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# PERSPEC

● Jerry Enomoto  
Nat'l President

# IN PSWDC

The Pacific Southwest District Council has been often maligned in JACL because of a failure to expand its membership in an area that is supposed to abound with potential JACLers. Whether that criticism is valid or not, the District has given JACL a number of outstanding leaders. It was gratifying therefore to be a part of a fine PSW Convention in L.A. last weekend.

Held at the Airport Marina Hotel, and hosted by the Venice Culver Chapter, the confab was well attended and, despite the apprehension of President Gram Noriyuki and Chairman Dr. Richard Saiki, can be marked a distinct success. I sensed that there was a feeling of friendship and positive goals in the air.

I noted this despite my own knowledge that there are JACLers in the Southland who are not, to say the least, enamored of what I have written in this corner. I was only sorry that I could not exchange views with more people. Suffice it to say that I could not agree more with one JACLer, who said that it would be a sad organization if we all agreed with each other, all the time.

Frank Chuman, Past National President, was cited, not only by UCLA on Saturday night, but was presented with a legislative resolution of commendation, at the luncheon. Retired Assemblyman Don Allen who participated in the Sab Kido Testimonial in San Diego, presented the scroll with some well chosen and deserved words of praise for Frank's varied service.

# Blueprint for JACL

Renowned philanthropist and seven time president of the Japan America Society of Los Angeles, Victor Carter, presented a timely banquet speech that was right on the mark. Concern for the broader community and pride in our heritage, were his major themes, as he suggested ways in which JACL could be more effective. Incidentally, he became a Life 1000 Clubber.

An unexpected and pleasant surprise was the presence of EDC Governor Kaz Horita at the 1000 Club Whing Ding. Kaz also shared a morning with us in an informal National Officers session. That session was, as others around the country have been, productive and helpful in giving us direction in tough problem areas.

# White vs. Black Hats

Sunday morning, Glen Asakawa, PSWDYC Chairman, donned a black hat to question the need for JACL and to condemn it as a segregationist outfit. Two cuties in white hats, Patty Dohzen and Marilyn Hamano, rose to refute Glen and convert him. I then rode up in the rear to talk about the JACL, and its hopes and expectations for the future. I regretfully got pulled away from one discussion group, so I missed some follow-up, but I thought the format an excellent way to stir up thought and questions.

The Jr. JACL, its projects and its leaders in PSW looked real good to me. I only hope we can help them with their uncertainties about us.

A very deserved expression of nothing more than the affection and gratitude of friends for a nice guy was well communicated by Mrs. Muriel Merrill, Hollywood Chapter President, as she presented Harry Honda with a key to Japan. To coin a cliché, I couldn't think of a more deserving person, or a more talented one, to join the JACL Tour and tell us the story.

# A FEW NOTES

Congratulations to Aki Ohno for his art show idea and to Mitsuo Sonoda for her committee for putting it over. To Dr. Frank Sakamoto goes a well deserved commendation for an energetic and productive approach to boosting the 1000 Club. Frank and Dr. (Continued on Page 3)



**BENEFIT SYMPHONY CONCERT** — Mrs. Kazuo Kudo, clad in kimono, will be guest soloist in a koto rendition when Akira Edno (second from right), conducts the Long Beach Symphony orchestra in "Concert Japonique" on

May 21, 8 p.m. at Gardena High School auditorium. Dr. John Kashiwabara, left, and Mrs. George Mio, right, are co-chairing the Benefit Concert, which is being sponsored by the Long Beach Harbor District JACL.

—Photo by Art Noda

# JACL only ethnic group called in Ill. housing study

(Special to the Pacific Citizen) CHICAGO—With a deep personal commitment and great enthusiasm Masaru Funai prepared an eloquent statement, packed his briefcase and flew to Springfield, April 11, to represent the JACL.

"The Japanese American Citizens League is firmly committed to the promotion of equal opportunities for all persons based on merit and without regard to race, creed, color, national origin or ancestry, and it submits that enactment of Senate Bill 155 into law will be a significant step in promoting equal opportunities in the area of housing to all people."

With these opening words, Mas Funai put the Chicago Chapter officially on record before the Illinois State Senate and the public as being in favor of the strongest and most far-reaching of the many fair housing bills now pending before the legislature.

A well known and highly respected Chicago attorney at 37, Mas is a partner in the law firm of Masuda, Spivack & Funai, which is located in the heart of the Chicago financial district. He is a graduate of the University of Hawaii and Northwestern University Law School.

# At Own Expense

As a resident of suburban Lincolnwood, he is not only concerned about the effects of the passage of a fair-housing act on a metropolitan center, but also its effect of the suburbs, which are principally composed of owner-occupied single dwellings. Funai had the full support of the JACL Board and traveled to Springfield at his own expense to testify.

Representatives from a total of 30 diverse groups and a crowd of 300-400 people were at the hearing. Of these, only 18 had the opportunity to give their views. JACL was the only ethnic group called.

"Discussion of the pros and cons of the proposed fair housing bill have frequently been couched in terms of the quest for adequate housing by the Negro Americans, and the enactment of Senate Bill 155 into law may, in some quarters, be deemed to be another private campaign to be waged by the Negro Americans."

# AJA Experiences

Funai continued his statement by saying "to demonstrate the falsity of this line of thought, and to remind ourselves that discrimination in housing can affect any group of people in a given environment or circumstances, we urge the distinguished members of this Committee to consider the experiences of the Japanese Americans and the very circumstances under which a substantial number of them became residents of the State of Illinois."

After reminding them about the Evacuation Funai stated "the experiences of the Japanese Americans might serve as a sobering reminder to this Committee and the members of the General Assembly of the need for fair housing legisla-

tion which seeks to give some measure of protection to any minority segment of Americans from any form of hysteria, in time of war or peace, which stems from discrimination by reasons of race, color or creed."

Funai concluded with: "The State of Illinois, and especially the metropolitan community of Chicago, has attracted people of all races from all over the world. In many areas other than housing, this state has been a pioneer for equal opportunities. It is submitted that it would be in the best tradition of this State to proceed vigorously forward in the enactment of fair housing legislation which demonstrates this state's firm stand on the equality of all races, and people of all creeds, color or national origin. Senate Bill 155 stands for this proposition."

# Partee Bill

The act for which Funai made this impassioned, four-minute plea is known as the Partee Fair Housing Bill, which would prohibit discrimination because of race, creed, color, national origin or ancestry in the sale, leasing, renting or other disposition of

dwelling property. Also prohibited would be any difference in the showing, price, terms, conditions and privileges in connection with such transactions. Sen. Partee's bill will apply to owners and their agents, as well as to financial or lending institutions.

According to Joe Minsky, chairman of the Illinois Committee for Fair Housing, Funai did a very effective job. And it was Sen. Partee's idea to call upon our Funai out of the many who were there to testify!

JACLers may be interested to know that Funai met a Nisei from Park Forest at the hearings, who spoke to him enthusiastically on how pleased he was to see the JACL finally being heard and represented in such an issue!

—Chicago JACLer

(Look Magazine delves into Suburbia, USA, in its May 16 issue. Harry Teshima, 48-year-old California-born structural engineer, of Park Forest relates his own fight to integrate a lily-white community in the section devoted to "Negroes in the Suburbs". Perhaps this is the Nisei that Funai had met at Springfield. —Editor.)

# SONOMA COUNTY WINS NC-WNDC CHAPTER OF YEAR (1966) HONORS

SANTA ROSA—Sonoma County Chapter, winner of the 1966 Northern California-Western Nevada District "Chapter-of-the-Year" award was a successful host to the District's second quarterly meeting on May 7. Governor Tad Hirota also presented the runner-up "Chapter-of-the-Year" awards to the Contra Costa and Monterey Peninsula chapters.

Thomas J. Farrell, local 1000 Clubber, addressed the council at its banquet by admonishing the group to take a larger part in community affairs. He related his own experiences in becoming acquainted with George I. Hamamoto, banquet chairman, by stating that "Irish-Catholics are very distrustful of strangers, but it is nothing compared to the suspicious nature of the Japanese."

# Portlanders aid in 'Japan Week'

PORTLAND—A "Salute to Japan" week under sponsorship of the World Affairs Council of Oregon, the Japan Society of Oregon and the Portland Chamber of Commerce April 29 through May 6 attracted direct assistance and support of local JACLers, according to Dr. Albert A. Oyama, chapter president.

A program of traditional dances, drama, music, karate and judo demonstrations was presented at Hoyt Hotel on the opening day. Exhibits of Japanese art and manufactured goods and movies on Japan were shown during the week at the Meier and Frank store auditorium during the week. The Japanese Garden in Washington Park was also among the attractions during the week.

The Portland JACL assisted in general publicity and decorations for the Hoyt Hotel program.

If the Japanese stay within their shell, the community knows nothing about them. It is only by taking an active participation in the community, and its activities that people would know them, and become better acquainted with the good traits of the Japanese."

During the business session, the District Council approved the support for the California Committee on Fair Practices, and initiated steps to place the District Youth Commissioner on the Executive Board of the District Council. The present District Youth Commissioner is Frank Oda, Sonoma Chapter.

Jim Murakami, program chairman for the meeting, presented films depicting scenes of present Japan and present day craftsmen continuing the traditions of Old Japan in its various art forms. Mas Yana, San Francisco JACL executive board member showed the films, and explained the various procedures required to join the JACL Japan tour this autumn.

While there were no heated discussions which characterized the first District Council meeting in Berkeley this year, President Edwin Ohki of the host Sonoma chapter, gave all the delegates a warm welcome by having the meeting place's air conditioning turned off on the hottest day of the year.

# BY FRANCES KITAGAWA

LOS ANGELES — Venice-Culver JACL, which worried to the eve of the Pacific Southwest District Council convention last weekend, is floating on Cloud 9, boosted by the hurrahs and congratulations of some 300 delegates who made the May 5-7 affair the most memorable affair in years.

Presence of the youth, the colorful pieces in the art show, the challenge of convention speaker Victor M. Carter, the sentimental gesture to PC Editor Harry Honda, and inspiring close of National President Jerry Enomoto's address all meshed beautifully to make this district convention the best ever.

Even delightfully witty Jeffrey Matsui, regional director and associate national director, hustling 1000 Club national chairman Dr. Frank Sakamoto of Chicago, and vivacious DYC queen Gayle Sasaki of Pasadena were new personalities that made this weekend glow like an aurora.

A surprise participant was Eastern District Governor Kaz Horita of Philadelphia, winding up company business in California before leaving for home Saturday afternoon.

**Distinguished UCLA Alumni**  
Always welcome were the

JACL old-timers like Mas Satow, national director who explained JACL's role on yen claims at the business session; Frank Chuman, past national president who was accorded the 1966 State Legislature resolution citing his public record, on the heels of being awarded the Distinguished UCLA Alumni Award in Community Service; and our own George Inagaki, past national president and 1000 Club national chairman who joined Dr. Sakamoto in the caucus with other chapter 1000 Club chairmen.

Carter, 1967 United Crusade chairman and seven-year president of the Japan America Society here, called upon JACLers to translate the Japanese American Creed into convictions, habits and actions within the community. He called up chapters and individual members to utilize their power of good public-relations in expressing a stand or an opinion, promote cultural heritage and education.

**Recognitions**  
Carter was introduced by Katsumu Mukaeda, 72, former Downtown L.A. JACL president and a "teenager" as far as being a naturalized citizen as he was among the first Issei to become a citizen locally in 1952.

The convention banquet also served as a bouquet of honored citizens who were cited by JACL chapters for their concern to persons of Japanese ancestry and loyalty and service to their chapters. (The recognitions are listed elsewhere on this page.—Editor.)

# JACL CREDIT UNION LOAN LIMIT RAISED

SALT LAKE CITY—The National JACL Credit Union, as of May 8, can loan \$1,500 to its members on a signature, it was announced this week by treasurer Hito Okada.

Its institutional advertising in the Pacific Citizen was also changed to suggest those who are on the border line on the JACL trip to Japan will make up their minds by a little financial help from their credit union.

Okada revealed that the credit union board has suggested the first payment on loans for the vacationer be extended 60 days so no payments are involved during the vacation period.

# Japan-America Society in Washington elects its first Nisei president

(Special to the Pacific Citizen) WASHINGTON — Mike Masaka was elected president of the Japan-America Society of Washington, D.C., by its Board of Trustees.

The veteran Washington representative of the Japanese American Citizens League and president of Masaka-Ishikawa and Associates, Inc., the only Nisei international public relations and economic consultation firm, thus becomes the first Japanese American and also the first of Japanese ancestry to head up such a society in the United States.

Elected as vice-president was Luis Corea, senior vice-president of Riggs Bank, the oldest and largest bank in the nation's capital; secretary was Dr. Wilcomb E. Washburn, chairman of the Department of American Studies of the Smithsonian Institution; and treasurer, Commander Lee Houchins of the U.S. Navy.

Others elected to the executive committee, along with the Society officers, were Sam Waugh, former State Department official and former president of the Export-Import Bank; Shun-ichi Yamanaka, Counselor of the Japanese Embassy; and H. William Tanaka, attorney at law, who will serve as society counsel.

during the Occupation of Japan and then Deputy Assistant Secretary of State for Far Eastern Affairs, and under Retired Army Lt. Gen. Clovis Byers, now vice-president of the General Telephone and Telegraph Co., prior to his election as President.

Others elected to the 30-member board of trustees of the second largest Japan-America Society in the country included:

Congressman Spark Matsunaga of Hawaii; Ryozo Sunobe, minister of the Embassy of Japan; Hideo Suzuki, executive director of the International Monetary Fund (World Bank); Kenji Kawamura, chief of the Asahi Shimbun Washington Bureau; Warren Tameishi, chief of the Oriental Division of the Library of Congress; and Katsuya Nohara, Washington district manager of Japan Air Lines.

Among holdover trustees are Sen. Daniel Inouye of Hawaii, retired Navy Rear Admiral A. H. McCullum, retired newspaperman Oland Russell who was the first public relations officer for the 42nd Regimental Combat Team when it was activated at Camp Shelby, Miss., in 1943, and John Yoshino, active JACLer who is an official of the Bureau of Public Roads of the Department of Commerce.

Ambassador of Japan Ryuji Takeuchi is the Honorary President and Secretary of State Dean Rusk is the Honorary Trustee of the Japan-America Society, which is composed of American and Japanese nationals dedicated to improving understanding and bilateral relations between the United States and Japan, as well as a cultural appreciation of things Japanese.

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The PSWDC also recognized the West Los Angeles JACL Women's Auxiliary with a scroll of appreciation for its East-West Flavors cook book, the proceeds of which have financially aided several local organizations. Some \$8,700 has been donated. And the cookbooks are still available; 12,500 have been printed to date.

Enomoto, as the convention luncheon speaker Sunday, expressed confidence JACL will continue to serve persons of Japanese ancestry as it has done in the past. (Text of

speech is published elsewhere.—Editor.)

Hollywood JACL president Mrs. Muriel Merrell presented a check to the PC editor to enable him to join the JACL-Japan Tour Oct. 14-Nov. 4. He was visibly moved by the amount.

# Whing Ding

Opening the three-day convention was the hilarious and howling 1000 Club whing-ding chaired by George Isoda on Friday night. The morning after was taken up with Enomoto meeting with local news.

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# MARYLAND GOVERNOR PICKS NISEI TO COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION

# BY NORMAN ISHIMOTO

ANNAPOLIS, Md. — Goro George Asaki, 44-year-old Westinghouse Corp. engineer and Washington D.C. JACL member, was appointed to the Anne Arundel County Board of Education by Maryland Gov. Spiro T. Agnew, thus becoming the first Nisei to be appointed to an important post in this state.

In naming Asaki to a six-year term effective May 1, Gov. Agnew described him as having a "sound educational background" and demonstrating a "keen interest in the school system of Anne Arundel County."

Active in county affairs for over 15 years, he is now president of the Northeast High School PTA and secretary of the Lake Shore Rotary Club. He is a former member and vice-commander adjutant of the Institute of Radio Legion; Eta Kappa Nu, a collegiate electrical engineering honorary; and Alpha Phi Omega, a collegiate men's service fraternity.

A native of Hanford, Calif., Asaki graduated from the MIS at Ft. Snelling and served in the Southwest Pacific and Korea area during World War II. He attended Visalia Junior College, received his engineering degree from the Univ. of Chicago, and holds an advanced engineering degree from George Washington University and a certificate in business from Johns Hopkins University.

The School Board nominating convention had recommended three candidates, though the governor is not required to follow its recommendations. Defending his selection of the convention's second choice, Gov. Agnew noted that Asaki was "highly recommended" and that the convention's first choice, Mrs. D. Ellwood Williams, Jr., had passed the state's mandatory retirement age.

**RICHMOND TO OBSERVE NISEI WEEK MAY 21-27**  
RICHMOND — Observance of the contributions of the city's Americans of Japanese ancestry during the week of May 21 was officially approved by the City Council. A resolution establishing Japanese American Citizens Week was adopted at the request of Councilman Bernard Evans to commemorate the twenty-fifth anniversary of the Evacuation.

The program will feature a display of books, artifacts, and such mementos of the Evacuation as, newspapers, headlines, actual evacuation orders, relocation center publications, etc., in the Richmond City Library. The display is being planned by the Contra Costa JACL committee, co-chaired by George Sugihara and Nellie Sakai and including Tosh Adachi, George Blumenson, Ko Ijichi and Bill Waki.

This special observance was brought about after the chapter's recent presentation of Allan Bosworth's book, "America's Concentration Camps" to the Richmond Library.

In replacing the controversial Mrs. Williams, who had served on the board since 1955, Asaki's effect on the faction-ridden board will be watched with interest.

Commenting on his appointment, Asaki says, "As far as I can tell, it's a very worthwhile endeavor. I hope to make good on it. Normally anything worthwhile just doesn't come easy. It's a challenge." He favors the establishment of county kindergartens, expansion of the county's community college curriculum, and elevation of the professional standing of county teachers by providing them opportunities to attend congresses and conventions, by grants and similar aids, as well as improving their pay scale.

He lives with his wife, Nobie, and three children—Arthur, 45, Howard, 13, and Esther, 10—at Sillery Bay in Pasadena, and often goes on family camping trips. He is also active in Boy Scouting.

A quiet, self-possessed man, he operates a ham radio station "whether I catch anything or not." It's the relaxation that counts, not the fish, he says, all of which go back into the river.

# Hawaii legislature adjourns, key bills approved

(Special to Pacific Citizen) HONOLULU — The State Legislature adjourned after having set a record of accomplishment, but leaving some problems unresolved. Among the bills approved are the following:

Providing for a Constitutional Convention to be held in Honolulu July 15, 1968. Eighty-two delegates will be elected June 1, 1968. All will run as non-partisans, 63 to be elected from Oahu and 19 from the Neighbor Islands.

Sweeping new legislation to benefit homeowners who lease the land they live on; a highway safety program calling for the relicensing of drivers; legislation to permit the City to purchase the strike-plagued Honolulu Rapid Transit Co.; a bill to set up a milk control commission; a code of ethics for all State employees except judges; provision for a State ombudsman, whose job it will be to hear complaints of citizens to hear complaint of citizens about the government.

The Legislature made Hawaii the first state in the nation to pass a bill that would compensate crime victims with up to \$10,000. Though excluding peace officers, the bill makes eligible for compensation victims of crimes, those injured trying to stop a crime or help apprehend a criminal; persons responsible for supporting the victim (such as parents); and dependents of a victim who has been killed.

The Legislature failed to pass a bill to abolish the Subversive Activities Commission. The Legislature also killed a proposal from the Governor for a land swap to permit the State to build a new prison at Pauwela, Maui. This leaves the Governor in the position of having started construction of a Maui Community College on land the State does not own.

# 15 Weeks to Go EDC - MDC Convention - Sept. 1-4

PICK-CONGRESS HOTEL, CHICAGO

By Mike Masaoka

# Washington Newsletter

## IT CAN HAPPEN

The recent so-called mayoral elections in Japan resulted in at least two political bombshells. One was the election of leftist Dr. Ryokichi Minobe as Governor of Tokyo-To. The other was the election of Communist Masao Takasuna as Mayor of Shiojiri, in Nagano Prefecture. Both established firsts in Japan's post-World War II history, and both may portend trouble for continuing amicable and cooperative United States-Japan relations.

Governor Minobe was elected by a plurality of less than 150,000 votes out of more than five million ballots cast, over candidates backed by the Liberal Democratic Party and the Democratic Socialist Party and by the new Komeito (Clean Government) Party of the religious Sokagakkai Buddhist sect. The successful candidate, a 63-year-old economics professor at the Tokyo University of Education, was supported by the Socialist and Communist Parties.

While few allege that Governor Minobe is now an active Communist, his victory has raised concern among many conservative Japanese leaders of a possible resurgence of violent un-American demonstrations in the world's largest city. Though the new Governor has declared that "I will not be restricted by the Socialists and the Communists in carrying out my policies" and "I will carry out reforms at my own pace," there is some fear that he may repeal or revise the municipal police regulations which were promulgated following the massive student demonstrations in 1960 that brought down the Government of then Premier Nobusuke Kishi and forced cancellation of then President Dwight Eisenhower's projected visit to Japan, following ratification of the Mutual Security Pact which extended America's defense umbrella over Japan.

Though a strong case can be made that the defeat of the Liberal Democratic Party-backed Dr. Masatoshi Matsushita, an American-educated President of the Episcopal Church-affiliated Rikkyo University in Tokyo, was attributable to such causes as the electorate's dissatisfaction with rising inflation, corruption in the municipal government of Liberal Democratic Governor Dr. Ryutaro Azuma who did not run for reelection, the television personality of the winner, the 601,527 votes cast for the Komeito Party's Kenichi Abe, etc., there is no doubt that the pro-United States, pro-western Liberal Democratic Party of Prime Minister Eisaku Sato was shaken by the results.

The leftists have already threatened to eclipse the 1960 demonstrations in 1970, when the Mutual Security Treaty becomes open to abrogation by either the United States or Japan after a year's notice. Sato's Government has already expressed its desire to continue this bilateral arrangement beyond the 1970 deadline. Relaxation of the strict police regulations controlling crowds and demonstrations may invite more violent and acerbated reaction than in 1960 when as many as 300,000 left-wing unionists, students, and others took to the streets, burning police trucks, forcing their way onto the Parliament grounds, and injuring many people, including a girl student who was killed.

In addition, the new Governor who has exounded Marxian economic theories in the past may attempt to resolve the many problems that beset all huge metropolitan areas — slums and lack of housing, traffic congestion, air pollution, rising prices, increasing crime, inadequate educational and recreational facilities, insufficient employment opportunities, growing population pressures, etc. — by revolutionary and radical means.

Dr. Minobe was arrested in 1938 as a suspected Communist and spent 18 months in prison. Released during World War II, he spent the years until Japan's Occupation as a farmer. Son of a famous father, Dr. Tatsukichi Minobe, a member of the pre-war House of Peers who was also jailed, but for teaching his Imperial University law classes that the Emperor was "an organ of the state" when the military was supreme, Tokyo's Governor Minobe was married to the elder sister of Zentaro Kosaka, who was the Foreign Minister in the Hayato Ikeda Cabinet from 1960 to 1962. They are now divorced and their only child, a daughter, is a student.

The Mayor of Shiojiri is the first Communist mayor in Japanese history. He defeated the incumbent, who was supported jointly by the Liberal Democratic, Japan Socialist, and Democratic Socialist parties, in a stunning upset.

Since Japan regained her sovereignty in 1952 and re-entered the family of nations, she has been singled out as democracy's showpiece in the Far East, the only non-white nation on earth that, within the framework of a democratic government and under a free enterprise system, has been able to compete on equal footing with the so-called western powers.

Her remarkable post-World War II economic growth, her efficient industrialization, her effective penetration of world markets, and her speedy adjustment to international realities — all have been the envy of many peoples and nations.

While Japan is now a part of America's vast security commitments and considered to be the western bastion of democracy, confronting both Communist China and Soviet Siberia on its flanks, the fear of many Free World militarists and political leaders is that — at some future time — Japan may shift into a neutralist position between the West and the East, and eventually end up as an ally of Mainland China. If Japan's skilled manpower and industrial know-how were used to exploit Red China's great natural resources and to lead her hundreds of millions of people into industrial complex, that Sino-Japanese combine could well dominate the earth.

Until recently that prospect appeared nigh impossible. The election within the past month of a leftist Governor of Tokyo and of a Communist Mayor of a Nagano Prefecture community, however, suggests that what is still highly improbable in the near future is not outside the realm of possibility.

It would be well for Americans of Japanese ancestry and JACL to ponder soberly the long range implications of the last mayoral elections in Japan.

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## NEWS CAPSULES

### Sister Cities

The highest unclimbed, unnamed Alaskan peak in the Wrangell Range was conquered April 27 by a joint U.S.-Japanese climbing party. The 14,000-ft. peak was named Mt. Kobe in honor of the Seattle Kobe sister city tie.

### Business

Stan Sonobe, active San Diego JACLer, has been transferred by United Air Lines to San Francisco. His son, Blake, now an Air Force Academy cadet and active with the Jr. JACL, was a chapter scholarship winner. A 15-year employee of Ridpath in Spokane, Teiji Saito was named Ford Service Employee of the Year for his "dedication to work, participation in civic activities, and contributions to relationships with fellow employees and improvements in customer service." His son, Spencer, is a dentist in the military service and daughter Irene is a missionary teacher in Japan.

Akiyazu Kikkawa was appointed manager of Alinomoto's Los Angeles branch, 650 S. Grand Ave., replacing Yutaka Koyama who returns to the head office in Tokyo.

### Military

Ensign Paul Ishikawa Jr., USNR, son of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Ishikawa of 1221 E. Lehi Road, Mesa, Ariz., was graduated from the Basic Naval Aviation Officers School at Pensacola, Fla. He is currently in training at the Flight Preparation School at Pensacola to continue his training under the naval aviation program.

Byron Sugiyama, son of the Yasuyuki Sugiyamas of San Diego, was awarded the Bronze Star for meritorious ability as a combat engineer in Vietnam during the period of October 1965 and January 1967, when he was discharged. He served with the 1st Cavalry Div., 7th Infantry, recently pictured administering resuscitation oaths to a Vietnam-bound serviceman.

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### Beauties

Carolyn Sakota, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Kazo Sakota, was named runner-up at the Miss Sugar Salem pageant. She was one of ten contestants who vied for the title. Carolyn is president of the Rexburg JAYS, Girls League secretary, and recently awarded the gold medal necklace as the all-around girl for the LDS regional volleyball tournament.

An Adrian High School Future Farmers of America member, Barry Fujisaki, Jr., was elected Oregon state president of the Future Farmers of America at the annual meeting in Eugene. There were a total of 19 other candidates running for the office from throughout the state. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Sam Fujisaki of Homedale, Idaho.

Florence Amamoto, straight A student at San Mateo High, was named class valedictorian. She is the daughter of the George Amamotos.

Patsy Sakaguchi will represent Skyline High, Nampa, at the Skyline Girls State . . . Gene Ochi of Idaho Falls, tops in his 14-school area, finished No. 2 in the Idaho Elks state leadership award competition.

Pat Takasugi, son of the Mich Takasugis of Wilder, Idaho, was voted Speaker of the House at the recent Idaho YMCA youth legislature. Among the top ten scholastically at Valluue High, he is a past Boise Valley Jr. JACL president and was Boy State delegate last year . . . Phyllis Yasuda, daughter of the Kay Yasudas, Wilder, represents Parma High at the Skyline Girls State. Another daughter, Phyllis, is school chapter president of the Future Homemakers . . . Karen Yamashita, also a Skyline Girls

State delegate, is the daughter of the Tok Yamashitas, Caldwell. The Valluue High student won General Mill's outstanding food award at school . . . Janice Suyehira follows her sister Beth Ann's footsteps as valedictorian at Emmett (Idaho) High. Her parents are the Henry Suyehiras, Janice also won 2nd place (875) in the Caldwell Elks Lodge youth leadership contest. Rita Takahashi, daughter of the Yoshio Takahashis of Parma, was fourth (825) . . . Selected for the UN Pilgrimage for Youth this summer was Terry Yamada, son of the James Yamadas of Wilder.

Gary Miyasaki, son of Mr. and Mrs. Hit Miyasaki of Rexburg, JACL, is an alternate for Idaho Boys State. Gary has been a member of the varsity football and baseball teams and of the madrigals and mathlete director.

### School Front

Arizona State University gave Ronald K. Masunaga of Phoenix a scholarship based on promise of high academic performance. He was one of 236 outstanding Maricopa County high school seniors recognized . . . Margaret Murata, Univ. of Chicago senior, was named a Woodrow Wilson Fellowship recipient for graduate studies at Princeton. The fellowship assists students who give promise in civic activities and contributions to relationships with fellow employees and improvements in customer service. She is a musicology major and the daughter of the Yoshinori Muratas.

### Sports

Ralph Nishimi of Sacramento to Kagero Club won the No. Calif. Nisei Golf Assn. 36-hole tournament, which attracted some 210 golfers to the Monterey courses of Del Monte and Spyglass Hills. Ralph shot 81-81-182 for low gross honors in an extra hole sudden death playoff for the trophy against Frank Shingu of Monterey Peninsula and Jim Hamada of the Cardinal Club. The field low net trophy went to Sam Yamauchi of Hi-Lo Club, who posted a 85-87-37-442. George Nishimura of Fresno Sequoia Club was cited for negotiating the tough 17th hole at Del Monte in a record 21 strokes.

Hawaiian-born Paul Fuji not only became the first Nisei ever to win a world's boxing title when he knocked out Sordro Lopopolo of Italy to grab the junior welterweight crown, but set a new Japanese gate record when a staggering \$200,000 gross receipts was announced. It surpassed the \$185,000 gate for the Joe Medel-Fighting Harada bantamweight title match held earlier this year in Tokyo. Fuji KO'd the defending champion at 2:33 of the second round of the scheduled 15-rounder April 30. Fuji weighed 140, Lopopolo 139.

Paul Yoshimatsu, who represented Japan at the world bowling championships in England this year, was named Manitoba's Athlete of the Year . . . Japan won both the men's and women's team titles in the world table tennis championships, upsetting China, which has been the power in the sport. Japanese women defeated Russia 3-0 and the Japanese men defeated North Korea 3-0 in the finals.

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Original pen drawings are profuse in Tom T. Yutani's book, "Garden Weeds of Southern California," (48.95), which took six years to complete while managing his nursery at 15016 Leffingwell Rd., La Mirada, Orange County farm adviser W. A. Humphrey said it is the best in total book of its kind for California and should assist gardeners identify the pest weeds. A native of Hilo, he studied in Japan and then operated a nursery in San Francisco before WW2, specializing in roses.

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**MAYOR TO MAYOR** — Mayor Sam Yorty relinquishes his City Hall seat to "Boy Mayor" Don Nakanishi, who took over the City's top position last week as part of the citywide observance of Boys' Week. Nakanishi, a 17-year-old senior at Roosevelt High School where he is president of the student body, is planning to study medicine at Yale University. He lives at 1339 N. Hazard Ave.

## Prewar friend of W. Covina Japanese to mark golden anniversary in Japan

WEST COVINA — Known affectionately as Uncle Ted and Aunt Hazel to prewar Japanese Americans residing in San Gabriel Valley, Mr. and Mrs. Ted Roberts, now of Carlsbad, were honored by friends and former members of the Cherry Blossom Girl Reserves, a group founded by Mrs. Roberts in the late 1930s, on the occasion of their golden wedding anniversary here April 30.

Making the day most eventful was the surprise presentation of a trip to Japan for the honorees, a fitting gesture of appreciation of events that hark back to 1925 when the Roberts operated a dairy farm in West Covina and were neighbors to the Machidas, who just moved in to grow oranges.

The Roberts found the Machidas and other new Japanese families were unfamiliar with American customs and the language. Despite strong anti-Japanese feelings at the time, the Roberts assisted the immigrant families.

As the Japanese families are the son of the Yuji Fujimotos.

### Churches

The San Luis Valley Buddhist Church in LaJara, Colo., celebrated its 30th anniversary recently. Roy Inouye is currently president of the church.

'67 Ceramics  
LOS ANGELES — Robert L. Glover, a Hollywood JACLer and distinguished California artist, will present his Spring-Summer '67 Ceramics this weekend, May 13-14, at his Sculpture-Design Studio, 1619 Silverlake Blvd.

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## Northwest Picture

By Elmer Ogawa

### Springtime in Seattle

Seattle alumni may walk up the spiral incline to enjoy what's really a bird-eye view of the Husky games. And soon the upper decking will be more than doubled.

While we're in the sky, there's the 500 foot Smith tower which since 1914 has been overlooking the downtown district, and since 1962, the 610 foot Space Needle which lets you overlook Queen Anne, the highest of Seattle's seven hills, where one can see almost to Canada on a clear day. Near the foot of the Space Needle is the Yamasaki inspired Science Center with its artistic fountains and impressive arches. Few hundred footsteps away is the International Fountain with some 300 nozzles which plays a "psychedelic" symphony in lights, sound and water.

From a popular viewpoint in West Seattle, one can look across Elliott Bay to the ever (Continued on Page 3)

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By Bill Hosokawa

## From the Frying Pan

CHICAGO — They had only 48 hours notice, but some of the faithful got on the phone and passed the word. And so on a rainy Sunday afternoon a surprisingly good turnout showed up at Mona's Nakano-ya to meet Capt. Allan R. Bosworth, author of "America's Concentration Camps." I just happened to be going through town, and Shig Wakamatsu invited me to drop in on the party.

Captain Bosworth is a tall, lean, erect, white-haired gentleman with a way of making people feel at home. It was easy to see he was a little surprised at the enthusiasm with which the Nisei have taken to his book, and not at all displeased. At Wakamatsu's urging he spoke about some of his experiences — including an assignment to tail a Japanese naval officer in San Francisco a long time before the war — and reported that of scores and scores of reviews on his book, only three were in the least critical. And one of these, he said, was written by a reviewer who obviously hadn't bothered to go beyond the first few pages.

Bosworth and his new-found Nisei friends were busy demolishing Japanese dinners, including raw fish, when Wakamatsu signaled it was time to go and he drove me down to the airport.

LOUISVILLE, KY. — Some of the Black Power boys were busy trying to embarrass Louisville with demands for open housing on the eve of the Kentucky Derby, and while we were there the traditional Pegasus Parade was called off as a precaution. The television stations were showing films of Negro activity, but where we were Louisville was quiet, peaceful, gracious and soggy with the spring monsoon.

Back in 1960, we'd been in Tokyo when far-left student groups had paraded through the streets in opposition to the U.S.-Japan Mutual Security Treaty. Ultimately the demonstrations had toppled the Kishi government. Most of the action was concentrated in front of the Diet building. A few blocks away, in the Akasaka district, the expensive night clubs had been open as usual. Television viewers had a choice of tuning in on a baseball game or spot coverage of the demonstrations. It was an unrealistic situation, and we experienced the same feeling in Louisville where a dead serious protest movement was largely being ignored by the general populace.

NEW YORK — Perhaps it was foolhardy, but we had only seven hours to get the business completed, so we rented a car and headed north through the rain over the crowded and confusing parkways. Los Angeles freeways are wider, but they are no more crowded than the routes that dip and sweep and thread their way through this part of the teeming East.

We were only slightly tardy for the lunch at Pleasantville where Reader's Digest editors talked about Roy Otake, who is their man now in Tokyo. If there are pressures involved in editing and publishing a magazine with the world's largest circulation, they are not apparent at Pleasantville where offices are carpeted, everyone speaks in genteel tones, and deadlines appear to be distant matters. Pleasantville is only 50 miles or so from Manhattan, but it seems to be another world away.

MONTREAL — The Canadian immigration officer asked my nationality and I told him I was an American. He asked where I was born and I told him Seattle. Fine, he said, and waved me on. Didn't even ask to see a driver's license or other proof of residence. The customs officer didn't bother to look into my suitcase or ask a single question. "Enjoy your stay in Canada," he said pleasantly. And so to Expo 67, which will be the subject of next week's dispatch.

## Rutgers site of U.S.-Japan culture exchange confab

NEW BRUNSWICK, N.J. — Some 50 scholars and experts gathered here May 3 to appraise Japanese-American relations on one of the American campuses where the cultural exchange began 100 years ago.

Americans and Japanese attending the three-day Japan-Rutgers Conference at Rutgers University were welcomed by two university presidents, Dr. Mason W. Gross of Rutgers and Dr. Hugh Borton of Harvard College.

Dr. Borton, chief of mission to the American-Japanese Cultural Conference with the rank of ambassador, addressed the opening session.

Dr. Ardath W. Burks, director of international programs at Rutgers, organized the conference.

The opening session was held at the Rutgers University library, where an exhibition of materials on early American missionaries, educators and employees of the Japanese government were on display. Rutgers was able to gather a considerable amount of such materials because many of the first Americans to venture into Japan were men with Rutgers connections.

It was through influence of early missionaries and educators from Rutgers in Japan that the first two Japanese students to come to Rutgers enrolled in 1868.

The results of the Rutgers conference will be published in a book to be edited by Dr. Burks.

## Rexburg JACL to sponsor Girls State participant

REXBURG, Idaho — The local JACL chapter will sponsor the Girls State participant from St. Anthony High School, Syracuse Girls State will be held June 11-17 at Northwest Nazarene College, Nampa.

Donna Miyasaki, Sugar Salem High delegate to Girls State, is the daughter of active JACLers here, the Tommy Miyasakis. She is a cheer queen and school band majorette, and Rexburg JACL's secretary.

The Rexburg JACL is also preparing for the IDC-IDYC summer quarterly session scheduled July 29-30.

## News Deadline Tuesday

## Chapter Call Board

### Spokane JACL

For the Mothers: As a Mother's Day special program, the Spokane JACL will sponsor a Japanese movie entitled "Akao Rishi" at the Spokane Buddhist Church May 14, 7 p.m. This movie is a television adaptation of the Japanese classic "Chushingura".

### East Los Angeles JACL

Meeting: Rep. Edward R. Roybal will present an American flag flown over the nation's capitol to members of East Los Angeles JACL when they meet May 19 at the ELA Gardeners Hall, 2420 W. First St., from 7 p.m.

Ritsuko Kawakami, chapter president, said the former Los Angeles city councilman will be introduced by Jack Nagano, board member. Roybal will report on foreign and inter-American affairs and international organizational movements.

A film on Japan will be shown, narrated by Fred Takata, onetime JACL regional director now with Mitsubishi Travel Service.

### Hollywood JACL

Afternoon Concert: Hollywood JACL introduces its 1967 Nisei Week queen candidate Cathy Okamura at its first Sunday Afternoon Concert, May 28, 2 p.m., at the Wilshire Ebell Club Fine Arts Room, 743 S. Lucerne Blvd. Feature performers at the concert will include the Ishii brothers, cellist Ken and flautist Robert, in concert; the Endo sisters Ellen and Barbara in folk tunes from Japan and singing from California; the "Sewing Circle", talented blind singing trio from John Marshall High; the Bottle Blowers from the Hollywood Jr. JACL; and the Instant Hula Girls, directed by Mary Suyeishi.

Dodger Night: Hollywood JACLers have obtained a block of 30 reserved seats (\$2.50) for the Pittsburgh-L.A. baseball game at Dodger Stadium for Friday, June 2.

Surprise Turnout: DAYTON — When the local JACL programmed a family swimming party April 9 at Wright-Patterson Air Base gym, chairman Frank Titus anticipated no more than 15 but thanks to the telephone committee calling members and potential new ones, a banner turnout of 54 members and guests appeared to the happy surprise of the host committee.

## Nisei tax cases in public eye

BY ALLAN BEEKMAN (Special to the Pacific Citizen) HONOLULU — The sentencing of Tadashi Sakai, Kauai contractor, found guilty of making a false statement in an attempt to settle his delinquent taxes, disposes of another case against three prominent islanders charged with tax evasion.

The other cases concerned Richard Kageyama, 49, real estate operator and former City Councilman, and Dr. Frank T. Inouye, 45, educator and businessman.

Sakai changed his plea from innocent to no contest. Federal Judge C. Nils Tavares found him guilty and sentenced him to two years in prison, but suspended all but two weeks of the sentence. Sakai will be on probation for the remainder of the suspended sentence.

He could have been sentenced to three years in prison, fined \$5,000, or both.

### Kageyama Case

Kageyama was acquitted of filing fraudulent income tax returns for 1959 and 1960. In a 2½-week, non-jury trial, his attorney, Arthur Reinwald, stressed a lack of intent on the part of Kageyama and carefully painted a picture of his client as naive and scatterbrained.

Potbellied, heavy-jowled, with bags beneath his eyes, Kageyama took the stand to tell of his life from the date of his birth on the island of Hawaii. He left the village

high school in his junior year, after the death of his father, but returned to graduate at 22.

He came to Honolulu on a cattle ship and tried unsuccessfully, lacking funds and having no car for transportation, to be elected to political office. Then he served four years in the Army.

After his discharge from the Army, he served five terms on the City Council, a total of ten years. There he always seemed to be a center of controversy.

"Disorganization was Mr. Kageyama's normal behavior," his attorney said of him. "He was observed to constantly mix up his business, personal and political records. . . . The logical inference is not tax evasion."

Judge Tavares agreed the Government had not proved its case beyond a reasonable doubt. But though acquitted, Kageyama may still have to pay civil penalties and interest if the Internal Revenue Service can prove he owes back taxes.

### Deliberate Evasion

Where Tavares stressed lack of intent in acquitting Kageyama, Federal Judge Martin Pence, in finding Inouye guilty, dwelt on the evasion as being "deliberate and calculated."

"Though married to a local girl, Inouye came to Hawaii from the Mainland. His specialty is American history. After coming to Hawaii, teaching at the University, and trying his hand at selling encyclopedias, he returned to the Mainland to work for his doctor's degree."

For his thesis he researched the activities of Sir William Johnson, British soldier and colonial landowner, in the Mohawk Valley of New York during the Revolutionary War.

Well-groomed, cultured, personable, possessed of a doctor's degree, he quickly gained important posts after his return to Hawaii. He was director of the University of Hawaii's Hilo branch from 1952 to 1957. He was assistant manager of the Hawaii Visitors

## Perspectives—

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Ohi, PSW 1000 Club Chairman, created a tone where each chapter pledged to increase its 1000 Club ranks by an average of 5. The whing-ding was great too. . . . Charles Yata, PSW Civil Rights Chairman, deserves a strong hand for his efforts. Let's get this particular ball moving by contacting your assemblyman to support a strong fair housing bill.

## Ogawa —

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changing skyline dominated by some half dozen new skyscrapers including the 20 story (also Yamasaki) IBM building which are soon to be overshadowed by three more including the 50 story Seattle First Bank building which will out-reach the Space Needle by some 70 feet.

Even the nation's first skid road (not skid row) has gone high hat with a mushroom crop of night spots, and down stairs there is an underground tour of Seattle sidewalks and shop fronts before the great fire of 1889—for you see, after the fire they just built the street level upstairs.

Well, space prohibits the mention of a thousand other things, but if you get annoyed at us "tailgating" you on the freeway, we're just trying to read what state you're from.

## PSWDC —

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tional board members. The district council, presided by Governor Ronald Shiozaki of Gardena, convened in the afternoon and for several hours Sunday morning.

The issue of zoning of the district was tabled. Chapters accepted the challenge to boost their 1000 Club enrollment. Carter became a new Life member of the Venice-Culver chapter.

The third quarterly session may be hosted by Selanoco JACL in August, according to Gov. Shiozaki. Arizona JACL will host the chapter clinic in November.

Dr. Richard Saiki was convention chairman. Gram Noriyuki, host chapter president, emceed the luncheon. Dr. Takao Shishino was banquet toastmaster.

## San Francisco TV documentary on Japanese Americans completed

SAN FRANCISCO — Six members of the San Francisco Jr. JACL will soon be seen on a local television program airing their Nisei views on their parents (Nisei) and grandparents (Issei).

A director-cameraman team from KRON-TV was at the home of Mr. and Mrs. John H. Ota, 663 28th Ave., recently to color-film the evening with the Sansei youngsters.

They included Russell Obana, Janis Iezoe, Miyo Ota, Francis Oka, Margaret Ota and John Ota.

The KRON team spent about three and half hours to film a 30-minute footage of the discussion.

Don Zavin, a director of the KRON-TV "Assignment Four" show, said the evening's discussion will be one of the 11 segments to be shown in a half-hour documentary on the Issei-Nisei-Sansei people of San Francisco and its environs.

Zavin said he has already interviewed and filmed these segments: Mas Satow, at his National JACL headquarters; Franklin Tokioka, atop a high building in the Japanese Cultural and Trade Center now under construction; Jr. JACL musical show, "Oeyama"; chanoyu ceremony at the Nichiren Buddhist Temple; Capt. Allan Bosworth, author of "America's Concentration Camps" on his recent visit here; Japanese language teaching at the UC Extension;

vernacular newspaper making at the Hokubei Mainichi; San Francisco's Nihonmachi in general; the Inouye Brothers farm in Yuba City.

Considerable footage of the evacuation film taken by WRA back in 1942 will be obtained from the National Archives in Washington, Zavin said.

"We have probably about four hours of raw film now on hand for this Japanese documentary," Zavin said.

All this will have to be boiled down to fit the "Assignment Four's" 30-minute show.

The Japanese documentary program was originally slated to be shown on Monday, May 15. However, due to the considerable footage involved and the time necessary for editing, the show may probably have to be postponed for showing on Monday, May 29.

"If we couldn't still make it by then the program will have to be held back until September," Zavin said.

KRON-TV's "Assignment Four" is seen over Channel 4 every Monday night at 7 p.m.

"In all of my assignments with the KRON-TV show, this has been the most exciting one," Zavin added in referring to the Japanese documentary filming.

—Hokubei Mainichi

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Sacramento — Jr. JACL cake sale.  
Gresham-Trousdale — Issei dinner, 6 p.m., GT Hall.  
Wilshire-Uptown — Japan Night, St. Mary's Episcopal Church, 7:30 p.m.  
Hollywood — Mother's Day Matinee Theater Party, Music Center.  
Twin Cities—Jr. JACL Play.  
May 14 (Sunday)  
Spokane—Mother's Day program, Buddhist Church, 7 p.m.  
Placer County — Community picnic, JACL Recreation Park.  
Marysville—Community picnic, Salinas Valley—Cemetery clean-up.

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By Yoshio Hotta

## K.I.S.S.

### INTRODUCTION

We shall leave it to Yosh Hotta, assistant National JACL director at San Francisco, to explain the initials of his column, which will appear regularly in the Pacific Citizen in turn with other JACL staffers.—Editor

San Francisco  
My name is Yoshio Hotta. I always answer questionnaires that ask: Born? with "Yes." Sex? "Yes." I always answer "Yes" because "No"—"No" can cause a lot of problems as some of you who were in camps will recall. I feel great empathy towards our concern with miscegenation problems because I too was born of mixed parents: male and female.

In the course of traveling around the Orient and the United States, I've never been called: "Boy" as in "drop out of school and that's what you'll be called all your life" but at times I have been called "chicken teriyaki", the only living Kamikaze pilot.

### JACL PROBLEMS

The JACL is concerned internally these days with two very interesting problems: Youth and Cultural Heritage. As the new boy in class I am not about to give any serious or sage words of advice.

Sometimes as I ponder the solutions to weighty problems that will affect ourselves and the generations to come, I am distracted by Mas Satow humming "Hamabe no Uta" as he is working. In these days of "Sakura" and "Aishitchia yo" as typical Japanese pop songs knowing that Mr. Satow is humming "Hamabe no Uta" dates me very much.

To show you that I have some couth, my philosophy in life can be expressed by the famous haiku: "Furuya Ike, Kawazu tobikomu, Mizu no oto." Roughly translated as "sometime even frog jump into water." I do believe that if you throw some pebbles into a still pond, the ripples on the water, will reach out ever wider, and who knows what the results will be?

Outside of the National JACL office, the final concrete touches to the Japan Cultural Center are being put into place. It seems as though it will cover the yawning chasms of empty space and waste very well. I particularly like it because it gives me a feeling of vigor, of change, and of progress.

Another reason is that it got rid of the old buildings.

After being away for some years from the haunts of my childhood, it unnerved me to see the same guys standing on the corner, holding up the old relics with their feet, as though all the years had cast them into the ground, immobile, and gathering dust.

### WHO AM I?

I am a person who spent a year in Korea learning how to do a Latin American dance called the "cha, cha" and found out when I came home that no one was doing it any more. It's like Dick Gregory's famous remark that he waited many years to sit at a lunch counter down South, and when he was finally able to sit down, he didn't find anything on the menu he liked.

On Easter Sunday, I listened to a sermon by a Chinese minister speaking in Japanese relating the events that happened many years ago in the Middle East to the hippies in San Francisco today, so that what kind of a person I am, should give you an idea of ANENT THE YOUTH

This area of the country is known whether to visit Vietnam Hope mentioned when he said that last Christmas, he didn't or Berkeley, but it apparently youth. Those of you who won-

der what is happening to the has great attraction to the very close to the place Bob younger generation could do no worse than look at the applicants for your JACL scholarships and fellowships. All the applicants are in the top one or two percent of their classes, and the amount of extra-curricular activities in which they are engaged is incredible.

Where they got their brains and energy I don't know. Of course they had to have time, and I know where they got that, it's due to all of you carting them around from place to place. Of course, any time you feel that the younger generation is beyond your comprehension, you might remember that they can't be all bad, after all, you are their parents.

Since we rarely hear the chief of state of any country say anything about "outh, the following extract of Prime Minister Eisaku Sato's administrative policy speech to the Japanese Diet on March 14, 1967, may give you an idea of the people you will visit on the JACL Japan Tour:

"It is my sincere wish that young people will be conscious of their pride and responsibility to become a driving force of the Japan of the future and to make contributions to the welfare of mankind of tomorrow and they acquire a strong will and develop stout bodies which will enable them to overcome any hardships so that they will grow up into citizens endowed with rich human qualities, patriotism, and a sense of mission of serving the public interest."

If the bizarre dress of the hippies is a symbol of non-conformity and protest against the world as they see it, they still have a long way to go to match the dress of the students I used to see at Ichiko and Tokyo University. They wore their hair as long as the hippies, wore the roughest dress they could find or dirty up, and were the best students in Japan. They generally raised all kinds of trouble by tackling the Tokyo police whenever they wanted to protest anything.

One day watching a particularly rough demonstration where the police and students were banging heads, I asked a Japanese government official if this portended some terrible fate for Japan. "Oh no" said the official, "I don't worry too much because I used to do this myself when I was going to school." That might have been true because traditionally, the graduates of Ichiko and Tokyo University went into the government service.

One of my friend's daughter wrote that hers was a "love" generation. So if the younger love generation withdraws into the never, never, world of passive acceptance of frivolity, or takes to the streets, at least they are thinking, looking for progress, and a change for the better. Aren't we all?

There, you got a lecture after all. Glad to be of service and I hope to meet all of you personally soon.

### Junior Jottings

Portland Jr. JACL, which is sponsoring its Summer Workshop at Lewis & Clark College Aug. 4-6, will discuss preparations at its Triple Treat meeting at Timber Lanes, SE 41st and Halsey, May 13, 7:15 p.m. The Triple Treat covers a business session, bowling and a dance to follow.

LOS ANGELES — Following is the text of National JACL President Jerry Enomoto's address to the PSWDC Convention hosted by Venice-Culver JACL over the May 5-7 weekend at Airport-Marina:

Pride in one's self, one's country, and in organizations to which one belongs is a wonderful feeling.

As Niel and Sanel we are blessed with a heritage which gives each of us to enjoy that feeling in a country which gives us the maximum opportunity to translate that pride into spiritual and economic prosperity. To many of us the Japanese American Citizens League has been the one organization which has bound us in a common effort to elevate ourselves from the status of second-class citizens. It is our relative success in that effort, and the JACL's role in it, that makes us proud of it.

It therefore, seems most appropriate that I begin my remarks today on this note of our pride in the JACL. Today, 23 years after the difficult days when the wartime evacuation began, and some years after the impact of its greatest legislative gains, the JACL still works for American-born Japanese ancestry. It enjoys the support of over 20,000 adults and youth, in 89 chapters from coast to coast. We have fostered JACL pride in many, but I think it is also permissible to toast its present.

### Summer Fellowships

Just last Friday at the final judging of applicants for the JACL-Japan Air Lines Summer Fellowships, one of the judges, Dr. Wilson Siles, Director of Compensation Education for the State Department of Education, paid tribute to the JACL and JAL for their roles in this most worthwhile project. Certainly it is no accident that JACL was given the privilege of administering this fellowship. A privilege for which we, incidentally, sincerely, thank JAL. Our congratulations also to our PSWDC Legal-Legislative Chairman, Mr. Edward Rakita, who has earned one of those fellowships.

It seems to me that only a national organization, with JACL's history and community respect, could have conceived and successfully pushed the idea of writing the history of the Japanese in America. That idea, later called Japanese American Research Project, is now in its fifth year. A scholarly volume and a popular history will emerge less than 2 years. A scientific sociological study will continue beyond, in the good hands of UCLA, with the co-sponsorship of JACL. A recent and sizeable grant from the National Institute of Mental Health will permit the latter. It is worthy of note that the good offices of our Washington representative, Mike Masaoka, was in no small measure responsible for that grant.

We can all be proud of the tribute accorded JACL by Captain Allan Bosworth, who dedicated his very successful book, "American Concentration Camps," to it.

### Measure of Progress

It is one measure of the progress of 23 years, when an American attorney of Japanese ancestry argues an amicus curiae brief for the JACL before the highest court of our land. It is equally significant that the brief deals with Virginia's anti-miscegenation law, with neither plaintiff being of Japanese ancestry. There can be little dispute that these Japanese Americans who will benefit from the recent court decision to permit the late yen deposit claimants recovery, recently, received a just verdict. The early and ongoing voice of the JACL had something to do with the decision, even as unofficial results are. It is amusing, yet pathetic, that our National Headquarters has been contacted by people who want to know if they can still file claims, even for

PSWDC art show exhibits 40 items

LOS ANGELES — The first PSWDC high school art show, which added color and warmth to the convention, was won by Susan Narita, 18, of Long Beach, who entered an oil. She is the daughter of Mrs. Noble Narita.

Cash prize of \$75 and trophy were awarded by Mrs. Mitsu Sonoda, art show chairman, during the convention luncheon, Miss Narita, Long Beach candidate for Miss PSWDYC, also entered a ceramic which won honorable mention. Over 40 pieces were entered.

Other winners were: 2nd (\$50) — Gail Goto, ELA; 3rd (\$25) — Jane Ishii, Pas; Honorable Mentions — W.L.A.: George Hamano, Selanoco; Seiko Kashihara, ELA; Kikumi Nagao, Ven-Culver; Jim Nakabara, L.A.; Special Awards for ingenuity, originality, creativity — Donna Ikikanda, W.L.A.; Harley Sagar, SFern.

The judges were: Carlo Buonora, Koichi Kawaha, Natsui Tomimatsu. On the committee: Tarye Isono, Haru Nakata, Rose Shiba, Sudi Uyeno, Miye Yoshida.

evacuation losses. Perhaps what is significant is that they called JACL.

Here in the Pacific Southwest, we have dedicated JACLers who serve our national organization in various capacities. Board members David Miura, Henry Kanegae, Ronnie Shiozaki, Dr. Roy Nishikawa, Roy Uno and Kay Nakagiri are all busy men who make time for JACL, because they believe in it.

### 'Thick and Thin'

No less important are those staff professionals, without whom the organization could not function. It is important to make it matter of record that the Pacific Citizen has recently been the



Jerry Enomoto

subject of many compliments. Its editor, Harry Honda, has been with us through the proverbial "thick and thin" and "feast and famine" for 13 years. Not only has he given us a good paper, he has recently given us the benefit of some creative and helpful organizational thinking.

Our Youth Program, surviving its share of troubles, attained national stature last year in San Diego. The development of a District Youth Council here, certainly gave impetus to the whole national movement. The leadership of Kay Nakagiri and other JACLers in PSW, plus the youthful zeal and staff work of Alan Kumasoto, have been vital elements in that success.

While speaking of the youth, I must echo two comments made in my column this week, apropos some reported adult opposition to the interest of youth in certain controversial issues of the day. We encouraged a youth program in JACL, particularly Jr. JACL, on the premise that JACL had something unique to offer young people. It was vague, but might be most simply defined as good citizenship upon a Japanese American cultural backdrop.

Fear of controversy, squelching of curiosity, and refusal to acknowledge dissent, are not means of encouraging good citizenship. Many of today's youth are not content with the comfort of the status quo. Sometimes we will have to be prepared to be uncomfortable when we listen and talk to them.

### Korematsu Decision

Many of you read the editorial in Life Magazine, speaking to the Evacuation and the Korematsu Decision, declaring that process constitutional. It is felt by many that the National resources of the JACL is the best bet to find a test case, and work to reverse that decision.

After saying all this, I realize that our Regional Director Jeffrey Matsui, who has been getting his feet on the ground these past few months has probably been finding the ground shifting under him. Jeff is charged with getting more members, a tough job. The chartering of the Selanoco Chapter and the more recent birth of the San Gabriel Chapter, and possibility of another in the Riverside area, are gratifying and a

tribute to this district. Unfortunately, I continue to hear about the people who don't like "National," or who think we don't need a Washington office, that our representative overpaid. The people who really don't like us because they don't think national has a program, can be educated by all of us.

When the long delayed P. R. Brochure comes out, it will be a useful tool. Those who don't like us, because they disagree with our philosophy about things like civil rights, race relations, will have to join us, and be heard, because I don't think we are going to change that philosophy.

### Tribute to Mike

Very little of what I said today and a lot of what I haven't said, could not be accomplished without a lot of JACLers and the influence and know how of Mike Masaoka.

Since I have assumed the presidency of this organization, I have seen first hand, the extent of JACL-type matters, some not, that get to Washington. Mike is never too busy to at least listen, or reply in writing.

No one in JACL can be counted upon for suggested solutions to problems, or replies to communications solicited counsel quickly and more reliably than Mike. Like all of us he makes mistakes and gets out of line at times, but let no one make the mistake that he can't earn what he's doing for JACL.

Here in PSW we have our National Membership Committee chairman, James Kasahara. His committee is working on a membership kit which, together with the P.R. Brochure, should help us better tell the JACL Story today.

But, in the final analysis, it is up to each of us to help educate the members we have, and the members we want to get.

If you believe in the organization, tell people what the National Program is.

If you don't think the Chapter Program is alive, do something about it.

Listening passively to criticism, and adding our own gripes is not going to improve our program or increase our membership.

### Note of Pride

Finally, I'd like to go back to the title of this column, which I have called "Thick and Thin." We can, indeed, be proud of the JACL, but I think that we can be prouder. There is still much in our democracy that is imperfect.

Since I assumed the responsibilities of this position, I have often heard the charge that we are becoming a partisan organization. It seems to me that some of our good JACLers confuse non-partisanship with non-activity. In these times of National Human Relations Organization can remain insulated from political activity and be effective.

What kinds of political activity, then, might be the real issue? Measures intended to combat discrimination in any sphere of our lives, and to improve the lot of all Americans through the elimination of barriers, like poverty, housing, lack of opportunity constitute a kind of activity I'm talking about. These are not, or perhaps should not be, partisan issues.

The JACL long ago committed itself to support of open housing.

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Here in California, that principle is in serious jeopardy. Who are the legislators who work for an effective, fair housing law? Who are those who seem more interested in repealing what legislation we have, rather than strengthening it to get something done. We should want to know these answers, not their political affiliation.

**Bigotry and Contempt**  
I have been in a field for 15 years in which the direct result of the social ill of discrimination and prejudice are painfully evident among minority groups. Better housing, education, and employment are not the only answers, but they help.

Even in our penal institutions, we are facing the need for taking a good look at staff attitudes on the racial issue.

The President's Crime Commission speaks to the existence of bigotry and contempt for minorities among the police forces of our nation. I recently interviewed an officer in charge of the community relations unit in a police department, who spoke not only to the need to get into certain areas to communicate with people, but to the subtle and not so subtle, prejudice encountered in the official hierarchy.

Some of this is a matter, not of race, but mental health. Not long ago, a PSW JACLer talked to me about a National JACL Project, pushing mental health as a vitally needed program. There seems to be some controversy about this subject now in California, the resolution of which I hope does not result in our walking backwards.

**Intergroup Relations**  
I am a firm believer in the idea that laws set an expectation for people, and because they do, they are entirely deserving of the attack on elimination of

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prejudice. Unhappily we are not going to eliminate prejudice. As a JACLer, I am interested in our organization nationally and locally participating, whenever and wherever possible, in improving communication with other ethnic minorities (Intergroup Relations) if you will, working for laws that eliminate existing discriminations, becoming active in programs that bring impact of private and public resources upon the problems of education and employment.

Several weeks ago, the Sacramento Bee ran an editorial under the heading, "Group Hatred," analyzing the reaction of other minority groups to the Negro's plight.

The piece ended with the statement, "It is too bad more organizations do not emulate the JACL, whose members have overcome the rankest sort of discrimination and prejudice. JACL has not turned inward. JACL knows equality and brotherly understanding are indivisible, surely this lesson can be driven home to other nationality and ethnic groups which have reacted rationally to the Negro's assertion of their right to the American Dream."

I leave it to you to judge whether we are entirely deserving of that description.

Full Commitment I do not believe that Japanese

Americans are more or less human than anyone else. It would be presumptuous of me then to expect too much of our group. Certainly, we have the freedom of choice as JACLers to commit the organization, actively or tokenly, to these concepts. How, I would hope that our pride in the heritage of JACL will permit us nothing short of a full commitment to that concept of a full measure of dignity for all Americans.

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## Ye Editor's Desk

### PSWDC CONVENTION

Manliness does not prevail at this moment in trying to hold back a tear or two in acknowledging the overwhelming response from my many friends who are making it possible for me to join the JACL-Japan Tour come fall. And the only way I can say thanks to them all is our promise to write a series of observations upon return.

That something was afoot by the so-called "Harry Honda Japan Tour" committee was innocently spilled by Crossroads editor Wimp Hiroto in his column. It spoiled the surprise the committee so assiduously sought, but it doesn't compare with the extremely generous amount that was amassed by the committee. To those most responsible, let me assure them I shall have a good time.

But there were other significant incidents at the PSWDC Convention, which call for comment.

What looked like a mistake turned out to be a blessing. The 1000 Club chapter chairman in the district held a caucus with National 1000 Club chairman Dr. Frank Sakamoto while the district council was in session. Rather than taking away from the regular business session, it attracted chapter 1000 Club chairman to the convention who might not have otherwise attended during the day. National committee chairman, therefore, can hold productive meetings with their counterparts at the local level at future district sessions.

We would openly recommend the national president meet with chapter presidents in a special caucus. These more informal sessions with up to a dozen people participating will have a terrific impact on all concerned. It lends to a tighter organization and a better sense of national unity within JACL.

Constant worrying, losing sleep and edgy nerves must be ingredients for a successful venture such as the PSWDC convention, despite the many planning meetings which precede such an undertaking. Proof can be had by asking the convention promoters, Gram Noriyuki, Dr. Richard Sakai, et al.

Aki Ono's brainstorm—the first PSWDC high school art show—gave the JACL convention a new lift. It projected the Sansei to a new plateau,

making the elder Nisei beam with pride. So did the lovely voice of Nancy Fujihira, member of the Venice-Culver JACL sponsored Charming, who thrilled all in a most pleasing manner. She is a member of Young America Singers.

We also acknowledge the continental breakfast in the meeting room preceding the Sunday business session provided by the host Venice-Culver chapter. The meeting started on time that way.

### JUDGE METZGER

Our Aloha from Hawaii editor Richard Gima, who must from necessity be brief in covering the personalities and events of the week, related the passing of 92-year-old Judge Delbert E. Metzger. Let us add some additional comments and notes.

As federal judge from 1939 to 1952 in Hawaii, Metzger might have prevented the Evacuation in 1942 were he in California. He was that kind of judge.

During World War II, Metzger was willing to take on a military government that had ruled too sternly and too long in relation to the diminished enemy threat. He fined Lt. Gen. Richardson, Army commander in Hawaii, \$5,000 for contempt of court. The U.S. Supreme Court upheld Metzger.

The judge also declared a decree restricting foreign language schools to be invalid. Metzger had a grand jury list thrown out because it didn't fairly reflect the racial makeup in Hawaii. He also held that because a man had served in the Japanese Army did not mean he had to forfeit his American citizenship.

A confirmed battler of constitutional rights, the Kansas-born Democrat who came to Hawaii in 1899 and organizing the Democratic party a year later on Kauai, Metzger kept his integrity in the early 1950s when the nation was preoccupied with the excesses of McCarthyism. Of significance was his ruling to reduce the bail of seven islanders facing the Communist conspiracy charges under the Smith Act from \$75,000 to \$5,000.

Noted the Honolulu Advertiser in its editorial last week: "Whatever one's views on that era, there is no question he was right in ruling that bail was never intended as a punishment for defendants before trial." The "Hawaii Seven" were eventually acquitted.

### Sakura Script: by Jim Henry

## Ugly Americans?

Sankei Kim is quoted: "The U.S. considers non-communist Asian countries only as her anti-Red front bases. She treats Korea from the point of strategy, too. This is clearly revealed by the proportion of her military and economic aid to Korea."

Pointing out that the U.S. Vietnam policy is "no exception," the weekly further quotes Aichi Prof. Tokumatsu Sakamoto: "Do Americans know that Vietnamese are calling them insane?"

4-Americans have "no sense of ideas." In other words, Americans can understand ideas "only on the basis of yes-or-no, democracy or communism and enemy or friend." He said: "Therefore they cannot understand that what is moving Asia is not communism but simple emotions and ideas of racial independence."

5-Americans are "salesmen of idealism." "Idealism is always confronted with contradictions," says the weekly. "But led by goodwill, Americans tend to tackle such contradictions by force. Therefore they have no time to think of others... Each American is selling American goodwill and idealism."

Adds Prof. Kunihiro: "Put yourself in the position of those who are forced to buy it." 6-Americans "consider prosperity above all else." Critic Royama is quoted:

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### Mother's Day 1967

Editor: There is a remarkable Issei woman living in California. She is the mother of ten Nisei children; grandmother of 19 Sansei grandchildren, and great grandmother of five Yonsei children.

She works in the garden of her home, raising flowers and vegetables. She takes the beautiful flowers she raises with her on regular trips to the final resting place of her deceased spouse in Oakland. He, too, loved his garden and the beauty of nature. He passed away just one year short of celebrating their golden wedding anniversary.

Among the vegetables she raises are Italian beans and kohlrabi which she makes into "Otsukemono." Her children who visit her from the East from time to time, would rather sit in her kitchen to enjoy Otsukemono with her kohlrabi than dine in the best restaurants in San Francisco.

This Issei woman, like thousands of other Japanese women, came to the United States as a Japanese picture bride over 60 years ago, entering the U.S. via Seattle, before settling in California.

Who can ever forget the rollicking laughter of her children at the time she reminiscently told them that when her husband (and their father) came up to Seattle to claim her, he wanted to buy her a pair of omen's shoes. She said, no, she didn't need any as she already had a pair—showing him the pair of oversized man's clodhoppers, given to her by a sailor.

As the years passed by this Issei woman met and overcame, with amazing fortitude, the many problems, she had to face as a mother of 10 children. Through all the hardships, the heartaches, and pains, she has never lost her sense of balance. This probably is the key to her success in life. She kept everything on an even keel. She loved her family and they loved her.

In addition, she has been a friend to many, young and old alike. She is now in her

eighties—getting on in years, but still young in spirit and doing what she likes best to do. She goes to church to worship and she visits with her friends. She has an abiding faith in God that He will take care of everything. She is at peace with herself and feels grateful for each day.

This Issei has always had a great desire for learning, thirsting after knowledge of many things. She still goes to public school each day to learn to read and write better. When she is praised for her perseverance in attending classes, she is embarrassed. With a twinkle in her eyes and a quick laugh which lights up her whole face, she says she forgets more than she is learning.

After she became an American citizen (Walter McCarran Act) she intensified her educational efforts more and more. She challenges her grandson who is in an Ohio college by writing letters to him in English. She even suggests that it would be nice if he would learn some Japanese and write to her in simple Japanese.

Like so many Issei pioneer women who had to work hard, by the sweat of her brow she eked out a livelihood and taught her children by living example, all about the finer virtues of life—honesty, respect, duty, honor, thrift, courtesy, and kindness. She sent her four sons to serve in the U.S. Army during WWII, while she and her husband remained in a relocation camp. She said that for them to serve was to be a responsible male U.S. Citizen. She admonished her sons to serve with honor.

This and other thoughts came to me as I read Jeffrey Matsui's comments about the Issei in his PC column (April 21). The Issei left a great heritage to the Nisei and we are forever grateful to them. The Issei pioneer woman about whom I have written is my mother.

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### In bad taste

Editor: I was disappointed to read Tamotsu Murayama's "Tokyo Topics" on the subject of Editor Kay Nishida in the May 5 PC.

In my opinion such statements are conclusions or observations by Mr. Murayama which serve no useful or positive purpose. For the Pacific Citizen to pass on this matter reflects poor editorial judgment.

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offering such stories "to stir up anti-American feelings," but "to help Americans understand Asia better."

Still, it concludes with the childish nonsensical comments to writer Shotoro Yasuoka who not long ago wrote a book titled, "Sentimental Journey Around the United States."

"I understand very little about the Vietnam war," he says. "But isn't the U.S. wrong in this case, too? The U.S. is a country with the history of wiping out all the American Indians. (There are more American Indians living today than 100 years ago—Editor's Note.) Perhaps, being confused by their frontier spirit, they are ready to wipe out all the Viet Cong people. But things won't go as well as they wish. It will be a grave matter if they misconstrue the Vietnam war as a western." And still the controversy rages!

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## In the Hopper: Harold Gordon Back in Harness

Chicago After a "sabbatical" of several years, I have the mixed feelings of one who goes on an extended vacation—it is good to get away—and good to be back.

In the past few years, I have been confining my activities JACL-wise to occasional bull-sessions with Shig re the research project, and with Kumeo on problems which arose during his term as National President—also an occasional stint as M.C. at a local function.

It is good to be in the swim again and have the memos come piling across my desk—some dealing with old familiar problems—but with so large a volume dealing with new ones, that I wonder at the occasional suggestion that JACL should confine itself to socials and picnics. Nature of these memos will be the subject of a future column.

In this one I shall comment briefly on the manner in which the 1965 amendment to the Immigration Law has been working in practice.

### 15 YEARS LATER

I vividly remember the soul-searching at the time of the passage of the 1952 Act. Our friends in the Leadership Conference, as well as large numbers of JACLers were disturbed because JACL, as a matter of national policy, did not actively oppose the passage of the act which retained the obnoxious national origins quotas, but instead supported and aided in the passage of the law because of the material benefit to persons of Japanese ancestry.

The lapse of 13 years, from 1952 to 1965, before the next important changes in the Immigration Law were adopted (including the abolition of the national origins quotas)—the heart-warming spectacle of the naturalization, in their declining years, of thousands of Issei—and the large numbers of immigrants from Japan, despite the minuscule quota of 185, vindicated the "bird in the hand" policy of 1952.

### MORE CHANGES NEEDED

Just as the 1952 Act left much to be desired, the major amendment of 1965 created new problems which require remedial legislation.

On the plus side are the liberal provisions for pooling of unused quotas, so that every country can share on the same basis; the preferences created for the re-uniting of families; and elimina-

tion of the Asia-Pacific Triangle, placing Japan and other Asian countries on an equal footing with other countries. On the other hand the new amendment creates new restrictions, the most far-reaching of which is the requirement that prospective immigrants with no close relatives in the U.S. have a profession or skill which is in short supply in this country and that each applicant obtain an individual "labor clearance" from the Department of Labor, to that effect.

Under the prior law, if the Secretary of Labor did not affirmatively certify the labor market was over-supplied, immigration was not affected. An official of the Department of Labor put it this way: "Under the old system, the door was open unless the Secretary of Labor chose to close it. Under the new system, the door is closed unless the Secretary decides to open it."

The hardest hit, as the operation of the amendment appears to be developing are the immigrants (like my parents or those of yours who came over prior to, and after, the turn of the century) who, while they might have sufficient background or native intelligence to make good citizens, do not have a profession or skill which is short supply. Under the present act this type of immigrant will be virtually eliminated.

Other inequities have cropped up which evidently were overlooked by the framers of the amendment; e.g. there is at present no preference status for parents of resident aliens; natives of the western hemisphere have not only been put under a quota limitation (120,000) for the first time, but are actually discriminated against in certain respects to the detriment of our "good neighbor" policy.

However the principal stumbling block has been the requirement for labor certification which has actually placed the Department of Labor ahead of the Immigration Service in determining which immigrants have the required professions and skills in short supply.

Efforts are now being made by various congressmen, including Senator Fong, who has recently introduced a number of bills to alleviate these new restrictions. However with the prevailing sentiment in Congress for protecting the American labor market, no changes are likely to be made in the immediate future.

### By the Board: Ron Shiozaki

## PSW Impressions

Gardena Convention is over but the pleasant and exciting thoughts of the well organized and successful PSWDC Convention at the Airport Marina Hotel in Westchester on May 5-7 will probably long remain even after the "hangover" disappears.

The tone of the convention was set by the successful 1000 Club Whing-Ding that opened on Friday under the very capable guidance of district 1000 Club chairman Dr. Bob Obi and chapter 1000 Club chairman George Isoda. Presence of our National 1000 Club chairman from Chicago, Dr. Frank Sakamoto and his effervescent and entertaining personality, blended into one hilarious night of gaiety and laughter as various chapters put on skits that would have won "Emmy" in any competition. It might be noted to that superb job of MCing was done by Dr. Fred Fujiwara, and complemented with professional talents donated by Sue Joe and Mas Hamasu.

Saturday morning bright and early a special meeting with national prexy, Jerry Enomoto and other national officers and board members that were in attendance proved to be highly productive and enjoyable. We were fortunate also to have with us Kaz Horita, EDC governor and National Planning chairman, who just happened to be in Los Angeles on other business.

Regular business session began from noon and agenda moved unexpectedly well and the session adjourned on time with a little time to spare.

That evening the Convention Banquet was very well attended and under the capable hands of Dr. Tak Shishino who MC'd the program a wonderful evening was enjoyed by all. Speaker Victor Carter who made an excellent talk was given a citation for his many years of work as a great community leader, philanthropist and a great friend of the Japanese Americans.

Also recognized for many years of dedicated work to the JACL were Frances Kitagawa of Venice-Culver and Danar Abe of Hollywood who were awarded the JACL Silver Pin for service on chapter level

10 years or more. Sapphire pins for 10 years or more service on the district or national level were awarded to Dr. John Kashiwabara of Long Beach and Miwa Yanamoto of Hollywood.

Business-session was concluded by Sunday noon with several excellent district projects proposed. First of which will be the presentation of "Concert Japanese" featuring the Long Beach Symphony Orchestra under sponsorship of the Long Beach-Harbor District Chapter on May 21. The conductor of this outstanding symphony orchestra is Akira Edo, member of the Long Beach chapter. Also featured will be renowned kotoist, Kazuo Kudo.

Second project that was sanctioned was the proposed "Japan Days" at the fabulous Century City Plaza. A tremendous opportunity for the PSWDC to promote Japanese art and culture, it also has great potential as excellent source of revenue for the district. Date of the affair has not yet been set.

The convention was concluded with an excellent luncheon featuring our very articulate and personable National President Jerry Enomoto, who delivered a provocative message, "A Perspective of JACL."

During the program a special presentation was made, which felt was the highlight of the entire convention. A special committee known as the "Friends of Harry Honda" presented to our fine editor of the Pacific Citizen a free trip of the "orthodox JACL Japan Tour."

When Muriel Merrell, president of the Hollywood chapter and one of the persons instrumental in activating the movement, called Harry to the rostrum the thunderous applause and standing ovation was a fervent expression of appreciation and high regard for dear friend Harry Honda. Response from Harry was brief but his expressions and comments affected every person in attendance. It was indeed a touching moment of mutual and reciprocal appreciation. I know that when I say "Bon Voyage" it carries with the wishes of all your dear friends.

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