adequate medical and hospital coverage assured, it was the feeling of the conference that the most important factor in caring for the senior citizens was a recreational center where the senior citizens could freely come and go to partake of recreation, hobbies, visit with friends or make their own refreshments or carry on some worthwhile educational program in the Japanese language.

It was suggested that full use be made of the various denominational churches throughout metropolitan Los Angeles for such recreational centers.

THE FOLLOWING specific factors and recommendations were reported and agreed upon:

1. The need for recreational centers for the senior citizens.
2. The need for private living quarters with adequate medical services to those living in these facilities.
3. The need for an educational program for the senior citizens to provide them with a stimulating program for the remainder of their

lives.

4. The need for adequate hospital and medical insurance.

5. The need to alleviate the loneliness and boredom of the senior citizens through increased use of recreational centers.

6. The senior citizen committee of the aging be formed throughout Southern California to maintain a close relationship with city and county park and recreation departments and with senior citizen associations for exchange of ideas and programs with such private or governmental agencies.

7. More effective use of senior citizens in some limited occupational activity, not necessarily for the purpose of providing income for their livelihood, but to maintain the senior citizen's individual sense of worth, value and well being.

8. To maintain and encourage hobbies and other outside interests with proper guidance in such activities.

9. That there should be a more intensive adult education course sponsored in the Japanese language to prepare the senior citizens for their period of retirement.

10. To provide facilities and information to the senior citizen through the newspapers or other periodicals or organizations to inform the senior citizens of facilities for activities during their period of retirement.

IT WAS pointed out that because of the peculiar wave of immigration of our senior citizens, being those persons of Japanese ancestry born in Japan who came to the United States from 1895 to 1910 particularly, that the average age of our senior citizens of male classification was 70 years of age and for the female over 65, whereas the average age of the first generation American citizens of Japanese ancestry, being the children of these senior citizens, was at the present time approximately 38 years.

The great discrepancy in age raises not only economic but also social, psychological, cultural and linguistic problems which require special attention in the matter of caring for the senior citizens of the Japanese community.

Respectfully submitted,

Frank F. Chuman, National JACL President, Kaniel Takemura, social worker, Japanese Christian Church Federation

Mrs. Tsuyoi Hori, social worker, International Institute, Thomas Streit, State Dept. of Employment, Special Division on Aging

George Nakamura, Field Representative, Los Angeles Area, Social Security Admin. Fred Takata, Regional Director, PSWDC

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Sister Mary Bernadette, Japanese Maryknoll Mission, social worker for the Aging, Japanese Maryknoll Mission

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Masami Sasaki, owner of Home for the Aged, Japanese Buddhist Church

Martha Tachino, psychiatric social worker, Veterans Admin. Dr. Tom Watanabe, specialist on geriatrics

Jiro Morita, owner and operator of Home for the Aged, Pasadena, Calif.

Choyei Kondo, journalist, Saburo Kido, newspaper publisher and attorney

Kesaji Kanno, observer, Rev. Sohji Kowta, Japanese Christian Church Federation

Shimotsuka, pioneer Issei of Salinas, succumbs

LOS ANGELES. — Takejiro Shimotsuka of 1834 Stoner, West Los Angeles, formerly of Salinas, died at Crenshaw Center Hospital after a prolonged illness. He was 82.

He came to this country in 1902 and was a pioneer resident of Salinas where he served for many years as executive secretary of the Japanese Assn. and operated a Japanese gakuin.

He had been living in West L.A. since the war.

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The Spotlight

By Henry Mori

Los Angeles NEWSLETTER

TARO KANOW retired from county civil service last week after serving 35½ years with the Road Dept.

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In the words of Supervisor Burton W. Chace, chairman of the Road Committee, "Mr. Kanow worked himself up from the days of two-lane country road and the Model T Ford to today's era of tiered, multi-lane integrated freeways."

When serving in the bridge division, Kanow was the designer of many structures, including the \$15 million bridge on Rosecrans Ave. over the Los Angeles river which was completed in 1952.

He has served in all the major divisions of the County Road Dept. The 60-year-old county engineer admitted that time has changed, but that during the 1920s and the 30s "we used to camp out when we went out on street projects."

He said the time involved in transportation made it impractical for one to go home, then report to work again the following morning.

We asked him what his plans were for the future now that he's retired at an early age of 60. "I'll be busy fixing my home, traveling, camping and fishing," the Alhambra resident said. Fortunately for him, his wife (nee Shige Takai of Sacramento) also loves the outdoor life.

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Ye Editor's Desk

BERLIN SEEMS LIKE IT'S NEXT DOOR

SINCE THE first of October, when reserve and National Guard units throughout the United States were activated by the President in view of the crisis in Berlin, those who were affected feel Berlin is much closer than ever before.

It would seem the majority of the Nisei, who served in World War II era, is beyond the age of being mustered for service but worries whether a fallout shelter in the backyard is necessary.

And JACL chapters which have been grooming young men for Jr. JACL leadership will see them being called into the service as the draft gets into high gear.

That Sunday morning of Aug. 13 when the Iron Curtain banged down at the Brandenburg Gate and other check points in Berlin, Southlanders were beginning to celebrate Nisei Week and the crisis of Berlin was outdazzled temporarily by bunting and lanterns up and down First and San Pedro Streets.

It's time we take a good look at Berlin.

Berlin has a land area of 341 square miles. For comparison, imagine the Los Angeles basin south of the Santa Monica mountains and the areas west of the Los Angeles river. And East-West border of Berlin might be Western Avenue. (The Russian sector of Berlin is roughly seven miles west of the eastern city limits.)

For another picture of Berlin in terms of local topography, readers outside of Los Angeles might select a center of their town, which would be the site of the Brandenburg Gate, and embrace an area of about 10 miles radius from the center. The Soviet sector is roughly one-third.

IT IS said that great cities stand where do they do by the dictates of geography. Berlin is a commercial hub of Germany, a major road, rail and canal center. By looking at the maps, one can see that Berlin is a natural funnel for goods moving from east to west. Its importance as a center dates from medieval times and ranks after London and Paris in wealth and population.

The Soviet garrisons in East Germany, so long as they remain in an occupation and training status, can ship bulk supplies through West Berlin or route them around the city if they take the time and trouble. But it would be no easy matter to by-pass Berlin in supporting a major military assault against Western Europe. There are the advantages, then, to having a Western "roadblock" 110 miles behind advance Soviet formations.

The potential of West Berlin becomes even more significant when one considers the situation of the Soviet army in Eastern Europe. Surrounded by a hostile population and unable to depend upon its satellites, the Russian Army must guard every inch of its communications with Russia. Hence, a Free Berlin on the main supply line is a prime objective to the Soviets.

And to dispose of Berlin by nuclear attack, according to military writers, would also dispose of the city's traffic and communication facilities at a time when they would be most needed. And any direct Communist attack on West Berlin would invite a Western nuclear counterattack on Russia itself.

Hence, we can immediately judge the significance of Free Berlin in the defense of Western Europe.

To make this role possible, the Allied garrisons in West Berlin have been reinforced in recent weeks.

It is now two months since the Berlin drama began and thus far it appears we have kept our nerve, mobilizing our full moral and physical forces. Meanwhile, the Big Three is determined not to take any hasty action that might set the fuse of a very tense situation.

THE HISTORY of Berlin goes back to 1442. By 1442, it became the residence of the Hohenzollerns, the royal German family that eventually ruled Prussia and installed as emperors of Germany in the 19th and 20th centuries.

The significance of Berlin as a great city is to be noted by its improvement and expansion after being devastated in the Thirty Year War in the 17th century, the Seven Year War in the 18th century and the Franco-Prussian War in the 19th century. Berlin was again ravaged by bombs during World War II and its resurrection—at least in West Berlin—has been brilliant.

One more footnote we'd like to add about Berlin is that the Treaty of Berlin in 1878, ending the Russo-Turkish War that doomed the Ottoman Empire is the rise of several nations which are remembered only in our stamp album: Serbia, Montenegro, Bosnia and Herzegovina.

TESTIMONIAL FETE FOR JUDGE TAMURA OPEN TO PUBLIC

SANTA ANA. — A public testimonial dinner honoring Orange County Superior Judge Stephen K. Tamura, recently appointed by Governor Brown, was announced this week by dinner chairman Henry Kanaga. The dinner to be held at the Charter House Restaurant of Anaheim on Wednesday evening, Oct. 25, is under the joint auspices of the Orange County JACL Chapter and the Kazuo Masuda Memorial Post Veterans of Foreign Wars.

Judge Tamura, the second Nisei on the mainland to be appointed to the bench, is a 1900 Club member of the Orange County JACL and a prewar chapter president. He was awarded the Distinguished Achievement Award of the JACL for the 1959-1960 Biennium and is a member of the VFW, American Legion and the Lions Club.

Sponsors of the testimonial dinner also announced that Superior Court Judge John A. Also of Los Angeles has consented to be the guest speaker for the evening. The Charter House Restaurant is located directly across from Disneyland on Harbor Blvd. A social hour will precede the dinner slated to begin promptly at 7 p.m.

Tickets may be secured by contacting any cabinet member of the Orange County JACL. Reservations may also be made by calling the JACL Regional Office (MA 6-4471) or the Japanese Chamber of Commerce (MA 6-5159) by Saturday, Oct. 21.

Nisei buys into Fowler weekly as co-publisher

FOWLER. — Seico Hanashiro and Albert T. Huxley, employees of the Fowler Ensign, have formed a partnership to purchase the Fowler Ensign, 67-year-old weekly. It was announced by publisher William J. Muenzer this past week. The new owners are both well-known in this community. Huxley has been advertising manager of the Ensign for the past eight years and editor for the past three years. Hanashiro has been composing room foreman and sports editor of the weekly for the past 10 years.

Huxley will continue to be editor and advertising manager and will assume the additional duties of business manager. Hanashiro will take on the additional duties as mechanical superintendent of the printing plant, which also prints several other newspapers and does a large volume of quality printing. Hanashiro is a graduate of the Fowler Union High School and served his printing apprenticeship at Los Angeles Trade Technical Junior College. He is a veteran of World War II with service in France and Italy.

Before coming to the Ensign, Huxley was associated with the Massey-Ferguson Co., of Fowler as purchasing agent and accountant.

Li'l Tokio application for savings bank denied

LOS ANGELES. — An application by a Nisei group for a savings and loan association charter to operate and one by another group which includes two Nisei were denied last week by the California state savings and loan commission.

The Nisei Merit Savings and Loan group had filed for a license on June 8 to operate in the E. 1st and San Pedro area and adjacent eastside district. Incorporators and directors were listed in the application as:

George T. Aratani, Joseph Ito, Dr. George K. Kambara, George E. Maruya, Kiyoshi Maruyama, Wallace T. Nagata and Joseph S.

Detroit JACL's Fall Dance scheduled for Oct. 21

DETROIT. — The Detroit JACL will hold its Fall Dance Oct. 21 at the Serbian American Hall with the popular Twilights, a three-piece combo, furnishing the music for the evening. Stan Malecki and Dick Kadoshima are dance co-chairmen.

MUTUAL BENEFIT DANCE SCHEDULED IN PASADENA. — The Gardeners Assn. of Pasadena will hold its annual Mutual Benefit Dance on Oct. 21 at the Elks Lodge here from 9 p.m. The Hot Toddlies will provide the music, according to Bob Miyamoto, publicist.

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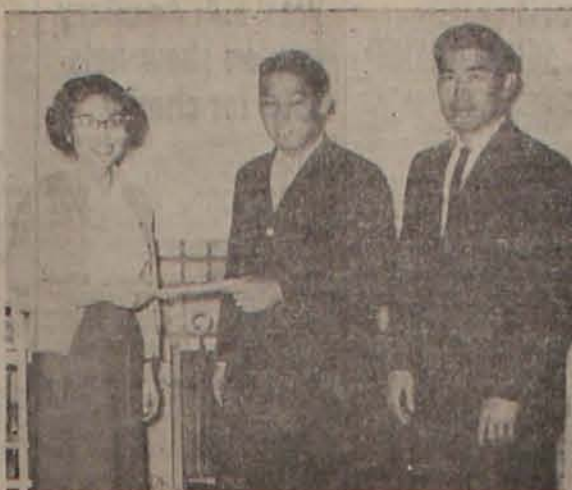
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1961 CHAPTER SCHOLARSHIP WINNER

Kathy Reyes, San Francisco JACL scholarship chairman, presents \$250 check to Winslow Matsumura (center), who just returned from a Japan trip with Boy Scout Troop 58. At right is John Yasumoto, chapter president. The young student is studying premed at U.C. Berkeley, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Mas Matsumura of 1729 Laguna St., and is an Eagle Scout and life member of the California Scholarship Federation.—Steve Doi Photo.

Christmas Cheer campaign opens with mail solicitations, clubs offer assistance

LOS ANGELES. — First letters of solicitation were mailed this past weekend with the assistance of the Funsters Club. It was reported by the Christmas Cheer Committee.

Assisting chairman Fred Taomae in the work session were Mary Atagi, pres.; Pat Takeyama, sec.; and Mary Yusa, treas. Other members of the group helping Cheer with mailing and preliminary clerical work were: May Nomura, Grace Mitsui, Kazy Kitano, Y. Iwamoto, and Sachi Matsumoto.

Meanwhile Dr. Ken Yamaguchi of the Pasadena Buddhist Church offered his group's cooperation with the 14th Annual Christmas Cheer Drive. The Pasadena Bukyo Fujinkai will also assist.

The success of the annual Christmas Cheer Fund Drive depends to a large extent on the support and cooperation received from such community minded clubs and organizations, emphasized Taomae.

\$215 Budget Set
It was also revealed that the 1961 Christmas Cheer Drive will operate on a maximum budget of \$215. The amount includes: all printing, postage and stationery, \$160; packing and wrapping supplies, \$30; and miscellaneous expenses, \$25. During the record

breaking 1960 drive, the actual operating expenses came to \$135 or 2.6 per cent of the total gross receipts of \$5,278 (including \$3,103.40 in cash donations).

The current Christmas Cheer Drive started with a net cash balance of \$6.23 in account with the Sanjomo Bank of Los Angeles, which is again providing free services. The balance as of Dec. 27, 1960 was \$91.87, representing cash received after all distribution was completed. During the interim period up to the opening of the current drive, \$17.48 was received from A.I.D. (Associated In-Group Donors). Expenditures during the same period were: \$18.12, unpaid bill from the 1960 Drive (Long Beach Jr. YBA) (see sale); \$15, emergency aid; and \$50 for postage (1961 Drive).

As in the past years, the two major sources of donations to Cheer are the mail solicitations and special projects and benefits conducted by clubs and organizations. Very little if any personal solicitation is conducted. All contributions to Christmas Cheer are individually recorded and promptly acknowledged. The Christmas Cheer of Nisei are at: JACL Regional Office, 125 Weller St. (302), Los Angeles 12 (MA 6-4471).

Nisei protests proposed residential zoning restriction for Fountain Valley

SANTA ANA. — This past week a "standing room only" crowd was on hand at the Orange County Planning Commission public hearing on a proposed zoning ordinance establishing land classifications and districts within the city of Fountain Valley, whose mayor is Nisei James Kanno.

Pinpoint target of the citizen's wrath was the building site area requirement which stated that the minimum area for single dwelling shall be set at 7,200 square feet. Property owners protested the edict, stating that the minimum figure would stifle the natural

growth of the fledgling city. Most property owners, including farmer Arthur Hiroshima who owns 240 acres in the north section of Fountain Valley, said a "6,000 square feet minimum would be more realistic."

Speaking into a microphone at the meeting, Hiroshima said, "I am convinced that this ordinance as it stands will not help in the growth of our city. I think it would be economically unwise for development to come to Fountain Valley, when surrounding cities have a more adaptable 6,000 square feet minimum."

Planning Commission chairman George Preble told the group of protesters that the ordinance would be heard before Fountain Valley city council Oct. 16 at 8 p.m. and would become effective Nov. 16.

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San Francisco voters' rally for local election set

SAN FRANCISCO. — Candidates for local city and county offices and supporters of various propositions are being invited by the Nisei Voters League and the San Francisco JACL for a voters rally on Friday, Oct. 20, 8 p.m., at the Park Presidio YMCA.

Yori Wada, chairman of the Nisei Voters League and an active Nisei Democrat, will chair the rally. He succeeds Jack Kusaba, who has served as NVL chairman since it was organized three years ago.

While the JACL chapter is prohibited by its charter to make political recommendations, the NVL plans to canvass its membership after the Oct. 20 meeting and publicize their choices.

Other NVL officers recently elected were Tad Ono, v.p.; Mrs. Y. Hironaka, sec.; San Sato, treas.; Jack Kusaba, pub. rel.; and Don Nogi, sgt.-at-arms. Elected to the board were James K. Hiko, Hatsu Aizawa, Dr. Tokaji Hedani, Dr. Himeo Tsumori, Dr. Kazuo Togasaki, Yasuo Abiko, John Yasumoto, Marshall Sumida, Howard Imazeki, Steve Doi, Chibi Yamamoto, Yone Satoda, Edison Uno and Fred Hoshiyama.

Hiko, local Nisei who has been active in Republican campaigns, served as precinct captain in the Richmond district near his home a year ago.

Membership in the NVL is \$1 per year.

Gus Hikawa feled as Chicago Legion post commander

CHICAGO. — Despite a steady downpour, some 170 guests and members packed the Chicago Buddhist Church assembly hall on Sept. 23 to witness Chicago JACL Credit Union board member and 1960 Clubber Richard "Gus" Hikawa take the oath of office as Commander of Chicago Nisei Post 1183 of the American Legion for 1961-62. Abe Hagiwara, nationally prominent JACL leader, was the guest speaker at this 13th annual installation.

The following officers also installed were Sr. Vice Commander Tak Hirai, staff artist for Chicago JACL Chapter Bulletin; Jr. Vice Commander Carl Ogawa, 1000 Clubber; Finance Officer William Okumura, former JACL Board Member; Adjutant George Nakamura; Service Officer Tom Kihara; Post Chaplain Larry Oshima; and Judge Advocate Masaru Fumai, JACL Board Treasurer.

National Guard Major

The new commander, a locally successful attorney, who holds the rank of major in the National Guard Reserves was presented the Commander's gavel and pin by outgoing Commander, Hiro Mayeda, former Chicago Chapter board chairman.

The Chicago Nisei Post is planning to charter a bus to transport a 50-man delegation, including its crack Third District Honor Guard and rifle squad, to participate in the official commemoration ceremonies of the Nisei War Memorial Monument at Rohwer, Ark. on Oct. 15.

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HONOLULU. — House Speaker Elmer F. Cravath and Tommy Kono, Olympic weightlifter, have been named Hawaii's candidates for the Ten Outstanding Young Men of the Nation, sponsored by the National Junior Chamber of Commerce.

Kono was selected for his outstanding progress in health education and physical fitness, and past performance in Olympic games.

Cravath was selected for his outstanding performance in politics.

Carnegie debut of blind kotoist hailed by critics

NEW YORK. — Music critics of New York's afternoon newspapers this past week hailed as a triumph Kimio Eto's recital in Carnegie Hall Oct. 1 on the koto, the ancient Japanese musical instrument.

"Eto made a triumphant New York debut in a dazzling display of skill and artistry," commented Louis Biancolli in the New York World-Telegram and Sun.

Miles Kastendieck, writing in the Journal-American, said "through the magic in his fingers and the charm in his style and manner of playing, he captivated his audience. In some numbers he was assisted by his wife playing the bass koto, John Wummer the flute and Nathan Stutch the cello. Always the unique quality of the koto molded the atmosphere of the performance."

Eto is the blind kotoist from Japan, now a resident of Los Angeles.

Alameda bridge tourney won by Min Yonekura

ALAMEDA. — Min Yonekura was awarded first prize in the Alameda JACL bridge tourney held on Saturday, Sept. 30, at the local Buena Vista Methodist Church hall.

Other prize winners included Yoshihiko Umeno and Robert Mizokuchi.

Watsonville bowlers

WATSONVILLE. — Champions in the Watsonville Nisei Mixed Trio summer league, just concluded, were revealed this past week.

H & S Nappa trio of Sam Sugidono, Fumi Sugidono and Jim Etow won the team title. Other trophies were awarded to:

Men — HIS Buz Noda 654, HIC Saichi Kimoto 247, HAV Saichi Kimoto 218, Harry Yagi.

Women — HIS Sumi Hamai 186, HIS Michi Noda 181, HAV Grace Hayashi 144, MIB Fumi Sugidono.

San Franciscan wins Cal Nisei golf open over field of 127

MONTEREY. — Yozo Kobayashi of San Francisco, veteran golfer of the Golden Gate Golfers, outshot a field of 127 other entrants to win the California state Nisei championship here Oct. 1.

The 52-year-old four-handicap golfer carded a par 72 at Del Monte and finished up with a difficult Pebble Beach course for a low gross total of 151.

Runner-up some six strokes behind was George Ura of Watsonville, 1956 state Nisei tourney winner, with 76-81-157.

Two players were tied for third with 159 each, but Tom Sasamoto of Holland, Mich., who shot 86-83 in regular play, defeated Frank Yoshioka of the host San Jose Garden City Club on the second extra-playoff hole. Yoshioka finished with a 74-85 card.

The team championship again went to Watsonville Eagles, the defending titlist. This is the third time the Eagles have been victorious since the team event was inaugurated nine years ago.

The host Garden City Club, winners in 1953-55-58-59, came in second while Top Notch of Los Angeles, winners in 1954, took third.

Louis Hayashida of Watsonville captured the low net crown of the 1961 tournament. The 12-handicap shot an 84 for a net par at Pebble Beach and finished with an 84-85 (121)—146.

Gordy Kono of Berkeley, who gave up a chance to win an Oakland Hi-Fi Club 36-hole tournament in which he was leading, took second low net with 76-84 (6)—148.

Henry Aihara of Orange County Club came in third with a net score of 86-80 (8)—150.

Near 14-lb. striped bass wins Sequoia JACL derby

REDWOOD CITY. — The Sequoia JACL bass derby on Oct. 1 saw trophies go to A. Tabuchi for his 13 lb. 13 3/4 oz. catch. Other award winners were:

2nd—Ralph Doi, 13 lb. 13 oz.; 3rd—Jack Sato, 7 lb. 12 1/2 oz.; for the smallest fish, K. Otsu, 1 lb. 7 oz.

Acknowledgement of trophies to the following donors was made to: Kawauchi Insurance, Yamane Jewelers, Enomoto & Co., Fukuma Insurance.

ALAMEDA. — Taro Takeda won the Alameda JACL bass derby held on Sunday, Oct. 1, with a catch of 12 lb. 10 1/2 oz.

Takeda was awarded a trophy and a merchandise prize. Others receiving prizes were Tates Hanamura, Hi Akagi and Futami Mayeda.

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While the enthusiasm of members in the smaller chapters of ACL has been great, a study of the membership and financial support of the larger communities indicates a need for far greater support from the Japanese in the large cities.

Tanabe, Philadelphia; Treasurer—Mr. Kaz Horita, Philadelphia; 1000 Club Chairman—Dr. Eiichi Koizumi, Philadelphia; Rec. Sec.—Miss Setsu Hada, Washington, D.C.; Cor. Sec.—Miss Emi Kamachi, Washington, D.C.

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The majority of the Americans of Japanese descent are farmers, but it must be said that there are increasing numbers of the

Calendar

Oct. 14 (Saturday)
Honolulu—Beverly Japanese movies.
Honolulu—15th Anniversary banquet.
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Honolulu—Kikaku, Pierce Hall, 16th and
Howard.
Oct. 14-15
Louis—Full Moon Festival, Sheraton
Jefferson Hotel, 3 p.m.
Oct. 15 (Sunday)
Santa Costa—Meeting, Richmond
Hotel, Young Center, 7 p.m.;
Panel: "Nisei on the March."
Honolulu—Feast of October Moon, 7
p.m.
Chicago—Teen Chalm School, Olivet
Community Center, 2 p.m.
Los Angeles (Nisei)—Youth Center
and Los Angeles—Auxiliary meeting,
home of Mr. and Mrs. Suso Hira-
shima.
Oct. 19 (Thursday)
Sacramento—Dinner, Governor's
Residence.
Honolulu—MPCD and Denrai-Takaya
Jain Committee benefit, "Bridge to
Sun" play, Denrai Theater.
Oct. 21 (Saturday)
Long Beach—Autumn Ball, Harbor
Community Center.
Oct. 23 (Wednesday)
Orange County—JACL VFW testimo-
nial for Judge Tamura, Chatter
Box.
Oct. 27 (Friday)
Honolulu—Fall meeting, Tri-State Bud-
dhist Church.
Honolulu—General meeting, Olivet
Community Center, 7:30 p.m.; John
Uchiyama.
Honolulu—Hall meeting, Nisei
Uchiyama.
Oct. 28 (Saturday)
Milwaukee—Hawaii meeting, Blatz
Pavilion, Lincoln Park.
Seattle—Culver—Hall meeting, party,
7:30 p.m.
Oct. 29 (Sunday)
Portland—Dinner meeting, Benson
Hotel, 8:30 p.m.; Johnny Carpenter,
speaker.
Honolulu—Hall meeting, party, Down-
town YWCA.
Honolulu—Party—Nisei G.I. Memorial
at Francien—Chapter golf tourna-
ment, Benoma Country Club.
Honolulu—Hall meeting, party (tent.)
Honolulu—Hall meeting, Olivet
Community Center, 3 p.m.
Oct. 31 (Saturday)
East Los Angeles—Chapter dinner-
dance, 7:30 p.m.
Seattle—Falls—Suburby dinner and
elections, JACL Hall, 7 p.m.
Liver County—21st annual Goodwill
dinner, Fairgrounds, Auburn, 7:30 p.m.
Nov. 5 (Monday)
Honolulu—Party—Suburby dinner
(tent.)
Nov. 10 (Friday)
Philadelphia—Hall meeting.
Nov. 12 (Sunday)
Honolulu—NC-WSCD quarterly meet-
ing, Youth Recognition dinner, Bud-
dhist Hall.
Chicago—Teen Chalm School, Olivet
Community Center, 2 p.m.

A. JACL square dance planned for Saturday, Oct. 28, has been cancelled, according to Mae Nomura, social chairman.

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