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### Nisei architect of new U.S. federal prison relates his philosophy of designing prison

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-JACL Chapters Expecte to Urge Ratification by State Legislatures

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# **Congress expected to act** no-tax claims bill this week

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Washington Newsletter: by Mike Masaoka

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### VOTER REGISTRATION

This week's cartoon by Pete Hironaka and the a This week's cartoon by Pete Hironaka and the accom-panying voter information for California submitted by Phil Matsumura of San Jose, who is voter education program chairman for the No. Callt. Western Nevada District Council are ingredients that JACL always has found within its make-up. As a citizens' league, the Organization has atressed rights and duties of citizenship since its founding some 30 years

ago.

Two years ago, an Issel in San Diego County was chal-leaged at the polis on grounds of literacy and was refused a ballot, bast March, literacy test at the polls was abolished and now voters are required by the deputy registrars of voters to read back the opening words of the affidavit to comply with the Constitutional requirements that voters can

read English. Two years ago, (as we understand ii) an Idaho news-paperman found a naturalized Issei was probabiled by the state constitution from woing, holding public office or set-sing as a jurn-State officials candidly admitted then they were unsware of this throwback to the early days of Idaho when the Chinese almost equalled the Caucastan population in the late 1800s. Last year, the Idaho legislature unanimous by passed VIR 1 to have that prohibition repealed by refer-endum. JACL chapters in Idaho have taken the leadership to nave this measure (Vote Lee on SJR 1) pass at the com-ing general November election.

Probably the most serious threat against the citizenship ights of persons of Japanese ancestry in the United States vas the Reagan case, filed by the Native Sons of the Golden yest to disenfranchise Japanese Americans in 1942. The IS. Supreme Court ruled on May 17, 1943, in favor the

Nise This was the first test case of many subsequent test cases and JACL espoused for the welfare of Japanese Americas aw salepak serin gill

"Get out the vote" movements are common today in pite of the supposition that suffrage is an American's most alued privilege. The history of nonvoting an America, we are decovered, is most unusual.

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From the critical period of the Cigi War and Reconstructuan when 85 per cent of all qualified voters cast their bailots, the number dwindled gradually to believ 80 per cent in 1900 and below 70 per cent in 1904.

The sudden introduction of nation-wide woman suffrage on the eve of the 1820 election dropped it almost with a bang to the 50 per cent level. This gave rise to the national "get out the vote" clubs. Another popular slogan was "vote as you please, but vote" Since 1928, the percentage has gone back into the upper 60s, where it has since remained.

I have often wondered if the United States could reach the high 80s or the 90 percentage of voting turnout found in European countries if general election day were on Sundays as in Europe.

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As for non-voting, political scientists ascribe four main
factors as the principal reasons—lac: of interest, difficulty
with the mechanics of the yoting system (failure to register
is included in this category, disbeller in voting that one
vote does not count), and lack of knowledge regarding voting.

At one time, Illinois had considered nonvoters primarily liable for jury duty as a remedy. Oregon defeated a referendum to have compulsory voting and the American colonies tevied fines on voters who failed to appear at elections.

But the best antidote for nonvoting has been the development of politics along lines which have vital issues. Prohibition and the religious question in 1928, the economisiance of the 1932, 1986 and 1940 have served to swell the
percentage of actual voters. Issues which arouse real concern have resulfed in increased numbers of voters at the
polis.

While we are commenting on non-voting, far worse than the vote that is not cast is the ignorant vote, the prejudiced vote, the unthinking vote. It suppears we should try to eradicate these more than non-voting because these do positive harm while the non-voter at most fails to do good.

We believe all literate adults should be allowed to vote, affording every siliten an opportunity to guard his own interest. That they should be urged to vote regardless of their own wishes or abilities is another question. A poorly educated person who says voting is for those who know more about it and doesn't vote is at least honest, but to urge that person to vote recardless of the lack of information is seem-

at it and doesn't wore is at least honest, but to urge that ion to vote regardless of the lack of information is seem-y ridiculous. With public education, voter railies, pamphiets that ac-pany the bullet, etc., time will come when non-voting ires hardly, any public concern.

The obligations and duties of citizens in America are arent and have been frequently mentioned in the just being registered to vote, the citizen who exocious that leaves the properties of the control of the properties of the citizen who exocious that leaves the properties of the control of

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# Director's Report

GURIED UNDER—We have been more than busy trying to emerge from under the accumulated paper work resulting from our 17th Biennial National Convention, on following-sip of correspondence, getting out reports and the minutes of the National Council sessions, plus the minutes of two National Board meetings, in addition to the other matters that come across our deek every day.

At the same time we have been trying to keep up-to-date on recording, receipting and acknowledging individually the over-5,000 contributors who have made a heartwarning response to our-Japanese History Project. Our two-week absence from the deek, attending the National Convention and vacation, has put us behind. We regret that ackpowledgements for the lesser angoint have have had on the best form letters, but we trust our donors will understand. We appreciate the help we have had during the summer from Mrs. Yasuko Wada, Mrs. Lois Ohwa, Mrs. Peggy Kanazawa and Margaret Kai, current chairman of the NC-WNDC Youth Group.

We are pleased to report that Mrs. Peggy Kanazawa will become a permanent member of our Headquarters secretarial staff beginning in September.

17TH BIENNIAL—Our 17th Biennial at Scattle was in accord with the high standards of our past national conventions. A great deal of credit goes to Chairman Jim Maluoka and members of his Convention Board and subcommittee for setting the convention planning so that the Century 21 Fair served as an attraction where it could easily have been serious competition for facilities and the time of delegates. Our national conventions are unique in that they serve as reunions wherever few find themselves total strangers. Even if you do not know anyone at the outset, you find there are always mutual friends, and you may find yourself meeting distant relatives you never suspected you had.

Everyone expected the Space Needle to be featured on the cover of the Convention souvenir program booklet, but artist Mits Katayama came up with a simple but effective "shibul" desejm.

NATIONAL COMMITTEES-We are in the process of NATIONAL COMMITTEES—We are in the process of contacting virious JACLERS designated by National President Pat Okura to head up our National Committees. The entire list of National Committee chairmen will be announced shortly as soon as confirmations have been made. "ATTE National Committees include Budget & Fluance, Legislative-Legal, Membership, Pacific Citizhe Board, Personnal, Program & Activities, Public Realtons, National Recognitions and Youth Commission: We will try again this birth program of the program

ognitions and Youth Commission: We will try again this bic enjum to full in members of each national committee at the district and chapter levels.

Secretary to the National Board Dr. David Miura has vol-unteered to chair the National Membership Committee and has already prepared some material for meiting to the chap-ters, this week. In response to requests of a couple of chap-ters which expect to ofganize their 1903 membership cards this shortly, we are ordering the 1903 membership cards this week for distribution to chapters about mid-September.

1000 CLUB LEAFLET— To assist local chapter 1000 Club chairmen explain the 1000 Club and its functions, we have snow available a 1000 Club leaflet. Credit Ninth Year San Francisco Thousander Hats Aizwa, PR layout artist by profession, for the colorful and attractive format.

HAWAII INVITATIONAL—Bill Kinrie of Honolulu was in town last week to fill us in on the latest regarding Mom Stagbar's JACL Nisel Invitational Bowling Tournament to be held next year at ber Honolulu Stadbum Bowl-O-Drome. The dates have been set for the week of Aug. 18-24.

Mom Stagbar wishes this to be her expression of appreciation for the warm hospitality accorded the howlers from Hawaii at our annual National JACL Nisel Bowling Tournaments. She will be assisted by those who have participated in our Tournaments.

All JACL bowlers and their friends are cordially invited to vacation in Hawaii next year. Details will be forthcoming in a descriptive brochure. A package deal will include transportation, housing and some meals. All entertainment and other meals will be hosted by the people in Hawaii.

BAD INFLUENCE- A local Nisei called a real estate agent to inquire about a certain home. During the telephone conversation the agent referred to another place he had available, which was free from bad influences. Upon being asked what he considered "bad influences", he explained there were no Negroes and Orientals in the neighborhood.



Sept. 2 (Bunday) Isco-Jr. JACL steak 5 Temperal, 1-9 p.m.

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