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### EDITORIAL OF THE PACIFIC CITIZEN

#### Earmarks of a Successful Chapter

Observations by JACL leaders and an outline of principal projects by the various JACL national committees in this week's special edition devoted to the Chapters calls for extra pages and inside you will find:

1. How one chapter has consistently been able to have a good turnout at its meetings. (See Mt. Olympus)
2. How another chapter each year has been able to recruit new active board members, representative of the community, and also retain the active interest of those who have served their term. (See San Francisco)
3. How one chapter has been able to work out a fine relationship with other community groups and has zoomed its membership to an all-time high in the past few years. A number of years ago, there was a defeatist attitude that the chapter could never be strong because the Buddhist Church was so active and strong. (See San Jose)
4. What led one chapter to activate again so vigorously this year when it was practically non-functional for a couple of years. (See Arizona). This chapter has come back this year with 131 members to date after 67 in 1962, only 3 in 1961, 109 in 1960, and only 3 in 1959.
5. What one chapter, which was reactivated rather late postwar and found most of the chapter functions being performed by the Japanese American Community Center, did to become a very active chapter with increasing membership each year. (See San Fernando Valley)
6. What the Auxiliary of one chapter can do by capitalizing on a local situation with imagination, involving all its members in a program that is basically good, cultural, public relations and financially successful. (See Auxiliary)
7. How the Jr. JACL in one chapter keeps going year after year. It is now in its seventh year in the Midwest, an area where most people think Sansai are well integrated. (See Jr. JACL)

Perhaps, the most challenging article deals with the impressions of a JACLer who was president in a rural Japanese community in Idaho and now in business in the metropolitan Southern California area. Novo Kato, author of this article, is now on the Long Beach-Harbor District JACL board. His daughter Sharon was one of the recipients of the National JACL supplemental scholarships last year.

This bright assortment of special articles was gathered by National Director Mas Satow, who accepted our plea to serve as special editor for this week.

#### JCCA dissatisfied with Toronto school board reply on use of derogatory term

TORONTO. — The reply from the Toronto Dept. of Education concerning the use of "Jap" in a sixth grade reader was regarded as insufficient by the Japanese Canadian Citizens Assn. last week. Reginald Mori, JCCA human rights committee chairman, said J.R. McCarthy, superintendent of curriculum, had promised the term would be changed to "Japanese" in the next printing, which was expected to go to press shortly. McCarthy also said, "There was never any intention to offend any person by use of any term considered by them to be derogatory."

At issue is a story in the book "All Sails Set", published by Copp Clark, Ltd., of Toronto and Montreal.

Immediate Removal Asked

JCCA's contention is that the reply was only half an answer in that nothing was said of books currently used. The National JCCA demanded the removal of the books from continued use in the Toronto public schools as quickly as possible.

Many public school teachers indicated that pupils asked why the term was used in their readers when at home its use was forbidden by their parents. A Japanese Canadian teacher stated that the essay was of constant embarrassment to teach.

In the JCCA letter of protest to the Department of Education, the resentment of Japanese Canadians was stressed towards the use of this derogatory term. The letter stated many responsible groups and individuals have taken it upon themselves to stop its usage a long time ago; for instance, the newspapers in Toronto.

"We are amazed then," the letter went on, "to find that the Toronto and North York Boards of Education still use the textbook containing the word 'Jap' which has been on the approved list since 1948."

#### No Justification

The letter went on to explain that a child of today knows very little of the past war except that which he learns from books, and that when he has the opportunity to discuss and use such terms in school he will not discontinue the use of such a word outside of school.

"We cannot see how the continued use of the word (Jap) can be justified in our educational system. You as educators should be conscious of furthering the human rights and dignity of man through education."

#### STUDENT NURSE

REXBURG. — Judy Okamoto, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Okamoto of Pocatello, was elected president of the Idaho State Student Nurses Assn. The Ricks College student will receive an all expense-paid trip to the national convention May 10-13 in New Jersey.

#### STATE SENATOR APOLOGIZES FOR 1943 MEMORIAL

Portland Democrat Not the Worst of Offenders: Editorial

Special to the Pacific Citizen

PORTLAND, Ore. — A Multnomah County state senator who, in 1943, sponsored a memorial calling on Congress to denaturalize Japanese Americans after they were shipped to concentration camps, declared before the Easter break he wanted to set the record straight and apologized for his earlier action.

Sen. Thomas R. Mahoney (D) told the Senate: "I want to take this opportunity to apologize for my earlier action. I want to set the record straight."

He then proceeded to pay special tribute to the Japanese Americans for extraordinary heroism and dedication to duty.

The Portland Reporter, commenting on this public gesture, noted Sen. Mahoney had unbundled his soul long before this as so many others have.

#### Editorial

"We believe the Japanese Americans have long felt kindly toward those who have carried away by fits of passion into excesses which are not American. We judge the magnitude of their charity by the yardstick that we have never heard them complain of American war hysteria.

"There were Japanese haters in that war hysteria who were not deserving of any forgiveness, but Mahoney was not one of them," the editorial explained. The editorial was entitled: Not the Worst Offender.

"We refer to those who wanted the Japanese Americans deprived of their property. Much of the hostility to the remarkably industrious Japanese Americans in California was stirred up by those super-patriots who had their eyes on Japanese property.

"We believe Sen. Mahoney could make things a bit more right to the Japanese if he added his voice to those who have condemned patriotism cursed by greed. The grasping patriots will be after some other group's property the next time," the editorial concluded.

#### Pat Okura to attend Mile-Hi May 30 rites

OMAHA. — National JACL President Patrick Okura has accepted the invitation from Cathay Post 185 to participate in the dedication ceremonies to be held in Denver, May 30, commemorating the Nisei War Heroes of WW2 and the Korean conflict.

#### Norm Mineta to help push local water bond issue

SAN JOSE. — Norman Mineta was named to the steering committee to promote a \$42-million water bond issue in the June 11 election, according to George A. Starbird, chairman of the Committee of 1000 for Water. The Nisei insurance man is a member of the municipal Humanities Commission and a former JACL chapter president.

#### Most Honolulu landlords agree against race bias

HONOLULU. — Eighty-eight per cent of the landlords and apartment managers listing accommodations for military personnel through the Armed Services Community Housing Office have agreed not to discriminate against prospective tenants on racial or religious grounds.

The office said the remaining 12 per cent will be removed from its list.

Lt. Joan Donovan, local office director, initiated the survey after a Dept. of Defense directive forbidding discriminatory practices in housing by civilians who list accommodations for rent in military housing offices. Commenting on the result of her survey, Lt. Donovan said the Hawaiians have a "healthy attitude" toward race and religion.

#### WORLD'S FAIR SPACE

NEW YORK. — The Japan Exhibitors Assn. has signed for 35,000 sq. ft. of space at the 1964-65 New York World's Fair. It is adjacent to the 50,000 sq. ft. site to be occupied by the Japanese government through JETRO, the Japanese external trade organization.

#### SAN FRANCISCO JACL OFFERS \$250 SCHOLARSHIP

SAN FRANCISCO. — The scholarship committee of San Francisco JACL announced the chapter award of \$250 is available to a local high school senior of Japanese ancestry. Candidates must have participated in extracurricular activities including the JACL program, according to Akio Inouye, committee chairman.

Further information may be obtained from Inouye, Apt. 8, 1395-47th Ave., San Francisco 22.

#### Orange County duo donates \$1,000 to History Project fund

SAN FRANCISCO. — National JACL Headquarters acknowledged the receipt of \$2,951 in contributions toward its Japanese History Project this month, bringing the History Project funds to \$214,289.31. Included in this month's acknowledgments is a \$1,000 contribution from the Tabata Brothers of Westminster, Calif.

The final installment of \$25,000 in the \$100,000 agreement with the University of California at Los Angeles as project co-sponsor was transferred to UCLA early this month.

Previously Reported: \$28,339.66  
\$100 — Roy M. Kawaguchi  
Previously Reported: \$1,020  
\$25 — Miss Grace Marita  
Previously Reported: \$1,180  
\$75 — Katsunoto Family, Kawaguchi Family  
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#### Anti-poll tax amendment likely to be ratified by necessary 38 states next year

WASHINGTON. — Ratification of the proposed 24th Amendment to the United States Constitution banning poll taxes as a qualification for voting in federal elections now appears assured—probably in 1964. The amendment apparently will fall one state shy of ratification this year.

Final ratification of any constitutional amendment requires the approval of two-thirds, or 38, of the 50 states.

As of April 15, legislatures of 30 states had approved the anti-poll tax measure.

Only Mississippi, one of the five states still having a poll tax, rejected the amendment, although Arizona, South Dakota, and Wyoming ended their regular legislative sessions without taking final action on the measure.

#### One Vote Short

Thus, if the five states that have given partial passage (Delaware, Florida, Iowa, Missouri and Oklahoma) plus Maine and New Hampshire finally approve the amendment, it will have been ratified by only 37 states—one short of the necessary 38.

It is conceivable, however, that one of the states that adjourned its legislature without passing the amendment may be recalled into special session to reconsider ratification, in any case, three states—Arizona, South Dakota, and Kentucky—have regular sessions of their legislatures scheduled for early 1964 and are likely to provide the necessary ratification.

#### Proposed By Holland

The anti-poll tax amendment has been introduced in every Congress since 1949 by Sen. Spessard L. Holland (D) of Florida, a Southerner who has long favored the elimination of poll taxes. During his days in the Florida Legislature, Holland was one of the chief backers of the bill that abolished the poll tax in Florida in 1937.

Last year marked the first time that the Senate was given an opportunity to vote on an anti-poll tax amendment, since all such previous proposals had died a slow death in the Senate Judiciary Committee, headed by Sen. James O.

#### Livingston-Merced gives trees to new school

LIVINGSTON. — The Livingston-Merced JACL donated 15 flowering plum and cherry trees to landscape the new Campus Park School here. Les Yoshida, nurseryman, contributed a Hachiya persimmon tree. Mrs. Tom Nakashima, project chairman, reported this week.

#### SUPREME COURT FAVORS NEGRO IN JOB FOR PILOT

Unanimous Decision in Support of FEPC Hailed by JACL

WASHINGTON. — The United States Supreme Court held Monday that the states are free to make interstate airlines and racial discrimination in hiring.

The unanimous decision set aside a Colorado ruling that interstate carriers are exempt from state fair employment laws. The Colorado supreme court held that to apply the state law would place an undue burden on commerce.

Winner in the case was Marlon D. Green, a Negro, who sought a pilot's job with Continental Airlines, found qualified but never hired. The Colorado Anti-Discrimination Commission found that his race was the only reason for Continental's refusal to hire.

Justice Hugo L. Black, in writing the unanimous opinion, disposed of the argument that under past decisions interstate carriers must be free from diverse racial regulations. These earlier decisions, he said, were based on the assumption that one state might require integration and another forbid it. But segregation laws have now been held unconstitutional, so such a conflict "simply cannot exist here."

Because of the implications, JACL was an interested party in this case and hailed the decision. It is also expected to aid 25 other states which have laws prohibiting racial discrimination in hiring.

Eastland (D) of Mississippi. In 1962, however, the amendment was brought to the floor of the Senate by adding the anti-poll tax provisions to a resolution making Alexander Hamilton's home a national monument, effectively bypassing the Judiciary Committee. The Senate, after a mild Southern filibuster, passed the amendment by a wide margin, as did the House five months later.

Although there has been no organized campaign in favor of the amendment, it has received bipartisan support from members of Congress and both national committees. The rapid progress of the anti-poll tax amendment through the state legislatures has surprised many observers who had earlier predicted that the ratification process would take a number of years if it was successful at all.

#### DR. ROY M. NISHIKAWA

The ideal chapter president should have three things: Knowledge, Dedication, and the ability to Plan and Organize.

KNOWLEDGE: A chapter president should know as much as possible about his organization, local, regional and national. He should be acquainted with JACL's background and history, organizational set-up, and the work of JACL's National Committees. He should thoroughly understand JACL's aims, ideals and on-going programs.

Without this knowledge, it would be difficult for him to be an enthusiastic and informed JACLer. And unless he himself is sold on the JACL, he cannot be expected to do a good selling job to others.

Where, then, can one get this knowledge? One of the best sources of information, in my opinion, are the official minutes of the National Conventions. They can be borrowed from regional offices and from national headquarters. Other good sources of information are the Chapter President's Notebook, the Pacific Citizen and National officers. The National Board and Staff exist primarily for one purpose: To serve their members. They are not hard to approach and would welcome your inquiries.

#### Do You Know JACL?

Knowledge of JACL, like anything else, needs to be kept current. One can keep his knowledge up-to-date by reading and studying regional and national memos, by reading the Pacific Citizen, by asking questions and by attending district and national conventions and meetings. Chapter Presidents tend

#### Washington Newsletter: by Mike Masaoka

### No Federal funds to support of 'Jim Crow' suggested

FOR SOME time now, various advocates of civil rights have proposed what may well be summarized in their catch phrase: "No Federal Funds to Support Jim Crow."

Last week (April 16), the United States Civil Rights Commission officially endorsed this proposition, urging President Kennedy to consider withholding Federal funds from Mississippi until that State ends its "subversion of the Constitution."

This unprecedented and dramatic suggestion was made in an official report by the Commission, the first since its creation in 1957.

The proposal for the withholding of funds was carefully phrased, suggesting only that the President "explore his legal authority" to do so and that Congress "consider seriously" the idea of implementing legislation, if necessary.

In the words of the Commission, the question is whether "Federal funds contributed by citizens of all of the States" should be made available "to any State which continues to refuse to abide by the Constitution and the laws of the United States."

The special report emphasized that in the fiscal year ending June 1962, the Federal Government paid to Mississippi more than \$550,000, while receiving only \$270,000 in taxes. These Federal payments included grant-in-aid programs, United States Army Corps of Engineers construction contracts, and direct military and civilian payrolls. In addition, Federal payments have been made for redevelopment loans and grants, small business loans, public works projects, and Federal Aviation Agency grants.

As the Commission put it, "Massive assistance to the economy of Mississippi has continued past the time when the State placed itself in direct defiance of the Constitution and Federal Court orders." The Commission asked both the Legislative and Executive branches of the Government to "inquire into the moral and legal considerations arising out of a situation where, in large measure, the lawless conduct and defiance of the Constitution by certain elements in one State are being subsidized by the other States."

The special report made it clear that "The Commission does not want the people of Mississippi, either Negro or white, to lose benefits available to citizens of

other States. Rather, its goal is that all citizens in the United States be assured the full enjoyment of the rights guaranteed by the Constitution."

While praising the Kennedy Administration for "strong and vigorous action in assuring that violators of Federal laws are prosecuted and that court orders are enforced," the Commission concluded "unanimously that only further steps by the Federal Government can arrest the subversion of the Constitution in Mississippi."

In addition to the fund-withholding proposal, the Commission urged the President to formally direct the people of Mississippi to comply with the Constitution and that he strengthen efforts to "impress existing lawlessness and provide Federal protection to citizens in the exercise of their basic constitutional rights."

The explanation for this unique fund-withholding proposal is that "Since October 1952, the open and flagrant violation of Constitutional

guarantees in Mississippi has precipitated serious conflict. Each week brings fresh evidence of the danger of a complete breakdown of law and order. Citizens of the United States have been shot, set upon by vicious dogs, beaten and otherwise terrorized because they sought to vote. . . . All this affronts the conscience of the Nation."

Noteworthy is that the Commission's report was unanimous, including two of the six commissioners: Robert S. Rankin of North Carolina.

#### THE MISSISSIPPI ADVISORY

Committee to the Civil Rights Commission—five white and four Negroes who are from the Deep South—Robert G. Storer of Texas and Negro Mississippians — supported the Commission's drastic recommendations, though it acknowledged the necessity for them with "deep regret."

This official State panel declared that "We find that the existing

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### DEMOCRATIC CAUCUS SUPPORTS WATERED-DOWN CALIF. HOUSING BILL

SACRAMENTO. — The Assembly Democratic caucus Monday endorsed a watered-down version of Gov. Brown's controversial fair housing bill which was expected to come up for approval on the lower house floor this week.

Assembly majority leader Jack Waldie (D, Antioch) said the vote was "overwhelming" to support the amended measure, introduced by Assemblyman Byron Rumford (D, Berkeley) at Brown's request.

The proposed legislation would make it unlawful for the owner of any housing, other than four-unit dwelling in which he himself lives, to refuse to sell or rent to any person because of race, color or religion.

#### FEPC Can Act

The State Fair Employment Practices Commission would be authorized to investigate and take action on discrimination complaints by seeking court injunctive relief.

In its original form, the legislation exempted only single unit owner-occupied dwellings and called for a fine of \$500 or a six month jail sentence, or both, for willful violations.

These two provisions were amended last week by Rumford in the Assembly Ways and Means Committee. The California Real Estate Assn. still opposes the bill as being unconstitutional.

The bill was expected to cause a full-scale debate when Rumford decides to take it up.

### Rockefeller signs fairer housing bill

ALBANY, N.Y. — Gov. Nelson A. Rockefeller signed a bill extending the state law against discrimination in sale or rental of private housing on April 22 and took the occasion to laud his administration's steps in that field.

The legislation covers all sales and rental of private housing, with the exception of two-family houses in which the owner occupies one unit and rental of single rooms in private homes.

The law provides that persons who discriminate on racial or religious grounds in sale or rental of private housing are performing an unlawful act.

## What It Takes to Be Chapter President

to get in-grown when they neglect attending district meetings.

Perhaps you feel that you do know the JACL. Well, let's see.

On your membership drive, some people say, "What is JACL doing? What do I get out of it? Why should I support it?" How would you answer this?

A local service club wants you to speak on the JACL. Can you accept this assignment?

A group of young people in your community asks your chapter for help in organizing a Jr. JACL. How do you do this?

An Issei wants to donate to the Endowment Fund. Can you explain this to him?

A student wants to know more about JACL scholarships and about Hi-Co. Can you help him?

A Nisei family has difficulty in buying a home in "restricted" neighborhood. He wants your help. What can you do?

DEDICATION: JACL is noted for its dedicated leaders. But how does one become dedicated unless he understands and appreciates what the organization has done, is doing, and is trying to do? Full understanding and appreciation comes only after years of experience, thought and study.

But it is worth all of the effort and sacrifice that is necessary. It is probably true that unless one's life is dedicated to a cause greater than self, life tends to become empty and meaningless. This is what dedicated JACL leaders mean when they say that they have received far more from the organization than they have given. One receives in proportion to his giving! If JACL has not given

anything to you, perhaps you have not given enough to JACL! Believe me, you'll need dedication when these things happen:

#### Role of Dedication

How many times have you been disappointed by poor turnout to local chapter affairs?

How many chapter leaders have you known who at one time were extremely active, but who no longer take an active part?

How many times have cabinet members promised to do a job for you and have failed?

How many members do you have who are always too busy to help the chapter?

How many times has your patience been strained because of procrastination on the local, regional and national levels?

Dedication to JACL, rising above personalities and human foibles and failings is the only thing that can keep you going when things get rough.

#### PLANNING & ORGANIZATION

Knowledge and dedication, although important, cannot be fully effective unless one has the ability to Plan and to Organize. These abilities can be learned by anyone with sufficient imagination, diligence and intelligence. Basically, they encompass the ability to project into the future; the ability to gather together a multitude of small details and to fit them into a coherent and effective whole. One allows for difficulties by trying to anticipate them.

#### Pays to be Organized

Did you have difficulties on your membership drives?

Did your Issei History project founder?

Have you ever had meetings which were poorly promoted, poorly planned and as a consequence poorly attended?

Have you ever attended local installations where someone forgot to arrange for the flag? For the Past President's pin? Where the guest speaker wandered all around because there was nobody assigned to greet him?

Where the program was a comedy of errors? Where the locale was ill-suited for the purpose of the meeting? Or when prospective new members felt lost because nobody made them feel welcome?

All of these things can and should be overcome by good planning and by good organization.

We see then that Knowledge, Dedication and good Planning and Organization are not merely theoretical interests but are extremely practical in running your chapter affairs. But how do we strengthen and develop these things? BY ASKING FOR HELP!

#### A Concrete Suggestion

Here is a concrete suggestion which could mean the salvation of your chapter: How about holding a chapter clinic within your own chapter? Invite your nearest national officer to sit down with your chapter. Keep the meeting informal, let your hair down. Try to analyze your problems, your failures, your successes, your weaknesses, your strengths.

District chapter clinics are extremely valuable, but a clinic tailored for the special interests and needs of your own chapter can

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## Ye Editor's Desk

### ON BEING WELL ORGANIZED

This special edition devoted to the Chapters deserves a long look from within. A professor in public administration has said that every enterprise requires manpower to carry it forward; the more complicated it becomes, the more manpower. And whenever many men are thus working together, best results are secured by a division of labor.

Hence, the chapter leadership can realize such division of labor is a foundation of the chapter. The professor further says a successful enterprise cannot be organized without, at the same time, considering how this work in question is to be divided.

If division of work is desirable (it's a "must" in JACL), coordination becomes mandatory—either by organization or by the dominance of an idea.

By "organization" we mean that work is coordinated by orders of superiors to subordinates. By "dominance of idea" we mean each man works together as a group with one purpose in mind and fitting himself intelligently into the scheme. Oftentimes, experience suggests both principles be used together in promoting an enterprise. What is well to remember is that such coordination takes time to develop; that is, start small and build up gradually.

Coordination also involves an executive (president or a board of directors acting as a single body), definition of the objective and knowing the means to attain the objective.

Effective coordination demands dominance of an idea as the foundation of action. This self-imposed coordination, however, needs to be developed—not by command, but by leadership whipping up the desire and will to work together. If the whole man—body and spirit—is thrown together into the program, his capacity for great and productive labor knows no limit. Hence, morale is important.

Unlike a business enterprise in which the fittest survive, a JACL chapter in a given community might be regarded as a monopoly for it is not subject to the purifying elements of competition. It deals with good will, which has no price. If a chapter dies, it's because of mismanagement or the leadership has abandoned it. The objective is still there: good will.

Good will has an immortality and an intangible quality because it involves the inner-man. Perhaps, this is why we believe JACL to be the kind of human institution that can long survive. It has elasticity as characterized by the fact that it is a democratic force, subject to a systematic method of introducing changes in program as the result of public opinion.

Our study of JACL as an organization raises another consideration in view of our changing world in this new age of space, where land is getting dearer, where governments must satisfy the people rather than the ruler and where men demand greater security even at the expense of reducing their material gains. The situation warrants a good look at the art of government.

We have read many comments in the Pacific Citizen which have asked: "Whither JACL?" But trying to narrow down JACL ideals with tangibles camouflages what all men hope for in this world: progress to the fullest use and growth of each man's powers in the service of his fellows, and the enjoyment of such pleasures as contribute to the refreshment or enhancement of such powers.

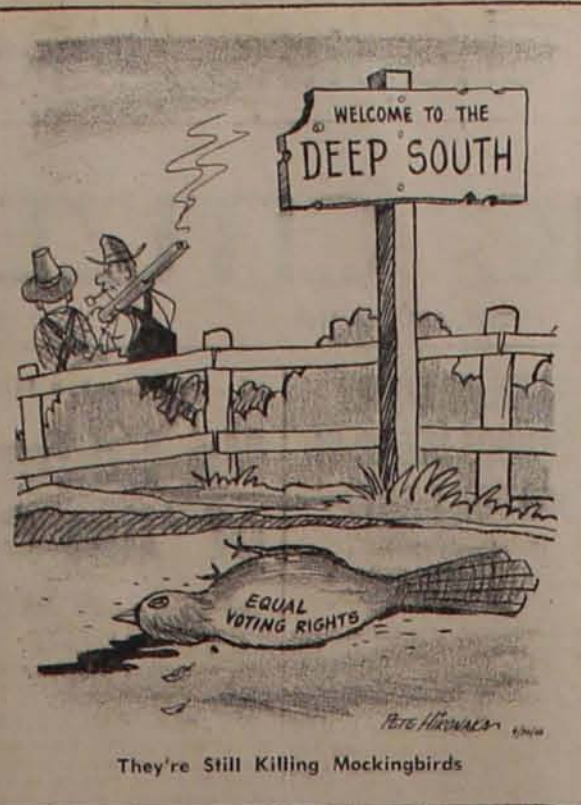
In any government there are a number of different activities through which the main purpose is being sought. More than one man will be needed; the work and responsibilities must be apportioned. To decide how best to accomplish the mission involves listing the tasks and what is involved.

In most stable chapters, once these separate tasks are understood, these can be left without constant re-direction and coordination. But departmentalization is necessary, and seeing that the right men are selected. And task should not be so complicated for them.

Finally, we must take into account the probabilities for change. In the relatively isolated or settled chapters, the change may be very slow. But in newer communities where there is considerable change in population, provision for reorganizations is needed to avoid later confusion.

Surest source of delay and confusion, say the administrators, is allow any superior to be in control of too many subordinates. Armies have observed this principle for centuries. In practical terms for the chapter, the nearer we approach the top, the more we ought to work towards groups of three; the closer we get to the foot, the more we work towards groups of six. See how this works out in your chapter. More things might get done.

A practical reason for three and six is there, but a bit involved to explain at this point of our column here. But the trick is to administer economically as well as efficiently. Other articles this week say what needs to be done at the chapter level; I hope this column helps how they can be done.



They're Still Killing Mockingbirds

## Chapter Presidents

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be even more valuable! But only if it is honest, frank, and considerate of all shades of chapter opinion.

### Human Relation

Basically JACL is a human relation organization. It means working for and with people. Therefore, a chapter president needs to develop his skills in human relations to a very high degree.

He needs to be tactful and courteous. He must allow for human failings and foibles. He must persuade and not demand. He must encourage, prod, cajole and plead on occasion—yet he must always do this without becoming overbearing. He must be persistent, patient, firm and yet retain his sense of humor.

He must be unselfish and be willing to give his cabinet and other members most of the credit. He must exercise initiative when it is much easier to do nothing. His imagination must work overtime in order to stimulate interest and enthusiasm.

He must be conscientious enough to read and study the mail coming to him as chapter president and to translate these communications into action. And most important, he should prepare the way for his successor by training his officers to take over his many responsibilities.

All of this takes time, effort, imagination, knowledge, dedication and an ability to plan and organize, but nobody ever said that being a chapter president was easy. In short the ideal chapter president is quite a man (or woman) and deserves every bit of praise and encouragement we can give to him. For he is not only the backbone but the heart of the JACL as well.

## Brush Painting Finds Home in Utah

BY TOMOKO YANO

SALT LAKE CITY. — Everyone got into the act and a beautiful brush painting by a famous contemporary Japanese artist, Takahiko Mikami, found itself a home in the capital city of Utah—Salt Lake City.

With Henry Kasai, public relations chairman for the Salt Lake Chapter, spearheading the presentation and acting in behalf of the Japanese Consulate's office, the painting was formally presented to Governor George D. Clyde in a ceremony that took place in the State Capitol rotunda on Sunday afternoon, March 3.

Since it was Hina Matsuri Day, local Japanese took part in the ceremony dancing in the colorful costumes of their native country. Japan. Doll displays added to the Oriental atmosphere.

A large group of spectators including many JACL members watched as Kasai formally presented the painting to the Governor. News and TV coverage were also made of the festivities.

Mikami is director of the Japanese Art Center in San Francisco and has made previous appearances in Utah.

SALT LAKE CITY. — An enchanting painting by Takahiko Mikami!

VALLEY FEVER STUDY BAKERSFIELD. — Dr. Yasuo Sawaki of Tokyo, on a Claude Babcock Memorial Fellowship at Kern General Hospital doing research on pulmonary diseases, has been speaking on the San Joaquin Valley fever before many local organizations.

A PERSON may join the 1009 Club on the payment basis of \$10 down and the balance in quarterly payments of \$5, so that the entire amount is paid within the year.

## PC Letter Box

### Thank You

Dear Editor: We want to thank you very much for the very fine write-up which you gave on the Philadelphia JACL installation in the April 12 PC.

It is interesting to note the number of people who are looking for local news when they read the PC, and we were very happy with the number of comments of the congratulatory nature on the recent Philadelphia activities.

KAZ HORITA

Philadelphia JACL

## History Project —

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SALT LAKE. — Previously Reported: \$1,933  
\$25 — Frank K. Asano  
ORANGE COUNTY. — Previously Reported: \$1,825  
\$1,000 — Tabata Brothers  
\$400 — Chico Farms, Kyutaro, Joe & Charles Ichi  
\$100 — S. Paul Naganatsu, Dr. & Mrs. Richard Inagawa, Dr. Tadashi Ochiai, George Matsuyama  
\$50 — S. Nakamura, Minoru Inadomi, Ken Ueyasu  
\$40 — M. & T. Masuda  
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Total This Report: \$2,751

## Sister Cities

Oakland - Fukuoka: Anticipating future Sister City projects, the Oakland JACL appointed Tony Yokomizo, Aaa Fujie, Paul Yamamoto and Dr. Charles Ishizu to represent the chapter.

JACLers serving the Sister City executive committee are Frank Ogawa, K. Yokomizo and Mas Yonemura.

Tacoma-Kokura: Puyallup Valley JACL reports the Kokura Shrine may be placed at Pt. Defiance Park. The local Japanese gardeners association was contacted to arrange for landscaping. The city park board has agreed to take over maintenance.

### 250 books donated

LOS ANGELES. — Over 250 volumes of new Japanese books relating to history and culture selected last year by visiting assistant professor Noboru Inamoto, and purchased by the Japanese Students Club at USC was given to the university's Dobony Library this week. The campus club is composed of 60 Japanese nationals.

## History Project's Instruction 2

BY SHIG WAKAMATSU

Every Chapter Project Chairman of the JACL-UCLA Japanese American Research Project will soon be receiving a copy of Instructions II from Project Director Dr. T. Scott Miyakawa and Liaison Chairman Akio Yoshimura relating to the gathering of documentary material from the Issei and Nisei throughout the United States.

The issuance of Instructions II signals the near completion of months of necessary paper work and planning, and Dr. Miyakawa would now be able to devote more time to the research end.

I should like to state that Dr. Miyakawa has performed the very difficult and laborious task of mapping out the budgetary details of a four-year project. This was done under uncertain conditions, whereby it was necessary to prepare two plans of approach—one for the minimum budget of \$100,000 from the JACL Fund Drive and the other for the comprehensive study with the anticipated foundation support.

### Budgets Prepared

Ordinarily, planning of this scope would necessitate a staff of specialists for approximately a year, but under the circumstances Dr. Miyakawa had to do all of the detail work himself, fortunately with the excellent consultative support of his colleagues at UCLA. The budgets and statements are now in the hands of UCLA administrative officials for further action.

I should also like to state that I have been most impressed with the patient discipline of all of our people during these long months of preparation. Nerves no doubt have been frayed when nothing seemed to show on the surface in the form of progress. Nevertheless, on the whole, the entire public who supported this project by a record amount of \$200,000 and over seemed to understand the enormous amount of preliminary planning that was required before any field work could get under way.

The two main sources of new material which the project will draw upon are the collection of documentary material and the interviews. The importance of both sources to this project cannot be over-emphasized.

### All-Out Effort

We would therefore request that every chapter go all-out in following Instructions II to pinpoint the availability, nature and description of these documentary materials in its respective area. The procedure to be followed will be contained in the memorandum to the Chapter Project Chairman and will also be printed in the Pacific Citizen.

Documentary materials are any records, personal diaries, private letters, pictures, newspaper clippings, minutes of organization meetings, legal and business papers or artifacts, etc., which have been kept by families.

The fact that they have been saved would indicate that they have some meaning to the individual or individuals concerned.

### Research Library

These documents will be preserved in the new Research Library Building on the UCLA campus which is now near completion. This collection will not only be a source material for our history project, but will have a continuing value for future students and scholars who wish to concentrate on the research of Japanese Americans. In no better way can we contribute to a greater understanding about the many peoples who make up this nation.

We ask the cooperation of every JACL member in anticipating the effort that your local chapter will put forth and in helping to provide information on any source of documentary material that your family or friends may possess.

## Masaoka —

(Continued from Front Page)

conditions under which our Negro citizens must live are in the main intolerable, with a continuing deprivation of rights and an ever-present threat of police brutality and economic reprisal against any citizen who attempts to break the established patterns of segregation. The State Advisory Committee said that even persons encouraging Negroes to assert their legal rights were "subjected to harassment and threats."

The members of the Advisory Committee found that "If individual rights are not assured by the State government, citizens have no choice but to turn to the Federal Government for protection." It accused the State of consistently abdicating its responsibilities in this field: "It has brazenly espoused racist mythology as official policy, thus serving notice on some 42 per cent of the population that they are inferior in the eyes of the State. It has encouraged the people of Mississippi to disregard laws and judicial decisions of the United States, and to place State loyalty above national loyalty."

"It has fostered a spirit of enmity toward our duly constituted national Government, based on false ideas of Federal-State relationships in our American system of government. Unless the Federal Government too is derelict in the fulfillment of its constitutional duties, it cannot forever ignore such gross irresponsibility, not to say subversion, on the part of the State government."

WHEN THE President was asked during the "question and answer" session of the American Society of Newspaper Editors convention in Washington last Friday, as to whether he "would attempt to cut off Federal aid to Mississippi," the President explained that he did not think that he had the power to do so, and even if he had the authority he did not think that it was good for any President to have such powers.

All of the Southern Senators heard from thus far, including North Carolina's Sam Ervin, chairman of the Judiciary Subcommittee on Constitutional Rights, and Mississippi's James Eastland, chairman of the parent Judiciary Committee, both of whom will have an important role in determining whether the life of the Civil Rights Commission which expires this fall will be extended or not, agree with the President's assessment.

But, the two law school deans and another prominent lawyer-educator of the six-member Commission obviously feel that the President does have such powers, and that he ought to exercise them. While officials could not point to a precedent where Federal funds were withheld from a State on a general basis, a staff member of the Civil Rights Commission explained that the fund-withholding recommendation is supported by the President's executive order barring discrimination in Federal assisted housing. This, he said, is based on the premise that the President has the right to withhold Federal funds in cases of discrimination.

Actually, the threat of a fund cutoff has been used before to strengthen the Federal Government's hand in lowering racial bars. The threat was used in Mississippi itself several years ago to win assurances that a new veterans' hospital would not be segregated. This tactic has been used to pressure reluctant Southern universities to admit Negro students to summer courses supported by the National Defense Act. In Florida and Texas, it was used to push desegregation under the impacted-aid program.

The apparent philosophy behind the Commission's proposals is that the Federal Government should be able to negotiate from a position of strength in the future. The strength would lie in Federal aid. If everything else failed, the fund cutoff would be invoked as a last resort. Incidentally, the Commission's proposals did not urge the President to cutoff all aid to Mississippi.

What the Commission probably had in mind was that, when a contract for a new Federal Government installation is being negotiated, a Federal Agency could ask for "assurances" against racial discrimination. This is the same idea that has been suggested for Government construction contracts, for even with a non-discrimination clause the Government has found it difficult to erase discrimination once a project is underway.

In any event, the strongly-worded report with its dramatic call for the kind of decisive action that might well cause States like Mississippi to seriously review their racial policies underlines the critical character of the explosive situation in Mississippi.

After all, "money talks" and there is a lot of truth that "Federal funds should not be used to support Jim Crow."



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## Director's Report

**NATIONAL YOUTH ORGANIZATION** — To follow through on the decision of the Youth Assembly at the Seattle National Convention to set up a National JACL Youth Organization, a meeting of the five youth Committee Chairmen together with a number of adult advisers has been scheduled for Salt Lake City the weekend of June 8 and 9.

Youth Chairmen expected to report on the work of their respective committees will be Margaret Kai, San Francisco, purpose and objectives; Roger Nikaido, Sacramento, finance; Roy Ikeda, San Francisco, organization; Gil Furusho, Chicago, constitution and Bob Akagi, Mt. Olympus, program. Invited to meet with them are adult advisers who have been working closely with them — National JACL Youth Commission members: Chairman Jerry Enomoto; Marie Kurihara, San Francisco; Abe Hagiwara, Chicago; Sue Kaneko, Salt Lake, and Intermountain Youth Council advisers Bob Endo and Ronnie Yokota of Pocatello.

Arrangements for the meeting are being made by Tats Misaka, Salt Lake Chapter President, and Rupert Hachiya, Intermountain DC Chairman. This work session will shape up the reports of the Committees and make recommendations for the youth program at the 18th Biennial National Convention in Detroit, July 1-4, 1964.

**SAY "HARO" TO TARO** — Speaking of youth, members in the San Francisco Bay area will be given an opportunity to see the colorful "Urashima Taro" program put on by the San Francisco Junior JACLers, now that it will be repeated on Saturday, May 11, at Lowell High School. Several weeks ago, these young people, with the help and support of the senior JACLers, staged their own delightful version of this popular Japanese fairy tale in a manner any chapter would have been proud to display. Can't go wrong on \$1.25 for an enjoyable evening.

**TO ACQUAINT OUR FELLOW AMERICANS** — Upon the invitation of Peggy Sasashima, now interning with the Coro Foundation, we addressed a weekly seminar of Teachers in the Richmond School District on the background of Japanese Americans. These weekly seminars are an in-service training course set up by the Bay Area Urban League.

Our thanks to busy Steve Doi for doing a similar job with another section of the seminar, busy between a partnership operation of several cleaning establishments, attending law school, serving on the NC-WNDC Executive Board, besides making himself generally helpful to the San Francisco Chapter which he headed in 1959.

**MEMBERSHIP SUPPORT** — Memberships reported this past week have put Fresno, Monterey, Oakland, Pasadena, San Jose, Tulare County, and White River Chapters in the better-than-last-year category, giving us 25 such chapters to date. Monterey, San Jose, and Watsonville join Contra Costa, Long Beach Harbor District, San Fernando Valley, Sanger, and Washington, DC, in registering their all-time highs. Central California is the first District Council to exceed its 1962 membership total.

**SAC TO 1000 CLUB** — Rain by the bucketful failed to dampen the swanky 1000 Club affair of the Sacramento Chapter. The 250 in attendance was a tribute to the able promotion of Chapter 1000 Club Chairman Dr. James Kubo and Mamoru Sakuma who served as emcee. Someone went to a lot of artistic work to make the table decorations consisting of the JACL seal in colors, each hand made. Before the evening was over, most of these disappeared as souveniers bearing the autograph of the very charming guest of honor, movie and TV personality, Miiko Taka. They kept her pretty busy all evening signing these, crowning Beverly Nakano, the Sacramento Junior JACL Queen, and picking out the winning door prize tickets.

There was a good representation from Marysville. Bill Tsuji of Marysville, last year's NC-WNDC 1000 Club Chairman, lost no time in latching on to half of the \$50 main prize won by Mas Sagara of Madison for his first year 1000 Club membership. Actually, Mas volunteered his membership, matching the generosity of some 20 1000 Clubbers who donated the various door prizes.

## STATE SENATOR RATTIGAN TO ADDRESS NC-WN

Sonoma County JACL Hosts NC-WNDC Meeting for May 5

SANTA ROSA — California State Senator Joseph A. Rattigan of Sonoma County will speak to the JACLers of the Northern California-Western Nevada District Council at the evening banquet of the forthcoming Quarterly District meeting on May 5, according to Frank Oda who is heading the arrangements for the affair.

The meeting will be held at the Flamingo Hotel here, hosted by the Sonoma County Chapter. Registration begins at 12 noon. Registration fees will be \$7 for official delegates; \$5 for booster delegates; and \$4 for youth delegates. There will be a \$1 registration fee for those who attend the meeting only.

The District Executive Board reminds all Chapters of their agreement to send two official delegates to the quarterly meeting. Those failing to register two official delegates will be sent statements following the meeting.

### Workshops Scheduled

Following the District business meeting from 1 to 3 p.m. presided by Chairman Jim Murakami, there will be a coffee break. The balance of the afternoon will be devoted to two workshop discussions on (1) What is the image of JACL in your community? with discussion on an effective public relations program for the chapter, and (2) What are the special problems of your chapter and how can members of the Executive Board and National officials in the area be of specific help by visitations?

The public relations workshop will be led by Akiyo Yoshimura, Chairman of the National JACL Public Relations Committee, and Jerry Enomoto, National First Vice President. Working with the chapters on deputation visitations will be Tad Masaka and Steve Doi, DC Executive Board members. Each workshop will be for an hour and then the leaders will shift around to enable all those in attendance to participate in each discussion.

According to DC Chairman James Murakami, the Third Quarterly meeting has been set for Aug. 4 with the Oakland Chapter hosting, and the final meeting will be in San Mateo on Nov. 3 with National President Patrick Okura in attendance.

## NC-WNDC agenda for May 5 released

SAN FRANCISCO. — Proposals to be presented at the National JACL Youth Organization committee meeting June 8-9 at Salt Lake City will be formulated at the second quarterly session of the NC-WNDC on Sunday, May 5, at Santa Rosa's Flamingo Hotel, according to the meeting agenda announced this week by JACL Chairman Margaret Kai.

Miss Kai is presenting the report on purposes and objectives, Roy Ikeda on organization, Roger Nikaido on finance, and Stan Morimoto on constitution and program.

Other reports will be given by JACL delegate John Hamamura, Monterey Jr. JACL president, who attended the Asilomar conference on Human Relations for high school students Feb. 22-24, sponsored by American Friends Service Committee; and by committee-men on the forthcoming June 22 activities headed by John Morimoto.

David Hara, John Yamashita, bowling, Ken Kuroiwa, coronation dance; Dick Nakamura, queen contest; Roger Nikaido, Percy Masaki, "Operation Hawaii".

**T. IRIYE, 91**  
REXBURG, Idaho. — An Issei pioneer, T. Iriye, recently passed away at the age of 91. A bachelor all of his life and though never a member of JACLer, at his death he bequeathed \$50 to the Rexburg JACL.

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San Fernando Valley —

## 'Soft-sell' Appeal Establishes Chapter Despite Obstacles

BY SAM UYEHARA  
Chapter President - 1959, 1960

San Fernando Valley Chapter of the Year Award meant for the San Fernando Valley Chapter a well deserved recognition and culmination of nine years of effort to build up its chapter in the face of many obstacles peculiar to its area and local sentiments. A small chapter in prewar years, its reactivation in the post-war years was delayed by a dearth of JACL leaders and the late relocation of the Japanese population into the San Fernando Valley area.

Much of the San Fernando Valley Chapter's success could be attributed to its "soft sell" approach in an area where people were by and large unfamiliar with the JACL, or even more challenging, where many in the area exhibited a cool attitude toward the JACL.

In the first few years following its reactivation in 1954, the Chapter grew at a very slow pace. By 1959, when its membership had reached 38, it found that many of its community functions were being performed by the newly built San Fernando Valley Japanese American Community Center in Pacoima.

### Cooperation & Support

Faced with this situation, the Chapter very wisely followed a policy of cooperation and support rather than one of a duplication of activities, which over the years has paid dividends to the Chapter in the form of a steadily increasing regard and respect by the community for the JACL Chapter and its role in the community.

JACL's increasing acceptance in the San Fernando Valley is today reflected in its bounding membership which now numbers over 150. Indicative of its prominent role in the Community Center is the fact that the past three chairmen of the Community Center Coordinating Council, which supervises the more than 15 adult and youth organizations, have been ex-presidents of the San Fernando Valley JACL.

Activities such as the Nisei Week Queen Candidate selection, Issei Pioneer Night, polo shot service, carnivals, youth activities, athletic programs, dance classes, Ikebana, scouting, hobby groups, etc., are carried out by the Center, in which the JACL fully cooperates and supports.

### Chapter Projects

On the other hand, the Chapter sponsors such activities as voter registration, Issei citizenship aid, Hi-Co, Nisei Relays Queen candidate, Nisei Relays participation, square dances, speakers, annual Chapter Scholarships for high school seniors, snow outings, winter and summer bowling leagues, etc. This spirit of cooperation has been mutually beneficial to both organizations as well as to the community.

Today, the San Fernando Valley Chapter stands firmly rooted with a strong nucleus of leaders and prospects for an increasing membership, with the steady influx of Nisei into the San Fernando Valley accompanying the industrial expansion into the Valley.

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### CO-PRESIDENTS CAMERA SHY

Velma Yemoto and Emi Yokogawa, co-presidents of the San Francisco JACL Auxiliary, were absent when this picture of the cabinet was taken at the chapter installation. In the picture are (from left) Lucy Nakashima, cor. sec.; and Kimu Abe, v.p. Other cabinet member not present is Tami Ogata, service chmn. — Steve Doi Photo

### Auxiliary —

## Simple Public Relations Dinner Turns Out to be Lucrative Business

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### BY LILY A. OKURA

Omaha  
The foregoing was the invitation mailed to members of the Nebraska Welfare Association here in Omaha. Almost ten years ago, the Sukiyaki Dinner was conceived, at the time when K. Patrick Okura was president of the Nebraska Welfare Association. As one can see, the dinner was prepared for public relations purposes and orientation of the JACL to the community.

We can look back to those days with great humor now. . . the YWCA building which is almost 75 years old was used. Every member voluntarily purchased an electric skillet and when the skillet were all plugged in at once, 23 fuses blew out and everyone sat in total darkness, for what seemed like hours, until the engineer could be found.

All during the evening, the fuses were popping left and right. This did not discourage the members — the JACL members just picked up all the food and threw everything into a big kettle and finished their cooking. The guests were very patient and sympathetic and joined in on the humor of the evening.

**More Requests for Dinner**  
Out of this came many, many requests for the Chapter to put on this unique dinner from service clubs, sororities, church groups, etc. The JACL members made it a point to tell these groups that fairly modern (electrically) facilities would be a prerequisite. As each event occurred, profits were utilized in the purchasing of

trays, ocha-wans, tea cups, chopsticks, napkins, etc. We even began purchasing cans of Oriental commodities in case lots, along with rice, tea, etc.

For the past few years, three women members have spearheaded the scheduling and planning of these dinners. They are Mmes. Robert Nakadol, Tak Misaki and Roy Hirabayashi. They also recruit women members, Issei, as well as Nisei, to assist in the serving of these dinners. They all wear yukatas or silk kimonos. They have served as many as 200 (Rotarians and their wives), and as few as 15.

Parties are now even being served in private homes and the popularity has grown, that each weekend it is not uncommon to see members out doing their all for JACL.

### Servicemen's Wives

The Offutt Air Force Base and SAC, located on the outskirts of Omaha have brought in many Japanese wives of American citizens. We encourage their participation in all our activities and they have actually enjoyed assisting in these affairs.

One Japanese wife (Mrs. John Holmes) started a dancing class in her home and many of the Sasei youngsters became quite proficient and talented in the Japanese cultural dances. We did not wish to have all their talents go to waste, so added the little dancers as an added attraction to our dinner parties. The dancing teacher recently re-

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## Civic Responsibilities of JACL Chapters

BY FRANK F. CHUMAN

The fundamental basis of a chapter of the Japanese American Citizens League is that it is an organization whose membership is composed of American citizens. If the outlook of the chapter is focused in all of its planning towards this one basic fact, then the next step forward is what can the members and the chapter do to strengthen and expand our responsibilities as American citizens.

As an organization in the community, the chapter programs must be geared to an awareness of the problems existing in the community. An obvious objective of a chapter must be to exert our rights courageously and without equivocation in the field of human rights and civil liberties.

However, a less obvious but equally important objective for the chapter should be an awareness of the local problems in the community—the need for more parks and recreational areas, more adequate street lighting, a more reasonable urban planning program, and more classrooms.

In short, the needs of each of us to improve the community in which we live and work should be of concern to us as chapter members.

### Be Registered to Vote

None of the local chapter programs or our efforts to exert our civic responsibilities is effective unless each member is registered to vote and in fact does exercise his voting rights at election time. His civic activities become meaningless unless it is translated in terms of his responsibilities as a voter to register his opinion at the time of election.

In the broader areas of the chapter's responsibilities in the community are problems which not only affect his community but affect the welfare of the state or even the nation.

For example, the high percentage of traffic fatalities resulting from improper driver education, poorly marked highways or street signs or poor lighting, or the inadequate enforcement of traffic laws involving drunk drivers are areas of concern not only on the local level but on the statewide and indeed the national level.

Another area of more than local concern is the smog problem which now is becoming statewide. Rapid transit systems in many parts of the United States must be planned on a statewide basis.

The problems of urban redevelopment may embrace an area beyond a town or city because of its effect upon the surrounding cities or the county itself.

The problem of adequate and

equal housing affects vast numbers of persons, not necessarily because of their race, creed, color or national origin, but because of the vast number of people moving into the area.

It becomes important that every citizen have the opportunity and the fundamental right to purchase a home where he desires. The area of housing has an impact not only upon the city, where adequate housing is necessary, but affects the surrounding metropolitan area and county.

These problems and many others must be studied by the chapter to realize its important role as a civic organization of American citizens. The chapter must not only be aware of but must actively participate in the solving of these problems by joining with other groups similarly concerned and by the individual acts of its members at the ballot box.

Civic responsibilities also entail the serving by our members on civic boards, commissions, agencies and councils, not because they are persons of Japanese ancestry, but because they can contribute significantly as individuals.

From the above observations it follows that when a chapter in our national organization claims that there is no need for a JACL organization in their community or that they do not know what kind of program to plan, the chapter is utterly blind or refuses to face its fundamental responsibilities as a civic organization of American citizens.

The time has long passed when a JACL chapter, wherever located, justifies its existence because of problems directly affecting the members by reason of the fact that they are persons of Japanese ancestry. The justification for a JACL chapter is only valid when the chapter takes its rightful active position in the community and undertakes its responsibilities in the community.

A JACL chapter has much to offer to the community. A JACL chapter must not atrophy or wither on the vine because there are no longer any problems for the chapter to consider because the members are persons of Japanese ancestry.

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# Unique Chapter Experiences May Prove Boon to Others

Portland —

## Dignified, Personal Approach Secret of Chapter Which Doubled Its Membership

BY GEORGE S. HARA, MD.  
1962 Portland Chapter  
Membership Chairman

The Portland JACL, having concluded its 1963 Membership Campaign, was able to realize almost a 200 per cent increase from its previous year's total which by itself was most encouraging.

In retrospect analysis, it focuses the basic fact that potential members have always been here and only needed to be tapped. This correspondent, having gained the unenviable task of being appointed the Membership Campaign Chairman, undertook the job in understandable quandary which was soon erased by the cooperation of the Membership committee, consisting of every member of the Chapter Cabinet and other responsible members.

Primarily, the importance, since a non-organizational efficiency resides in the personnel. Individual selections and tasks revolve around willingness and individual sphere of influence which with a minimum of leadership can produce results. The basic tenets of membership campaign were clearly elucidated in basic primer fashion in the memorandum relating to this subject and sent out by the National Director Mas Sato and the National Membership Chairman, Dr. David Miura and proved to be an invaluable guide.

### Careful Organization

As per instructions given in the previously mentioned campaign memorandum, an initial "kick-off" meeting was held inauspiciously with the prime purpose of organizing the campaign. The expected diffidence and uncertainty characteristic at this stage was somewhat dissipated by careful organization of teams with appointments of team leaders of known caliber and responsibility followed by a discussion of the purposes and methods which were effective from past experiences.

If any facet of the entire campaign needs to be highlighted, the diligent efforts to reach out, entice and sell on a personal basis the surprisingly large proportion of the untapped potential membership faction should be stressed.

Even in a moderately small community as Portland, this faction represented our greatest factor for the final doubling of our

membership roster.

Certainly, the importance of personal contact by phone, person or postage adds sincerity towards the initial approach which helps to dispel the inherent resistance to joining "just another organization". Whatever basic sales approach used was a matter of individual personality convictions, which in any endeavor is flexible and inconstant. However, individual zeal and willingness to obtain the objective of soliciting new members by a dignified and enthusiastic approach reflected the success of the campaign.

The sundry details of soliciting service groups, social and athletic, in the community certainly remains flexible and can be handled in accordance with locale or at the discretion of the chairman.

### Campaign on Renewals

Comments on the favorable response and convenience of "3 in 1" envelopes were in general good, and were used primarily to sign up the past members.

Personal letters were also enclosed reminding this group that their memberships were up for renewal. Response was excellent and tardy ones were contacted personally or by telephone and their dues arrived soon afterwards.

A special effort was made to solicit the Issei naturalized citizens and towards this purpose a special letter in Japanese was composed and sent to the Issei members. Although the response was not overwhelming, it points out a definite need to improve and concentrate next years efforts towards this group.

Other details such as advertisement, team and chairman liaison, etc., were handled as necessary in order to sustain the original interest and maintain active enthusiasm on part of the Committee members.

In the final analysis, it appears that the success will depend on the willingness and persuasiveness of the individual members of the membership committee, plus following the basic tenets as described in the JACL membership memorandum and most important of all, to solicit the vast potential membership group with a dignified, personal approach.

After all, it is from the new members that we are expectantly looking forward to for continued leadership and new ideas.

MILWAUKEEANS GET POLITICAL EDUCATION

Individual role in local party politics was stressed by Milwaukee County's Democratic Party Chairman, William Higgins at the inaugural dinner of the Milwaukee JACL Chapter. From left are Mr. and Mrs. Higgins; Ronald Minami, outgoing Milwaukee Chairman; Kumeo Yoshinari, National Treasurer; and Roy Mukai, incoming Milwaukee Chairman.

—Tak Kataoka Photo

San Francisco —

## Key to Success of JACL's Largest Chapter Placed in Hands of Its Board Members

BY JOHN YASUMOTO (1960-61) AND STEVE DOI (1959)  
Past Chapter Presidents

San Francisco — It seems that the key or one of the keys is our board system. With a twenty member board, the burden of responsibility of directing the chapter is placed in the hands of many rather than just a small group of officers.

An earnest attempt is made each year by the nominating committee contact both past and present leaders of the other civic, service, religious and fraternal organizations in our community to serve as a member of the board. Most of these persons have become an asset to our chapter because they are already well-versed in the needs and importance of community service.

Usually they are influential within their own group and bring in new members with them.

The nominations committee has found that many leaders of specialized community groups have reached a point where many wish to expand their circle of friendships and contacts. If these leaders are drawn into the JACL board, they bring a wealth of experience and leadership.

### Cross-Section of Community

Through this method of recruitment, we are also able to have a more representative group of the entire community. Furthermore, we are less likely to be criticized of "JACL being run by the same old people" every year.

A few strong out-going members are usually renominated to prevent overly rapid turn-over of the board. By getting ten new members, (the other ten are hold-overs), we find that two or sometimes three are very good and out of these is usually one potential president. The president and vice presidents are required to have a minimum of one year's experience on the Board. Persons with basic qualities of leadership can be groomed by gradual steps to shoulder more responsibilities until he can qualify for the presidency. This guidance and policy of the older members of the board can unearth many undeveloped, but capable leaders.

The San Francisco chapter policy of a two-year term seasons many board members, especially after they're renominated for their second term. By then, they have become well enough informed to become permanently useful JACLers. The policy of grooming certain potential leaders and helping them develop is a strong point in our chapter.

### Chapter SOP

The standard operating procedures set up by various past leaders of our chapter which have been put into practice year after year also helps. Everything from the sending of notices to meetings, to the mimeographing of the previous meeting's minutes helps the potential leaders develop methods for efficient group work and know-how.

The importance of keeping the board member active by delegating him responsibility cannot be over-emphasized. All board members must chair at least one large and important event a year. All chairmen are required to turn in a financial report and most importantly a recommendations report for the benefit of the chairman for future similar programs. Many board members suddenly blossom into strong leaders after being given the responsibility and gaining the confidence needed after doing a job well. By endeavoring to promote and coordinate an intensive and diversified program, the board members are given more opportunities to work on various committees and projects, thus giving him leadership training.

It has been our experience that

Mt. Olympus —

## Keeping Membership Fully Informed

BY YUKUS INOUE  
1963 Chapter President

Salt Lake City — The Mt. Olympus Chapter, from the beginning of its organization, has had a relatively good attendance of members at most general meetings.

Of utmost importance, I believe, is to let the membership know that they are a part of the organization and always encourage and ask them for support. In order to have an active participating membership, it is important to keep them well informed.

I have been associated with the Mt. Olympus Chapter all my life and have keenly sensed the cooperation of members within the chapter. When asked to work on various projects, each and every member is willing to do his or her part to the best of his ability.

I know that previous Boards have always tried to distribute the work of the committees to various members, with the chairman appointed from outside of the Board membership. By asking more of our membership to participate on the various activities and projects, we stimulate more interest.

The more people you get involved in doing something, the more people you will get out for the meetings.

### Bazaar Format

One of our outstanding and successful meetings is the fund raising project in the form of a bazaar. (It was started last October). The chairman is appointed at the beginning of the year which gives him ample time to organize the committees to plan and prepare for the event. Each member is asked to donate an article to sell. This gives each an opportunity to take part which creates more interest and enthusiasm.

Another important factor is to keep the membership informed of the financial status—where and how the money is being spent. This brings to light to the membership the facts of the internal functions of the organization.

The Mt. Olympus Board deeply appreciates the congeniality and cooperation of its membership and hopes this will inspire other chapters to become more active.

## Financial Responsibility Implicit in Objectives of JACL

BY KUMEO YOSHINARI  
National JACL Treasurer

Unfortunately, the JACL never has had an endowed capital reserve from which it can draw in the event of financial need; therefore, it has to depend upon the annual income to stay financially solvent. This situation leaves no alternative but to assign definite quota assessments to the chapters in order to be reasonably sure that the minimum amount of money will be forthcoming to operate the National organization.

It is to be acknowledged that the above procedure imposes rather heavy taxation, and it is understandable that it is the cause for disgruntled opinions among some local leaders.

It is hoped that some day soon a better method will be devised to insure the JACL its financial stability. In the meantime for the lack of a better means, we need to make the most effective use of the present formula which is based upon past membership averages as the determinant of what each chapter's quota shall be.

### Role of Finance

When the elected individual takes his oath of office, regardless of whether it is at the national, district, or chapter level, he obligates himself to uphold the purposes and the objective goals of the JACL.

Though it is not specifically inferred in the aforementioned allegiance, it is implicitly important that each officer is cognizant that he needs to accept with equal consciousness the responsibility to help the organization to be in a good state of financial well-being.

In the language of economics, without this commodity—money—the strength of the organization will face atrophy and the vitality

of the entity will be in jeopardy. Ninety-one per cent of the budget income is derived from the dues of the regular and 1000 Club memberships. Because of this fact, the officers of the local chapter play a decisive role in the success or failure of the national budget. The key figure is the chapter chairman or the president as the case may be; because his influence largely predetermines the net result of the chapter performance.

### If You're Complaining

At this juncture, I'd like to comment in refuting the negative thinking on the part of those who complain that the local quota is too high or that the chapter merely exists to provide revenue to the National. This sort of self-centered evaluation is comparable to a citizen who begrudges the payment of his income tax and at the same time berates the nation. Ironically, the price we pay for being an American may be high in terms of the taxes paid, but when analyzed in relation to other foreign governments it is a real bargain to be an American at any price. Similarly, the JACL assessment may be high, but in intrinsic perspective, it is a real "buy" to be a JACLer.

By simple deduction it is easy to perceive that if it were not for the existence of the National these past 30 odd years, it is likely that there would be no local chapters today, at least, not in the pattern and the enviable record as we know it. It is only by the consolidated and cooperative efforts of the past that we can be proud of the achievements and the heritage that will be bequeathed to the future of persons of Japanese ancestry.

I sincerely hope that those who are charged with the administering of their post will make it their

concern to help strengthen the financial sinew of the JACL.

### Appeal to Chapters

I make a special appeal to the chapters, especially, to the top executive officers to do their utmost to fulfill their quotas. The degree to which the quota performance is accredited is also an indication of the contribution it makes to the significance of the over-all National JACL record.

There is no way to coerce anyone to meet the quota, because there is no penalty of procedure to enforce the payments. The whole ideology of the quota is based upon an honor system. It is gratifying to observe that year-in and year-out this trust principle has worked, so there is no reason to doubt its success now.

However, with the increases in the National budgets of recent years, we are putting added stress upon the proven way of meeting the budget. The coming biennium will be apprehensive years to prove whether or not the quota system is adequate to meet the bigger demands we'll be expecting from it. The answer will be supplied by the chapters and we challenge awaits each chairman or president to make an all-out effort to fulfill their chapter's financial responsibility.

### JAL IN SAN DIEGO

SAN FRANCISCO. — Bai Shirgao-kar, graduate of USC and Univ. of Bombay, was appointed district sales officer manager of the new Japan Air Lines office at the Land Title Bldg., 235 Broadway, according to JAL General Manager Shigeo Kameda this week.

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## Pacific Citizen: It's Your Paper

DR. ROY M. NISHIKAWA  
Pacific Citizen Board Chmn.

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Remember that the Pacific Citizen, as a membership publication, cannot be divorced from the National JACL. The strengths and weaknesses of one is reflected in the other. Today, they complement each other—they are almost completely integrated.

But most important of all, the members and the chapters are the foundations and the bulwark of both.

Beef and gripe at the PC and at National JACL if you must—but care enough to do something about it.

## Why We Have an Endowment Fund

BY DR. GEORGE MIYAKE  
Endowment Fund Chmn.

We are pleased to announce the appointment of Dr. Thomas T. Yatabe of Chicago to a six year term as a new member of the National JACL Endowment Fund Committee. We sincerely appreciate Dr. Yatabe's continued interest and contributions of time and effort to the national organization. We are also grateful to Yasuo Atsuko of San Francisco, whose term has just expired, for having served this committee with devotion.

Although a comprehensive report on the National Endowment Fund was presented in the special Jan. 18 Budget-Finance issue of the Pacific Citizen, we shall briefly give you an up-to-date summary on the status of the fund. For the quarter ending March 31, 1963, the overall valuation of the Endowment Fund

was \$300,746.65. The portfolio of the trust account managed by the Bank of America now consists primarily of institutional-grade, growth securities.

### Continued Growth

Since the implementation of the investment policy towards that of long-range growth, we look forward to the continuing increase in capitalization of the Endowment Fund. We also anticipate significant increases in income over the years that should go a long way in helping meet the budgetary requirements of JACL programs.

The National Endowment Fund represents the faith and trust of thousands of contributors, and was created for the primary purpose of insuring that in any future national emergency, the JACL would have the necessary funds to con-

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## Enigma of Southern California

By Novo Kato  
President, Pocatello Chapter 1957-1958

I am now living in an area between Los Angeles and Long Beach where hundreds of Japanese reside. For a full year I inquired but did not meet a single JACLer. With the lack of a chapter here and still wanting to be associated with JACL, I joined the Long Beach-Harbor Chapter by mail.

Since joining and participating with the Harbor Chapter, I've gained many friends and genuine respect for a gallant and very dedicated group of capable leaders. I have discovered that it requires courage to stand up and be a good JACLer in Southern California!

It was shocking to one who has been in an area where JACL assumed the leadership or "spokesman role" as well as the responsibilities of an entire Japanese community and suddenly find so much anti-JACL sentiment. Our chapter here has about twenty percent membership of the potential; whereas the Idaho chapters enjoy the overwhelming support of the entire community—Caucasians as well as the Japanese.

In spite of all the obvious accomplishments, especially the evacuation claims adjustments that many have received here, people still denounce and ridicule JACL. I'm told that we are responsible for the evacuation, that we absconded with a lot of money, and that at present we've deteriorated to being a feasting, dancing, social club.

The leadership here is outstanding but they are severely handicapped, not by the membership, but by the lack of public support. I am told that we are often compelled to take a back seat for some other organization.

I am still seeking the answer; so much is baffling. Could it be that an intensive, concentrated program of selling JACL is required in this area, or is it a hopeless cause? There are a lot of Sansei out here with great ability and intelligence, who are totally ignorant of JACL accomplishments and needs!

Of course, there are those youngsters who do participate in sports sponsored by JACL, and this fact the JACL appreciates and encourages. It would, however, be more meaningful if the parents would show their interest by joining the organization. The same goes for a situation brought up at a district meeting, where a youth program welcomed JACL support but declined to be identified as such.

JACL was poorly organized at the outbreak of World War II, and I hope we never fall back to it. The pace of living is fast, and the competition is tough in California. There is delinquency, and there is discrimination in housing and college sororities. It leaves me wondering how a member of a minority group can feel entirely secure without the strength and unity of a national organization.

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# Breaking Membership Apathy

By Abe Hagiwara  
JACler of the Biennium: 1956-57

## President's Corner

### A Word to Chapter Presidents

The office of the Chapter President is probably the most important and difficult one in the hierarchy of our National JACL Organization. The strength of our National Organization lies in the capabilities and stature of our individual chapters and each chapter functions pretty much on the strength or weakness of its Chapter President.

Attending and visiting District Councils and individual Chapters around the country, I find that Chapter leadership seems to be the key to the success or failure of any undertaking or venture. Too often many of us in organizational work make the fatal mistake of interpreting the term "leadership" to mean that the President must do everything and must be in charge of every activity that the Chapter undertakes.

The minute that the President feels that the Chapter will not function if he is not in charge is when the Chapter starts to fall apart.

The true criteria of good leadership is to know the basic responsibilities of your position and then delegate the work to capable members. The Chapter President who can get more members involved in the actual running of the Chapter is truly a good leader.

### 10-Point Suggestions

In order to help Chapter Presidents to perform their functions as truly Chapter Presidents, I offer the following suggestions and procedures as a guide:

1. Immediately following your election as President, study the President's Manual which has been prepared by National Headquarters and familiarize yourself with the Constitution and by-laws of the organization.
2. Begin planning immediately on committee assignments and place as many members as possible on your committees.
3. Plan with your Cabinet or Board an outline or program for the entire year or tenure of your office.
4. Schedule regular Cabinet or Board Meetings for the tenure of your office. Include all your Committee Chairmen in your Meetings.
5. Prepare an agenda for all

Cabinet or Board meetings and ask for Committee Chairmen's reports at each meeting. (Too often meetings are called and a great deal of time is wasted talking on everything else but the business at hand if an agenda is not prepared. It is easy to get too complacent and slipshod).

### Communication Important

6. Study all memorandums and correspondence from National and District and promptly refer them to the proper Chairmen or Committees and insist that all correspondence be answered within a reasonable time. Chapter communication seems to be the biggest obstacle we have as far as our National office is concerned.

7. Every effort should be made to attend District Council Conventions or Meetings as well as the National Convention.

8. Answer all correspondence regardless of whether you think it is important or not.

9. Study and have some knowledge of parliamentary procedure and Robert's rules of order in conducting a meeting. (Refer to President's Manual).

10. When presiding do not try to monopolize the meeting and discussion. Allow others to freely express themselves and give sufficient time for discussion of important items of business.

### Basic Ideas

I recognize that many of our Chapter Presidents have been officers in other organizations and that what I have outlined above is somewhat elementary and not new. However, too often we have the tendency to take things for granted and feel that these basic things are not important or not necessary. It is then that we become slipshod and careless and start to lose our effectiveness.

Again I wish to emphasize the important role that the Chapter President occupies and much of the failure or success of any National Program rests on the shoulders of our Chapter Presidents.

In closing I would appreciate hearing from the Chapter Presidents as to how the National Organization or the office of the National President can be of help to them.

acters were written on the menu. Imprinted at the bottom of the menu was "Our gratitude to our Friends in the Japanese American Citizens League for their assistance."

Each guest was ushered into a moon shaped doorway and the male members of the Chapter greeted them. All the female members were dressed in their kimonos and was required to sit scattered among the guest so that they could interpret the customs and foods. Patrick Okura was the Toastmaster for the evening.

This gala affair took place on October 18, 1962. Much publicity for JACL was gained through the newspapers and TV media.

Another recent event was the appearance of the little dancers at the Festival of Nations. They captured the hearts of everyone present and much publicity again was given to JACL through the papers and TV.

Since the inception of these dinners, we have had to make many adjustments and changes, through experience. The original price was \$2; however, through the years, it was raised to \$3. Sometimes, the dinners are \$5, depending upon the extras, such as fried shrimp, hors d'oeuvre (awabi-kamaboko, nishime).

### Scholarship Fund

Where is the profit going? A few years ago, the Board recommended the establishment of a scholarship fund and the monies have been invested in the future of our youth in this community.

Each Christmas, recognition is given to all those who have participated throughout the year with a small token of appreciation. One year, the Chapter voted to send some members who had been working diligently on the dinners to the Mountain Plains District Conference.

Oh, I almost forgot—this is not all for women! Usually at large affairs, you will find Mike Watanabe, Robert Nakado, Manuel and Don Matsunami and Pat Okura, washing the pots and pans or frying the shrimps.

It takes the cooperation of each end every member. What started as a public relations dinner turned out to be a lucrative business for the Omaha Chapter. It should be emphasized, however, that the purposes of JACL is always stressed at these affairs.

During the past ten years, approximately 150 groups have been served.

The vitality, unity of purpose, dedication and sacrificial service which once characterized JACL for over a generation appears to have faded or, at least, lost much of its lustre and impact. It would be tragic, indeed, for persons of Japanese ancestry if JACL loses this important quality without which it cannot be effective.

Soon after JACL was able to register major legislative successes in Congress and elsewhere, which in part contributed to the Nisei's general acceptance and rapid rise up the socio-economic ladder, JACL leaders became concerned with the problem of membership apathy which is plaguing JACL today.

JACL is certainly not alone in facing this dilemma so often faced by self-perpetuating organizations who have seen successful days.

JACL is faced with this problem despite enjoying its highest national membership and largest operating budget in history. Nisei, generally, and the rank and file members feel that JACL is not really going anywhere nor does it really know where it wants to go.

The National JACL 1960-70 Decade Planning Commission attempted to spell out some program alternatives by suggesting a number of remaining and continuing responsibilities for JACL, i.e., improving public image of Japanese Americans, combatting discriminatory laws detrimental to persons of Japanese ancestry, documenting the history and contribution of the Issei, and providing special service to our aged and youth.

After four years, we have noted progress in two significant areas, namely, launching of the Japanese History Project and establishing the National Junior JACL program. The same dedicated JACLers have contributed to the success of these two projects, and most likely these same people will be called upon to help launch other projects and programs.

But what has JACL been able to do in encouraging

## Asking Some \$64 Questions on Youth

BY JERRY ENOMOTO

As Chairman of the National JACL Youth Commission, this special edition on our chapters gives me an ideal chance to ask several of those proverbial "\$64 questions."

(1) How many of our chapters really know what the Youth Commission is and what its objectives are?

The primary goal of JACL's youth program is to help young Americans of Japanese ancestry to achieve personal growth, according to their individual capabilities, and assist them to lead personally satisfying and socially useful lives in their own community of which they are a part.

Specifically, the objectives may be broken down as follows:

(a) To provide experiences which give youth an understanding of, and loyalty to, our common heritage.

(b) To promote the welfare and aid in the development of all Americans of Japanese descent as an integral and inseparable part of national life.

### Cultural Heritage

(c) To help its members enhance their knowledge and appreciation of Japanese culture and heritage, and make contributions of distinctive group values to their country's culture.

(d) To provide, through activities and learning experiences, a practical means to form lasting friendships and effective relationships in the fulfillment of personal, family, and community responsibilities.

The Youth Commission is merely the vehicle upon which national, district and local youth projects and programs may be carried. It consists of a National Chairman and the district youth chairmen of each district council in which there are organized youth groups. There are now three district council youth groups (IDYC, MDYC, NC-WNDYC).

(2) These objectives sound nice but what are chapters actually doing along these lines?

### Up to 40 Jr. Groups

Today, there are about 30 to 40 organized "Jr. JACL" groups throughout the country. This means that approximately a third of our chapters are directly involved in the sponsoring of an official JACL youth group.

Such groups in the State of Idaho recently played an active role in the successful campaign to repeal the alien land law in that State.

Such a group in San Francisco recently organized and presented a highly successful musical based upon Japanese folklore, "Urashima Taro."

Such a group in Chicago recently spearheaded community meetings around concern aroused by the behavior of some Sansei youth.

Although not under officially organized JACL status, JACL-sponsored youth in Southern California have presented extremely successful career conferences (HI-Co) in Los Angeles for a number of years.

### Specific Requirements

(3) Suppose a chapter wants to organize an official "Jr. JACL" group, what does it do? The following are the specific requirements that must be met:

(a) Age level—14 to 21 years of

age, or those of high school and college age level.

(b) Official name—May adopt any name of their choice, but must contain the word "JACL".

(c) Dues—50 cents per member per year payable to JACL office.

(d) Minimum members—Eight.

(e) Supervision—An adviser or advisers, appointed by, and responsible to, the chapter board or cabinet.

(f) Pacific Citizen—Members in good standing may subscribe at rate of \$2 per year.

(g) Charter—A national charter will be presented 6 months after National Headquarters receives a petition for organization.

Aside from formal requirements, the ingredients of a nucleus of interested youth, interested and

formed (or work with youth) adults are vital.

(4) Is this (Jr. JACL) the only way chapters can get involved in the youth program?

The National JACL Youth Commission is responsible for implementing a six point program for youth, of which the official Jr. JACL is only one point. The others are: sponsorship of a local youth group; sponsorship of chapter youth activities; sponsorship of community youth service; national youth scholarship program and oratorical and essay contest; National JACL Youth Convention.

(5) What is the talk about a National JACL Youth organization? This was developed at the Seattle Convention in 1962 by an enthusiastic delegation of youth,

primarily from the IDC, MDC and NC-WNDYC. Efforts are currently being made to implement the plans formulated in Seattle for presentation in Detroit in 1964.

(6) Why does the JACL consider it necessary to get involved in youth work in competition with existing youth organizations?

We feel very strongly that the JACL has some unique contributions to make to the development of our youth. Foremost among these are good citizenship and the educational values of both our cultural background and our experiences in battling the stigma of "second class citizenship". We feel that JACL youth activities should always complement and supplement other activities, never compete with them.

What is your chapter's responsibility to youth?

No more or less than the concepts of responsibility held by the chapter's leadership. I say this because the youth program is no different than any program sponsored by JACL; they rise or fall upon the initiative, imagination and interest of the chapter president and his officers. Regardless of theoretical formulations, unless the leadership is interested "chapter responsibility" becomes an academic point.

I further say that it is easy to avoid becoming involved by quickly utilizing the reasoning that the youth have enough to do without getting tangled up in JACL. My point here is that no chapter is obliged to force a youth program on itself as a "make work" project. Each chapter, however, does have an obligation to carefully evaluate its own community situation to really know its needs.

I would also say that each chapter has a responsibility to take a good hard look at how effectively youth are absorbed into active chapter activity and leadership, when they are no longer youth.

Call or write National Headquarters!

Any chapters desiring information about the youth program is urged to call or write our National Director or, if more convenient, me at 1236 Marlin Place, Tracy, Calif. Each chapter should have a copy of the Youth Manual, which is literally "chuck full" of helpful information. If you desire more, please contact headquarters.

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The Chicago Juniors, who now boasts 50 members, meet on the first Friday each month at Olivet Community Center. An orderly business meeting precedes a social evening of dancing and refreshments and occasionally the Juniors

organize bowling parties and beach outings. Plans and reports are made during the business portion of the meeting.

Teenagers Join

Majority of Chicago Juniors are between 15 and 21 years of age. An average member works part time and is also an active member in church. As a group, the Juniors are more serious-minded and therefore more receptive to discussing problems and issues, but all of them look forward to social activities. Like most young people's group, Junior JACLers are creative and enthusiastic.

Summary of Junior JACL program and activities since 1957 are:

General program: socials, outings, hayrides, beach parties, picnics, membership meetings, speakers, basketball team, softball team, graduation dance, Christmas dance, panel discussions, intergroup camping, inter-chapter visitations.

Service projects: painting parties, clean-up campaign, orphans' party, youth canteen, hostessing dinners, sponsoring benefit tea table, volunteering for clerical duties, etc.

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Advisers Agree

Many of the Junior JACLers who are now in their early 20s serve as Junior JACL youth advisers who in turn are guided by adult advisers appointed by the Senior chapter.

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San Jose —

## Growth of Chapter a Reflection of Attitudes of Leadership with People

BY DR. TOM TAKETA  
President, 1962, 1963

San Jose

In Japanese communities such as San Jose where many organizations exist, especially an active, strong one as the Buddhist Church which overshadows all others, it is extremely difficult for any other organization, including the JACL chapter, to gain a strong foothold.

The manner in which the San Jose Chapter has been able to overcome this handicap and achieve not only a good working relationship with other organizations in the community, but also a substantial yearly increase in its membership, can be best described by the expression, "If you can't beat them, join them."

I feel that many factors, both direct and indirect, have contributed to our chapter's sustained growth during the past few years. A major factor has been the apparent acceptance of our organization by the people in the community as more than just an organization to turn to in case of major problems or emergencies for which JACL has been more less stereotyped.

### Attitude of Leadership

The creation of a healthy atmosphere for the acceptance of JACL at the local level is extremely important and is dependent to a large degree upon the attitude of the chapter leaders and the manner in which they conduct themselves. They must be able to talk the same language as "the man on the street"; in other words, communicate with the people at their level.

Too often the chapters are primarily concerned with activities which do not reach the general population of the Japanese community. Too often chapters try to go it alone instead of inviting other organizations to join them in functions which concern the community - at - large. These attitudes are certainly not healthy. In order to become an integral part of the community, the chapter must be willing to work with other organizations.

During the past few years the San Jose Chapter has attempted to follow the above philosophy and has made substantial progress.

The "ice" was broken when we invited several prominent organizations to join us in sponsoring a youth group, which we felt was sorely needed in the community for the purpose of providing supervised activities for our youth.

This project was unlike any our chapter had undertaken in the past, and it certainly was not an easy one to accomplish. We were fortunate in getting the support of the local Nisei Memorial Post 9070 of the Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) and the Buddhist Church to form the Japanese Community Youth Service (CYS), which has now been in existence for three years and has received community-wide support.

### Make-up on Board

(It seems appropriate to interject here that JACL members, especially leaders, who are cabinet or board members of churches and of other organizations, can play an important role in integrating programs or projects which encompass the community. For example, in San Jose those of us who serve on the Buddhist Church Board of Directors greatly influenced their decision in joining other community organizations in the inception of CYS. Our influencing voices were also heard on subsequent occasions, which are enumerated below.)

The JACL-Japanese History Project Fund Drive provided another opportunity to get together with other organizations in our community. Both the Methodist and Buddhist Churches with their affiliated organizations, VFW, Landscape Gardener's Association, Nisei Bowling Association, San Jose Sportsmen Club, and the Belles all participated and made the fund drive a huge success.

(We are following up the interest created in the Issei Story last year with an Issei recognition dinner this year. Again it will be a joint effort by many organizations.)

## Membership Plans for 1964

By Dr. David Miura  
National Membership Chairman

The regular member is the backbone of any Chapter. A large membership enables a chapter to present a varied program which in turn helps to strengthen the chapter. What are our objectives for 1964?

1. Goal of 20,000 Members.
2. Prepare a membership leaflet to help mail solicitation.
3. Concentrate effort in the PSWDC.
4. Push for election of officers by November 1, 1963.
5. Push for competition of Membership drive by March 31, 1964.
6. Continue the use of membership graph to stimulate interest and give recognition to hard working Chapters.

The fourth but not the last of our joint community projects is the development of the Japanese Friendship Garden in Kelley Park. This project was described in detail in the April 5 P.C.

### Well-Balanced Program

The creation of a favorable atmosphere helps, but is not sufficient in itself to increase members nor to maintain their interests. For this a well-balanced program, which takes into account the varied interests and needs of the members, is necessary.

In planning our annual activities we have dropped or modified unsuccessful ones, emphasized and reinforced those which have been successful, and added new ones.

(We have recently adopted the board-type of governing body to carry out the numerous activities effectively. We have instituted an organized membership drive in an attempt to sign up all renewals during the first three months of the year.)

Our chapter offers its members a unique service—the privilege of enrolling in a group hospitalization plan. This service, first made available in 1947-1948, and more recently from 1955 to date, has attracted a significant number of new members each year. I wish to emphasize that a great deal of time and labor—all voluntary—are spent by its administrator, Dr. Robert Okamoto.

I have attempted to point out in the foregoing paragraphs that changes in both attitude and activities have been made in our chapter during the past few years. I feel that these changes have contributed substantially to our acceptance by the community, and hence influenced our growth.

### Arizona —

## This Chapter Really Never Abandoned Its JACL Ideals

BY JAMES OZASA  
President, Arizona Chapter, 1957

Phoenix, Ariz.

Like the ancient and legendary bird Phoenix, which rose in youthful freshness from its own ashes, so is the Arizona JACL Chapter rising from a few years of inactivity. Perhaps the re-birth is not as dramatic, but we sincerely hope it is genuine.

Undoubtedly many other chapters are going through the same stages which the Arizona Chapter underwent. It may be a part of growing up, but such inactivity should only be temporary.

Many times an organization gives the impression that it is not doing anything. That is what may appear on the surface. That is what many thought about the Arizona Chapter.

### Local Picture

Actually, even though it may appear as such in a community such as ours, the organization keeps going. We may not have been active, so to speak, about national JACL issues, signing up members, etc., but we have been quietly working on local community problems. In a community such as ours, where there is no Japanese Chamber of Commerce, Japanese Consul or "Li'l Tokyo", the JACL must act as spokesman for persons of Japanese ancestry.

Such problems have been consuming our time. Many members admit that they were too busy integrating with other civic and social organizations to be bothered with JACL. Others took JACL for granted.

Yes, we in Arizona, have relaxed and taken a long nap after the passage of the Walter-McCarran law and evacuation claim bill.

But with the Issei History Project rubbing the sand out of our eyes, we are realizing that as Americans of Japanese ancestry, we can make a definite contribution to the American way of life through our heritage and cultural background.

## Auxiliary—

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turned to Japan with her husband, but then soon, another Japanese wife (Mrs. Sue Simmons) continued on and has been much joy to the chapter and the members. Another member, originally from Japan (Mrs. Noriaki Okada) started a flower arrangement class for the Sansei. These flower arrangements are sometimes displayed at these dinners.

### Ak-Sar-Ben Royalty

Because our fame has spread, the Omaha JACL had the honor of assisting the Sheraton-Fontenelle Hotel in entertaining the Princesses and Countesses of the Royal Court of King Ak-Sar-Ben LKVIII at the Post Rehearsal Supper in the "Teahouse of the Harvest Moon".

The JACL members assisted the hotel in the planning of the menu and decorations. Even assisted in the designing of the beautiful invitation and menu: Japanese characters were written on the menu.

Imprinted at the bottom of the menu was "Our gratitude to our Friends in the Japanese American Citizens League for their assistance."

Each guest was ushered into a moon shaped doorway and the male members of the Chapter greeted them. All the female members were dressed in their kimonos and was required to sit scattered among the guest so that they could interpret the customs and foods. Patrick Okura was the Toastmaster for the evening.

This gala affair took place on October 18, 1962. Much publicity for JACL was gained through the newspapers and TV media.

Another recent event was the appearance of the little dancers at the Festival of Nations. They captured the hearts of everyone present and much publicity again was given to JACL through the papers and TV.

Since the inception of these dinners, we have had to make many adjustments and changes, through experience. The original price was \$2; however, through the years, it was raised to \$3. Sometimes, the dinners are \$5, depending upon the extras, such as fried shrimp, hors d'oeuvre (awabi-kamaboko, nishime).

Calendar

April 27 (Saturday)  
Berkeley — NC-WNDYC queen contest, bowling tournament.  
Venice-Culver — Potluck supper, square dancing, 7:30 p.m.  
12448 Broadway Dr. 430 p.m.  
May 11 — Hattime Tennis Tournament, 10:30 A.M. 7 p.m.  
April 28 (Saturday)  
Livingston-McCord — JACL picnic, Hagman Park.  
Bonoma County — Youth career conference.

May 1 (Wednesday)  
Downtown L.A. — Luncheon meeting, Lee's Cafe. "Nomiya Question", Wingo Hilde, speaker.  
May 3 (Friday)  
Mt. Olympus — Dinner meeting, Bowling League, 6:00 p.m., Pagoda.  
May 4 (Saturday)  
Chicago — Issei Appreciation Night, Chicago Buddhist Church.  
Mid-Hi — Chow Mein Benefit.  
East Los Angeles — Zensai Ball, Montebello Country Club, 9:01 Via San Clemente.  
Idaho Falls — General meeting.  
May 5 (Saturday)  
West Los Angeles — Jr. Track meet, University High.  
Bonoma County — NC-WNDYC quarterly, Fleming Hotel, 4th and Farmers Lane, Santa Rosa.  
May 9 (Thursday)  
Salinas Valley — Benefit movies.  
May 11 (Saturday)  
San Francisco — JACL, Repeat performance, Urashima Taro musical, Lowell High School, 8 p.m.  
May 18 (Saturday)  
Chicago — Panel discussion: Putting Forefront Behind Highlight.  
West Los Angeles — PSWDC Convention, Thunderbird International Hotel, 22 Seaside.  
May 24 (Friday)  
Portland Hotel — Graduation dinner, Multnomah Hotel.  
May 25 (Saturday)  
Contra Costa — "Japon Night".  
May 18 (Sunday)  
Los Angeles — JACL Nisei Relays, University High.