

## More Than 200 Attend Chapter Inaugural Ball

More than 200 persons attended the local JACL's Inaugural Dance held at the Los Angeles Breakfast Club on May 30. Will Osborne and his orchestra furnished the music.

A press conference with representatives from the local newspapers preceded the dance. A discussion of the problems facing the Nisei and the Issei was led by Frank Chuman. Chuman strongly urged citizenship rights for the Issei. He also discussed the high points of the proposed Evacuation Claims Bills.

During intermission, the newly elected JACL Cabinet was formally installed by George Inagaki, 1st national vice-president. The new officers are President, Frank Chuman; 1st Vice President, Ken Utsunomiya; 2nd Vice President, Noboru Ishitani; 3rd Vice President, John Ty Saito; Recording Secretary, June Tokuyama; Corresponding Secretary, Hana Uno; Treasurer, Dick Fujioka; Auditor, Duke Itatani; Sergeant-at-Arms, Kiyoshi Kagawa.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Kamada received wrist watches as the winners of the grand door prizes. There were six other door prizes including a radio and merchandise orders.

Lane Nakano, Bob Kinoshita and Yoshiko Iwashika sang solos. Their accompanists were Michi Dohzen, Yuki Kajiwara, and Namiko Donalds. Frank Watamki was master of ceremonies.

## National Secretary Predicts Bright Future for Los Angeles League Unit

By Masao W. Satow

That the whole is equal to the sum total of all its parts is an axiom we all learned at an early age. Your National JACL today is made up of 51 chapters in 17 states and the District of Columbia.

More pointedly, we might say that our JACL is a group of thousands of Americans across the country acting together under that name.

That we are progressively learning how better to act under the name of JACL is testified by the gains our chapters have been making and our growing national prestige.

It is only a matter of a year since your Los Angeles Chapter was reactivated, and there is every promise that Los Angeles will be one of the most significant units in our national organization, strategically located, ably led, and with a seemingly endless source of manpower, community resources and goodwill upon which to draw.

Deadline for articles will be the 20th of each month.

Readers are invited to contribute.

Los Angeles



# VANGUARD

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## Plans for Ambitious Program Mapped out at Advance

THEY GUIDE GROUP'S ACTIVITIES



Pictured above are members of the recently inaugurated cabinet. From left to right, standing: Noboru Ishitani, John Ty Saito, Kiyoshi Kagawa and Dick Fujioka. Seated: Bessie Nagahori, Hana Uno, Frank Chuman and June Tokuyama.

## National President Hito Okada Lauds Chapter on Publication of VANGUARD

By Hito Okada

I understand that the Los Angeles Chapter is joining the ranks with a number of our chapters that have been publishing their own monthly news sheet.

The chapter is to be congratulated on their decision to

publish the VANGUARD. I am sure that it will help in conveying to its members the many splendid projects and activities with which their chapter is affiliated.

More than ever I find our members strongly interested in the doings of the JACL and I believe that the Pacific Citizen and the Reporter amply takes care of the situation on the national scale. I am sure that the VANGUARD will be just as well received by its Los Angeles members, members of the largest chapter.

## Evacuation Claims Bill Discussed by Dr. Leonard Bloom

Dr. Leonard Bloom, assistant professor of sociology at the University of California at Los Angeles, spoke on the Evacuation Claims Bill at the monthly meeting of the local JACL chapter on July 10 in the Miyako Hotel Conference Room.

An advisor of the Los Angeles Chapter, Dr. Bloom is considered by many persons to be the most qualified person in the United States on the Evacuation Claims Bill. His testimony given before the House Sub-Committee on May 28 was based on years of study and research.

"Although the bill may not

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## Local JACL Unit's Role in Community Aired by Leaders

Cabinet members, committee chairmen and representative civic leaders met at a "Leaders' Advance" on July 8 and 15 here to discuss the Los Angeles Chapter's role in community activities.

As a result of the gatherings, the Chapter policy and program were formulated.

Chapter President, Frank Chuman said that a better picture of types of services which the local JACL should render was obtained from these meetings. "We have a clearer idea of the working of metropolitan agencies and methods of cooperating with them and receiving aid," he explained.

Chuman believes that the local JACL will be more efficient in referring persons of Japanese ancestry to community welfare services such as medical care, indigent relief, orphan care and vocational opportunities.

After a lengthy discussion, it was decided that the Chapter should remain non-partisan. The group favored a representative Nisei organization rather than a political clique.

The leaders determined to foster increased community participation by Nisei in joint socials, study groups and work shops.

The Chapter will sponsor study groups in Nisei psychology designed to help the Japanese Americans acquire a sense of security in community affairs.

Plans were made to conduct an efficient public relations program through the media of newspapers, radio

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## Civic Leaders Aid Cabinet, Committee Heads Formulate Program

Aiding cabinet and committee heads at the "Leaders' Advance" were leading figures in Southland activities.

Among those participating in the dinner-meeting discussions were the following: Floyd Covington, director of the Los Angeles Urban League; Fred Fertig, editor of the "New Pacific" magazine; Dale Gardner, director of the Los Angeles County Committee on Human Relations; Dave Nakagawa, boys' division director of the South West YMCA Area; Dempster Dirks, member

of the Los Angeles Co-ordinating Council on Human Relations; Raymond G. Booth, director of the Council for Civic Unity; The Rev. Harold Kingsley, pastor of the Pilgrim House; Bishop C. F. Reifsnider, of the Episcopal Church Federation; and William Kent, of the Inter-Racial Committee of the American Veterans Committee.

Committee chairmen are as follows: Akira Hasegawa, Sam Minami, Leon Miyasaki, Roy Mizokami, Ryo Munekata, Joe Noda, Helen Ohnick, Henry Onye and Rose Sasajima.



### The Birth of the VANGUARD

In first issues, it is common practice to try to justify the births of such enterprises as the VANGUARD. From a geographical viewpoint, anybody who is familiar with Los Angeles can readily see the need for an effective medium to unify the local Japanese American Citizens League chapter. It will be the purpose of this periodical to keep members--dispersed throughout the Southland--well informed on all phases of chapter activities.

In addition to its function as a news source, the staff will attempt to spice the VANGUARD with feature stories and cartoons.

The VANGUARD shall not be spineless. It shall have a mind of its own. Through its editorials it will evaluate and interpret. It will attempt to inform its readers more fully by providing background for the news accounts and by analyzing situations and events. Since the JACL is a non-political organization, the VANGUARD will, of course, remain nonpartisan in so far as party politics are concerned. However, it shall shun neutrality and support or oppose men or measures in cases which involve a basic democratic right or wrong and not American political philosophies.

According to Noah Webster, vanguard means "the troops who march in front of an army; hence one who or that which is in the forefront." As the representative organ of the local JACL, the VANGUARD will strive to live up to its meaning and not allow it to be a hollow word. For only by being in the van in working for improvement of the Japanese American's position can it truly justify its existence.

### The President's Corner

By FRANK CHUMAN

It is my pleasure to announce the publication of the VANGUARD.

Since the re-activation of the Chapter in January of this year, we have felt that some effective means of communicating our policy, program and activities should be made. It was decided after serious consideration that a well-written, interesting, newsy and pictorial newspaper was the best means possible. This publication will reach not only the active members of the Los Angeles Chapter, but also all JACL chapter presidents throughout the United States, local community leaders, other interested persons and various civic and social organizations in Southern California.

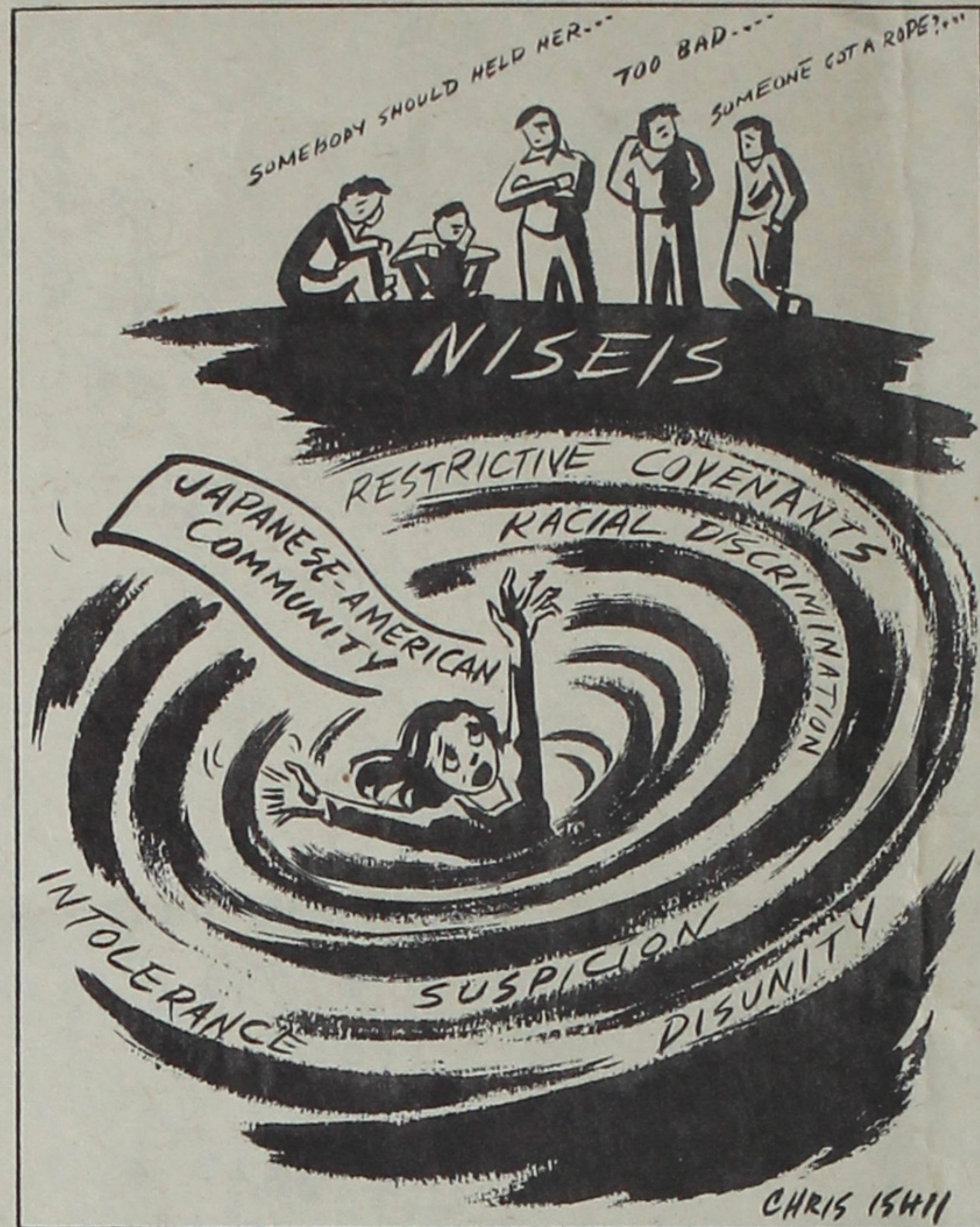
Another feature of this publication is to make available, sufficient space for expressions of opinions by any person on any worthwhile subject. It is hoped that the members of the Chapter and other individuals will use this means to develop or contribute their literary, artistic and other creative talents.

With complete confidence in the co-editors and their staff, I have personally and with the approval of the cabinet, set forth the policy of allowing all sides of any issue, political, social, economic, or cultural so long as such articles are based upon sound factual information, rationally, written, and intended to serve in stimulating the thinking and interest of the readers.

In this publication and in the issues to come, there will be a balanced newspaper of sports, feature articles, essays, current events, social affairs, personal columns and opportunities for letters to the editor and the president.

It is the hope of the president, furthermore, that this printed newspaper will adequately carry the message of the rights and interests, with their correlative duties and obligations, of Japanese and Japanese Americans in the community and to the United States, ever mindful that the primary objective of this publication is to present to our readers the ever-increasing importance of our position in the community.

### WILL GEORGE DO IT?



### They Are Not Too Young

Suggestions for the formation of a "cub" JACL here have been voiced frequently. Although there are literally dozens of Japanese American teen-ager organization in Los Angeles, by and large, they are restrictive in nature. The clubs may be segregated as to sex, religion, or section. These groups are specialized in that they are generally devoted to one form of activity or interest.

The origination of a "junior" JACL would provide a non-restrictive group for the youth. The activities of such an organization would be varied and provide an outlet for different forms of talent. A group of this nature would enable conscious young men and women to discuss today's vexing problems--especially so as members of a minority group. At the same time, it give the festive-minded an opportunity to plan and hold socials on a larger scale.

Such a league would serve to assure capable future leaders for the parent organization. The JACL would certainly gain in acquiring not only "new blood," but eager youngsters armed with a knowledge of the League's problems and aims and a background of experience and consciousness to help solve and achieve them.

### Readers' Column Provided

The column PUBLIC OPINION is provided for expressions of opinions and ideas. Contributions must be signed and addressed "to the Editor." The right to edit articles for clarity and brevity is reserved.

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Junior League Advocated

### TO THE EDITOR:

Potentially, the L.A. Chapter of the League can have a membership that would exceed the thousand mark instead of a mere four hundred if only a better understanding of its purposes can be had by the Nisei public. With the reactivation of this chapter well in progress, the future of its effectiveness as a body of enlightened citizens is promising and hopeful. But

with the stress of the importance of social consciousness being placed on only the adult population, there is a danger of losing pace with the rest of the community if the chapter fails to see the need of preparing the future citizens who will soon be called upon to carry the ball. There must be some sort of program included which would be an aid to broaden the understanding of political action and community affairs for these young men and women.

The answer is in the organizing of a Junior League which could meet the problems and needs of the out-of-school and college-age group who are to become the citizens of tomorrow. Such an organization can make more real and bring into practical use all of the knowledge that was learned from text books and in classrooms. The standardized school books are of no value if the students cannot actually practice what they had learned, for these books are too vague in their reference to the unique problems of each minority group. Unless some care is taken in the guiding of the minds of these young people during the transition period from out of school to the citizenship status, there is no assurance that they will be prepared to participate actively in any social or political organizations, or exercise their duties as citizens.

In establishing a Junior League, the purposes must satisfy the social and recreational needs as well as being a foundation for political action for the young people. Where existing organizations deal with the Nisei "problem" as an abstraction, the League centers its activities around the problem and utilizes its forces and energies to combat and resolve them. Thus, it is up to the League to protect and insure its own future by providing some program which would cultivate the interest of the younger set.

Ernest Uno,  
Los Angeles



# Socially Speaking

## JUNE WEDDING

The most romantic June wedding was that of Peggy Fujioka to George Nakaki. Their romance began in childhood.

The ceremony was held on June 18 at the beautiful Betts Chapel of the Hollywood Methodist Church in the traditional manner. The maid of honor was her sister Setsu who looked charming. The best man was the groom's brother, Tak. Ushers were Dick Fujioka and Nobu Kawai. Many oldtime Angelenos attended. Peggy's three beautiful sisters, Mrs. Miye Kawai, Mrs. Masa Kunitomi and Ayako served at the reception.

## CHI ALPHA DELTAS

The Chi Alpha Delta Sorority and Alumnae celebrated their first postwar Founder's Day and Graduation banquet at Carolina Pines on June 27. Sister graduates, Alice Kikuchi, Toy Kitajima and Mary Nakahiro were presented with silver pins. The Alumnae scholarship gold trophy presented to the Chi with the highest scholarship for the past year was won by Kazue Kawakami; the pledge cash award for the best grades during the pledge semester was won by Elsie Sogo.

Mrs. Frances Kitagawa, newly elected president of the Chi Alpha Delta Alumnae, spoke on Founder's Day. ANSWERS TO PRAYERS...

Are the Quixotics, a bachelor's club ranging in age from 25 to 31 years. All 20 members are very eligible, working or with businesses of their own. The group was originally formed to show the community that an organized group was better socializing than "wolfing." Officers are President, Dick Fujioka; Vice President, Kiyoshi Kagawa; Treasurer, Iwao Matsuoka; Secretary, Shozo Saito. They held a successful party at Seal Beach on July 6. Twenty lovely gals were guests.

Publicity Manager, Harry Honda says: "The boys are free every evening except Thursday when they are bowling." ANGELES CHATTER...

Feature writer Ellen Kishiyama, mother of three sons, is an ambitious life insurance saleswoman, specializing in women and children's insurance.....The Tod Yamanakas are building a 3rd bedroom to their home. It will have the new corner windows and wardrobe closets...The George Furutas and three boys of Denver will be visiting the Takeuchis for a month....Infanticipating are the Taizo Saitos who are eagerly awaiting their first; the Pete Akahoshis are expecting a third addition to their family. --MO

## Buddhist Carnival Draws Huge Crowd

More than 1000 people attended the gala outdoor carnival dance held on July 19-20 in observance of the Buddhist Obon.

Sponsored by the Los Angeles Y.B.A., the two-day affair was conducted under the joint chairmanship of Dr. Ryo Munekata, Bill Kitayama and Sam Kuratomi.

## Bishop Honored at St. Mary's Luncheon

Dr. John Yamazaki, Rev. John Yamazaki, Jr., and the congregation of St. Mary's Episcopal Church were hosts at a luncheon held June 29 in honor of Bishop Bertrand Stevens, bishop of the Southern California Diocese.

Bishop Stevens was responsible for the preservation of St. Mary's Church throughout the war years.

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# You Should Know....

By Jean Emory

"To me, the profession of law is interesting," says Frank Chuman, president of the Los Angeles Chapter of the JACL, "because it deals with real people in real and vital situations. I hope to help these persons untangle some of their problems of present day society."



FRANK CHUMAN

Perhaps that is why he is now in the law offices of the American Civil Liberties Union, having just passed the California State Bar examinations. He received his license on June 4.

Chuman's life ambition is to go into international law or some field of international service.

This enterprising young man started his law career as a political science major at the University of California at Los Angeles in 1934. He was chairman of the Organizations Control Board and a member of the Pi Kappa Delta debating team. As a member of the University religious conference, he went to Ohio for a 10-day conference, as the Southern California representative of the Japanese Christian students. Later, he represented

U.C.L.A. at College of the Pacific in Stockton as a debater in the Forensic tournament.

After graduation in 1938, Chuman worked for two and one-half years in the county probation department while attending law school at the University of Southern California. In 1942 he was appointed by the U. S. Health Service to be medical administrator for the 250-bed base hospital in Manzanar Relocation Center.

Before going to the University of Maryland, he spent one year at the University of Toledo, Ohio, and in 1945 he was graduated with an LLB from Maryland Law School. He was graduated as an honor student. His article, "Corporation Franchises," was printed in the "Maryland Law Review" in 1945.

Chuman is a senior warden at St. Mary's Episcopal Church. He likes swimming, hiking, tennis and is a good dancer. He enjoys music of all kinds, from "Boogie-Woogie" to the classics. And "I played on the linoleum when I was little," he chortled.

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羅府市協會長 中島 フランク

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後援會 趣意書

我在米同胞ハ過去六十有年、ア史ヲ有シ、能ク米國々法ヲ遵守シ、農業ヲ始メ、商工業漢業シ、永往的基礎ヲ固メタル、眞ニ善良ナル住民タル事ハ、夙ニ一般識者、認ムル所デアル...

會員募集成績

全米市協各支部中最も若くハ、先月會員募集運動を...

Table listing department heads and members of the Los Angeles Japanese American Association, including 會長 中島 フランク, 副會長 石谷 昇, 書記 廣田 幸三, etc.



# Spot c' Sports

By Jack Kunitomi

Planning a full sports program for the local Nisei has kept the Nisei Athletic Union busy as the proverbial bee, but the lack of interest of the male clubs has proved a decided disadvantage, it was disclosed by officials of the NAU.

Though feelers have been sent out for a baseball league, the response has been so poor that it may be till next year.

Swimming, which had been a popular sport, may be held sometime during the latter part of the month if there are sufficient entries to warrant a tournament.

With the softball league in the home stretch, the NAU is planning an award dance to fete champions of the basketball and softball leagues.

The girls' athletic body is frantically attempting to organize a softball loop scheduled to begin sometime this month, but a Department of Recreation ruling prohibiting competition of high school girls and out-of-high school girls in one league has been the principal drawback in the proposed league.

Duties of the athletic chairman aren't too great because of the local NAU, but the local chapter has offered the use of its office and its facilities to the NAU.

Requests have come in for tennis enthusiasts to contact the chapter office so members can indulge in some extra-curricular activities.

Nisei All-Star Nine  
Extends Win Streak

Continuing their winning streak of last season, the Nisei All-Star baseball nine has started off in an impressive manner under the coaching of "Choo-Choo" Sugi, well-known local athlete.

Sugi's cohorts bid fair to end up at the top in the current municipal baseball league.

## Chapter Athletic Chairman Rated As One of Top Nisei Sports Stars

One of the most versatile athletes to compete in local nisei sportsdom is the current Athletic Chairman of the local chapter, Sam Minami.

Sam is, no doubt, a top candidate for the mythical title of the "Best Athlete," usually conjured by sports writers for their favorite athletes.

Minami, in his high school days at San Pedro and Gardena, compiled an enviable

record in basketball, playing his first years at San Pedro and three years at Gardena, two being on championship teams. Continuing his education, Sam played two years on the first string at Compton City College, and also made first string on the tennis team, being undefeated one year in the doubles.

In the pre-war JAU, Sam contributed greatly to the athletic body, serving two years as president, five years on the Board of Control and later as a member of the Advisory Board.

Winning of tennis trophies has been a regular habit with him as the following will attest: mythical State Japanese American doubles championship by defeating the Northern doubles champion; Southern California singles, doubles and mixed-doubles; Evergreen-Angeles, singles and doubles; Rafu Shimpo singles, doubles; and the first JAU tennis tournament runner-up in a Southern California ping-pong tournament.

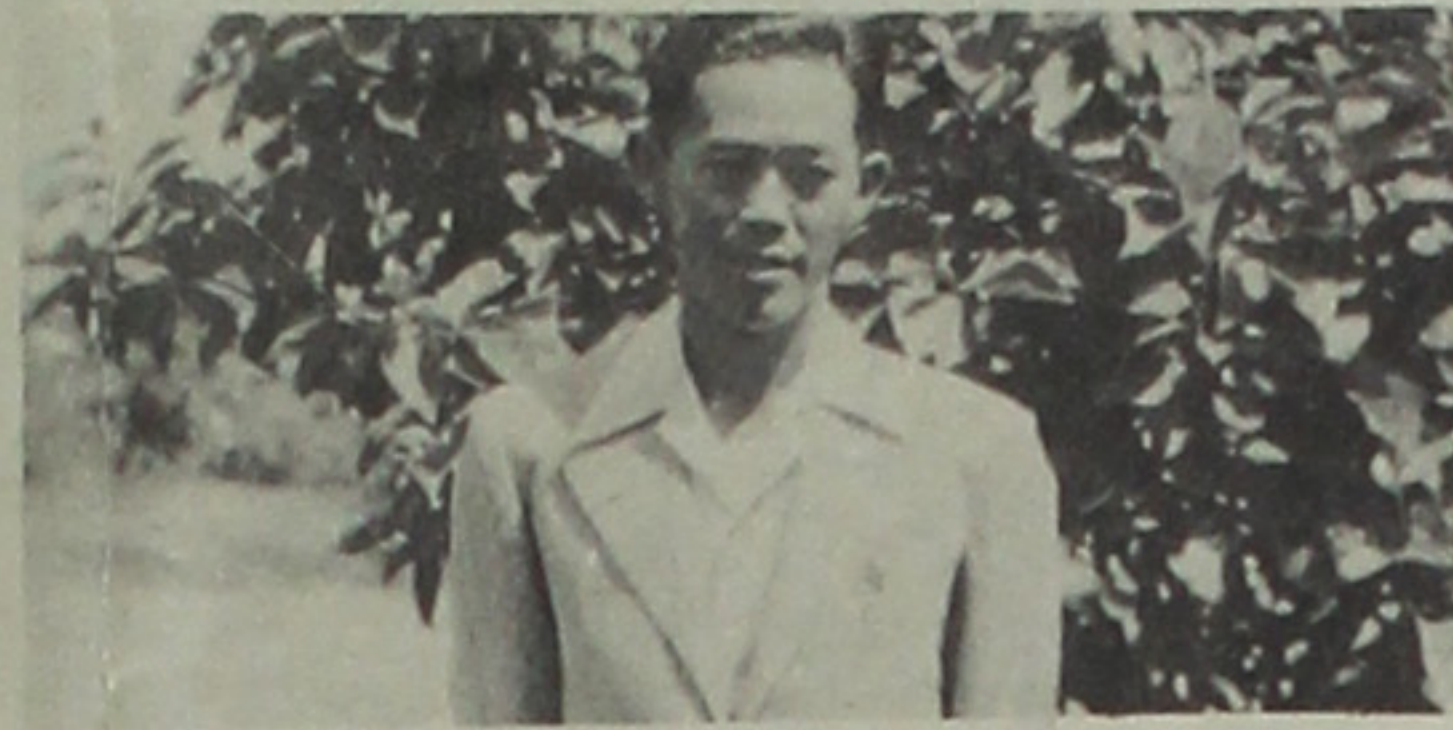
Just to prove his versatility, Sam dabbled in the track and field sports, winning a blue ribbon in the low hurdles and also running the 880 on the championship varsity team.

His display of trophies won in golf and tennis tournaments alone, total 32.

### Fujinaka Finalist In Golf Tourney

Koichi Fujinaka, finalist in the Los Angeles city golf tournament, lost to Ed Zuparth in a match held at the Griffith Park course. The match was in the 4th Flight, Handicap Division.

Fujinaka received a silver cup for runner-up honors. Other Nisei who participated were James Ota and James Yarnari.



SAM MINAMI

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# Vanguard Sports

## Nimrods' Season To Get Underway

Local deer hunters can unlimber their rifles in seven districts this month.

Following are the dates and bag limits on deer in the coastal area: District 2, 2 1/4, 2 1/2, 2 3/4, 3, 3 1/2, 4 1/8 and all of Riverside County east of boundary from Orange County on the south to the intersection at Highway 99 on the north, thence southward to Highway 83 on the west and then south along the San Diego County western line to the Mexican border. Season, August 7 to September 15, inclusive; two-buck deer limit, two points or more on the antlers.

Later hunting seasons for other areas will appear in the next issue.

## Golf Handicaps Revealed by Club

Latest handicaps for members were announced by the Topnotch Golf Club, after tabulations of weekly tournaments held at the Fox Hills Golf Course.

Heading the list with sevens are James Ota and Beach Morita. Other handicaps are Shig Mukiyama, Tom Kurumada, 8; Sam Minami, Rio Kashiwagi, 9; George Shimizu, John Saito, Kenji Fukunaga, 10; Wilbur Kurima, Joe Ito, 12.

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## Rustin Speaks on Racial Equality

During his brief visit to the southwest area, Bayard Rustin, lecturer and member of the Committee on Racial Equality, addressed a group of Nisei at the home of George Yamada in Los Angeles.

As co-director of the Summer Workshop sponsored by the C.R.E. in Washington, D.C., Rustin's major project has been to attack Jim Crowism. He believes racial discrimination can be removed through non-violent direct action.

### Ambitious Plans Made At Leader's Advance

(Continued from Page 1) and speaking teams to place the work and program of the JAEL before the public.

Techniques to be used will be worked out by the existing committees.

The group voted unanimously to retain a full-time Chapter executive secretary.

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## Dr. Bloom Explains Intricacies of Evacuation Claims Bill to Members

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be passed during the first session, it is possible and likely for it to be passed during the second session of this 80th Congress, "he declared. The bill has not as yet been to the Senate.

This bill differs from the first bill in that it directs the administration of any claims to the authority of the Attorney General and not to the Department of Interior. This change was considered by Dr. Bloom as an improvement. "In the place of political hacks, professionals would be handling the procedures which would be organized and reasonable," he said.

Dr. Bloom disclosed that during this session the bill, rather than being rubber-stamped, was given a much more thorough critical analysis by the subcommittee of the judiciary committee. The hearings were by "a good, honest committee," he said.

In the new bill, the percentage that lawyers will get is stated as 10 percent, which will make procedures more routine and consequently better for small claims in Dr. Bloom's opinion.

The chief change in the new bill, the general attribute of which remain the same as in the first proposal, is that larger losses may fare better with this new bill than with the old.

"Until the time when the bill will be voted on, a great deal of hard work must be done," Dr. Bloom stressed. "The bill may be one-fourth of the way along for passage," he said. He believes there will be further hearings on the bill and commented that the congressman appeared to be impressed by statistics. He favored making a kind of argument that none could ignore.

Dr. Bloom would like to see certain improvements made in the bill which would change the whole complexion of the legislation, but which would not alienate valuable friends in the Interior De-

partment. He believed that since claim bills take exacting assessments, there should be talks with the Justice Department for a realistic appraisal of the kind of evidence that can be called appropriate for such claims. He also recommended that either a directive be written in, or that the Justice Department make an interpretation to make small losses first in consideration.

The nature of the evidence should be such, Dr. Bloom feels, that the Justice Department can expect the ordinary citizen to have provisions. "The way in which the whole Japanese community can share would be to include income losses since more individuals and families have suffered from being taken off the labor market than from real or personal property losses," he continued.

"If property losses alone were to be considered, the wage and salaried worker who lost less than the total loss allowable on the claims bill may feel his losses not worth filing," he explained.

The income loss would be determined by computing how much the individual would have earned during wartime using 1941 as the base year.



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## Two Local Nisei Attend 'Y' Confab

Betty Wakamatsu and Edison Uno of this city were among the 1,200 delegates attending the national Y-Teen and Hi-Y conference sponsored by the Y.M.C.A. and Y.W.C.A. at Grinnell, Iowa, from June 20 to 26.

Uno was elected conference president by the 74 council delegates at the meeting of the national high school youths. Miss Wakamatsu was selected to chair the forum on "Religion and Faith."

"Youth Makes History" was the central theme of the conference. The two Nisei participated in various meetings and discussions.

"Youths from all parts of the country assembled and proved to be basically the same," stated Miss Wakamatsu, a Polytechnic High School student.

The local delegates said they were impressed by the fact that the people of the South can "get along" with Negroes despite numerous controversies recently publicized.

### Members Attend Party At Actor's Residence

The home of Actor Melvyn Douglas was the site of an informal garden party for the Americans for Democratic Action.

James Loeb, National executive secretary of the A.D.A., was guest of honor.

More than 100 guests were present, among whom were Sue Takimoto and Frank Chuman of the local JAEL Chapter.

### Asilomar Conference Attracts Nisei Girl

Grace Setsuda, secretary of the Pacific Southwest Area Council of the Y.M.C.A., was among those attending the Summer Youth Work Institute at Asilomar, July 23 to July 30, it was reported by Charles Van Winkle, Associate Secretary of the Area Council.

This was the third such conference Miss Setsuda has attended.