

## NC-WNDC GROUP HEALTH PLAN BARGAIN OF '65

Rates to Be Upped Starting in March; New Benefits Added

SAN FRANCISCO—The JACL-CPS group health plan of the Northern California-Western Nevada District Council, first offered a year ago, proved to be one of the best bargains for participants of the plan.

This was revealed this week by John Yasumoto of San Francisco, recently elected chairman at a meeting of the JACL-CPS board of governors.

Yasumoto reported from figures supplied by the California Physicians Service that during the first 10 months period from March 1 to Dec. 31, 1965, a total of \$235,418 was paid out by CPS for hospital and doctor bills.

Of this amount \$129,926 was paid off bills incurred by members over 60 years of age, and \$105,492 for those below 60.

"This claims experience indicates that a real service to its members has been performed by the JACL-CPS Group Health Plan," Chairman Yasumoto declared, "especially since these figures exceeded the total quarterly payments from the members."

### Raise in Rates

However, the California Physicians Service has pointed out the inevitability of a raise in quarterly rates from the present "bargain" amounts.

After several conferences, CPS and JACL-CPS Board representatives have come to an agreement on new rates which includes approximately one-half of the rate increases originally proposed by CPS actuaries.

The CPS stipulated that those over 65 by July 1 and eligible for Medicare will be dropped from coverage as of that date. Both CPS officials and the JACL-CPS Board strongly urged that those 65 and over sign up in Medicare by the March 31 deadline, since this program was designed for this particular group.

### New Board Officers

Yasumoto took over as Chairman of the JACL-CPS from Edison Uno, also of San Francisco, who remains as ex-officio member of the plan's Administrative Committee.

Other officers elected are: Tad Hirota (Berkeley), v.e.; Edie Moriuchi (San Francisco), treasurer; Don Matsubara (Contra Costa), sec.; admin. comm.—Yasuo Abiko (S.F.), Dr. Kiyu Kurita (Oakland), George Matsumoto (Stockton), Kinya Noguchi (Sacramento), Mrs. Teiko Kuroiwa, admin. ass't.; Jack Kusaba, NC-WNDC chair; Haruo Ishimaru, ex-coordinator; Masao Satow, adv.

Billings for the March 1 to May 31 quarter should be in the hands of JACL-CPS enrollees by the first part of February with the revised rates. Those 65 and over and eligible for Medicare are being billed for four months from March 1 through June 30 to insure coverage until Medicare goes into effect from July 1.

Although the new rates are higher, the JACL-CPS program is still a bargain, Yasumoto pointed out. Some additional benefits are included.

CPS has ordered a general raise in rates for all its groups and is lifting surgical benefits by approximately 20 percent. The plan will pay \$5 instead of \$4 for physician hospital visits and the "paid in full" physician's fee when treated by CPS member physicians will be applicable for those with incomes of \$7,500 or less instead of the present ceiling income of \$6,000.

### Mitamura elected

LOS ANGELES—Masao Mitamura, 72, was elected 1966 president of the So. Calif. Japanese Chamber of Commerce. A part operator of a seed company here, he is now in the real estate business.

During the war years, he served in the Army intelligence at Camp Savage and was in Cleveland before returning to Los Angeles.

### Wartime JACL sponsor Rob't Benjamin dies

NEW YORK—Robert M. Benjamin, 69, a wartime National JACL sponsor and charter member of New York JACL, died Jan. 17 at his home, 45 E. 82nd St. He is survived by his wife Helen, two sons and a married daughter.

Attorney Tom Hayashi represented National JACL at Benjamin's funeral last week.

An attorney who served as a state official, he was chairman from 1949-1955 of the New York State Board of Regents' committee on discipline and has been long interested in public education. During World War II, he was a member of the Alien Enemy hearing board, which re-

## Dr. Wilson assumes directorship of Japanese History Project at UCLA

(Special to the Pacific Citizen) LOS ANGELES—UCLA Chancellor Franklin D. Murphy's announcement of a \$41,000 grant by Carnegie Corporation to the Japanese American Research Project on the UCLA campus led to a taped interview of project director Robert A. Wilson by radio KNX-CBS reporter Lloyd Perrin for its noon news broadcast on Jan. 20.

"The Japanese have risen above the problems which normally beset minority groups. The circumstances in which the Issei immigrants found themselves and in which they raised their children would have created a problem minority. But this group surmounted discriminations and poverty to attain for themselves and their Nisei offspring a respected status in our society today," declared the head of the Issei History Project who himself is dedicated to the writing of a scholarly history to be finished the latter part of next year. Prof. T. Scott Miyakawa,

first director of the Issei History Project, had exhausted his leave of absence and has returned to Boston University to resume his faculty duties. Historian Wilson, an authority on Japanese history, as former UCLA co-director assumed charge of the project with administrator Joe Grant Ma-saoka.

"We are conducting a massive study of 822 randomly selected Issei and then will move to interview Nisei and Samsel," stated Wilson.

"Thus far, we have come to the tentative conclusion that the Issei had something close to what we call the 'Protestant ethic'. The Issei and Nisei were amenable to the disciplines of a strongly oriented family life and social cohesion."

"Samsel have shown some juvenile delinquency, but it is still less than the norm. We hope some of the conclusions reached will be useful to civic authorities in formulating policies toward minority groups," Dr. Wilson commented.

## Director's Report

By Masao Satow, National JACL Director

### 1966 MEMBERSHIP

The Northern California-Western Nevada District Chapters have taken a head start in remitting 1966 memberships, turning in approximately 4,300 of the 5,700 memberships received.

Monterey Peninsula has completed its drive, again surpassing its all-time high of last year, marking 12 consecutive years of membership increase. Reno and San Benito County have also improved on its all-time high of 1965. Livingston-Merced has surpassed last year's effort.

San Jose sets the pace with 1,121 members reported. Other Chapters more than halfway in their 1966 drives are Contra Costa, Cortez, Eden Township, Florin, Fremont, Marysville, Placer County, Stockton, and Washington, D.C.

The 1966 Youth memberships have been received from Arizona, Mid-Columbia, and San Jose.

Chapters and members are reminded that the PC cutoff this year will be one month earlier than formerly at the end of February.

## Don't become too Americanized, Contra Costa told

RICHMOND—The Nisei and their offsprings are in danger of becoming "too Americanized," Dr. Stanford Lyman of Cotati warned.

The Sonoma State College sociology professor who has made a study of the Nisei spoke at the Contra Costa JACL installation dinner Jan. 16 at Mira Vista Country Club.

Expanding on his topic "Problems that Arise Beyond Success," Dr. Lyman said the younger generations should realize that it was their Japanese background that motivated their dedication for good citizenship, education and success.

Future generations should strive for the preservation of their cultural heritage, but he warned that "success may be its own undoing."

Dr. Lyman then stressed the importance of meeting these challenges by being morally and spiritually strong.

Ben Takeshita of Richmond was installed as the Contra Costa chapter's 1966 president. Jerry Enomoto, national first vice president, was installing officer.

JACL Silver pins in recognition of 10 years of service to the local chapter were awarded to Jim Kimoto and Mrs. Hannah Yasuda. Special recognition plaques were presented to:

Mrs. Grace Goto, Mrs. Elsie Kano, Emilio Hitomi, Dr. Yoshie Tozaki.

Enomoto also presented JACL citation to the local chapter for seven consecutive years of membership gains. Marjorie Sakai, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Roy Sakai, was the recipient of the chapter's cultural heritage essay contest prize.

Special guests for the event included:

Mr. and Mrs. Warren Brown, Jr., Richmond Independent publisher; Mr. and Mrs. Forrest Simon, Richmond city manager; Mr. and Mrs. Joseph P. McBrien, county administrator; and Rev. John Miyabe, minister of the Free Methodist Church.

Richard S. Komatsu was the toastmaster for the dinner program attended by some 160 persons. Ted Tanaka, outgoing chapter president, was general dinner chairman.

viewed cases of aliens turned over by the military for internment under civilian control.

(Chapters will receive a list of those who have been cut off as of Feb. 28 in mid-March. It will only list those whose PC subscriptions which have expired during January and February, 1966. In subsequent months, similar lists will be prepared.—Editor.)

### OTHER ORGANIZATIONAL

We are pleased to see so many Chapters giving due recognition to loyal members who have been carrying Chapter responsibilities for many years, although this has entailed a real workout for National Recognition Chairman Pat Okura. On our part this has meant some homework in personalizing Japanese American Creed and preparing other citations. With Chiz having her own homework to catch up on processing memberships, our place becomes an annex of the JACL office at night.

Missing from our Headquarters records are the 1966 officers of 21 Chapters. While these Chapters may have held their elections, their officers are still unreported to Headquarters.

Fifty Chapters will receive rebate checks in the near future for 1965 over-quota performances. Thanks to their efforts, we were able to realize the full amount of budgeted income for the first time since we can remember.

### BUSMAN'S HOLIDAY

During our ten-day sojourn in Southern California we met with the San Diego National Convention Board, attended most of the two-day staff conference of the Japanese American Research Project at UCLA, called on donors of two scholarships to be administered by National JACL to be announced shortly, spent some time refining our files in the Southern California Regional Office, and contacted a number of people in relation to our various programs.

These personal contacts save us considerable correspondence.

### FREMONT CHAPTER

The Fremont Chapter Installation for President Saito Sekigahama and his cabinet was an intimate family affair. Mrs. Meg Bowman, executive secretary of the recently formed Fremont Human Rights Committee, spoke on breaking down barriers of inequality. School teacher Frank Nakaso who has been serving on this Committee emceed the affair.

We were happy to join with Chapter members in a surprise farewell for Ray and Kiyo Kitayama, both of whom have served as Chapter President in the past. They are moving to Brighton, Colo., to oversee the expanding operations of Kitayama Bros. Nursery.

Immediate past president, Attorney Frank Kasama, who has been conscientiously keeping tabs on all the new Nisei families moving into the area, was non-plussed to hear of one family he had missed.

### NC-WNDC MEETING

NC-WNDC people had a full day in Stockton recently, the JACL - CPS Administrative Committee meeting in the morning, and the DC Executive Board conferring in the afternoon with DC Chairman Jack Kusaba presiding over his first meeting to discuss business matters and set up the first quarterly DC meeting on Feb. 13.

The NC-WNDC is particularly fortunate in having National First Vice President Jerry Enomoto and National Treasurer Yone Satoda attend these meetings.

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JUDGE JOHN AISO and his wife Sumi (at left) stand pensively at the joint Downtown L.A.-Hollywood-Wilshire Uptown JACL installation dinner as Tats

Kushida reads certificate of recognition bestowed by the three chapters to the Nisei jurist. The engrossing was done by Shozo Shibata.

—Toyo Miyatake Photo.

## West Point Sansei graduate killed in Viet Cong ambush

(Special to the Pacific Citizen) HONOLULU — Capt. Roy S. Kobayashi, a West Point graduate, was ambushed and killed by Viet Cong on his 26th birthday, the U.S. Army in Saigon announced.

(He is believed to be the fifth Japanese American soldier to be killed in Vietnam.—Editor.)

Son of Mr. and Mrs. Norman Kobayashi, 1413 Center St. was shot Jan. 22 while riding in a military vehicle near Saigon. No other details of his death were released.

He is survived by his parents, two brothers (one is Lt. Ted, 24, another West Point graduate, on academic leave and to graduate Feb. 1 from the Univ. of Illinois) and three sisters.

Capt. Kobayashi had been in Vietnam three months and was commanding officer of Co. A, 588th Engineer Bn., which had its training at Ft. Lee, Va. According to his father, the unit had been building helicopter pads and roads.

"In his last letter in December, he told us what a strange war it is, how he hadn't even seen a Viet Cong yet. He said for us not to worry," Kobayashi said.

Roy was president of his graduating class of 1958 at Kaimuki High, won a four-year scholarship to Stanford but chose West Point as an appointee of then Del. John A. Burns. Roy had served 18 months in Korea before going to Vietnam.

## Silver pin presentation highlights Fernando fete

SAN FERNANDO — Harry Otsuki, longtime San Fernando Valley JACL and a former chapter president, was awarded the JACL silver pin at the chapter installation dinner Jan. 15 at Santana Restaurant, Canoga Park.

The pin is in recognition of his conscientious leadership and support in the chapter or at least 10 years. Mrs. Mabel Takimoto, outgoing chapter president, explained upon making the presentation.

John Kaneko, 1966 president, and his cabinet were sworn into office by Akira Otsu, PSWDC chairman. A group of 80 people attended.

The chapter is currently preparing to host the PSWDC and DYC first quarterly session Feb. 13 at the Dorset Mission Inn, 10821 Sepulveda Blvd., at the corner of Chatsworth.

## TWO NISEI SERVING ON SAME GRAND JURY

SAN JOSE—Two Nisei were picked to serve on the 1966 Santa Clara County grand jury last week: David Saito, Sumitomo Bank of California official, and Tom Nanamura, school administrator.

Dr. Tokio Ishikawa was the third Nisei in the final group of 29 for the grand jury.

## TIME RIFE NOW FOR NISEI TO RUN FOR POLITICAL OFFICE, AISO URGES

LOS ANGELES — A golden opportunity for a Japanese American to run for a political office has been presented as the result of state reapportionment. Superior Court Judge John F. Aiso declared at the joint installation banquet of the Downtown L.A.-Hollywood-Wilshire Uptown JACL chapters here Sunday.

This challenge came at the close of his remarks acknowledging the testimonial paid him by the three chapters before some 200 friends, civic and military leaders.

Recently honored by the Army with the Legion of Merit upon his retirement from military service as a colonel in the Judge Advocate General Dept., the Nisei jurist suggested the candidate run for one of the state assembly seats and secure the support of all sections of his district, thus integrating the citizenry.

Aiso said the "Nisei are far behind in political consciousness" and a Nisei running for office would rally the spirit of participating in government.

### Praises JACL

Speaking in a most personal vein, interspersed with humorous anecdotes, the judge's remarks about his family, his personal bouts with anti-Nisei discrimination, his ideals and inspirations, his praise of JACL and the Japanese American Creed will be long remembered by those present. Some regretted it was not taped.

Judge Aiso ascribed the acceptance of Nisei, which came after a war between the U.S. and Japan plus 50 years of anti-Japanese discrimination to forces "beyond our control." This contrast of today with yesterday also generates a greater sense of appreciation and gratitude, he added.

## 19th Biennial confab package deal rated at \$30

SAN DIEGO—The 19th biennial National JACL Convention board announced a package deal of \$30 to cover registration and six events during the week of July 26-30 at El Cortez Hotel.

Events covered by the package for delegates include the Opening Mixer (\$3), Delegates Luncheon (\$6), Saburo Kido Testimonial Luncheon (\$6), Family Outing (\$6), Convention Banquet (\$8), Sayonara Ball (\$5) and registration (\$2).

For the family outing slated on Friday, July 29, one member of the family must be registered. Children under 12 will be charged half price.

On the optional list are such events as the convention fashion show luncheon and the 1000 Club whiling ding, golf tournament, fishing, etc.

A separate package deal for youth will be announced.

Booker T. Washington and George Washington Carver, famous American Negroes, were sources of inspiration to Judge Aiso during the 1930s and 1940s when he faced anti-Oriental discrimination at public places and school.

### Incidents at School

In recounting Judge Aiso's career, Tats Kushida recalled two school incidents. When John was elected student president at junior high school, student government was suspended because an Oriental had won. Four years later at Hollywood High, John won the oratorical contest for a trip to Washington but the protests were high and he deferred to his runner-up. However he did make the trip to Washington, through the kindness of the late Harry Chandler, Times publisher, and then introduced to the Ivy League by enrolling at Brown University.

After graduating from Harvard Law School, Aiso continued his study of law in Japan and there experienced social discrimination since he was a son of an immigrant.

His father grew strawberries in Tropic (Glendale) and later tended gardens, making the round by bicycle. Aiso revealed.

It was not until 1941 that the Nisei found themselves, the judge continued, when the U.S. Army called them. Before the war, the Nisei was unwanted in both the U.S. and Japan, he pointed out.

Judge Aiso paid tribute to the Nisei war dead, to his school teachers, his Sunday School teachers, and to such Issei as the late Shiro Fujio, who urged him to follow his inclination (law), the late Gogoro Nakamura, who stressed the need for laying a foundation so that future generations could follow; and to Yaemon Minami, who said no to worry but place trust in Providence.

Installation ceremonies were conducted by Saburo Kido, wartime National JACL president. The 1966 chapter presidents included were Mitsubishi Shimizu, DTLA; James Kasahara, Hollywood; and Mrs. Kimi Matsuda, Wilshire-Uptown.

### Chuman Award Winner

Mrs. Muriel Merrell was awarded the Frank Chuman Award, in recognition as Hollywood JACL's outstanding member of the year.

Takito Yamaguma was presented a special plaque for exceptional service as chapter president in 1964 and program chairman in 1965 as well as raising \$7,000 in Los Angeles for the Walter Memorial Fund.

Frank Chuman, past national JACL president, emceed.

Attending his first civic function since being stricken last year was former JACL regional director Eiji Tanabe. Also present were Paul Kurokawa and John Kawachi of Santa Maria, two instructors at MISLS where Judge Aiso was director of academic training.

## JACL-JADAC MIXUP OPENS UP AIRING OF 'NON-PARTISAN' STAND

SAN FRANCISCO — English Editor Howard Imazeki of the Hokubel Mainichi last week (Jan. 21) commented on the mixup of JACL-JADAC identities at the NPAAC convention by asking: What's Wrong (with) Being Political?

Though Imazeki does not quarrel with JACL's non-partisan policy, he suggested it may be time "for JACL to re-examine its policy so that it will allow its local chapters to take a definite political stand sometimes on local personalities and issues; and so that its national director may be allowed, after due consideration by the National Board, to take some stand on national political issues."

(What is not considered in Imazeki's comment is the simple fact that JACL's non-profit status would be jeopardized by engaging in wider political activity. JACL's prime concern is one of citizenship and urging its members to participate in a party of their own choice. JACL has exerted its influence, however, on specific issues—such as the recent Prop. 13, which was on the ballot.—Editor.)

The Imazeki editorial: What's Wrong Being Political? By Howard M. Imazeki English Editor, Hokubel Mainichi San Francisco

Headlines carried by this newspaper on Wednesday, Jan. 19, stressed a basic policy of the Japanese American Citizens League—that it is a non-political organization.

Its constitution prohibits members and officers from participating in any political activity of any organization under the name of JACL.

So, it was incumbent on the part of its national director, Masao Satow, to be quick on his feet to disclaim a news report that his office intended to attend the Negro Political Action Association conference held last weekend in Bakersfield and that, furthermore, his National JACL office had sent a message of greetings to this Negro political gathering.

We believe without doubt that the National JACL was not invited and that it sent no greetings to the Negro conference. It was Mr. Satow's duty to clarify the policy of his national organization.

It was also incumbent on the part of this newspaper, as a community organ, to report the JACL policy with proper emphasis. Which we did, I think.

We take no issue on the judicialness of the JACL, as a national organization under the present constitution, to send or not to send any greetings to the Negro Political Action Association conference in Bakersfield. It was, after all, a partisan conference of California Negroes aligned with the Democratic Party. The JACL must be concerned with the composed of mixed members who are sympathetic with either the Republican or Democratic Party—or even members with other political beliefs.

Even so, may it not be time for JACL to re-examine its policy so that it will allow its local chapters to take a definite political stand sometimes on local personalities and issues; and so that its national director may be allowed, after due consideration by the National Board, to take some stand on national political issues.

We offer this suggestion with sincere appreciation for all the difficulties involved, such as maintaining a paid staff for research and correspondence. The present staff in the San Francisco headquarters, naturally, is much too small to handle the job adequately. Furthermore, there are those who believe strongly in having a JACL remain merely as a sort of Nisei information center.

Officers of various JACL chapters will tell you, and Mr. Satow will collaborate with our observation, that JACL is an effective organization in their community that can give any meaningful endorsement. Participation in political activity of a community will make not only the JACL members, but the Nisei and Issei, even Samsel as well, to be much more concerned with people and affairs of their community than what it is today—which isn't very much, to say the least. We must learn to involve ourselves in "main stream" community affairs. JACL can give that leadership and guidance, which it is not doing today. JACL, by its non-political policy, may be hindering some Nisei from becoming more forward and active and even encouraging some Samsel to be less articulate and more apathetic on important issues. Perhaps this observation may be a bit too harsh on some JACL leaders, whom we know, are deeply and sincerely concerned about the future of JACL and the Japanese American community as a whole.

May we hope a tonic such as this would be debated at the forthcoming 19th biennial convention of the National JACL in San Diego this coming summer, July 26-31.

In the meantime, our readers are invited to express their sentiments pro and con on this subject in these columns which are always open to responsible opinion of our readers.

Fresno Bee corrects JACL-JADAC mix-up

FRESNO — The Fresno Bee last week (Jan. 20) corrected its earlier report linking JACL as participating in the Negro Political Action Assn. of California convention at Bakersfield Jan. 15-16.

"The Bee regrets this error and wishes to make it clear that the Japanese American Citizens League, which by its constitution is prohibited from endorsing candidates, did not take part in the endorsing convention," the local daily declared.

It correctly identified the telegram as coming from the Japanese American Democratic Assn. of California, Los Angeles, a purely Democratic Party organization.

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## Nakamura award added to JACL scholarship in '67

SAN FRANCISCO — A \$150 award in memory of the late Gogoro Nakamura will be added to the National JACL scholarship program from 1967, it was announced this week by National JACL Director Mas Satow.

The family of the late Gogoro Nakamura of Los Angeles has contributed \$3,500 of funds received in koden for this purpose. The amount has been placed in a trust fund from which the \$150 scholarship will be given in 1967; thereafter, the scholarship will be increased by \$50 as the principal allows.

The Nakamura family desires that special emphasis be given to accomplishments in public speaking since this was the late Mr. Nakamura's field of special interest.

The amount was presented to National JACL by Mrs. Hi-saye Nakamura and Robert Nakamura through Los Angeles Attorney Frank Chuman. Other members of the family are Mrs. Mitsuko Sankey, Office of the Commanding General, United States Army, Ryukyu Islands; Arthur Nakamura, Los Angeles; and Mr. and Mrs. Harry Nakatsumi, Los Angeles.

In acknowledging this scholarship fund, National JACL President Kumeo Yoshinari noted: "By the establishment of this Memorial Award, Mr. Gogoro Nakamura's spirit of good citizenship will continue to inspire Japanese Americans to follow his philosophy of helping others."

## Changes to liberalize Credit Union act asked

WASHINGTON — Rep. Spark M. Matsunaga last week introduced legislation which would benefit members of Federal Credit Unions throughout the Nation.

Consisting of two separate bills, the first measure includes an amendment to the Federal Credit Union Act which would authorize an increase of the unsecured loan that a member can borrow from the present limit of \$750 to \$1,500. This bill would also require each Federal credit union to establish an education committee to encourage maximum participation by members in all activities of the credit union.

The second bill would permit Federal employees to purchase shares of Federal-chartered or State-chartered credit unions through voluntary payroll allotment.

"Both these measures are designed to improve the Federal Credit Union Act and to authorize expanded privileges for members of Federal employee credit unions," Matsunaga said.

### 3.9 Pct. Declared

SAN FRANCISCO—The San Francisco JACL Credit Union this week announced a 3.9 pct. dividend for 1965, the highest since its founding in 1948.

A total of 88 loans amounting to \$109,000 was recorded during the year—the largest in any given year. Assets now amount to \$273,500.

The local credit union will have its annual dinner meeting this Saturday at the Park Presidio YMCA starting at 6 p.m.



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## Ye Editor's Desk

### ALSO TESTIMONIAL

In the many years of covering JACL installation affairs, none will compare with the triple treat the Downtown L.A.-Hollywood-Wilshire Up town chapters arranged last Sunday: an elegant setting at the Sheraton-West, the people and the testimonial for Mainland's first Nisei jurist, John F. Aiso, presiding judge of the L.A. County Superior Court appellate department.

Judge Aiso was in rare form, spelling his philosophy of life, recounting personal incidents and giving credit to those who have been his inspirations. We doubt that a speech will ever be repeated though his challenge for a Nisei to run for political office deserves it and might be elaborated at a future occasion.

Even Tats Kushida's heart warming review of Judge Aiso's career was a sparkling rendition - something we

haven't heard since he left the JACL regional directorship.

### JACL-PC OFFICE

This weekend and next, the So. Calif. JACL regional office and the Pacific Citizen will move down the hall to Rooms 305 and 307, respectively. We need the extra room.

The Pacific Citizen will have a telephone number of its own - MA 6-1065 - though the present MA 6-4471 will still catch us until a full-time regional director is hired. The regional director and the national youth director will share space in Room 305, which faces the elevator door. A doorway will be made connecting Rooms 305 and 307. The JACL-PC office files will be in Room 307 as well as the office duplicating machines and storage area.

The coffee bar, incidentally, will be in the PC office.

We also have plans for an open house in mid-February.

By the Board: Emi Somekawa

## Interviewing My Father

Portland, Ore. The Japanese American Citizens League has undertaken one of the most valuable and exciting programs of all time when the Japanese American Research Project was started. Not only is this of historical value but a great tribute to the Issei and, no doubt, to all Japanese Americans. It is through the efforts of many hundreds of people working together, compiling data and information, which will make these stories priceless.

It was not until about two years ago that I became keenly interested in this project. Being interested in history in general I became more and more aware of what JACL was doing; and thought I could be of some assistance in our local area, although our chapter had two capable men acting as co-chairmen for the Research Project.

Certainly the Pacific Northwest has many Issei who could contribute valuable material, and the time to interview these people seems to be getting shorter and shorter. So with this in mind, I have tried to assist as much as possible in completing our interviews in this area. One interview and experience which I had in connection with this Research Project is one which I will never forget and would like to relate to you at this time.

### Father Interviewed

It was a warm summer afternoon when Dr. Mitsuo Nakata and I had an oral interview with my father. As his



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### HISTORY PROJECT:

## Castaways Leave Mark on History

Among documents received by the JACL-UCLA history project was "The Narrative of a Japanese", notes of Joseph Heco edited by James Murdock.

(Continued from Last Week)

A 13-year-old teen-ager by the name of Hikoza Hamada was among passengers aboard a junk plying its way among the Japanese Islands where he had been visiting a brother. A sudden typhoon came up and swept the junk far out into the Pacific. Their junk was starting to break up and on the 51st day at sea when the castaways thought they would have to take to the water in rafts, the Auckland, an American bark under Capt. Jennings, rescued them. The ship was bound for the Gold Coast of San Francisco and the year was 1850.

Aboard ship the Nipponese met many new customs and habits. The cabin boy gave a bowl of soup to Hikoza. "Then one of our party asked me what was in the soup, and when I described it, he said that the flesh-like things in it were probably cattle-meat, and if that were so, I had committed a great sin in eating it and, in consequence, I should be obliged to abstain from praying to our gods or worshipping them, since we were taught that any one who ate the flesh of four-footed animals has to abstain from praying, visiting temples, or making any offering to the gods for at least 75 days from the time; this was on account of animal flesh being considered unclean."

"I remembered a saying that I had often heard from the lips of the old people at home, viz.: 'Shira nu ga ho-toke', equivalent to 'that which is done in ignorance has no harm'. In this case I did not know what it was I had eaten; had I known it was animal's flesh, I would not have touched it. With this thought in my mind I went forward, drew a bucketful of salt water, washed my hands and rinsed my mouth and turning towards our country (the West) I prayed to the gods of Dai-Nippon to forgive the sin I had unwittingly committed. After I had done this my conscience was somewhat consoled and I felt much better."

### Taboo on Meat-Eating

The next morning, while we were taking breakfast, lo and behold, the very man who had frightened me so the day we got on board the barque about the crime of eating the flesh of four-footed animals, himself began to eat the salt beef which was served to us. He said that although it was not right, according to our country's customs to eat, or even to touch such unclean food, yet 'when one comes to 'Go' he do what 'Go' does, (i.e. Do in Rome as the Romans do) and so saying he plunged his knife and fork into the meat, cut away a piece and ate it, and relished meat ever afterwards more than any of the rest of us."

Again, ... the second mate came to me and said something; pointing at my head and pulling his own hair ... in a few seconds came back and with a pair of scissors - and a stool. He signed to me to sit down upon it. "I did so and he then cut off my top-knot, and clipped my hair short all round my head ... When I saw the scissors, I wanted to stop his cutting off my top-knot, in that whilst on the wreck I had made a vow to our gods that if ever happily I might reach our native land in safety, I should offer that top-knot up as an offering ... Though he had been kind and had acted with no ill intention on

his part, still he had had no right to cut that top-knot off ... Wherefore I wished my hands and my mouth and prayed to the gods and begged their forgiveness for the sin that had been unwittingly committed.

### Pig Train for Food

And another matter troubled the rescued. "About 9:30 a.m. we heard a loud screaming forward, so we went to find out what was the matter. To our amazement and horror we found the Chinese cook in the very act of killing one of these pigs on board for food! Such a thing we had never witnessed with our eyes before, although we had heard that in some far-off provinces of our country such as Satsuma and Loohoo the people ate pigs and rats. But we as dwellers on the mainland and religious men never did such cruel deeds."

"After seeing the gruesome work of that Chinese cook, we began to talk among ourselves and to be afraid of the strangers. One of our elders solemnly shook his head and affirmed that if our curse across the deep should be long these strangers would assuredly fall upon us and slay us and devour us."

"... when the weather was fine and calm, the Captain ordered the men to open the hatches to let air into the hold. Then we looked down into it, and we saw that she had an abundance of eatable cargo such as tea and sugar and rice and biscuits. On seeing this we felt much more at ease, and our old fear of being devoured disappeared from our minds altogether."

After a 100 days at sea the castaways reached San Francisco. Hikoza Hamada was nicknamed Joseph Heco after his name was Anglicized. The San Francisco port authorities received word from Washington that they were to take good care of these castaway Japanese.

Joe Heco became a favorite because he was likeable, smiling, polite and alert. He asked his companions about his learning English and was warned that he might be beheaded if he did so when he returned to Japan. It was here Heco saw his first Negro driving a team of horses and became frightened because he thought they were the black "oni" he had learned in fairy tales in Japan.

Heco became the protégé of the collector of customs at San Francisco. The collector

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Washington Newsletter: Mike Masaoka

## President's Budget Message

Washington Last Monday, a week after Senate Minority Leader Everett Dirksen and House Minority Leader Gerald Ford had appeared on nationwide television and radio to expound the Republican doctrine that certain Great Society programs should be eliminated, delayed, or decreased because of our national commitment in Vietnam, the President sent to Congress his annual budget message which, like his State of the Union message, proposed that a solution in Southeast Asia be pursued while the social and economic projects for a better America be continued and implemented at home.

He called upon Congress to provide a \$112.8 billion budget, the highest in "peace-time", to pay for the war in Vietnam and a limited expansion of Great Society programs, while fighting inflation. Admitting that the outlook in Vietnam is still very unclear, he explained that, if necessary, he would return to ask Congress for additional funds. On the other hand, if peace comes, he said that the money saved on armaments will finance a higher spending rate for domestic projects.

He rejected wartime austerity, though conceding that the budget provided "a modest measure of fiscal restraint".

President Johnson outlined his philosophy that "it would be a hollow victory if our pursuit of world peace were carried out at the expense of domestic progress." ... insisting that "the advance toward a Great Society at home must continue unabated." To his mind, as expressed also in his State of the Union message, not even escalation of the war would justify slashing programs in such fields as poverty, health, education, and housing. He indicated his belief that it would be better to raise taxes than cut Great Society spending drastically.

The President's subsequent economic message will detail just how his Administration views the economic and business outlook for the coming fiscal year 1967. At the same time, the President can take pride that for the first time in many years the economic growth of the United States last year (calendar 1965) was higher than that of any other nation on earth. For most years since the end of the Korean War, it had been among the lower growth rates of the major economic powers.

### Week in Review

Last week, Congress began its review of the Vietnam war with the presidential request for supplemental appropriations of \$12.7 billion to help finance that Southeast Asian conflict.

Last week, too, the President proposed to Congress two constitutional amendments. One would extend the term of members of the House of Representatives from two to four years, to run concurrently with that of the Chief Executive. The other would modify the functions of the Electoral College to assure that the votes of the elected electors would be counted for the candidate winning the plurality of the votes of a state. In some later Newsletter, we may comment on these proposals.

Last week, the Supreme Court of the United States heard arguments concerning the constitutionality of the Voting Rights Act of 1965. This week, the high tribunal heard oral arguments regarding the constitutionality of poll taxes as a prerequisite for registering and voting.

This week too, the nation's highest court agreed to hear later this spring arguments concerning the constitutional-

ity of the provision in last year's Voting Rights Act excluding Spanish-speaking citizens, mostly Puerto Ricans in New York, from the English language requirements as a precondition to voting.

In another landmark civil rights decision last week, the Supreme Court ruled that a municipal-type park must be segregated. The case grew out of the 1911 will of former United States Senator Augustus O. Bacon who left about 100 acres of land along the Ocmulgee River in Macon, Georgia, for a park for the use of "white women, white girls, white boys, and white children". Named Baconsfield Park, it was operated on a segregated basis as a municipal facility. In 1963, when Negroes began to use the park, the local courts permitted the transfer of the land to private trustees.

According to Associate Justice Douglas, speaking for a 6-3 majority, "If the municipality remains entwined in the management or control of a park, it (the park) remains subject to the restraints of the 14th Amendment." He went on to say that the park seemed to have been maintained by the city and "where traditional municipal control had become firmly established, we cannot take judicial notice of the mere substitution of trustees instantly transferred this park from the public to private sector."

Justice Douglas distinguished the park from golf clubs, social centers, luncheon clubs, and certain schools in private hands that are racially oriented. "A park ... is more like a fire department or police department that traditionally serves the community."

On the other hand, the Oregon Justice distinguished "a private golf club ... restricted to either Negro or white membership is one expression of freedom of association ... But a municipal golf course that serves only one race is state activity indicating a preference on a matter as to which the state must be neutral."

### In Memoriam ...

Just as there are many unpublicized and unsung citizens who are contributing much to the great social and economic revolution that is currently taking place in this land, so during the Great Evacuation and its aftermath, when persons of Japanese ancestry in

this country were subject to the humiliation and suffering of mass military movements almost a quarter of a century ago, there were many "unknown" Americans who demonstrated their belief in true Americanism and Christianity toward the then discouraged evacuees.

Two such humanitarians passed away last week. Both were New Yorkers and both were long associated with JACL.

One was Robert M. Benjamin, distinguished attorney, and the other was Miss Marjorie Meyer, long-time secretary to Edward J. Ennis, wartime director of the Enemy Alien Control Unit of the Department of Justice and special counsel to JACL in the immediate postwar period.

Bob Benjamin, a graduate of Harvard Law School who served as law secretary to the legendary Justice Oliver Wendell Holmes and a member of a leading New York law firm, a nationally recognized educator and author, first became interested in the Japanese in America as head of an Alien Enemy Hearing Board early in World War II.

When he learned of the injustices visited upon Japanese Americans, he raised his influential voice in Washington that the Eastern Defense Command be opened to relocating evacuees from their wartime centers.

After this populous area was opened to the evacuees, he helped find housing and employment for them, especially in the New York metropolitan area. He helped organize the New York JACL Chapter and remained a member until his death. A Thousand Clubber, he attended most of the major functions and when the Joint EDC-MDC met in New York a few years ago, he was cited for his help to Japanese Americans in World War II.

A member of the Board of Directors of the American Bar Association and of the American Judicature Society, he lent his name as a National JACL Sponsor during the war years in order that other Americans might understand and recognize the work of the JACL on behalf of those of Japanese ancestry.

As secretary to Ed Ennis, Marjorie was a friend and helpmate to any Japanese American who came to call on Ed, both when he was with Government and when he was

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# From the Frying Pan

By Bill Hosokawa

Denver, Colo.

**THE MEN IN THE SILO**—The late Lt. Gen. John L. De Witt, who had serious if unfounded doubts about the loyalty of Nisei and in his ignorance did not hesitate to express them, well might turn over in his grave if he were to contemplate the state of our defenses today. For not only are Nisei serving (with valor, it must be said) in every branch of the armed forces, flying jet planes and sitting at desks where some very sensitive security matters are handled; at least two of them man a ballistic missile launch control center.

They are Capt. Shokichi Tokita, a native of Seattle, and Lt. Edwin M. Fujinaga of Hilo, Hawaii. They share duties in a steel and concrete chamber 90 feet under the prairie a short distance from Cheyenne, Wyo. If the word should ever come, and they hope it never does, these two Nisei working as a team would perform the duties that would send ten Minuteman intercontinental missiles soaring on their missions of nuclear destruction.

Both Nisei are career Air Force officers. Captain Tokita joined the Air Force in 1954 as an aviation cadet after studying at the University of Washington. He was commissioned in 1955, assigned to Warren Air Force Base near Cheyenne in 1963 as an Atlas combat crew commander. When the Atlas and qualified last June, Lieutenant Tominaga while studying missiles were phased out, he underwent Minuteman training at the University of Hawaii, applied for officer candidate school, and was commissioned in 1961. Both are working toward college degrees, which will enhance their careers, under the Air Force Institute of Technology program.

**ACROSS SIBERIA**—Tomoichi Tsuge, Japan Air Lines' western district sales manager, led a delegation of his associates into town this week to persuade travel agents that profits can be increased by using his airline. JAL is now making plans to fly across the United States and on to Europe via New York City, and from Tokyo to Moscow.

The trans-Siberian route, according to word, seems to be just that and no more. At first it was believed JAL might fly via Peking to Moscow and then on to western European capitals. But no, both the Chinese and the Russians are sensitive these days. So JAL and Aeroflot, the Soviet line, will jointly operate a route across Siberia between Tokyo and Moscow, using Soviet equipment and not touching Peking. And after a couple of years, if they're still friends (which is always a pertinent question where Soviets are involved), they'll talk about other arrangements.

Don't hold your breath waiting for the announcement, but the word is that a reduction in trans-Pacific air fares is expected within the year.

**ISLAND X**—In his recently published book, "Formosa Betrayed," (Houghton Mifflin, \$6.95) George H. Kerr writes: "From December, 1943, until November, 1944, the Formosa Research Unit (in New York City) supplied basic information to agencies concerned with the anticipated invasion."

"We called our island 'Island X,' thanks to an admiral who shall remain unnamed. Having been 'piped aboard' the house on 117th Street, he made a thorough inspection of the five floors, all devoted to research concerning Formosa. He saw the staff of 21 officers, eight enlisted personnel and 21 civilians working under my general direction. But among the civilians were 10 Japanese-Americans—'Inscrutable Orientals.' Before 'going ashore' the admiral carefully closed the doors to my office and in hushed tones directed Captain Cleary and me to diversify the translation work so that the Japanese translators would not know what our prime interest might be, and to refer to Formosa only as 'Island X.'"

In view of all the stupidity sometimes it seems to be a wonder that we won the war.



**BEING SWORN** into office by Floyd Koshio, Mountain-Plains District Council vice chairman of Ft. Lupton, are the 1966 Mile-Hi officers (from left): Don Tokunaga, Dr. Koji Kanai, Min Yasui (advisor to the Board), Bob Horiuchi (pres.), Henry Tobo (1st v.p.), Mrs. John Masunaga (2nd v.p.), Richard Yamaguchi (3rd v.p.) and Eiji Horiuchi (treas.). Don Tanabe, outgoing president, Richard Yamaguchi, John Hori, George Inai, Sam Owada are out of camera range. Some 70 persons enjoyed the lobster tail-steak dinner. Miss Joyce Fujimoto was crowned Sweetheart of the Ball. The Robert Nakadois of Omaha were special guests. Mr. and Mrs. Richard Yoshida chaired the dinner. Harry Hurada was in charge of the dance. —Tom Masamori Photo.

## Yoshino leaves PCEO for Bureau of Public Roads

WASHINGTON — Federal Highway Administrator Rex M. Whitton this week announced the appointment of John Y. Yoshino as Assistant Chief of the Equal Employment Opportunity Division in the Bureau of Public Roads.

The Bureau, a unit of the Commerce Department which administers Federal financial aid to States for the construction and improvement of highways, is increasing its staff to carry on an expanded equal job opportunity program required by the 1964 Civil Rights Act.

Yoshino, an active D.C. JACLer, will be in charge of the program in the western half of the United States. He will help establish Bureau policies and procedures to implement the program, which is designed to assure equal employment opportunity on Federally aided highway projects, regardless of race, color, creed or national origin. He will conduct surveys of compliance with provisions of the Civil Rights Act for all work done with Federal highway aid, and will investigate charges of discrimination.

The Equal Employment Opportunity Division functions under the Bureau's Office of Audits and Investigation.

Prior to accepting his present position, Yoshino was deputy director of Field Services of the President's Committee on Equal Employment Opportunity, and before that with the President's Committee on Government Contracts.

## News Capsules

### The School Front

TEACHING IN California are two daughters of active Arkansas Valley JACLers: Joyce Harada (of the Mitsui Haradas) at Stevenson School, Long Beach; and Mrs. Helen Takagishi (of the Kay Mamedas) at San Jose. Her husband is an electronic technician with Fairchild Semi-Conductor Corp.

Young concert pianist Hiro Imamura will graduate soon from U.C. Berkeley with a Phi Beta Kappa key. Dr. James Hirabayashi, asst. prof in anthropology and an authority on cultural change in Japan, and Dr. Thurston Womack, English prof, are co-ordinating San Francisco State College's summer overseas program at Imperial Hotel, Tokyo, and Kyoto University.

### Agricultural Scene

NISEI PRODUCE man George Ushijima (Alameda JACLer) was appointed to the California Fresh Plum advisory board by State Agricultural Director Charles Paul to represent shippers. Don Toyoda of Turlock (1955 Cor tez JACL president) was elected a director-at-large to the California Canning Peach Assn. Auburn nurseryman Ray Yamasaki is vice-president of the Auburn Fair Boosters.

Two Nisei fruit experts at U.C. Davis, Kiyoto Uriu and Kay Ryugo, are embarked on a five-year project on improving the quality of cling peaches. Uriu will concentrate on nitrogen nutrition and irrigation while Ryugo will use new test plots to study splits in peaches.

### Medicine

SERVING ON the Contra Costa County Mental Health Assn. board of directors is Dr. Yoshiye Togasaki.

## Masaoka —

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in private practice. She always managed to crowd any Issei, Nisei, or Sansei in to see Ed Ennis regardless of the crowded schedule and time. Many JACLers will remember seeing this gracious lady at those early postwar National JACL Conventions. Though perhaps she may not have been known to many, she exerted a great influence for good for Japanese Americans.

third party, and makes it the exclusive property of the minorities."

## ONLY 200 TANNO LEFT ON CALIFORNIA FARMS

SAN FRANCISCO—A group of 70 "tanno" (Japanese supplementary agricultural workers) sailed for Yokohama aboard the APL President Cleveland Jan. 13, and second group of 120 followed Jan. 22 for home aboard the Mitsui-OSK Argentina Maru.

The remaining 200 will work in the Salinas area until the end of June, thus bringing to a close a program that once had as many as 1,000 working throughout the state.

Although under a different program from the Mexican braceros, the end of that program led to the shut-down of the tanno since early last year.

## 442nd Assn. dedicates memorial hall in L.A.

LOS ANGELES — The 442nd Memorial Hall at 1438 Oak St. was dedicated last Sunday to the memory of the fallen comrades of the famed Nisei combat team, the Gold Star Mothers and the youth of the community.

Rites also observed the memory of the late Eddie K. Shimatsu, 442nd Assn. president, and the late Robert Kodama, youth leader and businessman. The Rev. George Aki of the Hollywood Independent Church and former 442nd RCT chaplain was main speaker.

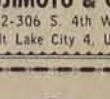
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## Aloha: Richard Gima

HONOLULU — Camp Catlin, across Kamehameha Highway from International Airport, is a logical place for the new Honolulu Stadium, according to a report from the Citizens' Stadium Committee.

However, the Navy here doubts that it will release the land for use as a stadium. Other areas being considered are Halawa Valley, Kalihi-kai, Makalapa and Waiolu.

The proposed Maui Community College, which is expected to cost \$3 million, is scheduled for completion by 1970. It will occupy the site of Maui Technical School in Kahului, Maui. The Kaula Community College Advisory Committee has recommended that the Kaula Junior College be located close to Lihue. Maui High School will be removed from the dead plantation community of Hamakua, to Kahului by January, 1968, State Sen. David K. Trask has announced.

Tsune W. Iizumi, former Rural Red Sox second baseman, will coach Damien Memorial High School's varsity baseball team this year. It is the new high school's initial entry in the Interscholastic League of Honolulu.

"The Sound of Music," in its 43rd week at the Kuhio Theatre, has broken all-time Hawaii motion picture attendance records. Box office figures show that 230,568 persons have paid more than \$40,000 to see the film to date. Previous champion movie was "My Fair Lady."

Richard Boone, movie and TV personality, is the 25th member of the board of Governors of the annual Hawaii International Billfish tournament. Boone was elected recently at Kona on the Big Island. "Hawaii Calls" TV shows are expected to hit the Mainland about April, it has been learned.

George S. Adachi of Pearl City was named to the State Board of Education Jan. 19 by Governor John A. Burns. He succeeds J. Ralph Brown.

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## Arkansas Valley installs '66 cabinet

ROCKY FORD, Colo.—Gene Hirakata was installed as Arkansas Valley JACL president for the coming year at a dinner held Jan. 16 at El Capitan. Chapter member George Fumimoto administered the oath and Ugi Harada, the chapter's first president in 1950, was emcee.

The occasion was highlighted by the presentation of past president's pins to outgoing president Joe Wyeno as well as to George Ushiyama (1956), Henry Konishi (1962), Jimmy Hiraki (1963), Tom Nakayama (1960) and Mike Fujimoto (1964).

The Rev. Elzo Sakamoto opened with invocation. Sandra Konishi, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Konishi, accompanied by her mother at the piano, sang the JACL Hymn and Mrs. S. Harada read the Japanese American Creed. (Sandra, senior at Rocky Ford High, is sports editor for the Rocky Ford Gazette and reported on the installation and background of the chapter, which is reprinted below.)

By Sandra Konishi  
Arkansas Valley JACL chapter was organized on April 4, 1950, at Donk's Hall by the unanimous vote of 28 Japanese Americans within an 80 mile radius. First president of the organization,

elects that day, was Ugi Harada. Primary purposes of organizing this chapter were to encourage greater harmony among the people of Japanese descent throughout the valley, to promote, sponsor and encourage programs, projects and activities which were designed to further good citizenship, and to offer moral and financial support to the national organization to fulfill its slogan, "Better Americans in a Greater America", through collective voice, in a democratic way.

Accomplishments by the local chapter in the political arena have been to support the National JACL, which was instrumental in the passage of a number of bills, such as the Evacuation Relocation Act, the Soldiers' Bricks Act, repeal of the Alien Land Bill, Amendments to the Immigration and Naturalization Laws and, through collective voice, in a democratic way.

In later years a number of social functions were held. For instance, a JACL bowling league was formed which created greater unity and harmony within the group as well as promoting good will throughout the valley. Also valley picnics, programs and other activities have been undertaken.

Another big project has been the chow main dinners which were not only for mercenary purpose but primarily to promote good public relations with the community.

Club presently has an active membership of approximately 80 members and is still continuing with activities, such as the chow main dinner, picnics, programs, a bowling league and youth scholarship program.

## CALENDAR OF JACL EVENTS

Jan. 29 (Saturday)  
Idaho Falls—Winter Carnival, National Guard Armory, 11 a.m.  
San Francisco—JACL C. 7. e. d. 1. t. Union dinner, Park Presidio Y, 7 p.m.  
Venice-Culver—Installation dinner-dance, Cockatoo Inn, Hawthorne, 7 p.m.  
San Jose—Jr. JACL ice skating party.  
D.C.—Installation dinner-dance, International Inn, Capt. Allan Bosworth, 7 p.m.  
Natl JACL Credit Union—Annual meeting, Salt Lake Buddhist Church gym.  
Jan. 29-30  
IDC-IDVC—Quarterly session, Salt Lake City, Newhouse Hotel.  
Feb. 1 (Tuesday)  
Oland—Bd Mtg. Sumitomo Bank Hospitality Rm., 6:30 p.m.  
Berkeley—Installation dinner, Spenger's Restaurant, 6:30 p.m.  
Feb. 4 (Friday)  
Sonoma County—Gen. Mtg. Enmanji Memorial Hall, 7:30 p.m.;

Blue Cross.  
Feb. 5 (Saturday)  
East Los Angeles—Installation dinner-dance, Swally's Restaurant, 7 p.m.  
Gardena Valley—Installation dinner, Jumping Jack, Torrance.  
Santa Barbara—Installation dinner, Santa Barbara Inn, 6:30 p.m.; Consul General T. Shimomouchi, 7 p.m.  
San Jose—Jr. JACL installation dinner, Japanese Tea Garden, Kelley Park Community Center, 6:30 p.m.; Dist. Atty. Louis Berniga, 7 p.m.  
Feb. 6 (Sunday)  
Monterey Peninsula—Installation dinner, Shutter's Restaurant, 5:30 p.m.  
West Los Angeles—Earth Science Section trip to Pismo Beach, Glam-Trousdale-Bazaar, G.T. Hall.  
Feb. 12 (Saturday)  
Alameda—Installation dinner, 7 p.m.  
San Jose—Dance class, Sumitomo Bank Hospitality Rm., 7:30 p.m.  
Feb. 13 (Sunday)  
NC-WNDVC—Quarterly session, Stockton Inn, 12 n. Stockton-French Camp JACL co-hosts; Dr. Harold Jacoby, dinner, 7 p.m.  
PSWDVC—Quarterly session, Doric Mission Inn, Sepulveda Blvd. and Chatsworth, San Fernando, 9 a.m. (San Fernando Valley JACL hosts).  
Feb. 18 (Friday)  
PSWDVC—Kaffee Klatsch; Dr. Steve Abe.  
West Los Angeles—Gen. Mtg. Stoner Playground, 7:30 p.m.; Tex Richards, speaker, "Hillside Property and Landscape Problem".  
Feb. 19 (Saturday)  
Sonoma County—Chinese potluck dinner, Enmanji Memorial Hall, 5:30 p.m.  
Feb. 20 (Sunday)  
Chicago—Brotherhood dinner, Olivet Community Center; Atty. Bill Marutani, 7 p.m.  
Cincinnati—Bowling, Summit Lanes, 1 p.m.  
Feb. 26 (Saturday)  
Mt. Olympus—Issei Appreciation Night, Salt Lake Buddhist Church.  
Pocatello—Carnival.  
Feb. 27 (Sunday)  
San Jose—Jr. JACL cultural show, Buddhist Church.

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## SAN FRANCISCO PUSHING FOR 1,800 MEMBERS

Build-up of 1000 Club Membership to 150 in Chapter Sought

SAN FRANCISCO — The San Francisco JACL, which set a new individual chapter all-time high in membership with a year end total of 1,704, will seek to sign up 1,800 in 1966.

Wesley Doi, chapter second vice president in charge of membership, announced this past week that the new target will also include a goal of 150 1000 Clubbers.

The 1966 chapter membership drive opened earlier this month with more than 50 volunteers working on 10 teams. Doi announced that the team captains are:

Mrs. Mary China, Mrs. Yo Hirakata, Yukio Isoye, Dr. Nelson Kobayashi, Ron Nakayama, Roger Nishida, Mrs. Nancy Okada, Min Yamashiro, June Uyeda and Mas Yanesse.

The local chapter has enrolled over 1,000 members for the past eight years and has been the Ichiban chapter in membership among the 88 chapters in seven of those years.

Last year the chapter had 107 members in the 1000 Club. As all chapters have been asked to sign up eight percent of their membership in the 1000 Club, the San Francisco chapter's increased total membership also raised its quota for 1000 Club members.

## Sonoma County's Push

SANTA ROSA—Sonoma County JACL, which began its 1966 membership drive last Oct. 1, has solicited 417 members as of its official closing date Jan. 15—fifty short of its all-time recorded last year.

Members will meet with Blue Cross officials Feb. 4, 7:30 p.m., at the Enmanji Memorial Hall to discuss coverage and effects of Medicare which starts July 1. Translators will be present for the benefit of Issei in attendance, according to George Okamoto, chapter insurance administrator.

## Marysville Installs

YUBA CITY—The Rib here was the setting for the annual Marysville JACL installation dinner recently. Bart Eaton, Chico State College student who recently returned from two years of service in the Peace Corps in Southeast Asia, was the evening speaker.

Yuba County Superior Court Judge Richard Schoeing installed president George Yoshimoto and the cabinet members.

## Sekigahama Installed

FREMONT — Fremont JACL heard Mrs. Margaret Bowman, director of the local Committee on Human Relations, stress the knocking down of barriers to achieve human rights at its installation dinner here Jan. 14 at the Kiote Hills Country Club. Sat Sekigahama, president, and his cabinet members were installed by Mas Satow, national director. Kiyo and Ray Kitayama, 1 1/2-time members, were honored with a send-off presentation. The Kitayamas are expanding their flower-growing business and are moving to Denver.

## Venice-Culver Installs

HAWTHORNE — Venice-Culver JACLers will have its annual installation dinner-dance here at the Cockatoo Inn tomorrow from 6:30 p.m. Dr. Richard Saiki is the 1966 president, PC editor Harry Honda will be installing officer.

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## Oakland starts own endowment fund

OAKLAND—In 1964, the Oakland JACL chapter board decided that all "special contributions" to the chapter should be set aside as an "Endowment Fund." These funds were to be differentiated from and not to be used for regular Chapter operating funds.

At that time, Paul Ida and Dr. Charles Ishizu were selected to be co-chairmen of this fund. Due to the sudden death of Paul Ida, Allen Nagai (Oakland Branch Sumitomo Bank) has consented to fill the vacancy.

The past 12 months added

\$475, which brings the Endowment Fund up to a present total of \$790.

Though the exact usage of this fund is as yet undetermined, the chapter board plans to direct disbursement of funds in a manner beneficial to the entire Japanese American community.

Possible usages are a Chapter Scholarship Fund, a Chapter Building, etc.

(The Salt Lake JACL treasurer's report for Dec. 31, 1965, indicates \$7,608.22 in its endowment fund deposited with the National JACL Credit Union.)

## Ole '66: by Dave Hara

## The Resource Committee

During the summer of 1965, I represented the NC-WNDYC at the interim youth council meeting in Salt Lake City. The meeting was a success in that many ideas and problems were discussed and plans were made to solve the problems and strengthen the Jr. JACL program into a whole nation-wide unit.

However, we realized that all the plans in the world weren't going to do us any good unless we carried them out. Hence, a national resource committee was formed and I was appointed its chairman.

This committee was begun with the idea that a central clearing house of information was needed. We had found that in each of our districts there was a constant lack of information concerning program, history and general knowledge of the Jr. JACL program.

For instance, new or potential chapters wanted information on how to start; older chapters wanted information on how to run a conference or a successful meeting, get information on such topics of interest as the relocation, brush painting, etc. There were requests from advisers asking for help and information on Jr. JACL. The want list is endless and we hoped to cut it down by making this type of information available to everyone. This includes individuals as well as chapters or districts.

The resource committee has a great potential but to be successful it will need the cooperation of everyone. The information to be handed out has to be gotten somewhere. The only logical place is from the Jr. JACL members themselves. We hope that all of you will cooperate and send us information on your special activities, conference results or ideas on how to solve problems. We would appreciate anything you could send that might help another chapter with a problem or activity.

## At this time, the committee's library is small compared to what it should be. Even so, it includes the Detroit convention minutes of Juniors, minutes of the Interim Youth Council, convention and conference agendas and results, booklets on subjects ranging from how to run a discussion group to how to get people to register and vote, texts of speeches delivered at JACL oratorical contests and chapter youth reports. This is just a sample of what is available and if we do not have what you want, it is still quite possible that we can tell you where to get it.

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## History Project

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of customs who had been sponsored by appointment by Senator Gwinn of California passed Heco along to the Senator who took him to Washington.

Senator Gwinn introduced the young Issei to President Pierce who thought the newcomer might like to attend West Point. However, Hiko turned down the West Point appointment and instead attended the Catholic University in Maryland.

Historian Robert A. Wilson, director of the Japanese American Research Project, speculated that if Heco had taken the West Point course the Japanese military would have taken on an American coloration.

Just before he was 18 years old Hiko was naturalized as an American citizen on June 30, 1858 in Baltimore, Md., the first Japanese to have gained U.S. citizenship. He thought that if he returned to Japan as an American citizen he would be outside the legal jurisdiction of Japan and would not be beheaded for having learned English.

At that time America didn't regard racial origin as a necessary criteria to citizenship. At that time there were cases of some Orientals who applied for and were granted naturalization. Even after his return to Japan in 1859 Hiko continued to retain his American citizenship.

Hiko's English was valuable in the negotiations of the first treaty between the two

countries. He was consulted about world situations by the Princes Kido and Ito at the time of the Meiji Restoration.

He was the first newspaper publisher in Japan printing the "Kanayomi Shimbun" in Tokyo. Thus, did Joseph Heco leave his mark on history.

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