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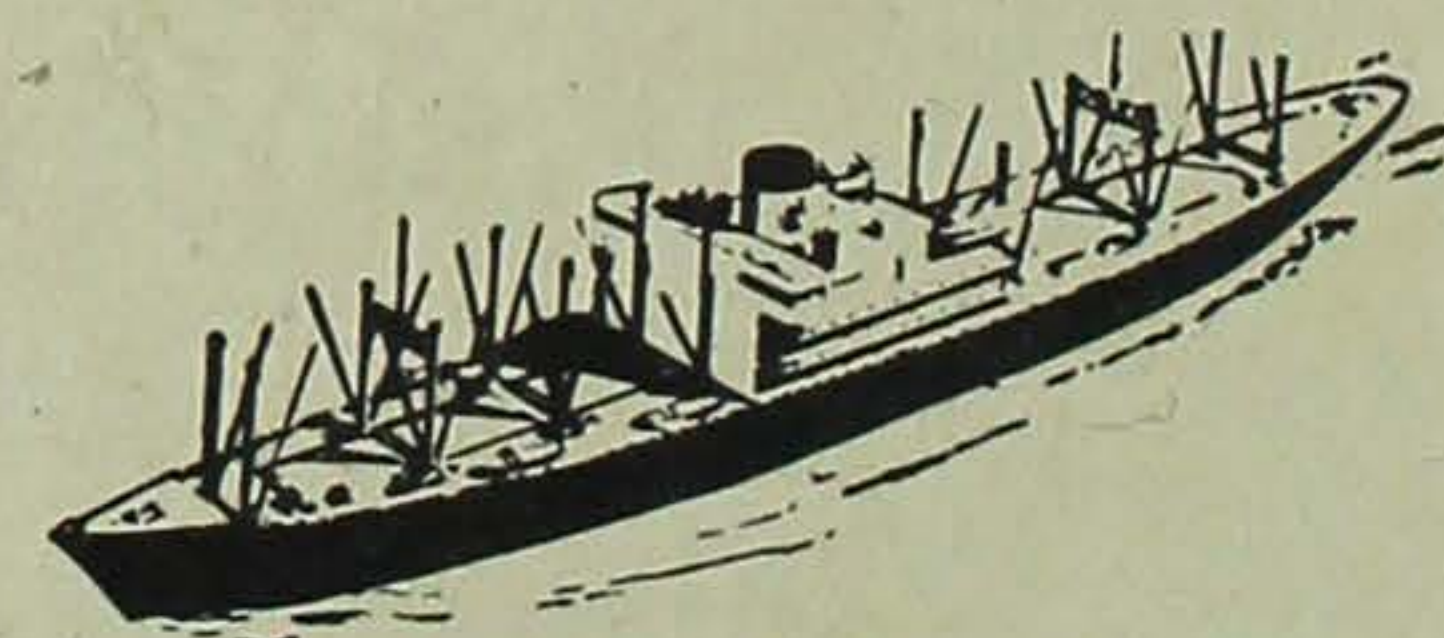
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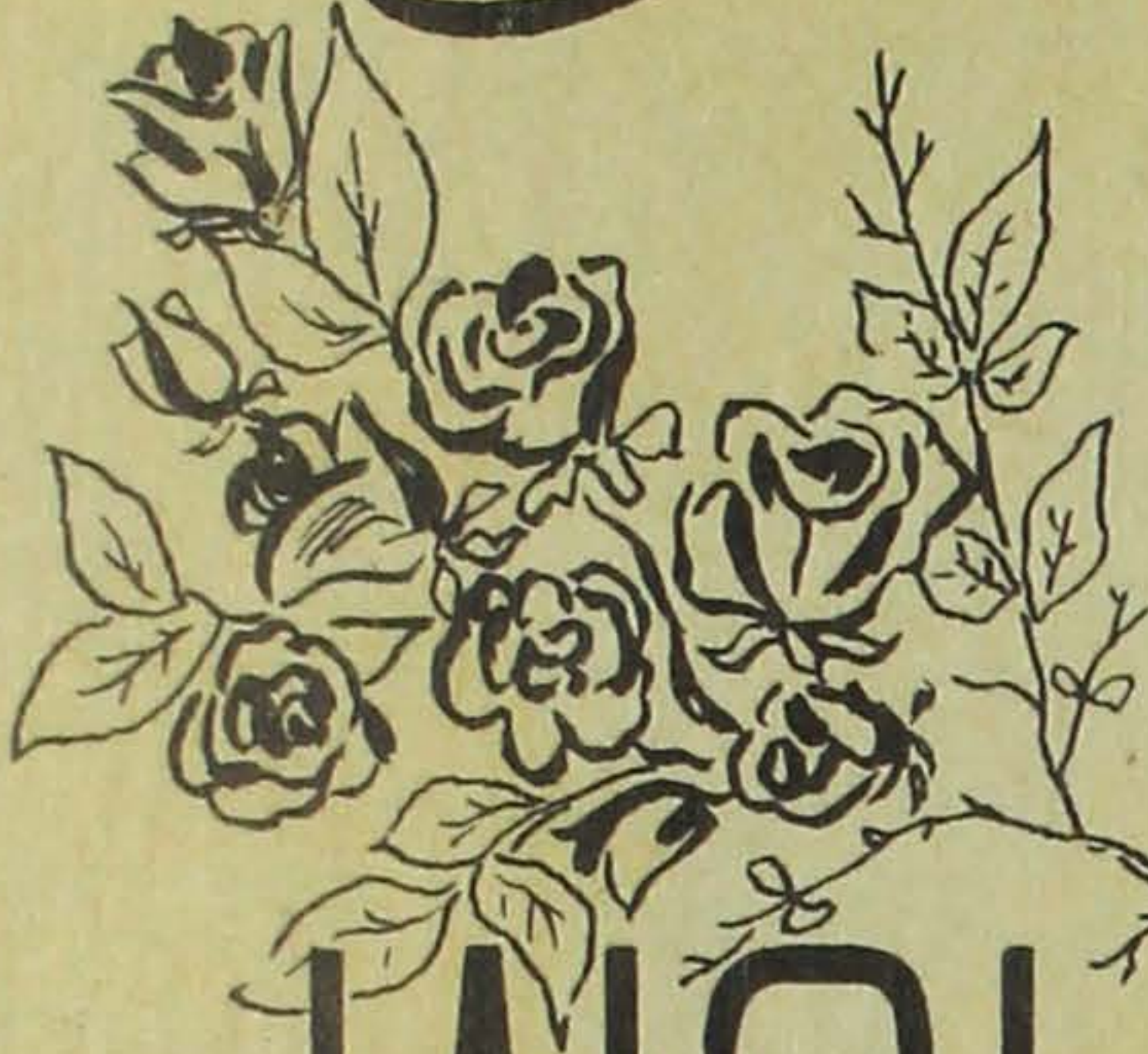
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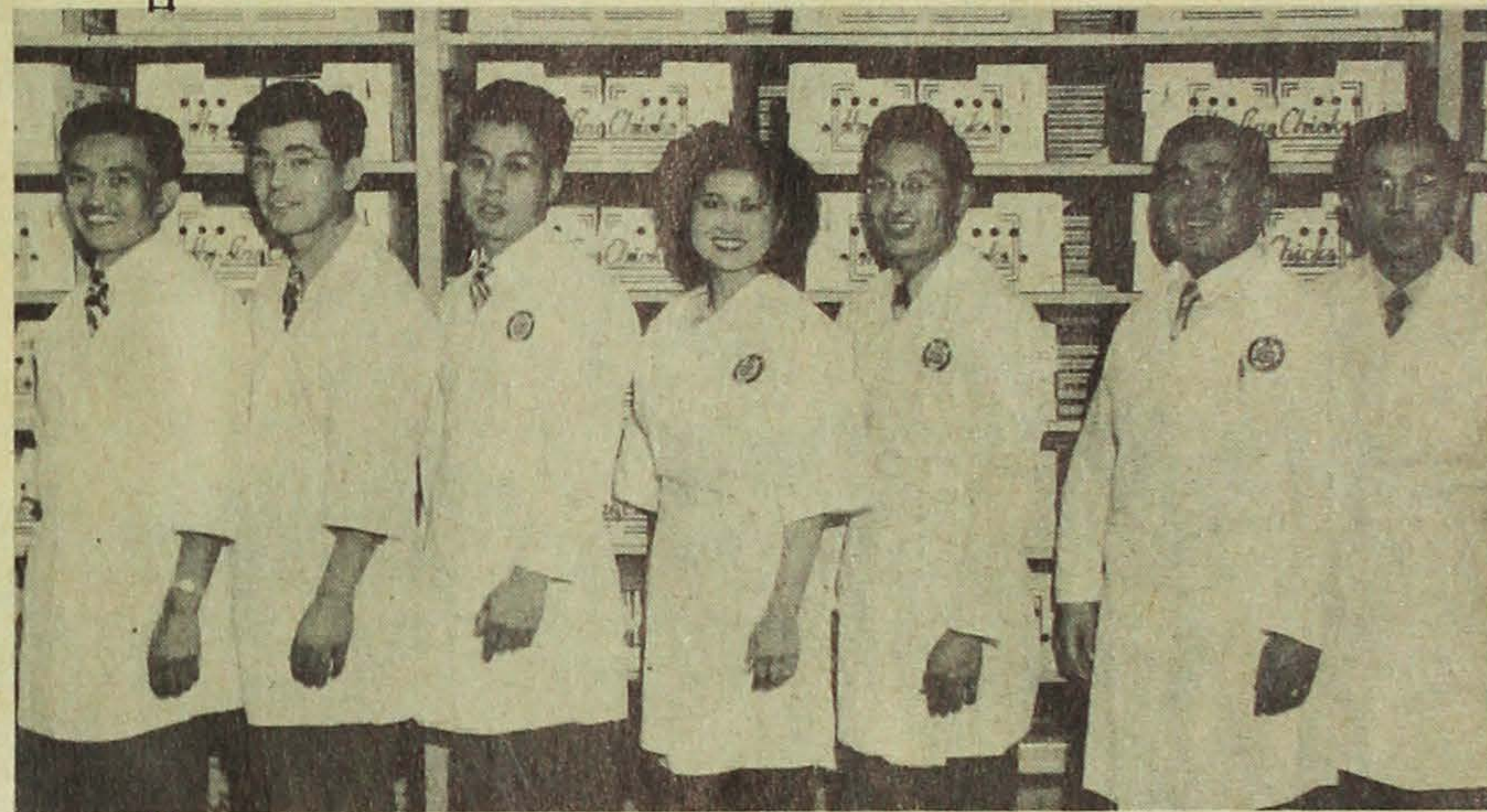
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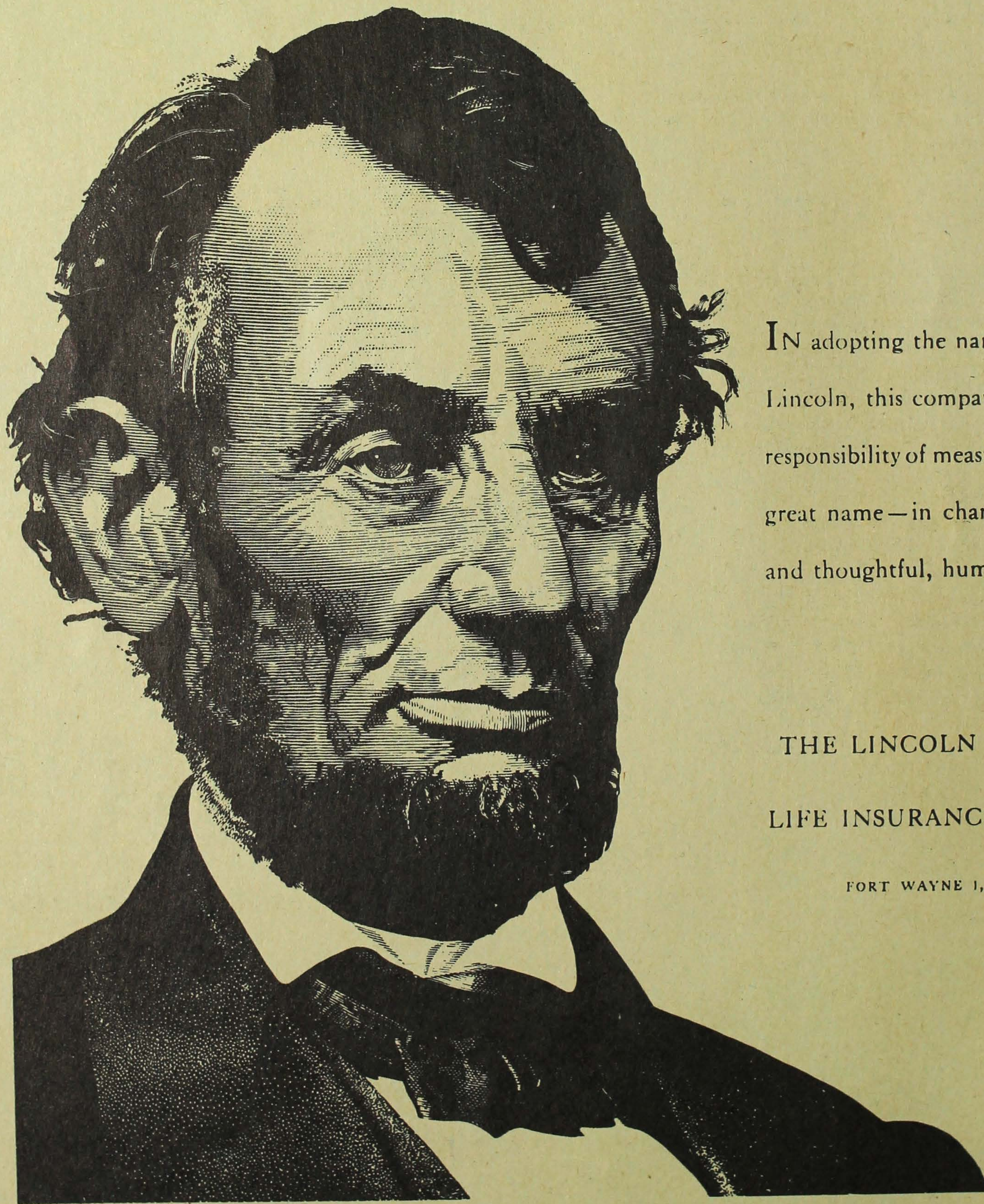


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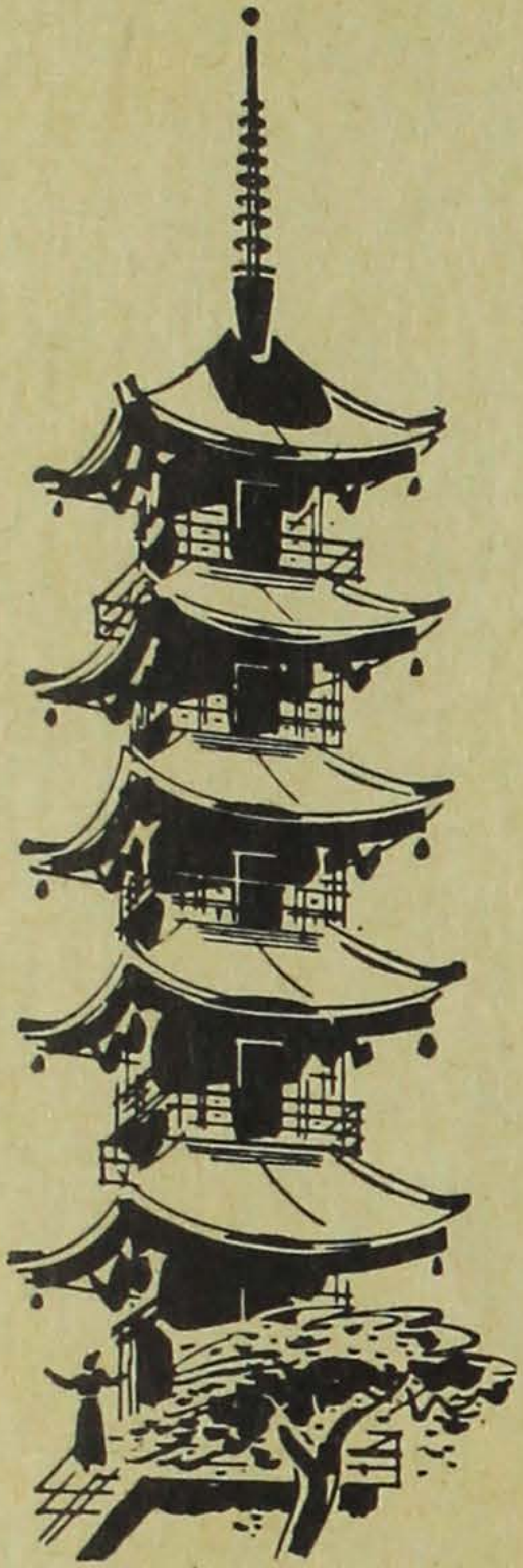
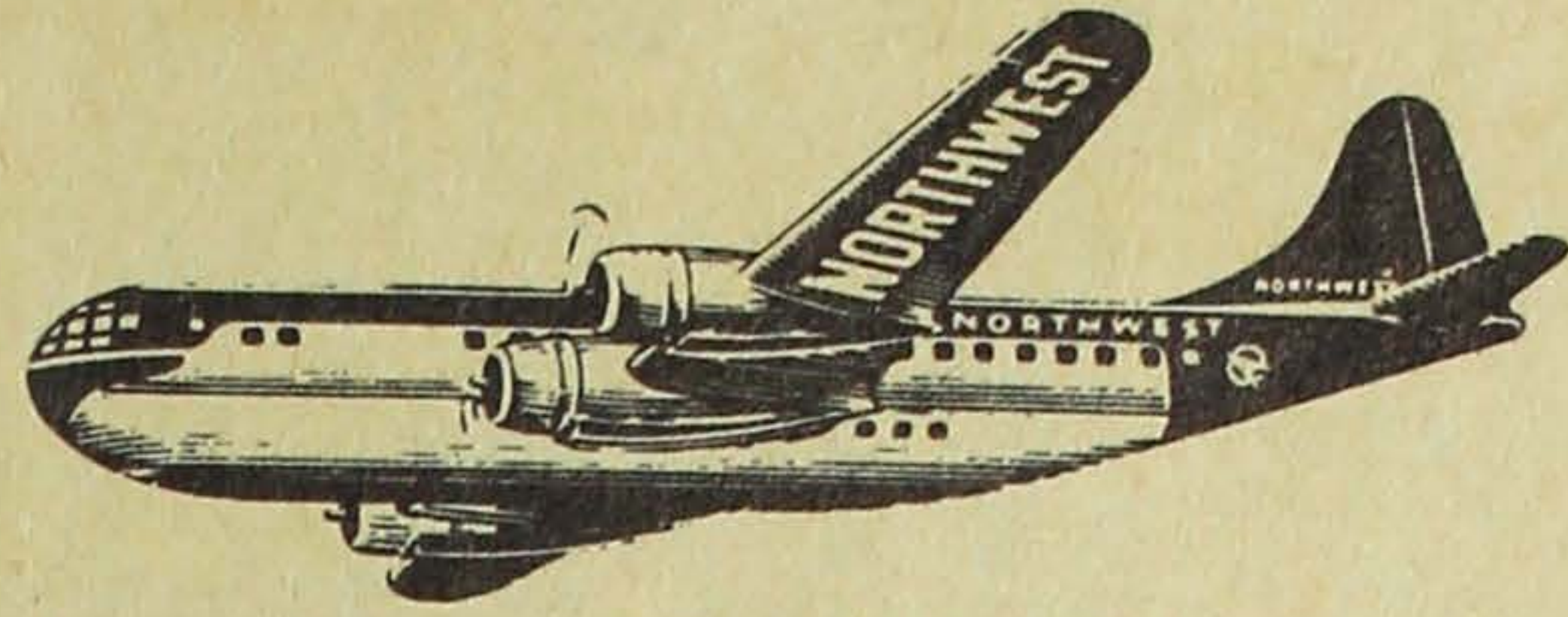


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The Japanese American Creed

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Although some individuals may discriminate against me, I shall never become bitter or lose faith, for I know that such persons are not representative of the majority of the American people. True, I shall do all in my power to discourage such practices but I shall do it in the American way; above board; in the open, through courts of law, by education, by proving myself to be worthy of equal treatment and consideration.. I am firm in my belief that American sportsmanship and attitude of fair play will judge citizenship and patriotism on the basis of action and achievement, and not on the basis of physical characteristics..

Because I believe in America, and I trust she believes in me, and because I have received innumerable benefits from her, I pledge myself to do honor to her at all times and in all places; to support her Constitution; to obey her laws; to respect her Flag; to defend her against all enemies, foreign or domestic, to actively assume my duties and obligations as a citizen cheerfully and without any reservations whatsoever, in the hope that I may become a better American in a greater America..

As read before the United States Senate and printed in the Congressional Record May 9, 1941

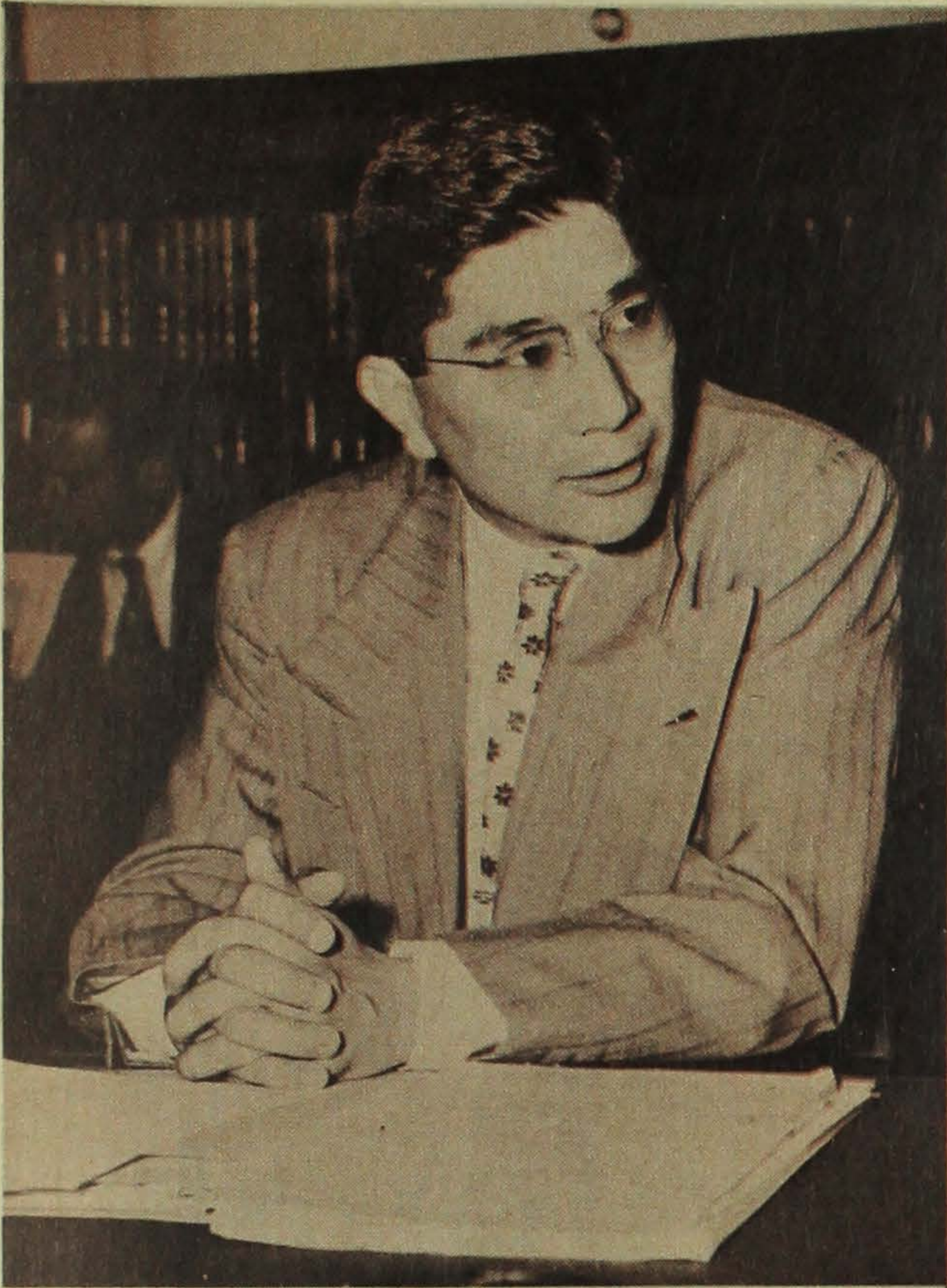
Mike Masaoka

THERE ARE all sorts of legends about the bit of prose known as the Japanese American Creed. Some of them revolve around whether Mike Masaoka was sitting, standing or lying down when the words began to flow across the screen of his fast-moving mind. Others picture the process as having taken place in the dead of the night in two minutes flat—an impulsive outpouring of thoughts pent up in a Nisei charged with a heavy job. As the newly appointed National Secretary of the JACL in 1941—a tension-laden year—Mike had to sell the Nisei as a strictly American commodity.

The Creed took hold because it is genuine. It came straight from the heart of a man who believed and lived

every word of it—who stood first in line when it came time to put up or shut up. The author of the Creed was the first Japanese American volunteer for the 442nd Combat Team.

Whatever the legends about the Creed or its author, the fact is now on record that this document has become the most widely quoted expression of Nisei allegiance to America. It has been read literally thousands of times from pulpit, lectern and forum; broadcast over radio; printed in the Congressional Record; repeated in the halls of Congress; read by millions; translated into foreign languages. Appropriately enough, the engrossed copy reproduced here is the handwork of JACL National Director Masao Satow.



*'We have
traveled far'*

The march of progress is slow and unsteady. It often is cluttered with unforeseen troubles that darken the brightest hopes and depress the stoutest spirits. Occasionally it is good that we stop and consider for a moment the past. Only then can we truly appreciate the gains that have been made, the distance already traveled.

The position of those of Japanese ancestry in America is good.

One by one the discriminatory laws aimed at our people have been wiped out. Step by step we are achieving our greatest goal—full equality in and under the law.

Indeed, the marked improvement of the place of our people in the mainstream of life is magnificent.

And for this we must thank each other. We must pay a continuing tribute to the gallantry of the Nisei GIs who proved their worth in the mud and blood of battle during World War II, and who today are fighting courageously in the forefront of the United Nations forces in Korea.

We must remember with gratitude the economic sacrifices so many have made that we could continue to strive for justice in this land.

We must recall the loyal service, the cooperation and the responsibility so many men and women, some whose names we know and others who are quiet people in the ranks, who have forged a distinguished organization dedicated to the common welfare of not only its members but of every American in this democracy.

Together, we have traveled far.

Yes, there are goals still unreached. But we have learned that the gains of the past have been reached through unified efforts and because of the great cooperation each has offered, as he has been able, to the common cause of democracy.

Together we will solve the problems that yet lie ahead.

Through unity we have found security. Side by side we are becoming better Americans in a greater America.

MIKE MASAOKA

National JACL-ADC Legislative Director

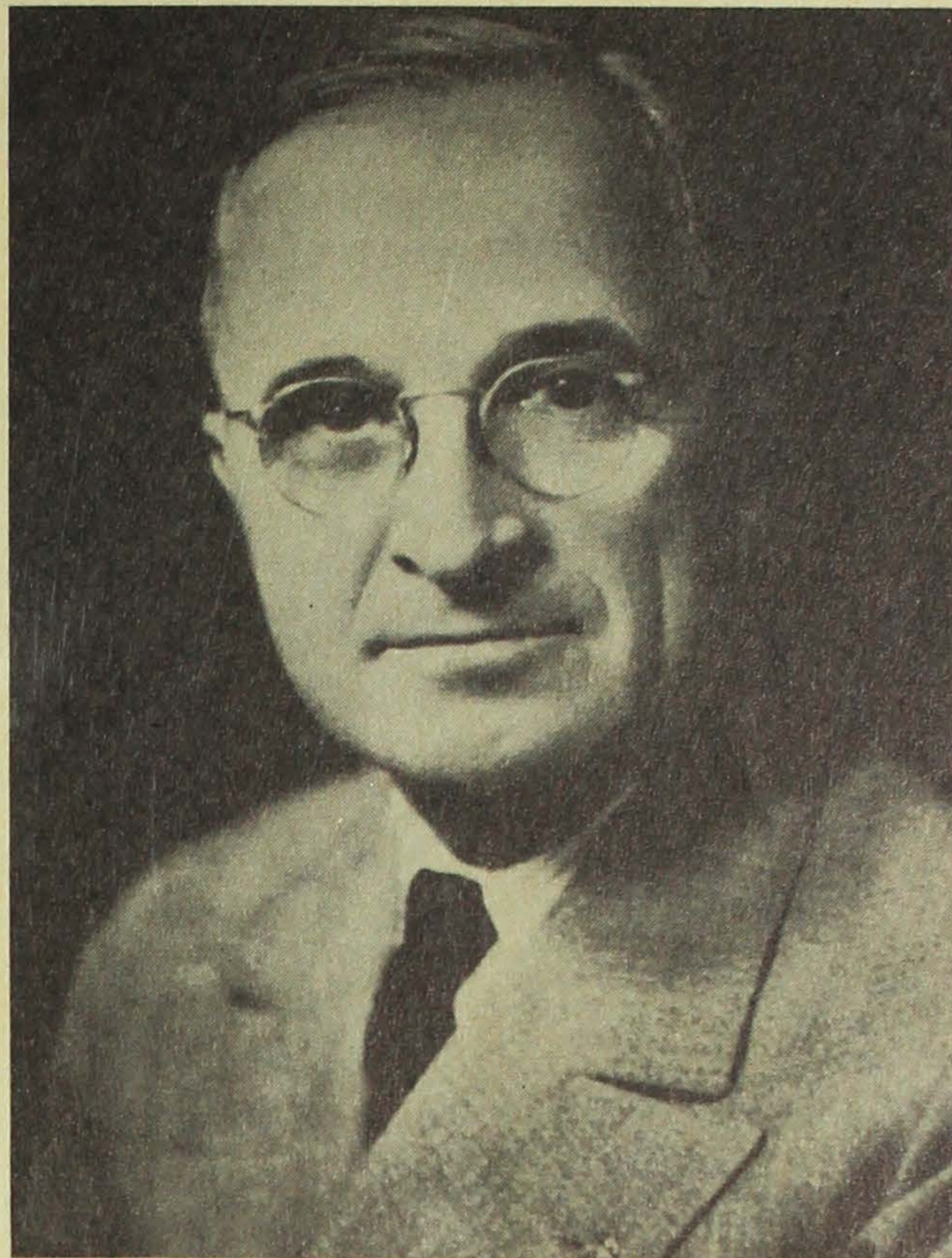
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The members of the Japanese American Citizens League have proved anew that decency and justice cannot be long frustrated if we stand together to create new and better bonds of understanding between free citizens in a free nation.

Today our basic freedoms are threatened by a totalitarian philosophy. I know that you will continue to be resolute and courageous in our fight to preserve the blessings of liberty for ourselves and to make them available to all men everywhere.

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Harry S. Truman". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long, sweeping horizontal line at the end.

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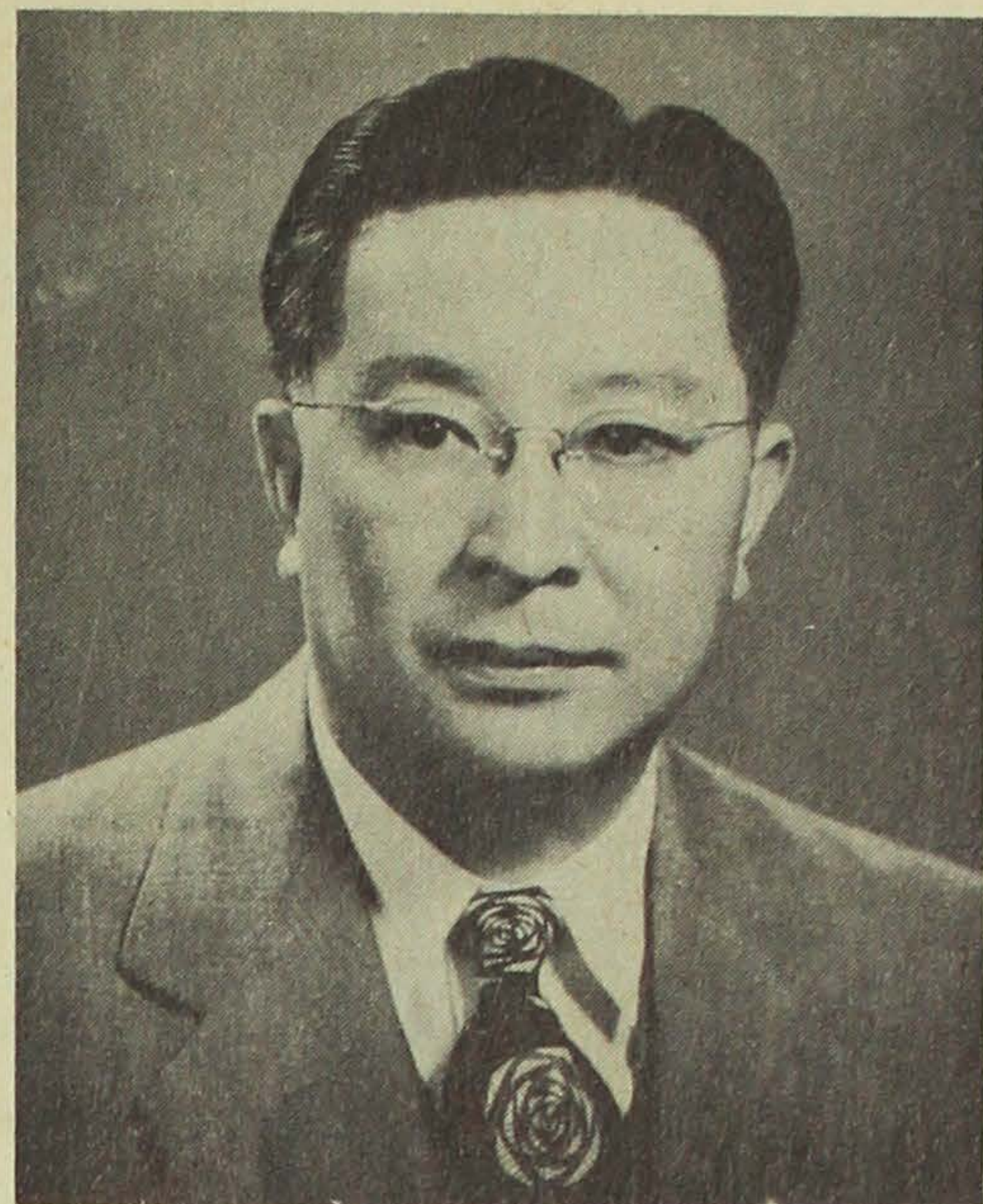
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I hope that I can personally meet every member attending this convention in order that I might extend my personal greetings and appreciation; however, I am also taking this medium to express my deep gratification for your support and the support of those whom you represent, that manifests itself in the success of our program and the growth of our organization.

The major objectives of our legislative program have been attained. The task remains for those assembled here to chart the immediate course of the JACL for the next biennium, and to plan the long-time objectives.

The last several years we have been necessarily forced to consider the immediate problems confronting us, foregoing long-time organizational objectives. I sincerely hope that at this convention we might resolve something along the line of a future course based on a long-time plan, looking far beyond the next two years. Let us determine what we must do, what we can do—and do a good job.

Fraternally yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Hito Okada".

Hito Okada
National President
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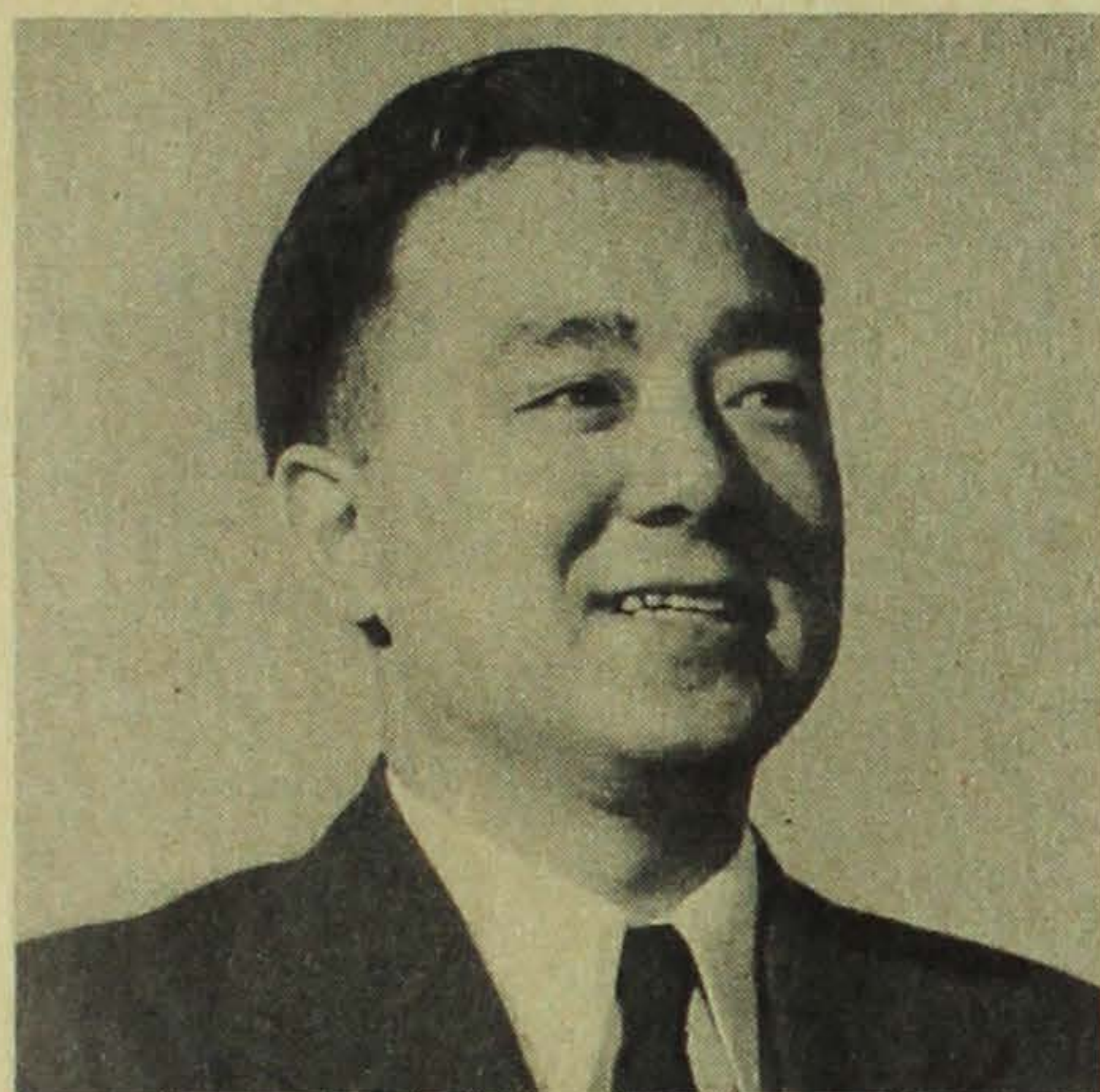
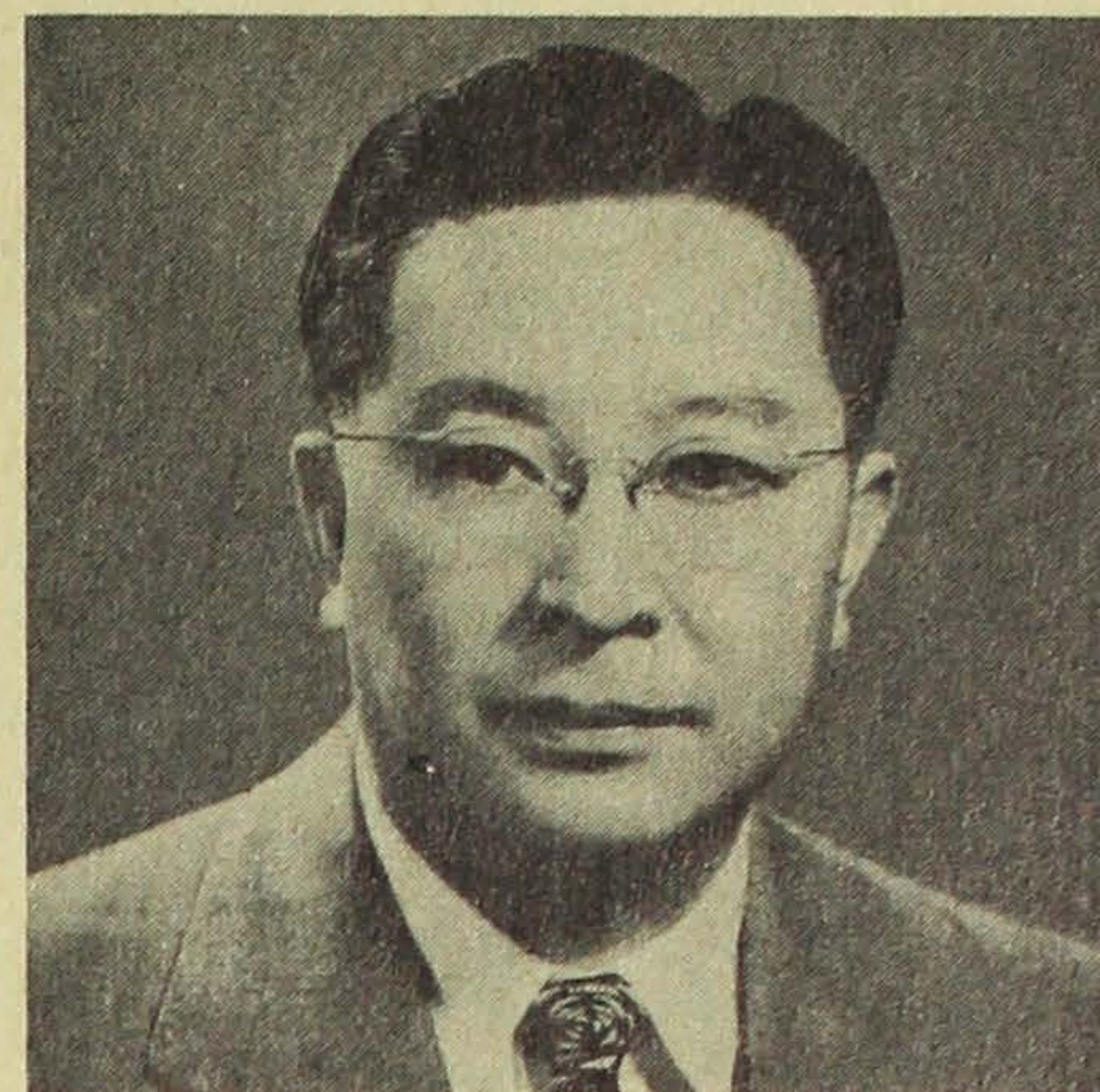
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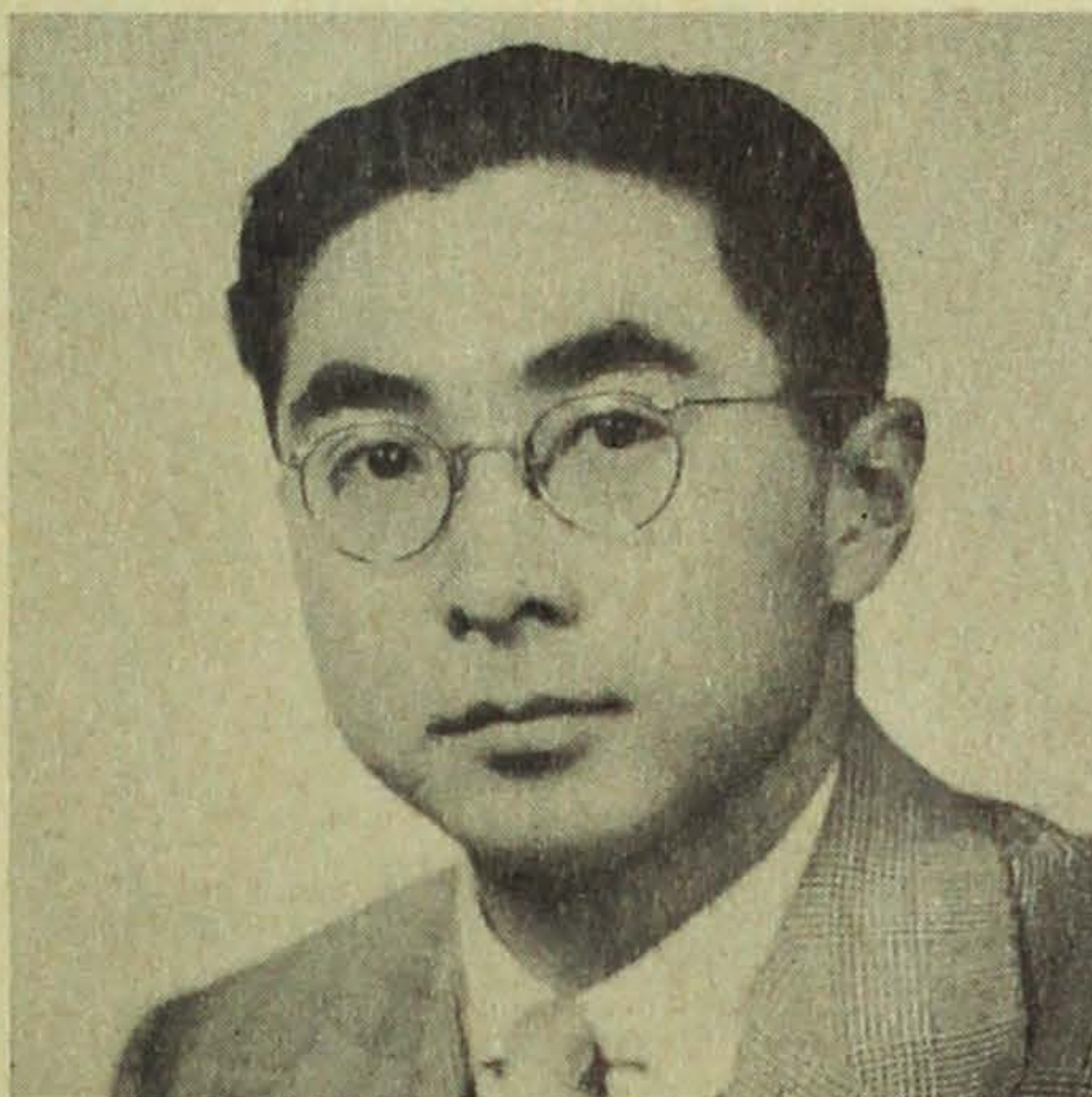
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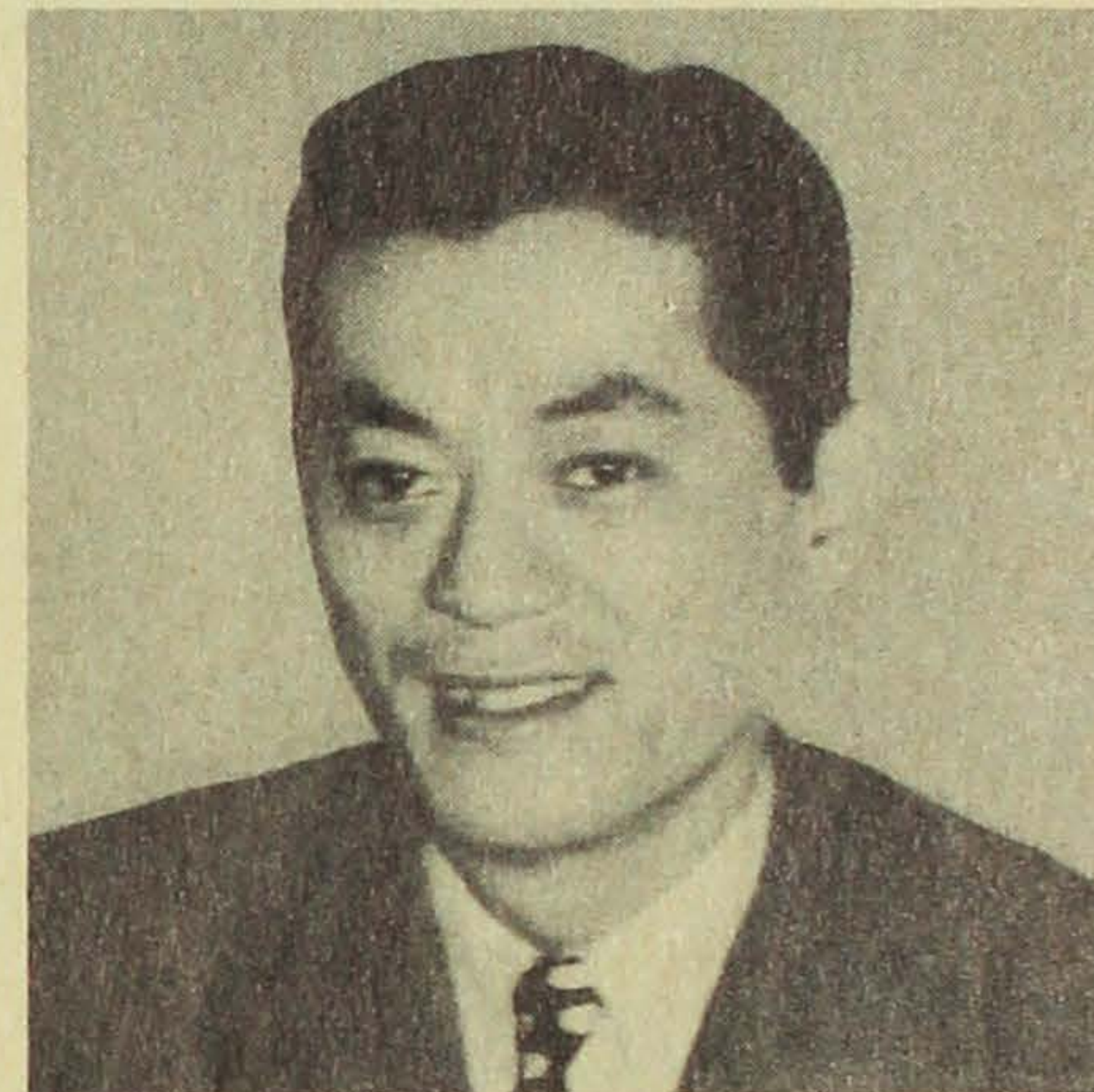
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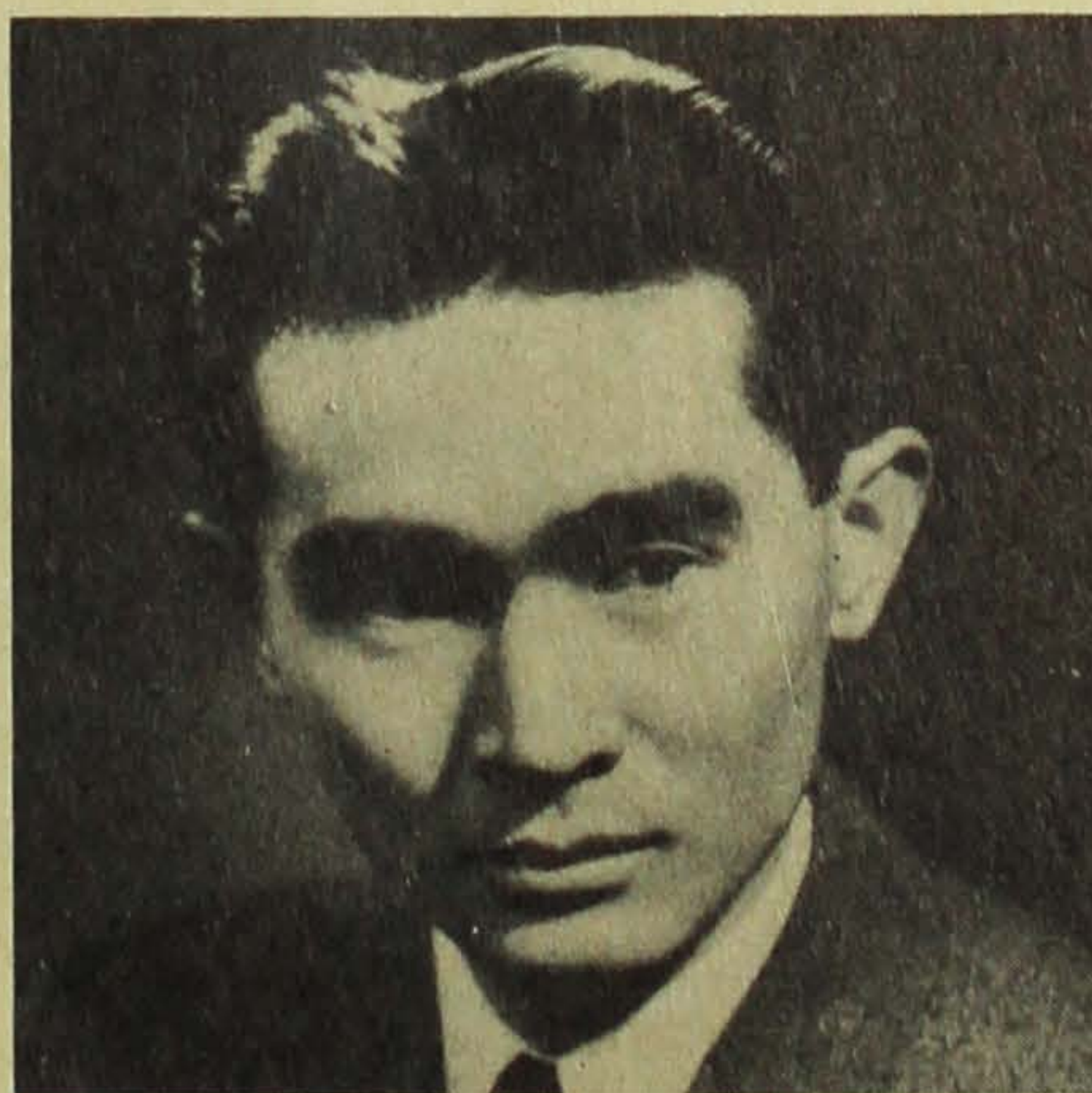
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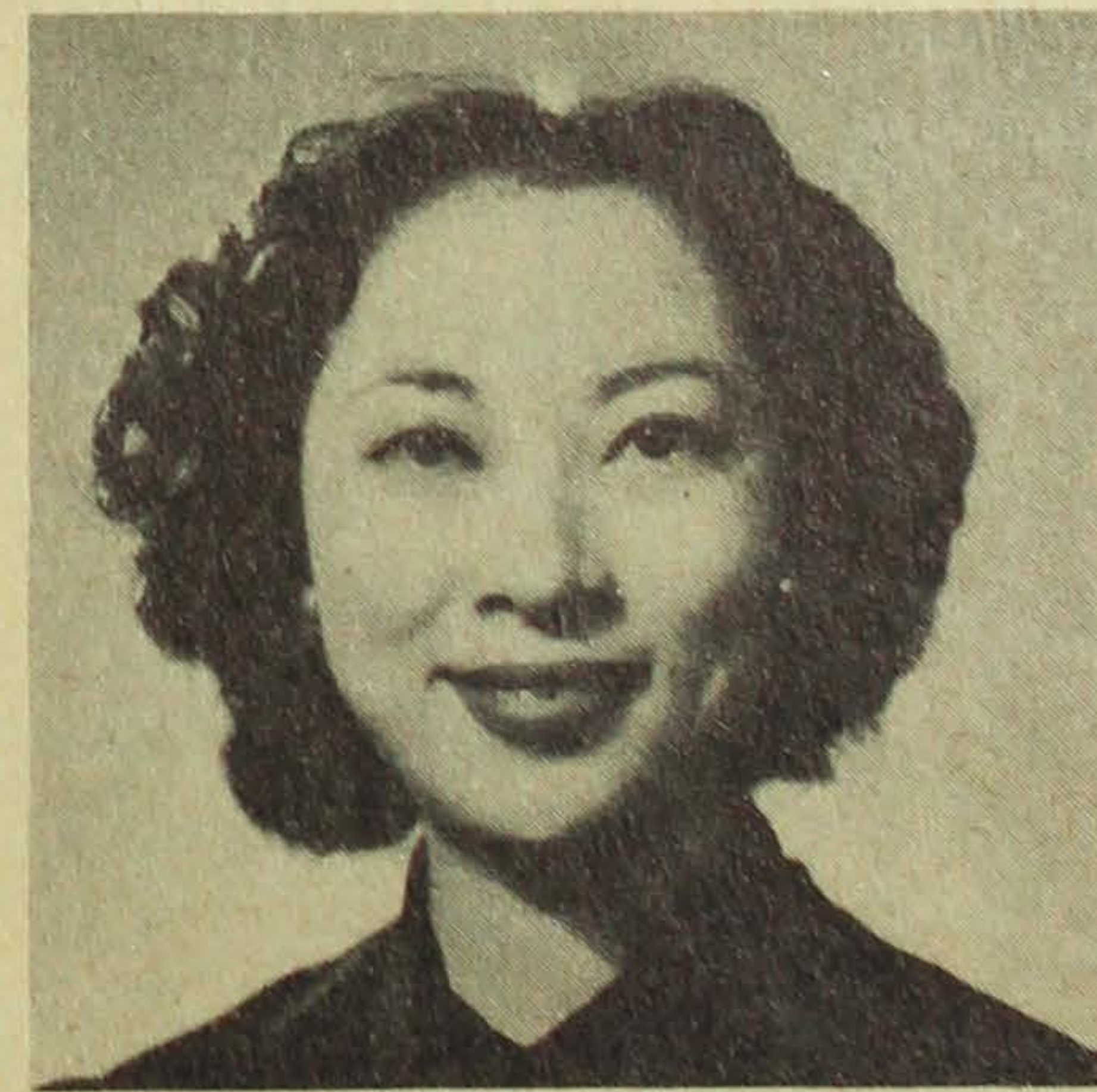
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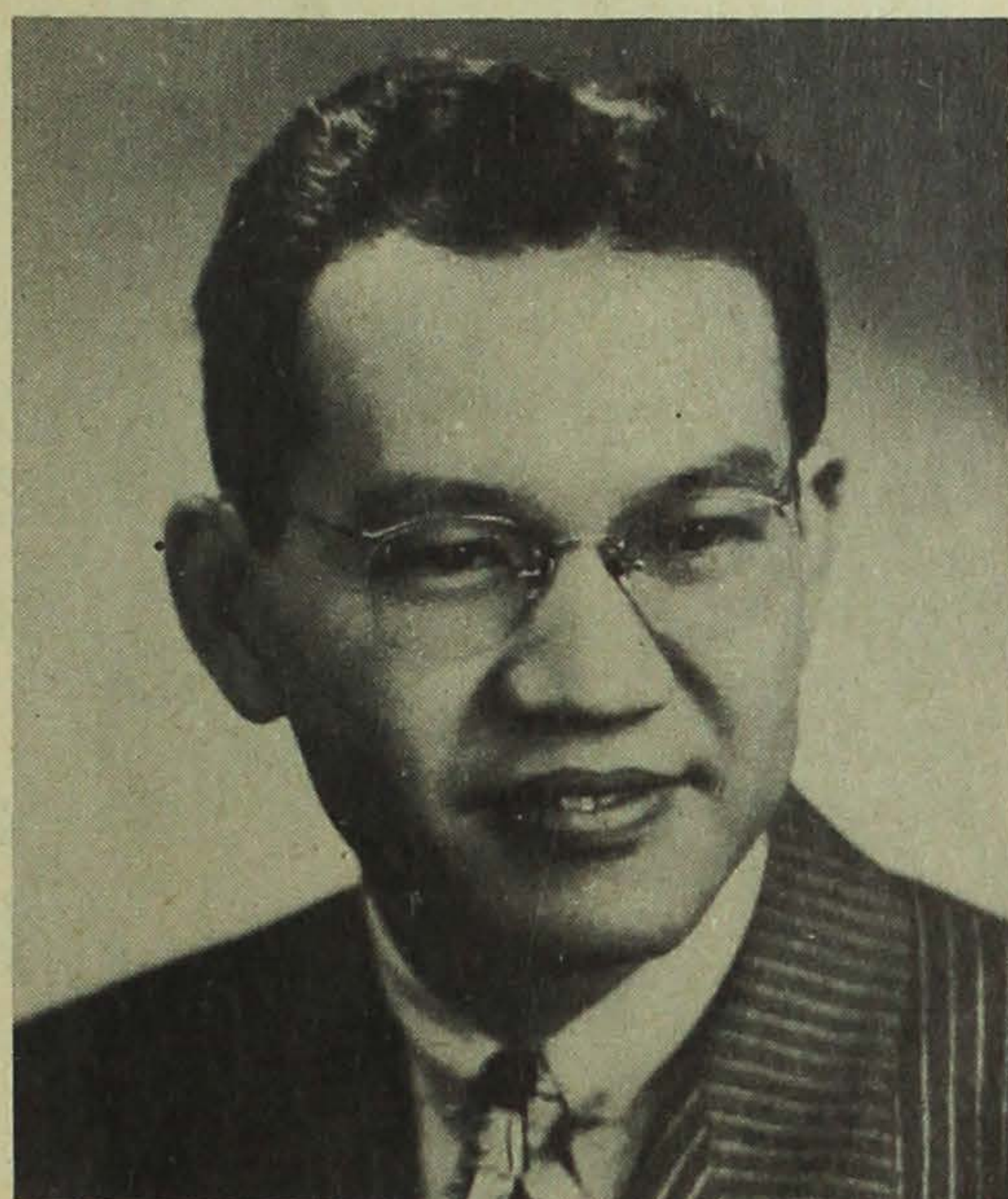
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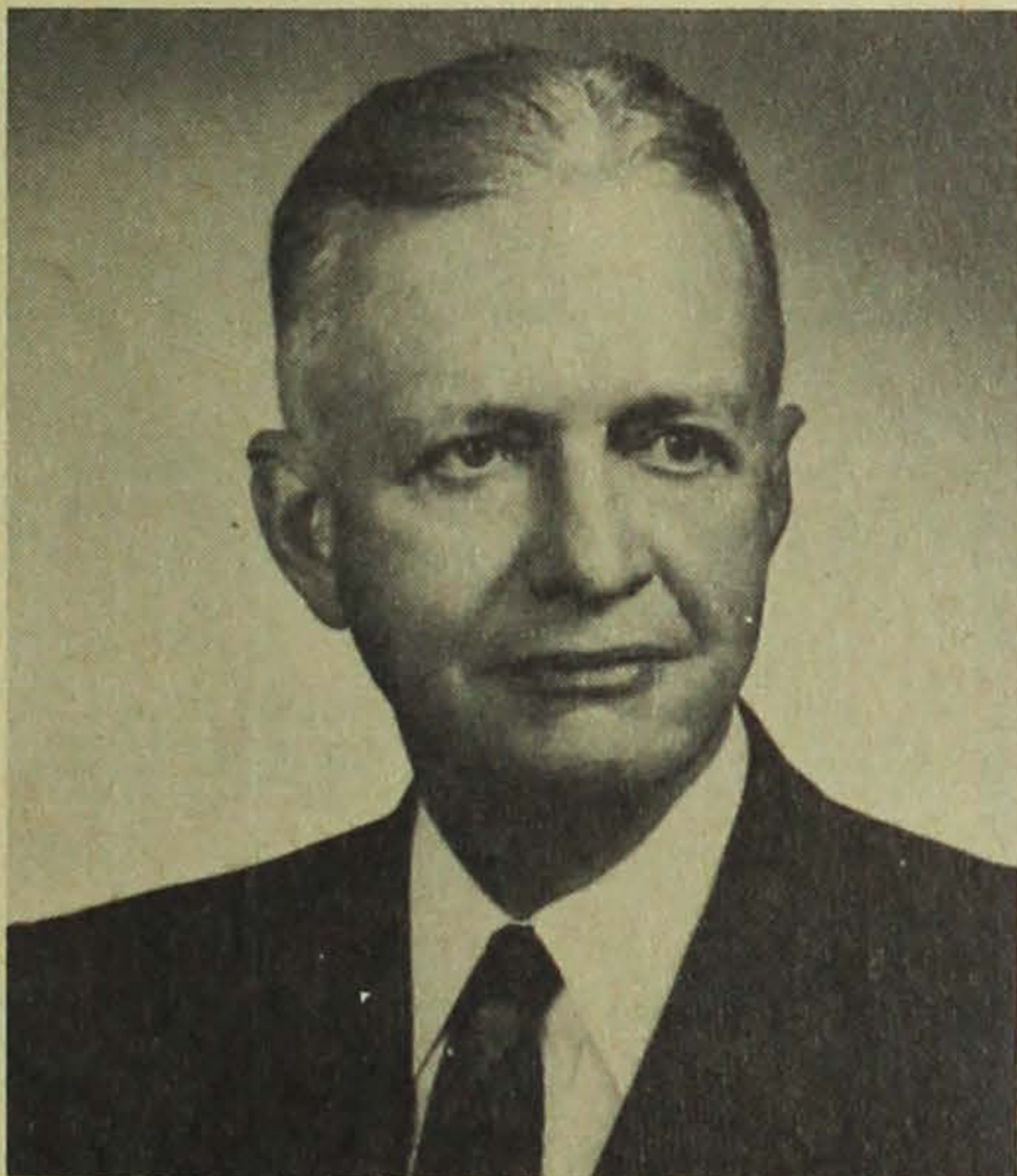
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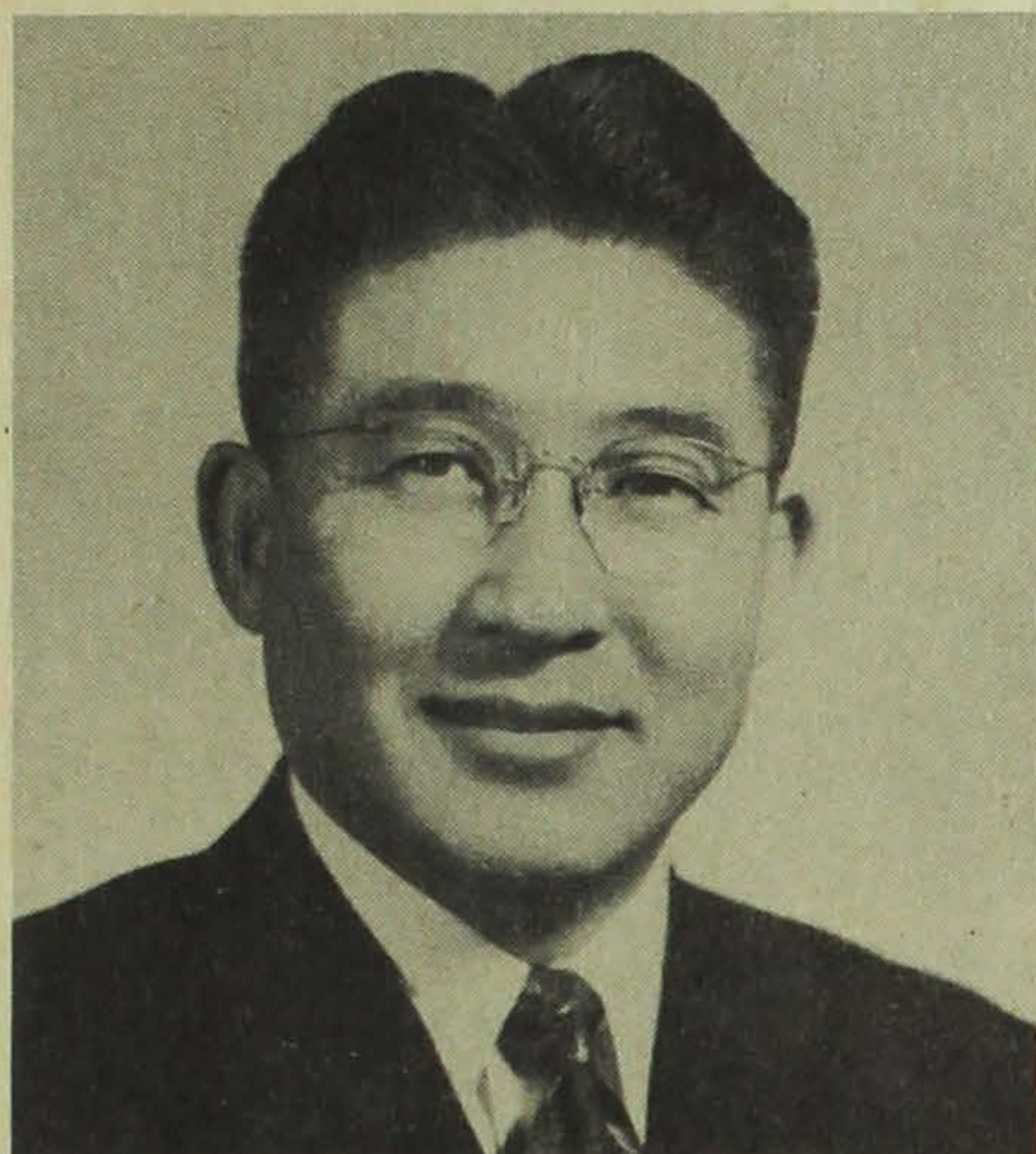
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In extending our greetings to you at this Eleventh Biennial National Convention, we are deeply conscious of the fact that the Midwest District Council has the privilege and the honor of being the host council at the most climactic period in the JACL's twenty-year history.

Many significant accomplishments of the past have been climaxed by the passage of our more recent major legislative objectives. We are fully cognizant of the spade work done by our past leaders and the work that has been ably carried on by our present nucleus to realize this momentous occasion. In this our twentieth year, it is fortunate that we can make it an occasion of genuine celebration.

While the spirit of celebration prevails (I sincerely hope that the international situation will not reach such a crisis that it will cause us to sober our spirit), our paramount responsibility is in evaluating our needs and in mapping out a program dictated by such findings. I trust that the deliberation by the delegates of this convention, which will, I know, be tempered by the lessons of our past experience, will mold a blueprint with wisdom and vision.

We, the Midwest District Council, welcome each and every one of you. We trust that you will derive much satisfaction.

Fraternally yours,

NOBORU HONDA

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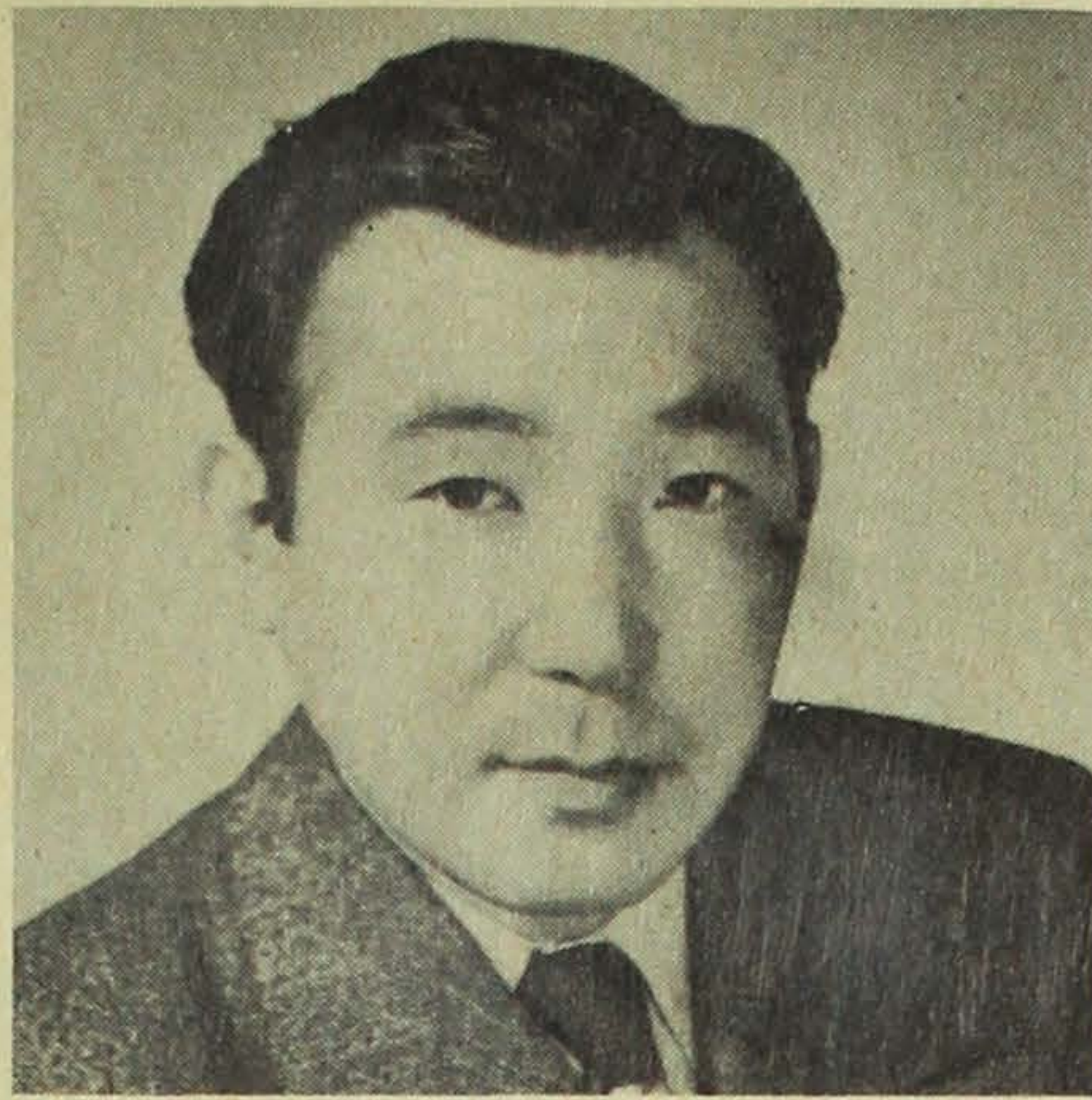
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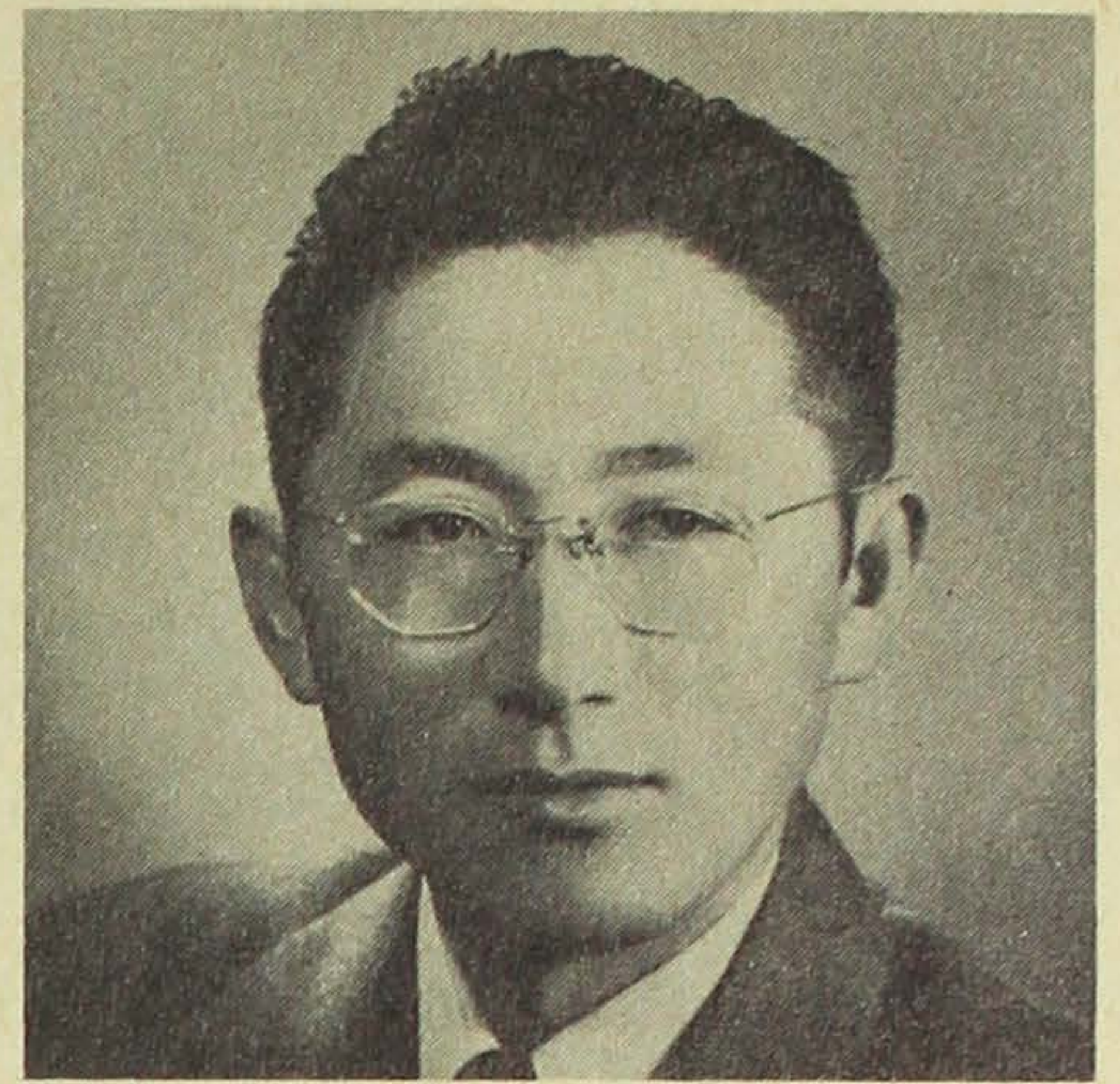
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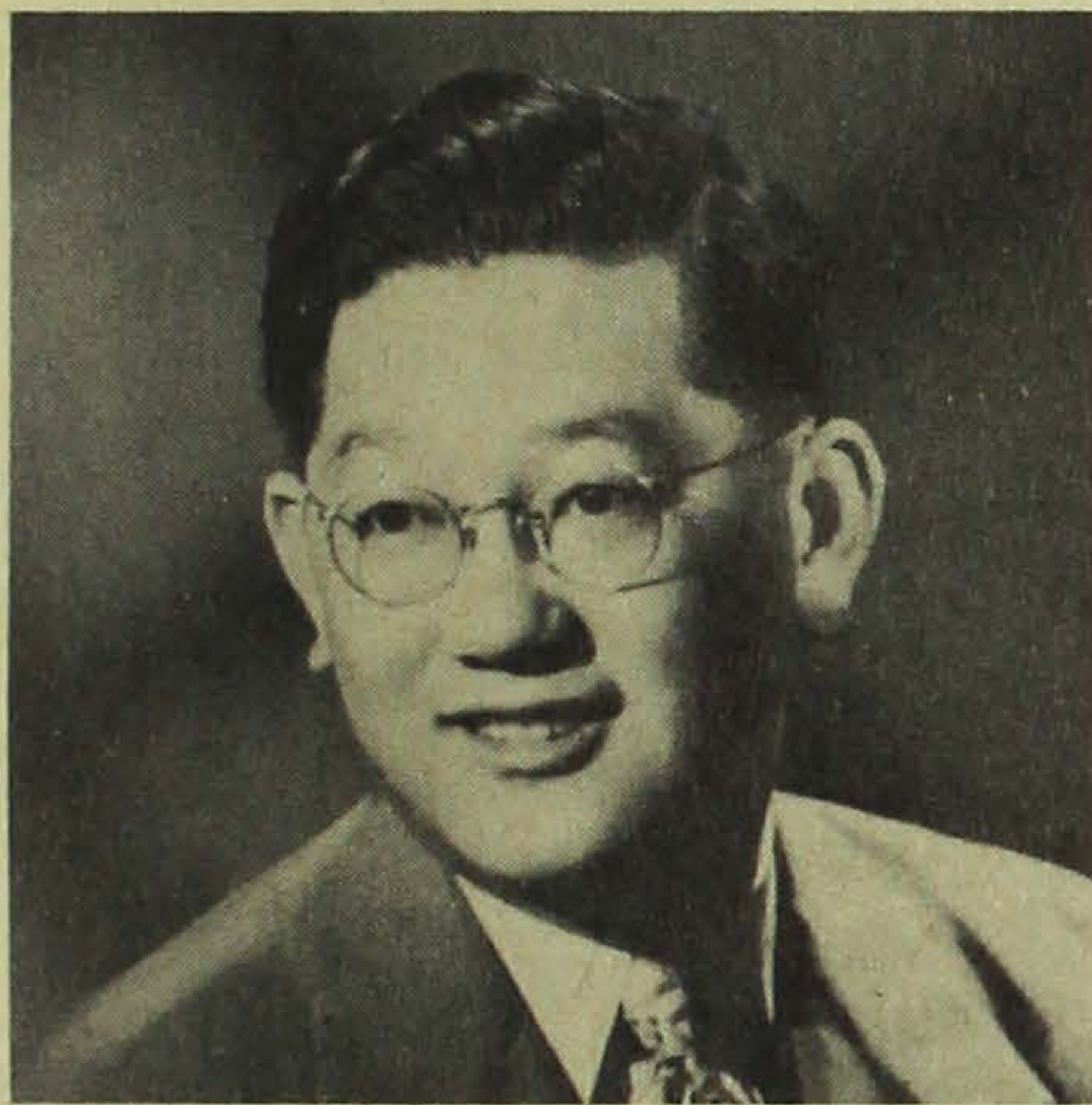
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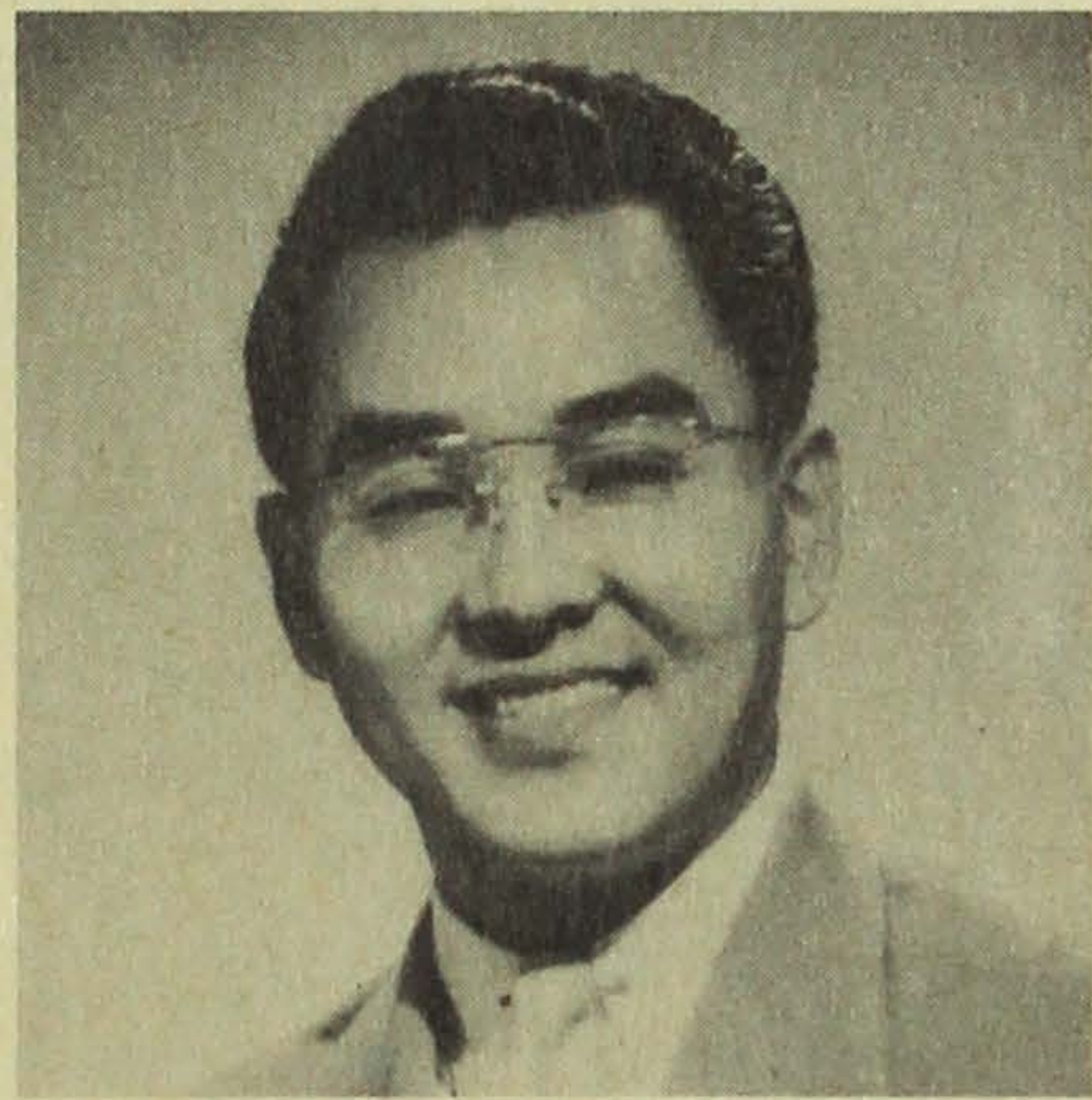
ROY Y. NISHIMURA, PACIFIC NORTHWEST—Attended 1st JACL National Convention, Seattle, 1931; helped form Yakima Valley Chapter, 1933; chapter pres. five times, 1934-41; Northwest District Council Chairman, 1937; National V. Pres., 1937.



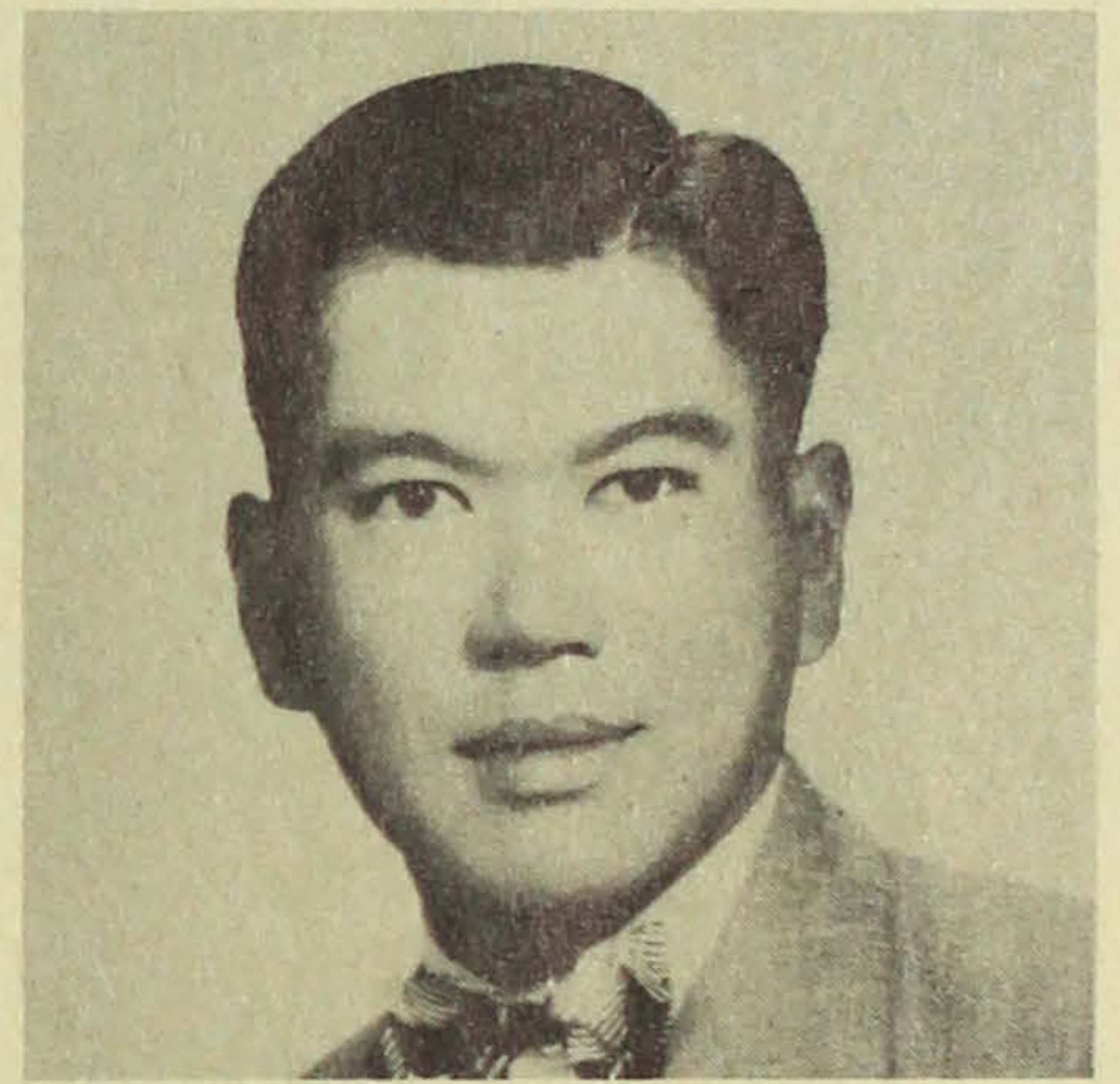
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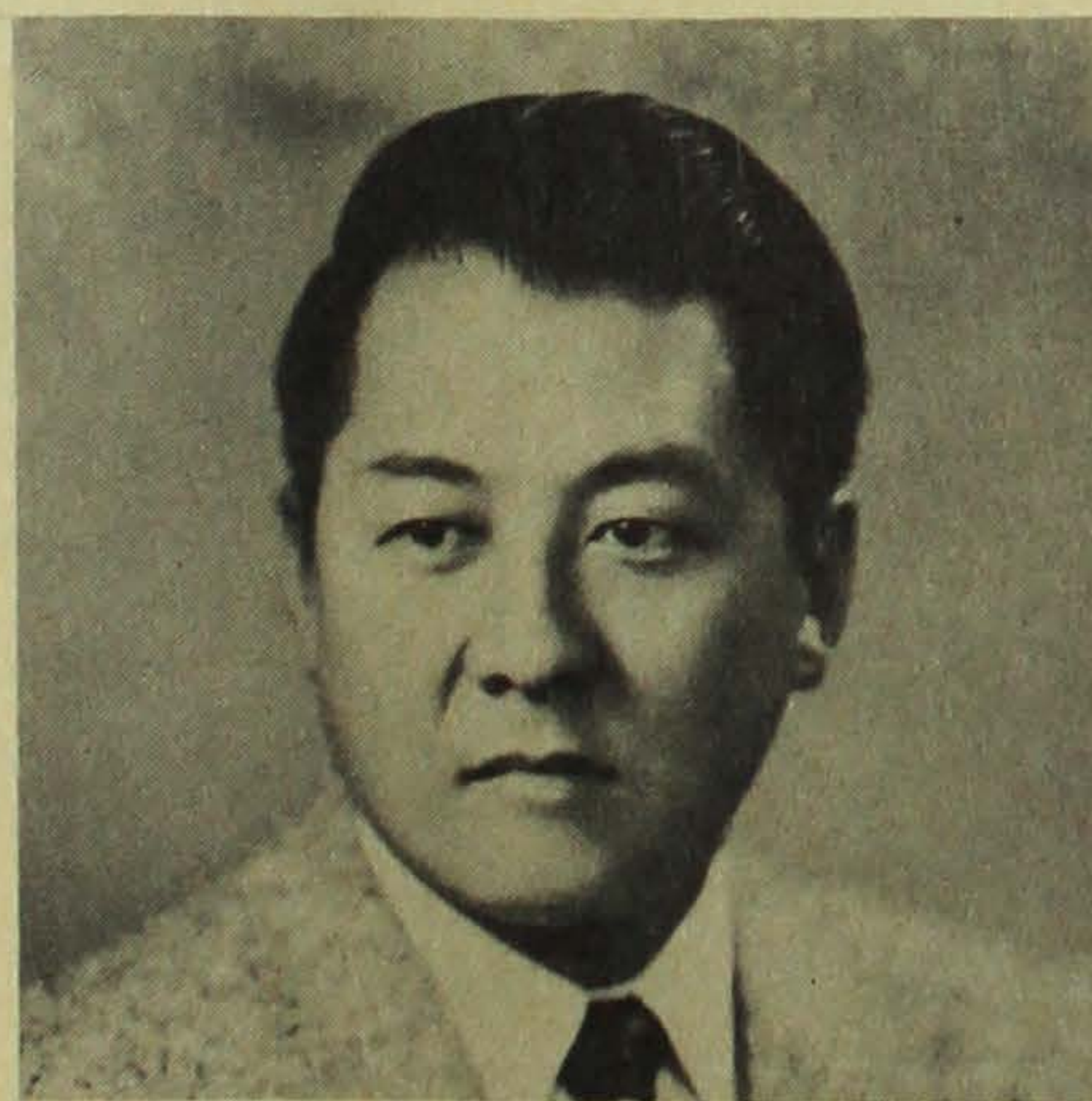
JOHNSON KEBO, CENTRAL CALIFORNIA—Born in Fresno, Calif., 1910; in insurance business since 1934; with the JACL since 1934; member of the American Loyalty League of Fresno; has four children; home in Sanger, California.



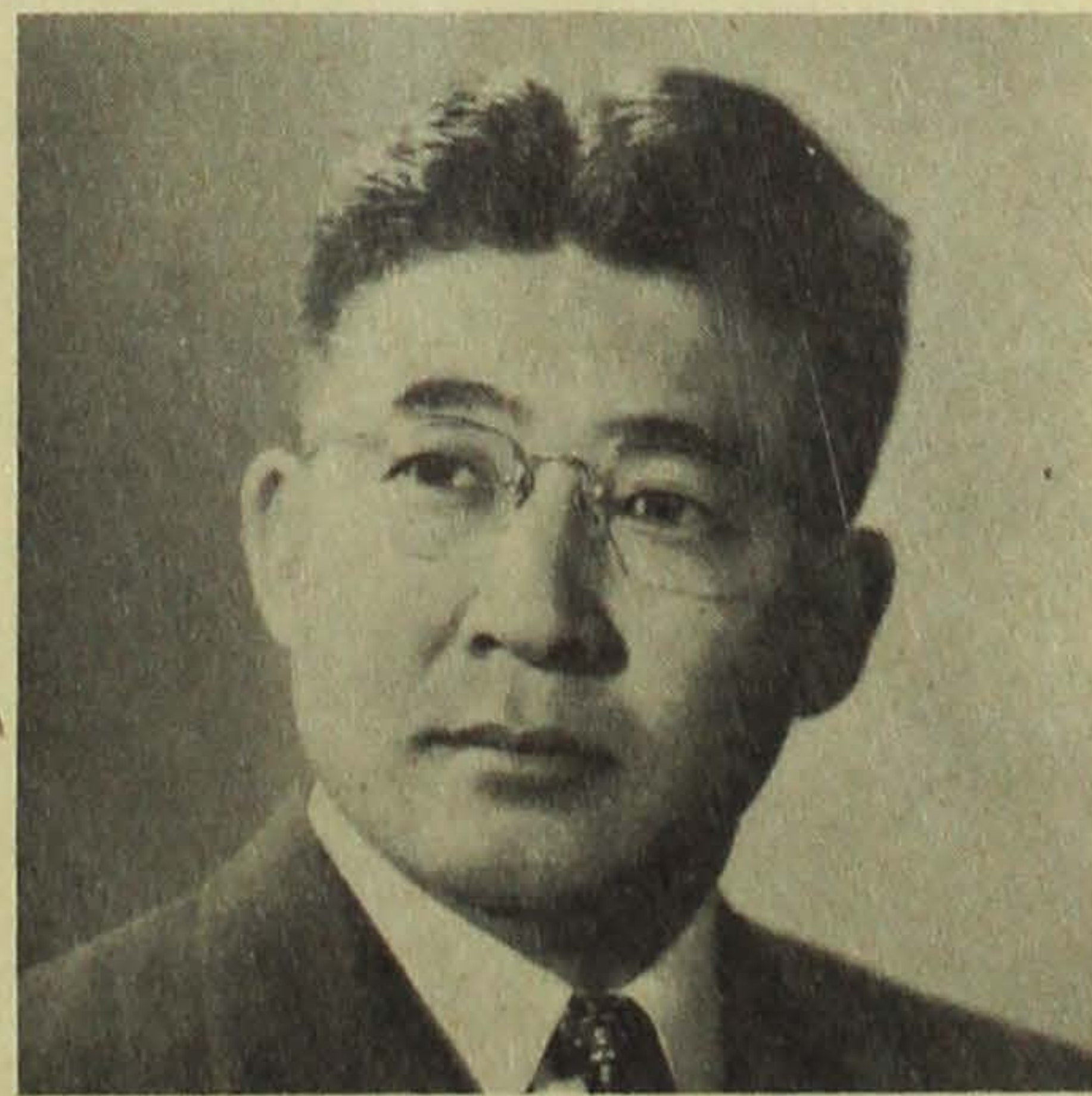
DR. ROY NISHIKAWA, PACIFIC SOUTHWEST—Los Angeles, Calif.; optometrist; grad. UCLA, 1941, Northern Illinois College of Optometry, 1946, Magna Cum Laude; Pres. Southwest Los Angeles Chapter, 1948-49; born in L.A., 1916.



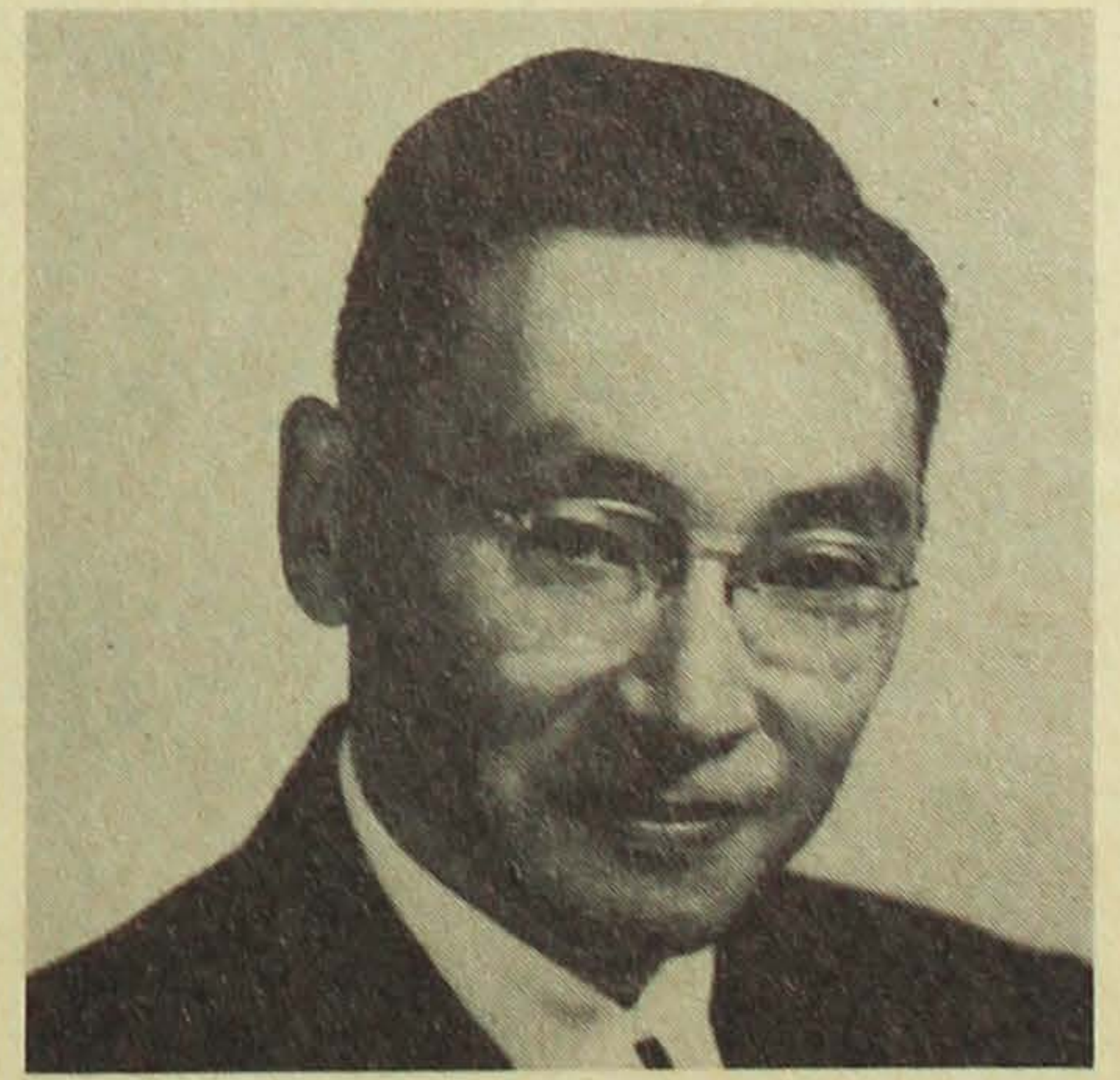
JOE SAITO, INTERMOUNTAIN—Ontario, Ore., Born 1918; lives in Ontario, Ore.; Vice Chairman of Intermountain District Council, 1947-49; chairman, 1949; member of Lions Club; Jr. Vice Commander, American Legion, Malheur County post.



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Welcome Fellow Delegates

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HERE'S TO A SUCCESSFUL CONVENTION!

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GREETINGS FROM THE

**NORTHERN WYOMING
CHAPTER JACL**

BASIN, WYOMING

*'Proud of
splendid record'*



I am very glad to have the opportunity of sending my greetings to the Eleventh Biennial National Convention of the Japanese American Citizens League.

All Americans are proud of the splendid record of the Japanese Americans who have given their energy and their devotion to the cause of democracy in peace and war. In the recent struggle against the Axis powers, Americans of Japanese ancestry offered their lives in the service of America and many made the supreme sacrifice for our beloved country.

Since the end of World War II, members of the Japanese American Citizens League have fulfilled the highest standards of citizenship by taking an active part in civic affairs with a very constructive spirit.

America and the other free nations of the world are now engaged in a grim contest with the forces of aggressive communism. I know that Japanese Americans in Illinois and the other states of the Union are doing their full share to make sure of the eventual victory of the democratic forces fighting for freedom.

With every good wish,

Very sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Scott W. Lucas".

SCOTT W. LUCAS
Senator
State of Illinois



'This is the place'

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*'An effective
force'*



My warmest greetings to the members of the Japanese American Citizens League. The League has done a splendid job of presenting the legitimate needs of its members. It has also contributed effectively to the general campaign for civil rights and for an end to all racial and religious discrimination.

Though our democracy is not perfect, we stand as the primary bulwark against totalitarian oppression, the leader of the free world in the fight to preserve the dignity and freedom of the individual. I hope persons of all groups will increasingly work together with patience, understanding and good will so that we can continually improve and perfect our democracy at home and strengthen the cause of freedom in the world. I am confident that the League will continue to be an effective force in this great endeavor.

PAUL H. DOUGLAS

Senator
State of Illinois

Welcome Fellow Delegates

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*'Right to
claim honor'*

*'Pleasure to
extend greetings'*



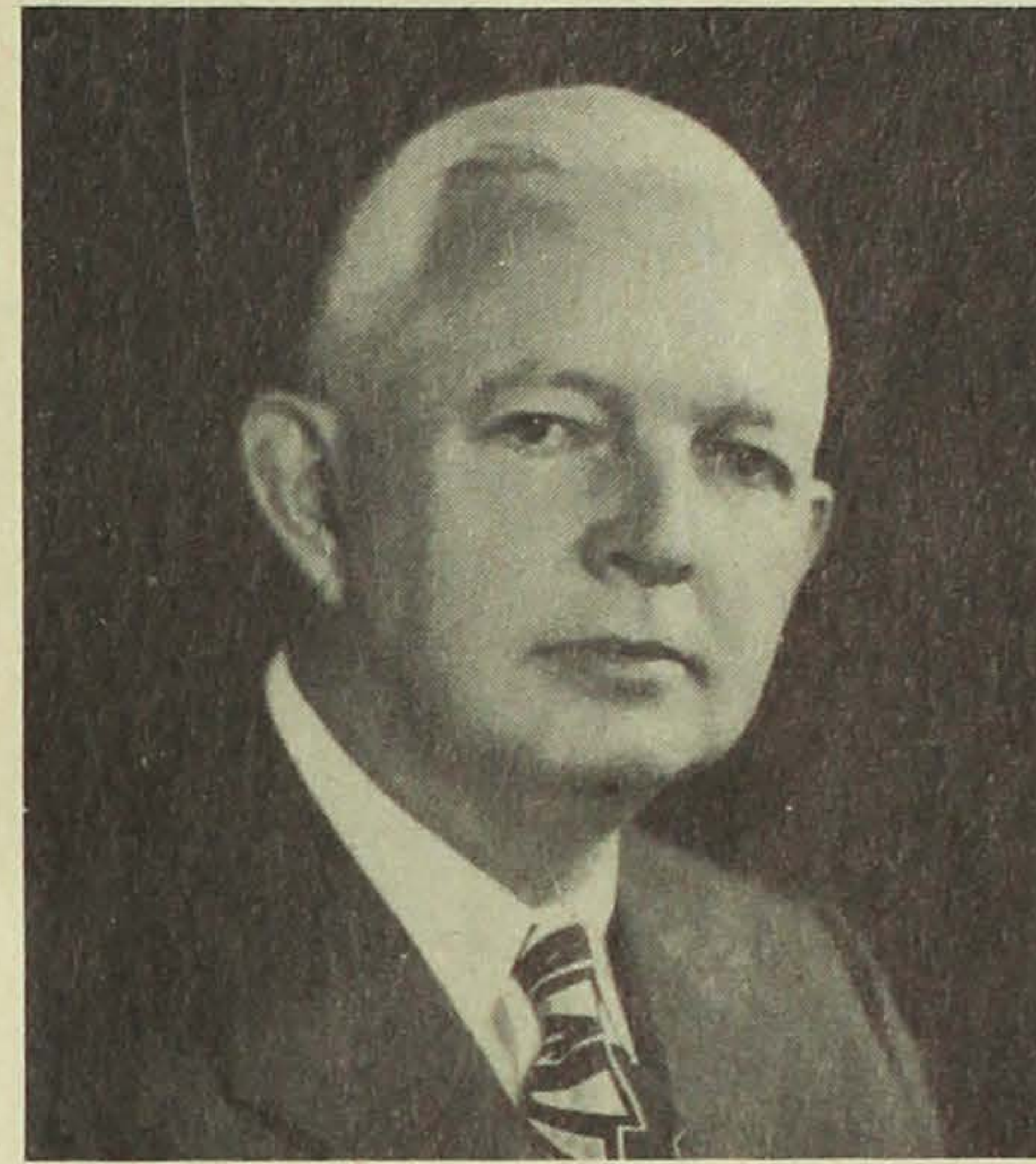
The tremendous growth of the United States in its short history could not have been possible without the contributions, intellectual and cultural, of many races of people. Those Japanese who hold the great gift of American citizenship have demonstrated their right to claim a portion of the honor and glory.

It is gratifying to hear that the twentieth anniversary of the Japanese American Citizens League will be celebrated in Illinois, and that the Chicago Chapter is acting as host to the national convention.

I extend to all members my most cordial congratulations and my hope that their convention will be memorably pleasant and successful.

ADLAI E. STEVENSON

Governor
State of Illinois



GREETINGS TO THE DELEGATES TO THE
JAPANESE AMERICAN CITIZENS LEAGUE
1950 NATIONAL CONVENTION:

It is a pleasure to extend greetings through the pages of this souvenir program to the members of the Japanese American Citizens League who will come to Chicago September 28 to October 2, 1950, to attend their 11th Biennial National Convention.

As mayor, and on behalf of the people of Chicago, I am happy to welcome to our city the members of this important group of citizens who will meet here. Chicago is proud to be host city to this splendid organization.

My very best wishes for a most successful convention and an enjoyable time during your stay with us.

MARTIN H. KENNELLY

Mayor
City of Chicago

'Welcome, delegates'



To the delegates of the 11th Biennial National Convention of the Japanese American Citizens League:

As one who has been long concerned about problems of civil liberties, I am especially delighted to welcome to Chicago the men and women who have fought so ably in our common struggle to realize those democratic ideals to which we have dedicated our efforts.

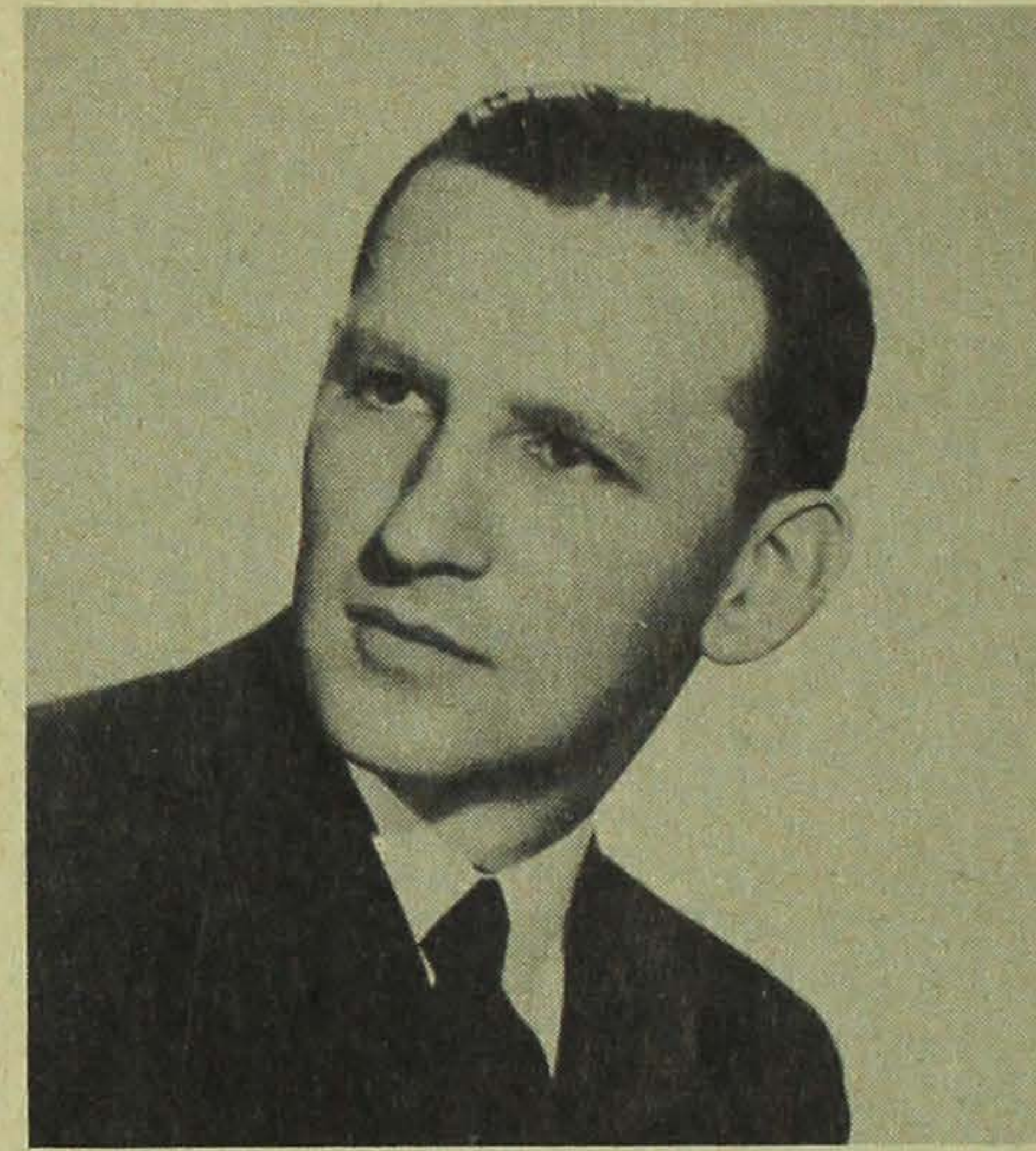
The Japanese American Citizens League, in giving voice to the needs and aspirations of the Japanese American community, has articulated forcefully and dramatically the larger issues undergirding our never-ending battle to erect a free and decent society.

By your efforts and achievements you have given courage to other Americans to continue to labor toward expanding our working definition of democracy.

BARRATT O'HARA

Representative
State of Illinois

'Democracy in action'



I want to extend my greetings to the delegates to the 11th Biennial National Convention of the Japanese American Citizens League, who have come from all parts of the United States to the city of Chicago. I am sure that even during their brief stay here they will experience the warm and friendly spirit which singularly characterizes our city among the great metropolitan communities of the nation.

The Japanese American Citizens League is to be congratulated for its militant and able fight to protect and preserve the civil rights and liberties guaranteed by the Constitution of the United States to all the people of our land, regardless of their race, creed or national origin. It is the JACL which is spearheading the drive for the elimination of the Oriental Exclusion Act of 1924. Until race as such is no longer a barrier to naturalization, I know the JACL will not rest.

I commend the JACL for its fine work in acting as a liaison between the Congress and the Japanese people, in developing within them an interest and awareness of the current issues of the day and a responsibility to analyze such issues and meet them squarely. This is Democracy in action.

SIDNEY R. YATES

Representative
State of Illinois

'In the forefront'

It is a distinct pleasure to greet the delegates to this 11th Biennial National JACL Convention.

I have worked closely with the Chicago Chapter of the JACL in its effort to secure remedial congressional action for persons of Japanese ancestry.

The Japanese American Citizens League has been in the forefront in the fight to maintain civil liberties for all.

I am happy to welcome to Chicago the delegates to the 11th Biennial National Convention of the Japanese American Citizens League.

The Japanese American Citizens League is working proof that a vigilant and militant minority can help to make more secure not only for its own community but for all Americans our basic constitutional guarantees.

I am happy to have had a part in the JACL's fight to achieve its legislative goals.



ROBERT E. MERRIAM
Alderman
City of Chicago



GEORGE D. KELLS
Alderman
City of Chicago

Best Wishes for a Successful Convention

LONG BEACH CHAPTER J A C L

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On Your 20th Anniversary From

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Greetings from the Nation's Capital

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Our sincere appreciation to all members, supporters and contributors of the JACL for their wholehearted cooperation in our common struggle to obtain full equality in and under the law of these United States of America.

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Best Wishes for a Successful Convention

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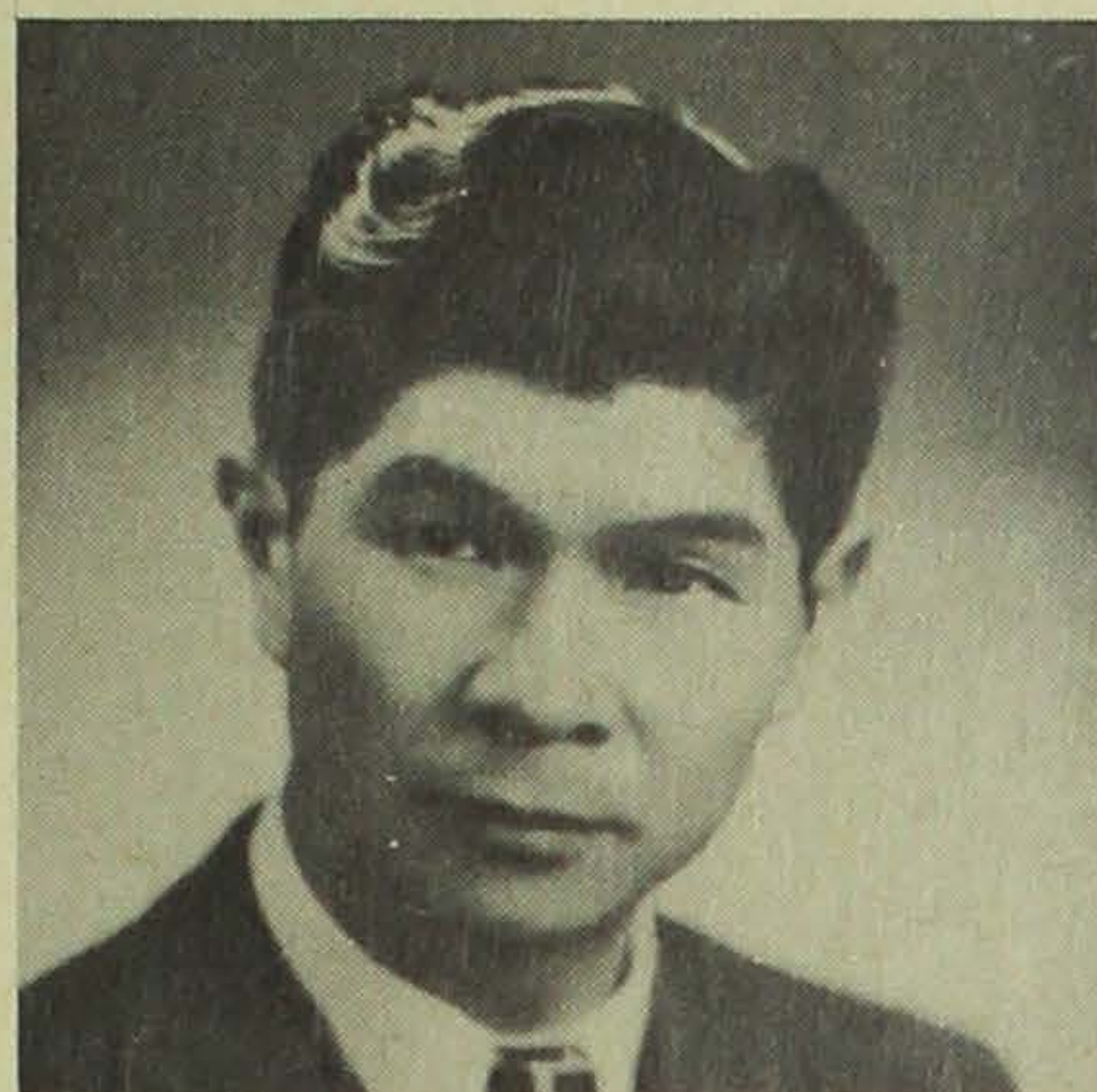
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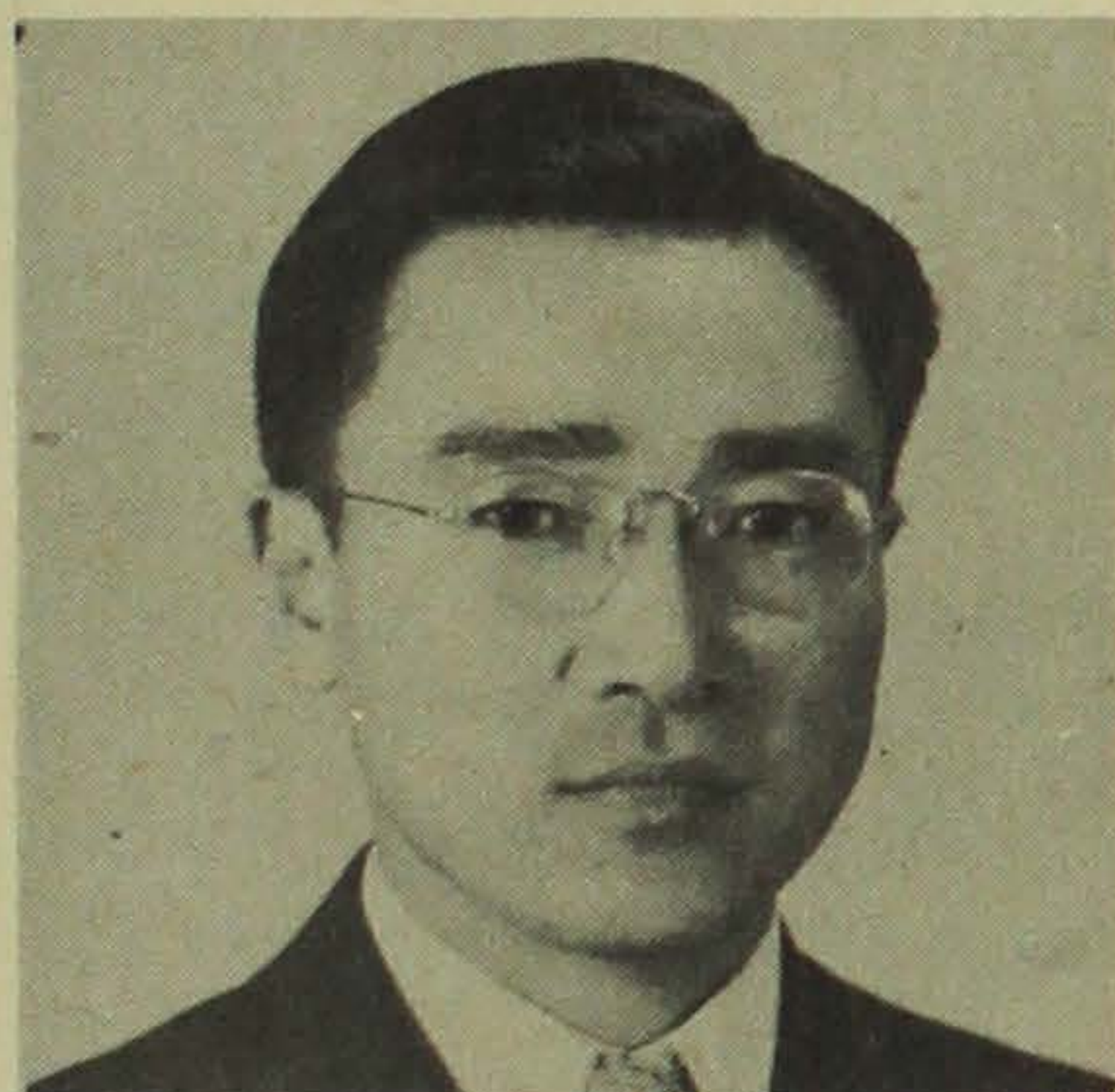
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ADC Regional Directors

MAY NAKANISHI's (Eastern) duties as Regional Secretary, though less weighty in recognition accorded the title, are at times no less arduous than those of a Regional Representative. She is liaison officer between Washington and eastern chapters.



JOE GRANT MASAOKA (Northern California) oldest of the JACL Masaokas, helped his widowed mother raise five younger brothers and a younger sister. Joe furnishes much of the drive that has brought the JACL back on its long comeback road.



TORU IKEDA (Central California) of Reedley knows people, knows how to work with them, knows how to get them to work with him. At Poston he served on the committee on Social Welfare; at Seabrook, New Jersey, he helped organize the JACL Chapter.



TATS KUSHIDA (Southern California) helped the War Relocation Authority set up a blueprint for Midwestern resettlement during war, then served effectively as ADC representative in Chicago. His leadership focused Nisei attention upon all Americans sharing in freedom.



ROY TAKENO (Rocky Mountain Area) has brought to his task the keen perception of human problems that his training as a journalist gave him. He was former editor of the Los Angeles Kashu Mainichi and a reporter for the Denver post.



RICHARD AKAGI (Midwest) provides the ADC with a rare combination of the inspired idealism of the intellectual and the forceful persuasion of the practical man. He is a former teaching assistant at the University of Wisconsin.

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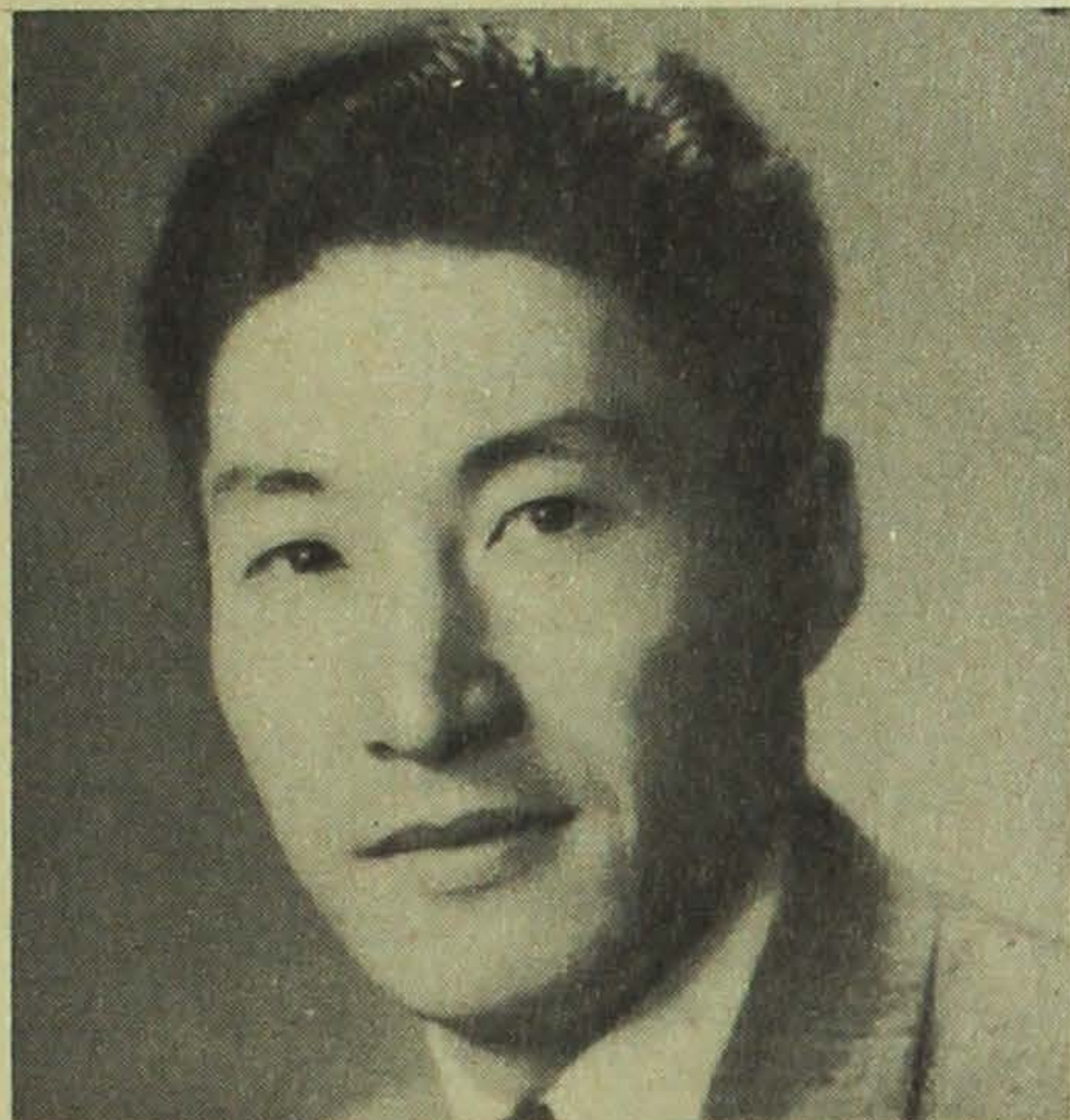
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'Freer Society for all'



We congratulate the national organization in celebrating its 20th anniversary with the virtual completion of the JACL-ADC legislative program. In this accomplishment lies an inspiring tribute to the vision and courage of our national leaders, to the sacrifices of our honored war dead and veterans, to the faith of our friends and to the ability of all of us to work together for the common welfare.

Let us look confidently to the future, and let our "Blueprint for Tomorrow" be guided by the thought, that while working for the welfare of the Japanese Americans, we shall make certain that those efforts will continue to serve toward the realization of a freer society for all Americans.

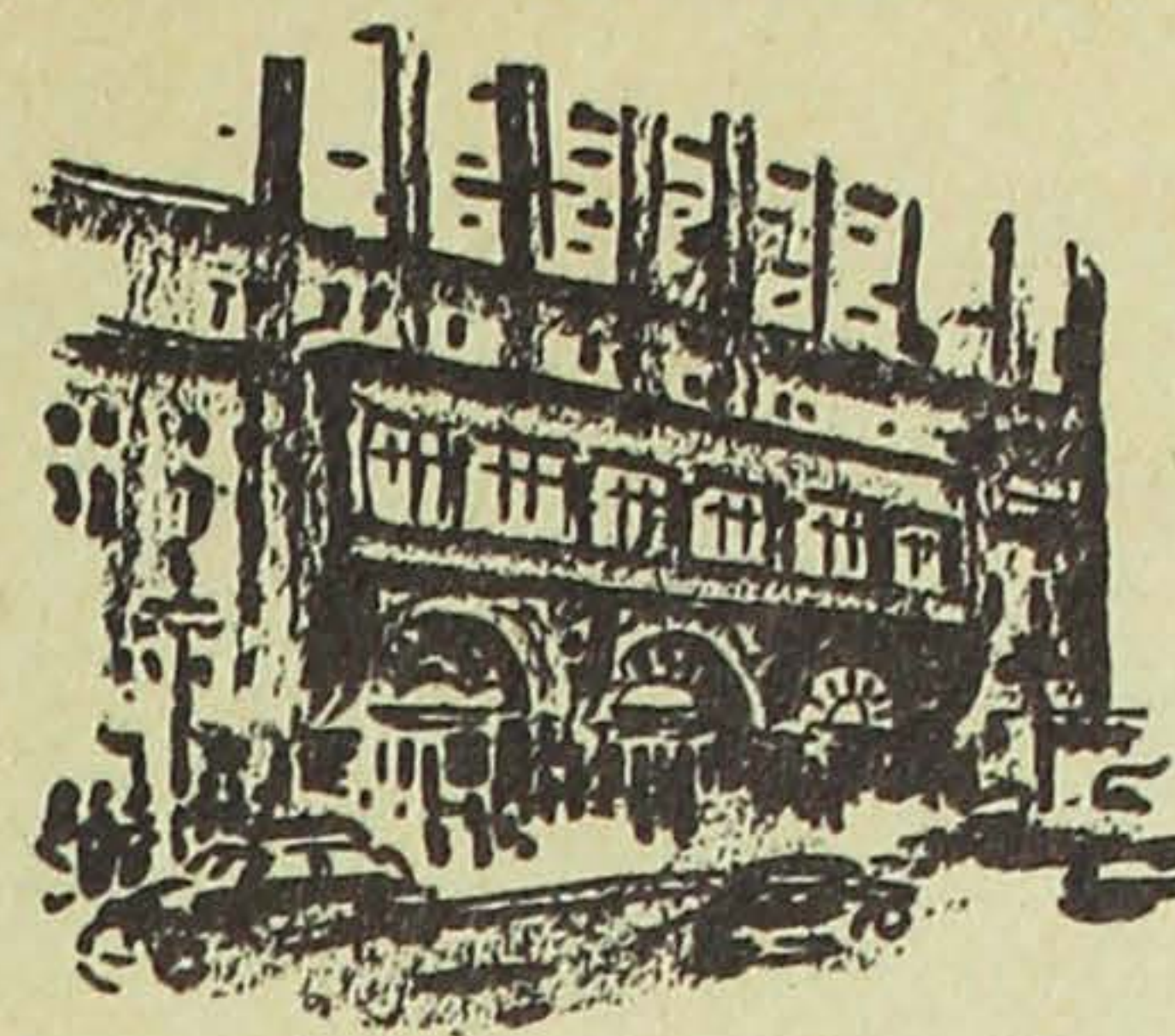
The members of the Chicago Chapter feel it a privilege to be your hosts at this convention. We hope your stay in our city will be both memorable and enjoyable. We wish to express our deep gratitude to our friends in the community and to all the brother chapters throughout the nation for their wholehearted support in our undertaking.

The Chicago Chapter pledges its continued support to the national organization and expresses its best wishes to the national officers for the next biennium.

Fraternally yours,

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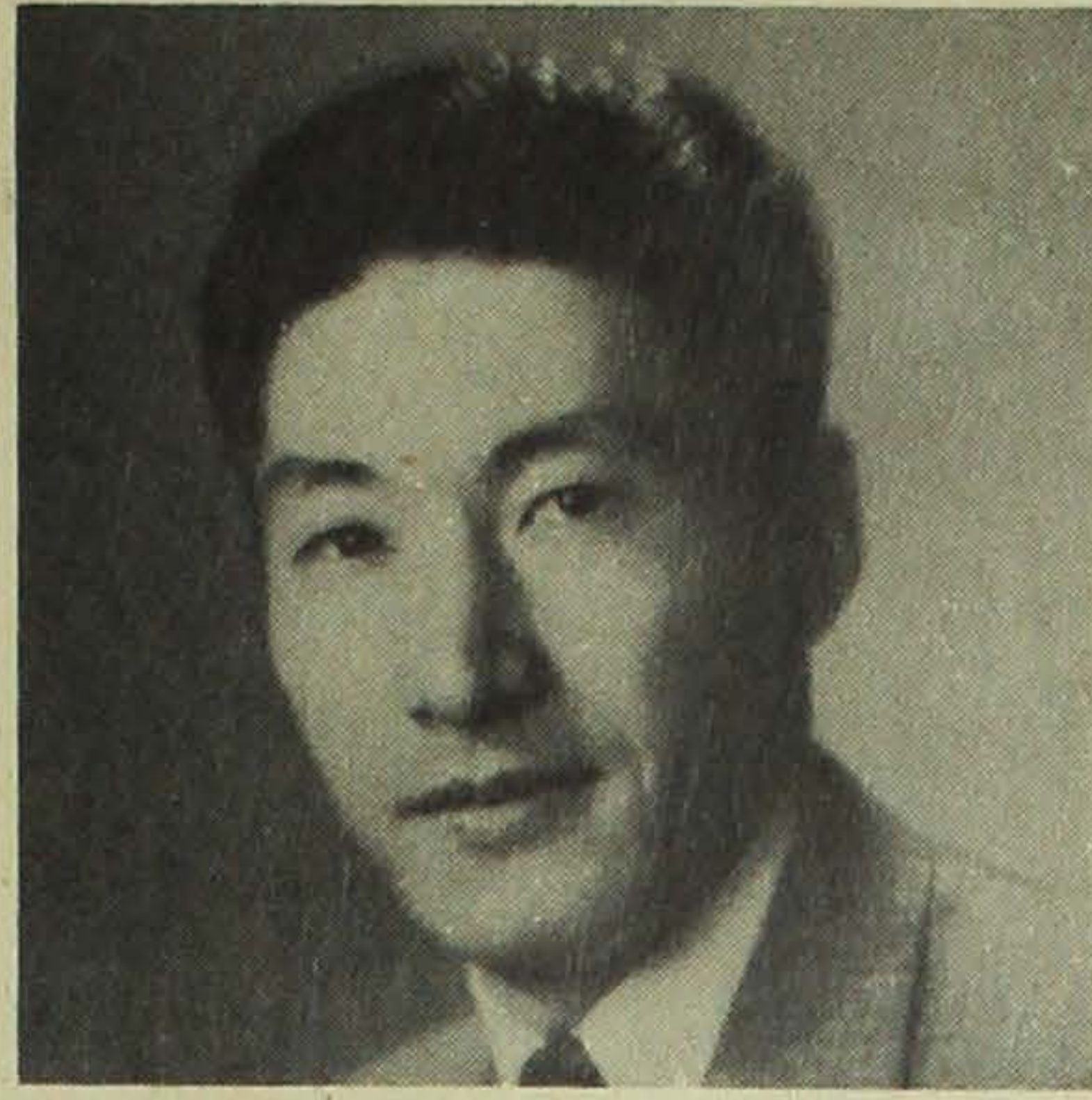
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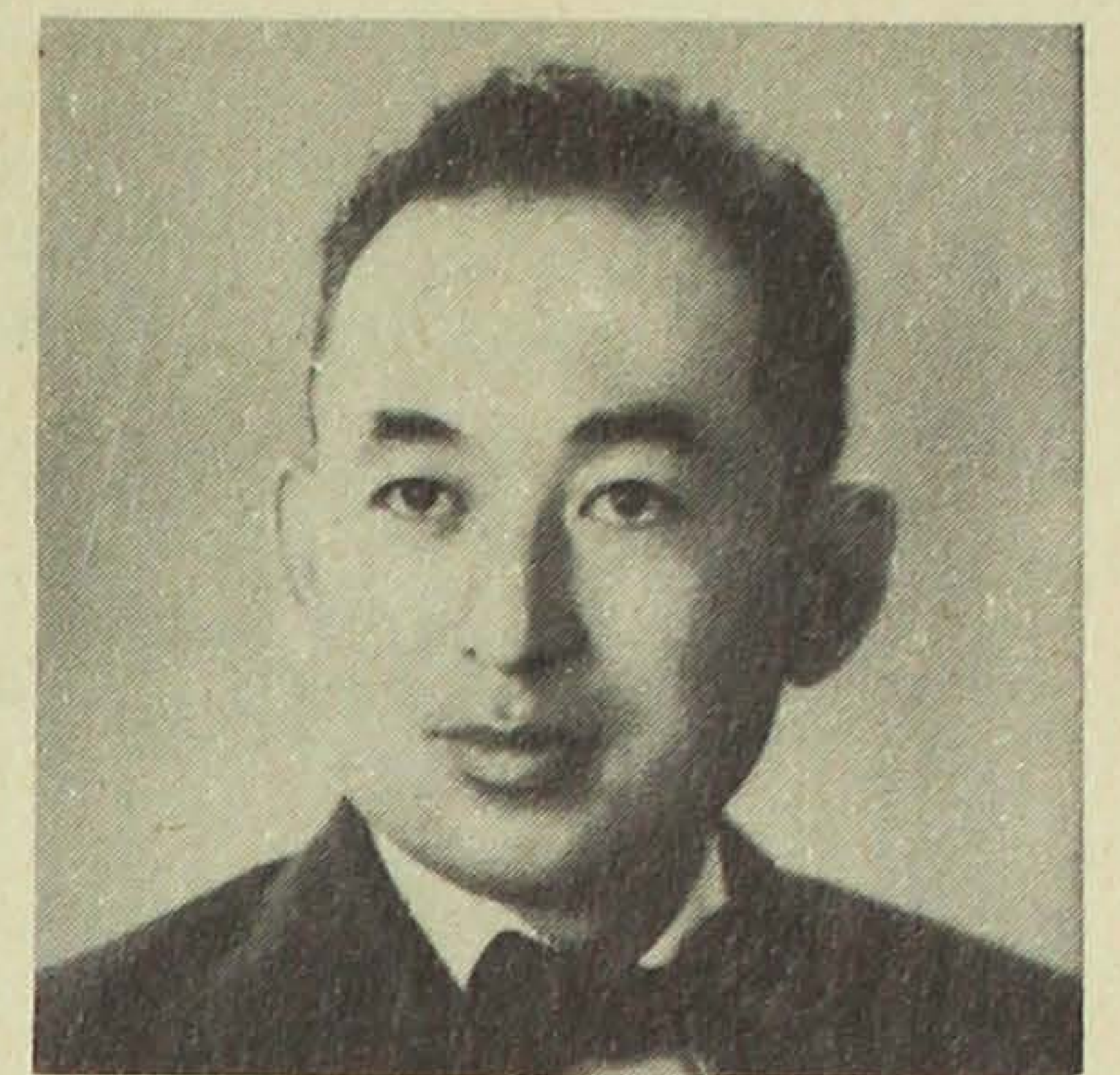
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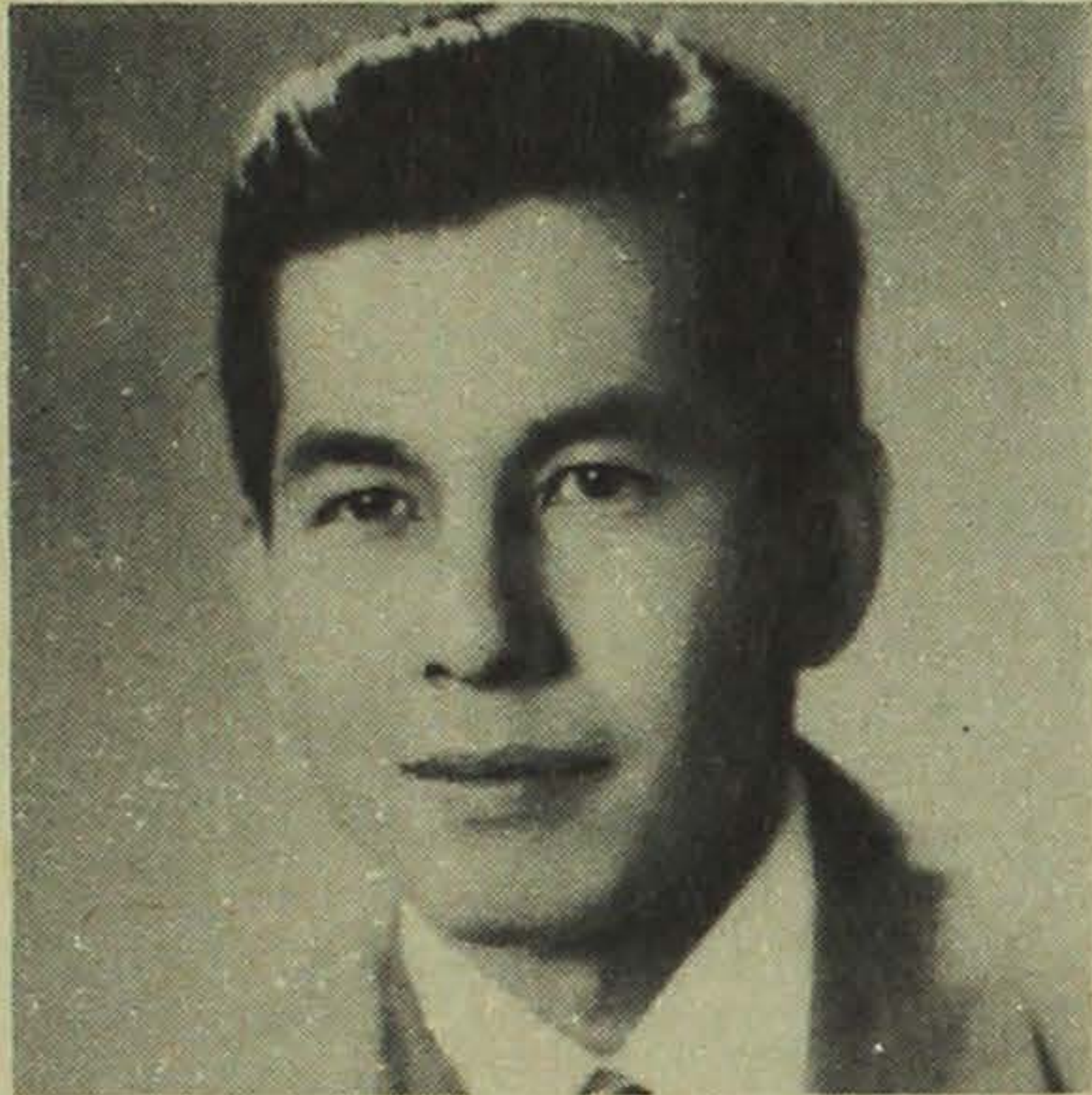
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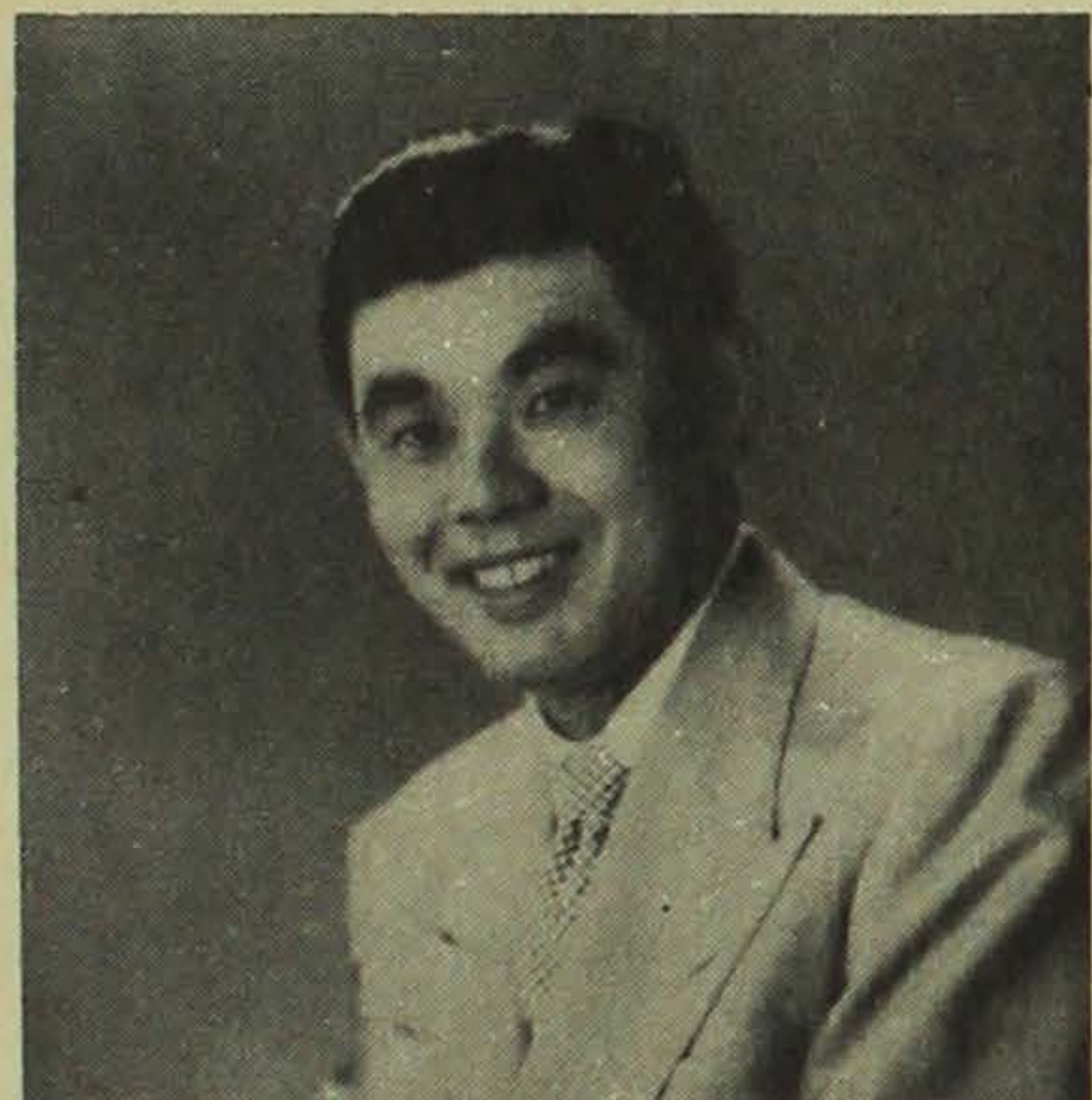
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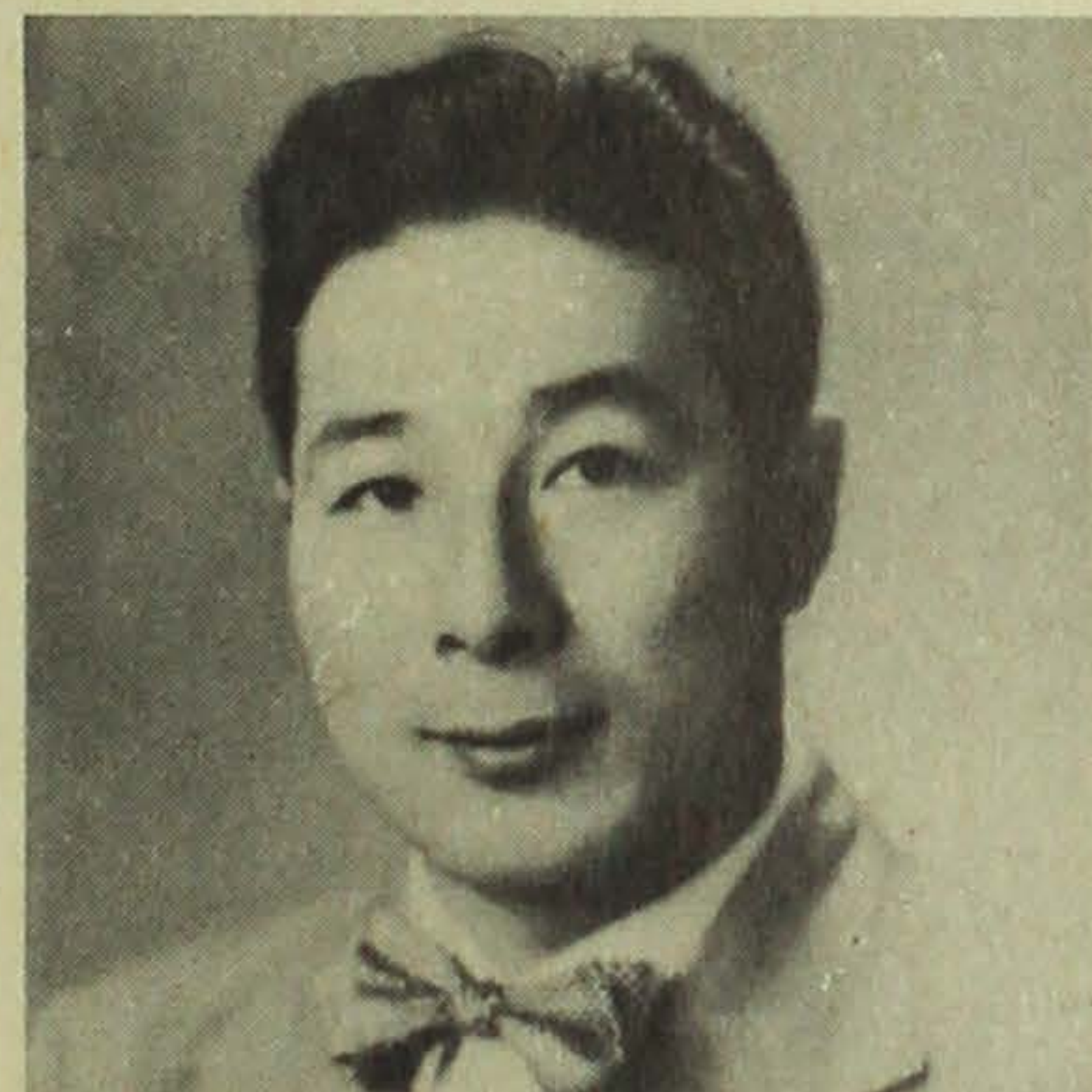
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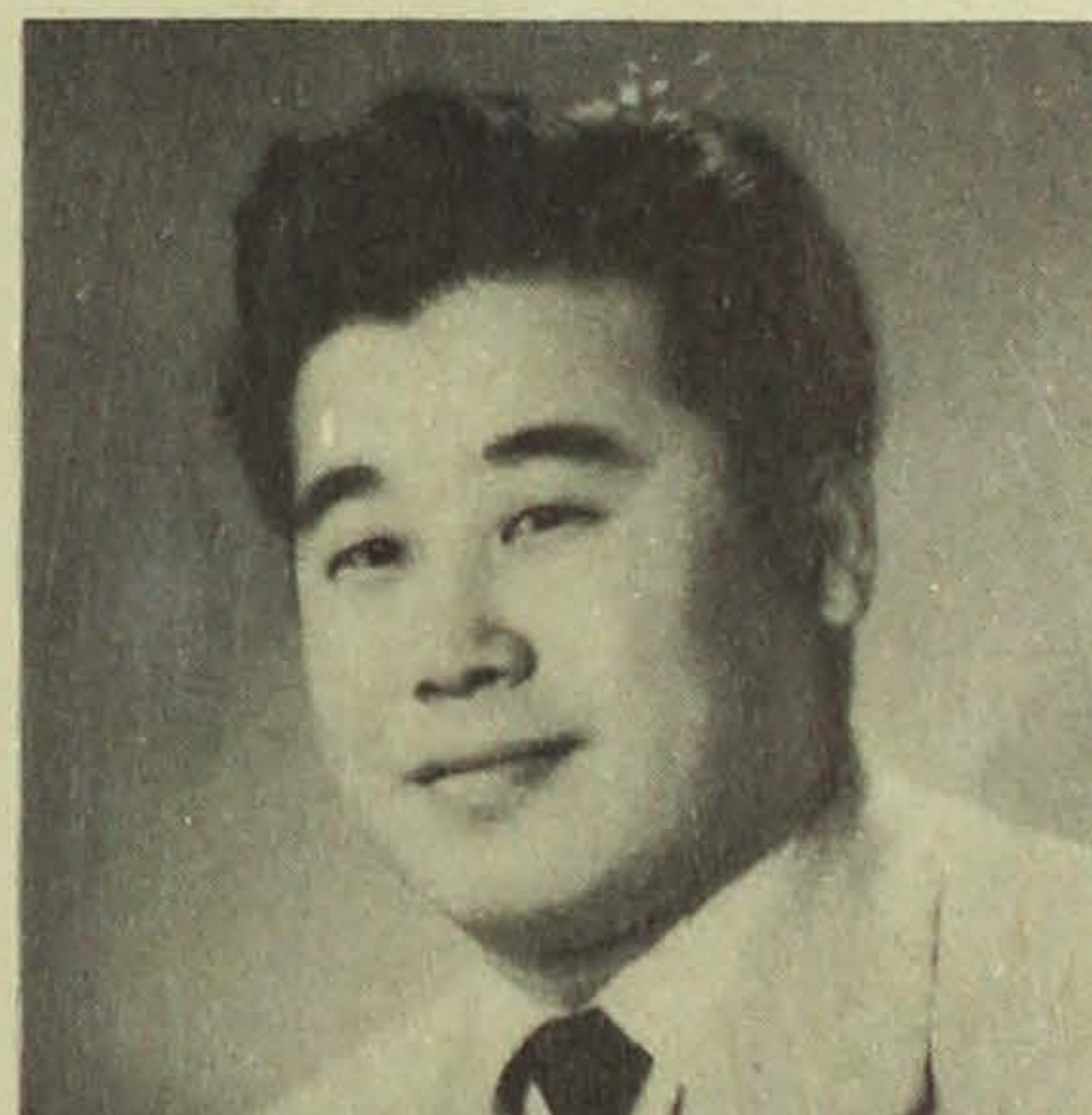
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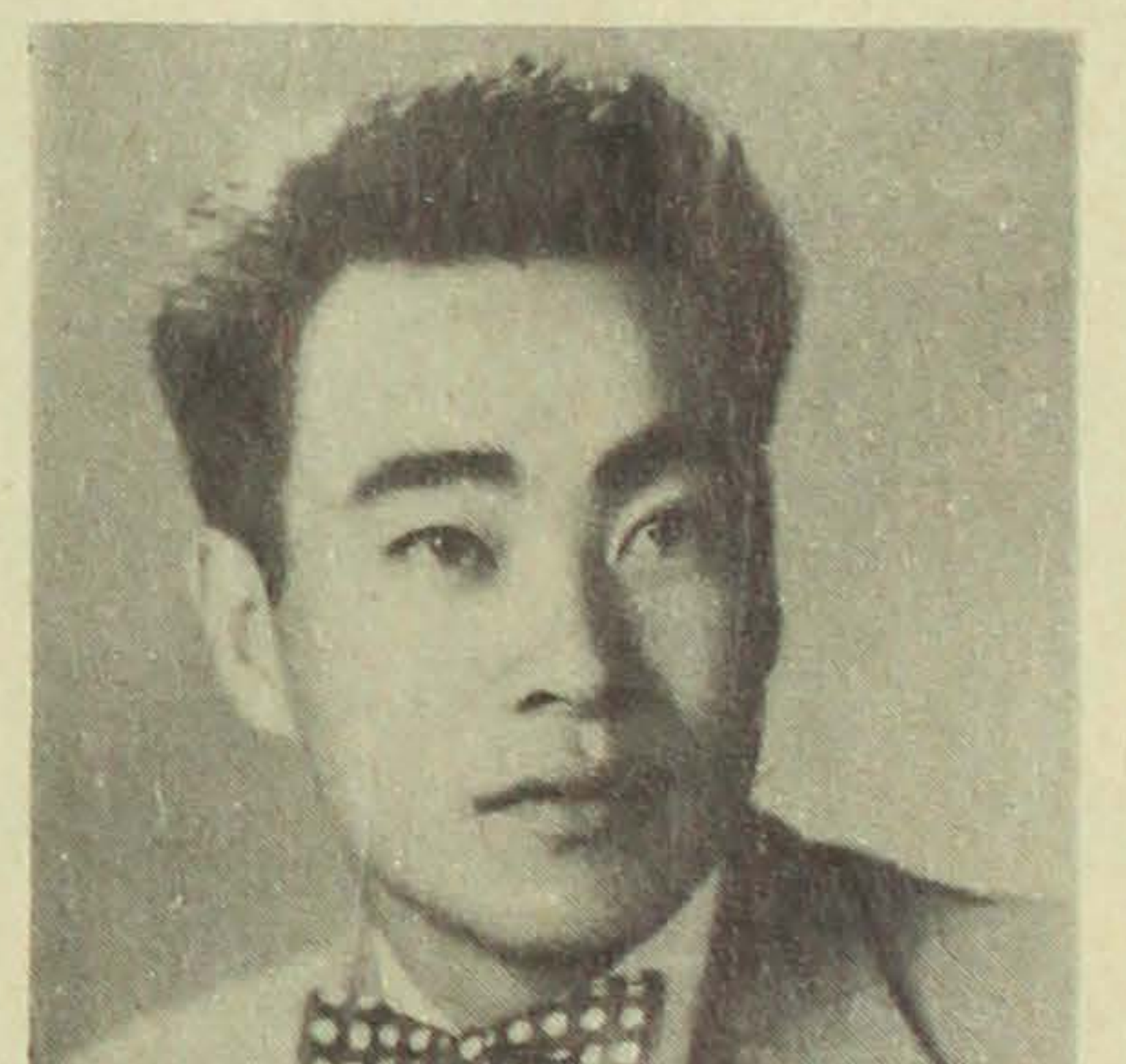
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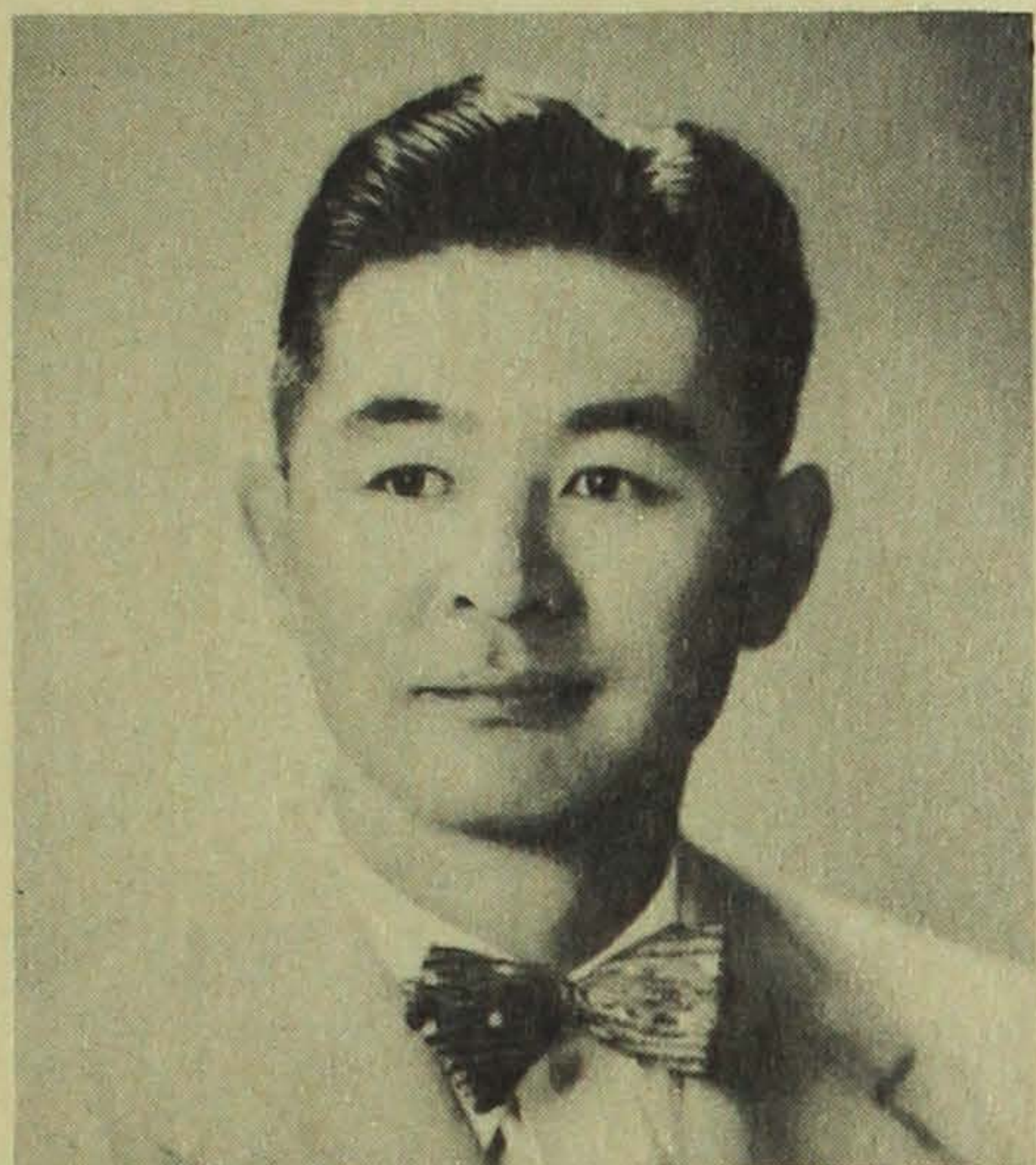
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'Turning point for JACL'



These are troubled days for all Americans when again the very ideals of free men are being threatened by anti-democratic forces and tendencies. Our freedoms have been hard come by. We, as a minority group, have had a part in establishing more securely in the framework of our country certain bias principles of justice and fair play.

Ours is the continuing privilege and responsibility to enlarge the boundaries of civil liberties everywhere. This national convention at the half-century mark signals a turning point in the JACL's existence. We must redefine our objectives. We must make clear our focus.

May we be wise in our deliberations and bold in our decisions.

We hope you will be mindful of the seriousness of this convention, but we want you also to enjoy yourselves. We want your recollection of Chicago to be thoroughly pleasurable.

May I pay tribute to all those who have helped make this convention possible. These unpublicized Chicago JACL members, who assumed multiple responsibilities and tasks, are the ones who have gone all out to make your stay here enjoyable and profitable.

Best wishes to you all.

DR. RANDOLPH M. SAKADA

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11th Biennial
National JACL Convention Board

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to the 11th Biennial
National JACL Convention

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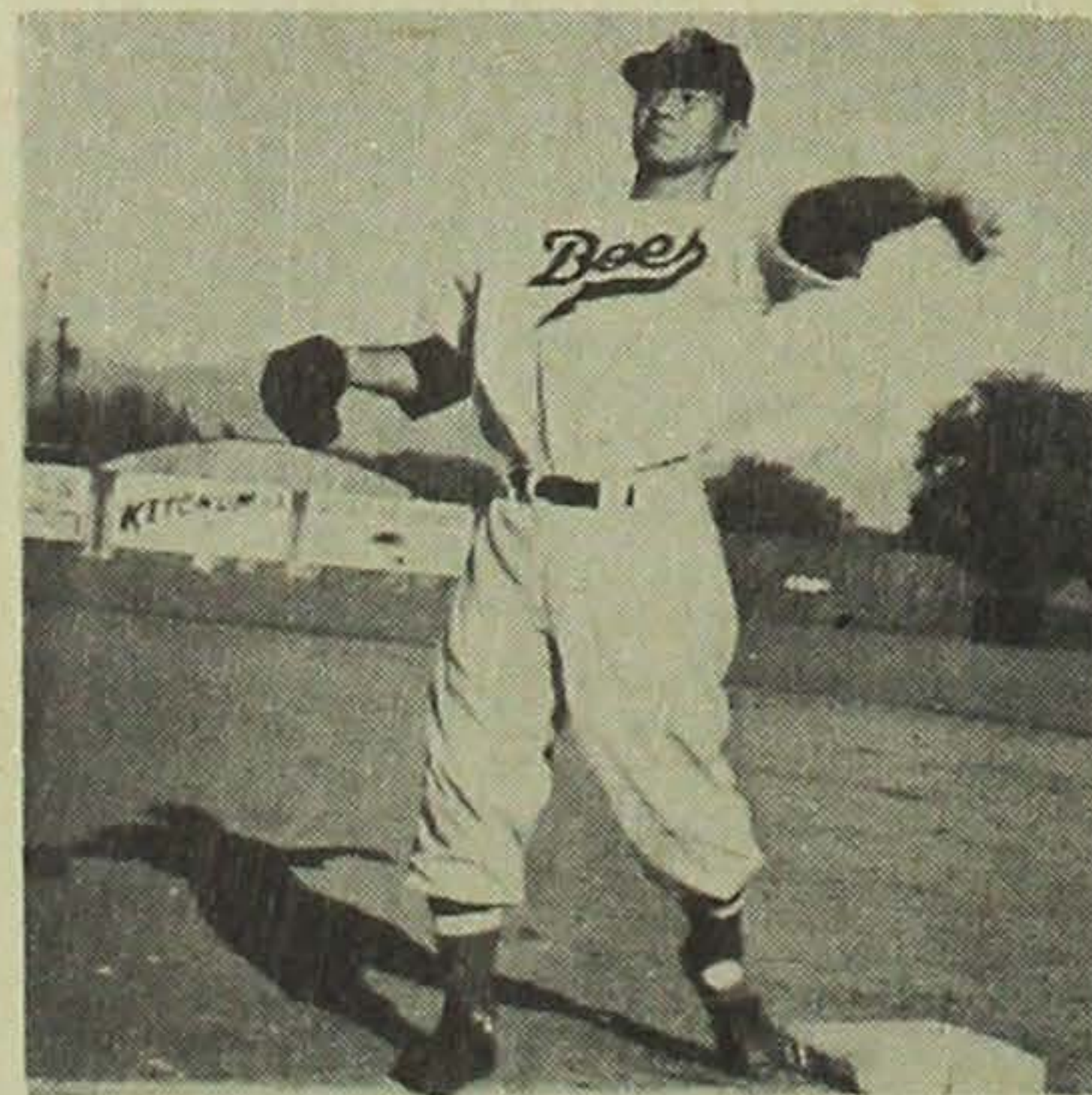


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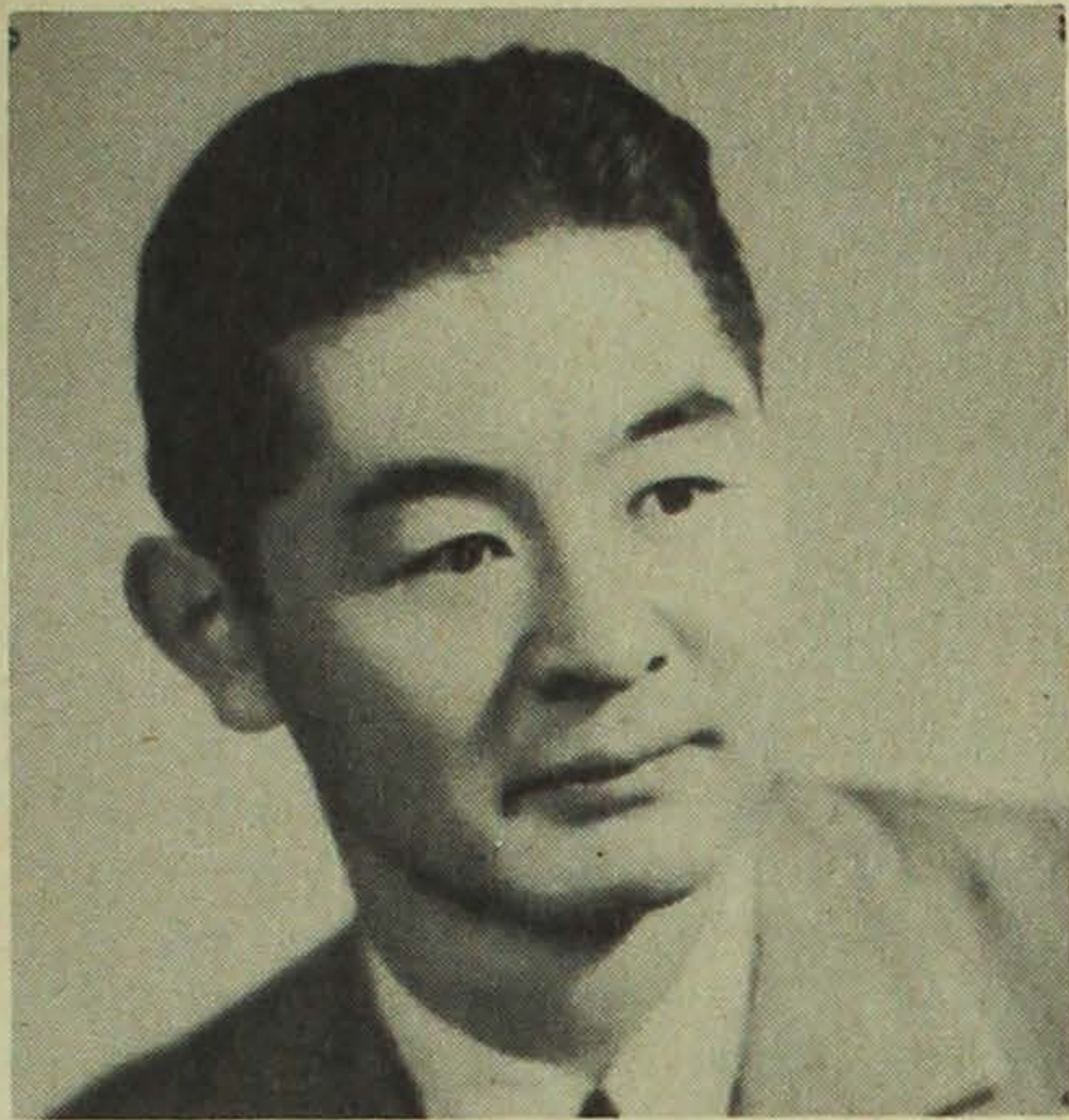
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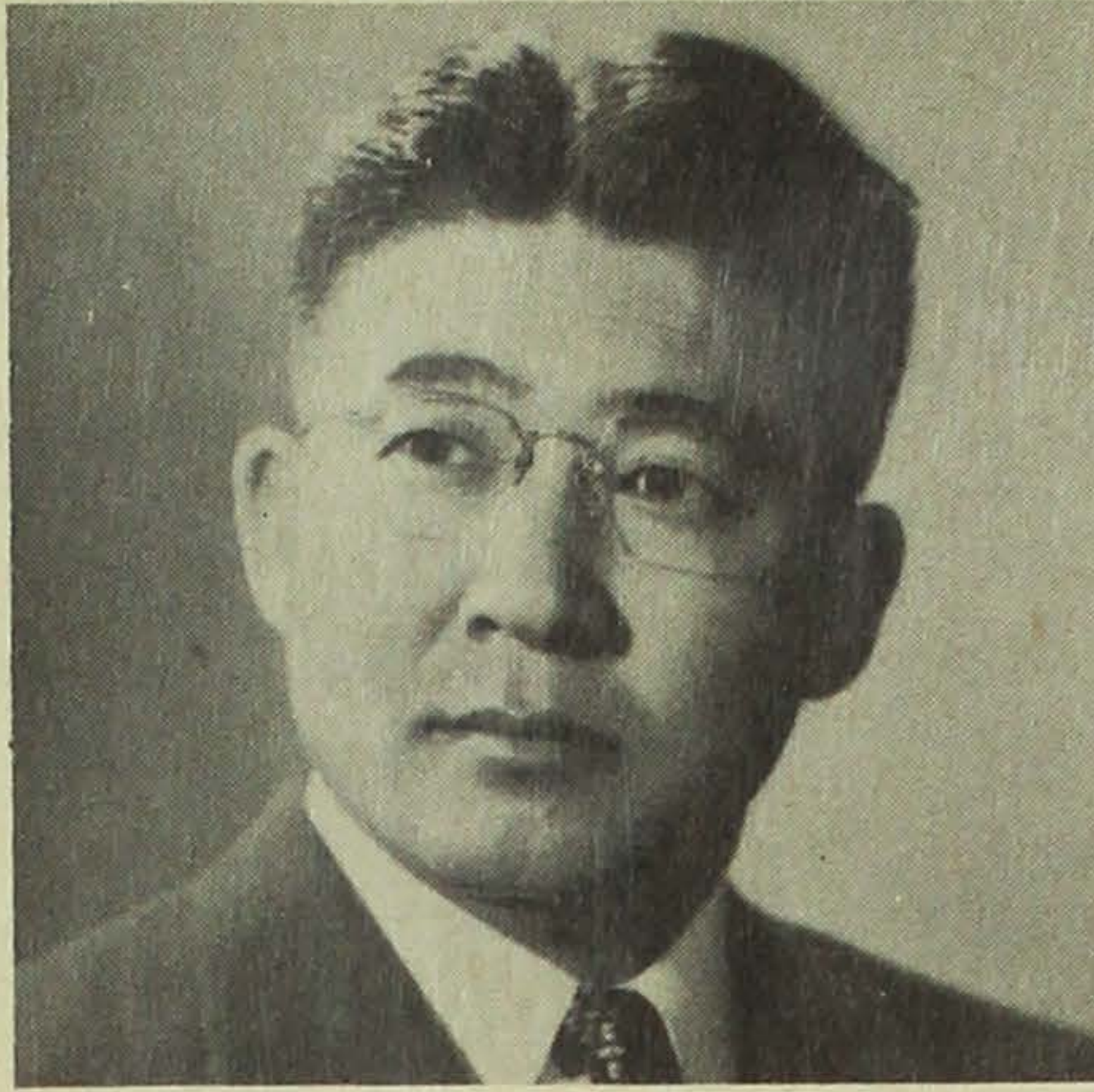
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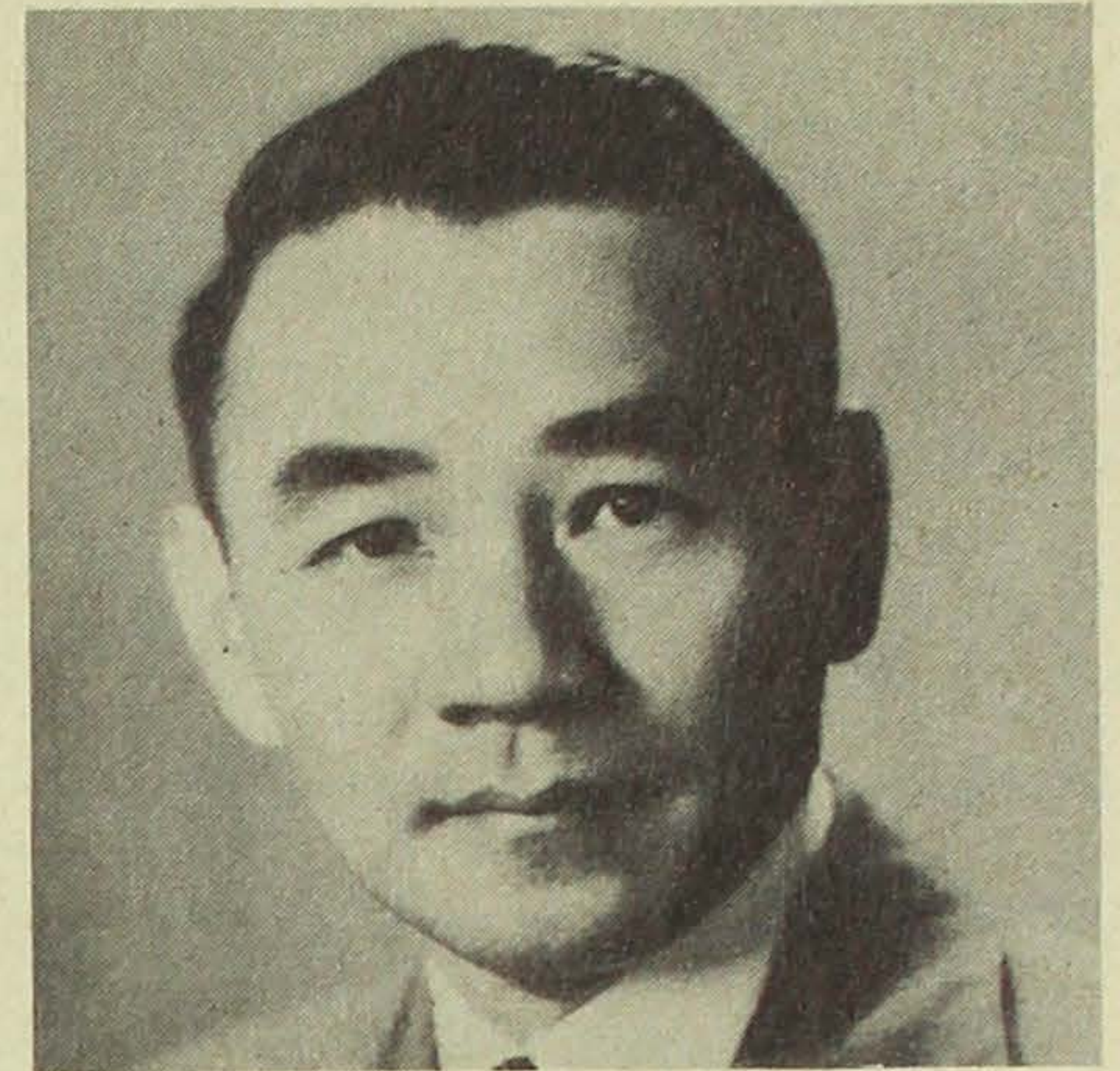
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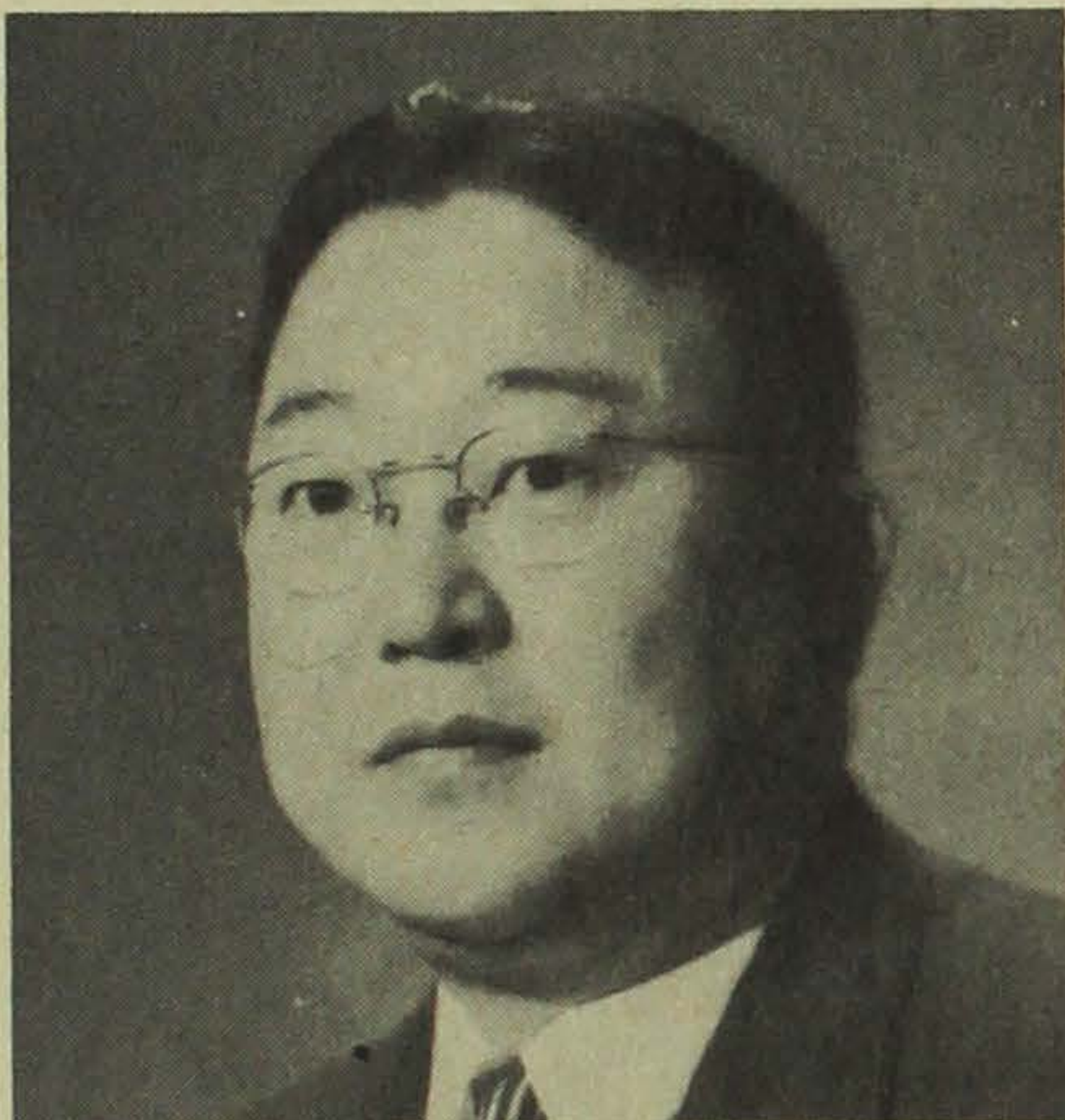
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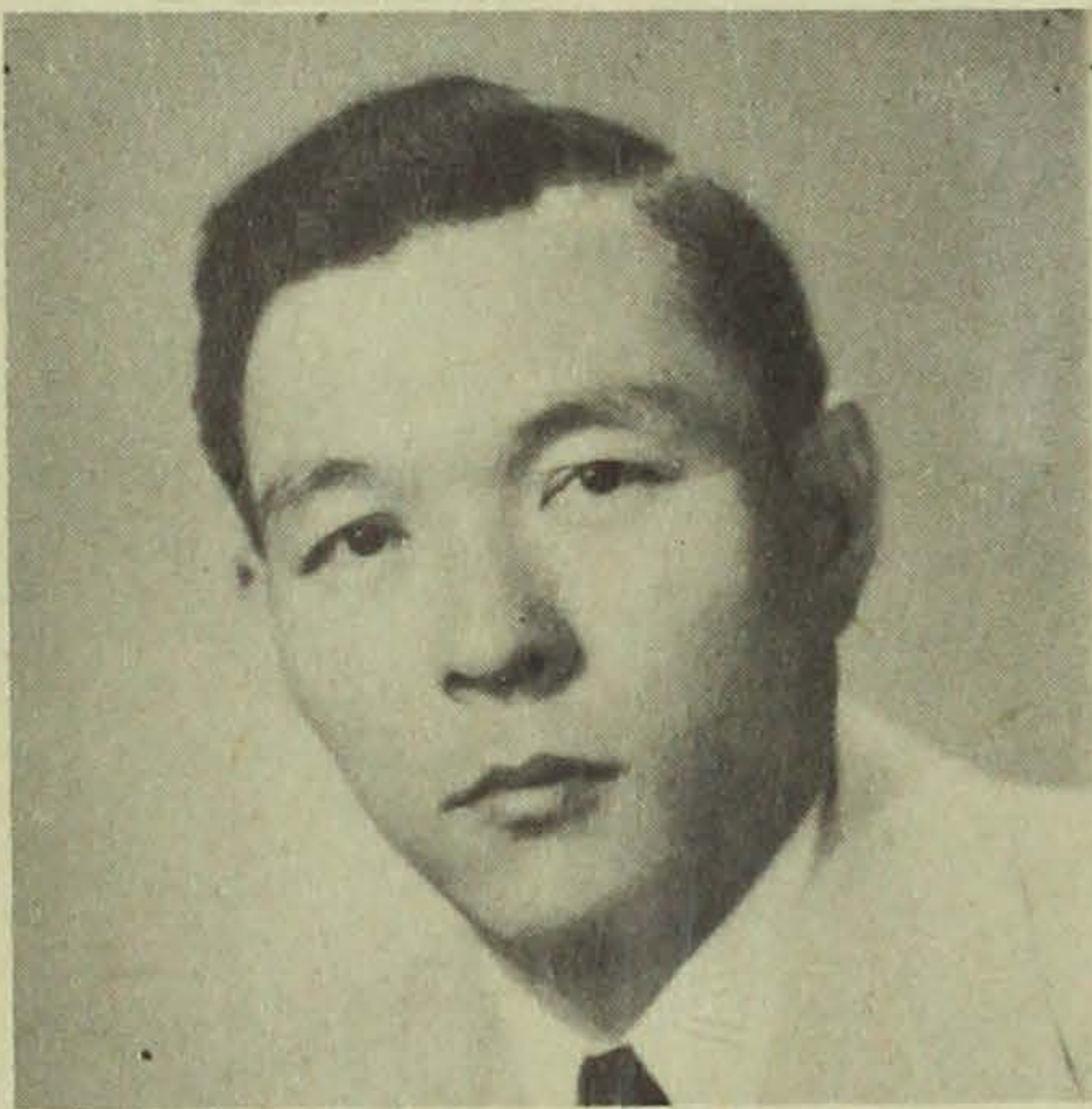
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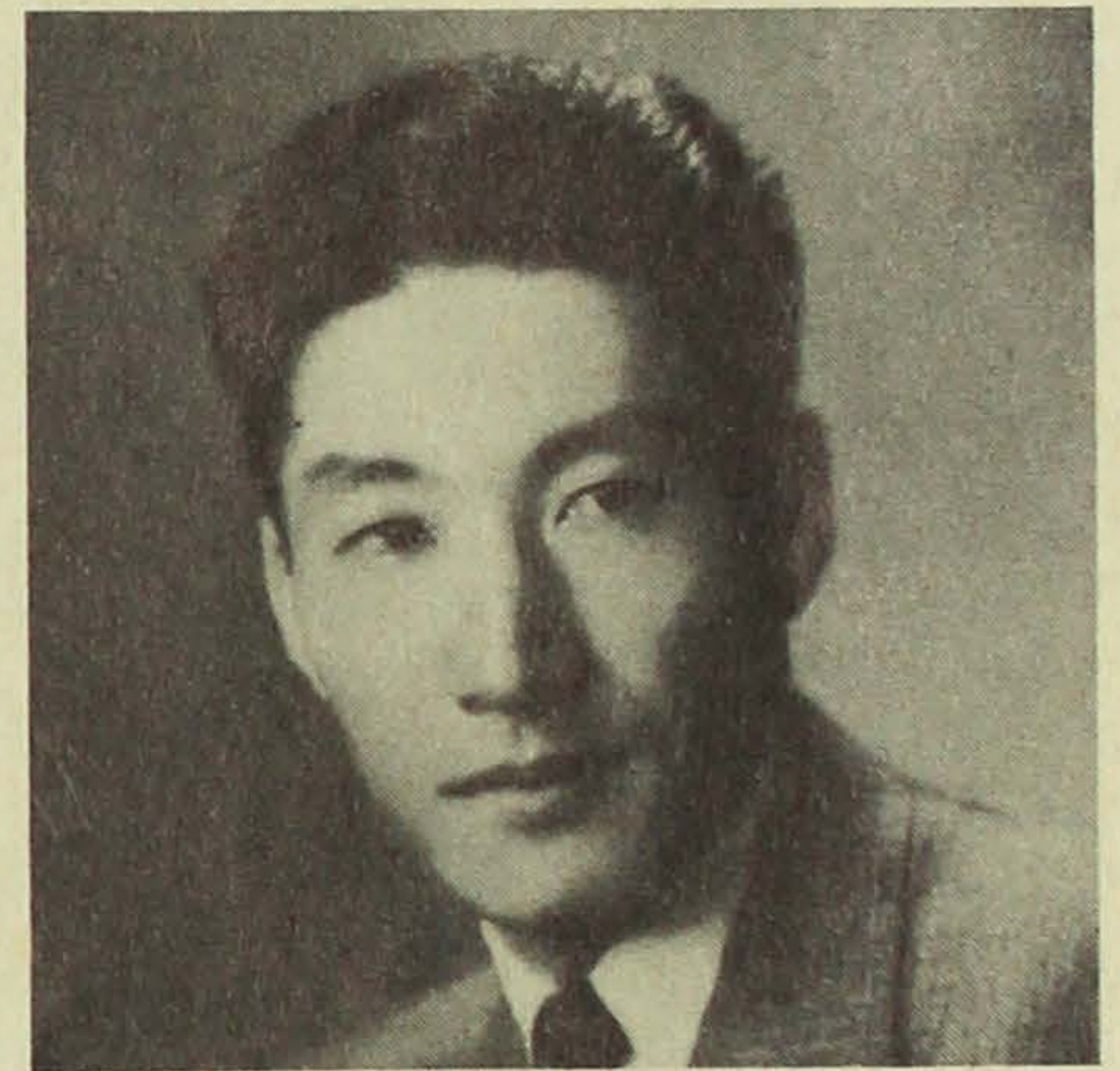
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Bamboo Inn
11 North Clark
Bob's Cafe
826 East 47th
Buena Coffee Shop
4147 North Broadway
Chiam
2253 Wentworth
Delaware Gardens
1244 North Clark
Division Wells Cafeteria
1152 North Wells
Groves Lunch
6059 South Cottage Grove
Hinode
1018 1/2 North Clark

Hot-N-Tot Barbeque
3926 1/2 North Broadway
Hyde Park Restaurant
1464 East 55th
Lakeview Restaurant
1027 West Argyle
Lamplight Restaurant
621 North State
Maruhachi Cafe
1025 East 43rd
Odani's Restaurant
1116 North State
Old Cathay
115 East Chicago
Pine Tree Restaurant
3203 North Clark

Rainbow Restaurant
1130 North Clark
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1122 North Clark
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1318 East 63rd
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PROGRAM

Annual JACL Convention

October 2, 1950

NOTE: Changes in Program Locations

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LUNCH (as you please)

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NATIONAL COUNCIL MEETING

South Ballroom

Report on National JACL Credit Union

Report on Resolutions Committee

5:30 p.m.—9:30 p.m.

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Congress Hotel, Gold Room

Chairman: Tom Kanno

Toastmaster: Noboru Honda

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Golf Tournament

Tennis Tournament

Photo Exhibit

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9:00 a.m.

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9:00 a.m.—12 noon

NATIONAL COUNCIL MEETING

North Assembly Room

Unfinished business

1952 National Convention bid

12:00 noon—2:00 p.m.

LUNCHEON FOR OFFICIAL DELEGATES

Boulevard Room

Toastmaster: Harold R. Gordon

2:30 p.m.—4:30 p.m.

MIDWEST DISTRICT COUNCIL PUBLIC FORUM

Boulevard Room

Chairman: Noboru Honda, Chairman of Midwest

District Council

Moderator: Richard Akagi, Regional Director of MDC

Panel Members:

Tom Hayashi, 3rd National Vice President, New York

Frank Chuman, 2nd National Vice President, Los Angeles

Robert C. L. George, Executive Director, Mayor's Com-

mission on Human Rights, Milwaukee

Masao Satow, National Director

Topic: "Blueprint for Tomorrow"

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Chairman

7:00 p.m.

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Grand Ballroom

Chairman: Harry K. Mayeda

Toastmaster: Dr. Thomas T. Yatabe

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CONVENTION

11th Biennial National
September 26 to

TUESDAY, September 26

10:00 a.m. (all day)
NATIONAL BOARD MEETING
Room 13, 4th Floor
In attendance:
National Board Members
Members Elect of 1950-52 National Board
National Staff Members

WEDNESDAY, September 27

10:00 a.m.—5:00 p.m.
JACL-ADC MEETING
Congress Hotel, Pine Room, 2nd Floor
Call to order.....Hito Okada, Salt Lake City
National Chairman
Introduction Greetings.....Dr. Randolph M. Sakada
Convention Board Chairman
Greetings Shig Wakamatsu
Chicago Chapter President
Greetings.....Tahei Matsunaga
Chicago JACL-ADC Chairman
Report of National Chairman.....Hito Okada
Report of National Legislative Director.....Mike Masaoka
Washington, D. C.
Report of National Treasurer.....Kay Terashima
Salt Lake City
Election of officers for the meetings
Discussion of future JACL-ADC program and organization

3:00 p.m.—10 p.m.
CONVENTION REGISTRATION
Writing Room (2nd Floor)

THURSDAY September 28

8:00 a.m.—10:00 p.m.
CONVENTION REGISTRATION
Writing Room (2nd Floor)
8:30 a.m.—10:30 a.m.
NATIONAL COUNCIL MEETING
South Ballroom
Presiding: Hito Okada
Call to Order.....Hito Okada
Roll Call of Chapters.....Masao Satow, Salt Lake City
National Director
Report of National President.....Hito Okada
Report of National Director.....Masao W. Satow
Report of National Treasurer.....William Enomoto,
Redwood City, Calif.
Report of National Legislative Director.....Mike Masaoka
Report of National Credentials Committee

10:30 a.m.—11:30 a.m.
NATIONAL COMMITTEE MEETINGS (places to be announced)

11:30 a.m.—1:00 p.m.
LUNCHEON FOR OFFICIAL DELEGATES
Upper Towers
Toastmaster: Kumeo A. Yoshinari

1:15 p.m.—3:30 p.m.
NATIONAL COUNCIL MEETING
South Ballroom
Report on Evacuation Claims
Edward J. Ennis, JACL Legal Counsel
David McKibbin, JACL Special Investigator for
Evacuation Claims
Mike Masaoka, Legislative Director

2:00 p.m.—4:00 p.m.
SIGHTSEEING AND TOURS
Chairman: Joe Maruyama

3:30 p.m.—5:00 p.m.
NATIONAL COUNCIL MEETINGS (places to be announced)

5:00 p.m.—6:30 p.m.
DINNER (as you please)

7:00 p.m.—8:00 p.m.
CIVIC RECEPTION
Lower Towers
Chairman: Mari Sabusawa
Reception in honor of civic officials and leaders in the

NOTE: Changes in Program Locales

THURSDAY, September 28

7:00 p.m. — 8:00 p.m.
CIVIC RECEPTION Normandie Lounge, 2nd Floor
8:00 p.m.— 10:00 p.m.
OPENING CEREMONIES North Ballroom, 3rd Floor
10:00 p.m. — 2:00 a.m.
CONVENTION MIXER Normandie Lounge, 2nd Floor

FRIDAY, September 29

6:00 a.m.—12:00 noon
CONVENTION GOLF TOURNAMENT
Silver Lake Golf Club, 147th and 82nd
Chairman: Hiram Akita
8:00 a.m.—3:00 p.m.
CONVENTION TENNIS TOURNAMENT
Garfield Park, Hamlin and Lake Sts.
Chairman: Tom Seno
8:00 a.m.
CONVENTION REGISTRATION
Writing Room (2nd Floor)
8:30 a.m.—12:30 p.m.
NATIONAL COUNCIL MEETING
South Ballroom
Report of Membership Committee
Report of JACL One Thousand Club
Report of National Planning Committee
Report of Legislative Committee
Report of Legal Committee
9:00 a.m.—5:00 p.m.
PHOTO EXHIBIT
Room 12 and 13
Chairman: Mas Nakagawa
9:00 a.m.—4:00 p.m.
CONVENTION BOWLING TOURNAMENT
Dearborn-Jackson Recreation (229 S. Dearborn St.)
Chairman: James Kozuma
12:30 p.m.—1:30 p.m.
LUNCH (as you please)
1:00 p.m.—5:30 p.m.
CONVENTION BRIDGE TOURNAMENT
Room 14
Chairman: Kazuo Higashiuchi
1:30 p.m.—5:30 p.m.
NATIONAL COUNCIL MEETING
South Ballroom
Report of Program and Activities Committee
Report of Arlington National Cemetery Committee
Report of National Citizenship Committee
Report of Nisei Veterans Committee
Report of National Recognition Committee
2:30 p.m.—4:30 p.m.
TEA AND FASHION SHOW
Congress Hotel, Gold Room

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October 2, 1950

Tea Chairman: Mrs. Thomas Masuda
Fashion Coordinator: Mrs. Sho Kaneko
Commentator: Mrs. Ken Nishi

Highlights:
Gowns designed by outstanding Nisei dress designers worn by Nisei models

6:00 p.m.
1000 CLUB DINNER
Old Cathay Restaurant, 115 E. Chicago Ave.
Chairman: Harold Gordon

SATURDAY, September 30

6:00 a.m.—12 noon
CONVENTION GOLF TOURNAMENT
Bunker Hills Golf Course, 6635 Milwaukee Ave.

8:00 a.m.
CONVENTION REGISTRATION
Writing Room (2nd Floor)

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LUNCH (as you please)

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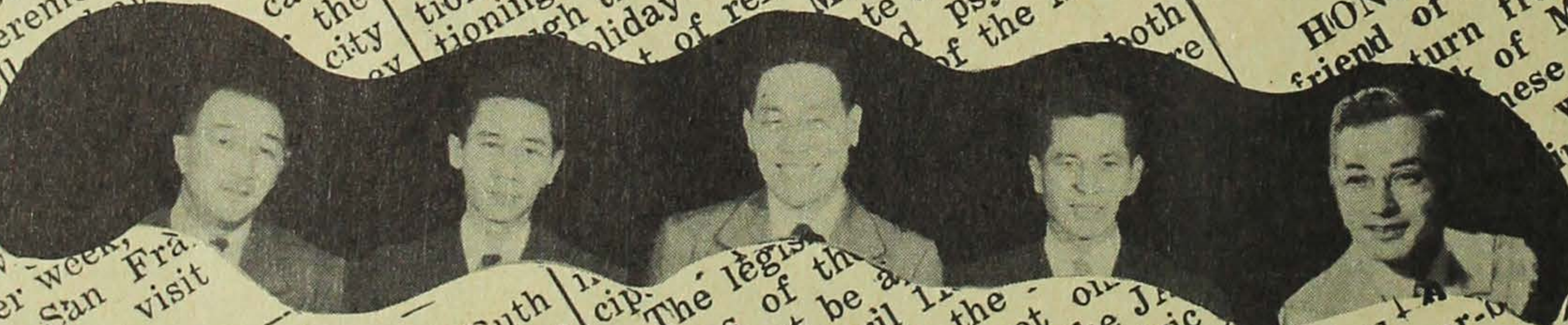
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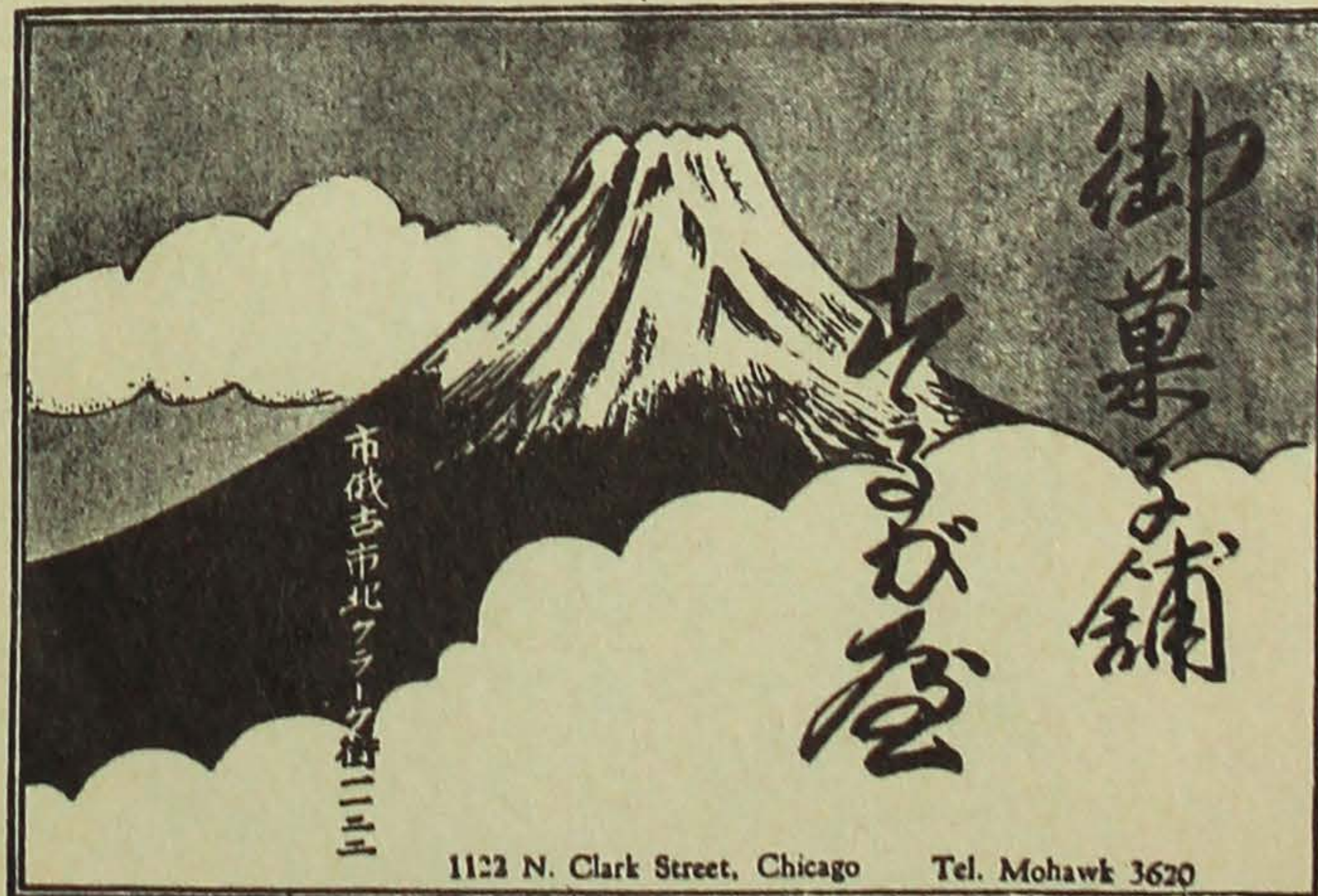
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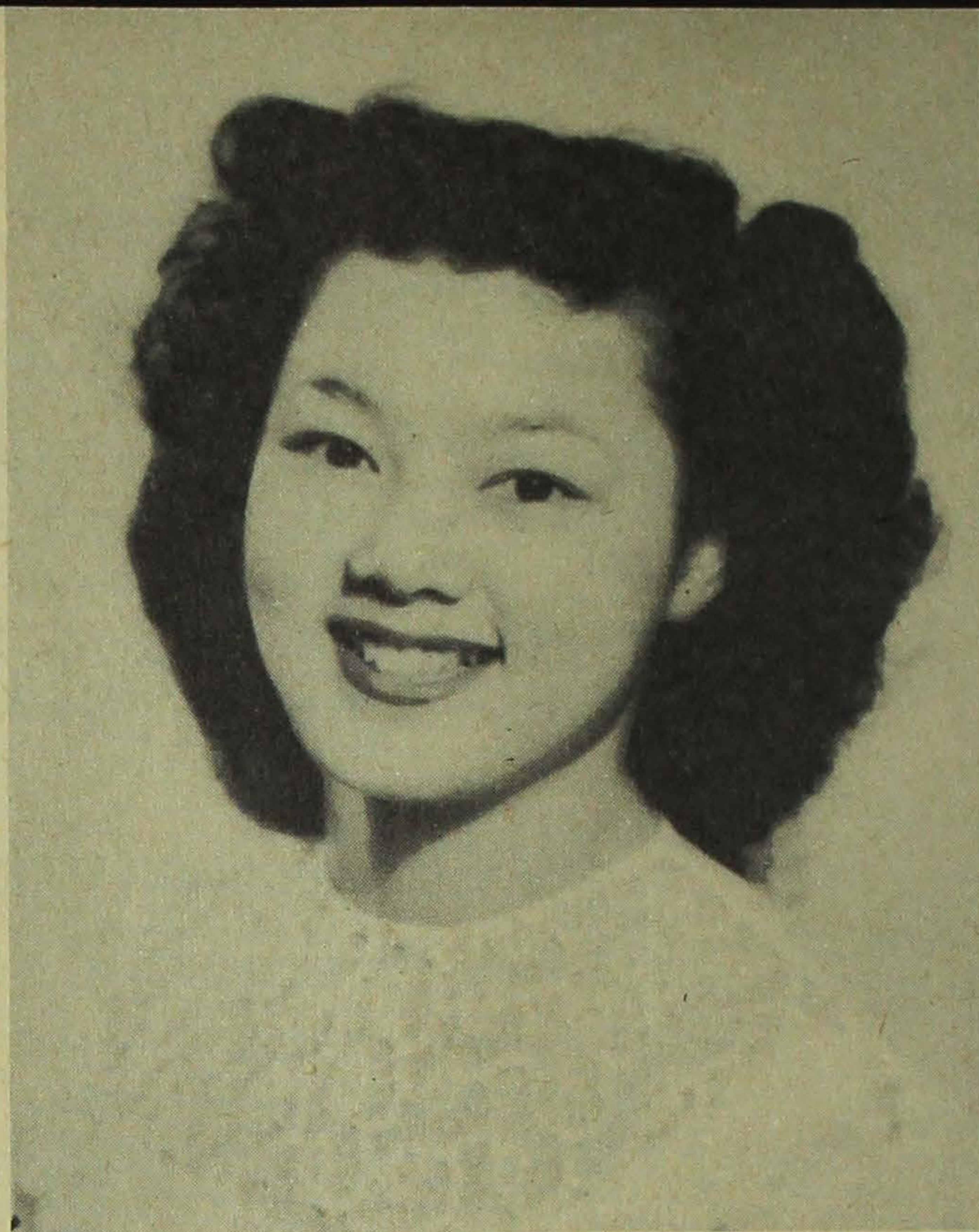
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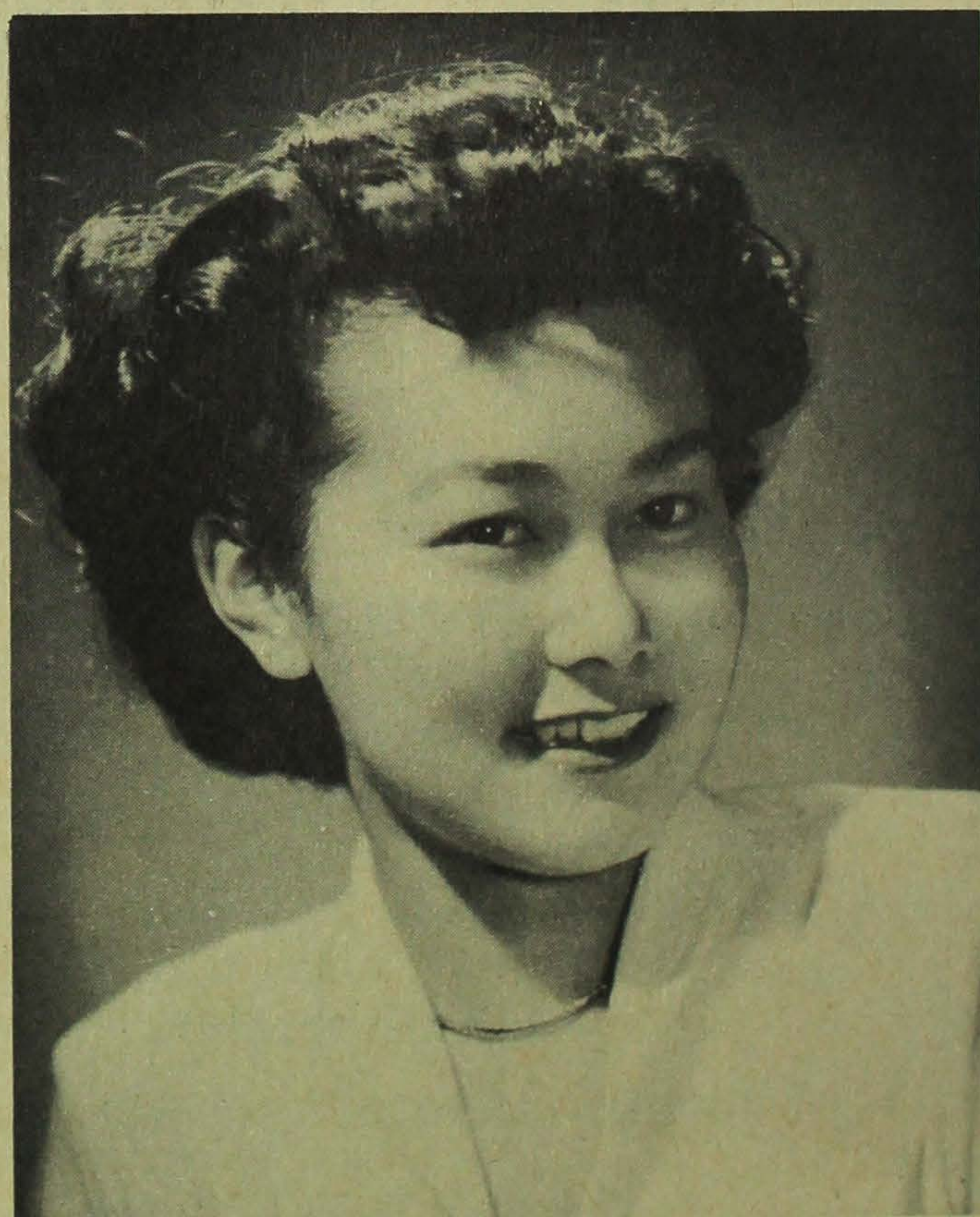
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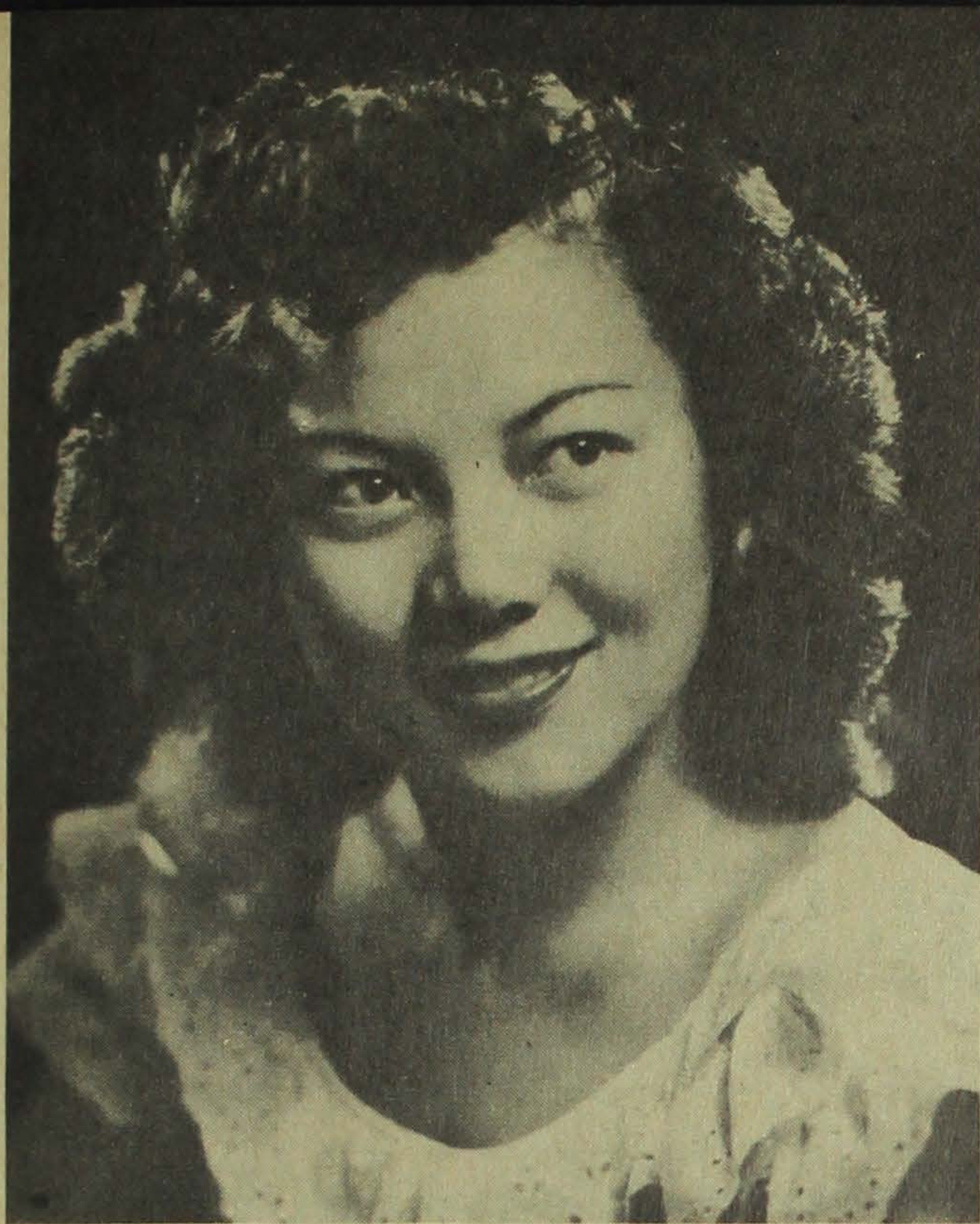
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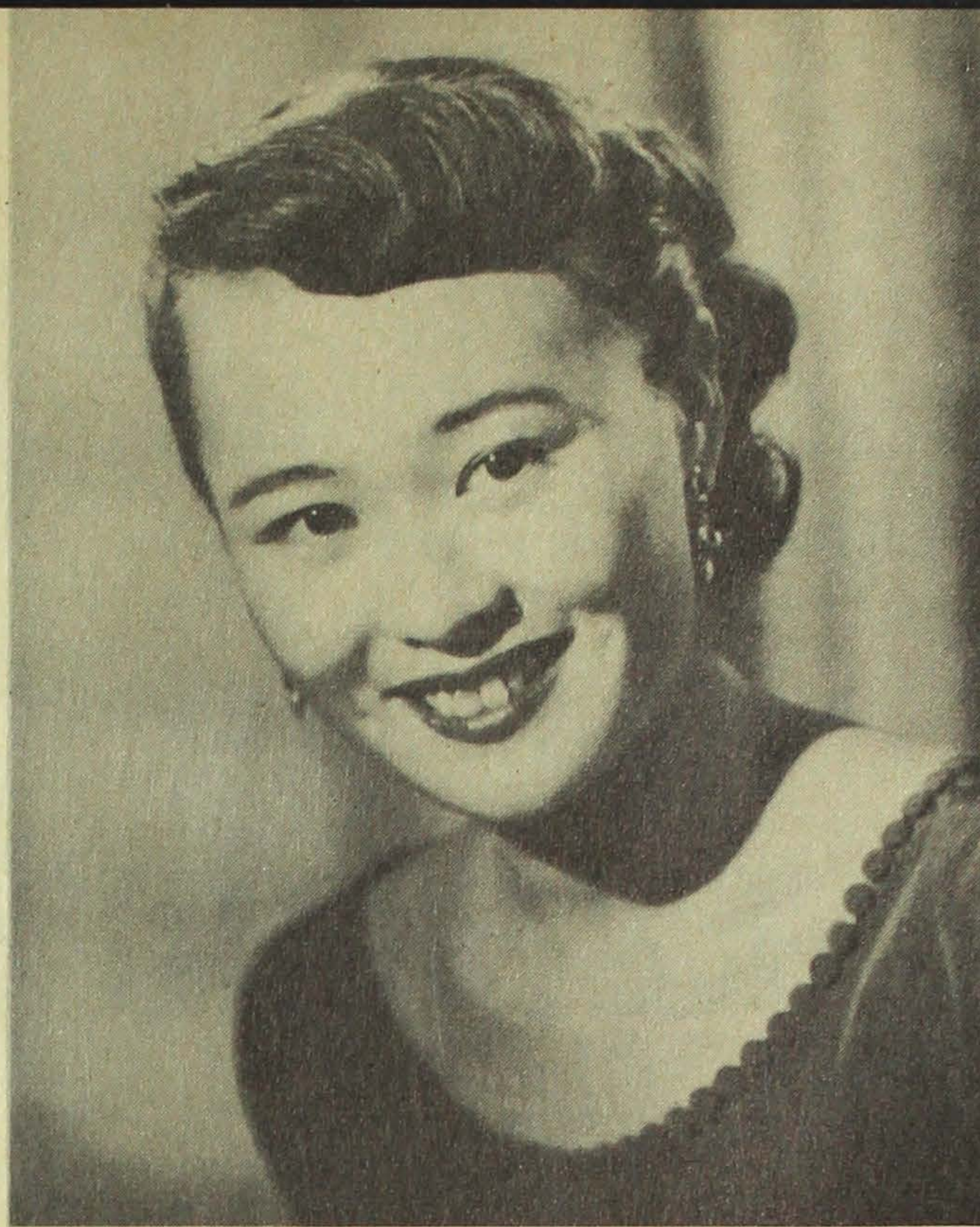
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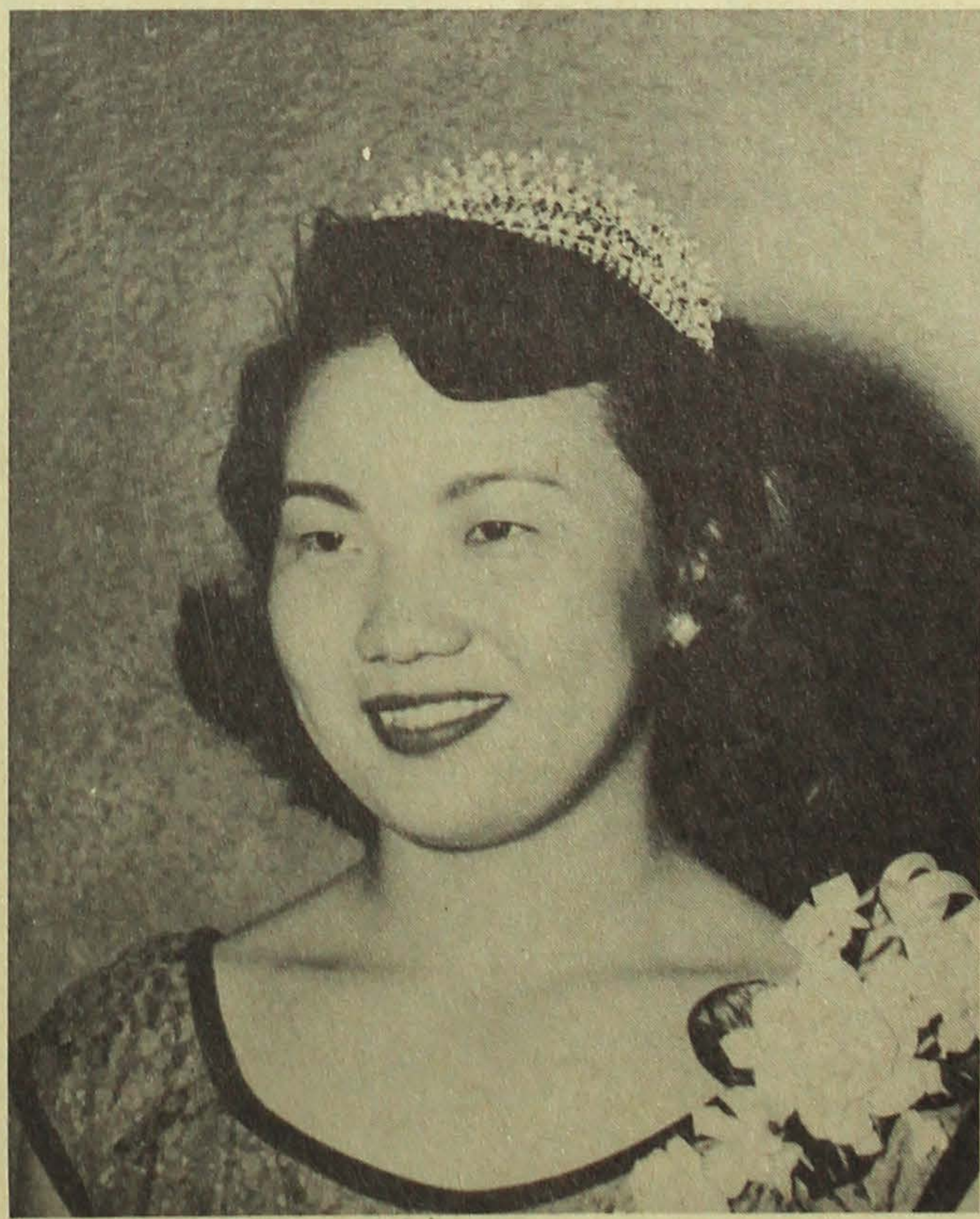


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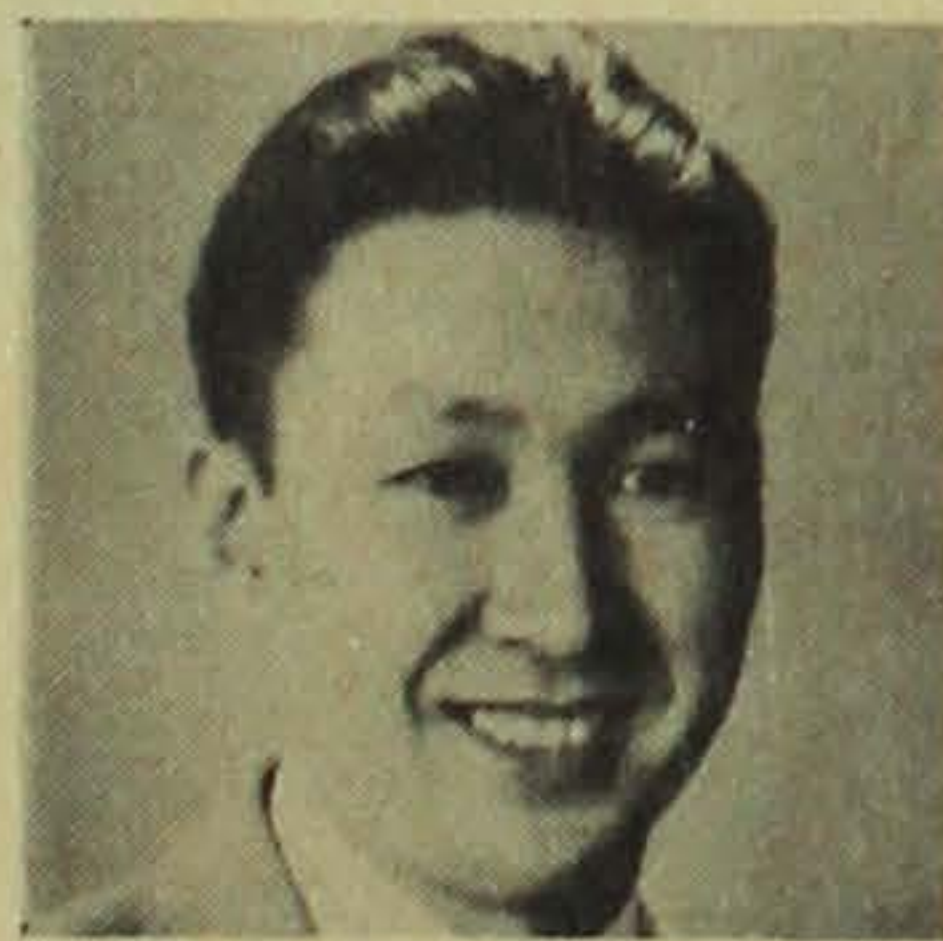
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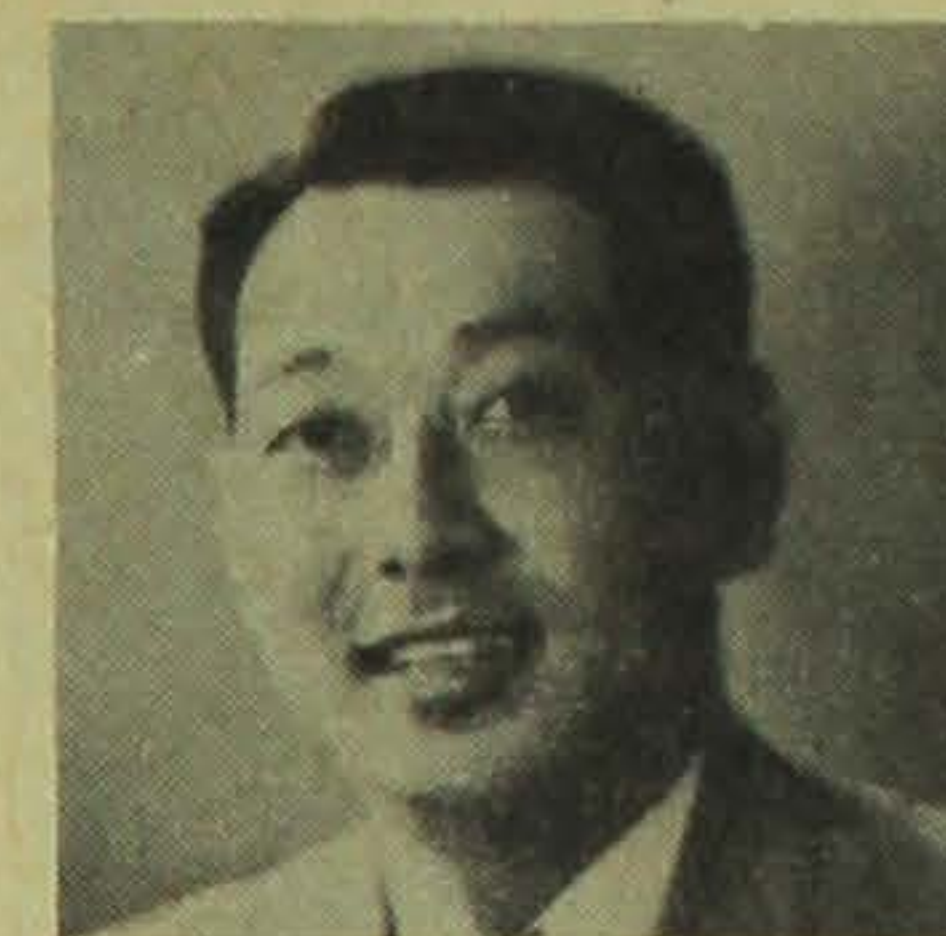
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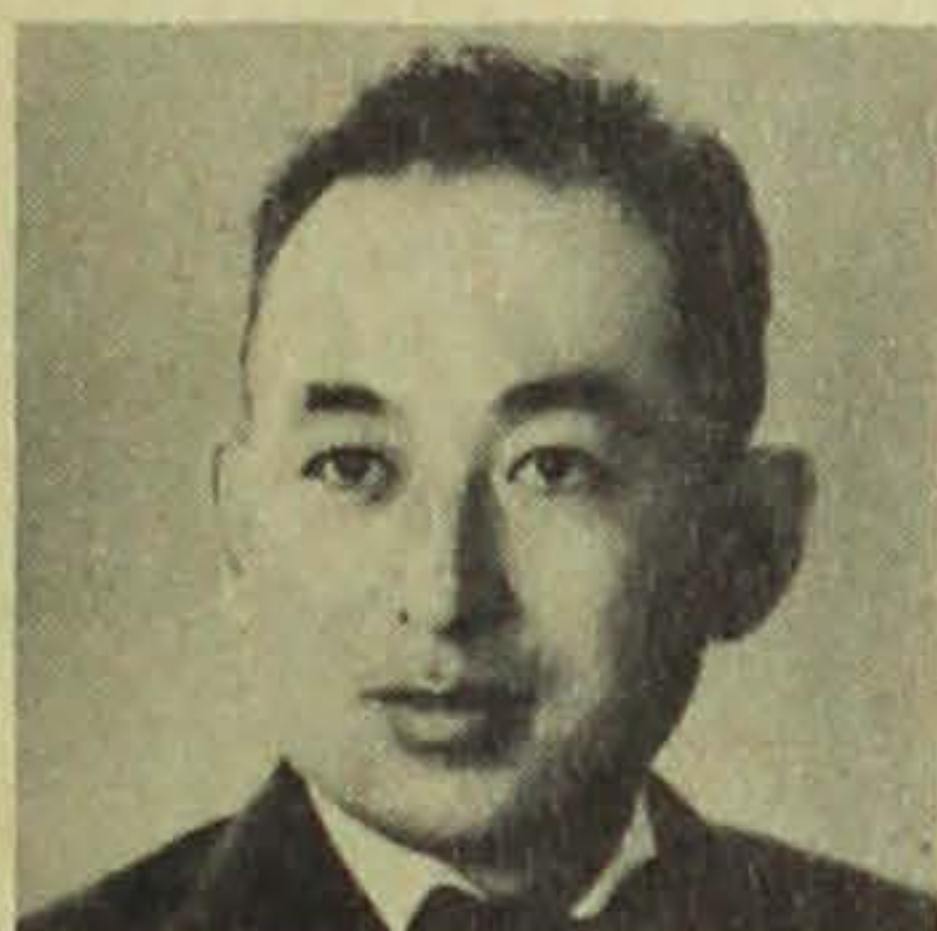
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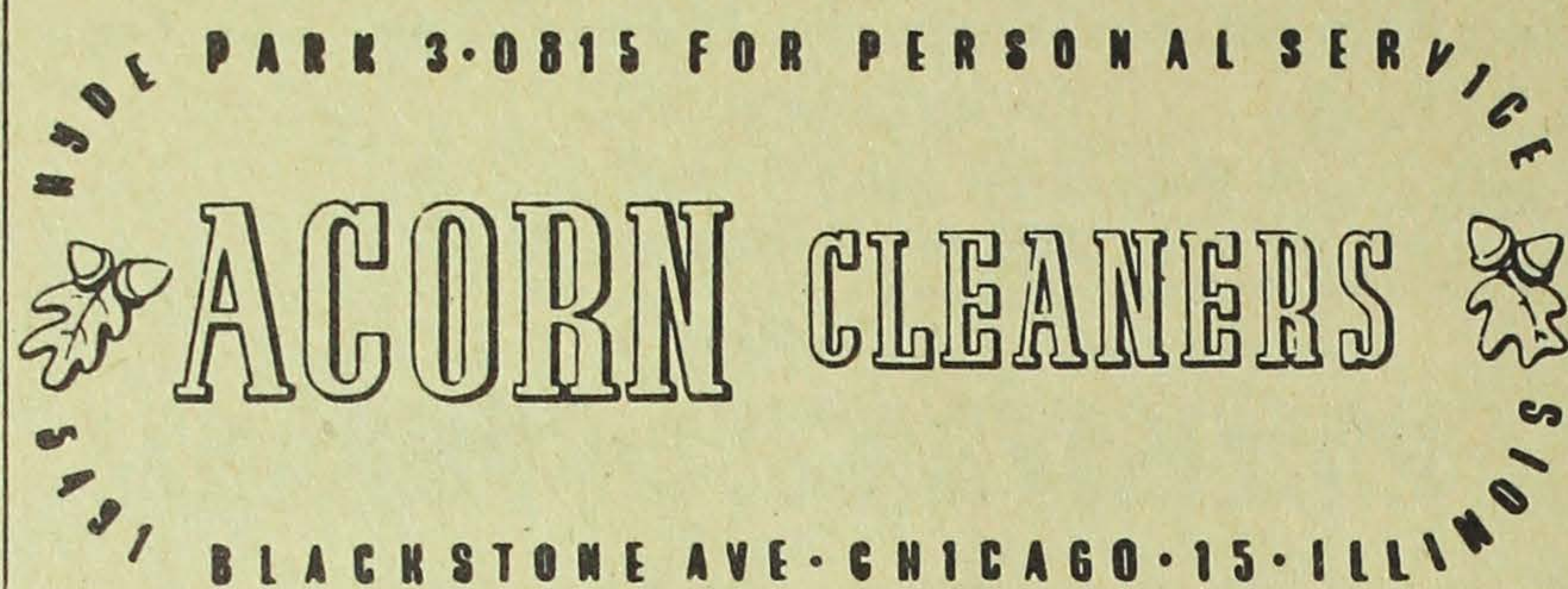
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OFFICIALLY, the Japanese American Citizens League started in September, 1930, with the National Convention in Seattle, Washington. However, it was conceived in the organization of small local groups of Niseis, going back as far as 1918.

The older Niseis of the period realized the need for some concerted effort on the part of second generation members of Japanese ancestry for the promotion of recreational activities, citizenship education and public relations among both Niseis and others. It was with this in mind that the JACL was finally organized.

Accomplishments of JACL

Accomplishments of the JACL are no small affairs nor few in numbers. The Cable Act was amended and Japanese veterans of World War I were given citizenship through the legislative activity of the JACL in the early days of its existence. Local discriminatory legislative laws and practices were defeated or modified through the JACL's political and education programs.

The JACL met the challenges of anti-Japanese groups throughout the Pacific Coast by constructive programs of education and civic participation on a local and national scale.

Passes Anti-'ism' Resolution

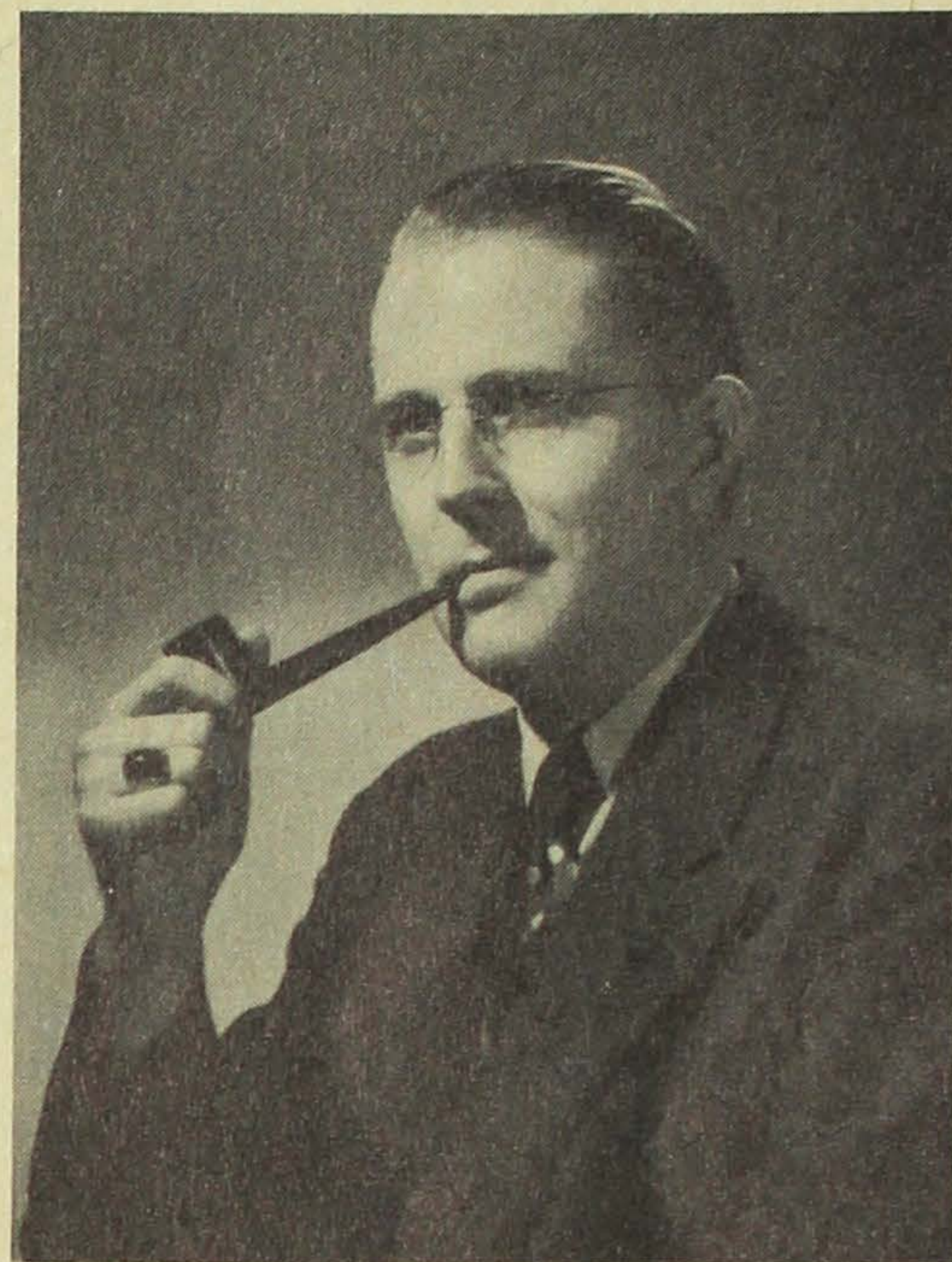
One of the first minority groups to pass an anti-"ism" resolution and program was the JACL in 1932.

The JACL's program during World War II was based upon the philosophy that "by their works you shall know them." Cooperation and active public relations programs carried out with and in various communities throughout the United States converted the great majority of fair-minded Americans as to the sincerity and loyalty of persons of Japanese ancestry.

The foundation laid by the JACL and cooperative Niseis during wartime made it possible for the JACL-

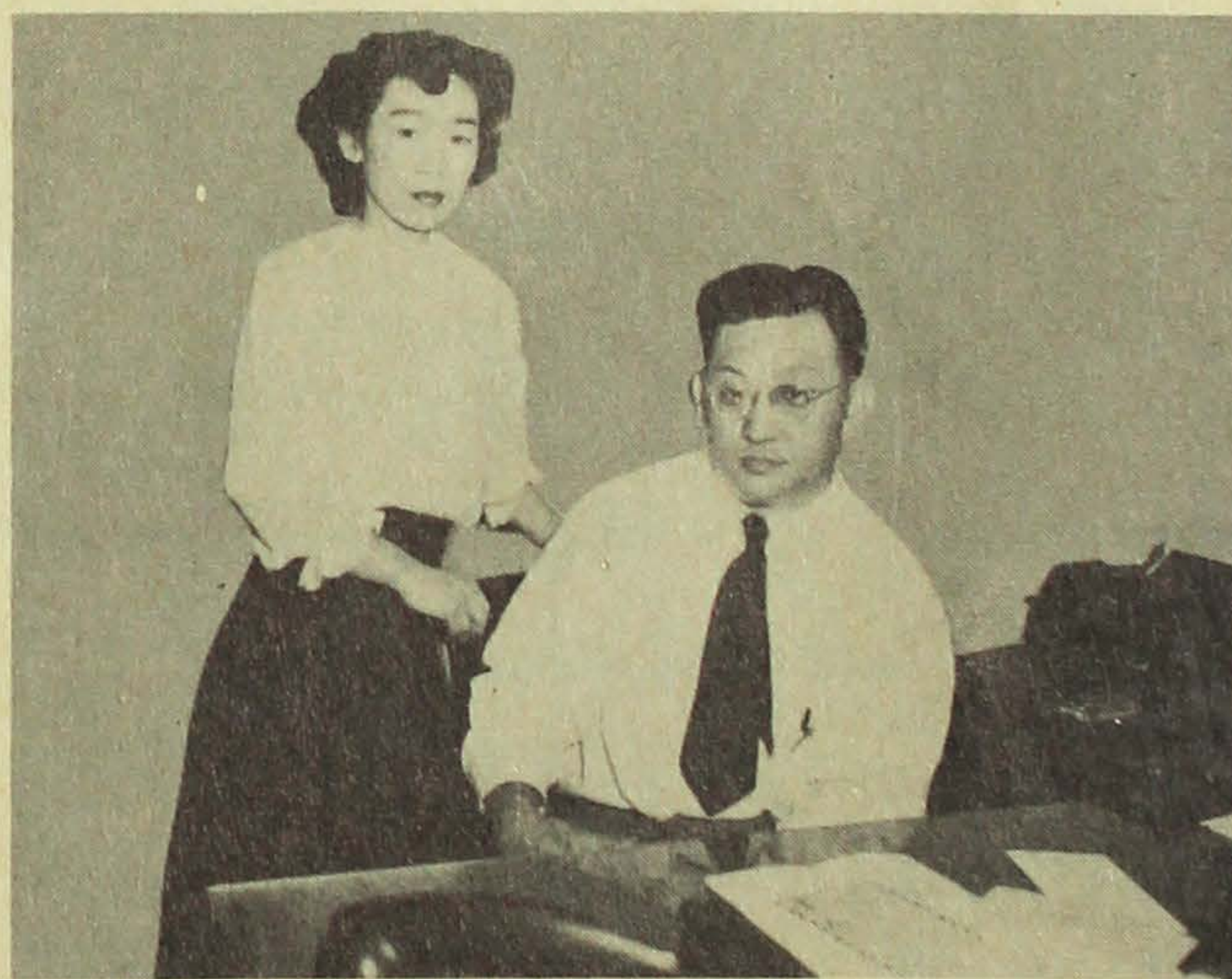
ADC program to become recognized on a national scale. The JACL spearheaded the attack on anti-alien land laws in various states; brought cases of civil liberties to the Supreme Court and it was instrumental in fighting, successfully, discrimination in bowling, housing and other forms of segregation and discrimination.

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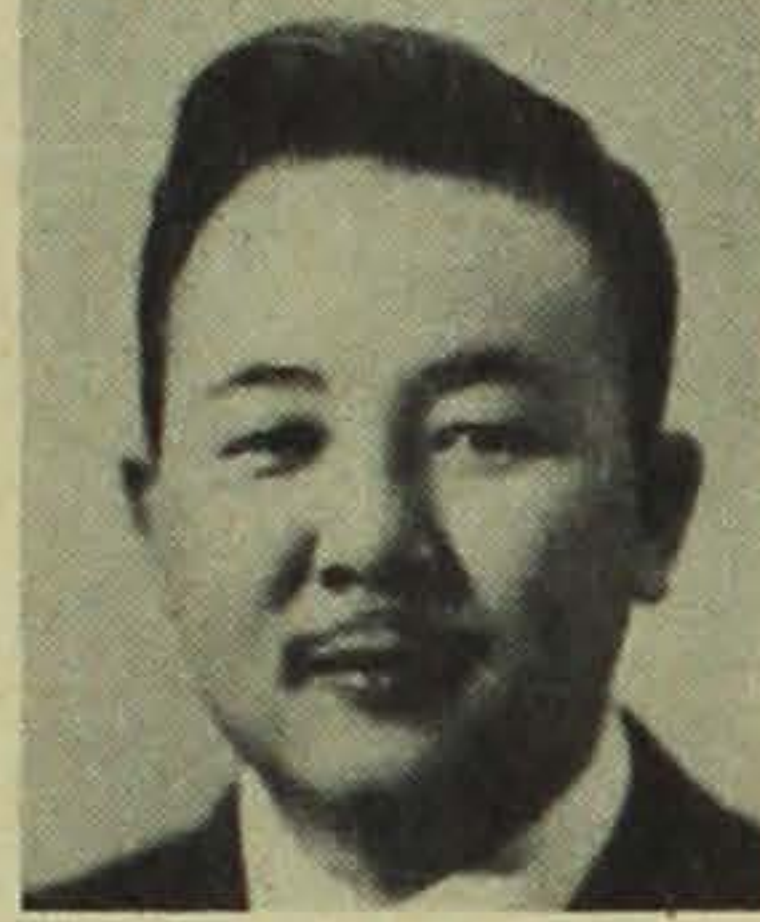
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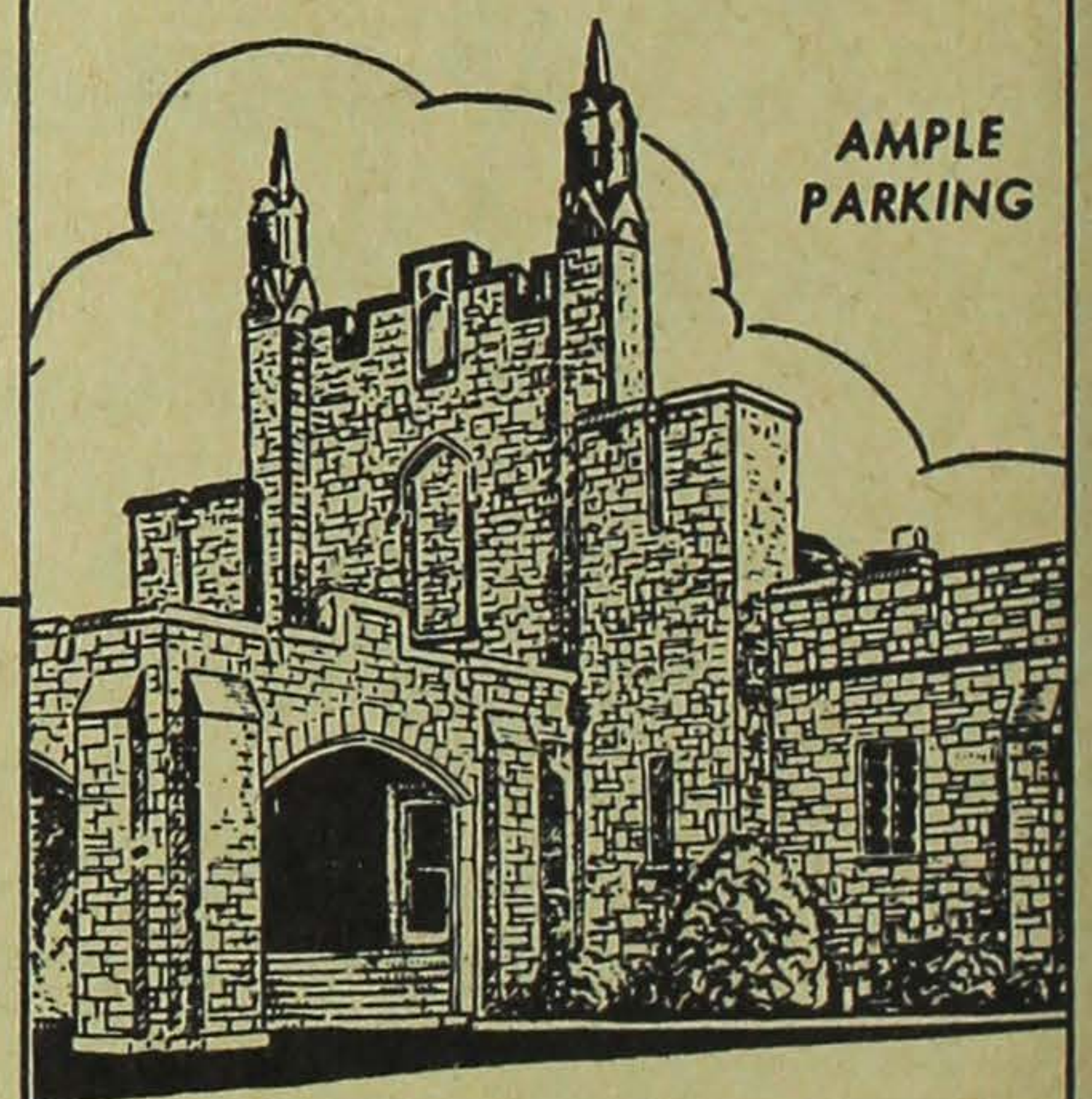
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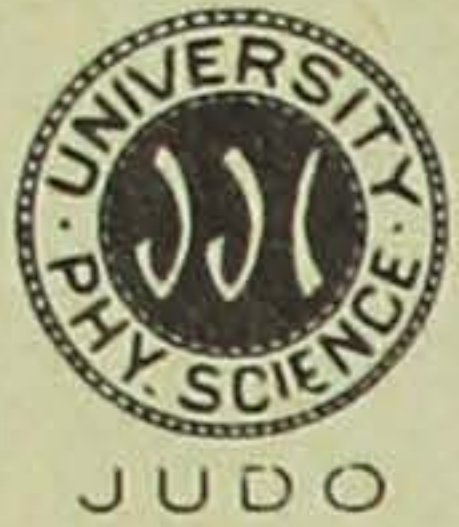
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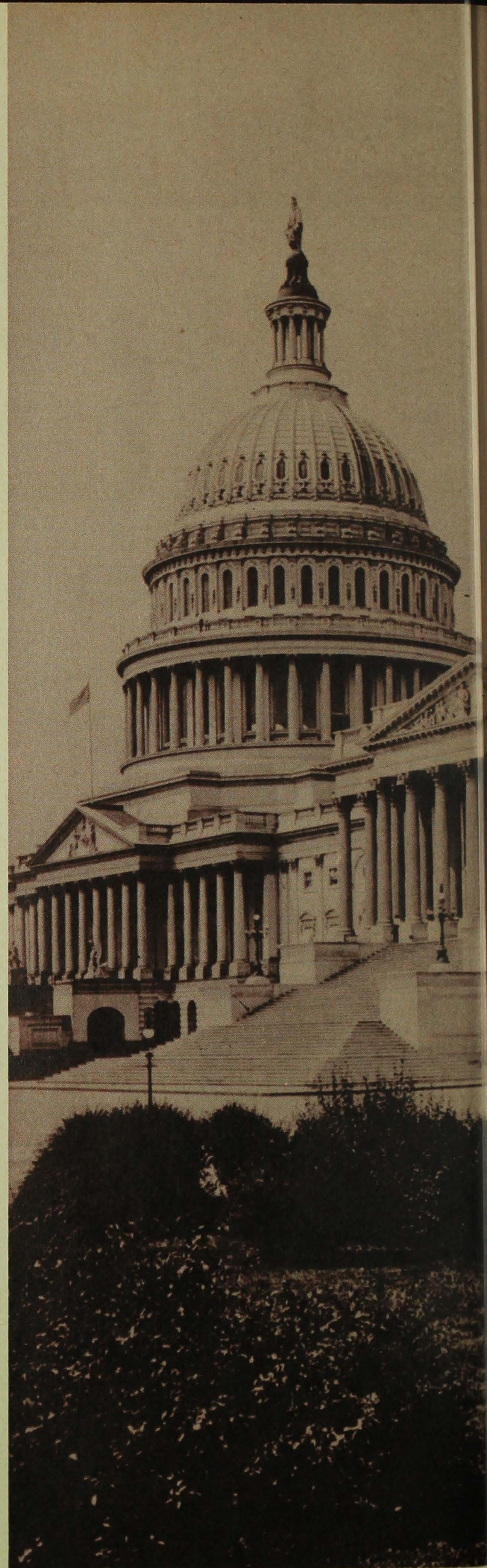


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PROFILE OF A COMMUNITY

IN THE LATE SPRING of 1946, against the backdrop of lingering community hostility and suspicion, the delegates to the 9th Biennial National Convention of the Japanese American Citizens League in Denver, Colo., unanimously adopted the following four-fold program:

"To secure corrective and remedial legislation benefiting persons of Japanese ancestry in the United States;"

(Here, then, at Denver came into being the legislative arm of the Japanese American Citizens League, the JACL-Anti-Discrimination Committee, Incorporated. In four bittersweet years, in a climate of savage, carping criticisms from the misinformed and misled, the JACL-ADC hammered out a solid record of accomplishments: Defeated Proposition 15 in California; secured the enactment of Public Law 863, the "Deportation Stay" Bill; Public Law 886, providing for evacuation claims; Public Law 213, Soldier Brides Act Amendment; various private bills for individual relief; and the House Joint Resolution 238, which, in removing the 160-year old discriminatory policy from our naturalization laws, affirmed that the right of becoming an American citizen shall not be abridged because of race.)

A hesitant and a painfully self-conscious minority group at last had forged an effective public relations instrument. And the strength and the spirit to wield that instrument were not lacking. The slush of relocation centers and the grime of tar-papered barracks had seen to that.)

"To test in the courts the validity of discriminatory legislation directed against persons of Japanese ancestry in the United States;"

(The documents state: Fred Oyama and Kajiro Oyama, Petitioners, vs. State of California; and Torao Takahashi, Petitioner, vs. Fish and Game Commission—State of California. The documents do not so state but the third party in the fight in both instances was the JACL-ADC. Twice to the Supreme Court of the United States, the JACL-ADC appealed these cases. Twice the highest tribunal of the land ruled against the racist laws of California. The JACL-ADC was matching its legislative gains by like advances in the courts of law.)

For a youngster the JACL-ADC was punching well. And hotel operators, gardeners, harrassed professionals, fruit-stand clerks and truck farmers were beginning to say, "Maybe we ought to kick in with a few bucks. These guys aren't doing such a bad job.")

"To make representations before appropriate government agencies and officials for the just and equal treatment and consideration of persons of Japanese ancestry in the United States;"

(Enactment of remedial legislation is but the first step toward correcting injustices. The problem of its administration and enforcement must still be dealt with.)

An evacuation claims program which will benefit only the claimants' heirs is patiently ridiculous, but this now looms as a possibility. The JACL-ADC has worked since the passage of Public Law 886 to expedite the adjudication and payment of the 24,000 claims now in the hands of the Department of Justice.

Analogous comments can be made on any law which is of concern to a minority. Whether in the matter of soldier brides or restrictive covenants the JACL-ADC in behalf of the Japanese-American community has pressed to extend the boundaries of civil liberties.)

"To conduct a public information program in order that the American public at large might learn of the wartime experiences and loyalty of persons of Japanese ancestry in the United States."

(How well was that job done? Name a congressman in California or Oregon or Washington who has not heard of the 442nd Regimental Combat Team. Name a racist who will today question the loyalty of Japanese-Americans. Name a major metropolitan daily which has not carried an editorial in support of one or more of the JACL-ADC's legislative objectives.)

If the congressman does not know that the 442nd Regimental Combat Team was tagged "The Purple Heart Regiment" or that it had received 3,600 citations, blame his haphazard memory. The JACL-ADC has given him such items time and time again..

The JACL-ADC has been impressive in the areas of legislation and litigation. It has been equally effective in educating the American public to the contributions of the Nisei GIs and civilian during World War II.)

But perhaps the most significant aspect of the JACL-ADC enterprises has been the sacrificial support given by the Isseis to a program whose leadership was entirely Nisei. Here tacitly, the Isseis abdicated from their places of community and regional leadership and gave way to the younger and inexperienced citizen group. Without this unreserved cooperation from the Isseis, the JACL-ADC could not, in all probability, have materialized, much less its present program realized.

Therefore, the JACL-ADC, its program and its accomplishments, is a striking tribute to a unique cooperative effort voluntarily embarked upon by the old and the young of the Japanese American community.

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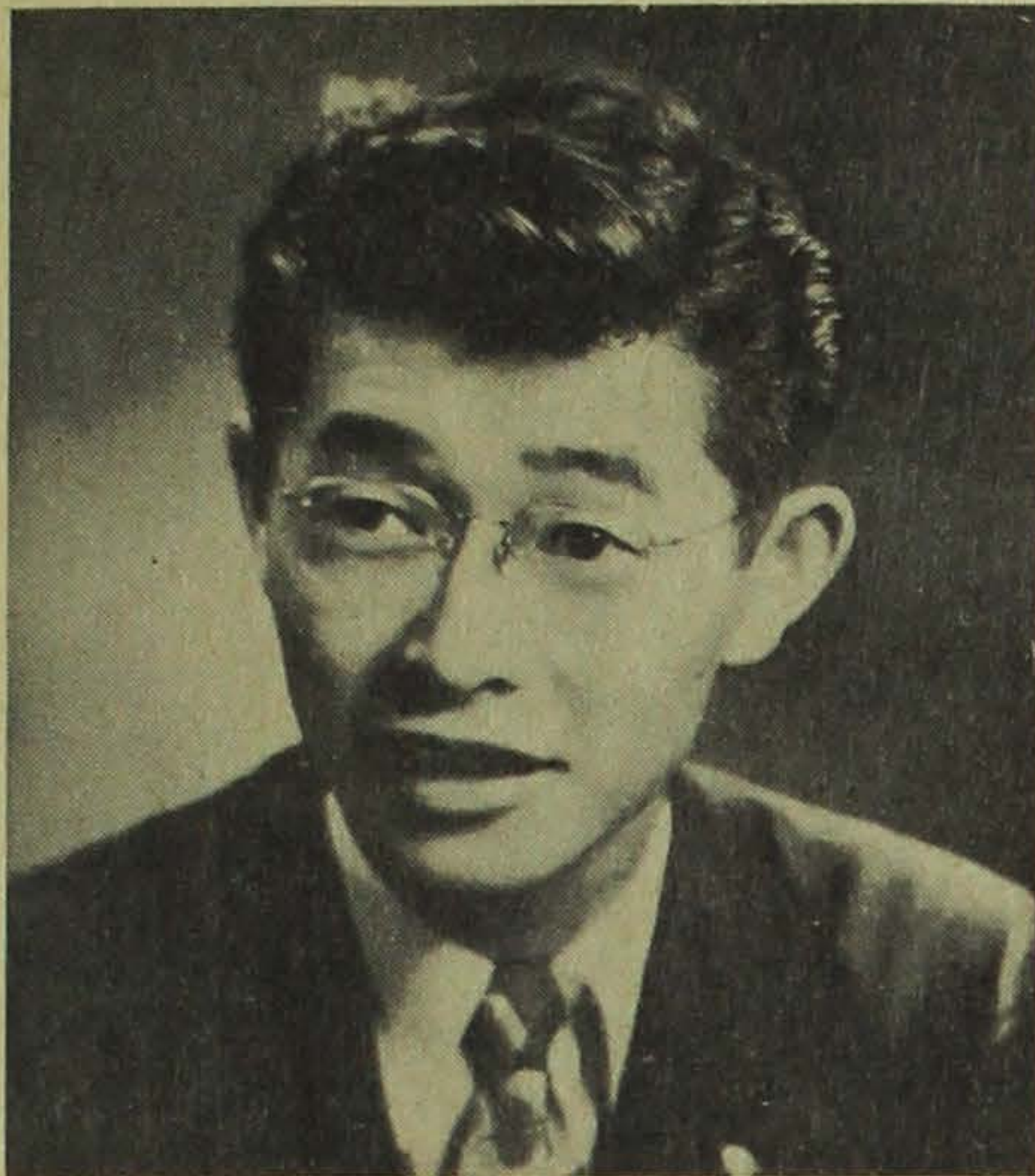
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Let me extend special greetings to the 500 1000 Club members, all of whom, unfortunately, can't be here. All of you who will, this is your chance to get to know others like you who have joined the good Club to support National Headquarters to the tune of \$25 per man each year.

I want to meet every 1000-er here personally to thank you for your swell support in giving this worthwhile organization a really wonderful start. You all deserve a top-notch holiday and, thanks to the Chicago 1000-ers, you're in for just that. Callahan's blessings goes with you.

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A PLEA FOR CITIZENSHIP

The following editorial appeared in the May 22, 1950, edition of The Denver Post. The legislation (HJR 238) the passage of which the editorial urged went through the House on June 6, 1949. It passed the Senate on June 8 of this year and was sent to the White House where the President vetoed it on Sept. 9. Five days later the House overruled the veto. Up till publication time, it was in the Senate.

BY PALMER HOYT
Editor and Publisher, Denver Post

EVERY YEAR thousands of foreign-born persons take the oath of allegiance to our nation, and become citizens of the United States of America.

Nearly all of these persons are good citizens. Many of them are more cognizant of their rights and duties as Americans than are the majority of us—the native born Americans who sometimes forget how much our own land really means to us.

Once in a while, though, in the question of citizenship, we encounter a tragic variation. Such is the case as regards a number of Orientals who were born citizens of their Oriental lands, but came to America by choice.

K. K. Miyamoto, who has been living in the United States for nearly fifty years, is one of those ineligible. Dr. Miyamoto is well known in Denver. He is honorary curator of the Denver Art Museum's Oriental Art Department, and he holds other civic honors. But though he has been honored by the community, he is barred from becoming an American citizen because he is a Japanese born in Japan.



K. K. Miyamoto

America's laws on this subject date back to the influx of Orientals—mostly Japanese, Chinese and Koreans—who were brought into this country as cheap labor.

It was all right, we believed, to bring these people in temporarily, but we did not want them to have full rights of citizenship. California and other states legislated against them, forbade them even to own property. The United States government forbade them to become Americans, although their children and grandchildren could become citizens readily if born in the United States.

Mr. Miyamoto has lived in Denver for more than thirty years, and his entire life is centered in this area.

Now he has a small request. Having given his life and services to this country, he would like to be allowed the fruits of that work. He would like to be allowed to become a citizen of the United States.

As Mr. Miyamoto has said, there is legislation before the United States Senate today, providing that the right of natu-



Palmer Hoyt

ralization shall not be denied or abridged because of race.

The Denver Post urges its readers to drop a note to their senators throughout the Rocky Mountain Empire, asking their approval of the house joint resolution No. 238, when it comes before the Senate.

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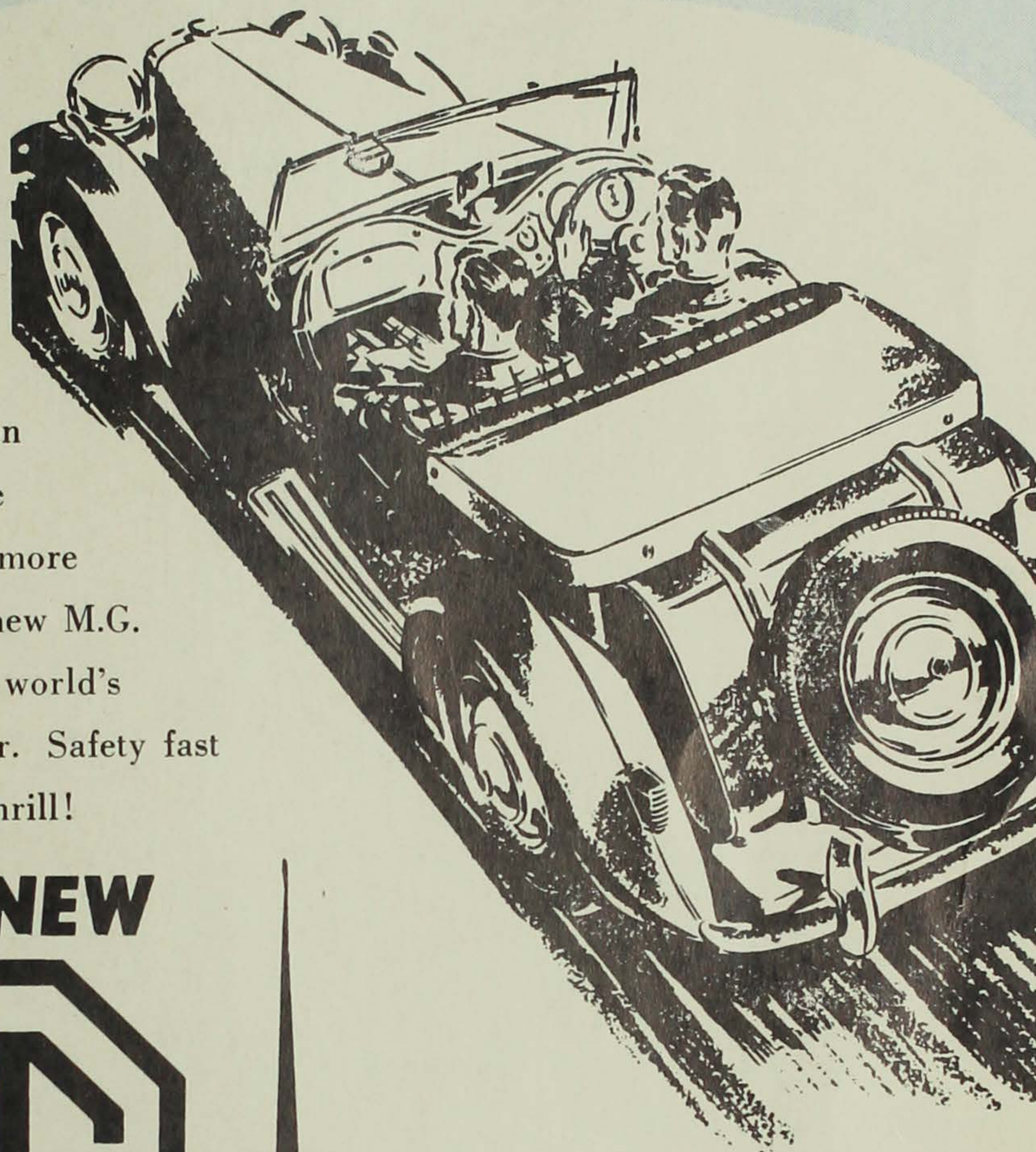
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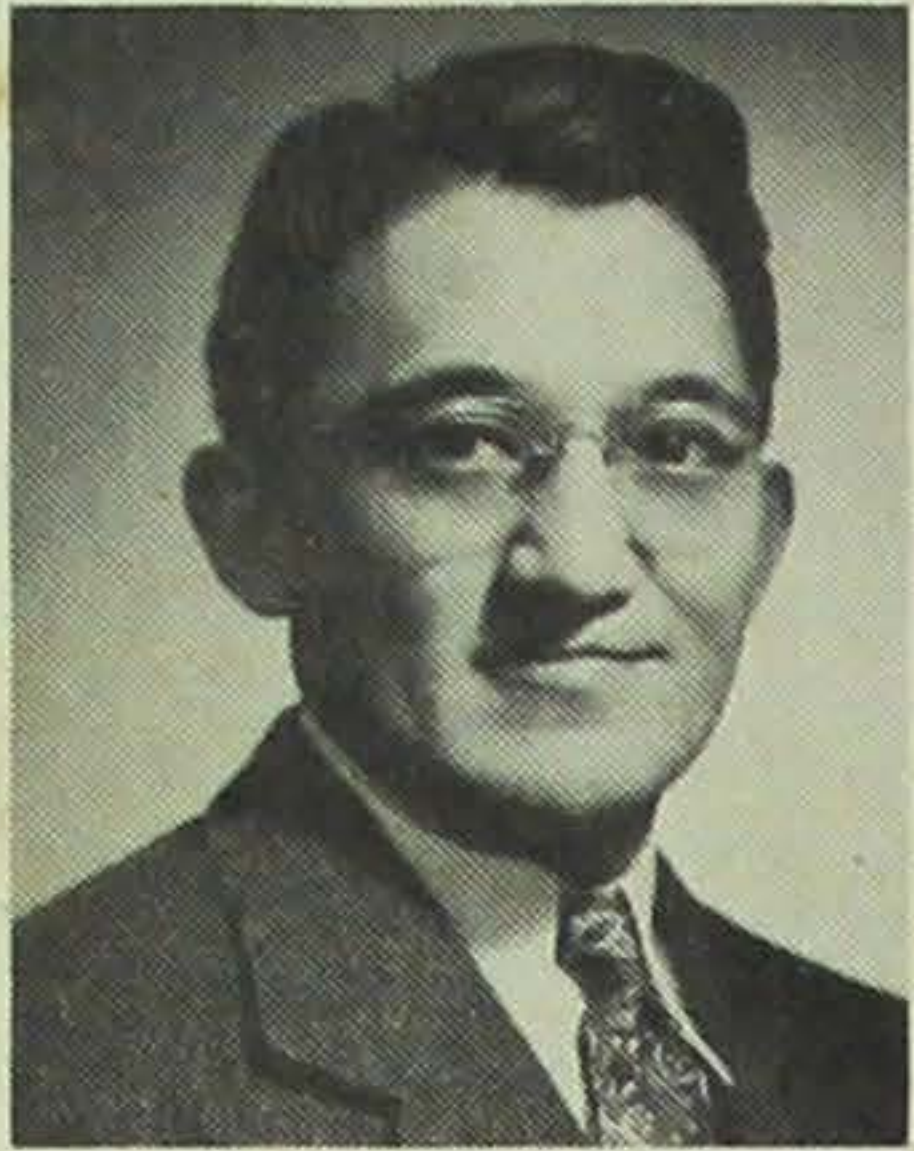
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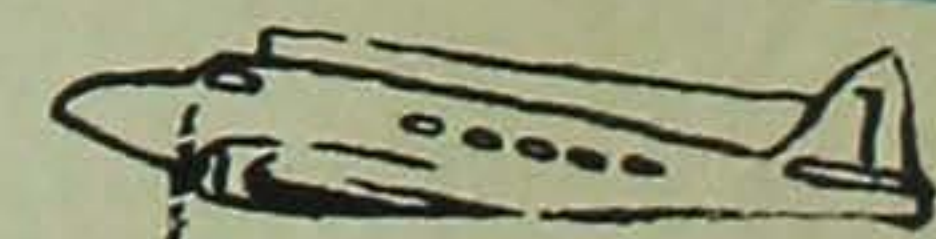
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