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New Civil Rights Bill

The second week of June stands as a torrid one so far as civil rights are concerned. On Tuesday, eyes were upon Tuscaloosa where the Alabama Governor appeared to stand at the door to the university to prevent the enrollment of two Negro students. The Governor stepped aside after federalized Alabama guardsmen arrived on campus. That evening, the President in a nationwide TV-radio appeal declared America faced a moral crisis as a result of the rising tide of Negro discontent. Taking a strong stand in support of the Negro cause, the President declared:

"It ought to be possible for every American to enjoy the privileges of being American without regard to his race or his color. Every American ought to have the right to be treated as he would wish to be treated, as one would wish his children to be treated. But this is not the case."

Then less than six hours later, in Jackson, Miss., a gunshot sent a wave of shock across the nation. The NAACP field secretary Medgar Evers was found lying on the doorstep of his home, shot through the back.

The mood remained ugly—a "get tough" policy was announced against demonstrators in Danville, Va.; Negro protest surged through the streets of Jackson, Miss., in Washington, D.C., in Savannah, Ga.; and the White House began a series of conferences with leaders of various kinds to counteract

this mood. All of this has forced the President to take a drastic and risky step politically. He promised sweeping legislation to speed school desegregation and open public facilities to every American regardless of color. Such a bill may cost him needed support from Southern congressmen for his legislative program and from the Southern states in the 1964 elections. Moreover, it will take a hard fight to have such a bill pass. Failure to win this battle would not only damage the President politically but would be a serious setback for race relations in general.

None the less, the President had to take this step. The mounting revolt of American Negroes against racial segregation is a situation not to be dodged. The Negro can no longer be denied the common advantages of society. Either he will be given them by law, as the President proposes, or he will try to take them by means which may lead to violence to the common loss of all Americans. The Negroes, for all of their impatience, are showing heroic restraint in their adherence to the methods of nonviolence.

As one JACLer noted this week: This picture will get worse before it turns for the better. But it need not get worse—an abyss is lanced before it is allowed to burst; antidotes are administered when poison is taken internally; and racism can be viewed as an abscess or a poison in what makes America tick.



BOISE VALLEY JACLERS VISIT WASHINGTON

Ted Yamashita, Caldwell, second from right, is shown here with his family and Senator Frank Church, (D-Idaho) on the steps of the Nation's Capitol after Yamashita's graduation from West Point. Yamashita, appointed to the academy by Church, is believed the first Idahoan of Japanese ancestry to graduate from a U. S. military academy. Left to right, Carol Inouye (sister), Lt. Peter Sawin (classmate), Mrs. Mas Yamashita (mother), Mas Yamashita (father), Nancy Yamashita (sister), Senator Church, Mrs. Aiko Yamamoto (grandmother), Lt. Yamashita, and Marjean Banks, a family friend.

Civil rights bills in Senate remain tough to pass with filibuster, Sen. Fong declares

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WASHINGTON. — U.S. Senator Hiram L. Fong of Hawaii, deploring outbreaks of racial violence, has urged President Kennedy and the Congress to act speedily on civil rights bills to wipe out the many injustices that give rise to racial tension and violence.

The senior Senator from the 50th State, the first American of Asian ancestry to be elected to the U.S. Senate, has helped to draft 19 of the 26 civil rights bills in the Senate in this session of Congress. Senator Fong said that civil rights supporters like himself are mindful of the threat of filibusters.

He recalled that he was among those in the Senate who tried unsuccessfully last February to change Rule 22 so as to make it easier to close debate after ample time for discussion. As long as the filibuster remains, it will be that much more difficult to enact meaningful civil rights legislation, he said.

Mayors' Conference

Senator Fong sent a message from Honolulu to President Kennedy just prior to the President's arrival there to deliver a major civil rights address to the U.S. Conference of Mayors June 9. His message stated in part:

"All Hawaii eagerly and joyously awaits your visit to the islands. We are honored that, despite the heavy demands of your office, you have chosen to journey so far to be with us. May I extend my warmest welcome and aloha to you and to members of your party."

"As on your previous visit, you will find that our island hospitality still lives up to its world-wide fame and that Hawaii still shines as a showplace of racial harmony where peoples of many races and cultures live and work closely together in concord and amity."

"Rightfully proud of their outstanding record in race relations, the people of Hawaii are as deeply concerned as you over racial unrest elsewhere in the Nation."

Non-English reading Issei voters aided

SACRAMENTO. — Watered-down legislation to allow some illiterate persons to vote cleared the Assembly on June 11 and went to the Senate.

The legislative package—a constitutional amendment (ACA 11) and a bill (AB 715)—would permit some citizens to register as voters without being able to read 100 words of the Constitution in the English language. The assembly votes were 64-5 and 66-0 respectively.

The measures would affect only approximately 5,000 persons who have become citizens under the McCarran-Walter Act. As originally introduced by Assemblyman Alfred Song (D., Monterey Park) the package would have affected all citizens. But Song agreed to the amendment last month after the Assembly rejected the measures.

If approved by the Senate, the constitutional amendment would go on the 1964 general election ballot. If voters approved the amendment, the bill would become effective and implement the amendment.

PNWDC confab chairman

PORTLAND. — Walter Fuchigami and Bill Kaneshiro were designated co-chairmen of the PNWDC convention being planned here on Nov. 9-10.

"We are heartened by your plan to send new civil rights proposals to Congress and your determination to work for their enactment. This will undoubtedly give fresh impetus to efforts of civil rights supporters to ensure all Americans their constitutional rights—and equal opportunity without regard to race, creed, color, or national origin."

Senator Fong concluded his message by expressing the hope that "with your (Kennedy's) vigorous and sustained support the Congress will forego a filibuster under Rule 22 and act promptly. . . . You can count on my support."

Co-Sponsors S. 1693

Last week Senator Fong co-sponsored the latest of the many civil rights measures he is supporting in the Senate. It would enable the U.S. Attorney General to go into court and secure the First Amendment freedoms to assemble and petition for redress of their grievances.

Senator Fong noted that the Attorney General himself has said that he has no authority to bring

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Washington Newsletter: by Mike Masaoka

JACL and Civil Rights Today

WASHINGTON.—Although the JACL, as a matter of basic principle and historic policy, has always been for meaningful and enforceable civil rights for all Americans, the increased racial tensions throughout the land, exploding in demonstrations and even violence in so many sections of the country, including in the East and in the North and threatening virtually every community in the nation, require that the JACL—quickly and realistically—review its total national program concerning its relationship with the whole problem of securing equality in opportunities and indignity for all our citizens in the light of the changed circumstances and urgent necessity.

Because Americans of Japanese ancestry are considered among the more "visible" minorities and because Japanese Americans have experienced racial discrimination in its most vicious forms, plus the fact that many—if not most—Nisei reside in potential "trouble spots," neither the JACL in particular nor the larger Japanese American community in general can escape either its responsibilities or its being "counted" in the imminent showdown.

The time for token adherence and uneasy fence-sitting is past; the day of decision is fast approaching. Having said all this, however, we must confess that we have no easy or simple solutions to offer. The best minds in the country are grappling with the problem, which is complicated by the many implications and complexities that tend to add emotionalism to the issue at hand.

Finding an Answer

Few would argue that the principle involved is not clear. But many sincere and good people are not decided as to the most effective and practical methods for attaining the objective of equality and dignity for all Americans everywhere in the land. Indeed, there are some who fear that the present understandable drive of the Negro American, unless properly directed and "controlled," may invite a reaction that may be most harmful to the common cause of civil

rights. We do not presume to have any suggestions for the general Japanese American community.

Neither do we profess to have any specific and final recommendations for the JACL as to what its position ought to be for every possible situation in the immediate future.

We believe that this whole question of JACL's responsibilities ought to be first explored by a selected few national leaders who are supposed to have special competence in the field; then submitted to the National Board for its appraisal and likely revision; and finally to the various district councils and chapters, as well as the individual members—for the issue of civil rights in America today is perhaps our most crucial domestic problem as a government and probably the most demanding and difficult currently troubling the JACL.

We believe that the above approach, rather than from the individual members up through the chapters, district councils, etc., is more expeditious and practical, though there is a good possibility that after following the prescribed procedure the results may well have to be reappraised and the conclusions redrafted after the members and chapters have expressed themselves. Such is the nature of the problem and the realities of JACL membership.

Effectiveness

We are aware there are some sincere voices in the so-called Japanese American society, and even in JACL itself, who are calling for strong and vigorous action by the JACL, though not clearly setting forth what this action should be and how its membership may be activated into implementing it. Indeed, it would seem that to some what JACL may or may not do may be crucial to the whole problem of civil rights in this country.

The unfortunate reality in this regard, however, is that, regardless of whether JACL and its members are willing to concede it or not, the JACL at best can only be a very small influence on

the total problem of civil rights in this country. Moreover, JACL is in no position to offer or assume any real or significant leadership in the current campaign.

It must be recognized that the JACL is too small numerically and too weak politically and economically to wield any real influence on civil rights even at the local levels, let alone on a statewide or a national basis.

The problem is much too large and the forces already at work in the field are much too powerful to allow the JACL to determine broad policy.

As a matter of fact, JACL's efforts to exert positive leadership might well be resented by those who feel that they have a more direct stake than those of Japanese ancestry in what is currently taking place in the United States in this area of civil rights.

New Problems Seen

Realistically, then, JACL's role can only be that of the willing participant, joining with others in the common struggle for decency and dignity, and allowing others to formulate the strategy, the policy, and the program for the various efforts to secure meaningful civil rights. In other words, though the JACL cannot make the decisions, JACL may be compelled to accept the decisions of others.

In the past, with such matters as naturalization, immigration, and evacuation claims, JACL was the acknowledged leader of the general movement and JACL was the most directly concerned. In civil rights, the reverse would be true; the participation of JACL would be as a follower, and not as the leader. Naturally this new position, while providing new opportunities and challenges, also raises some new questions and problems.

Insofar as national, state, and local legislation is concerned, it would seem that JACL's position is clear and unequivocal: JACL endorses and supports legitimate and meaningful civil rights statutes and ordinances. If this means, as it may well in the Senate of the United States Congress, an all-out effort to break a Southern

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60 Sansei nominated for JACL national scholarships

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SAN FRANCISCO. — Sixty top notch Japanese American scholars who have graduated high school this year have been nominated by 43 JACL chapters for the 1963 National JACL Scholarship competition. It was announced this week by JACL National Headquarters.

The scholarships to be awarded are the 18th Annual Pvt. Ben Masaoka Memorial Scholarship given by Mrs. Haruyo Masaoka and supplemented by Mr. James Mima of Royal Oak, Mich., for a total of \$300; two \$250 scholarships given by Mrs. Tomoye Tsukamoto of San Mateo in memory of Col. Walter T. Tsukamoto, and four Supplemental National JACL scholarships of \$200 each.

The complete dossiers on each candidate are now in the hands of a special Screening Committee in Chicago composed of Abe Hagihara, Mrs. Sumi Miyake, Dr. Frank Sakamoto, Shig Wakamatsu, and Kumeo Yoshinari. The final winners will be chosen by a Committee of Judges now being selected by Dr. Sakamoto, chairman of the 1963 National JACL Scholarship Committee.

The complete list of candidates with the chapters making the nominations:

Arizona — Margaret Tanita.
Berkeley — Stan Inouye and Toru Yokoyama.

Boise Valley — Donna Rai Joo.
Chicago — Margaret Kimiko Murata and Edward Shingo Ogata.
Clovis — Elaine Sasaki and Gary Yamamoto.

Contra Costa — Neal Oshiro and Ellengale Toki.

Detroit — Marilyn Nagano and Russel Sasaki.

Downtown Los Angeles — George Yoshio Kurata.

East Los Angeles — Lance Ito and Glenn Yugiuchi.

Eden Township — JoAnn Hiro-naka.

French Camp — Claudia Shimazaki.

Fresno — Diane Keiko Hirasuna and Janice Reiko Kumagai.

Fowler — Arline Hashimoto and Hiroshi Tokubo.

Gresham-Troutdale — Kathy Kato.

Hollywood — Carole Murayama.

Idaho Falls — Kathy Itaya.

Long Beach-Harbor District — Shi.

Dennis Shintani.
Mile-Hi — Janice Abe and James Suetama.

Milwaukee — Richard Naruo.
Monterey Peninsula — John Hamamura.

Mount Olympus — Walter S. Tachiki.

New York — Charles Y. Kawada.
Omaha — Bonnie Hirabayashi.

Pasadena — Dennis Fukumoto.
Philadelphia — Steve Tani.

Placer County — Frances Keiko Mitani and Agnes Reiko Takahashi.

Pocatello — Pat Yamamoto.

Portland — Howard Henjiyo and Wallace Kurihara.

Rexburg — Lorraine Kiyoe Sakota.

Sacramento — Ace Tsutomi Fuji and Gilbert Yamamoto.

Salt Lake — Richard T. Matsuo.

San Diego — Sandra Yoshihara.

San Fernando Valley — Amy Muneoka.

San Francisco — Caroline Kaji-wara and Arthur Muto.

San Jose — Howard Hayakawa.

San Luis Valley — Ronald K. Inouye.

San Mateo — Yoshiko Ikoma and Carol Imura.

Seattle — Martine Olye and Eileen Suyama.

Stockton — Nell Gotanda and Takashi Sugano.

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Unprecedented gesture of goodwill to Japanese Americans and JACL as 14 congressmen spend 2 hours praising Nisei GI record

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WASHINGTON. — In an unprecedented gesture of goodwill and appreciation, 14 Congressmen spent two hours during a special order of the House of Representatives on Tuesday afternoon, June 11, to pay tribute to Americans of Japanese ancestry who served in the armed forces of the United States in World War II.

The special order was secured by House Majority Leader Carl Albert of Oklahoma, at the request of Congressman George P. Miller, of Alameda, Calif. The veteran Democrat, who is the only West Coast chairman of a standing House Committee, led off the round of tributes by reporting on the Commemorative Services sponsored on Sunday, June 2, by the JACL in Arlington National Cemetery.

He declared that the Senators and Representatives who attended the Services at the Fort Myer Chapel were so impressed with what took place and was said "that it was decided that we should relate them to the Congress and the citizens of our country, as well as to the peoples of all nations of earth, in order that they may better understand, through living example, what democracy in action truly means."

The California Congressman who has served 19 years in the House told his colleagues the details of the June 2 program and introduced for the record the names

of the Gold Star parents who were present, the names of the various veterans organizations represented, and then yielded the floor to a number of Congressmen who read into the official proceedings of the House, and not into the Appendix as is usually the case in such situations, the speeches which were presented at the Chapel program.

Kuroki Saga Retold

Republican Congressman Glenn Cunningham of Omaha, Neb., not only told about the wartime exploits of Air Force tail gunner Ben Kuroki but also placed into the record the tribute to Nisei servicemen delivered by National JACL President K. Patrick Okura.

Democratic Congressman Don Edwards of San Jose, Calif., read into the record the tribute of Dillon S. Myer, wartime director of the War Relocation Authority, at the June 2 Services. Edwards declared that "When, for reasons which now seem completely unreasonable and unjustifiable, these Japanese Americans were evacuated from their homes and associations on the West Coast in the spring and summer of 1942, it was fortunate not only for the evacuee Japanese Americans but also for our country that there was a Director in charge of the War Relocation Authority who had the understanding, compassion, and humanity of Dillon S. Myer."

Democratic Congressman Compton I. White, Jr., of Clark Fork, Idaho, commented in his introduction that probably more volunteers

were inducted from the Minidoka Relocation Center in Hunt, Idaho, than from any of the other nine camps. He summarized the distinguished 40-year Army career of General Jacob L. Devers and then placed into the record the four-star General's tribute to Nisei who served in World War II, and particularly in the 442nd which he commanded in both Italy and France.

Nisei GI Record

Congressman Edward R. Roybal, Democrat from Los Angeles, placed into the record the speech of Judge John Aiso extolling the contributions of the Nisei in the Pacific War in military intelligence. He quoted from Major General Charles A. Willoughby, chief of staff for intelligence for General MacArthur, concerning MacArthur's complete confidence in the loyalty and ability of the Nisei in the war against the Japanese enemy.

Congressman Lionel Van Deerlin of San Diego, Calif., recited the activities of then Lt. Daniel K. Inouye of the 442nd in Italy when he lost an arm earning the Distinguished Service Cross, as he read into the record the text of now Senator Daniel K. Inouye's speech on June 2.

Long-time Democratic Congressman Cecil R. King, from Los Angeles, explained that, in his opinion, Japanese Americans who served in World War II had not fought and died in vain, since so many of the objectives for which they fought—evacuation claims, naturalization privileges, immigration opportunities, and Statehood of Hawaii—had been attained. He then placed into the record the official citation awarding the Congressional Medal of Honor posthumously to Private First Class Sadao S. Munemori.

Korean War GI

Democratic Congressman Ralph R. Harding of Blackfoot remarked on the many Nisei who had volunteered from southeastern Idaho for World War II service and that five of the 21 Japanese American war dead interred in Arlington are from his congressional district. He mentioned Pvt. Roy Miyazaki, who has an Army Reserve Building named after him in Rexburg, and the Miyazaki family as typifying



Rep. George Miller

"the kind of citizenry that represents our Japanese American society."

Recalling that many Nisei served with and under him in the Pacific campaigns of World War II, Democratic Congressman Samuel S. Stratton of Schenectady, N.Y., mentioned the special risks faced by Japanese Americans who fought in the war against the Japanese.

Veteran Barratt O'Hara of Chicago, the only member of Congress who served in the Spanish American War, declared that "there is no brighter page in American history than that written by Japanese Americans." He noted proudly that he was the first Congressman to hire a congressional secretary of Japanese ancestry.

Freshman Congressman Thomas P. Gill of Hawaii paid tribute to his Democratic colleague from the 50th State, Spark Matsunaga, and then placed into the record the Nisei Congressman's speech at the Fort Myer Chapel services on June 2.

Miyamura's Heroics

Democratic Congressman Joseph Montoya of New Mexico, after noting that Congressional Medal of Honor Hiroshi "Hershey" Miyamura of Gallup received his baptism of fire with the 442nd in Italy in the spring of 1945, placed into the record the citation for the Medal of Honor awarded then Sergeant Miyamura, declaring that the citation was "a remarkable reminder of what patriotic Americans, regardless of their race, color, creed, and ancestry, can do when our Nation's honor is at stake."

Veteran Democratic Congressman Al Ullman, from Baker, Ore., in paying tribute to Japanese Americans who volunteered from his district, cited Sgt. Frank Hachiya of Hood River as "perhaps the greatest Japanese American war hero of World War II in the Pacific."

Republican Bill Stinson of Seattle, Wash., mentioned that about 1,000 Nisei served in World War II from his area. Among those whom he mentioned individually were the four Sakura brothers, Shiro Kashino, Harry Takagi, and William Marutani.

Democratic Congressman Robert L. Leggett of Vallejo, Calif., paid tribute to the Japanese of

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NISEI COMMANDS IX CORPS HEADQUARTERS, JOINS SEATO MANEUVERS

HONOLULU. — Ninety-four local Army Reservists for IX Corps Headquarters, now commanded by Col. Sakae Takahashi, are participating in the Southeast Asia Treaty Organization maneuvers being held this month in Thailand.

The reservists who trained at Ft. DeRussy now are with the IX Corps regulars who are ordinarily stationed on Okinawa.

Another Nisei colonel making the trip is Col. Hiro Higuchi.

By the Board

P.R. ASPECT OF THE JUNE 2 SERVICES

BY JOHN Y. YOSHINO
EDC Chairman

WASHINGTON.—The initial public relations impact of the 20th Anniversary Commemorative Services was most gratifying. The extensive coverage far exceeded our expectations. We are still receiving clippings from the chapters. The Committee appreciates this cooperation from the chapters.

The local PR Committee was a volunteer group—all busy professionals in their daily work. We all had to snatch time during lunch and after work, to consult with each other regarding timing, strategy, and work-load. From the very start, the Committee wanted our work to be representative of the entire JACL organization. This was a national project, and we were carrying out a mandate.

Our job was to disseminate the necessary information about the contributions of the NISEI GI in World War II. For those of us, who lived through the evacuation experiences, there was no problem of remembrance, but we needed to reach an entirely new generation of Americans since World War II.

The extensive Fact Sheet, chock full of information about evacuation and military history was prepared, and sent out to newspapers, radio and television stations, about two weeks in advance of the event. Wire services and syndicated columnists were personally contacted. It was hoped that we might reach millions of people in 23 states. The figure was based on the possibility of coverage in those areas where there were JACL chapters or adequate pockets of Japanese residents. Two additional press releases were sent out, one a few days before the June 2 weekend and also a wrap-up story following the Monday meeting of the JACL delegation with President Kennedy.

Value of Clippings

Clippings, which are coming to us from all over the country, indicate that we received a good coverage. I was cautioned not to expect all of the chapters to respond to my request for clippings from their respective area newspapers; however, a good many did respond. I want to thank the Chapter officers for their response. They will make possible an evaluation of the full coverage by the news media. I cannot over-stress the importance of the Chapter's sending the clippings to us.

Readers might be interested in knowing that the picture and story of President Kennedy meeting Mrs. Munemori and her daughters, got the widest coverage. The laying of the wreath at the Tomb of the Unknown also received good coverage. The Los Angeles Times printed a four column picture and story of the President and Mrs. Munemori and her daughters.

We were also told that UPI thought many of its 2,000-plus out-

lets used the story. AP and Scripps Howard papers also gave us good coverage. Oland Russell, a Scripps Howard staff writer who did the story, sent me clippings from the Albuquerque Tribune, El Paso Times Herald Post, Memphis Press-Scimitar, Evansville Indiana Press, Columbus Ohio Citizen and Washington News, in the Nation's Capitol. I particularly mention these important papers because they are in areas where very few Japanese reside, except Washington.

We are happy and grateful for the excellent response by the Washington, D.C. press. The Washington Post gave us an editorial, a front page picture and inside series of pictures and story. Considerable time was spent in personal contacts with different staff people.

Seabrook Chapter Assists

It is significant to us that in those communities where the local Chapters followed up our work with local contacts, the results achieved showed the effort made, was beneficial—this was notably true of Seabrook Chapter with the Bridgeton Press. I have no clippings as yet from San Francisco, Chicago, Denver, Seattle and other areas where there are many AJAs. The Monterey Chapter was one of the first to respond with a story from the Monterey Peninsula Herald. The West Los Angeles Chapter sent a clipping from the Santa Monica Outlook. Alice Kasai, of Salt Lake City, sent us a clipping from the Desert News and the Salt Lake Tribune, the latter was a letter to the Public Forum by Chapter president Tatsi Masaka. The Honolulu papers provided full coverage. The Boise Valley Chapter sent in clippings from the Idaho Daily Statesman. The Spokane Daily Chronicle gave pictorial coverage.

The Japanese American press in this country and our own Pacific Citizen gave this event excellent coverage. Senator Dan Inouye and Congressman Spark Matsunaga played major roles in the programs; Senator Inouye making the arrangements for the visit with the President and Congressman Spark Matsunaga serving as host for a luncheon held for the Gold Star parents on Capitol Hill.

The Voice of America also gave us wonderful coverage. Its staff was with the JACL from the EDC's dinner Saturday night through Sunday. I understand that three programs of that weekend have already been broadcast to Japan. Full sound and pictorial coverage was made of the Sunday events by the Army for UARPAC (U.S. Army of the Pacific) on a request from Schofield Barracks



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AFRICA: YESTERDAY AND TODAY

The Negro "revolution" taking place in the United States—as the New York Times columnist James Reston puts it—appears inevitable for democracy teaches freedom, even to the point of having to die for this cause.

One thing evident in the study of British history was that its empire was doomed—although 50 years ago, the map of the world was predominantly "red" in color to denote British possession. Where the British flag flew, surely there were schools teaching English history and its development as a democracy. Fifty years ago, one fifth of the African continent consisting of about 20 colonies was regarded as British—today, more than half are independent and it appears by the end of this decade, the remainder will become independent.

France, which ruled over one-third of Africa 50 years ago, was cut down this past year to a tiny northeast and its last colony of Somali after Algeria was granted its independence in 1962.

Belgium, which came late into Africa by opening up the last explored regions of the Congo in the 1870's, has nothing today. What the Germans had up to 1919 was divided among the Allied powers, Britain and France getting the bulk of the former German Colonies in Africa.

Portugal, which dominated the early explorations of Africa in the late 16th century and led among the European powers through the 17th century, is still hanging on to its four possessions despite nationalistic rebellion in Angola.

In short, over 90 per cent of Africa's estimated 261,000,000 people have self-rule today.

No wonder, the Black Muslim movement in the United States gains attention. It believes the 20,000,000 American Negroes will eventually accept complete separation from the whites as a solution to the U.S. racial problem.

Another stark fact of independent Africa can be seen in the General Assembly of the United Nations, which has 33 of the 104 seats occupied by Africans.

Pan-Africanism—presently a loose economic, political and cultural federation of at least 20 non-Arab African states—is continuing to stay alive though the recent conference at Addis Ababa failed to live up to expectations of having a charter adopted and an organization of a secretariat approved. These 20 so-called Black African states are popularly known as the Lagos (Nigeria) Conference bloc. And 12 within this bloc are the French-speaking African states known as the UAM (the Afro-Malagasy Union), grouped from 11 former French colonies and one French mandate.

The five predominantly Muslim African states have organized themselves under the Casablanca Charter and have aligned with the Arab League on the question of Palestine.

Most concrete signs of Pan-Africanism were noted this past year in the realm of economics, especially among the French-speaking states. Overall aim is to establish a common market in Africa. Its early steps have also attracted the former Belgian colonies to seek membership in the UAM.

The English-speaking African states, likewise, seek some sort of political and economic link, but Ghana (formerly the Gold Coast) has been most uncooperative. Perhaps with the independence of such British colonies as the two Rhodesias and Nyasaland by 1964 with Kenya, Zanzibar and Gambia this year—a strong union may be organized.

This brief review of Pan-Africanism is added because one of the Negro weeklies in Los Angeles carries reports of events in Africa much in the manner as the Nisei dailies relate the social, political and economic trends and events of Japan. It prefers to use the term, "Afro-American", to "Negro". Its readers are being made conscious of their cultural heritage.

How these independent nations in Africa affect the life of an American Negro has been shown by State Dept. action to have desegregation along U.S. 40 between Washington, D.C., and New York in the motels and the restaurants. Hence it is not far-fetched for American Negroes to conceive that if the "red carpet" can be rolled out for a African dignitary, the United States would see to it that the least of its citizenry of African descent enjoys the same privileges and the basic freedoms endowed by his birthright.

The tragedy as one reads the history of the African continent is that the white man has exploited the land and its people. Slavery, until the establishment of colonies in North and South America, was confined to Mohammedan Africa and very limited because of the overland trade route. Slave trade abolitionists were already active in Britain by 1788 and formed a settlement on the Guinea coast (closest point to the Americas and therefore the embarkation point of Negro slaves) called Sierra Leone. In imitation of the British example, an American group founded a colony (later a republic) of Liberia in 1822. It took all of the 19th century to abolish the slave trade. Will it take all of the 20th to give the American Negro first-class citizenship?

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On the Question of Equal Rights

Dear Editor:

The June 7th edition of the Pacific Citizen carried a front page news story which purported to paraphrase JACL President K. Patrick Okura on JACL's position on the Negro struggle for civil rights. He was reported to have said that he does not expect to have a JACL statement ready until after the EDC-MDC Convention being held from August 30 to September 2.

We urge the National JACL Board to take an immediate and forthright stand on civil rights. We do so because we believe that the issue of civil rights is crystal clear; that there is no moral or Constitutional justification for discrimination; that the time for procrastination and debate is over.

President Kennedy, state governors, mayors and other public officials have asked for public support in an all-out effort to eradicate discrimination in all areas of public life. It is essential that all Americans be invited on the basic proposition of liberty and justice for all. JACL is a vital part of that unity.

We urge that the National Board and the various District Councils call emergency sessions to draft strong policy statements on civil rights and that JACL commit its energies to the civil rights movement. We suggest that JACL chapters and district councils can make significant contributions to the conferences being held in towns and cities throughout the nation in a mass attempt to work out specific proposals for the resolution of the various civil rights issues now before the public. We also propose that local chapters and district councils organize a communication system for the dissemination of civil rights facts and news, and that the councils implement an educational program to better promote understanding between the various cultural and ethnic communities.

Today we are witnessing the culmination of a long struggle in our nation's history. We as Japanese Americans have been a part of that struggle. Victory now would be, like so much of our nation's history, a triumph for all mankind.

WILBUR SATO, President
West Jefferson Democratic Club
Gardena, Calif.

Dear Editor:

I read with dismay that the JACL leadership is unable to determine a policy in the matter of active support for Negro civil rights. Indeed, a fatuously contented delegate believes that it would be "extremely hazardous" to join in civil rights demonstrations. Let the leadership be reminded of the reason d'être of its organization. Let it be reminded of the almost complete absence of supporting voices when Nisei rights were trampled in the yesterday.

A pusillanimous leadership, unable to decide upon a course of action for a clearly defined moral issue, which their people were so recently involved, deserves no support and invites dissolution of its

organization. I urge you to let our voices be heard. Now.

H. QUINTUS SAKAI, M.D.
San Francisco.

Kuchel's Speech

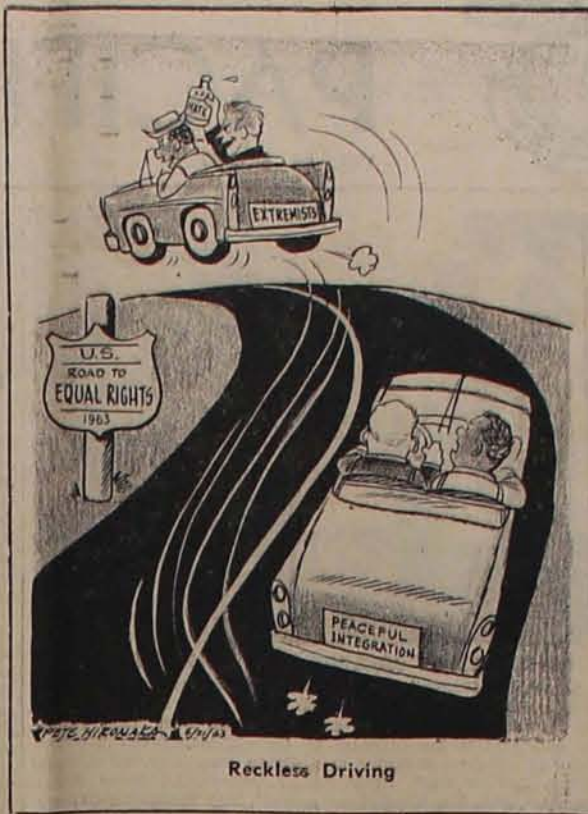
Dear Editor:

It was indeed a surprise to see the speech made by The Honorable Senator Kuchel from the State of California reprinted in full length in the Pacific Citizen. It was always my impression that The Pacific Citizen functioned primarily as "the town crier" or as the Nisei monthly gazette to be read and enjoyed by the Japanese people scattered throughout this land, giving news from back home or from Pocatello, Salt Lake City, or indeed from the Nation's Capitol.

But apparently the Pacific Citizen is but a mouth-piece for the few enlightened, city-dwelling intellectuals who are still so dedicated to educate the masses out on the farms. I may say here, that indeed there was a period of time—especially during the war—when some guidance and enlightenment for much of the Issei and Nisei population were necessary to educate them in common purpose. Fortunately this period has passed. For what we are today in the American society, I will be indebted to the political machinery of the JACL. But I think that history will show in retrospect that we will most be indebted, not to the JACL, but to the first generation of Japanese people, our mothers and fathers, who had the "guts" to come to this country many, many years ago to start it all; for with their crude, Oriental, and unsophisticated discipline they imparted into their progeny the stamina for hard work, self-responsibility, and individualism. These are qualities which I think, indeed typify the majority of the Japanese American people today and are so admired by the American people in the majority.

Generally, therefore, I find the Japanese people now to be quite capable of reading and writing English and individually able to formulate and express opinions rather independently. Now whether we are to embrace Liberalism or Conservatism, or whether we should or should not join the John Birch Society or the ADA are not problems to be solved by The Pacific Citizen or even by Mike Masaoka who, by the way, is but a mortal being, plagued with gout-like many of us. I certainly have the deepest respect and fondness for Mike for I have known about him almost from the time I could remember. But time has passed and our "youngest" have now become adults and I think it's time they think and act for themselves—there is no monopoly on common sense.

I am enclosing an article from the front page of the Los Angeles Examiner (June 5, 1963) expressing a censorship toward Senator Kuchel by the Young Republicans of the State of California. (The article actually reports of the strong criticism against Sen. Kuchel by the Los Angeles County



Reckless Driving

Civil Rights—

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such suits because Congress did not pass any legislation giving him the authority to protect the Constitutional rights to equal opportunity.

Young Republicans.) The Senator's horrendous accusation that the Right-Wing Conservative is subtly anti-Negro and anti-Semitic is almost unbelievable. It further illustrates how clever our "Liberal" friends can so politically identify themselves with the "small people", hailed with the glorious embellishment as the Savior of equal rights to all mankind—yet able to turn about quickly and so cruelly and cunningly devastate a political adversary. There is a discrimination today against Conservatism so flagrantly displayed in a majority of our state colleges, that even the minority races should stand up and take notice. Let me give but one illustration:

Recently on the San Diego State College Campus, the American Nazi Party was allowed to speak on the flimsy apology that the school was respecting the fundamental right of free speech. However, Robert Welch, a Right-Wing Conservative, was not allowed to speak there on the premise that he represented nothing but an "amusing character".

I wonder if Ezra Taft Benson is but an amusing character? Now, knowing that we too represent a minority race and justly believing in fair play and equal rights to all mankind, I assume therefore, that my reply to the Senator will be printed in the Pacific Citizen, full-length, preferably in the column written by Mike Masaoka.

TEISURO TANABE, M.D.
Montebello, Calif.

ity. The Attorney General pointed out that the Federal courts, for example, have ruled in recent cases that the Justice Department does not have the right to sue for desegregation of schools in the absence of Congressional action.

To protect these rights effectively, Senator Fong is co-sponsoring S. 1693, which would empower the Attorney General to institute civil proceedings for injunctive and other relief to redress all deprivations of Constitutional rights.

This measure was proposed originally by President Eisenhower, and it deserves renewed consideration now, according to Senator Fong.

Racial Demonstration

Senator Fong said that racial demonstrations in various parts of the country are "symptomatic of tension and unrest arising out of social injustice in America."

The truth is that, despite the written guarantees of the U.S. Constitution, in practice millions of our citizens have long been denied basic rights in voting booths, in schools, in places of public business, and in other aspects of life.

"The principal agency to remove racial barriers in recent decades has been the Federal Courts, but action through courts is often expensive and time-consuming. Enforcement of court decisions also takes time. Meanwhile, injustice continues."

Senator said that the 19 bills he has helped to draft on civil rights implement all the recommendations of the Civil Rights Commission to secure equal rights in education, employment, housing, voting rights, administration of justice, and public accommodations.

Several bills he is co-sponsoring go further than these recommendations in such areas as public

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also featured our Washington events.

Congressional Record

Two special insertions in the Congressional Record—the first, by Senator Hiram Fong—Hawaii, paying tribute to the Nisei servicemen, and the second the special two hours of tribute in the House of Representatives will have lasting public relations value. The 10,000 reprints of each insertion will be available.

From the above comments you can see that this is just a partial report. Later, we hope to prepare a scrapbook with all the clippings. We will have this ready for display at the National Convention to be held in Detroit.

Although the rain washed out the appearance of the U.S. Army Band from the Services in the Grove, the Band has made available a sound tape of the band playing the JACL Hymn. Chapters will want to order copies from National Headquarters. It is absolutely thrilling to hear the hymn, played by this famous military musical organization. In this respect Chapters can order copies of tape recording of the June 2 ceremony from National Headquarters. Colored pictures were taken by a group of Chapter Photographers. We are waiting to see the results of their work.

The JACL is indebted to Larry Nakatsuka, Kaz Oshiki and Henry Goshu who, with the writer, made up the nucleus of the Public Relations Committee. Henry was busy preparing for a trip to East Asia, but helped us until the night before he took off. After that, his spouse, Jean, helped the Committee with typing and clerical assignments. Larry, legislative assistant to Senator Hiram Fong of Hawaii, a Nieman Fellow, was helpful in many ways. Kaz, administrative assistant to Congressman Kastenmeier of Wisconsin after our first group meeting, had to leave for a trip to Wisconsin, but was on hand on the day of the ceremony as official greeter at the Ft. Myer chapel.

We are also grateful to Larry Tajiri of the Denver Post, with whom we consulted as to strategy and Eastern contacts. To Hisako Sakata, Chisato Ohara, Tsugi Shiroishi and Mary Toda, go our greatest appreciation for all the hours they spent typing and preparing press-releases, speeches, etc. Shiro Ueyeno, Chief of the Japanese Service, Voice of America, also served in a consultative capacity.

So far not a single civil rights measure has been passed by this Congress or even reported from a Committee.

New developments arising almost daily across the country are expected to give momentum to the passage of civil rights measures. Prolonged debates on this issue may extend this session of Congress into the fall months.

Senator Fong expressed confidence that if President Kennedy would use all the power of the Presidency toward passage of badly needed civil rights measures, real progress can be made in this important field.

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By Larry Tajiri

Vagaries

'Flower Drum Song' Back at Vegas

A FUNNY thing happened to Goro Suzuki on his way to some starring engagements in summer tent productions of "Flower Drum Song." Suzuki, professionally known as Jack Soo, has been de-toured back to the Thunderbird Hotel in Las Vegas where he will star in a special summer return engagement as Sammy Fong in "Flower Drum Song."

Joe Wells, president of the Thunderbird, considers Soo "one of the great performers of the generation."

"Flower Drum Song" had a run of one year at the Thunderbird with Soo as Fong. Wells said last week, "Since then we have received more than 7,000 letters and postcards all requesting that the show be brought back. I immediately called a staff meeting to see what could be done about getting our original cast together again. We prevailed on Soo and on Arlene Fontana to cancel previous summer commitments so they could return here."

Wells also called Tokyo and was able to convince Remi Yamada, who played Mei Li opposite Soo's Sammy Fong, to cancel summer engagements to come back to Las Vegas. Also returning are Juanita Hall, who played the aunt, and George Young (real name: Yamada) who appears as Commodore Lo.

"Flower Drum Song" opens again on June 22 at the Thunderbird, replacing the current engagement of "South Pacific." Carolyn Okada, who had the lead role in the dream ballet sequence, was not heard from Wells to find. She and her two children have been appearing at the Thunderbird in "South Pacific." It will be easy for her to return to the part which she did on Broadway and on tour before coming to Las Vegas.

ANOTHER member of the original New York company of "Flower Drum Song" is Yuriko (Kikuchi) who has been busy in Manhattan. Yuriko has toured Europe and Israel with the Martha Graham dance company and has had two recitals of her own, the latest on April 23 in New York, since "Flower Drum Song" closed. She also appeared this month in the New York City Center revival of another Rodgers and Hammerstein musical, "The King and I," which she performed originally in 1952.

In the original production, which starred Gertrude Lawrence and Yul Brynner as Anna and the King of Siam, Yuriko danced the role of Eliza in the "Small House of Uncle Thomas" ballet number with Michiko Ise, as the angel. Yuriko also appeared in the first version of "The King and I."

DESIGNER Bob Fujioke, now in Los Angeles, is responsible for the shaping of most of the Samsonite luggage produced by the Schwayder Bros. corporation in Denver. Fujioke, who now functions through his own firm, Design

Chicago area Father's Day council honors Nisei

CHICAGO. — A letter submitted by his eldest daughter, Jane Holly, 7th grade student Old Orchard Jr. High at Skokie, resulted in the Chicago Area Father's Day Council to present Henry M. Suzuki, of 9432 Crawford Ave., Skokie, the citation of merit "for outstanding devotion to his family and community."

Suzuki is a member of the Chicago JACL, active with the First Baptist Church of Evanston where he teaches Sunday School, and with the Jr. High PTA.

"He has been faithful to his family in time of need, sickness, sorrow and joy," Miss Jane Holly Suzuki had written.

ONE WAY FOR MAN TO CRASH SOCIETY PAGES

SALT LAKE CITY. — Ernest Seko holds the unique distinction of being a "top dog" in a strictly woman's world—he types a mere 100 wpm and takes shorthand along at 200 wpm. He got his picture in the Tribune society section recently, surrounded by a bevy of beautiful secretaries. He holds national titles in both typing and shorthand.

Japanese Methodist provisional group holds final meeting

LOS ANGELES. — A unique chapter in Protestant church history in the western states is being written here this weekend as the Provisional Conference of 31 Japanese Methodist Churches on the west coast meets for the last time.

The Japanese congregations in California, Arizona, Oregon, Washington, Idaho and Colorado will be merged with regular Methodist annual conferences in their respective areas.

The Japanese Provisional Conference is the last of the ethnic group Methodists in the west to maintain its own organization. Scandinavian, German, Chinese, Filipino and Latin American churches which all had separate organizations are structurally integrated into the Methodist area conferences.

The move brings seven Japanese churches into the Southern California-Arizona conference. The Rev. Taro Goto of Lodi has been serving as Japanese conference superintendent.

First organized as a mission conference, the Japanese churches became a provisional conference in 1940. Pine Methodist Church in San Francisco is the oldest of the Japanese Methodist churches.

Nisei architects in St. Louis kept busy

ST. LOUIS. — The firm of Kromm, Rikimaru and Johansen were chosen as the architect by the City of Rock Hill for construction of its new city hall and library building, the St. Louis JACL Newsletter reported this week.

The same firm designed the Maplewood City Hall and Library now nearing completion.

Yuki Rikimaru and his wife, Cora, of Creve Coeur are JACL members here.

Other architects in the chapter have won recent honors. Gyo Obata of Hellmuth, Obata and Kassabaum was cited by the American Iron and Steel Institute at a New York dinner for his use of welded wire fabric reinforcement in the design of the St. Louis Priory chapel. Richard Hennel of Schwarz & Van Hoelen was mentioned for his important role in the Mansion House Redevelopment Project and finishing up drawings on the Jewish Community Center and the Teamsters Retirement Center for Senior Citizens.

Boise Valley JACLers visit Washington

WASHINGTON. — The proud family of newly-commissioned Army Lt. Ted Yamashita left here for their home at Caldwell, Idaho, after an extensive tour of Washington, D.C.

Yamashita, appointed to West Point four years ago by Sen. Frank Church (D., Idaho), was the first Idahoan of Japanese ancestry to graduate from a U.S. military academy.

Ted won his appointment on the basis of state-wide examinations which were given for me in Idaho," Senator Church said. "I was proud to appoint him, and I am proud of the good record he made at West Point."

"He has been a superb representative of the fine Japanese Americans we have in Idaho, and I am sure he will make an excellent officer and be a credit to us all."

Returning to his father's farm at Caldwell, Ted and a West Point classmate, Lt. Peter Shwin, planned to spend a month working on the farm before reporting for duty.

Flying to West Point for the graduation were Ted's father and mother, Mr. and Mrs. Mas Yamashita.

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The Northern California-Western Nevada District Youth Council selects its "Miss Jr. JACL" at a coronation ball tomorrow at the Village in San Francisco. Playing for the dance will be the Starlighters directed by Fred Kochi of San Mateo. Tickets are obtainable at the door at \$2, stag or stagette, for this "dressy-dress" affair. DYC bowling tournament awards will also be presented. The tournament starts 1 p.m. at Downtown Bowl. "Operation Hawaii" tickets are also available with proceeds going to the DYC program and travel fund for youth delegates to the 1964 Detroit convention.

Nisei GI record—

(The two-hour tribute in the House of Representatives will be carried in its entirety in the 1963 Pacific Citizen Holiday Issue. We feel its significance to every Japanese American can be best appreciated when the entire proceedings, as recorded in the Congressional Directory for posterity, is read and made a part of every Nisei and Sansei home library. As those who witnessed the two-hour salute to Japanese Americans have said, "It was about the greatest thing that has ever happened to us as a minority group."—Editor's Note.)

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His State, noting that they "have probably assimilated better than any" other group of immigrants to California.

Republican J. Edgar Chenoweth of Trinidad, Colo., then praised the outstanding contributions that the Japanese had made to his State, particularly in agriculture.

After Congressman Miller mentioned that William Marutani had read the Japanese American Creed and Dr. Stanley Nagahashi had sung the JACL Hymn at the Sunday services, mentioned that on the following morning, June 3, the President had personally greeted a select JACL delegation and that same afternoon Congressman Matsunaga had hosted a luncheon in the House Dining Room for the visiting Gold Star parents and other guests. He then saluted the

members of the Arrangements Committee "for a difficult program well executed."

At the close of the special order, Congressman Matsunaga arose and thanked the many Representatives for their words of tribute. He said that "It is true that the Japanese American paid a high price in blood and lives to prove his loyalty to the United States. But, it is also true that the Japanese American has no regrets that he paid such a price. He is grateful to the people of the United States for having given him the opportunity to prove his love for his country. He is grateful to his fellow Americans into the greatest democratic society the world has ever known."

"In demonstration of our gratitude, we Americans of Japanese ancestry pledge ourselves to uphold the Federal Constitution, to contribute our utmost toward the welfare of our great Nation, and to continue to prove to the world that Americanism is a matter of the heart and the mind, and not one of race or color."

When Congressman Matsunaga finished his brief remarks, he was greeted by an ovation from his fellow Representatives and venerable House Speaker John McCormack rushed up to personally shake his hands.

Official Commendation

Mike Masaoka, Washington JACL representative ever since he left the Army in 1945, declared that the June 11 tributes represent the greatest official commendation ever extended to Japanese Americans and to the JACL. He said that Japanese Americans and JACL should be particularly grateful to Congressman Miller, an old personal friend and the friend of many Japanese Americans, for the unique and unprecedented proceedings in the House of Representatives.

"These spontaneous tributes are not only a matter of pride and pleasure to us," Masaoka explained, "but they will be ever available should another time come when the loyalty and patriotism of Americans of Japanese ancestry are ever again questioned. They are the ultimate refutation to the racemongers and the bigots who would attempt to smear and slander Americans of Japanese ancestry anytime in the future."



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BERKELEY JR. JACL ELECTS RON TAKAHASHI AS ITS 1ST PRESIDENT

BERKELEY. — Ron Takahashi was elected president of the Berkeley Jr. JACL at its first organizational meeting May 29. Jack Imada, chapter president and Frank Yamazaki are advisers.

Others elected were: Mary Oki, v.p.; Carolyn Saito, treasurer; Frances Tanabe, cor. sec.; Ken Kuroiwa, del. and pub.

The youth are meeting tonight at a potluck dinner at the Free Methodist Church here at 6 p.m. to hear Miss Marie Kurihara of San Francisco. NC-WNDC youth commissioner, speak on the Jr. JACL program.

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Drive to have Japanese taught in private schools accredited gains momentum

SACRAMENTO. — The so-called Casey bill (AB 1800) was passed by the State Legislature this week and is on the Governor's desk for signature. It includes an amendment to accredit foreign language courses in private schools.

The amendments were introduced by Edward E. Elliott and Charles Warren, both Democratic assemblymen from Los Angeles.

Elliott said he was confident the Governor would sign the bill. He has 30 days from June 21 in which to act.

The amendment provides school boards having jurisdiction for grades 9 through 14 (high school and junior college) to accredit

courses in foreign languages taught in private schools "on the basis of their being at least equivalent to those which would be required for the student in a foreign language class in the same grade level in the public schools."

Regulations prescribing the standards and conditions for accrediting private school courses are to be adopted by the State Board of Education, the amendment further provided.

Dr. Everett T. Calbert, deputy superintendent, Dept. of Education, informed Elliott that private foreign language schools can get public school accreditation for their students through the Western Assn. of Schools and Colleges and the California Assn. of Independent Schools.

The movement to have Japanese language schools accredited by public schools was started by Dr. Yaemitsu Sugimachi, principal of the Japanese Language School Unified System, of Los Angeles.

He hailed its speed through the legislature and added that many problems of implementation lie ahead.

Hasegawa cops first Tourney of Champions

CHICAGO. — "My putts were dropping and I had some lucky breaks," said Dr. Sus Hasegawa after winning the first Tournament of Champions sponsored by the Chicago Golf Council at St. Andrews Golf Club on May 26. He shot an 82 (17 hcp.) to win a set of 1963 irons and the Chicago JACL trophy.

The low gross trophy, also donated by the Chicago JACL chapter, went to Hank Tsuha of the Hawaiian Club for his fine 76. Only winners of their respective club monthly tournaments in 1962 were eligible for the first Tournament of Champions. This is to become an annual event in the program of the Chicago Golf Council which is comprised of some 11 golf clubs of this city.

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Director's Report

By Masao Satow

YOUTH MEETING — We recommend the conscientious homework done by the youth given assignments for the recent youth meeting in Salt Lake, as evidenced by special reports which were prepared and circulated several weeks prior to the meeting. The youth came up with some provocative and searching questions for themselves as well as for the adult JACLers relative to the justification for a National Junior JACL organization and regarding JACL purposes and policies.

Credit Salt Lakers Sue Kaneko, Rupert Hachiya, and Tats Misaka for setting up the meeting arrangements. Tats hosted an informal get-together following the Saturday night meeting, which we understand turned out to be a continuation of the meeting discussions until the wee morning hours.

Our thanks to Sacramento JACLer Roy Nikaido, father of youth delegate Roger Nikaido, whose connections as PR man for the Horseshoe Club in Reno meant lunch on the house for our California delegation en route to Salt Lake and breakfast returning. Fortunately, the snow we encountered over Donner Summit was not enough to require the chains which we threw into the car just in case.

MEETING AT UCLA — A quick trip to Los Angeles on call from Frank Chuman together with Shig Wakamatsu took us out to the UCLA campus for consultations with Dr. Scott Miyakawa and UCLA members of the Japanese History Project Advisory Board.

Dr. Doyce Nunis informed us that the UCLA library is now ready to receive the documents which will be coming in from instruction #2. A memo on this will be out shortly. Despite the heavy schedule of commencement preparations, Chancellor Franklin D. Murphy gave us time to firm up our joint JACL-UCLA relationships on the Project and agreed to expedite certain administrative procedures.

Special thanks to Frank Chuman for giving up the whole day for these consultations in view of the immediate pressures on him as Chairman of the Los Angeles County Commission on Human Relations.

MIKE KISHIYAMA DAY — National First Vice President Jerry Enomoto has graciously consented to represent National JACL this week at county-wide "Mike Kishiyama Day" in honor of this recent West Point appointee. Fortunately for us, Jerry's immediate superiors gave him their blessing to enable him to combine some professional responsibilities in the San Luis Obispo area as a high ranking official with the California Department of Correction.

MEMBERSHIP — Our national memberships have edged up to 16,500—about normal for this time of year. A few straggling chapters could come through and boost our membership to a new high inasmuch as seven chapters have hit all-time highs and 20 others have done better than last year. San Jose and San Francisco have exceeded 900 with San Jose being ichiban with 927. Watsonville has already registered an all time high, but President John Kurimoto wants more membership cards to take care of 80 additional members.

1963 FINANCES — After checking our 1963 budget figures from CPA Jack Hirose's cash and carry report with National Assistant Treasurer Yone Satoda, our 1963 detailed report has been sent out to the Chapters. We show an income of \$100,649.20 with expenditures of \$111,051.60. However, \$10,402.40 of these expenses are to be covered by 1963-64 budget items, so our outcome for 1963 is net plus of \$303.57.

We were somewhat puzzled by 90 1000 Clubbers dropping in May, but indications this month show that an appreciable number are catching up with their renewals.

This coming weekend will be occupied with attending the Central California District Council meeting in Selma, looking in on the Coronation Ball of the JACL Northern California-Western Nevada District Youth Council, meeting with the nucleus group of the National Public Relations Committee called by Chairman Akiji Yoshimura to finalize the draft and format of the National JACL leaflet against the use of the derogatory term "Jap", and interviewing another candidate for the position of Administrative Assistant.



SAN JOSE HONORS THREE NONAGENARIANS

Dr. Tom Taketa, general chairman of the San Jose Issei Appreciation dinner, presents special gifts to the three oldest guests (from left): Mrs. Toyono Yamamoto, 95; Chiyomatsu Kobata, 94; and Mrs. Kiyo Marumoto, 95. Over 650 attended the community dinner held at the Buddhist Church auditorium June 8 under sponsorship of eight organizations.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

June 22 (Saturday)
Long Beach — Miss Harbor Coronation dinner-dance, Lafayette Hotel, 7 p.m.
Chicago — Graduates dinner-dance, No. Park Hotel.
San Francisco — NC-WNDYC Bowling tournament, coronation ball; Downtown Bowl, 11 a.m.; The Village, 9 p.m.
Seattle — 1000 Club whiling ding, Edgewater Inn, Pier 47, 7 p.m.
June 23 (Sunday)
Monterey Peninsula — Community picnic, Monterey Fairgrounds, 11 a.m.; Movies, JACL Hall.
Venticlover — Community Center picnic.
San Francisco — Community picnic, Speedway Meadows, Golden Gate Park.
Detroit — Community picnic.
Portland — Board meeting, home of Mrs. Eui Sonokawa, 7:30 p.m.
June 24 (Monday)
Chicago — JACL Talent Show, Olivet Institute.
June 29 — July 4
Clovis — Fireworks sale, E. King Canyon Rd. and Minnewawa.

June 30 (Sunday)
San Luis Valley — Picnic, Aspen Glade, 10 a.m.
Chicago — 1900 Club golf tournament, Santa Barbara — JACL picnic, Eden Township — Picnic, Lake Temescal.
Rexburg — JACL picnic, Rexburg Park.
July 1 (Monday)
San Jose — Benefit movies, Okita Hall.
July 4 (Thursday)
San Diego — JACL Community picnic, Silver Strand State Park, 10 a.m.
Detroit — Japanese movies, International Institute.
July 7 (Sunday)
Pasadena — Steak bake.
Oakland — NC-WNDYC executive bd. meeting.
July 11 (Sunday)
East Los Angeles — Family picnic, Milwaukee — Picnic.
Contra Costa — Picnic, Wildwood Acres, Lafayette.
Pocatello — JACL-yna summer party, JACL Hall.
Milwaukee — Community picnic, Berkeley Park, Denver.



Youth representatives from various JACL District Youth Councils met June 7-9 at Salt Lake City to organize a national Jr. JACL. Seated (from left) are Marie Kurihara, NC-WNDYC youth chmn.; Bobbie Endo and Ronald Yokota, Pocatello Jr. JACL adv.; Abe Hagiwara, MDC youth chmn.; Jerry Enomoto, nat'l 1st v.p. and nat'l youth commissioner; and Sue Kaneko, IDC youth chmn. Standing are delegates Bob Akagi, Ben Kawakami, Anne Kanomata, Roy Ikeda, Ross Harano, Roger Nikaido, Alan Kumamoto, Nancy Morimoto; Clarence Nishizu, PSWDC youth chmn.; Mas Satow, nat'l dir.; Tats Misaka, Salt Lake chapter pres. Participating but missing from this photo were Bob Mukai, Mt. Olympus Jr. JACL adv., and Rupert Hachiya, chmn.

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flibuster, then the JACL will join the united effort to allow the Senate to vote on the substantive issue of civil rights.

It would also seem clear that JACL will more actively join in the various legal texts at all levels to clarify and enlarge the area of civil liberties for all Americans.

It would seem unequivocal too that the JACL should initiate and promote an educational campaign both among its own membership and the Japanese American community at large to cause them to better understand the meaning and the nature of the current efforts to secure the constitutional rights of all citizens.

Beyond this, however, it is not quite so clear as to what JACL should do as an organization.

About Demonstrations

As to whether JACL should be committed in advance to join in the various demonstrations such as parades, boycotts, sit-ins, sit-downs, etc., to emphasize the need for civil rights and possibly to secure them through such means in the local community is a very difficult question, for many factors over which JACL would have no control may be involved.

It would seem that ordinary prudence and caution would advise that neither the National or the local Chapter be committed to automatically respond to any call for demonstrations. It would seem that every proposal should be considered on a case by case basis, for circumstances may vary and change. But, every Chapter should be prepared to consider forthrightly and quickly every invitation to participate in any legitimate civil rights activity.

If the demonstration, for example, is a community mobilization embracing the various nationality and minority organizations and groups, the churches, the civic clubs, the businessmen, and the labor unions, there seems to be little reason that the local Chapter should not participate in such an united effort.

On the other hand, if the demonstration is one proposed by a particular group or organization

and is one in which other community groups and organizations do not join in a concerted, and coordinated, venture, this could be quite a different matter. For instance, a demonstration called by the Black Muslims should be carefully examined and probably rejected.

JACL's Role?

What we have discussed in this Newsletter is only suggestive of what the JACL might consider, along with many other aspects and alternatives, in formulating its latest policy on civil rights.

We are among those who believe that JACL should be more active, especially on the local levels, in the common fight for equality and dignity.

We have the feeling that most JACL officers and members are troubled by this whole problem, and would welcome a thorough appraisal of the situation and a definitive policy statement by the National Organization on this vital subject worthy of JACL's past and present.

At the same time, however, we are in complete agreement with President Kennedy that this is essentially a moral problem for each citizen to answer in his own life and living. We do believe, though, that the JACL ought to offer organizational and individual guidance for the benefit of its members.

L.A. Dodger veep briefs Downtown L.A. JACLers

LOS ANGELES. — A fine turnout of 30 persons heard Richard Walsh, vice president of the Dodger Baseball Club on June 5 at the New Ginza restaurant. A former school chum of past chapter president Frank Omatsu, Walsh related in an informal, humorous manner about the "tricks of the game"—the little things in baseball that sometimes mean a lot.

Also attending were O'Malley's secretary, Edith Monak, and Jane Napier, secretary to Dick Walsh. It was decided at this meeting that the Downtown Chapter will co-sponsor with the Japan America Society, the Nisei Week concert of the Japanese American Philharmonic Orchestra.

Chapter Call Board

Clovis JACL

Fireworks Sale: To raise funds for the Clovis JACL scholarship, the chapter will operate a fireworks sales stand from June 29 through July 4 at the Bob Mochizuki Ranch, E. Kings Canyon Rd. and Minnewawa. Hi Ikeda and Todd Uemura are in charge.

Eden Township JACL

Save June 30: Eden Township JACL has scheduled its annual picnic for Sunday, June 30, at Lake Temescal.

San Luis Valley JACL

Chapter Picnic: San Luis Valley JACLers will picnic at Aspen Glade on Sunday, June 30, from 10 a.m. The chapter is providing the food. Picnickers are reminded to bring their own table service.

JACS elect Terasawa

LOS ANGELES.—Tosh Terasawa, architect and Methodist lay leader, succeeds Yosh Inadomi as president of the Japanese American Community Services. Serving with him are:

Sam Ishihara, 1st v.p.; Arthur Takei, 2nd v.p.; Atty. George Shibata, 3rd v.p.; Mrs. Mabel Yoshizaki, sec.; and Hideo Irumo, treas.

Dr. Harry Kitano of UCLA will address the installation dinner planned for Monday, June 24, 7 p.m., at Fon's Restaurant.

CCYBA CARNIVAL

FRESNO. — "Tokyo Backstreet" is the theme of the annual Central California YBA carnival July 6 at the local Betsuin Annex. A coronation ball precedes on July 5 at the annex.

SISTER CITIES

Oakland-Fukuoka: The effort to develop sister city ties between Oakland and Fukuoka culminated in the incorporation of the Fukuoka Society of Oakland, a non-profit group promoting good relations between the two cities in culture and industry. Frank Ogawa is treasurer. Mas Yonemura and Kahegi Yokomizo are on the board of directors.

Snake River honors Idaho legislator

ONTARIO, Ore. — The Snake River Valley JACL paid tribute to the memory of the late Rep. Grant Garner, Payette county legislator in the Idaho State House, at the chapter's 18th annual graduation dinner June 9 at East Side Cafe.

Rep. Garner had sponsored three bills of benefit to persons of Japanese ancestry in recent years. George Sugai, past national JACL vice-president, pointed out in the making the presentation of a plaque to his family. They were the repeal of the anti-miscegenation law, repeal of the alien land law, and the bill giving Oriental citizens the right to vote.

The chapter was presented the Payette (Idaho) Jr. Chamber 1st place award for its entry in the recent Bligsum Festival parade. James Robert, Treasure Valley Community College registrar, was the principal speaker. Joe Saito was toastmaster. Richard Ogura, chapter president, extended the welcome and Gene Nishimura, valedictorian of Ontario High, responded for the 28 graduates. The Rev. George Uemura read the invocation and the Rev. Yoshiaki Takemura the benediction.

The Idaho-Oregon Nikkeijinkai awarded the four Sansei valedictorians of local high schools with a \$50 check. They were: Gene Nishimura, Ontario High; Mary Ann Wakasugi and Leo Kawakami, Weiser High; Victor Yamada, Vale High.

The graduates honored were: Adrian — Kiyoharu Hori; Niyasa — Alan Hirono; Joyce Morinaka, Jim Kodama, Karen Saito, Melvin Matsunaga.

Ontario — Ethel Ann Tsukanaki, Salutatorian; Judy Nagaki, Historian; Mary Ann Nakamura, Jack Hasebe, Ellen Nakada, Jerry Ogawa, Ken Teramura, Frances Enomoto, Ellen Fujiwara, Arnold Kumagai, Steve Murata, Weiser — Shirley Kaji; Vale — Cheryl Nakamoto, Sharon Harada; Payette — Michael Sakahara; Fruitland — Sharon Watanabe, Randy Mita; College — Terry Fujinaga.

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San Luis Valley Sansei receive awards

ALAMOSA, Colo. — Four Sansei students of San Luis Valley were honored at recent honor assemblies of their respective schools, the San Luis Valley JACL reported this week. They are:

Ronnie Inouye, La Jara High — joint honor scholarship to Adam State College; service award, Orion award for music (son of Mr. and Mrs. Roy Inouye).

Lawrence Kawanabe, Ft. Garland High — San Luis Valley JACL \$100 scholarship, one of 10 Sears Foundation scholarships to Colorado State (son of Mr. and Mrs. Tom Kawanabe).

Shirley Jean Minkami — beauty school scholarship (daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Sam Minkami); Sharon Tanaka, Sierra Grande High salutatorian (daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Roy Tanaka).

PC Regrets: The name of Mrs. Amy Tomita, scholarship committee chairman, was inadvertently omitted last week in our haste to rewrite the Mt. Olympus JACL scholarship story.

Clovis JACL: Ronald Maikovich of Clovis Union High was named winner of the annual Clovis JACL scholarship. Selection is based upon scholastic standing, need, extracurricular activities in international relations and is not limited to Japanese Americans. Students in five schools are eligible for the award, it was pointed out.

On the judging committee were: Bill Meese, Hi Ikeda, and Bob Hiratsuna.

Career in science writing

PALO ALTO. — Stephen Murata, son of Mr. and Mrs. K. Jack Murata, formerly of Washington, D.C., now of Mountain View, Calif., will graduate this month from Stanford University. Receiving an AB in communications-journalism, he will return to Stanford in the fall to earn an MA degree in the same field with a Melville Jacoby fellowship.

Completing four years in Air Force ROTC, Stephen will also be commissioned as a second lieutenant, graduating as Distinguished Military Cadet. He was commander of the Stanford cadet group for Spring, 1963, and was awarded the Chicago Tribune Gold Medal in his junior year, and the Military Order of World War Medal in his senior, both for meritorious service. He was also elected to membership in Arnold Air Society, the honorary AFOTC association, and subsequently to the presidency of Stanford's Lanphier Squadron of the Society.

His father, Jack Murata, was a recipient of the JACL medallion for distinguished achievement in 1956, but instead of following in

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