

With a crowd of more than 500 including many Issei and Nisei from Bay area cities, a fitting ceremony was held Saturday morning at the Alameda Naval Air Station at which the bust of the late Dr. Hideo Noguchi was presented to Consul General Akira Nishiyama for shipment to Japan.

The Voice of America representative, Mrs. Atsumi Minami, tape recorded the entire ceremony. It will be broadcast to Japan by VOA on Nov. 9 (Japan time) at the time of the final presentation to the Dr. Noguchi Memorial Society on the 80th anniversary of Noguchi's birth.

William Gordon Huff, 53-year-old sculptor of the Noguchi bust, will fly to Japan to be present at the final presentation. He is seen in the picture above with his handiwork. At the base of the bust is an inscription, whose type was set up as public service by The Hokubei Mainichi job printing department.

The bronze memorial was unveiled at the ceremony by Huff's 11-year-old son, Colin, and Carolyn Etsuko Togasaki, 13-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Sim Togasaki of Alameda.

Some 25 usherettes in kimono were present to add color to the ceremony.

They included Ann Maeyama, Kiyoko Sato, Judy Takeda, Jean Hattori, Pat Nakano, Ann Yamashita, Judy Towata, Amy Fujimori, Irene Takagawa, Ann Nakayama, Kiyomi and Satoko Sugiyama, Diane Yumai, Kay Takao, Gay Minamoto, Joyce Yokomizo, Nancy Tani, Ruth Yokoyama, Toshiko Kanzaki, Keiko Kuritsubo, Francis Ochikubo, Keiko Takahashi, Martha Kawakami, Carolyn Shigemitsu, and Katsuyo Murakawa. Some of these girls are pictured above.

The bust was completed with financial assistance given by civilian employees of the Alameda Naval Air Station. Dr. Noguchi, world famous bacteriologist, died in 1928 while testing his own preventive vaccine and curative serum for yellow fever in African jungles.



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Judy Towata **Kiyomi Sugiyama** **Ann Nakayama** **Pat Nakano**

Amy Fujimori **Jean Hattori** **Irene Takagawa** **Kiyo Sato** **Judy Takeda**

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Photo taken at the Buddhist Temple of Alameda, CA