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FRENCH STAND FOR LEAGUE POLICY AT NAVAL CONFERENCE

United States Foreign Policy In Dilemma As A Result Of Attitude

KELLOGG PACT AS BASIS

WASHINGTON, D. C., — World attention is now being focussed upon this country over the possible attitude to be assumed in regard to the French stand on the London arms parley substituting the Kellogg pact and making the League of Nations covenant the basis of the conference.

As yet the French note declaring that the London parley should begin with the League covenant has not been received here, but it is understood from Paris press reports that France feels that the arms parley should be under the supervision of League arms policies.

U. S. In Dilemma

Of course, this stand is bound to raise a question with the United States in that this country will not be able to participate if the policies of the League must be adhered to, in regulating the reductions of armaments. If the League covenant should become the starting point of the parley instead of the Kellogg pact, it can undoubtedly be assumed that it would vitally affect this country's foreign policy which would force her to absent herself from the arms conference.

According to the invitations sent out from the British foreign office last October, the parley, it stated, was to begin with the Kellogg treaty which found no opposition in this country since that international agreement was effected apart from League auspices.

U. S. Position Uncertain

The French stand now to make the conference beguiled by League policies with any measures to be adopted becoming subservient to the measures which might be effected later at the League arms parley, is something that this nation cannot quite comprehend.

What attitude this country will take remains a question but it is fairly certain that the French stand will not be given the acquiescence of the United States. This is certain to create a dilemma which will require solution by January 21, when the conference opens. Indications are, however, that the French stand cannot be given recognition at this late day when the various delegations are beginning to flock to London.

MLLE. TOLSTOY FETED IN JAPAN

TOKIO, — Alexandria Tolstoy, eldest daughter of the famous Russian author, Leo Tolstoy, visited recently the tomb of Kenjiro Tokutomi, who gained international fame by his novel, "Namiko", and who was a disciple of the great Russian author.

Tolstoy's daughter is now travelling through Japan, receiving great ovations from the large group of Japanese admirers of the noted Russian.

Number Of Voters Increase In Japan

TOKYO, — The men holding the right to vote in the elections of the members of the House of Representatives for the year 1930, total 12,943,312 throughout the country, according to the list of the enfranchised for the year 1930 prepared by the Police Bureau of the Home Office.

This figure, compared with the total enfranchised at the time of the general election in February, 1928, the first election under the manhood suffrage law, shows a notable increase of 531,268.

Hemphill Is Chosen Chamber President

At a meeting of the board of directors of the Seattle Chamber of Commerce, Wiley Hemphill, vice-president of the National Bank of Commerce, was elected to succeed A. A. Murphy as president of the organization this year. On Dec. 31.

Mr. Hemphill was long connected with the Pacific Coast Coal Company until he entered the banking institution recently.

City Hall Opens For Registration

No one is a qualified voter in the City of Seattle unless registered under the new ruling. All past registrations are now declared null and void and in order to vote the citizens are expected to register again.

Starting Monday the City Hall is to be open for registration. The last day to register is on Feb. 4, and during Jan. 16, 17, 18, the books are to be brought to the re-zoned precincts. The City Hall will be open from 8 a. m.

DONOVAN TO SPEAK TO JAPAN SOCIETY

Performance Of "Atsumori" To Be Repeated At Dinner

In what is to be one of the brilliant affairs of the year for the Japanese and American peoples of the city, the local Japan Society is to hold its annual dinner at the Spanish Ball room of the Olympic Hotel on Wednesday evening, Jan. 15 from 6:30 p. m.

The principal speaker of the evening is to be J. J. Donovan, vice-president of the Washington States Chamber of Commerce, who will relate some of his experiences during his tour of Japan and remark on the progress and modern developments of the country and the Far East.

Besides the address of Mr. Donovan another feature of the evening will be the "Noh" dances from Atsumori, the famous classic of old Japan, as they have been adapted for the American stage by Professor C. W. Lawrence, of the University of Washington.

Won Popularity

Professor Lawrence visited Japan specially last year to adapt these dances to the America stage and at one presentation held at Meany Hall, University of Washington, the dances won immediate popularity and signal success.

J. W. Spangler, president of the Society whose leadership has brought many enterprises of the Society to a successful finish last year will again preside over the annual meeting and formal dinner of the entire membership and friends.

MITSUI MANAGER ARRIVED JAN. 2

SAN FRANCISCO, — Returning to this country after a four months' sojourn in Japan, Shigeji Tajima, the New York manager of the Mitsui Bussan Co., arrived here aboard the Asama Maru of the N. Y. K. Line on Jan. 2.

Mr. Tajima attended the International Engineer's conference held in Tokio last year as one of Japan's delegates. Mr. S. Yamanaka, Seattle manager of the Mitsui Co., was one of the members of the firm to welcome in the New York manager.

Great Britain, U. S. Reach Agreement

WASHINGTON, D. C., — Secretary of State Stimson and Sir Esme Howard, British ambassador to Washington, signed a convention deciding the sovereignty of the United States over the Turtle Islands, on Jan. 2.

The question of administration was long a question between the peoples of both nations in commercial enterprises there.

Japan Bureau Plans Advertising In U. S.

TOKIO, — The year 1929 saw an increase over the preceding year of almost 10,000 American tourists, it is estimated by the Japan Tourist Bureau.

The revenue derived from these visitors amounted to 37,000,000 yen. Encouraged by these facts, the Tourist Bureau is planning to start an extensive advertising campaign in the United States this year.

BRITISH STOP REVOLT

AUCKLAND, New Zealand, — Reports received here state that an uprising of natives took place in Upoulan island near here in which British troops were called out to stop the disorder. The revolt ended without casualty.

INDIAN RESOLUTION TO SECEDE MEETS PEOPLE'S APPROVAL

Overwhelming Vote Cast For Independence By Congress Members

HUGE DEBT RENOUNCED

LAHORE, India, — The move to secede from the British Empire was given indication here when the Indian Congress adopted a resolution to break away from English control, on Jan. 1.

The Congress which had been in progress since Dec. 30 ended on Jan. 1, with the resolution for secession when 2,994 votes were cast for independence while only six votes were registered against.

Country Voices Assent

This vote is looked upon as the expression of the country and all India celebrated the New Year by a wide flung approval of the resolution.

The nationalist leader Mahatma Gandhi is riding on the crest of popularity and his move for Indian independence has won the support of the entire number of the Indian population. Gandhi's resolution demands independence from Britain and if this cannot be effected through nonviolence, appropriate measures are to be taken.

Renounces Debt

One other article included in the resolution states that India renounces her 2 billion 500 thousand dollar debt to Great Britain.

The Indian population of India is approximately 350 million out of which some 296 million people are illiterates. This is given as one of the flaws of British control.

LAHORE, India, — While Gandhi was trying to advocate a non-violence campaign against the British Government, twenty-three of the sixty-six members of the Central Indian Legislative Assembly resigned on Thursday, Jan. 2 as the first move against British authority.

WHEELER SCORES NEW TARIFF ACT

WASHINGTON, D. C., — Venting his criticism upon the new tariff bill, Sen. D. Wheeler, Mont. described the attempts of the Republican administration as trying to build a Chinese tariff wall around the country.

The new tariff bill meant hope to a few of the agricultural interests but to the majority it will not be a beneficial law. The small farmers will be forced to pay higher prices on farm implements and on home necessities and this would have its reactions on expanding trade and business relations.

Sino-Russian Parley To Be Held Jan. 25

SHANGHAI, — With the appointment of the new Chinese director general of the Chinese Far Eastern railway the conference for the adjustment of the Chinese Eastern Railway issue now to be held in Moscow on Jan. 25.

The new Chinese director general is Mo Tes Hui, while the new Russian manager is Julius Rudy who has already arrived at his post in Harbin. The conference in Moscow is expected to be the last one between the two governments hoping to amicably settle all the issues between them.

THE WEEK At a Glance

Dec. 27, WASHINGTON, D. C., — French arms stand may create breach with U. S., is opinion.

Dec. 28, HARBIN, Manchuria, — Communist rule set up by Soviet in West Manchuria.

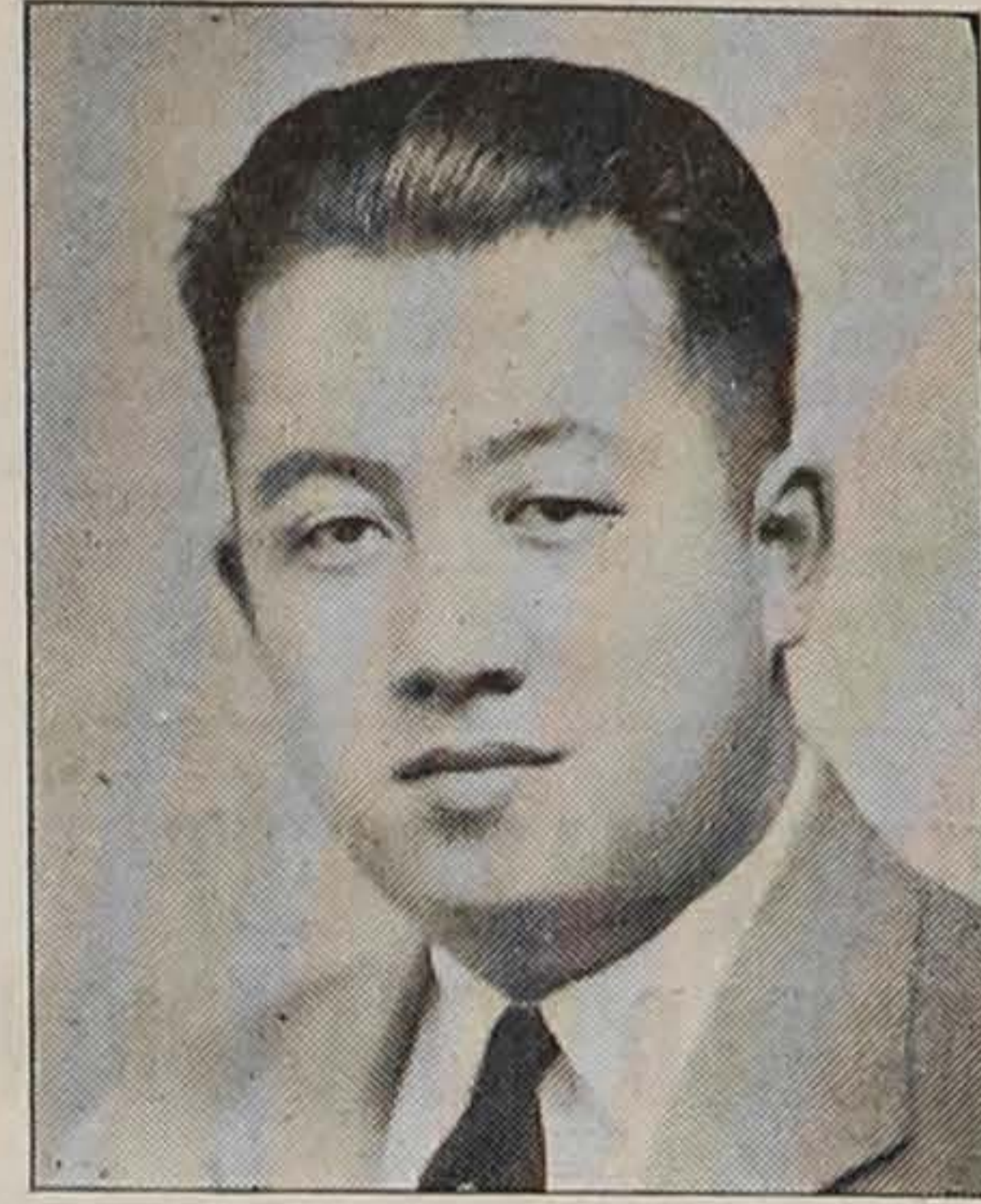
Dec. NEW YORK CITY, — Butler scores dry law fanaticism.

Dec. 30, LAHORE, India, — India delays action on declaration of independence.

Dec. 31, ANTARCTIC, — 300 miles of coast line added to world's map by Sir Hubert Wilkins.

Jan. 1, — Entire country welcomes New Year, 1930.

Jan. 2, LAHORE, India, — India approves of independence resolution passed on New Year's Day.



Clarence T. Arai

KAYAMA REELECTED LEAGUE PRESIDENT

Citizens Hold Election; Arai Talks On Convention

PORTLAND, Ore., — The citizens body of American born Japanese held their second annual election at a meeting which turned out to be an enthusiastic session supporting the coming convention of the National Council of Japanese-American Citizens Leagues to be held in Seattle.

Enthusiasm Shown

D. K. Kayama, the first president of the local citizens body, which was organized in 1928, was again re-elected to head the citizens' body at the meeting held on Dec. 29. Charles Yoshii was also re-elected to the vice-presidency.

After the regular business, discussions of the convention of the National Council brought out the enthusiasm of the local league members supporting the coast-wide meeting of delegates in Seattle this August. Clarence T. Arai, president of the Seattle league, was the principal speaker of the night.

Talks On Convention

His talk was on the convention and he reminded the local league and requested the full support of the citizens for the conference which is to be sponsored by the Northwest chapter.

The other officers elected were: Ruth Nomura, secretary and Nori Shomura, treasurer.

Aguinaldo To Fight Again For Filipinos

WASHINGTON, D. C., — It has been learned here through Isuro Gabaldon, leader of the Filipino Independence League, that Gen. Emilio Aguinaldo would enter the lists to fight for Philippine independence.

Gen. Aguinaldo led the Philippine forces against the American troops thirty years ago. This time the fight is to be around political issues for the independence of the Philippine from American control.

Mukden Government Frees 800 Prisoners

HARBIN, — To eight hundred Soviet prisoners of China, New Year's Day dawned bright with hope and promise. Through a manifesto issued by the Mukden provincial government eight hundred Russian prisoners were freed on Jan. 1.

Thirty of the prisoners were communists who were taken by the authorities when a raid was launched upon the Soviet consulate here last May.

Independence Asked By Island Congress

MANILLA, — The first national eucharistic congress of the Philippines heard a plea for Philippine independence at its last session Sunday.

Besides the resolution asking that religious education be provided in the schools by the Colon Students Congress, a resolution was passed in which the men of the Congress asked for independence from the United States.

BUDGET ANNOUNCED

Japan's government budget for the next fiscal year will amount to \$1,602,670,000, it has been announced by the Department of Finance.

WORK FOR WORTHY LEAGUE CONVENTION STATES PRESIDENT

Seattle, Winslow, Portland Will Be Hosts At Conference Here

ENTHUSIASM MANIFESTED

By CLARENCE T. ARAI

"The League has finally come into its own", so say its boosters all along the coast from the burning desert of Imperial Valley and the balmy southland, to the emerald valleys of the meandering Willamette and the "Charmed Land" of Puget Sound.

At the hub of this long stretch of Land, midway between the two extremities, "we have come and met" to blaze the trail for the new generation, so they may better serve her community, state and country.

Cooperation Possible

To the New American Citizens' League of San Francisco and its leaders great credit is due for calling the conference, with representatives from Brawley, Los Angeles, Oakland, Berkeley, Stockton, Pentaluma, Newcastle, San Jose, Fresno and Seattle, that gave birth to the first national body under the name The National Council of Japanese American Citizens' League.

Thus, for the first time a machinery has been set up, which provides for greater cooperation between the various leagues.

Seattle Convention City

This coming August Seattle is to be the Convention City and together with its sister leagues in Portland and Winslow is to act as host.

Fellow citizens! Let us with the vim and spirit of the New Year pull together strong with just one thing in mind, that of sponsoring a real and worthwhile conference, one that will be long remembered by all. And friends, "WE CAN"!

SPAIN'S PREMIER SAYS CHANGES WILL BE MADE

MADRID, — That the change in the order of the government would soon be effected was indicated in the announcement made by Gen. Primo de Rivera, premier of Spain, on Jan. 2.

King Alphonso, the premier said, approved of his plan to reorganize the patriotic union. It was also stated that the King had approved the plan for a national government which meant that the present dictatorship would be supplanted.

The premier did not mention of a possible resignation on his part.

Japanese Will Join Centennial Jubilee

TOKIO, — Japan has officially announced that she will participate in the centennial jubilee to be held in Brussels, Belgium, this Spring.

Japanese industrialists who are exhibiting their wares at the fair shipped out their goods for the exhibition last month.

War Hero Succeeds Foch As Army Chief

PARIS, — To succeed Marshal Foch as the chief of the French army general staff, is now the honor which has fallen upon Gen. Maxime Weygand. His appointment after a consultation was held between the Minister of War and members of the department.

Gen. Weygand is remembered as the hero who turned back the Russian army in 1920 when he took command of the Polish troops near Warsaw.

He was, also a member of the French delegation to the Washington arms parley in 1922.

U. S. Aid At Election Asked By Haitians

PORT AU PRINCE, — In a petition signed by seven presidents of Haitian organizations representing more than 100,000 followers, a request has been made to President Hoover that the United States supervise the coming election in April of 1930. The petition was sent to the American capitol by air mail Sunday.

FOURTEEN SQUADS IN COURIER LEAGUE READY FOR ACTION

First Games To Be Played On Jan. 7 At Baptist Church Gym

OUT OF TOWN TEAMS ENTERED

In order to get off to a flying start the fourteen teams in The Courier Basketball League will go into action at the Baptist gymnasium on Tuesday and Wednesday evenings, Jan. 7 and 8, from 6 p. m. and 8 p. m., respectively.

The race for The Courier Trophy is winning enthusiasm and a big turnout is expected for Tuesday and Wednesday. Of the fourteen teams swinging into action two of the quintets, the C. T. Takahashi Co., and the White River hoopers are to meet in the latter's home court while Bellevue and Auburn, both of the Class B. circuit, are to play their initial games in Auburn.

First Game Tuesday

On Tuesday evening the first game will start at 6 p. m., and will be limited to Class B contests. Wednesday evening is scheduled for Class A games and two games are to be played off. On other weeks, it is possible that one Class A game will be played on the last hour of Tuesday evenings owing to the lack of time on Wednesday nights to play the three Class A games.

This coming Tuesday the first game will be between Lotus Juniors and the Taiyo Juniors. The other games are as follows: Sparklers vs. Hi-Star Supers; Ace vs. Waseda Juniors; Bellevue vs. Auburn at Auburn.

Entry Fees Requested

On Wednesday evening the games are as follows: Lotus Seniors vs. Waseda Seniors; Bachelors vs. Jackson Supers; C. T. Takahashi Co. vs. White River, at White River.

According to Director Ishihara of the League all the entrance fees have not as yet been posted and this is requested to be done with some of the eligibility lists still not handed in by some of the quintets. The next meeting of the Class A and B Leagues is to be held at The Courier office on Jan. 9, from 8 p. m.

GOLF WIZARDS TO VISIT JAPAN

Walter Hagen and Joe Kirkwood, two noted figures in golfdom, will visit Japan this coming May for a series of exhibition matches. Invitation were sent to the two noted professional golfers by the Japan Golfing Association.

Bobby Jones was also invited but declined due to his pressing business affairs.

The two professionals will receive \$20,000 for their services, it is reported. The Golfing Association expects to raise a large part of this amount from the proceeds of the exhibition matches when the two stars will play in the Kanto and Kansai districts.

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Five Teams Ready In Girls' League

With five girls teams registered with The Courier Girls Basketball League, the first games are to be played off on Wednesday Jan. 15 at the Japanese Presbyterian gym. One more team is expected to join the League and the games will possibly be played off from 6 to 8 p. m. on Wednesday evenings.

So far the teams in the League are: Junior Girls, W. W. G. Girls, Lotus Girls, Bellevue, and Methodist girls. The Presbyterian Girls are also expected to join the League.

On Monday Jan. 6, another meeting at the League is to be held at The Courier office from 7:30 p. m., to which the team representatives are asked to gather.

FUJITA MAY MEET WORLD'S CHAMPION

Fans Clamor For Bout Between Japanese And Gus Kallio

What is to be marked as one of the feature events of the Northwest, plans are being formed at the present time to bring together Y. Fujita, Japan's middleweight wrestling champion, and Gus Kallio, the world's middle weight champ, in a meet in Eugene, Ore., about six weeks hence.

Fujita, who has already shown in this city several times, has won wide favor with local fans and critics have been enthusiastic over the Japanese wrestler's chances of winning the title.

Kallio Is Too Tough

Everyone in wrestling knows Kallio to be one of the toughest, trickiest and strongest mat artists seen in years for his weight. The chances for the Japanese wrestler seem weak to many who have never seen Fujita perform, but those who have seen both in action give Fujita an almost equal break against the Greek mat artist.

Fujita In Training

This bout was expected to be held in Chicago sometime this winter but the fans around Eugene have been clamoring to see Fujita and through their enthusiasm for the bout it has been planned to bring the match to the Northwest.

Fujita is in training at the present time for two minor bouts before he takes on the champ if the title bout is to be brought here for a date six weeks hence.

TOKIO. — Kozo Kusumi is hailed as an outstanding star in the marathon events. He recently established a new record at the Meiji Stadium.

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GIRLS' CLUB TEAM WINS GAME FROM TACOMA JAPANESE

Loses To Rhodes Team Of Same City
By A One-sided Score
Thursday

JOINS CITY LEAGUE NEXT WEEK

Starting their first basketball game of the season, the Seattle Japanese Girls' Club team scored a decisive victory over the Tacoma Japanese Girls' team, when they met at the Presbyterian church gym, Monday, Dec. 30. When the smoke raised by the fiery Amazons cleared away, the invaders found they were set for a 42-5 loss.

The local girls are under an intensive training ordered by Coach Payne, who has managed championship teams in the past. They started for the first time to study the game according to the boys' rule.

Have Good Coach

Their excellent coaching was clearly shown when they easily handled the Tacoma girls. The team line-up was: Sada Seki, Dorothy Kurokawa, forwards; Billee Tashiro, center; Jackie Nakagawa, Yurino Takayoshi, guards.

The team will meet with stiffer opposition when they journey over to Tacoma to meet the Rhodes Company team on Thursday, Jan. 2. Next week they will start their games in the City League, here.

TACOMA. — The Seattle Japanese Girls' Club basketball squad that invaded this city was handed a severe trouncing by the Rhodes quintet in their scheduled game on Thursday, Jan. 2.

The Seattle girls were unable to find the ball, let alone the basket and therefore they came out on the short end of the 34-6 count. This may be considered as evening the score for Tacoma, since her Japanese girls who invaded Seattle, were given a harsher trouncing.

Line Up Given

The line-up for the visitors was: Sada Seki, Dorothy Kurokawa, forwards; Billee Tashiro center; Jackie Nakagawa, Yurino Takayoshi, guards; Mina Kimura, Hana Arai, Miko Matsuda, substitutes.

The opponents lined up as follows: Arps, Hubbard, Krell, Bruyard, Moore. The Japanese girls that found the basket in the big melee were: Sada Seki, (1); Billee Tashiro, (2); Jackie Nakagawa, (3).

Herman Brix, former University of Washington athlete and Olympic shot putter will compete in the national indoor track field championship in New York next month.

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Ministry Is Planning To Raise Speed Limit

TOKIO. — Realizing that the present maximum speed limit of 16 miles per hour is too low, the Ministry of Home Affairs is planning to increase the limit to 20, or possibly 25 miles an hour.

But a stricter system of examination for chauffeurs will be established. There are now 60,000 automobiles in Japan.

HI-STARS TROUCE TAKAHASHI QUINTET

Bill Ihashi And Herb Ogawa Share
Starring Honors

Defeating the C. T. Takahashi five 53 to 18, the Japanese Hi-Stars added another victory to their win column last Saturday, the game being played at the Baptist gym.

The Hi-Stars were closely pressed by the Takahashi five during the first half, and did not start on a scoring spree until after the half time. Bill Ihashi who played an exceptional fine game at guard, shared scoring honors with Ogawa, both accounting for fourteen points. Okada and Okazaki accounted for the remaining scores.

Check Closely

The Takahashi five which is made up of the older second generation of this community showed up pretty well at times and kept the Hi-Stars at plenty of close checking. Hamada and Koitabashi were the outstanding men for the old-timers.

Tuesday, January 7, the Hi-Stars will tackle the Success Business College five at 7:30 in the Broadway High gym in a scheduled City League Class "E" game. The Business College will be represented by a strong quintet and will probably give the Japanese plenty trouble.

Line up:

Hi-Stars	C. T. Takahashi
Okazaki (12)	F Louie S (4)
Yorita (3)	F Hamada (10)
Ogawa (14)	C C. Uno
Ihashi (14)	G Koitabashi
Yoshida (2)	G Yorita (4)

Substitutions: Okada (8) for Yorita, F. Arai for Yoshida, Yorita for Ihashi, C. T. Takahashi-Yoshimura for Louie. Yorita for Osawa.

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VISITORS GUESTS AT BANQUET

Invading the local courts for a hoop series with local squads, two basketball teams of reputed prowess arrived from Vancouver yesterday evening.

Tonight (Saturday) the Taiyo basketballers of Vancouver will play the Lotus Seniors at 7 p. m. at O'Dea High School, corner of Columbia and Terry.

Tackles Nippons

At 8 p. m. the visitors' other hoop squad is slated to tackle the N. A. C. quintet on the same court. Admission of 25 cents will be charged for the two games.

A game with the Hi-Star Supers was scheduled for the Vancouver hoopers at the Baptist gym.

A banquet is being arranged by Lotus for the visiting squads on Sunday at 1 p. m. and the Canadians will leave for home on Sunday evening.

BADMINTON WINS POPULARITY HERE

Badminton, a combination game of tennis, volley ball, and the Japanese shuttlelore and battlecock, has won favor here in Seattle.

An organization has been formed named the Pioneer Badminton Club and much enthusiasm is manifested at the exhibitions held there.

Arrangements are being made for matches with teams from Aberdeen, and Vancouver, B. C.

If proper facilities are secured, this game would become popular with the Japanese here. Already in Vancouver, several Japanese have taken up the sport.

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THE NEW YEAR

What new happenings, new beginnings and the discarding of the old for the new, in store for 1930 will mean for the world may not have a different implication, in its essence, from those of other years but it is significant that this year, if the indications are correct, will be marked by a radical change of order in world opinion and events.

The march toward permanent world peace will take one of its longest strides when the London arms conference in which five of the greatest naval powers will participate, takes place on January 21. The objective of the parley will be to reduce the naval armaments of nations and to stave off competition to eliminate a seed of armed conflict. If a satisfactory agreement is reached by the powers, one of the greatest contributions will have been made for the ends of world peace. This in itself would mark the year as a great one in the history of mankind.

Yet all that transpires will not be toward peace. In India the indications are rife and potent of a struggle for independence from British rule. Although there does not seem to be any signs of its turning into a world conflict, this year looks to be troublesome for Great Britain. The British Sudan is already swinging away from Britain and the new independence move of India is bound to have its influence on world events.

In the Far East China has asserted her sovereignty by over riding the extra-territoriality rights of the powers by instituting her own tariff regulations. An international issue with its complications seems to be in the offing.

In this country the important events will be capped by what the American delegation will be able to accomplish at London this month. However, the administration's tariff bill will, undoubtedly, be legislated; while another law to curb the activities of lobbyists, also, may find its inception.

The Latin-American countries have kept steadily marking time with progress and this year may still find wider advancements toward a greater trade relations with the outside world, and prosperity for the South American nations.

In Europe the League of Nations will enter upon its eleventh year with the prestige of an agency for world peace and understanding. Although no efforts may be expended by the League toward the formation of a United States of Europe in order to bring about a better system of postal and money exchanges, the plan may not altogether be abandoned.

All in all, however, the most important happening will, without doubt, be the London arms conference and which shows every possibility of giving a new beginning toward placing the world upon a permanent basis of peace. World opinion is gradually beginning to fall into the channels of peace thoughts and the day of internationalism is rapidly coming into its own.

The theater of activities is also passing from the west to the east and the year should witness the seeds sown for the drama of a greater cultural, ethical and material civilization in the Pacific Basin. 1930 well speaks of a great year.

IS IT French capriciousness or pride which prompts her to maintain the attitude that the London arms parley must begin with the League of Nations covenant as the starting point, instead of the Kellogg-Briand anti-war treaty? There is no doubt that what the League covenant stands for is as worthy as the Kellogg pact, but it should be understood that since the United States is not a member of the League any agreement decided upon in London this month cannot be binding upon this country. In the first place, the United States, will not participate in a conference whose principle she cannot accept as yet, if the League covenant is to be the basis of the parley. The invitation sent out by the British Foreign Office last year stated clearly that the parley is to start with the Kellogg pact. The United States, Japan, Italy and France accepted the bid. Why change now?

THE INDIA of Mahatma Gandhi is again seeking her independence from British rule. Some years ago the independence move of India resulted only in a hunger strike by the great Indian nationalist but this time the revolt takes on a more important dimension. How many of the 350 million natives of India will follow behind the banner of Gandhi remains a question but there is no doubt that the silent protest of the native population is a fact which, alone, should cause worry for the British empire. The British Sudan is quickly falling out of the grasp of Britain. Now India twists the Lion's tail.

THE REGISTRATION of City voters is to begin on Monday, Jan. 6. In view of the fact that the City intends to make new divisions of its precincts that voting may be better facilitated at the municipal election to be held this Spring, all the old registrations which should have been sufficient to qualify the present lot of citizens to vote, have been annulled, necessitating new registrations. On Feb. 4, the registrations are to close but for three days, Jan. 16, 17, 18, the books will be brought to the precincts to help the voters to register. The new plan is not a bad one since its motive is to help the voters to vote. That is why the citizens should meet the City half way and register.

The small man who acts the Big Time fellow is a poor actor. The man who has once seen the Big Time is never forced to act.

The year 1929 should live long in the memory of Japanese residents here, as the year in which a show at Nippon Kan Hall started exactly on time. The credit is due the Japanese Students Club-their show began exactly at 7:30 p. m., per schedule.

POST MORTEM

Everything and Nothing

Everywhere and Nowhere

By TOM ARAI

TALK ABOUT A DUMB GOOF--HE THOUGHT "DOGMA" WAS A MOTHER GOD.

The drought that hit the Northwest recently, had numerous cities worried like Custer's Last Stand. It was really dry, in fact dry enough to be called "pole dry", but from another angle it was "wet" just the same.

Eventually of course rain did make an appearance like a "stage-struck" second-hand pawn ticket on a miscalculated detour. If "Mother Knows", a grand old Mother by the name of Nature came with the right 100 per cent All-American "SPIRIT" to the timely rescue of the suffering law abiding citizens of this great Northwest by delivering some actually "WET" stuff. (The scene of the performance of delivery was not the back door; it was a godsend.)

And can you scratch your neck backwards to think that Congress tries to pull a drainless sink play, by enacting so-called laws against the super-minor children of state when even Mother Nature sympathizes with us. Next time you meet a Congressman, just give his hip an extravagant poke with something metallic--the proverbial "clang" maybe absent, but the result will be astounding.

CURRENT EVENTS: "LEMME USE YOUR TOOTHBRUSH!"

BEFORE

Stop, Look and Listen.

NOW

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WHY MOTHERS TURN GRAY

Our surest best friend is our Mother, But some, her care less, They prematurely age their Mother, By making things a frightful mess. Some havoc causing indulgence, Grays Mothers on their head; When carelessly we spill the sauce, On Mother's new table spread. With stocking feet enclosed with shoes, Covered with mud, the least to say; We tread well quietly on costly rugs, No wonder, Mothers turn gray!

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MAN ABOUT TOWN: "GOSH, IF I ONLY HAD A LITTLE MORE SENSE THEN, I'D HAVE NEVER MARRIED THIS WOMAN OF MINE!"

To make a knockout that will score a fade-away for your personal appearance... just forget about taking a bath.

HE: "Gee, that's a lovely looking necklace you're wearing."
SHE: "Thanks, but I can't understand the green curse that shows up around my neck when I retire."
HE: "Must be some Christmas jewelry, then?"

CORRESPONDENCE

Los Angeles, Calif. Dec. 27, 1929.

To the Editor: In looking over the periodicals in the Seattle Library my attention was attracted to the Japanese-American Courier. I was very agreeably surprised at the fine spirit of progressiveness evidenced in its editorial.

I think this paper is fully capable of promoting better relations and a more intelligent understanding between the Japanese and American peoples. Japan since its treaty with this country in 1854 has made the most marvelous progress of any country in the world and as Prof. Kawakami writes: "Japan must have a place in the Sun."

I think that it not only has a place in the Sun but that it is destined to control and lead the 900 million people of Asia and the nation that has a prospect of accomplishing such an undertaking must command respect from the balance of the world.

The American people, instead of looking upon Orientals as ethnological curiosities, will do well to study their culture and ideals. We will then have made a great advance towards world peace and the brotherhood of men.

(Signed) Daniel L. Young

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Pink Tea

The Hon. Suemasa Okamoto, local Japanese Consul, and Mrs. Okamoto were host and hostess at a New Year celebration held for the Japanese people at their residence, on New Year's Day.

Mrs. C. T. Takahashi, Jr. rendered the accompaniment in the singing at the consulate celebration.

Mr. S. Yamanaka, manager of the Mitsui Co., here, left for San Francisco on New Year's day. He will return to this city on either Monday or Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul T. Kondo of Eatonville, Wash., and former residents of this city, were visitors here over the New Year holiday.

Mr. Yutaka Akiyoshi and Mrs. Akiyoshi were also visitors in the city from Eatonville, on Monday.

Mr. Masaru Uno has been a visitor in the city from Pullman, Wash., over the holiday season. He is to return to W. S. C., tomorrow afternoon.

Mr. Thomas Ogawa was a visitor in his hometown, Vancouver, B. C., on New Year's Day. He returned on Thursday to visit Grays Harbor on a business trip.

Mr. Clarence T. Arai has been a visitor in Portland, Ore., over the New Year Holiday. He returned yesterday.

Mr. Charles Yoshii of Portland, who was a visitor in this city over Christmas returned to his hometown with Mr. Arai on Dec. 27.

The Seattle Progressive Citizens League announces that on Jan. 18, an election meeting is to be held to elect the officers of the League for 1930. The meeting is to take place at the Japanese Chamber of Commerce rooms from 8 p. m.

Mr. Frank T. Yabuki returned last week from a Kengaku dan trip to Japan. He will return to the University of Washington, from this Winter Quarter, which starts Jan. 6.

Mr. Yukitaka Inouye, formerly of this city and now of Yawatahama, Ehime-ken, Japan, is now the proud father of a second baby daughter, it was learned through his brother-in-law, Mr. Genji Mihara, of this city. The stork visited Mr. Inouye's home a month ago.

The Girls Club basketball team and their followers were a gay party in themselves around a dinner table at The Cave, after their court contest, on Thursday evening in Tacoma.

COMING EVENTS

Saturday, Jan. 4

7 p. m., — Lotus Seniors vs. Vancouver hoop team at O'Dea High School gym.

8 p. m., — N. A. C. vs. Vancouver Taiyo hoop team at O'Dea High School gym.

Sunday, Jan. 5

6:30 p. m., — Youth League discussion.

Rev. Abe speaking on "The Religions of the East and West."

Tuesday, Jan. 7

Opening of Courier Hoop League tourney.

Wednesday, Jan. 8

Opening of Courier Girls Basketball

Saturday, Feb. 22

Citizens' League Entertainment at Nippon Kan.

Sunday, Feb. 23

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REV. ABE WILL SPEAK SUNDAY

Mounting out of their pre-holiday season slump in attendance, many Youth League members, as has been predicted, returned to the fold to listen to a highly interesting discussion led by Director Paul J. Gates, last Sunday, on the subject of "The Necessity of Hell."

Avoiding the hazardous pitfalls that entrap many of the modern thinkers, Director Gates, instead of merely destroying old conceptions, built up the foundation for a new one, presenting a constructive talk on his viewpoint of what is to many, the bogey of religion, the idea of hell.

Spiritual Existence

"Hell is existent in our minds. The mental anguish that torments us as we see in a panoramic view the mistakes of our complete life presents a more plausible conception of hell, than the notion of its physical reality,--the hell of fire and brimstone.

"Hell is necessary because of our conception of God as a just being, teaching us in His own way to rectify our mistakes. Not a God of Vengeance has created hell, but a God of Love; just as parents punish their children because of the love they bear toward their own flesh and blood and not because of hatred or a vindictive nature.

Deters Crime

"Hell is furthermore necessary because it is a deterrent to crime. Humankind is not so perfect that out of pure innate goodness it refrains from transgressing upon the rights of others. Times of catastrophe and slacking of authority have proved their fact."

This would be a contextual if not a literal summary of the main points brought out in the discussion.

A short discussion was also held regarding the methods to improve the Youth League meetings.

Rev. Abe To Speak

Rev. S. Abe of the Japanese Congregational Church, who is deeply interested in the League, was announced as the speaker for the coming Sunday. His subject will be "The Religions of the East and West."

The meeting will start 6:30 sharp, Sunday evening, Jan. 5, at the Youth League hall in the Japanese Chamber of Commerce Building.

INVITATION SENT TO SEE DISPLAY

An interesting demonstration display of "Typing Telegraph" equipment will be shown by the Postal Telegraph Cable Co., at 223-2nd Ave. and Main Street.

This new equipment is symbolic of the revolutionary change that is going on in the telegraph business.

O. F. Schulz, Seattle manager of the company, has sent a special invitation to the Japanese, especially schoolchildren, to visit the office.

The display is now on and will be continued throughout next week.

DETECTIVE YARNS VOGUE

TOKYO. — Detective stories are the best sellers in Japan now. This nation's tastes have turned from romance and fiction to thrillers in the form of detective yarns.

This type of novel has sold to as high as 300,000 volumes and the translators of foreign crime and police fiction are said to be reaping fortunes.

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RICE TO HEAD HALL COLLEGE

The father of the Rice system of penmanship, equal in prominence to that of the Palmer school in the Northwest, is now to conduct the business courses offered at the Hall Business College, at Pike and Terry Streets.

The well known penman started his career at the Franklin High School here and among some of his friends are included many of the second generation Japanese who were formerly his pupils there. Ten years ago the Rice system of Penmanship came into national prominence and William J. Rice accepted the post of superintendent of penmanship and business administration of the Bellingham schools.

He is now the president of the Hall Business College which institution is to be given the benefit of the modern instructions of business courses, now gaining favor all over the country.

IT IS TO SEE

as seen thru the eyes of TANI

We have entered a new year . . . the calendar on the wall blazes forth with a bright red 1930. It is time to drop the cares and worries of the year now obsolete and turn our faces toward the hilltops that shine with the promise of good things to come.

And as we do so, let us go over our ledger and give thanks for the many blessings . . . commonplace blessings . . . with which we are endowed.

For the glorious sunshine, the free air, the sparkling water, the silvery moonlight, the twinkling starlight.

We accept these things thoughtlessly. Yes, we are thankful but while these beautiful commonplace blessings come regularly we do not appreciate their true value.

But, if some morning we should awake and in place of the commonplace sunrise, all were darkness, without a glimmer of light, then would we cry for the beautiful light, the commonplace light.

For other blessings, for health . . . if we are so fortunate as to possess this great blessing . . . for a mind to appreciate, for eyes to see the beauties of the universe, for ears to hear the bird songs, the breeze and the brook laughter, for a voice to sing praise carols . . . all these commonplace things give thanks . . .

For friends and loved ones with whom to commune, again thanks.

THE MAN WHO INVENTED THE CABARET IS THE ONE WHO PUT THE DIN IN DINNER AND TOOK THE REST OUT OF RESTAURANT.

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My Impression of the Japanese Girl

By AYAKO YOSHII
TOKIO, JAPAN

I had formed a somewhat vague idea of a typical Japanese girl before coming to Japan--the knowledge having been derived from pictures, books and the general conversations of different people. This was that the girls always wore beautiful kimonos; doing cherry dances, flower-arrangement, tea ceremony, and in other words, being beautiful but dumb.

However, I realize now that I was sadly mistaken and hope that those of you who read this will understand that a Japanese girl certainly is not dumb; neither is she a "mud-fence" who digs knee-deep in a mud-caked rice field.

Girls Dress Well

I was particularly struck with the outward appearance of those who have adopted foreign clothes. Many of them certainly know how to dress and look well in foreign clothes. Thanks to motion pictures and to gowns and frocks imported from Paris, the Japanese girl looks as though she came right out of a fashion plate. She would certainly cause a stir on the campus of any college.

The greater percentage of those who have adopted the foreign dress have, at one time or another, been to either America or Europe or both. There is, however, a class of girls who, by looking at their clothes, it can easily be seen that they have never even set foot outside of Japan, referring to the "mogas" or modern girls. On the other hand, the girls dressed in the gorgeous Japanese kimonos with their hair fixed in the Japanese coiffure certainly look beautiful and picturesque.

Adopt Foreign Dress

At the schools the majority of the students have adopted the foreign dress. They are more comfortable and insure greater freedom. During cold weather many wear the kimono since three or four can be worn at one time without being uncomfortable.

The girls over here have good times just as we do, although in an entirely

different way, whereas, we think of having fun at parties, dances, picnics and sport wherein boys and girls take part, these girls play among themselves --- "hyaku-ninshi", Japanese cards; "hane-tsuki", battle dore and shuttle cocks, etc.

When it comes to good, hard studying, these girls "take the cake". Japan has very few schools in proportion to her immense population. As a result the students have to pass examinations for entrance from the middle school. To pass this examination a student must be very brilliant--more so, since only forty out of a possible three or four hundred students are accepted. Therefore, one easily sees why a student must study so hard.

Compacts Are Taboo

In the class-rooms one never sees a display of compacts for new complexions. Such things are taboo. I remember the first day I went to my class, I had a compact in my pocket and by all the excitement it caused, one would be led to think I carried a stick of dynamite.

The schools have rigid regulations in matters pertaining to dress, jewelry and such. Personally I think that this act is a very good thing, since those who are not able to have silks and jewelry may not be humiliated and feel out of place.

Interested In Sports

These girls are interested in sports too. They are all enthusiastic supporters of tennis, basketball and volleyball. They have many virtues. The one outstanding is the spirit of self sacrifice.

I believe however that the Japanese customs are too strict in some ways as that they injure the personality and individuality of the young people. There is something bad in the best of us and something good in the worst of us; so if we, the second generation, would try to develop the best traits of the Americans and the best of the Japanese, we will be qualified in the task of promoting friendship with America.

YURI OKAZAKI TO LEAD

Yuri Okazaki will lead the Intermediate B. Y. P. U. this Sunday from 6:30 p. m. at the Japanese Baptist Church. The topic will be "What Shall Be Our Purposes This Year."

"PRAYER" IS TOPIC

Yurino Takayoshi is leading the Christian Endeavor at the Japanese Congregational Church at 11 a. m., speaking on the topic "Prayer".

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UCHIDA RECEIVES NATIONAL HONOR

Jack M. Uchida, of troop 56, Seattle, was awarded the Eagle Scout rank, a national honor. The applicant was recommended by Scoutmaster C. T. Takahashi.

Jack Uchida has thirty-one merit badges to his credit and also possesses one of the three gold handicraft medals that the local officials have passed out.

Life Scout George Hasegawa has applied for the Eagle Scout rank. Hasegawa was the winner of the gold bugling medal.

Mr. Takahashi, of the China Importing Co., is the only Japanese Scoutmaster, who has successfully achieved the honor of tutoring Japanese boys to acquire Eagle rank.

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SATOSH PERFORMS HIS BIG SHARE ON HAPPY NEW YEARS

Japanese Orange Peels Faster Discovery Of Courier Junior Editor

By SATOSHI HOSHI

Well Folks, how did you like it Wednesday. It was sure fine Wednesday I went to shows with brother at the Atlas. The comedies were best of all.

At New Year Mr. and Mrs. Sakamoto invited us to their house for dinner. We had Mochi, O-sushi, and Japanese oranges. The oranges are sure sweet and they can be peeled faster than the American orange. Then we went home after a while. When we went home my older brother said we were going to a show. A boy named Toshiyuki and my big brother and I went to show. The show we went to was the Atlas. The Sophomore was on.

Some part was funny and it sure made me laugh my head off. Many shows were on the Atlas. It was about five o'clock when we all of us went home. I had done my share for the New Year day by going to a show.

(Our ten year old feature writer edits his own copy. —Editor).

NEW OFFICERS CHOSEN BY C. E.

The following new officers for the Presbyterian C. E. were elected at the last business meeting of the society on Dec. 29:

Pres. Jack Nakagawa
Vice-Pres. Shizuo Yamada
Secretary Shizuko Nakagawa
Treasurer Nobushi Nakagawa

The following chairmen of the different committees were also appointed: Social, Dorothy Kurokawa; membership and Lookout, Yoichi Matsuda and Hatsue Aoki; Social Welfare, Shizuo Yamada; Program and Prayer, Harue Teramaye and George Tokuda.

The new set of officers are in charge of a New Year's Party to be held Jan. 2 for the purpose of getting acquainted with its new members.

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