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SPECIAL MEMBERSHIP ISSUE

This week's special edition should have our current JACL membership-subscribers think in terms of renewing their memberships for 1963. In most of the chapters, \$10 per couple membership fees are in force... what it would cost a couple for dinner-out nowadays. In these critical times when President Kennedy has called for sacrifices, we honestly feel the sacrifice of one dinner-out for JACL memberships through 1963 is not asking too much. This issue and Dr. Miura's column below lay why.

By DR. DAVID MIURA

Why should I join JACL when I don't attend any meetings nor participate in any of the programs?

We certainly would like to have everyone actively involved in our program, because life becomes more meaningful for us when we work for the welfare of others. For those who do not, however, have the time or the inclination to be active, we ask for financial and moral support in the form of your membership, so that others will have the necessary funds to carry out the program.

Cost of this program on the National level alone is some \$126,000, a tremendous increase over the previous year. Your delegates to the National Convention voted for this increase because the need for an expanded program was evident.

Anybody would assume that a law declared unconstitutional by the U.S. Supreme Court would have little if any opposition to its repeal. Such was not the case with the Washington Alien Head Law. Although the State legislature, and all of the leading civic organizations were strong supporters of the repeal measure, "a last minute whisper campaign started by some race mongers was strong enough to defeat the measure.

That such a hate campaign was organized is frightening enough. What is more frightening is the fact that thinking Americans were so affected by such a hate campaign.

If hate mongers can exert this type of influence over thinking Americans against an organized group that simply underestimated its enemies' powers; what couldn't they do to us were we unorganized?

Most Americans are not aware of the fact that Naturalized Citizens in the state of Idaho are deprived by law of the constitutional rights to vote, to serve as jurors, and to hold civil office simply because of their Oriental ancestry.

Most Americans are not aware of the fact that miscegenation laws prohibiting marriages of whites with other racial groups exist not only in the South but in several of the so-called "liberal North." Of the 30 states having such laws 15 affect Caucasian-Oriental marriages including such States as Arizona, Idaho, Maryland, Missouri, Montana, Oregon, Nebraska, Nevada, South Dakota, Utah, and Wyoming.

Most Americans are not aware of the fact that a legally married couple of such mixed marriage cannot, by law, establish in 8 States including such states as Maryland, Nevada and Virginia.

There are but a few of the more obvious types of discrimination still existing in this land of equality. Our motto is "Better Americans in a Greater America." By exerting our efforts towards making America truly a land of equality we hope that we will be better Americans, working towards a greater America.

These battles for equal treatment under the law comes high in time and money. Dedicated men will volunteer both time and money... but they alone cannot carry the financial burden. A few dollars from each of us makes a large worldwide program possible.

Legal and legislative battles to combat discrimination, an ever expanding youth program, and an effective public relations program are only possible with the help of everyone of us. Every member on our roster makes our organization that much more effective.

When the NAACP was in need of financial assistance to help fight its desegregation battle, many were reluctant to help, saying, "Why should we help support an organization that does not have the wholehearted support of its own people?" Let us not leave ourselves open to this type of criticism.

Let's all join! Let us all, husbands, wives, sisters and brothers alike, be a part of the only organization working and fighting for our rights every day of the year, year in and year out.

Give your chapter workers a break by turning in your membership by mail. They certainly would appreciate it. Membership in an organization such as ours is cheap even at \$25 a year so let's sign up the whole family.

Let's make this the biggest year ever!

Results of two years ago when a similar constitutional amendment was passed down.

November 4 will either validate

the Constitutional judgment or

the Constitutional amendment.

What we appeal would be to the U.S. Supreme Court to review the decision of the California Supreme Court.

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Citizens League Highlight

BY HARRY HONDA

History reflects what a group of people can accomplish, and from it one can deduce its beliefs, objectives and aspirations. The same can be done with the Japanese American Citizens League. which is a voluntary membership organization of Japanese Americans in America.

For JACL the first 20 years (up to 1960) were the "growing years."

It matured rapidly with the crisis of war and evacuation during the '40s and then the '50s.

During the past decade (since 1960)

the growth of our national organization developed.

1961-Amendment to Cable Act,

placing Nisei women on equal

basis with white men in the U.S. passed, was first successful

national legislation sponsored by

Japanese Americans in America.

Evacuation Claims Act signed in 1950, and 1955 to facilitate payments.

1954-JACL succeeded in action to have the House of Representatives drop its "all white" membership clause.

Decides to keep JACL a national organization of Japanese Americans, to actively push for Hawaiian statehood and naturalization rights for Japanese Americans.

1956-Mike Matsukawa appointed national secretary, first full-time president of JACL.

1958-With U.S. at war, JACL accelerates broad public relations

program for the general public.

1959-American Loyalty League agitation which led to 1959 Califor-

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nia. It was enacted in 14 other states be-

tween 1957-59.

1960-National Japanese Ameri-

cans organization organized April 5

in San Francisco by delegates from Seattle, Pierce County, San

Francisco, Marin, Alameda, Contra Costa, and Solano counties.

The highlights of course came in 1960.

1960-JACL committed to fair employment practices, promote racial

discrimination in armed services

and in the military.

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its first national convention in San

Francisco.

1965-JACL successfully organized

its second national convention in San

Francisco.

1966-JACL successfully organized

its third national convention in San

Francisco.

1967-JACL successfully organized

its fourth national convention in San

Francisco.

1968-JACL successfully organized

its fifth national convention in San

Francisco.

1969-JACL successfully organized

its sixth national convention in San

Francisco.

1970-JACL successfully organized

its seventh national convention in San

Francisco.

1971-JACL successfully organized

its eighth national convention in San

Francisco.

1972-JACL successfully organized

its ninth national convention in San

Francisco.

1973-JACL successfully organized

its tenth national convention in San

Francisco.

1974-JACL successfully organized

its eleventh national convention in San

Francisco.

1975-JACL successfully organized

its twelfth national convention in San

Francisco.

1976-JACL successfully organized

its thirteenth national convention in San

Francisco.

1977-JACL successfully organized

its fourteenth national convention in San

Francisco.

1978-JACL successfully organized

its fifteenth national convention in San

Francisco.

1979-JACL successfully organized

its sixteenth national convention in San

Francisco.

1980-JACL successfully organized

its seventeenth national convention in San

Francisco.

1981-JACL successfully organized

its eighteenth national convention in San

Francisco.

1982-JACL successfully organized

its nineteenth national convention in San

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1983-JACL successfully organized

its twentieth national convention in San

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1984-JACL successfully organized

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1987-JACL successfully organized

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1988-JACL successfully organized

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1989-JACL successfully organized

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1991-JACL successfully organized

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1992-JACL successfully organized

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1993-JACL successfully organized

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1994-JACL successfully organized

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2003-JACL successfully organized

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2004-JACL successfully organized

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2006-JACL successfully organized

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2011-JACL successfully organized

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2012-JACL successfully organized

its forty-ninth national convention in San

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2013-JACL successfully organized

its fiftieth national convention in San

Francisco.

2014-JACL successfully organized

its fifty-first national convention in San

Francisco.

2015-JACL successfully organized

its fifty-second national convention in San

Francisco.

2016-JACL successfully organized

its fifty-third national convention in San

Francisco.

2017-JACL successfully organized

its fifty-fourth national convention in San

Francisco.

2018-JACL successfully organized

its fifty-fifth national convention in San

Francisco.

2019-JACL successfully organized

its fifty-sixth national convention in San

Francisco.

2020-JACL successfully organized

its fifty-seventh national convention in San

Francisco.

2021-JACL successfully organized

its fifty-eighth national convention in San

Francisco.

2022-JACL successfully organized

its fifty-ninth national convention in San

Francisco.

2023-JACL successfully organized

its sixtieth national convention in San

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