

## NO MORE FIRES

"We haven't had any recent fires, so why not get rid of our fire department," someone once said.

His reasoning is way out of line, you say. We agree. This kind of complacent thinking is dangerous. Okay, but how come we talk about a fire department, you ask? What's it got to do with you?

It has plenty to do with you. There is a fire department that you've got to keep going.

The JACL and its legislative arm, the Anti-Discrimination Committee, is your fire department. It's a super fire department because it not only puts out fires and prevents conflagrations, but does a whole lot more for the Nisei and Issei in America.

The JACL-ADC Fire Chief is Mike Masaoka, National Legislative Director. The Washington department and the branch departments throughout America have used modern American apparatus and fire-fighting techniques--representations before Congress, courts of law, and government and private groups, and public relations and community education through newspaper and magazine editorials and articles, radio and television broadcasts, and speaking engagements by JACL-ADC board and staff members.

Here are the fires and the smoldering coals of the past four years which the JACL-ADC has extinguished:

Nullified the effectiveness of the California Alien Land Law \* Helped wipe out the denial of commercial fishing licenses to Issei \* Expunged the Alien Land Law in the State of Utah \* Halted the deportation and separation from their families of some 2,000 Issei \* Restored government vested property to Nisei stragdees \* Eliminated the requirement of "limited passports" to Hawaiian Issei visiting the mainland.

Removed racial discrimination in cemeteries \* Prevented the production of anti-Japanese racist motion pictures \* Eliminated, with other groups, the ban against non-whites by the American Bowling Congress \* Joined in court action which outlawed racial restrictive covenants \* Prevented the passage by Congress of bills which would have deported every Issei in America and another that would have confiscated the property of all Issei.

JACL-ADC's fire-fighting service has enhanced your community status:

Passage of the Evacuation Claims Bill \* Legislation permitting the filing of claims for losses on contraband property \* Another amending the GI Brides Bill to permit Japanese wives to enter the United States \* And still another granting naturalization for Issei serving in the Armed Forces \* Compensation for fire losses suffered by residents of Poston and Manzanar \* Acceptance of Nisei into all branches of the Armed Forces without segregation \* Extension of filing date for yen deposit claims \* Reopening of mail and parcel post delivery to Japan and Okinawa.

The Southern California branch of the JACL-ADC not only combats local discriminatory fires, but renders many community aids:

Welfare service and referral for the aged, needy, blind, orphaned unemployed and disabled \* Informational and advisorial services on many problems common to Japanese Americans--naturalization, deportation, stragdees, GI brides, evacuation claims, social security, unemployment and other welfare problems \* Alien registration service, assistance in filing naturalization papers, and sponsorship of citizenship and Americanization classes.

A Christmas Cheer program to bring Yuletide warmth to destitute families by the JACL Club Service Bureau, which coordinates the city-wide club activities of Nisei and Saneis \* Participation with other civic groups in stamping out embers in the general field of civil rights \* And a multitude of miscellaneous personal services to all who ask JACL's help.

There are still many fires, sparks and smoldering embers that must still be stamped out. But you and your community will be safer with an alert and ready JACL-ADC fire fighting organization. Still smoking:

- Issei are still denied citizenship. The JACL-ADC must wipe out racial restrictions in our naturalization laws.
- The Oriental Exclusion Law of 1924 must be repealed, as must the 37 year-old Alien Land Law of California
- The bogged-down Evacuation Claims program of the Dept. of Justice must be liberalized and expedited.
- A vigorous public relations program must be pursued to retain and strengthen favorable public sentiment.
- Representations by the JACL-ADC must constantly be pressed at public and private levels to attain equality of status, treatment and opportunity.

No fire department can operate effectively without a crew and equipment. The best fire department consists of a network of station houses financially supported by the community. The JACL-ADC is such a fire department that needs your financial support. Your welfare and the welfare of your community are at stake.

The JACL-ADC in Southern California must raise \$22,775 in 1951 to help keep the Washington and Los Angeles departments in operation. Solicitors will soon call on you for your contribution. Please donate generously to this community cause.

Support the 1951 JACL-ADC fund drive!

Sincerely,

Southern California JACL  
Anti-Discrimination Committee

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JACL-ADC Legislative Director Mike Masaoka on steps of Nation's Capitol.

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SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA REGIONAL OFFICE  
258 EAST FIRST STREET  
LOS ANGELES 12, CALIFORNIA



## 私達の権利を擁護する 反差委に御協力下さい

今から九ヶ年前日系市民は鐵柵の中に捕われの身となつておりました。今日においても、あの當時のように、軍事上必要であるという理由の下に、少数民族の基本的人權……自由と安寧……がおびやかされようとしております。日系市民協會はそのような危険に對して終始警戒し、差別待遇や人種偏見に對抗して平等な地位と機會を得るよう努力しております。

市民協會はどういう仕事をしているかという事を皆さんに知つていただくには、先づ立法運動のことから始めなくてはなりません。首都ワシントンにおいては、立退損害賠償法、禁制品の返還申請法、戦時花嫁法の修正、一世の送還停止令、軍務服役者の歸化、ポストン・マシナ、センターにおける火災損害賠償、その他日系人に有利な法案を通過させると共に、不利な法案を未然に防ぎました。

又法廷におきましては、大山土地法や 高橋漁業權のケースを勝利に導き、加州の外人土地法に對しては、目下抗訴中でありませぬ。更に大審院においては、人種差別を非合法化する判決を得ましたし、全米ボーリング聯盟より人種差別の規則を除去したのは特筆に値します。

市協反差委では、更に各方面の代表者を通じてユタ州の外人土地法を撤廢させ、米國軍隊のあらゆる部門に二世が入れるようにし、圓預

金申請期間の延期、在ハワイ一世の渡米手續の緩和、日本及沖繩への郵便配達等を可能にし、一世の日本訪問の機會を均等にし、或は又日系人排斥を意圖する映畫の製作を阻止し、且つ日系人の住宅、就職問題を解決すべく努力致しました。

又 ラヂオ、テレビジョン、新聞、或は集會等によつて、米人社會との融合を圖り、「背かれたアメリカ人」の出版や映畫「ゴー・フォアブローック」の企畫に參與する事によつて社會教育に専念してあります。

地方事務所の仕事としましては、老人、困窮者、孤兒、失業者、不具者の救濟手續を行い、又ストランデイー、戦時花嫁、歸化、送還歸國許可證、禁制品、立退賠償、市民權離脱、圓預金、社會補償金、外人登録、其他の御相談に應じます。二世社會クラブの連絡を圖り、又他の公共團體と協力して公民權の確立に盡していることは皆さんが既に御存知の通りです。



生活困窮者にクリスマス・プレゼントを贈ろうと協力して働く二世の青年男女



歸化學校卒業式で郡參事會のフォード氏より證書を受取る卒業生

私達が現在まで完成した仕事は多くありますが、それに満足することなく、残つている問題を解決すべく努力しなくてはなりません。

歸化法、移民法、土地法の改正、立退損害賠償の促進、ハワイの立州化、公民權の確立等々今後私達の採り上げなくてはならない問題は多々ありますが、それには何といつても資金が必要です。皆さんの將來は實に市協反差委の双肩にかゝつてい

るのですから、どうか經濟的に出来るだけの御援助をお願い致します。南加のゴールは二万二千七百七十五弗です。委員がお伺いの節はどうか宜しくお願ひ申し上げます。

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日系市民協會反差委員會

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