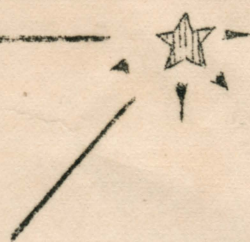




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MUSIC LOVERS APPLAUD N.C. YPCC CONCERT; THRILLED BY INSPIRING PERFORMANCES BY NISEI ARTISTS

The nisei world received their first taste of classical music in nisei style as the N.C. YPCC presented a musical concert at Gyosei Hall, San Francisco, March 20. Intoxicated with the charm of all the numbers, the audience of more than 350 could hardly find enough words of praise to express their emotions.



Miss Florence Takayama with her exquisitely played Beethoven and Chopin selections won her way into the music-thirsty nisei hearts. She perhaps more than any other artist reached the realm of musical ecstasy.

The sweet and tender strains of Miss Kazue Tawara's magic violin enraptured a breathless audience, as the notes fell all over the room like heavenly rain. Miss Dora Blaney accompanied her as she played Fritz Kreisler, Iobussy, and Sarasate pieces.

Mr. Tom Tsuji played the Flight of the Bumblebee and Caprice Viennois to the great delight of his listeners whose hearts leaped to the mellow music of the xylophone. Mr. Takeru Iijima was at the piano.

Graceful Miss Yasuko Tani danced divinely her Spanish number Ramita de Florey and a modern ballet Maid With Flaxen Hair. Accompanying her on the ivory keyboard was Miss Mary Ikeda.

Several Japanese numbers by Koscak Yamada and Puccini's Un Bel Di were sung with pleasing success by Miss Ruby Yoshino, Alameda's talented soprano. She was accompanied by Miss Cornelia Neustadter.

Then, to top off the program there was the JACL Chorus directed by Miss Hazel Lindsay singing such numbers as Sylvia and Moonbeams.



Fred Hoshiyama, 1st vice chairman of the N.C. YPCC was chairman of the affair. Assisting him were: Advertisements, Harry Takahashi, Dave Tatsuno, Tets Hayashida, and Yoneo Futatsuki; Stage, Masami Sakai; Composition, John Yoshino; Hall and Ushers, John Hoshiyama. About one hundred dollars will be realized by this benefit.

BAY REGION YPCC IN 12TH ANNUAL PARLEY IN SAN FRANCISCO TODAY; GEORGE KYOTOW LEADS 300 NISEIS

Blossoming forth in their best attire Bay Region Christians, bolstered by numerous outside delegates, met yesterday at the First Presbyterian Church in San Francisco, led by chairman George Kyoto.

Last night's program, which was under the direction of Minoru Endo, Hideko Nakazawa, and Iyo Yamashita, will be continued in full force today.

Dr. Phillip Payne will deliver his sermon "Remember Jesus Christ" at the 11 A.M. service. Following will be the conference picture under the direction of Terry Takahashi and luncheon with Lily Tani as chairman. Both will take place at Lafayette Square.

Discussion will be the highlight of the afternoon with five groups arranged. "Religion and Race Relations," "Unity of Japanese Churches," "Nisei Vocational Study," "What We Can Believe," and "Religion in College" are the topics.

Mas Sakada of Oakland will act as Toastmaster at the banquet, to be held in the spacious Japanese YMCA Gym and prepared by the mothers of the S.F. churches.

Under the auspices of the visiting Palo Alto Epworth League, a presentation of "The Great Choice" will be offered after the banquet.

The conference will close with installation service led by Rev. Francis Hayashi of Fresno and the closing worship at which Rev. Edward Cunningham will deliver his address on the conference theme "Youth, Bear Your Cross!"

The 1937 executive board headed by George Kyotow includes; 1st v.c., Min Endo; 2nd v.c., Lily Tani; 3rd v.c., Nobu Nishimoto; rec. sec., Hiro Endo; corr. sec., Julia Noda; treas. Ben Mayewaki; ass't treas., George Yasukochi; historian, Alice Sera.

The Day's Work

Did you waste the day or lose it?
Was it well or poorly spent?
Did you leave a trail of kindness
Or a scar of discontent?
As you close your eyes in slumber,
Do you think that God would say
You have earned one more tomorrow
By the work you did today?

EASTER RITES OBSERVED BY COAST REGION IN JOYOUS CELEBRATION

The Resurrection Story was re-told in the three Japanese churches of the coast region cities when the young people of the respective groups observed their Easter with a fitting program of plays and pageants.

The Y.P.F. of Monterey attended the Sunrise Service, at Lovers' Point in Pacific Grove and heard Emma Kanaka give her impression of Easter. Breakfast was served to 70 at the hostess church, Japanese Church of Christ. Sachi Sugano was the chairman. Rev. Asano baptized 13 at the joint worship and communion service.

Watsonville societies were well represented at the Sunrise service which was held at the P.V. Memorial Park. Toru Asada and Jimmy Hirokawa participated in the program. At the morning worship, 9 were baptized and 3 were confirmed. The new members were honored at the monthly "aisan-kai" dinner.

A special Easter program arranged by Edna Nagano was enjoyed by the Salinas C.E. Kaoru Yagi rendered a violin solo while Toshi Shimomura, Suzu Iyemura, Pauline Yamaguchi and Mae Nagano enacted a religious play, "When Easter Comes to us." The choir made their grand debut at the special program appearing in stately black robes and white starched collars.

S.F. REFORMED CHURCH INTERMEDIATE C.E. ENTERS BAY REGION ACTIVITIES

Starting the '37 year with a bang, the C.E. has drawn up a constitution, promised to attend rallies, conferences, and conventions and to participate in more outside activities.

The young group has twice won the attendance banner at the monthly Calvary Presbyterian Church rallies. They also attended the Golden Jubilee convention of the Golden Gate Union, where Michio Nakajima was elected a member of the cabinet.

Under the advisorship of Henry Tani, well known Conference leader, the membership has grown to 26 of whom 18 are girls. The officers are: pres., Masako Amemiya; v.p., Alice Abe; sec., Kazuo Sakai; treas., Kiku Kato; editor of "C.E. Newsette," Yoshikazu Morita.

PALO ALTOS RECEIVE AWARDS

Two members of the Palo Alto Epworth League won awards for good sportsmanship, leadership, and dependability, at a recent Hinode basketball team banquet.

These awards were donated by Min Nakamura, former member of the League, and presented to Toshio Furukawa and Jack Sato.

REMEMBRANCE OF THE RESURRECTION BRINGS S.F. CHURCHES TOGETHER

The young people of the four Japanese churches in San Francisco gathered at the First Reformed Church, Sunday, in joint service with Reverend Joseph Tsukamoto of the Episcopal Church speaking on "The Significance of Easter."

The M.E. girls' trio of Sumi Teramoto, Chiye Tatsuno, and Seiko Takiguchi offered a selection, while Verlin Yamamoto and Daisy Tomizawa gave readings, and scripture was read by Tom Hoshiyama. Eiko Hosoi was chairman and Tane Amemiya pianist.

Breakfast was served to the early risers in the Educational Building by the Reformed Church girls headed by Yaki Isobe and Fumi Yaki.

OAKLAND M.E. GREETES THE DAWN OF EASTER WITH SUNRISE SERVICE AND EXERCISES

"The Hope of Immortality" was the message which Rev. Robert Eaker, OME Young People's pastor, delivered at the gathering of the whole church on Easter morn at an outdoor service.

Later in the morning a program followed in Meader Hall which featured the presentation of "And Peter" by the senior department. Tad Yamada took the title role and was supported by Roger Yawata, Tom Yamashita, Shori Iijima, Billy Iino, Yaeko Tokunaga, Hiden Nagai, and Shizu Miyake. Riuzo Aoki directed.

BREVITIES

Paly's proposed league picnic to Searsville Lake in La Honda was postponed from Easter to a later date in May because of wet grounds. Soyo Okazawa and Tom Saito are co-chairman.

The various churches of the Coast Region area will sponsor a gala skating social soon to create better friendship among Christian circles, reveals Ida Nagano of Salinas.

The San Mateo Christian Endeavor Society attended Easter services at Emerald Lake and followed with breakfast at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Yamaguchi.

The S.F. Sei Ko Kai Red Seraphs, basketballers who recently defeated the highly touted S.F. YMBA Gales and knocked them out of the JAU race, were feted by the girls as their church, March 28. A delicious dinner was served under the direction of Fumi Tondo.

Rev. Aiura was guest speaker at a joint meeting of the Sacramento and Florin E.L. on Easter. Albert Koshiba led.

SACRAMENTO VALLEY YPOC CABINET OFFERS THE PRIDE OF THE CAPITOL

When you call up the cleaners and a voice answers, "American Cleaners," that's sure to be EDNA MIWA, chairman of the Sacramento Valley YPOC. Altho busy with her job, Edna in her spare moments superintends the Presbyterian Sunday School. Her hobby is eating, and what is more, she's a swell cook, too!

Singing BILL FUJII from the BYPU can sing his way to anyone's heart. Shades of Caruso! He does what vice-chairmen are supposed to do.

Domestically inclined Grace Sakai is the corres. secretary. She attends sewing school so she's on pins and needles all the day long. A brisk, business like lady, she's the backbone of the E.L.

A quiet and charming young lady who never loses her dignity is Takeyo Yatsu, recording secretary. Unruffled ever-- that's a BYPU member for you.

A personality is Mas Oji, treasurer. A handsome football hero, crooner, and hard working man all rolled in one. When Mas sings, the girls all melt over him. He also packs a nifty wallop in his hands. Need we wonder why the E.L. is so popular?

IT HAPPENED IN MONTEREY.....

Installation of the C.E. officers will take place today at the Japanese Church of Christ with Wilfred Mack officiating. Officers are: pres., Sachi Sugano; v.p., Mickey Ichiuji; sec., Olga Anis; treas., Kazume Ichiuji.

Committee chairman include Josephine Miura, missionary; Joe Ichiuji, lookout; Mary Manaka, social; and Kazue Manaka, prayer meeting.

The April calendar features a talk by Mrs. C. Draper on missionary fields. Emma Manaka isscheduled to speak at the First Baptist Church at New Monterey, today.

KIBEIS JOIN IN ATTENDING CONFERENCE IN THE BAY REGION

The Bay Region kibeis will join the niseis in their 12th Annual Conference. Sunday afternoon they will follow their own program which features a sermon by Rev. Aiura on "Youth, Bear Thy Cross."

Yukio Hashiguchi of the S.F. First Reformed will lead 40 kibeis in a business meeting. Discussion will follow with Rev. Fukuda in charge

OUT OF SANTA CLARA'S FERTILE VALLEY TO YOU COMES THEIR CONFERENCE LEADERS

Leading the 1938 Santa Clara Valley YPOC will be Kazuo Miyashita of Mt. View, a quiet but efficient gentleman. Works in Palo Alto, but returns each weekend to his hometown. A confirmed enthusiast in League work, he uses well his two willing hands.

First vice chairman is Kiyoto Uriu also of Mt. View, in fact the prexy. A first year student at San Jose State, he specializes in pulling A's in science courses.

Another S.J. State frosh is the second vice chairman, energetic Grace Yoshida of Palo Alto. She is the S.S. superintendent at Paly.

Palo Altan Haru Okuda holds down the position of recording secretary and rightly so for she's a grad of Munson's in S.F. She now plans for more cultural education at S.J. State.

The youngest and quietest member of the cabinet, but nonetheless capable, is coresponding secretary Alice Okamoto of Mt. View who attends the local high school.

Jack Ota of San Jose serves as the watchdog of the treasury. He works on his father's ranch in Coyote and is one of the most conscientious toilers abouts

Lastly but not leastly with the last word is publicity chairman Helen Mineta of San Jose, also a co-ed at S.J. State. Her dad's the agent for the Nichibei so the peppy young miss has the inside track there.

With the entrance of San Mateo into the Santa Clara region, Saiki Yamaguchi was elected San Mateo representative. A well known basketball star, he is the moving force of the San Mateo C.E. He has lately succumbed to the golf fever.

SUPPER AND GRAB BAG PROGRAM PLANNED BY OAKLAND C.E.

The Oakland C.E. is planning a "Get-Together" Supper for April 11 with Alice Iijima in charge. This will be followed by a "Grab-Bag" Contribution Program with all members participating, led by Marie Tsuji.

Last Sunday evening, Ruth Fukushima, a student at the Pacific School of Religion, presented the topic "The Meaning of Easter" ina most interesting talk. Although comparatively new to the C.E., Miss Fukushima has rapidly become a full-fledged member.

President Susuma Takei presided over the Devotional Service.

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OUR NARROW VISION

Some people build walls around themselves. In time they become so entrenched in their little niches that they can see but one way, their own. They have fallen to the fallacy of the extremes.

Like Scylla and Charybdis, the extremes loom ominously. Either way, we are doomed. If we allow social pleasures to dominate our ways, we begin to think only in terms of dancing, skating, riding, boyfriends, and girlfriends. When the sporting blood tingles within our veins, we are the victims of the ogre of gambling, the poor suckers for the slot machines and the card games and even worse. Should the spirit of scholasticism sweep through us, we lose the fellowship of our kindred.

Religiously we are not exempt, either. Some have gone deep into Christian teachings and absorbed the ideas that Jesus lived and died for; and yet their knowledge has merely accumulated in their brain cells. It has remained unexercised by the soul, only to repeat by rote.

These people have bowed to hypocritical pedantry. They quibble over technicalities. So interested have they become in details that the underlying spirit has escaped them. They have forgotten that Jesus's teachings are rich, warm, and living things. The lesson of tolerance, of love, and of open-mindedness is theirs to learn.


Let us, for our part, keep our minds in balance--laugh and live, play and run, think and talk ever watchful of the pits of blindness. Life is so wonderful an experience that it would be a shame to spoil it.

TIME--THE GREAT PROBLEM OF LIFE

"At the next chime of the musical gong it will be exactly 8:00 p.m. Japanese standard Pacific time," announces a sweet voice from the radio. Then you will set your time anywhere from 30 minutes to an hour ahead, if you want the legitimate time.

All ye faultfinders of this universe, set your eyes upon this shameful practice and tell the graft probers in the SFPD to turn their attention to the real Mc Coy.

If time means money, from time immemorial we have been robbed. Up and down

 WHILE THE WATCHMAN
SLUMBERS ON
HIS VIOLETS WE KEEP

the fresno conference of the 13 and 14th of march was not handicapped by its unlucky date number.....the Santa Clara delegation of VIRGINIA KADOIKE, GEORGE MASUNAGA, TOMMY SUGISHITA, and GEORGE FUJII will attest to that, for they haven't stopped raving about that Southern hospitality.....

VIOLA IMAI, ~~S.F. Mateo~~, took down an umbrella to the fresno conference..... imagine.....the friscans were prepared for everything except, as VERLIN YAMAMOTO said, june (not the month)..... now, does that squelch you, JUNE, or have you ready one of those KAWAKAMI-BACKS.....

the n.c. ypcc musical concert would have been a huge success even if no money had been made.....it was that good.... why 20 San Joseans traveled down 40 miles to hear the artists.....

san mateo boys are now greeted by the new monicker "butch".....guess berkeley has tired of it.....

GEORGE NAGANO, HENRY TANDA, and other salinas lads who were shipped to the imperial valley during the lettuce season there are expected back in the Rodeo City soon.....

the torchbearers of San Jose were given a nice little party by Miss LITA KIMURA, who is "wimpie" to everyone.....

the penninsula seems to claim all these dashing young blades such as Roy Adachi of San Mateo and Taro Yamamura of Palo Alto

EMILY YOSHIDA of palo alto has taken over the reins of the E.L. while Fred YAMAMOTO is cutting the asparagus in walnut grove.....

the coast from the sin-kissed lands of Hollywood to the Dore-bound port of Seattle, Japanese time has become a farcical institution as it marches on in misstep, stopping to rest every few minutes.

Tempus fugit and how it fugits! If we spend half an hour a day dilly dallying, according to Father Time, in our three score and ten we shall waste 534. 571 days or a year and a half.

Even churches seem to be helpless before the onslaught of procrastination. For men may rave and men may rant but I, Japanese Time, go on forever.


WE ASK

That you support this paper and help us to publish a worthwhile publication. We are ready to serve.

BAY REGION DELEGATES AND FRIENDS FROM ALL SECTIONS, WE THE CABINET SOUND OUR INFORMAL WELCOME CALL FOR A DAY AND A HALF OF CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP. MAY WHATEVER INSPIRATION YOU DERIVE BE OF A PRACTICAL NATURE, OF SPIRITUAL ASSISTANCE IN THE FUTURE.

INASMUCH AS WE STRESS THE SERIOUS MOMENTS OF THE GATHERING, WE HOPE THAT YOU WILL NEVER LOSE THE SPIRIT OF THE RALLY, REMEMBERING ALWAYS THE PART WE PLAY IN THIS GREAT CHRISTIAN MOVEMENT. FROM SATURDAY THROUGH SUNDAY WE ASK YOU TO DO YOUR UTMOST TO MAKE THIS A MEMORABLE MEETING IN QUALITY AND QUANTITY OF SERIOUSNESS, INSPIRATION, ENTHUSIASM, FELLOWSHIP, AND MERRIMENT.

WE THE CABINET ARE PROUD AND HONORED TO PRESENT TO YOU--THE 1937 EDITION OF THE BAY REGION YOUNG PEOPLE'S CHRISTIAN CONFERENCE, THROUGH WHICH WE ECHO THE YEAR'S CHALLENGE.....YOUTH, BEAR YOUR CROSS!

 Chairman

SKELETONS IN THE CLOSET

(Can't you hear the bones rattling, groaning, and creaking? Well, they are ghosts of these quivering conference big shots who have, mean things that they are, left their poor little specters in the wake of their evil deeds. I, RETRIBUTION, their nemesis, have come to wreak vengeance and laugh in their misery. But alas! I am so lousy with compassion that I feel myself weakening.....fadeout.....)

CHAIRMAN and NOMINATIONS COMMITTEE head

The silver tongued orator, none other than that San Francisco gentleman, Mr. GEORGE KYOTOW, who admires girls with character and knows seven verses of Home on the Range. Need we say more? Really he is one of the most able men this side of the Mississippi. (Now we're bragging.) George is from the S.F.M.E.

1ST VICE CHAIRMAN and PROGRAM CHAIRMAN

The great emotional (not romantic) thespian MINORU ARCHIBOLD ENDO has capably taken over the dirty work. Hails from the YPUC and is the baby of the Endo's. A soph at Cal, he likes to pretend he's studying in the libe with some one.

2ND VICE CHAIRMAN and BANQUET CHIEF

A Reformed Church standby is LILY TANI with above responsibilities. Her talents really lean towards business than the kitchen for she's a SFJC and Manson grad. She admits that men are mice.

3RD VICE CHAIRMAN and LOOKOUT MAN

The peppy and energetic NOBU GEORGE NISHIMOTO sees to it that all committees are working. Just like the foreman. He's a Y basketball ace and president of the famed UC Class of '40. Another Reformed Church man. P.S. He can croon, too.

COAST REGION SENDS GREETINGS TO BAY REGION CONFAB

The Coast Region Y.P.C.C. extends sincere greetings to the Bay Region sectional conference on this auspicious 12 annual gathering.

The coast region executive board prays that your conference will enable the delegates to take stock of their Christian living so that in all things Christ may be pre-eminent. May the Cross be truly exemplified at your sessions with all its symbolic meaning and may the Cross never grow dim or meaningless in the hearts of the delegates because they have attended the Bay Region gathering.

Prayerfully yours,
The Coast Region YPCC.
Yoshiye Takata, Chairman

RECORDING SECRETARY

HIRO ENDO is she, one of the Endo twins, the only pair this side of San Jose. Our scribe writes in English, but is surprisingly adept with Japanese characters, having demonstrated before the Japanese Imperial Prince and Princess.

CORRESPONDING SECRETARY

Charming little JULIA NODA from Livingston way is our corr. sec. She's a college woman, a tireless conference worker with a remarkable amount of energy. A member of the Berkeley Fellowship.

TREASURER and REGISTRATION CHAIRMAN

Another "furriner" from Hanford is BEN MAYEWAKI our hard working treasurer. He's a senior at Cal and will get his A.B. this May majoring in political science. He's the Oakland C.E. representative on the cabinet, an invaluable aid to the conference.

ASS'T TREASURER AND PUBLICITY

One of UC's '40 is GEORGE YASUKOCHI in this dual role. Edits this publication so nothing against him can be written without the blue pencil hovering. He's one of the eight boys from Sei Ko Kai.

HISTORIAN

Alameda E.L.'s expert writer is ALICE SERA who can weave magic with words. She's not only handy with her fingers, either, for she's the champion girl fencer of the Bay Region. Another Cal product is she.

(Thus we finish with the cabinet and pass on to the committee chairmen.)

ANNOUNCER

Here we have SAM ROKUTANI, baseball and basketball ace from Alameda and also the University of California. When you hear that booming voice rending the air with mighty volume, you know it's Rokie.

ELECTION COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN

San Francisco's gentleman, scholar, and athlete MITS KANEKO from that active bunch at the YPUC. An old timer by now even though youthful in age and personality, Mits is always ready to help out.

MUSIC CHAIRMAN

Oakland's TAKERU IIJIMA has taken over the musical reins. Unknown to the conferences as yet, he out to show his mettle. He's an iron man on the piano, accompanying every guest artist at this confab. Big shot of the S.F.J.C. Chorus.

DRAMA CHAIRMAN

The Bay Region had to go all the way to Palo Alto for the drama chairman since the Alameda play was cancelled. But the Paly E.L. served nobly and presents GRACE YOSHIDA, 2nd vice chairman of the Santa Clara Valley conference, who will bring down the cast of "The Great Choice."

RECEPTION COMMITTEE CO-CHAIRMAN

Two charming co-eds from Berkeley's institution of higher learning will greet all you delegates with a smile and a word of cheer. They are HIDEKO NAKAZAWA of the Berkeley YPCS and IYO YAMASHITA of the Oakland Methodist group. George Kyotow never made a better choice.

PICTURE CHAIRMAN

Personable TERRY TAKAHASHI of Sei Ko Kai's eight is your picture chairman. He would especially desire the girls to smile their best at the picture taking and else where, too. Was valedictorian at Commerce High where he won a block for basketball and swimming. In Berkeley a lot with other Sei Ko Kai boys.

RESEARCH CHAIRMAN

RUTH FUKUSHIMA never says no if its a favor you want. Just hailed from Santa Barbara recently, but she's thick in conference work already. An inspiration to any aspiring church leader. She attends the Pacific School of Religion. Ruth goes to Oakland C.E.

PIANIST

When you think of pianos, you instinctively think of Sadie Towata, the expert ivory tickler from the Isle City. Never refuses to help our the conference with her melodious playing. Has lots of charm and easy to talk with, assume one found out.

TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN

Don't be fooled. HENRY TANI will give transportation to only those who are guest speakers or exceptionally worthy. He's a well known conference worker, a Stanford student, scout, journalist, and insurance man. Don't let him start talking about insurance or you'll be sucked in sure. Remember he's an eloquent debater.

GENERAL ARRANGEMENTS CHAIRMAN

Some one's gotta do the dirty work, and this time it's the youthful, but conscientiously toiling lad from the YPUC--SHIGELAKI MOCHIZUKI of tennis fame. Just came back from LA where he played and is still raving of the Southern hospitality--or maybe it was some charming miss. He's a senior at Commerce Hi and prexy of the Japanese Student Club.

HOUSING CHAIRMAN

Another UC co-ed, in fact a senior student, and a willing worker is KATHLEEN FUJITA who belongs to one of the Fujitas of San Francisco. If you want housing, trust her to find you COMFORTABLE quarters. She's an active member of the YPUC.

SONG LEADER

All the way from the fertile lands of the Coast Region comes TORU ASADA, who although a guest as official delegate, has kindly consented to lead the Bay Region people in singing. A Watsonville boy, if you'll but recall, he was an overnight sensation at the N.C. YPCC last November.

And so we have completed our evil deed. We would have liked to have introduced to you the various presidents of the Bay Region organizations, but our space is too limited. Another time, another place, we may be able to oblige. Hoping that we have in some way enlightened you all, we sign off for good (you hope).