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By Haruo Ishimaru, NC-WNDC Chairman

HISTORY OF CONSISTENT SERVICE

San Mateo

The largest District Council in membership and in chapters is the Northern California-Western Nevada District Council. It has had a long history of service to the National JACL and to the problems which concern Japanese Americans.

Although not the largest area in terms of numerical potential, nevertheless it has consistently had the highest membership and given the greatest financial support to the national program.

This year it is my privilege to serve as chairman of this District Council, following in the footsteps of Henry Kato, stalwart JACL leader for many years.

Gerry formerly was in the Fresno JACL and because of his business activities has moved into the San Jose area and I suspect that he has an active membership card in the Fresno and San Jose JACL.

Other persons who fill out a very able and able cabinet are secretary (second year) Board member Fred Dohana (Stockton), Bill Kawagi (Fresno), Jack Kinoshita (San Francisco) and Paul Matsuura (San Jose). Junior Board members are Steven Doi (San Francisco), Jim Murami (Sacramento County), Ted Masuoka (Delano), Norman Mineta (San Jose), Thousand Oaks chairman Bill Marysville).

Geographically we range on the west from Sonoma County in the north to Monterey in the south and east from Marysville in the north (Livingston-Merced in the south. The eastward direction we start with the Reno Chapter in the east and proceed all the way out to the Pacific.

Among present and former national officers in our area are Akio Sakimura of Colusa, Jerry Enomoto, National Secretary, and Phil Matsumoto, Third Vice President. Our District Council has been known for its activity and with the coming crop of junior board members next year retiring some of our veterans, I think that we can look forward to even greater activity. We will be making a big noise at the National Convention in Seattle which is certainly a tribute to a wife Yoshiko and we since we can claim it as our home town.

BIRTH OF AN INDUSTRY

Probably the largest industry affecting Japanese Americans in California is in the gardening and related fields. It is estimated that there may be 20,000 Japanese American gardeners in California. A strong organization of the gardeners is a postwar phenomenon. Although Japanese Americans notoriously dominate the field, of course there are persons of many different racial backgrounds in this growing industry.

The industry is coordinated by the California Landscape Gardeners Coordinating Council which is composed of three groups: The Northern California Gardeners Association headed by Kay Tanaka, the Northern California Gardeners Association headed by Ben Rignolo, JACL regional director.

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NON-COMMERCIAL FM STATION SEEKS NISEI SUBSCRIBERS

To Offer Ethnic Groups Free Time for Program Of Educational Nature

LOS ANGELES.—Plans interest for including activities of the Japanese American community are being made for programming of non-commercial FM station KPFK was recently formed by Jim Rignolo, JACL regional director.

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PSW delegates to review budget

LOS ANGELES — National Director Mas Satow will confer with chapter presidents, official convention delegates and executive board members of the Pacific Southwest District Council, which is holding an executive meeting in preparation for the pre-convention rally in Gardena, May 19-20.

Primary purpose of the meeting is to review the budget and work program for the District Council.

The early review of the budget is being taken to all district councils in the hope that they will be have all convention delegates thoroughly familiar with the budget so that time at the national council session will be saved for more important and allow delegated time to visit the World's Fair.

Satow also expected to review other national convention agenda items.

Project Nihonmachi

SAN FRANCISCO — Mrs. Tricia Kimura was appointed executive secretary of the United Committee for the Japanese Community (Project Nihonmachi) this week by Suisuma Tagasaki, chairman. The Project office will be open from May 1 at 924 Pacific St.

St. Louis tourist attraction to be redesigned by Obata

ST. LOUIS.—Kim Obata has been retained by the City of St. Louis to redesign the Forest Park Jewel Box, one of the major attractions for visitors here, the St. Louis JACL Newsletter reported this week.

A QUEEN FOR A COLONY OF ANTS

What is the girl doing? This is Ellen Kimura, who is the queen of the JACL National Convention in Seattle July 26-28. She works in the United States Science Pavilion at the World's Fair and just before opening day is riding herd on a colony of ants. Another Science Pavilion employee is Penny Beppu, who we were not able to locate on this trip. —Ellen Ozawa Photo.

The 74-Acre Jewel Box Beckons

SEATTLE—A 74-acre Jewel Box was unveiled here on April 21 as the World's Fair Century 21 Exposition beckoned a tremendous influx of travelers to the Pacific Northwest Queen City by rail, air, car and ship.

And that trend is expected to continue throughout the next six months as visitors come to preview the World of Tomorrow. The World's Fair was given international status by the Bureau of International Expositions and hopes include many from foreign lands.

The mission of fair visitors is to learn to the housing industry in the whole area.

The fair delegate should serve as a reminder for those who anticipate coming to Seattle for the 17th Biennial National JACL Convention July 28 to 30 to be registered and to carry their development story.

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A $15 deposit will hold your reservation.

Registration for Jack Inaba and Phil Hayasaka asks that $2 be sent in as convention arrangements can be facilitated. Early registration may prove a lucky thing if you are winner of the special door prize for pre-registrants. "A Night on the Town" will be something you can enjoy without digging into your own pocket books, he said.

General Chairman James Matsuoka added that those coming to the convention can obtain discount tickets for the World's Fair. The cheaper length limited supply and will pass on the savings on a first come basis.

Booklet Deadline Eased

April 21 was the advertising deadline for the convention booklet. It has been extended to May 1 may get in under the wire. The booklet will be a colorful convention reminder.

All advertisements should be mailed to the 17th Biennial National JACL Convention, Suite 320, 318 4th Ave. South, Seattle 4.

Fountain Valley re-elects Jim Kanno as mayor for fourth consecutive term

FOUNTAIN VALLEY. — Mayor James Kanno of a City Council meeting last week was unanimously re-elected to the post he has served for three terms, since the founding of the city in 1957.

Kanno was sworn into office for the fourth time by City Administrator Ed McDonald.

A resolution honoring Charles Ishii, who was defeated in an unsuccessful bid for the mayor's election, was unanimously passed. John Knight to have the title of vice mayor, Ishii defeated by Knight from the 7,200 square feet measured by the city planner, commented at the recent meeting.

A record turnout of 85 per cent of the registered voters at the April 10 election was the highest percentage registered in a city in Orange County.

The City Council adjourned after making decisions on 32 major issues on the agenda confronting the future growth of this fast developing city in Orange County.

Tom Kiteyama elected Union City mayor again

UNION CITY. — Tom Kiteyama, who received the highest number of votes in the April 10 election for the city council seat, was elected mayor of four-year-old Union City for the second time, it was learned last week. His tenure is for one year.

Kiteyama was the first mayor of the city when it was incorporated in 1959. He has been on the city council ever since.

Supreme Court extends reapportionment decision to empower state courts to review

WASHINGTON. — The U.S. Supreme Court Monday ordered Michigan to take a new look at the reapportion representation of its and country seats in its State Senate.

In action that could have far-reaching effects on many states, the high court in a 7 to 1 decision ordered the Michigan Supreme Court to re-examine a state constitutional amendment which fixes the voting districts for the Michigan Senate according to a modified 1925 formula.

The high tribunal ordered "further consideration" of the case in light of the landmark Tennessee reapportionment decision of March 26.

Under that ruling, federal courts were given the power to consider whether all voters are fairly represented in state legislatures.

Monday's decision extended similar authority to state courts.

State Senate Questions

In Michigan's case, the order also ordered the question of representation in the State Senate where, as in the U.S. Senate and the California Senate, representation is on a regional rather than a population basis.

In that respect, the ruling differs from the Tennessee case in which representation in the state legislature, including the House of Representatives, was involved.

The Michigan case was brought to the high court by August Scholle, state president of the AFL-CIO who claimed he was underrepresented in the Senate.

Appealing a 5 to 3 decision against him by the Michigan Supreme Court in 1960, Scholle, who lives in suburban Detroit, said he is one-thirteenth that of Senatorial residents, and that the situation "will likely worsen" in the future.

Two firms banned from gov't business due to racial bias

WASHINGTON.—Two firms were banned last week by the President's Committee on Equal Employment Opportunities from being awarded further government contracts because they correct questionable racial policies.

The firms named in the order by Jerry R. Holleman, acting executive vice chairman of the committee chaired by Vice President Lyndon B. Johnson, are Mobile Specialists, C. Lewis, III, and Central Wire, Inc., with plants at Houston and Beaumont, Tex., Stuttgart, Ark., and New Orleans.

The action was the tougher taken so far by the committee in enforcing President Kennedy's executive order requiring equal job treatment for government contractors. Similar action is being considered against other companies, it was stated.

The committee said the firms furnished the members of Dr. Kendal, Parks Rice, Sandal Sculpture and Lee Mathews, but said it didn't know if it had any Negro employees.

SAN FRANCISCO CHAPTER MEMBERSHIP COUNT EASING TOWARD 1,000

SAN FRANCISCO.—Latest membership count in San Francisco JACL is 988, according to membership chairman Don Nagi. Although the official campaign ended last week, the chapter membership drive will be published when voted at National Headquarters. Meanwhile the chapter is collecting funds for the JACL Japanese History Project will continue to campaign for members until midMay, according to Dr. Tom Taketa, chapter president.)

$52,000 AMASSED FOR 'ISSEI STORY' PROJECT FUND

Two $1,000 Contributions from San Francisco Acknowledged by JACL

SAN FRANCISCO. — Four donations totaling $2,000 were reported this week by Sonny Tsuchiya of Fresno, Central California District Chairman for the JACL Japanese History Project. $1,000 from Masao Satow, Kay Kido Hardware; $1,000 from Sakai Family (Oak Co.), and $50 from Hirofumi Okamoto (Bungalow Co.), and from Dr. Kay K. Ito and Atty. Dr. William and Grace.

$500 was received from the California Corporation Sacramento Area, Yoshio Nishimoto, president, through the Sequoia chapter.

The grand total to date is $52,340.

Mrs. T. Okajima of New York City contributed $50 in memory of her husband, Tetsuro Okajima, who passed away in January at the age of 81. He came to the United States in 1907 and was the operator of the Art Jewelry Co. in Madison Ave.

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East of the River

POOL HALL

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I have friends who are an inexhaustible source of misinformation.

They are not malicious, nor even willfully disingenuous. They tell me things which they know will interest me and if, in soliciting my interest, the facts get bent a little out of shape, then the distortion should be written off as literary amplification.

So, when one of them told me "The Hustler" was filmed in a pool hall near where I live, I was interested enough to go there, though I questioned, privately, the accuracy of the information.

The pool hall is above a cafeteria, just below 95th Street on the west side of Broadway. The entrance is an unwashed glass door and the stairway up is equally bleak and uninviting, but the pool hall itself is surprisingly neat and well-lighted. I don't know why I should assume a pool hall must necessarily be a dark place, except that I still involuntarily associate a pool hall with the underworld.

This feeling dates back to the days when as a youngster I used to wander into the local pool hall, until a neighbor saw me and told my mother, who in hushed and fearful tones warned me that a pool hall was not a proper place for a young man to spend his time. I could see in her eyes the vision she had of me standing at the pool table, chalking up my cue, while dissolute companions, in varying stages of moral decay, urged me to risk the top bill in the tobacco-pocket. And in her admonishment there were unsettling overtones suggesting that wicked and wanton women hovered somewhere in the shades of the cue racks, waiting to ensnare the weak and foolish.

I tried to tell her that a pool hall, at least the one I frequented, was not at all as she had pictured it (and I resolved then to locate one which conformed more closely to her standards of sin. Yet, after all these years, it is strange that my impression of a pool hall is inspired by my mother's fantasy rather than my own objective experience.

Since I have seen "The Hustler," I do not know whether the film was shot at this Broadway pool hall or not. To my eyes, however, all the players took on the hue of actors in a fascinating drama.

At the no. 1 table, clearly the best match in the house, two sallow young men circled the table, studying the angles, flicking away markers rather than set up a good shot, then when the cluster of balls opened up, the winner rammed home his shots with the precision of a piston.

The loser's backer promptly paid off, while the losing player stood in one side humiliating his cue.

Pool is a great game, but now that my mother is no longer here to hint of dark things in store for a man pursuing this iniquitous pastime, it doesn't seem quite as interesting as it was before. But then when one is fat and middle-aged, nothing really is as interesting as it once was.

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Kennedy's order extending civil rights in Okinawa welcomed but not enough

NEW YORK—The American Civil Liberties Union last Sunday commended the Kennedy Administration for the order issued by President Kennedy to extend civil rights and local autonomy in the Ryukyu Islands, the large occupied military area in the Pacific.

However, the new executive order does not "contribute to lifting the quality of security with freedom," which has marked American occupation of the islands since the end of World War II, the ACLU added.

The Union's views were contained in a letter to the Secretary of Defense McNamara by John de J. Pemberton Jr., the Union's executive director, and Roger Baldwin, 87 international work in Geneva.

The letter, addressed to President Kennedy, March 19 after considering the text of the Ryukyu Islands order.

The ACLU suggested changes which would (1) make a civilian Ryukyu Islands government such as the Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands administered by the United States Government, and (2) make explanation of the exact meaning of the "islands for the Ryukyuans." Although the Union's letter, Pemberton said, "we cannot be assured that it is either practically attainable or desirable, we would like to see the Ryukyuans take an active role in the people or the legislative majority."

Discussing the inadequacies of the President's order, the ACLU officials commented that nothing has been done to deal with the waste in which the concept of sovereignty both of the United States and under the penal code has affected "speech, publication and association. This extends to the preparation of publications and organizations; it restricts travel to Japan on the grounds of political activity, and it forces the Ryukyu Americans courts a wide surveillance under the penal code to permit offenses of expression and association which should have no place in an American dominion."

Shortcomings Noted

The letter also mentioned that the new order does not provide for a change in the Islands' court system by transferring a large jurisdiction to the Okinawa courts to bar been "revoked. Such a transfer would help vacate the penalties for the same offenses when committed by United States servicemen and Ryukyuanes." the Union stated.

The Union especially commended the continuous review of all jurisdiction in the President's statement accompanying the order. The ACLU said it will offer its suggestions to the Defense Department as the review progresses.

Apalo, Inc., organized for extensive real estate development in California

BERKELEY—A new firm is now being organized for extensive real estate development, financing and leasing, which will be "the largest in the small amount of capital to enter in real estate," it was announced here the past week.

The firm, Apalo, Inc., Robert Tarzoli is General Apalo, Inc., for which representation solicitations are now being taken, according to Thomas S. Nakano of this city.

Nakano is the vice president of Apalo, Inc., a Berkeley firm, which has built up 20 million worth of investments in the past three years. The most recent undertaking is the Interbay "Financial Tower" in Burlingame which is now leasing condition.

The new company will be able to take advantage of the prestige of Apalo, Inc., as officials of the firm will direct the course of the new company, Nakano said.

He also disclosed that a $20-million project to be known as El Cerrito Towers is expected to be the next undertaking for the new General Apalo, Inc.

To Issue 100,000 Shares

This structure will be a nine-story building with 60 apartment units and will include such facilities as an Olympic size swimming pool and a Japanese style recreation room.

Issuance of 100,000 shares of common stock to California residents has been filed with the state for $10 per share with a par value of $22 per share is planned.

Nakano emphasized that only subscriptions for the purchase of stocks are now being taken.

Preliminary applications for the new stock issue has been filed at Sacramento by the new firm's attorneys, Max Yamamoto and Joe Yasuda of Oakland.

In addition to El Cerrito Towers, the new firm contemplates many other developments, Nakano said.

He added that activities of the new corporation will be directed primarily in erection of apartment units, but will also include construction of office buildings, shopping centers, industrial parks, commercial buildings, hotels, motels and other retail establishments.

The new corporation will include among its original directors:

Tadashi Nakamura, Thomas Seiko Nakano, Akira Nakamura, Aiichi Oshiaki, Stanley Eiko Farwell, Takaji Kiko, Harry Ichiro Ito, Kenneth Fujii, and Benjamin Ukinoue.

Those interested in the proposed firm are welcome to get in touch with us at our office at 2534 Grove St., Nakano added.

Bill Yamashiro gains nat'l insurance recognition

INDIANAPOLIS.—Bill T. Yamashiro of Los Angeles, representative of California-Western States Life Insurance Co., gained national recognition by being named to the All-Star Honor Roll of Insurance Salesmen in the industry magazine.

The honor roll is composed of one representative from each life insurance company.

Nagoya tribute luncheon planned

LOS ANGELES.—A "tribute to people" luncheon on May 5 at the Biltmore Hotel honoring the Sister City of Nagoya 40 to be attended by Japanese American community leaders, according to Arthur Morgan, area manager for the State Dept. of Employment, who is staff to making the arrangements. The invitation to all Issei-Nisei Angelenos was extended this week by Bill Kubo, Commissioner of Employment for the Handicapped.

Cooperating Harbourg, who accompanied Mayor Yorty on his recent trip to Delhi, will speak on "Tribute to Nagoya". Kohei Otaka, president of the Japanese Chamber of Commerce, will discuss sister city relationship. Consul General Masao Chin of Japan will be honored guest.

Nisei World queen Dianne Kalasta will be one of the luncheon.

Agnes Miyakara, 16, of Marshall High School, who wrote one of the 10 prize-winning essays on "The Role of the Community in the Education of the Handicapped" will be awarded a U.S. Savings Bond by the committee.

Issei graduates from guide dog for blind center

SAN FRANCISCO—Takeomi Mihara, who operates Oriental Cultural Book Co., will be among six students to graduate from Guide Dogs for the Blind, Inc., at the training center north of San Rafael April 28.

The one-time local newspaperman has been blind for about 20 years.

George Shearing, noted British pianist, is due to enroll in the San Rafael school, this summer after a series of engagements in Japan.

HONOLULU NISEI NAMED U.S. CONSUL IN MEDELLIN

WASHINGTON.—One of the few Nisei in the U.S. Foreign Service, Takao Kawanishi of Honolulu was named American consul-at-at to Medellin, Colombia. He was last stationed in Karachi, Pakistan.

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ELECTRICIAN ANSWERS PEACE CORPS CALL

LOS ANGELES.—Yukiko Mayeda, Japanese electrician, answered the call for Peace Corps volunteers last month and is now in New York for a two-month training period. He will then leave on assignment in Jamaica, where he will teach.

Born in Santa Maria, he had been a civil service electrician with the County of Los Angeles after serving four years in the Air Force, getting his honorable discharge in 1954.

Dreamy proposals of future Li'l Tokio unveiled at USC

LOS ANGELES.—Eight proposals for rehabilitation of Li'l Tokio were presented Monday by students in city planning and architecture at the Univ. of Southern California.

It changed months of work by 15 students under direction of Jacques Kyes, assistant professor and Wendridge Marshall, visiting asst. professor of USC's graduate program in city and regional planning.

The project was undertaken at the request of Eiji E. Yanagi, the president of the Japanese Chamber of Commerce of Southern California. Each student submitted draft proposals, and the seven outstanding were finally selected. The class was assigned for refinement of the eight proposals and constituted of scale model—some rather far reaching elimination of current buildings and total replacement with new structures, some building a circular pattern and others redrafting the area.

One of the proposals was submitted by Susumu Suzuki, senior architecture student.

Oregon girl wins U.N. trip

ONTARIO, Ore.—Ellen Nakada, 16 daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Eiji Nakada was selected as winner of the United Nations Pilgrimage Youth contest recently. She will go on an extended tour of the UN Headquarters, Washington, D.C. and return via Canada this summer.

The contest is a combined essay and speech contest sponsored annually by the Odd Fellows and Rebekah Lodges.

'Double Income' plan

LOS ANGELES.—Dr. Martin Bronfenbrenner, economics professor at the Univ. of Minnesota, will talk on the "Japanese Doubling-Income Plan" on May 2, 8:15 p.m., at the home of Ken Watase, 947 S. Fedora, it was announced by the West Jefferson Democratic Club.

The noted educator was a tax economist with the Occupation Forces in Japan in 1949-50, taught at Doshisha in 1952 and did research of the new Japanese tax system at Keio in 1955.

Contrast in the State of Washington

Masaoka —

(Continued from Front Page)

versions, and 21 bills of "national significance" that have passed the House in the first 100 days of the session.

Of the bills that have been passed, not more than half a dozen at most could be classed as major and three of these had passed one house or the other last year.

House GOP Leader Charles Halleck of Indiana, in true partisan style, retorted that, as compared with the harvest of presidential records, the results to date have "been 'infinitesimal'", not the "splendid record of substantial accomplishment" claimed by the Democratic leadership.

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OF THE three "big Kennedy bills", the House has passed the tax-revision measure, the trade expansion bill is expected to reach the floor by the end of May, and Democratic leaders now believe that there is a chance that health aid for the aged can be brought to a floor vote this session.

Although most of the big House legislative battles are still ahead, the outlook looks much more promising than it did last January.

The logjam that was cause earlier in the session by the House Ways and Means Committee appears to have been broken, but an even bigger harass now threatens in the Senate Finance Committee, where Virginia's arch conservative, Democrat Harry Byrd, remains the stubborn Chairman. Senator Byrd told a reporter last week that the crush "is the worst I've seen in my 29 years in the Senate. I don't know how we are going to work our way out of it".

The Finance Committee has developed into the bottleneck that it has because so many of the Administration's major proposals involve the taxing powers, which comes under the jurisdiction first of the House Ways and Means Committee and then the Senate Finance Committee.

The Senate Finance Committee has just completed some five weeks of hearings on the House-passed tax revision bill. Hearings on trade expansion bill, even if the House approves it in May, cannot begin before July 4, because the Committee first must act on the debt-ceiling extension, corporate and excise tax extension, and further increase in the national debt limit—all of which have June 30 deadlines. The Committee has agreed to consider medical care legislation after it passes the House, and must also consider House approved bills revising the public assistance welfare program and the extension of temporarily heightened unemployment compensation.

So, all in all, it looks as if this Congress will remain in session long after the July 31 adjournment date established by the Legislative Reorganization Act. The leadership target date is now set for about Labor Day, in September.

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By Larry Tajiri

Vagaries

'UGLY AMERICAN' CALLS UP NISEI STARS

REIKO SATO'S star is on the ascendency following her performance as the seamstress whose love for the hero is unrequited in Rodgers and Hammerstein's "Flower Drum Song." Miss Sato, who started her career as a dancer in night clubs and in the movies, impressed with her performance, particularly in the major dance sequence, in "Flower Drum Song." As a result she has just been cast in an important featured role in Universal's "The Ugly American."

Miss Sato has just been set by producer-director George England to play the wife of Eiji Okada, the Japanese film star of "Hiroshima Mon Amour".

"The Ugly American," from the book of the same name, is a drama of politics and love which is set in an unnamed Asiatic country. The film, one of U.I.'s most important of the year, stars Marlon Brando, Okada and Sandra Church.

Although "The Ugly American" is set overseas, the producers are making an effort to film it in Hollywood, in cognizance of the current agitation against "runaway" films. Second unit scenes already have been filmed in Thailand.

Also in the cast of "The Ugly American" is George Shibata, ex-while assistant district attorney of Orange County, Calif., who has permission from his superiors to take an occasional movie role. Shibata, first Nisei-to graduate from West Point and a jet pilot in Korea, was Gregory Peck's choice to play his aide, Lt. Okada, in "Pork Chop Hill." Shibata has had a number of film and TV roles since then.

Miss Sato has been in a number of Japanese motion picture productions. In "Woman on the Sun" she portrayed a night club dancer in Chinatown whose murder motivated the plot. In "Hell to Eternity" she did a torrid semi-strip tease in the Honolulu sequence of the film made from the real-life story of Marine hero Guy Gabaldon.

SPEAKING of upbeat careers Pat Suzuki is back in circulation after nearly two years away from television for marriage and motherhood. She did do three engagements, in Honolulu, Palm Springs and Las Vegas, as well as an appearance on Frank Sinatra's inaugural ball show for President Kennedy in January, 1961, but she hasn't been available for other offers.

Two weeks ago Miss Suzuki appeared in a Canadian TV spectacular, being co-starred with Roberta Goulet, the lead in Broadway's "Camelot." In the program, titled "Holiday," Miss Suzuki sang "The Lady Is a Tramp," "The Nearness of You" and duetted with Goulet on "Side by Side." Her performance won high praise from Canadian TV critics.

Miss Suzuki, who spent much of the war years as a youngster in the Colorado relocation center at Granada, made her stage debut, after graduating as a teen-girl singer from San Jose State, in "Teahouse of the August Moon." She was discovered as a singer by Norm Bobrow, operator of the Colony Club, while the show was playing Seattle. Her major success was as Linda Lee in the Broadway company of "Flower Drum Song" and her performance in the role makes her Nancy Kwan's choice in the movie pallid by comparison.

YOKO TANI, an actress who was born in Paris of Japanese parents and discovered by the English filmmakers, is now in Hollywood where she has emerged as perhaps the most talented of the dozen or so actresses of Japanese ancestry who have had leading roles in American film in the past decade.

Miss Tani, who was co-starred in three English films, "The Wind Cannot Read," "The Savage Innocents" and "Piccadilly Incident," makes her American debut in a featured role in "My Geisha," the comedy which stars Shirley MacLaine and Yves Montand. She was recently the guest star on the Ben Casey show on TV. A Most Pleasant Thing to See," in which she played a Hiroshima maiden is brought to Dr. Ben Casey's hospital from Japan for treatment. Miss Tani's portrayal of the blind Girl was most persuasive.

The latest role for Miss Tani is the lead opposite Rory Calhoun in a spectacular, "The Adventures of Marco Polo," which American-International will release in July.

By Henry Mori

Los Angeles NEWSLETTER

FESTIVAL BOOKLETS COMPARED

WITH A GLEAM in his eyes Jim Higashi, our JACL regional director showed us a copy of the 10th annual Cherry Blossom Festival souvenir booklet.

There are 84 pages to the slick Honolulu booklet whose cover has a color photo of Janet Ayako Nishino, 1962 Cherry Blossom queen. The edition is terrific and you can tell a lot of work has gone into the publication.

It makes our annual Nisei Week booklet, same size and almost the same number of pages, a amateur journalistic endeavor by comparison. Our's just not there. In order to get it to the point of featuring an attractive, readable booklet, there has to be time and money spent to compile interesting data, pictures and material.

You just don't slap together a booklet in a matter of few weeks or a month. The local editorial budget of less than a $1,000 doesn't go far toward improving the publication either.

The Japanese American Press Club has been approached to aid editorially. The Nisei Week Festival board is to have the final saying on what goes in "and what doesn't go in, something we readily can't understand.

We think it's about time some of the past experiences coming out of JACL convention booklets be brought out in the open.

Jim, as president also of the Japanese Junior Chamber of Commerce, can no doubt contribute some of the ideas in mechanical and art work that needs to be encouraged in Festival issues.

AN INTERESTING two - man Democratic primary race for the seat in the new 30th Congressional District is developing and if the situation in the West Jefferson Democratic Club is any indication of what is to come, we can predict a real nip-and-tuck battle.

Councilman Edward R. Roybal, of Mexican descent, has been growing strong politically in the last decade. He almost upset Ernest E. Debs for a supervisor's office in the last election.

He was once groomed for the state's lieutenant governorship.

Roybal's major opponent in the primary appears to be William Fitzgerald, a political science professor at Loyola University. Should Roybal succeed in the June 5 poll, he still has to face the veteran Republican, Gordon L. McDonough, who has been in office almost 20 years.

The West Jefferson group is composed of about 100 members, most of them Japanese Americans. But the club is not united when it comes to the choice between Roybal and Fitzgerald.

Even the Calif. Democratic Council, which has already made endorsements of other candidates for state as well as Federal offices, appears to be at a standstill on the 30th.

The district is composed of ethnic groups and aspirants are quite aware of their potential voting power.

To observe the Nisei group like the WJDC unable to decide on their endorsement — although not over policy — means they, too, are growing in political responsibilities.

A third candidate, G. Papoy Boyington, may develop as a surprise. However, he hasn't gone to any length to muster up Nisei backing.

DEATHS

Kasumoto, Donna L., 7, Monterey Park, Apr 25—(3) Mr. and Mrs. Masaru Kasumoto.
Nakata, Kosaku, 80, Colgate, Apr. 21—(2) Jun, 34; (3) Louis, 30; (4) Bob, 27.
Nishihara, Rube T., 43, Gardena, Apr. 18—(w) Rose; (s) Tom, Bob, (4) Minoru, (5) Jim, Sam Bob, (6) Mary Masaoka; (7) Lily Nakayama.
Sasaki, Douglas, 3 mos., Reedley, Apr. 17—(3).
Terasaki, Kashin, 72, Los Angeles, Apr. 17.
Yamaguchi, Iwao, 44, New York, Apr. 13—(w) Mitsuru; (s) John, (d) Sandra, (3) Mitsu, (4) Shizu.

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John F. Henning (center), administrator of apprenticeship and director of the California State Department of Industrial Relations, is shown after signing the articles of organization of the first statewide committee on Equal Opportunities in Apprenticeship and Training for Minority Groups. Participating in the ceremony are (seated from left) Arthur Bradford, San Francisco, Bay Urban League committee co-chairman; John F. Henning; Webb Green, Los Angeles, president, IBEW local union 11, committee chairman. (Standing from left) Kei Hori, San Francisco, Japanese American Citizens League, committee secretary; Albin J. Cruhn, San Francisco, president, California Federation of Labor AFL-CIO; Charles F. Hanna, San Francisco, chief of the Division of Apprenticeship Standards; Less A. Merriweather, public information and education officer of Division of Apprenticeship Standards.

JACL to promote equal opportunities in apprenticeship and training of minority groups; represented on statewide group

LOS ANGELES. — The California Conference on Apprenticeship is winding up its three-day workshop on job-training opportunities for minority groups today at the Statler Hilton.

It considered ways to promote full utilization of manpower through counselling, role of community organizations, on-the-job training and development of job-opportunities in apprenticeship.

There were 11 workshops scheduled and Kei Hori, secretary for the California Committee on Equal Opportunities in Apprenticeship and Training for Minority Groups, was among 20 resource personnel. Hori, an active San Francisco JACLer, was appointed by National President Frank Chuman to represent the organization on the statewide committee last year.

The committee, the first of its kind in the United States, serves as a policy-making body for the State Dept. of Industrial Relations, apprenticeship standards division.

Joining JACL on the committee are representatives from:

Community Service Organization, Chinese American Citizens Alliance, Caballeros de Dunas Aliné, Bureau of Indian Affairs, Jewish Labor Committee, NAACP and Urban League.

Four members from labor and four from management, complete the group with division staff assistants and consultants from the U.S. Dept. of Employment and Labor, State FEPC, State Industrial Education Bureau and State Dept. of Employment.

Committee Purposes

Formally organized earlier this year, its basic purpose is to promote equal opportunities in apprenticeship and training for all, irrespective of race, color, creed or national origin.

The specific goals, as explained by Hori, are as follows:

1. To promote the employment of more apprentices in general.

2. To increase the number of minority youth in the apprenticeship program.

3. To advise employers, employee organizations and joint apprenticeship committees in matters pertaining to equal opportunities in apprenticeship and training.

4. To inform minority youth on apprenticeship opportunities, qualification for such training and placement, and the procedures for applying for apprenticeship and training.

5. To enlist the active support of organizations and leaders of minority groups for the program.

6. To enlist the cooperation of state and federal agencies which can be of aid in the program.

7. To work with schools and trade chambers to develop a greater understanding of apprenticeship, training opportunities and the special needs of minority youth.

8. To make recommendations to the California Apprenticeship Council regarding equal opportunities in apprenticeship and training.

9. To stimulate participation by minority group representatives, of both labor and management in the overall apprenticeship and training program.

10. To encourage and assist in the establishment of local committees whenever and wherever needed in the State, structured in the same pattern, and to implement the objectives of the State program and to perform such other functions as are consistent with these specific goals.

11. To perform such other duties as are commonly associated with the successful discharge of the responsibilities of carrying out the program, that are not in conflict with existing laws and policies of the California Apprenticeship Council.

Apprenticeship

Hori, who owns and operates an employment agency in San Francisco, said there are 20,000 registered apprentices within the several hundred trades today. "Ten years ago, the figure was the same," he added.

Apprenticeship is a system of learning while earning and does the job, combined with related technical school instruction.

On-the-job training is used in both the skilled crafts and management, both governed by standards adopted by labor and management and in accordance with federal and state laws.

To qualify in any of the skilled crafts, an apprentice should know mechanical aptitude and ability; to be successful, he must have initiative, perseverance and ambition. Apprentices are usually between 18 and 24 years old, a high school graduate and required to spend at least 144 hours a year in further instruction relative to the trade.

The apprentice also learns safety laws, workman's compensation, industrial relations and not infrequently the historic background of the industry for which he is being trained.

Counselling Graduates

Proper counselling for the 80 per cent of high school graduates who will not go to college has been one of the major problems of the Division of Apprenticeship Standards and the Statewide Committee of Equal Employment Opportunities in Apprenticeship and Training.

Confronted with the problem of a career after high school, many Nisei youngsters attend college with the hope of finding homes in the professions with no insight into an occupation. With the advent of status in the skill trades and the increasing need of technicians, the State of California long in the forefront of Fair - Employment Practices has urged the opening of the apprenticeship and training field to all groups. With the establishing of the Statewide Committee, the 650 Joint Apprenticeship Councils are discussing the implementation of the purposes of the articles of organization.

How does one become an apprentice?

Besides private employment agencies, a prospective apprentice may obtain employment training through federal and state employment offices, his capabilities determined by aptitude test. Some schools also offer these tests.

The sequence of events a prospect may follow was described by Hori, as follows:

1. Select the trade you want to follow. Consider the qualifications carefully: Are you willing to stay with the prescribed training period for the required number of years? Are you able to spend two evenings a week in related instruction classes? and are you physically able to perform the job?

2. Contact a prospective employer or the California Department or the Union in the trade you wish to learn for job information and application.

3. Remember that personal appearance and attitude will help to secure a position. Personal appearance indicates certain characteristics which an employer does or does not desire. A courteous attitude should be maintained since it doesn't cost anything and the lack of a little courtesy may cost a position. You should not attempt to instill self confidence against the background of experience of a skilled worker.

4. You should not be discouraged if the Joint Apprenticeship Committee in the trade selected cannot enroll you immediately as an apprentice. There may be a waiting list in the trade or there are no current calls for additional apprentices. Every effort is being made by both management and labor organizations to get every qualified employer to use his full quota of apprentices so as to provide more opportunities for prospective apprentices.

5. If the employer is not presently participating in the apprenticeship program, ask him to contact the State Division of Apprenticeship Standards; or the Bureau of Apprenticeship, U.S. Department of Labor; or the Local Joint Apprenticeship Committee for complete information.

Approaching Minorities

With labor and government opposed to racial discrimination in employment and an increase in the number of apprenticeships, there is hope of having minority groups seeking employment in the trades has widened with the formation of the statewide committee.

To this end, JACL was asked to serve as a clearinghouse for information along apprenticeships. It is hoped that chapters and district councils would call upon speakers from the Joint Apprenticeship Council in their particular communities to advise what openings are available.

Nisei surgeon defendant in $600,000 libel suit filed as political campaign aftermath

GARDEN GROVE.—A Nisei surgeon was named April 16 among 46 prominent persons in a libel suit by the present high school district board president, Carl J. Lehman and board clerk William Wagner, who are asking a total of $600,000 covering "injury and damage to their respective persons," and exemplary damages.

Dr. Mary Y. Murata was listed as a defendant in the suit alleging that the publication of election campaign material on April 17, 1961, referring to the plaintiffs as "discredited incumbents" and accusing them of various improper actions as school board members.

High school district trustee N.B. Kurnick and former trustee Joseph Goodman also filed a similar suit for a like figure. Their suit included Lehman and Wagner in its list of 17 defendants.

Both suits deal with statements and literature made and distributed during a hard-hitting school board campaign a year ago.

The campaign was highlighted by the issuance of a number of circulars pertaining to essays to the degree of Americanism of some of the candidates and school board members.

NISEI RELAYS FEES

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San Jose ragtime doubles bowling scores terrific

SAN JOSE.—Terrific scores in tiny's stakeboy among 114 pairs in the San Jose JACL-Nisei Bowling Assn. ragtime doubles were revealed at 4th St. Bowl last week. Ada Noro and Jim Yagi paired with 486-633 (179 bhcp.) to win $30 in prize money and first place trophy.

Prize money was distributed to 13 others. Best efforts of the first annual event included:

HDC: 7th—George Tsunoda, 227—Yoko Hirano.
HGS: 7th—George Tsunoda, 227—Yoko Hirano.
HS: 12th—Mary Tatsuko-George Tsunoda.

Committeemen in charge were: Jim Takeda, Sachi Ikeda, Gil Hirano, Mary Kurosaki, Mary Tanaka, Ike Tiver, Takeda.

Trophies were donated by San Jose JACL.

JACL Olympic date set for June 3 at Kezar

SAN FRANCISCO.—The San Francisco JACL Olympics will be held on June 3 this year at Kezar Stadium.

Invitations will be sent to all California chapters and a large number of entrants is expected to compete. Bob Wada and Koji Ozawa are co-chairmen.

Hole-in-one helps in win of monthly golf tourney

BERKELEY.—Harry Harumaki of 10-Pli Golf Club scored his first hole-in-one April 15 in the club's monthly tournament at the Almaden course.

Playing in the same foursome were John Ochida, Bob Sugimoto and Shingo Umeza.

Capitalizing on his ace, the Alameda JACLer took the group and low honors for the day with a net 154—47.

200 yd. hole in one

LOS ANGELES.—Shigeo Sakata, co-owner of Eagle Produce, got a hole-in-one on the No. 2 Brookside course Apr. 13.

On the 11th hole, per three 200 yarder, Sakata sank his tee shot, using a No. 2 wood.

Mr. Hollywood lass seeks queen title

SAN FERNANDO. — Anxious to make the best possible selection and faced with an extremely difficult choice as five lovely contestants paraded before them, members of the San Fernando Valley Relays Queen Contest finally selected lovely Mary Jane Bani of North Hollywood to represent the Valley at the Nisei Relays on May 27.

Mary Jane is 17, 5 ft. 2 in., weighs 120 lbs. and will graduate in June from Polytechnic High School. Although encouraged by her family and showing promise as a ballet dancer, Mary Jane hopes to become a nurse.

The judging was held at the home of Chapter Chairman Tak Nakano on April 17, with Harry Otsuki and Chiyo Sakura chairing the event, and 1961 Valley Relays Queen Kay Tanaka serving as hostess to the girls.

Equally as impressive as the beauty and charm of the contestants was their record of participation in school, church and local activities. Mary Jane is an active member of many school organizations, is a Sunday School teacher at the Free Methodist Church, loves dancing, music and horseback riding.

Mary Jane is the daughter of Tom and Tamako Bani, 12327 Cantara Street, North Hollywood.

Japanese, Okinawa dances for L.L. festival slated

LOS ANGELES.—Lovely springtime dances of Japan will be presented by talented young pupils of Rokuka Hanayagi and dances of Okinawa presented by Aiko Tengan of Los Angeles for the 9th annual Children's Folk Festival at the International Institute, 435 S. Boyle Ave., on May 6.

Sponsors are members of the sponsoring group, the Activities Council of the International Institute are Mrs. Thomas Okino and Mrs. George Takeyama. Toshikazu Tsuyama is a vice-president of the Institute.

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PSWDC BOARD MEETING

District Chairman Max Hirosaka of San Diego will be in Los Angeles for two consecutive weekends—indicative of the many local JACLers who are giving up countless hours for service to the JACL and community. This coming Sunday, Apr. 29, a special meeting of the PSWDC Executive Board will be held at the regional office from 1:30 p.m. These with definite assignments are being asked to have their reports and recommendations ready for presentation to the board.

The complete agenda: Steve Yagi, Treasurer's report; Jim Higashi, Regional Office report; Dr. Kiyoshi Sonoda, National JACL nominations; and representing the Gardena Valley chapter Ronald Shiraishi, Pre-Convention Rally and 1000 Club contest reports.

Progress report on the youth Oratorical Contest will also be made at this meeting. Chapters are reminded that entries must be in at the Regional Office by Saturday, May 12. Please be sure to send in the name, a brief biographical background of the contestant and copy of the speech typewritten double spaced on letterhead sized paper, one side only.

Other items to be under discussion include National Convention business; JACL Japanese History Project Fund Drive; open discussion on the effect of "PC school" on membership drive; special report and recommendations by past national president Saburo Kido on income tax on evacuation claims payments; and preparation of the business agenda for the May 19-20 pre-convention rally.

CHAPTER PRESIDENTS

Another meeting for PSWDC chapter presidents and members of the PSWDC Board will take place the following Sunday, May 6, at the conference room of the Japanese Chamber of Commerce at 1:30 p.m. If the place sounds and looks familiar, you're right. It's the old JACL Regional Office at the Miyako Hotel, Room 238.

We'll have the rare opportunity of having our National Director Max Shiu with us—hopefully he has a 100 per cent attendance for this one! Dr. David Miura of the National budget finance committee (Kumeo Yoshinari, of Chicago, chairman) together with the National Director, will explain in detail the "ins and outs" of the National JACL budget and quota allocations for the coming 1962-1964 biennium. This will give all chapters an opportunity to acquire a thorough understanding of how our National budget works and the local responsibility that goes with it. Then perhaps we can intelligently discuss the problems at the local level and at the PSWDC pre-convention rally. Hear the latest developments; make sure your chapter is represented May 6!

JAPANESE HISTORY PROJECT

Report from the New York Chapter indicates that a "super high power" fund drive for the "History Project" is in the making. With a very happily high goal (the amount will surprise many chapters and even district councils) the Public Relations Committee under chairman Mitos Yasuda has enlisted the services an ardent campaign, the preliminaries of which include a special flyer and 3,000 brochures (2,000 in Japanese and 1,000 English)! The drive of this single chapter alone compares very favorably with what's going on in presently known in the PSWDC area!

As to the PSWDC chapters, we are hoping that the chapters will submit a progress report to PSWDC Fund Drive Chairman Saburo Kido, Southern California JACL Office in Sunday, Apr. 29? Partial and preliminary reports from the Downtown Los Angeles and East Los Angeles chapters indicate very good results to date—let's hear from all chapters! Remember your individual goals and that nationwide the goal is $30,000-$35,000.

MORE BROCHURES

Arrangements have been made with National JACL Japanese History Project Chairman Shiz Wakamatsu to have a plentiful supply of brochures (English and Japanese), project fund drive fact sheets and a limited supply of Dr. Seiichi Miyakawa's preliminary outline for the proposed "The Defiance and Fulfillment of the Japanese in the United States, 1869-1960".

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MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

Attention PSWDC Chapters! We're behind last year and behind the national old eight-ball!! The 100 per cent PUSH and IMMEDIATE ACTION is vital if we are to meet our responsibilities and obligations before National Convention time!!!!!

PSW deadline for chapter nominations tomorrow

LOS ANGELES.—Nominations for national JACL officers from PSWDC chapters are due tomorrow, it was announced by Dr. Kiyoshi Sonoda, PSWDC nominations chairman. The nominations may be submitted at the PSWDC executive board meeting this Sunday, 1:30 p.m., at the JACL Regional Office, he added.

Nominations must have the signature of the nominee, indicating a willingness to serve if elected, Dr. Sonoda reminded.

Sheriff candidates meet Monterey JACLers

MONTEREY.—The Monterey Peninsula JACL's first family gettogether for the year, the Spring Potluck on April 8, attracted nearly 175 persons who enjoyed a delicious ham dinner, followed by games.

Two candidates for the county sheriff's office were introduced and made brief talks. Sami Shinga and her committee were in charge of table decorations, featured by lei, Lorraine Oda and committee were in charge of the food and Jack Nishida, social chairman, was in charge of general arrangements.

Calendar

April 27—29

Detroit—Youth workshop, Brightmoor Community Center.

April 28 (Saturday)

Elgin Township—Bowling tournament, Grand Lanes, Hayward, 8 p.m.

Oakland—Issei Appreciation Night, Lakeshore Ave. 1st Baptist Church, 6 p.m.

San Francisco—Dance class, Park Presidio YMCA, 8:30 p.m.

Contra Costa—Bowling Night, Albany Bowl, 8:30 p.m.

Detroit—Teen Club dance.

April 29 (Sunday)

Los Angeles—PSWDC Executive board meeting, Regional Office, 1:30 p.m.

Livingston-Merced—Community picnic, Hagemann Park.

Chicago—Jr. JACL Career conference, Olivet Community Center.

May 1 (Tuesday)

Oakland—Meeting, Yuki Nomura res.

May 2 (Wednesday)

Livingston-Merced—Community dinner, Livingston School.

May 3 (Thursday)

Fresno—Bunko meeting.

Detroit—Cultural series, International Institute.

May 4 (Friday)

Omaha—"Sharing Heritage" program, So. Omaha Nebraska Memorial Presbyterian Church.

May 5 (Saturday)

San Diego—Potluck supper - oratorical contest.

San Francisco—Dance class, Park Presidio YMCA, 8:30 p.m.

May 5-6

Chicago—Issei Appreciation Night.

May 6 (Sunday)

Los Angeles—PSWDC meeting with Max Satow, Miyako Hotel Rm. 238 1:30 p.m.

Monterey Peninsula—Auxiliary Spring Luncheon, Casa Munras, 1:30 p.m.

May 8 (Tuesday)

Pasadena—Meeting.

May 11 (Friday)

Berkeley—Meeting, Washington School, 7:45 p.m.; "Racial Discrimination in Housing".

May 11—13

Detroit—Customs and Ceremonies Festival.

May 17 (Saturday)

Detroit—Movies.

San Jose—Issei Night.

East Los Angeles—Emerald Ball, Barn's Hall, 1520 N. Vermont.

San Francisco—Dance class, Park Presidio YMCA, 8:30 p.m.

May 22 (Sunday)

Puyallup Valley—PSWDC pre-convention rally, Hyatt House, Tacoma.

May 24 (Wednesday)

Venice-Culver—Public meeting: Narcotics, Venice Outcrop.

May 31 (Thursday)

Detroit—Cultural series, International Institute.

May 31 (Saturday)

Livingston-Merced—Issei Appreciation dinner, Livingston School.

Long Beach—Issei Night.

Sacramento County—Bowling League award dinner, Green Mill Inn.

Delano—Japanese movies.

May 31—30

Sacramento—PSWDC pre-convention rally, El Rancho Motel.

Cortlandt Valley—PSWDC pre-convention rally, Western Club Cafe (Sat., 2 p.m.); Free Lanes (Sun., 9 a.m.)

May 30 (Sunday)

Sacramento—Picnic (tentat.)

May 31 (Thursday)

Detroit—Cultural series, International Institute.

May 31 (Friday)

Nat'l JACL Nominations Deadline

Chapter Call Board

Monterey Peninsula JACL

Community Picnic: As in past years, the local Buddhist Church, El Estero Presbyterian Church, Nisei VFW and JACL will cooperate, the community picnic on Sunday, June 17, at the Fairgrounds.

Spring Luncheon: Auxiliary members will meet May 6 at Casa Munras for their Spring Luncheon, starting at 1:30. Reservations are being accepted until May 1 by Fusae Kadama (TR 2-1465) and Kiku Ishii (EX 4-2582). . . . Auxiliary also has available a 39-cup coffee pot which may be borrowed by calling Mrs. Nobu Takagawa or Mrs. Sumi Nakamura.

Youth Baseball: Adult help will be appreciated of youth baseball practice sessions starting this Sunday, 1 p.m., at Little League Park. Kan Takagawa and Frank Tanaka are coaching the team.

Sequoia JACL

Bowling Tournament: The annual handicap bowling tournament with San Mateo JACL will be held this Saturday at San Carlos Bowl. An established average is not needed. Minor Okamoto is chairman.

San Jose JACL

Pancake Breakfast: Fathers of youngsters participating in the local Community Youth Service athletic program will prepare pancakes for the breakfast May 6 between 8 a.m. and noon at San Jose Buddhist Church annex. That afternoon, a father-son baseball game at Columbus Park is scheduled.

San Fernando Valley JACL

Square Dance: For its fourth annual square dance, to be held on May 12 at the Community Center, the San Fernando Valley Chapter has called the "cousin" services of Alan and Peggy Wilkinson of Sylmar. This charming couple initiated members into the fun of square dancing at their very first square dance, Allan Mori, is in charge.

Eden Township JACL

Bowling Night: A chapter bowling tournament, open to all members, bantams and juniors, starts at 7 p.m. tomorrow at El Grand Lanes Bowl in Hayward.

Milwaukee JACL

Cherry Blossom Festival: Second annual festival on Sunday, May 6, at Holt Pavilion, Lincoln Park, will start with a Japanese buffet dinner at 1 p.m., followed by program of various Japanese cultural activities; judo, and entertainment. Advance ticket sales are being handled by Mrs. Agnes Sakata, 4661 N. 37th St., until May 1, at which time, the public sale starts. Admission prices are $2.50 for adults, $1 children under 12, kids 4 and under free.

Livingston-Merced JACL

Spring-Summer Dates: Chairmen of forthcoming chapter events were announced this week as follows:

May 20—Community picnic, Hagemann Park, Franklin Ozuda, Bill Yoshino.

May 27—Community dinner, Livingston School, Dorothy Ikeda, Ichiro Nishida.

May 19—Issei Appreciation dinner, talent show; Livingston School, Tets Matsui, Lily Hamaguchi.

May 30—Memorial Service, Sun Rosary, Robert Tani, Harry Nishida.

June 10—Graduates outing, Lake Yosemite, Sami Maeda.

Jr. JACL Jottings

San Francisco Jr. JACL

Oratorical Essay: Four contestants are entered in the San Francisco JACL Oratorical Contest to take place Saturday, May 1, 8 p.m. at the Church of Christ (Octavia and Post Streets). Tosh Hata, chairman.

Same rules as stipulated for the Contest will be followed by the judges.

Lloyd Chen, S.F. State College; Steve Doi, SF-NBC program director; Yone Satoda, asst. nat'l treas.

Winner will receive a cash prize of $25 and compete at the district speech-off at Sacramento, May 20. Essay contestants are David Hara, Roy Omi and Diane Shigio.

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West Los Angeles JACL Auxiliary members visited the Osteopathic unit of Los Angeles County Hospital's children's ward recently to distribute dolls they had assembled. Shown are (from left) Mmes. Helen Ishikawa, Bud Ohara, Shigeo Takeshita and Frank Kishi, president. Holding the child is Dr. Frank Maruyama.

NISEI WEEK Chairman Matao Uyeda and Queen Dianne Kobota extend invitation to the Coronation Ball. (Photo by Toyo Miyatake)

Nisei Week Ball Tickets Available

LOS ANGELES.—Tickets for the annual Nisei Week Coronation Ball, Aug. 11, are now on sale, according to general chairman Aki Ono. Reservations for 20 ringside tables at Beverly Hilton, site of the coronation, have already been received by the committee.

Among guests of honor during Nisei Week will be Janet Ayako Nishino, 1962 Cherry Blossom Festival Queen of Honolulu, who was invited by Nisei Week Queen Dianne Kobota and Regional Director Jim Higashi. Miss Nishino is planning to arrive in Los Angeles before the Aug. 10 opening of the 22nd annual Nisei Week Festival. The visiting Hawaiian beauty will be accompanied to the Nisei Week Festival by her mother.

Reservations for tables seating 10 persons each are being accepted until July 15, when individual reservations will be made available on a first-come first-serve basis.

Dinner-dance tickets at $20 per couple or dance only tickets at $8 per couple are now available at the JACL Regional Office, local JACL chapters, Japanese American Optimists, VFW Nisei Memorial Post 9038 or the American Legion Commodore Perry Post 525. All reservations are being coordinated by the Regional Office.

The 1962 Nisei Week Coronation Ball is being sponsored by the seven local chapters of the Los Angeles JACL Coordinating Council.

Ikebana lecturer

CHICAGO. — Senei Iemoto, 28-year-old head of the Ikenobo School of Flower Arrangement, will address the Chicago Ikebana International chapter June 1 at the Art Institute's Fullerton Hall.

Regional Review

• EDC—Questions on 'Issei Story' Project

BY HAROLD HOBUCHI, Publicity Chairman

Washington

As the JACL Japanese History project shifts into high gear nationally, we in the nation's capital are just about completing our part in the fund drive toward the midpoint national goal of $100,000 required to get the project started. We have been requested by John Yoshino, Chairman of the Eastern District Council, to review our efforts and at the same time include our thoughts on the Project and summarize the comments received from our contributors.

As we look back about a year to the time when the Chapter committee was named, we find ourselves then in a much different spot. At that time we were to serve as a source information for a sister committee to the national project chairman. Little did we dream then that we would be working as a fund raising group.

What, then, did happen to cause us to serve a dual role? To this day, nobody on the committee remembers. Actually, it seemed to be just a spontaneous transition. But we all know that things just don't happen without an underlying cause. We now believe that cause lies in the objectives of the Project itself. The need for documentation of a comprehensive, definitive history of the Japanese in the United States, from the immigrant generation of a 100 years ago to the present fourth or fifth generation, was felt deeply as we read Dr. Miyakawa's outline for the project.

Off-Asked Question

The question was often asked, "Why do we need such a costly history compiled?"

We feel that one answer to the question lies in the theme of the oratorical and essay contests of the coming National JACL Convention —"To Bridge and to Build".

We are asking our younger generation to participate in a contest with an inspiring, if not a difficult, theme because we, the Japanese in America as a whole and not just JACLers, are proud of our background and heritage just as Americans of other ethnic origins are proud of theirs.

And we want our offspring to be able to understand their position in this country of ours and to be able to help bridge the gap between the United States and the other nations of the world, a gap which should have been bridged a long time ago.

The difficulty in inducing the youngsters to enter this contest must have been felt in other Chapters as it was in ours. The reason for the difficulty—the lack of reference material. Surely one can thumb through the back issues of the Pacific Citizen and other Japanese American periodicals (if we have had the foresight and the patience and, most important of all, the space to store them.)

Most libraries have a file of newspapers and a good collection of reference books, but we doubt that some would have a comprehensive reference volume or volumes dealing solely with the history of the Japanese in America. We must realize that popular novels and sentimental stories will be of no use for this purpose.

Moreover, we would like to think of the future generations ahead, when our children's children and their children could be looking back to our days and wonder why we did not leave them something that will tell them of their background and ancestry. Shouldn't we with them to be proud of to as we are of our own immigrant parents?

Local Commentary

Perhaps, we who reside on the East Coast and particularly at the Tenks - no -Hinamoto (literally—the world's capital) feel the need for a comprehensive history of the Japanese in America more acutely than our fellow JACLers in other parts of the country. The response we have had locally even before the national fund drive officially opened tend to indicate this realization.

We hope that this realization is true throughout the 88 Chapters.

It might be of interest to the National Committee and to the scholars who would be working directly on the documentation, to point out some of the comments the local committee has received with respect to the actual composition of the final work, including some of the committee's own thoughts on the matter.

At the outset of the project, the DC Chapter committee felt it advisable to exercise the organization or the outline of the tremendous undertaking adopted by the National JACL. It was felt that the work which lay ahead was too important to be "kept on ice" while we dickered about marts or the details of the project.

We knew that questions were bound to arise from the prospective contributors, and we wanted to be able to answer them. Here are some typical queries we received.

1. Just what kind of a document is this history going to be? Is it something that only the erudite can make use of? Will it be written purely from a sociological viewpoint? Will it be useful purely as a library reference material with little or no popular appeal? In short, will it become a dust collector on the shelf?

2. Has the JACL considered the possible income that could be achieved if a popular type history can be compiled? Why not have the works divided into several parts, so that all segments of the populace can be served? Would it not be advisable if the potential income from a popular type presentation could be used to advantage to provide for the future?

History of Hawaii

3. Will the project cover the history of the Japanese in Hawaii? Because Hawaii is a part of the United States and History of the Japanese in America really begins in Hawaii. Why hasn't the drive caught on in Hawaii? Is it because this purely a JACL project and there are no chapters in Hawaii?

4. We understand that the fund drive is concentrated within the Nisei ranks and little effort is being made to secure loyal support. If so, why? Surely the Issei would be willing to participate.

5. What attempt is being made to secure the support of all Japanese in America? Or is this project limited to JACL members and their immediate circle of friends? The DC Chapter committee is not able to answer all of these questions. We hope that the National Committee can and would.

Despite the aforementioned questions raised, the DC Chapter is happy and proud to report that our own auxiliary goal of $1,000 towards the project fund will be realized. This amount (5 per cent of the national goal of $20,000) comes from nearly 50 families in the metropolitan Washington, D.C. area, 95 per cent of whom are JACL members. Chapter participation is almost 40 per cent.

At the present time we have accumulated for 10 per cent of the funds raised nationally. It will make us happy if our accomplishments will help spur other Chapters in their efforts.

Local Committeemen

Credit for this performance should go to the committee members, all of whom helped design, all of whom helped work in the Project and who have done a tremendous job of selling themselves to the public. The Chapter committee consists of Dr. Takehiko Yoshihashi, chmn.; Ichiki, treas.; Jack Hirose, Tsu Hoshide, Rev. Andrew Harada, Rev. Mitsuo Aki, Alice Ebeli, Pres. Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Takeshita, John Yoshino, Harry Takagi and Harold Hobuchi.

Frank Baba, who is now with the American Embassy in Tokyo was instrumental in the organization of the local fund drive and served as the chairman until his departure for Japan in late 1961.

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