

Between the Lines

ANOTHER important concession was made this week to the western powers when Japan announced the opening of the lower Yangtze River to navigation.

DAILY PAPERS all had a "first photo" of the burning of the Graf Spee this week. It's nice when everyone can be accommodated.

GERMAN CROWD of the Graf Spee have our congratulations, in a way. They are to be interned in Buenos Aires. That's a town we have always wanted to live in for a while.

BICYCLE LICENSE fees were reduced from 50 cents to 25 cents by the City Council this week. That may not sound like big money to some people, but in our time a kid could do a lot with two-bits.

NEWS DISPATCHES are reporting great events these days. One this week said a Finn detachment had "wiped out" a Russian division of 17,000 in battle. At this rate there will soon be a dent even in the huge population of Russia.

THIRTY-EIGHT destroyers built during the World War, and long since out of service, are being re-commissioned for patrol duty, it is announced. If this keeps up there may be a call for those old hulls that used to lie out in Lake Union for so many years - if they can be found.

ANOTHER EXAMPLE of tax burdens in this country is seen in the report that inheritance levies on the estate of the late Irving G. Thalberg, motion picture producer, take \$2,000,000 out of an estate valued at \$4,470,913. Uncle Sam sliced off \$2,000,000, and the state of California stepped in for \$90,000. And still, they can't balance the federal budget!

CONGRATULATIONS to the Peoples National Bank on its 50th anniversary. A list of its first directors reads like a Who's Who of early day Seattle. They were Arthur Denny, Jacob Furth, John Collins, John Leary, W. E. Bailey, Leigh S. J. Hunt, Bailey Gatzert and Otto Ranke. Such men as these was one reason why Seattle became the leading city on the Sound.

OLD TOTEM POLE will be shipped to Alaska, where Indians will carve a copy of it for the city, according to action taken by the City Council. This probably is the best solution. The old pole that stood in Pioneer Place so many years ago and experts said it was impossible to repair it. We shall miss the ancient relic, but will be glad to see its successor.

GRAF SPEE was disguised as a British cruiser while preying on commerce in the South Atlantic. But the best war story we have heard was when the Russians complained that the Graf came out on skis, camouflaged in white clothing so they wouldn't show against the snow. Russians said this was unfair tactics, because the Finns would harass them, and then scoot away on skis. But, we are reminded of the old saying that all is fair in love and war, so perhaps these things are permissible.

SEATTLE'S American flag steamship line to the Orient, that was to have restored American service to the North Pacific has come to grief through disputes with the unions. The officials say, we are not definitely informed as to the merits of this clash which will be broadcast over the country. We do no good to Seattle's reputation as a city already too well known for labor strife.

WE'VE OFTEN HEARD of things being "off center" but the most curious case to our knowledge is the one revealed in a jury court this week when a superior awarded damages totaling \$6,100 to three plaintiffs in a crash suit. It seems the road had been widened. The old road had a yellow "center line" but after the widening it wasn't in the center. A new one had not been painted on. Consequently, the old line was "off center" and the crash resulted in one death and injury to two men.

THE WEEK At A Glance

- Nov. 15, HELSINKI.—Finland reports the destruction of a Russian destroyer.
- Nov. 16, WASHINGTON.—Vice President Garner announces he will run for president.
- Nov. 17, MONTEVIDEO.—Nazis blow up battleship Graf Spee here.
- Nov. 18, BERLIN.—Report says 34 British planes shot down.
- Nov. 19, WASHINGTON.—Labor board accused of unfair tactics.
- Nov. 20, BUENOS AIRES.—Capt. Hans Langsdorff of the Graf Spee commits suicide.
- Nov. 21, HELSINKI.—Russian flyers bomb Helsinki and score of other towns.

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LOS ANGELES GETS NEW OFFICER LIST

Eiji Tanabe Re-elected By JAACL Chapter As President For Coming Year; Also Fred Tayama For Next Place

MANY OTHER GROUPS NOW VOTING

LOS ANGELES.—As was expected, Eiji Tanabe was re-elected by the local chapter of the Japanese American Citizens League as president. He is an active League man, and well-known hotel operator. Others elected are: First vice president, Fred Tayama (re-elected); second vice president, Mrs. Rio Kashiwagi; third vice president, George Morey (re-elected); corresponding secretary, Shizuko Narahara; recording secretary, Ruth Kurata; treasurer, Ichiro Fukunaga; auditor, George Ono.

Members-at-large, Flower market, Tom Imai; Ninth Street market, Ted Iwasaki; Seventh Street market, Jimmy Ito; downtown, Dr. Tom Abe; Kibei, Kiyoshi Hori.

The race for third vice president was contested, because this official is automatically the representative of the chapter to the District Council.

Fresno Elects Masami Arita

FRESNO, Calif.—Masami Arita has been chosen president of the local JAACL chapter for 1940, to succeed Johnson Kebo.

Other 1940 cabinet members include: Bob Itanaga, vice pres.; Harry Honda, rec. sec.; Mrs. T. Nakamura, corr. sec.; Oscar Fujii, treas.; Tom Nakamura, past worthy pres.; Johnson Kebo, G. Abe and Howard Hatayama, board of trustees. Ena Okonogi and Oscar Fujii are the two alternate delegates to the district council meetings.

Slate For San Francisco

SAN FRANCISCO.—Nominees for the offices of the 1940 cabinet of the local chapter of the Japanese American Citizens League were submitted at a recent meeting held here, which was a combination business and social gathering. It was in the form of a White Elephant party. Dancing and refreshments were enjoyed.

For president, the nominating committee submitted the names of Dr. Kaha Ueyama and Dave Tatsuno. Both have been quite active.

As candidates for the Board of Governors, the following were suggested by the committee: Henry Ueyeda, Henry Tani, James Maruyama, Tad Fujita, Ayame Ichiyasu, vice pres.; Torao Ichiyasu, Tomoyuki Omori, Jo Ann Omura, Eichi Sato, Sasaji Miura, Roy Takagi, Toshio Yoshida, Takeo Okamoto, Arthur Misaki, Teiko Ishida, Ruth Honda, Roy Nakatani, Masaru Nakamoto, Dr. Masako Moriya, board of governors.

San Jose Picks Leaders

SAN JOSE, Calif.—The local chapter of the JAACL has elected Shig Masunaga as president for the coming year.

Other officers are: Mitsuo Okukubo, vice pres.; Roy Ozawa, political vice pres.; Mitsuyo Kanemoto, sec'y.; Dr. Nakahara, treasurer; Taeko Noda, historian; Mitsuyo Miyata, pub. rel.

Installation of new officers will be held on Jan. 10, at the regular meeting.

Sacramento Candidates

SACRAMENTO, Calif.—The local chapter of the JAACL will be to ballot this week on a list of candidates submitted by the nominating committee. They are: George Takahashi, pres.; Calvin Sakamoto, vice pres.; Teru Foga-saki, treas.; Tsuyugu Fujii, corr. sec.; Yaeko Ishimoto, rec. sec.; representatives—Tokio Kawashima, Woodland; Elkhorn; William Tanaka, Yolo-Broderick; Mr. Nishida, Clarksburg; Tad Miura, Riverside; Yasuo Yoshino Oak Park; Frank Okazaki, Mills; Perkins; Kikuyu Ryugo, Taeko Hosokawa, Frank Nagano, Sacramento; Tod Miura, official delegate; Sam Ishimoto, Calvin Sakamoto, alternate delegates.

San Benito 1940 Leaders

SAN JUAN BAPTISTA, Calif.—San Benito chapter of the JAACL has elected Dick Nishimoto president for 1940. Installation will be held the latter part of January. Other new officers are: Matsuo Taoka, 1st vice-pres.; Kati Obata, 2nd vice-pres.; Fumie Uyeno, res. sec.; James Sugioka, asst. rec. sec.; Takeichi Kadani, Eng. corres. sec.

Candidates Chosen By Brawley Chapter

BRAWLEY, Calif.—Ernest Fujimoto, Akira Aisawa and Hatsu Morita have been nominated as candidates for president of the local JAACL chapter for next year. All three are now active officers of the cabinet. The nominating committee consisted of Helen Fujimoto, Tom Miyamoto, Eichi Nakazono, Yoshiko Kubo, Hatsu Morita, Frank Miyata and Ernest Fujimoto.

Conference To Help Foreign-Born Folks

WASHINGTON.—The program has just been issued for the Fourth Annual Conference of the American Committee for Protection of Foreign Born, to be held here March 2 and 3 of next year. Co-chairmen of the conference are Ernest Hemingway, famous author, and Dr. William Allan Neilson, president emeritus of Smith College. Heading the committee of 100 sponsoring the meeting is Louis Adam, noted author, widely known for his writings bearing on the subject of foreign-born people. The conference, Mr. Hemingway said, is called to devote "serious and immediate attention to the elimination of certain tendencies in American life which threaten our concept of equality, regardless of race, creed, color, nationality or place of birth."

Pre-conference headquarters have been set up in New York City at Rooms 1505, 79 Fifth Avenue. Organizations and individuals who wish further information as to the conference may write to that address. Information about the meeting, and any suggestions, will be given prompt attention.

There will be discussions on the topic of immigrants, citizenship, legislation, deportation and the right of asylum.

There will be a final session at which problems of the foreign-born will be discussed, and a program mapped out by which it is hoped to meet the needs of the foreign-born in various ways.

ALLIES AGREE ON FINLAND SUPPORT

German Battleship Blown Up At Montevideo; Shipping And Air Losses Heavy

LONDON.—While warfare raged on various fronts, the British and French leaders met in Paris this week, and were said to have mapped out a sweeping plan for moral and material assistance to Finland. Both allied and German shipping and aircraft were reported to have suffered heavy losses.

Sea warfare shifted last weekend to the east coast of South America, where three British cruisers attacked and disabled the German pocket battleship Graf Spee, which took refuge in Montevideo harbor. Sunday night the Graf Spee was blown up by her commander, and the next day Capt. Hans Langsdorff committed suicide in Buenos Aires.

"BE IT RESOLVED: That the Department of State of the United States Government at Washington, D. C., be requested to make the immediate affirmative announcement that, after the termination of the present commercial treaty with Japan on January 26, 1940, and during any negotiation for a new commercial treaty with Japan, the policy of the United States Government will be that of ordinary trade, (with the possible exception of munitions) with Japan shall go on as before, and that the United States Government does not contemplate any interference with ordinary commercial transactions with Japan, notwithstanding termination of the treaty; and that it is the sense of this meeting that unless the State Department makes such immediate affirmative announcement, with Japan will virtually cease altogether, with great and irreparable loss to American business."

Mills Asking Action

The above resolution was unanimously concurred in by representatives of the following mills on Grays Harbor and Willapa Harbor:

On Grays Harbor: American Mills Company, Anderson & Middleton Lumber Company, Bay City Lumber Company, E. K. Bishop Lumber Company, Donovan Lumber Company, Grays Harbor—Willapa Harbor Log Export Lumber Company, Grays Lumber Company, Polson Lumber & Shingle Mills, Units A and B; Schaefer Bros. Lumber & Shingle

Soviet Ship Damaged

Helsinki said the 23,000-ton Soviet battleship October Revolution had been badly damaged by Finnish shore batteries.

British and French naval men met to map a new strategy as German planes took heavy toll of allied shipping, particularly the British fishing fleet.

Student Club Elects Yasukochi President

BERKELEY, Calif.—George Yasukochi of San Francisco was elected president of the Japanese Students' Club at the University of California by that organization at a recent meeting.

Other prominent second generation honored were Ed Tokeshi of Brawley, who is corresponding secretary, while Nori Tashima of Garden Grove was selected as publicity chairman.

STRIKE, AND WAR NEEDS BOOST FOOD PRICES TO S. F. HOUSEWIVES

SAN FRANCISCO.—Partly due to the San Francisco waterfront strike, and also affected by the wars in Asia and Europe, the Japanese housewives in this city have been feeling the pinch of rising prices in foodstuffs.

The outlook is that food for the New Year festive boards will cost a lot more this year than last. The waterfront strike was estimated to have cost the people of this city \$6,000,000, and part of the cost has fallen on the Japanese Community.

The cost of Japanese supplies was due to some extent to the rise in prices in Japan before the strike, began. That was due to war conditions.

So, when the local housewife goes to market she finds foods cost a lot more. For instance, shoyu, a tasty sauce largely used in seasoning Japanese dishes has increased by 75 cents, and is now quoted at \$3.25 per taru.

ROOSEVELT SEEKS BILLION DOLLARS IN EXTRA LEVIES

President Proposes Incomes Be Levied On, and Excise Duty Be Boosted Up

SLAM AT LABOR BOARD

WASHINGTON.—President Roosevelt was represented this week as being ready to ask Congress for a billion dollars in new taxes. Of this amount 500 million dollars would be for national defense, and 500 million dollars to compensate the treasury for farm subsidies paid out the past two years.

Secretary Morgenthau was said to be opposed to new taxes. Roosevelt is said to be prepared to ask for increased levies on income, estate and manufacturers' excise taxes.

It was said here that Finland is seeking to negotiate a loan for 50 million dollars to buy materials.

Labor Board Under Fire

The National Labor Relations Board continued under fire at the hearing by a congressional committee investigation. Two specific instances were brought up.

Two committee members charged that in 1937 the board tried to entrap the Inland Steel Company into a position whereby the C. I. O. union could bring Wagner Act charges against it.

The evidence before the committee was to the effect that Nathan Witt, board secretary, went to Pittsburgh to consult with C. I. O. officials regarding the filing of such charges.

In another case in Cincinnati a regional director admitted that he acted both as judge and prosecutor. The director, Philip G. Philipps, admitted that he mixed the judicial and prosecuting functions. It was shown that while the hearing was going on, the board sent instructions about how it should be conducted.

Plane Motors Ordered

The Navy has placed orders with three manufacturers for airplane engines and propellers amounting to \$9,000,000, it was announced this week.

The Federal Loan Agency announced this week that the R. F. C. mortgage company will purchase up to \$2,500 loans made to finance the construction of new houses.

The United States has restored tariff reductions on sugar and tobacco imported from Cuba in exchange for Cuban concessions on American exports.

The changes were effected in agreement signed by Secretary Hull and Cuban Ambassador Martinez Fraga. It supplements the trade pact between the two countries signed August 24, 1934.

The Wage-Hour law administrator announced that employers who have been ordered to pay back wages under the law will be allowed to make the payments in installments, where necessary.

Garner's Candidacy Has National Slant

WASHINGTON.—Announcement by John N. Garner, vice president, that he will accept the nomination as a candidate for president on the Democrat ticket this week stirred the capital, although it was not unexpected. The vice president's action was looked on as having a national bearing, rather than a political one.

The statement was brief. It said: "I will accept the nomination for President. I will make no effort to control any delegates. The people should decide. A candidate should be selected at primaries and conventions as provided by law, and I sincerely trust that all Democrats will participate in them."

The opposition has made the charge that Garner's age would debar him as a candidate. He is 71, but is in good health, and rugged.

Mr. Garner is certain to be vigorously opposed by the C. I. O., which in 1936 was a major contributor of campaign funds. Last summer he was denounced as a "labor-baiting, whiskey-drinking, poker-playing, evil old man." At that time friends all over the country rallied behind him.

It is believed Garner will be in position to corner large blocs of delegates in the state preferential primaries. Third term New Deal advocates have been trying to prevent this.

President Working Toward Labor Peace

WASHINGTON.—The President said this week that he was still hopeful that some accord might be reached between the American Federation of Labor and the Congress of Industrial Organizations.

The Chief Executive said he had discussed the matter with John L. Lewis, the C. I. O. leader. There was nothing decided on. There was nothing said, but he added that Lewis expressed the hope of a solution.

Advance Reported In Japan-America Pact

TOKIO.—The fourth conversation between Foreign Minister Nomura and United States Ambassador Joseph G. Grew has been completed, and announcement is made that an optimistic view is taken regarding an accord between Japan and America. Japan's suggestion that the 1911 treaty be extended until negotiations for a new treaty can be undertaken was said to have been received favorably.

Japan this week announced preparations are being made to open the lower Yangtze River in China to general navigation.

The river was closed by Japan to foreign vessels in August 1937. The order this week said that plans were being made to open the river to navigation from Nanking downward, under certain restrictions. The announcement was conveyed to Ambassador Grew.

Japan has previously declined to discuss principles regarding the conflict in China, but insisted that cases should be dealt with individually. The United States has demanded something concrete, and Japan now undertakes to say that the river opening is along that line.

The 1911 trade treaty between Japan and the United States was denounced last July by Secretary Hull, and abrogation is due January 26, next. In some quarters the denunciation was seen as putting pressure on Japan.

CABINET BACKING SHIPPING SET-UP

Japanese Ministry Approves Plan For Combination Of Big Marine Bodies

Bound to have far-reaching effect on Japanese commerce everywhere, and particularly trans-Pacific trade, an omnibus bill for complete government control of shipping and shipbuilding has been given recent approval by the Japanese cabinet it was learned here this week by the U. S. Department of Commerce.

The new control measure was drafted and presented to the cabinet by the Imperial Ministry of Communications. It was stated, which is now headed by R. Nagai.

The bill is the result of lengthy hearings and months of study and investigation, and the Ministry prepared and rejected a number of plans before the present measure was approved. How far it will be enforced was not indicated, but its blanket provisions place Japanese shipping and shipbuilding and their affiliated branches completely in government control.

An initial move under the new law was the immediate announcement of the formation of the East Asia Shipping Company which, roughly, will be a pool of vessels to strengthen the Japanese shipping business between Japan and China. The new company also will enter the wharf and warehouse business and will operate ships in the China coastwise service and between Japan and China.

Two Great Companies

Biggest contributors to the new company will be the Nippon Yusen Kaisha and the Osaka Shosen Kaisha with fifteen vessels each. Other firms sharing in the new company will be the Mitsui Shipping Co., Yamashita Shipping Co., Nishin S. S. Co., and the Kawasaki, Okasaki, Harada, Daido and Awa Kyodo lines.

Iso Kawada, former chief secretary of the Okada cabinet will head the new company as president with Yasuji Shimizu, a director of the NYK as vice president. A total of 59 vessels will comprise the new merchant fleet totaling some 200,000 tons with four ships now under construction to be added. The latter total 10,000 tons.

Great Britain has prohibited the sending of picture postcards to foreign countries.

NOH PLAYS COMBINATION OF ART AS KNOWN IN WEST, MAKI THINKS

The Noh plays of Japan are a combination of the drama, ballet, opera and orchestra of the western stage, Jack McGilvery Maki told an air audience over The Courier radio broadcast last Wednesday evening. Maki is connected with the University of Washington Department of the University of Washington. His address follows:

To describe the Noh plays of Japan one can come closer to giving a clear picture of them by telling what they aren't, rather than by telling what they are.

In the first place, it is misleading to call the Noh plays "drama" because the term "drama" has certain connotations for Westerners which cannot apply to the Noh plays. Almost

the only real similarity with Western drama is that these plays are given on a stage—and yet that stage differs in several important particulars from the Western type of stage.

In regard to plot—if Noh plays can be said to have "plot," as we understand the term—neither the old-fashioned idea of introduction, development, climax and conclusion nor the modern idea of a realistic presentation of a "slice of life" apply to the structure of the Noh play. Yet I do not mean to imply that the Noh plays are lacking in emotional content or story interest.

Neither is the actor—as an individual with a name and a style of his own—to be found on the Japanese Noh stage. To be

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TRADE CHIEF SEES NEED FOR IMPORTS

President Of Japan's Foreign Commerce Group Declares Opening Of Asia Will Benefit Many Other Nations

RAW MATERIAL HELD GREAT NEED

TOKIO.—Japan is seeking world-wide co-operation in her foreign trade, in order that she may strengthen herself to carry out the rehabilitation of East Asia, declared Kenji Kodama, president of The Japan Foreign Trade Federation, in a sweeping statement given out here recently.

This business leader points out that success along this line will redound not only to the benefit of Japan and China, but to the welfare of the entire humanity. The brief, but comprehensive review, sets forth the reasons why Japan's foreign trade has developed. Increase in population, and the rising standard of living are among the more important ones cited.

President Kodama points out that his organization represents more than 2,000 traders, and more than 140 trade associations in Japan proper. He traces the rise of foreign commerce from the slogan proclaimed by the Emperor Meiji in 1868, "Open the Country and be Progressive."

Due to the increase in population, and the higher standards of living that has gone with it, Japan has had to turn to industrialization. Situated as she is, the Empire had to import vast amounts of raw materials to provide for her factories. Sometimes this has been fairly easy, but there have been periods when it was not.

Among Leading Imports

Principal imports have been cotton, wool, crude rubber, hemp, timber, mineral oil, fertilizer, iron and steel, and in fact most of the raw materials that go to make up the demands for industrial goods.

Her principal exports have been raw silk, marine and agricultural products. Raw silk has for decades been the basis of Japan's foreign trade, of which the bulk goes to the United States.

While, of course, the finished products of the raw materials have been sent abroad.

Has Paid In Shipping

Japan has usually been on the losing side in international trade so far as exports and imports of goods are concerned. As silk has been her mainstay in one particular, so her shipping industry has been a strong support in another. Japan has used the receipts of her shipping industry to pay the balance of trade against her. Thus it is that the shipping industry has always been given the utmost consideration by the government.

Benefit To Other Peoples

President Kodama sums up the situation as follows: "Since 1931, with the depreciation of the yen, the so-called 'dumping' of Japanese goods was under severe abroad. This criticism directed against Japan was entirely groundless. Her goods were shut out from her once lucrative markets owing to the general world-wide depression, and she had to find immediately new markets. She tapped peoples in new markets.

The cheapness of Japanese goods enabled those people to purchase with ease clothing, shoes and other necessities of life. In a sense, Japan can be credited with the exaltation of the living standard of those people.

Must Still Import Goods

"In order to overcome the difficulties arising out of the China incident, Japan is exerting every possible effort to facilitate the importation of goods and materials necessary for the industrial reconstruction of East Asia. In other words, our country must import materials essential for terminating this conflict and for developing natural resources in Manchoukou and China.

Consequently, it has become necessary for us to restrict the importation of goods considered as luxuries or of secondary importance in the life of the people. Japan, however, does not intend to confine her activities to the Asiatic continent, but is willing to co-operate with the world in contributing to the welfare of the entire humanity.

Will Increase Imports

"As a matter of fact, the reconstruction of East Asia will increase the importation of materials from the West. The development of natural resources in China, as was the case with Manchoukou in the past, will bring a general improvement in the trade relations among Japan, Manchoukou and China, which in turn will lead to a definite increase in the world trade, particularly between these and other countries. The foreign trade of East Asia augurs well."

Arizona Gr up Asks League Membership

PHOENIX, Ariz.—At a recent election of a newly-formed group of second generation, John Hirohata, formerly JAACL chapter president at Florin, Calif., was elected president.

President Walter Tsukamoto is expected here in January to install the officers.

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REOPENING THE YANGTZE RIVER

Announcement that preparations are being made to open the lower Yangtze River in China to navigation indicates that the Japanese Government is placing the whole Far East question on a high plane. It is concrete evidence of good faith, and further proof of the oft-repeated statement that Japan intends to safeguard the interests of third powers in China.

In making this step, we cannot escape the conclusion that Japan is taking a rather heavy burden on her shoulders. The river was closed to navigation, it was said, partly due to military necessity, and also for the reason that Japan could not at that time guarantee the safety of foreign shipping.

In this connection there are two angles to the present action, either of which calls for felicitation. In the first place it might be that Japan feels that there is no longer danger to foreign shipping. If that be true, then congratulations are in order. Japan has the situation under control.

If, on the other hand, conditions are not entirely safe, then Japan has undertaken a difficult task in order to demonstrate her good faith, and to lay a broad background on which to operate in her dealings with western powers. Having made the first advance, and conceded a point on which western nations have been insistent, Japan is now in position to tell those powers it is their next move.

It would seem to be the duty of the western powers to co-operate fully in the proposal to open the river to navigation and to restore business in the great central part of China. The river is the trade channel of that area. While the stream extends far above Nanking, to which point it is proposed to open navigation, yet probably the most important part of the commerce is on the lower river.

Co-operation with Japan in opening the Yangtze should redound to the great benefit of the western powers in the way of commerce. Indeed, co-operation in bringing about a state of peace in East Asia will benefit the commerce of all the nations. It is conceded on all sides that when and if peace is restored there will be an immediate and great demand for materials for rehabilitation. The Pacific Northwest should have a particular interest in this outlook. Much of the material should come from this area.

However, settled conditions would react to the benefit of the trade of the entire United States, as well as the rest of the world.

Therefore, the reopening of the river involves both a sign and a promise. It is a sign that better conditions are at hand, and a promise of peace. If the western powers are given the right to navigation they should be interested in restoring peace, so that rehabilitation may begin.

BLAME LIES HIGHER UP

Although labor peace has not been achieved during the year just closing, there are signs that something may be done that will conduce to that end. Recent hearings before a congressional committee have brought out strong evidence that the National Labor Relations Board is in for some criticism when Congress meets.

As this year opened, a decision was rendered by the Supreme Court, pronounced by Chief Justice Hughes. He said that sit-down strikes are a "high-handed procedure, without the shadow of legal right." This pronouncement seems to have checked the enthusiasm of sit-down strikers.

On the Pacific Coast there was an example of curbing violence by officers of the State of Oregon. Owing to a drive by Portland officials and state officers, a campaign of violence was ended. A. E. Rosser, head of the teamsters' union, was convicted and sent to prison on a charge of arson. But the outstanding event was when a Portland court upheld the anti-picketing law, enacted by the people at the last election. A similar measure was defeated in Washington and California. The union leaders announced they would fight the Oregon decision.

Reports from Washington say that when Congress meets there will be a determined effort made to oust Edwin S. Smith, a member of the labor board, who has been conspicuously under fire for asserted partisan methods in labor hearings. Several others connected with the board have been charged in the recent congressional hearings with unfair practices.

While members of the labor board, and some of their employes, do seem open to charges of unfairness, we cannot escape the conclusion that the blame lies higher up. Those who appointed them to their positions could not have been unaware of the charges that were so widely made. The charges were published in the press all over the country. If the charges had foundation those in higher places should have acted promptly to stop the practices if they were as charged. If they found the charges not to have been true, then these higher officials should have said so. The silence that obtained during the past year

would indicate that the board had the approval of the President, and his close advisers. Consequently, it would seem difficult now for the President to oust Smith and others, if asked to do so.

FOREIGN ENTANGLEMENT LOOMS

A report from Washington says that a determined effort is under way to bring the United States into the League of Nations under a new arrangement. If there is one thing that has seemed to meet with public approval it is the action our government took in deciding to remain out of the League when it was organized years ago. A spectacular fight was made in the Senate just after the close of the World War.

The League has proved of little use. There are those who charged it would have been more effective with the United States joining in. At any rate, several nations have flouted the organization.

There was a feeling in this country that the proponents of the League wanted Uncle Sam to furnish the money and the police force to put its orders into effect. The organization has adopted a lot of resolutions, but had no power to enforce them. It has been somewhat as if a court lacked the power of the sheriff to enforce its decrees.

Of course, if the United States had been a League member this country would have been involved in many disputes which we otherwise have avoided.

It will be a matter of regret to many Americans that the United States government is willing to join the work of the League, if that be true. Just now the feeling is stronger than ever that Uncle Sam should have no involvement in foreign entanglements. Any action to join in League activities is certain to meet with protest in no uncertain manner.

ARMY MEN SHOULD KNOW

The question of how best to improve the national defense seems certain to be an issue when the Congress meets next month. A group consisting of 16 senators and representatives made a tour of inspection, and recently submitted its recommendations.

The committee recommended, among other things, that the government should expand the size of airports, speed up the production of semi-automatic rifles, modernize the field artillery, and "give special attention to definite measures against possible enemy air attack."

But the Army general staff seems not to approve the plans of the congressmen. While the congressional group said the defense against air attack is being neglected, the Army experts say there are other things more important at present. With their technical knowledge, they tear to pieces a lot of suggestions made by the solons.

All of which brings us down to the point of just how much of value these congressional junkies are. Quite few, if any, of the congressmen had technical knowledge of the subject, it seems reasonable to believe. At any rate the Army men are quick to find fault with their report.

Of course, the main idea is that the solons will be the ones who will appropriate the money for defense. It is, of course, reasonable to say that they might be in better position to act after having seen the various Army posts.

But, when it comes to outlining a program of defense, the Army men should be the ones to do that. Else why should we spend money to train Army men?

GARNER'S HAT IN RING

When Vice President Garner tossed his hat into the ring the past week as a presidential nominee he started a movement that probably will have a far-reaching effect on the future of the United States. It is not merely a personal affair. It is a matter of principles.

There is no doubt that Mr. Garner does not trail along with the New Deal, but as vice president he has been exceedingly fair in his course of action; so much so that he has won wide respect.

As between the President and the vice president, it may be said that they are of different schools of political thought. That is the same condition as prevailed in 1932 between Mr. Roosevelt, and President Hoover. Mr. Hoover told the people in a speech in Madison Square Garden that they were not to decide between two men, but between principles.

It may be remembered that Mr. Garner was a candidate for the presidency in 1932, and that he went into the convention with the delegates from Texas and California. But when Mr. Roosevelt seemed to have a strong lead, the Garner candidates were thrown to Roosevelt, which assured success for him. Mr. Garner accepted second place, and has filled that trying position in a highly-acceptable manner.

The candidacy of Mr. Garner seems likely to split the Democrat party as no other candidacy could do. The issue is clearly drawn for the Democrats.

Of course, after the Roosevelt victory in 1932 the element that believed as did Mr. Garner, buried their differences, and followed the victorious leader. But there has always been an underlying cleavage, and it has been growing wider. It seems likely to increase with the announcement of the Garner candidacy.

Cleavage in major political parties has in times past led to victory for the opposition. In 1896 the Democrat party split over free silver, and McKinley was elected over free silver, and in 1912 the Republicans split over Bryan. In 1912 the Republicans split over Bryan. In 1912 the Republicans split over Bryan. In 1912 the Republicans split over Bryan.

While members of the labor board, and some of their employes, do seem open to charges of unfairness, we cannot escape the conclusion that the blame lies higher up. Those who appointed them to their positions could not have been unaware of the charges that were so widely made. The charges were published in the press all over the country. If the charges had foundation those in higher places should have acted promptly to stop the practices if they were as charged. If they found the charges not to have been true, then these higher officials should have said so. The silence that obtained during the past year

three moods for christmas, 1939, by j.m.m.

I. A finger presses; Death spits fifty yards And rakes the morning's food And good, clean life From a huddled, half-hidden Form across the way And flesh melts into mud. A finger presses; And lean pencils of death Plunge earthward To write "Finis" in mushroom-ing Roars of flesh and bone And plaster and stone And steel and what was life. Metal lightly kisses metal And a ship lurches, lists And starts the long slow Spiral to a stormless rest. Thus, the Christmas season. Thus, happiness to the humble. Thus, the answer to prayer. Thus, humanity. Thus, the fatal gifts of war. Thus, the heart and hope and love. Thus, "peace on earth, goodwill to men." Thus, Christmas, 1939.

Cuisine Cues . . .

This week's recipe will be the easiest—and most pleasant—of the year. Take equal parts of gifts and the spirit of giving, of charity, of Christmas dinner, of happiness and friendship, of family and friends; mix well and serve from 12 p. m., Dec. 24 to 12 a. m., Dec. 25. The result will be a happy Christmas. And to all my readers, MERRY CHRISTMAS! —cora uno.

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Campus

This week there will be no campus because there is no one on the campus.

We've scattered to the four winds—but Christmas cards will remind us of each other.

Vacation, yes, but that's merely a period to catch up on neglected studies.

And so, it's Merry Christmas to everyone—and we'll all be back on the campus in 1940. —rube hosokawa.

christmas eve . . .

Snow had been falling for more than thirty-six hours. Soft, gentle snow that had made the world cleaner for the Christmas season. And now it was Christmas eve.

Yes, it would be a white Christmas—the way it should be. The way she would have wanted it to be.

Fifteen years was a long time, but tonight—and every Christmas eve—it seemed only too short a time ago. On Christmas eve it was even more poignant—the memory of her who had been his and of the child that would have been theirs.

Yes, it was fifteen years ago this night that the two of them had left him—and he didn't know whether he would ever meet them again or not. They had been so happy preparing for that Christmas fifteen years ago. They were young and very much in love and soon a new life would be added to theirs—it was a pity that it would not be a Christmas present from themselves to themselves, but at any rate it would be born with the new year.

It occurred so suddenly, so tragically. It had happened just before he had burst into the house with her present and with the one they were going to hang on the tree for the little newcomer. The joy of love and the Christmas season was coursing through his veins (how clearly it came back to him this night!) when he swung open the door to be greeted by warmth—and silence, and then a groan.

Bustling about, busy with the last preparations for Christmas on the morrow, she had slipped somehow and fallen. Something had happened and she couldn't rise. And there was pain.

She had been rushed to the hospital—but there were complications and that night—Christmas eve fifteen years ago—two lives, one within the other, deserted their bodies.

Fifteen years had not obliterated the blind emptiness of the loneliness of the bleak day that had followed. Fifteen years of what other men would call prosperity and ease had not obliterated it. He had thrown himself into his business to try to fill that terrible lonely void in his life and he had succeeded—in business, but not in conquering that loneliness.

He stood at the window, watching the snow. He heard the carollers dimly in the distance, long before they stopped in front of his house to sing. And then he heard their Yuletide songs die in the distance.

But still he stood, watching the falling snow . . . lonely . . . alone . . .

Milady . . .

At an early hour next Monday Mr. K. Kringle (known as Santa Claus by his more intimate friends) will pay a combination social and business call on many of his young friends in this vicinity.

Mr. Kringle will be tastefully attired in high, black boots and a red costume trimmed with white. He will wear a jaunty white and red cap. The younger set is eagerly looking forward to his visit.

And before plunging into the furious round of pre-New Year and New Year dances and parties, Milady wishes everyone a Merry, Merry Christmas.

Pink Tea

Delighted oh's and ah's centered about the wee little this 'n' that of downy pinks and blues that were showered Mrs. Takeo Nogaki, honoree at a very enjoyable baby shower at the home of Mrs. James Y. Sakamoto last Sunday evening. Besides the honor guest and the hostesses Mrs. Sakamoto and the Misses Mary, Jean and Pat Mori, those present were Mrs. T. Hoshida and the Misses Toshiko Fukano, May Miyamoto, Yoshiko Shiga, Lily Takouchi, Cora Uno, Sono Hoshi, Shigeko Tamaki, Hide Morimizu, and Yoshiko Nogaki.

The Christmas fireside will be brightened at the home of Mr. and Mrs. I. Yasumura of Auburn, with the return of Miss Michi Yasumura and Mr. and Mrs. Jack M. Maki for Mr. Kringle's visit.

Scent of orange blossoms prevailed at the announcement of the betrothal of Miss Taya Mayeda, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ikukazu Mayeda, to Mr. Masato Yorita, son of Mr. and Mrs. Minosuke Yorita, last Sunday afternoon at the Gyokko Ken Cafe. Close friends and relatives shared news of the engagement.

Graciousness and friendliness filled the air Thursday afternoon at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Forrest E. LaViolette, as Canadian and Washington students sipped tea. Honored guests at this tea for which Mr. and Mrs. LaViolette opened their home, were the Messrs. Wesley Fujiwara, Peter Yamada, Henry Ide, and Kiyo Momose of the University of Canada, and the Messrs. Paul Seto and Toru Sakahara of the U. of W., and American graduate students of the U. of W., sociology department.

College friends and scenes were visited by Miss Michiko Takagi, of Burlington, Wash., who was a recent guest in Seattle.

Mistletoe and holly, interspersed with be-ribboned Christmas gifts, will be shared by Mr. and Mrs. Shizuo Yamada with Mr. and Mrs. S. Watanabe of Salem, Ore., parents of Mrs. Yamada, the coming holiday. Mr. and Mrs. Yamada will depart early this coming Sunday, together with Mr. Jun Watanabe, to spend Yuletide with Mr. and Mrs. Watanabe.

Mr. Taul Watanabe, of Salem, Ore., Mrs. Yamada's brother will return with Mr. and Mrs. Yamada this coming Monday, to spend the New Year's holiday in Seattle.

NOH PLAYS COMBINATION OF ART

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Action and dialogue, also differ greatly from their counterparts on the Western stage. Realistic action is rarely encountered in Japanese Noh plays. Indeed, physical action on the stage is almost entirely confined to entrances and exits and the dance of the principal actor. What action that isn't covered by those three categories may be exceedingly symbolic; for example, a few steps may indicate a long journey, the slow bowing of the head, deep grief.

Dialogue is Described Dialogue, as on the Western stage, may be simply the exchange of conversation between two actors, usually the principal actor and the secondary actor who, in the majority of plays, are almost the only ones to appear. Or one of the actors may deliver a monologue which might not only express his thoughts but also describe and interpret whatever action might be taking place.

The chorus, however, is extremely important. It consists of ten or twelve men who kneel, Japanese-fashion, in a special section on the right of the stage. This chorus, in formal Japanese attire, chants the dialogue that may accompany the action of the characters or that may describe any action that may be occurring on the stage. The chorus does not chant during the entire play; when it is silent, it remains in position and takes up the chant again later.

To ears accustomed to Western singing this chanting at times is both monotonous and discordant, but at other times rises to the majesty of the rolling tones of a great organ. To many devotees of the Noh in Japan to-day the chanting, both of the actors and of the chorus, is by far the most important part of the entire performance.

Chanting Is Made Hobby Many cultured Japanese of the upper classes, particularly those of the old school, practice the chanting of Noh lyrics as a hobby. Consequently, it is unusual to attend a performance and to see the audience paying to not a particle of attention to what is happening on the stage but being engrossed in following the books of lyrics in their hands and listening intently to every

Wears Carved Mask Since the Noh actor, the principal one in a play, almost invariably wears a carved wooden mask, his personality is thus even more subordinated to his role. I might add here that the masks used in Noh plays today are, for the most part, very old. Connoisseurs of masks declare that the Noh masks reveal the art of the mask-maker at its best.

Few indeed are the Westerners who fail to be moved by the calm beauty or the wild fierceness or the resigned pain that these masks show. It is said that a truly great Noh actor can create the illusion of a change of expression in the mask that he is wearing.

Put on Higher Plane It can be argued, and plausibly too, that the use of masks in the Noh play helps to place the action on a higher intellectual and emotional plane. When an actor wears the mask of a beautiful young maid or a brave warrior or a savage demon or a lonely old man, the audience does not have to make the often difficult adjustment of trying to view the actor's face not as what it is, but as what it should be.

Since the masks are made of one piece, with two small holes in the nose to permit breathing and a small slit in the mouth, the voice of the actor is given a peculiarly weird quality as he intones his lines through the mask.

Courier Radio Program

Wednesday, Dec. 27, Station KOL

From 8 p. m. to 8:15 p. m.

TURA NAKAMURA, Announcer

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LANCERS TO INVADE BAINBRIDGE STRONGHOLD IN FEATURED CLASS A GAME; BELLEVUE SEXTET JOINS

Going into the third week of league competition, the A and B class teams will take the limelights today in the last basketball games for this year.

HOOP SKED

SATURDAY, Dec. 23 At Winslow high 8:30 p. m.—Lancers vs. Winslow (A). At Bellevue high 9:00 p. m.—Cadets vs. Bellevue (A). At Summer high 8:00 p. m.—Alderton vs. Ramblers (A). At Plymouth 8:00 p. m.—Dukes vs. Zephyrs (B).

Notices GAME REPORTS All game reports must be in the Courier office 48 hours after the game. A fine of 25c which will be taken from the entrance fee, will be enforced. The team managers are asked to send in the report with the player's full names and also to check the scoring with the opposing team. INFORMATION BLANKS The managers are also asked to send in the information blanks, which will include the player's height, experience, number of years in the Courier league, and the teams played for, as soon as possible. ENTRANCE FEES Some teams in the league have not yet paid their entrance fees. The team representatives are asked to pay the fees at the Courier office. GIRL'S LEAGUE The player's list with the minimum of 10 players must be in the Courier office by January 1. The entrance fee of \$3.00 should be paid by the same date. GAME REPORT SHEETS The game report sheets are now ready. All town teams are asked to pick them at the Courier office. The reports will

Yanagimachi, Datsy Out For Garfield

Out for the Garfield high school basketball team are two Japanese hoopsters, Bill Yanagimachi and Henry Datsy. Coach Brigham of the Garfield Pups has been experimenting with the team during the past week and Bill Yanagimachi, last year's reserve letterman, has been working in the guard position.

LIGHTNINGS LEAD C CLASS TEAMS

CLASS C STANDINGS W. L. Pct. Lightnings 2 0 1.000 Maryknoll 1 0 1.000 Meteors 1 0 1.000 W. R. Cubs 1 0 1.000 Tac. Bussei Cubs 1 0 1.000 Fife Jrs. 1 0 1.000 Auburn 1 0 1.000 Duke Jrs. 0 1 0.000 W. R. Bussels 0 1 0.000 Monarch 0 1 0.000 Ashuras 0 2 0.000 Raiders 0 2 0.000

In the Class C maple warfare, the Baptist Lightnings won their second game of the season to lead the class C standings. The Lightnings, with John Okamoto leading the attack with 10 points, defeated Lotus Ashuras, 30 to 5, on Tuesday night at Cleveland high gym.

In the other Class C games, Maryknoll, Meteors, White River Cubs, Tacoma Bussei Cubs and Fife Juniors, took care of their respective opponents and remained in the undefeated column. Frank Tanaka and Jack Tanaka scored 14 and 12 points, respectively, to lead the Meteor attack against Auburn, while Hiroshi Kano of the White River Cubs stood out with 10 points as his team lost to White River Cubs by the score of 27 to 20.

Fife Jrs. 15 Raiders 11 FIFE JRS.—B. Iida (5), B. Mizukami, S. Dogen, R. Kawabata, T. Yamada, M. Iida (6), E. Yamada, G. Morisaki (4). RAIDERS—B. Nishimura, T. Kawakami, M. Shimada (5), B. Hara (2), H. Horuchi, E. Shimada (2), J. Inashi, M. Uomoto (2).

Meteors 37 Auburn 14 BAPTIST METEORS—F. Tanaka (14), Y. Tochihara (4), F. Yamamura (2), Y. Omoto (1), F. Yoshimura, G. Naito, J. Tanaka (12), M. Shoji, K. Shigehara (4), W. Chinn. AUBURN—F. Hangan (4), F. Horuchi, G. Hirata (9), B. Hirabayashi, R. Tsurui (1), H. Maekawa, G. Okura, N. Fujita, O. Kano, I. Tsurui.

WR Cubs 27 WR Bussels 20 WHITE RIVER CUBS—F. Hamada, S. Norisada, B. Nakata (8), H. Higa (4), N. Murata, C. Nakauchi (9), J. Tamura (6). WHITE RIVER BUSSELS—R. Kamo (2), H. Harada (2), H. Hamada (1), H. Kamo (10), T. Nakamura (3), G. Yamada (2), G. Nishimatsu, D. Iseri.

Tac. Cubs 28 Monarchs 10 TACOMA BUSSEI CUBS—T. Horita (2), K. Inaba (6), T. Ikeda (6), K. Nakao (4), T. Sumada (6), A. Mizuki (2), R. Uo (2), Hattori. MONARCHS—S. Kuroiwa (2), N. Suyama (3), E. Sasaki (3), T. Tsuda, J. Nakamura, K. Tada (2), E. Horuchi.

Comets 33 Vandals 17 COMETS—F. Watanabe (4), M. Aoki (5), I. Yoshino (7), N. Omoto, J. Kurose (10), P. Sakai (8), M. Kozu, H. Kataoka (2), T. Hirabayashi. VANDALS—T. Okazaki (2), T. Fujii (4), T. Okazaki (2), T. Fujii (4), T. Ko, H. Horuchi, S. Ogishima (3), T. Katsuyama (2), J. Yoshida (4).

Midgets 56 Auburn 10 MIDGETS—T. Kurimura (20), G. Okamura (8), E. Kurimura (6), S. Karikomi (4), B. Nakasone (3), V. Kambe (2), H. Date (1), S. Watanabe, S. Fujii (2), G. Hori (4), J. Hori (1), S. Fujinaga (2), S. Tenma (2), Y. Natsuhara, G. Kanda, J. Ono.

Fife 23 Hornets 22 FIFE NIPPONS—Itami (3), T. Osaka (6), Y. Kasai (6), N. Yoshida (1), T. Kurimoto (1), T. Takeuchi. HORNETS—T. Kubota (10), K. Nakamura, R. Kurimura (4), M. Beppu (4), K. Kawaguchi (2), W. Tahara (1), M. Togsasaki (1), R. Hosokawa, J. Fujihira.

W. R. Bruins 46 Spartans 15 WHITE RIVER BRUINS—F. Komoto, M. Fujishin (6), G. Hori (2), J. Okimoto (8), G. Fujimoto (3), L. Tamura (7), R. Ikegami, G. Tamura (1). LOTUS SPARTANS—J. Kuramishi (2), M. Suyama (2), G. Tanaka, J. Tsuchiya (1), G. Ozaki (2), W. Osaka (4), K. Suzuki (3), T. Taniguchi (1), S. Ishikawa.

Lancers 43 Green Lake 18 LOTUS LANCERS—Matsuzaki (8), Furuta (2), Kawamura (16), Nomura (6), Watanabe (4), Yorita (2), Kogane (2), Endo (1), Tachiyama (2). GREEN LAKE—Yahagi, Higurashi, G. Taguchi (3), S. Taguchi, T. Kumagai (8), N. Yamada (4).

Bainbridge 28 Gaels 22 BAINBRIDGE—N. Okazaki (6), G. Okazaki (12), N. Mori-tani (3), M. Nakata (7), N. Oya-ma, P. Ohtaki, R. Koba, S. Okazaki, GAELS—H. Yorozu (1), K. Arita (2), B. Takiguchi (2), G. Hashiguchi (4), F. Uno (4), G. Hayakawa, G. Yano (2), S. Tsuji (7).

To Basketball Player and Fans

When the 1939-40 basketball season rolled around, George Ishihara was faced with the problem of shortage of maple floors to schedule the league games. Collins was not available as well as other gymnasiums. The out-of-town teams, such as Auburn, Bellevue, Bainbridge, White River, Tacoma, Fife and Summer, came to the rescue by securing the gyms in their respective communities. Also the league has gained access to several town Church gyms as St. Peters, Baptist, Plymouth and also the Cleveland high school court. It is because we are able to use these floors that we can enjoy organized basketball. Lately several complaints have been made about the players and fans going on the floor with street shoes. Fans would walk across the gym and the players would shoo off with hard shoes. Complaints like these will create unsatisfactory results. As a matter of courtesy, let's be more careful. Let's keep off the floors with street shoes.

MIDGETS, FIFE, COMETS, WIN; BAINBRIDGE SURPRISES A LOOP

Vandals, Hornets, Auburn Lose AA Games

CLASS AA STANDING W. L. Pct. Fife 1 0 1.000 Comets 1 0 1.000 Midgets 1 0 1.000 Hornets 0 1 0.000 Vandals 0 1 0.000 Auburn 0 1 0.000

In the first three double-aye games, Fife Nippons, Baptist Comets and Midgets emerged victorious, this week. In the AA league opener, the Fife Nippons defeated the Hornets 24 to 22 in a close checking game at the Fife gym. The Hornets held a point margin at the half time but the Nippons, with Shig Takeuchi, Tom Osaka and Yukio Kasai leading the attack, finally overcame the Seattle team in the second half.

On Tuesday, Comets and Vandals resumed the A class feud at Cleveland high gym with the Comets taking a 33 to 17 count over the favored Vandals. Paul Sakai and Ikuro Yoshino led the Comet attack with 8 and 7 points respectively. In the featured game of the week, the Midgets travelled to Auburn and trounced the Auburnites to the tune of 56 to 10. Ted Kurimura, Midget forward, hit the twine for 20 points to lead the attack, while his teammates, George Okamura, Henry Date and Bob Kurimura scored 8, 11 and 6 points, respectively. For the Auburnites, George Hori was high with two field goals.

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Bainbridge 29 Pirates 18 BAINBRIDGE—N. Okazaki (2), G. Okazaki (11), S. Okazaki, N. Mori-tani (2), M. Nakata (10), N. Oyama (4), P. Ohtaki, R. Koba. PIRATES—H. Nakamura (6), J. Kirita, G. Takizawa (4), G. Gojio (6), S. Onodera (2), K. Tatsumi, K. Onodera (2).

Cadets 29 Green Lake 24 LANGENDORF CADETS—J. Kawaguchi (9), G. Kosaka (4), A. Aratani (5), B. Kinoshita (8), K. Morita (2), Endo, Noma (1), Furuta, Watanabe, Kogane (2), Tachiyama. BELLEVUE—Fumal (4), Yamaguchi (3), Kitahara (5), Aramaki (1), J. Yamaguchi (4), Mano.

Cavaliers 28 Auburn 4 CAVALIERS—T. Mori-waki (8), S. Yamamoto (4), F. Fujihira (5), T. Sato (2), P. Fujino (2), M. Tsuchikawa (2), R. Hashimoto (5), K. Sato, C. Shigemura. AUBURN—S. Kano, T. Hamakami, M. Sakagami (2), T. Horiuchi (2), Y. Watanabe, J. Kawano, H. Morimoto, S. Shimajima, J. Natsuhara.

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Alderton 23 Spartans 14 ALDERTON—T. Yamamoto (10), G. Yosemura (7), H. Mori-mizu (2), J. Tanaka, T. Uno, J. Yonemura, W. Nakashima, J. Uno (4). SPARTANS—J. Kuramishi (2), M. Suyama (3), G. Tanaka (6), W. Osaka, T. Taniguchi, J. Tsuchiya (1), K. Suzuki, S. Ishikawa (2).

H. Hoshino To Meet Bagley In Fistic Go

Harold Hoshino, Pendleton pugilist, will meet Rod Bagley Friday night at Sacramento in the lightweight fistic battle, it was learned today. Hoshino is a former Northwest Golden Glove champion who recently knocked out Hugo Santos, Filipino fighter, in the first round in Seattle. While on his northern California tour, Hoshino will be under the management of Joe Herman.

Tacoma Athletes Receive Grid "L's"

TACOMA, Wash.—Among the 65 Lincoln high school football players, who received school emblems last Tuesday at the Boys' Club letter awards assembly, were three Japanese gridlers. Yoneo Kimura, who broke into several varsity games, received reserve letter, while Iwao Takasugi and Tom Sato earned midget letters. Iwao Takasugi was recently named on the Midget All-Stars by the Lincoln News sports staff. James A. Phelan, head football coach at the University of Washington, was the guest speaker of the morning.

UPSETS FEATURE B LEAGUE GAMES

CLASS B STANDINGS W. L. Pct. Cavaliers 2 0 1.000 Cardinals 2 0 1.000 Clippers 2 0 1.000 Tac. Bussei Jrs. 1 0 1.000 Dukes 1 0 1.000 Summer 0 2 0.000 Zephyrs 0 1 0.000 Wasps 0 1 0.000 Rangers 0 2 0.000 Rams 0 2 0.000 Auburn 0 2 0.000

The Cavaliers and Baptist Cardinals took early leads in the race for the Class B crown by winning two games, respectively. The Cardinals defeated the highly favored Johnson Drug Bombers 26 to 21, last Friday at Baptist and invaded the Plymouth stronghold next day and swamped the Zephyrs 42 to 18. Meanwhile Cavaliers travelled to Auburn and Summer last Wednesday and Saturday and came home with two straight victories. The Cavaliers defeated Auburn, 28 to 4, and Summer, 37 to 19.

Tacoma Clippers, Tacoma Bussei Jrs. and Dukes won their first games to remain in the undefeated ranks. The Clippers, Class C titleholders, eked out a 19 to 17 victory over the Rams while the Bussei Jrs. pulled away in the fourth quarter to win from Wasps, 22 to 20.

Cardinals 26 Bombers 21 BAPTIST CARDINALS—J. Hata (15), P. Nomura (7), A. Hasegawa (4), R. Sasaki (2), M. Watanabe (4), I. Okazaki, M. Uchimura (8), JOHNSON BOMBERS—R. Tanagi (2), G. Tanagi (1), H. Kumakura (2), M. Shimomura (4), H. Uchida (7), F. Ito (1), Miyake.

Cavaliers 37 Summer 19 CAVALIERS—T. Mori-waki (2), H. Yamamoto (10), F. Fujihira (7), M. Tsuchikawa (4), T. Sato (8), R. Hashimoto, C. Shigemura (2), K. Sato (2), P. Fujino, SUMMER—F. Komoto (5), M. Kamachi (2), M. Nakaso (5), J. Nakagawa (7), K. Okada (2), G. Komoto, A. Shigio, K. Morimizu.

Cardinals 42 Zephyrs 18 BAPTIST CARDINALS—J. Hata (15), P. Nomura (7), A. Hasegawa, M. Uchimura (12), I. Okazaki (4), M. Watanabe (3), R. Sasaki (1), ZEPHYRS—I. Morimoto (2), F. Sakai (4), H. Onoda (2), M. Isumura (4), H. Inui (2), T. Oka, T. Nezu (4), M. Kawako, S. Nakagawa.

Tacoma Jrs. 22 Wasps 20 TACOMA BUSSEI JRS.—K. Horita (2), W. Kawai (7), B. Sumada (4), G. Tanabe (3), M. Okada, S. Nishijima, R. Munekata (2), S. Ikeda (4). WASPS—F. Mukai, T. Yamauchi (4), T. Akiyama (3), M. Katsuyama (3), B. Kirita (2), U. Hamanaka (3), T. Hidaka, K. Yagi.

Clippers 19 Rams 17 TACOMA CLIPPERS—C. Matsui (10), P. Hayashi (4), Y. Yamamoto (2), K. Oyama (2), M. Taki (1), J. Yamamoto, S. Hayashi, K. Minatogawa, G. Hayashi, RAMS—Y. Mori (5), K. Yasuda (7), K. Imada (3), A. Yamada, Y. Kato, E. Yamada, R. Suzuki (2), Nakashima, Sasaki.

Lightnings 30 Ashuras 5 BAPTIST LIGHTNINGS—M. Tsuda (3), W. Okada, J. Okamoto (10), N. Sato (5), H. Hirata, K. Asakura, H. Okubo (6), K. Kimura (4), A. Takekawa, T. Sumimoto, S. Kozu (2). LOTUS ASHURAS—J. Sugawara, T. Sonoda, K. Hayashi (2), M. Fukuhara, Ashida (2), Kumasaka, S. Hayami (5), F. Mukai, Sawada, Fukumi.

Rangers 18 Rams 16 RANGERS—T. Hikida, Y. Shimahara, T. Asaba (4), A. Higashi (1), K. Higashi (2), R. Hada (6), H. Muraoka, A. Kato (5), RAMS—Y. Mori (2), R. Suzuki (3), K. Yasuda (3), Nakashima (2), K. Imada (4), E. Yamada, Y. Kato, Y. Imada, A. Yamada, H. Sasaki, H. Miyagawa.

TAIHEIYO SWEATER HOCKEY TEAM TO MEET ODDS & ENDS SATURDAY

Aiming to break the three straight setbacks, the Taiheyo ice-hockey team will again take to the ice this Saturday against Odds & Ends in the Seattle Junior Hockey League. The game is scheduled to begin at 12:30 p. m. at the Civic Ice Arena.

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Clem Quintet Leads Spokane League

SPOKANE, Wash.—Led by Spady Koyama, the Japanese Methodist quintet in the Spokane Church league defeated Temple Emmanuel, 28 to 23, last Saturday night in the preliminary schedule. After the holidays a championship round robin will be drawn up and three or four classes will be determined. Spady Koyama, Japanese guard, found the hoop for eight counters, while his teammates, Roy Funakoshi, forward, and Joe Okamoto, guard, contributed six points each to the Japanese score.

The Japanese Methodists were to have played Spokane Junior College basketball team on Thursday night in a return game at the College gym. In the previous meeting, the Japanese downed the opponents 27 to 22. The complete scoring for the Japanese Methodists was as follows: Funakoshi (6), Kadoya, Hirata (5), J. Koyama, Honda (3), Numata, Okamoto (6), S. Koyama (8), Yuasa.

Leading the Japanese League at the present time are Clem and Bigelow quintets with three victories and a defeat each in the four-team loop at Spokane. The complete standing is as follows: W. L. Pct. Clem 3 1 750 Bigelow 3 1 750 Sunnyside 2 2 500 Milwaukie 0 4 0.000

The basketball teams wish to acknowledge the donations from the various Japanese establishments in the community. They are: Japanese Methodist Church; Sunnyside Apartment, Clem Hotel, Bigelow (Mr. S. Koyama), Norland Hotel, Palace Cafe, Casino Tavern, World Hotel, Mimeo, G. N. Hotel and Hillyard.

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Hats Off to George Ishihara . . .

After 10 years of service as Courier basketball league director, George Ishihara will turn over his duties to Saki Arai, who will assume the official capacity starting next month. George Ishihara recalled the first Courier hoop league in 1928 which was composed of six teams. The circuit has grown as the years rolled by and as the 11th hoop season got under way early this month, 54 teams were in the league—46 teams in the boys' and 8 in the girls'.

George Ishihara played for the old Asahi baseball team during the years of 1915 to 1922. He was one of the first second-generation to travel to Japan as a member of the Asahi nine. During his prep days, he was a guard on the Franklin 120-pound team. The name of Ishihara is connected with the organization of the Asahi football team and the Taiyo A. C. in 1928. "I enjoyed serving as the director," Ishihara said, "and I hope that the fellows will cooperate with Saki Arai as they have with me."

Ishihara named the Midgets, Waseda and Hornets, and the California teams, San Francisco Mikadoes, U. S. Bears and San Jose Zebras, as outstanding teams. To George Ishihara, who has unselfishly guided the basketball league for 10 years, we thank you.

We Welcome You, Saki Arai . . .

Saki Arai, who will fill George Ishihara's shoes from next week, needs no introduction. He is well known in the community, both among the older second-generation and the younger nisei. Ever since last year, Saki has been acting as director of basketball officials for the Courier league. It was in the year 1917 that Saki learned the fundamentals of basketball as a member of the 90 pound hoop team for Collins playfield. Going on to his high school days, Saki was the first Japanese to receive a varsity letter in basketball at Broadway High School. Also as a shortstop on the Bengal nine, Saki earned varsity letters for two years.

From 1922 to 1924, he was a member of the Asahi baseball, basketball and football teams. In 1924 Saki played second base on the Asahi nine which claimed the Northwest Japanese title. After the Asahi club disbanded he joined the Nippon Athletic Club. When the Courier basketball league was organized in 1928, Saki was a member of the Bachelor's team for five seasons. Since then he has played on the Waseda team. The climax to his athletic career came in 1937 when he was awarded the Kay Okimoto Inspirational honors. Saki Arai, we welcome you.

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PRESBYTERIAN AND ST. PETER'S TO ENTERTAIN

Local community churches are planning elaborate Christmas programs which are to be held on both tomorrow and Christmas

SEATTLE CHAPTER PRESENTED SLATE

List Will Be Balloted Upon January 18; Quarters To Be Obtained Soon

In its most important meeting so far this winter, the local chapter JACL last week nominated a complete slate of candidates for the coming elections, and approved a program of fraternal insurance.

It was also announced that new quarters for the local chapter would be secured soon, probably prior to the elections in January.

Final arrangements for the offices however, have not been completed. Elections have been tentatively set for January 18.

Nominated for president were Jiro Aoki, Hachiro Kita and Fred Takagi by the nominating committee. The incumbent, Takao Nogaki, was nominated from the floor.

For Other Offices Others nominated to the cabinet slate are as follows:

First vice president: Steve Hiroswa (floor), Sumio Mochizuki.

Second vice president: Sono Hoshi, Cora Uno, Lilly Takeuchi (floor).

Recording secretary: Yoshiko Nagaki, Masako Wakabayashi.

Corresponding secretary: Emi Matsusaka, Lilly Soyeyjima, Midori Hirahara (floor).

Treasurer: Sumio Mochizuki, Lilly Takeuchi.

Fine Crowd Set For Kibe Dance Sunday

The Spanish Castle, located on the half-way mark on the Seattle-Tacoma highway, will be the focal point of Nisei dance lovers tomorrow night.

The annual social highlight of the year will be the Christmas eve dance sponsored by the Kibei Nikkei Shimin Kyokai.

According to Yoshito Harada, general chairman, souvenir collectors should include this year's dance ticket among their collection.

The beautiful tickets are selling at 75 cents for the gents and 50 cents for the ladies, or \$1.25 a couple.

Yoshito Harada warned the Seattle dance fans that the souvenir tickets will not be available at the gate.

Tickets may still be obtained in Seattle at Kasliwagis, Johnson Drug, Hara Drug, West Coast Printing and by the Kibe member.

Seattle Girls' Club Will Dine And Skate

Festivities for the holiday season include a dinner and ice-skating party for members of the Seattle Girls' Club, this coming Thursday, December 28.

Miss Sumi Arai is completing details for the dinner to be served at 6 o'clock at the Gyokko Ken Cafe.

Folks Of Crusaders Greet Kike Kajima

Joy and gladness shone brightly at the Christmas party given by the Baptist Crusader Company at the Fujin Home last evening, as it welcomed Miss Kike Kajima, the guest of honor, who has returned home fully recovered.

Methodist Young To Carol This Evening

Caroling will be enjoyed by the members of the Japanese M. E. Young People's Choir this evening, with members of the Old Folks Home in Seattle. Arthur Sasaki is the leader of the choir.

Lumbermen Seek For Trade Continuation

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ST. PETER'S MISSION

December 25, 8 a. m. Celebration of Holy Communion celebrant, The Rev. G. Shoji.

December 25, 11 a. m. Choral celebration of Holy Communion; celebrant and preacher, the Rev. H. H. Gowen, D. D.; topic, "Christ in the World."

December 26, 7:30 p. m. Evening prayer with Christmas pageant followed by the Christmas tree.

ABROGATION HITS TRADE AND LABOR IN THIS COUNTRY

Local Shipping Man Asserts America Would Suffer By Cancelling Of Treaty

ROGERS RAPS EMBARGO

Although discussed, drawn and signed in the elegant, electric atmosphere of international diplomacy, trade pacts are cold, hard business bargains that usually involve billions of dollars, and affect thousands, possibly millions, of lives.

Such an agreement is the Trade Treaty of 1911 between the U. S. and Japan, and an inkling of just how much it means to both countries, not as just a friendly gesture but in cold cash and human welfare, was given in an exclusive statement to The Courier this week by W. G. Rogers, veteran Pacific shipping executive and Seattle Freight Traffic manager of the Yamashita Shipping Company.

Hits Trade and Labor In a summary that covered many phases of Japanese-American trade, Mr. Rogers drew two blunt conclusions:

1—Abrogation would immediately affect the raw silk trade, which totals more than \$100,000,000 per year.

2—Would cause heavy and severe unemployment in the silk mills districts, and in the deep South (through the loss in cotton exports).

Stating that failure of the United States to absorb Japanese silk "would strike a blow at Japan's economic position," Mr. Rogers said it would also "throw many people out of work in the North Atlantic states and would reduce considerably employment in the southern state."

Other Sources of Cotton "Japan can buy, and is buying, large quantities of cotton from Brazil, China, and India, and probably could dispense entirely with American cotton," he said, "but as Japanese spindles are built for American cotton they would like to continue purchasing in this country."

Touching on the arms embargo proposed in certain quarters, Mr. Rogers said these people were well meaning but totally ignorant of the effect of such action. Said he, "These interests seem to be unaware that should the United States embargo any shipment to Japan the Trade Treaty as a whole would, as per agreement, be nullified and scrapped immediately."

Mr. Rogers reviewed in general terms the long list of products exchanged by Japan and the United States, pointing out that trade is complimentary, and that "both countries would suffer severely if the treaty is not renewed."

Presbyterian Young Set Vesper Service

A Christmas Chorus of 200 trained young people from all over the city will present an unusual, inspiring and beautiful vesper service at the First Presbyterian Church, Sunday afternoon, December 24, at 4 o'clock.

It will be one of the season's outstanding performances, and is presented by the young people of this church. Everyone is invited.

Winter Program Set On Adult Education

This week marks the beginning of the winter program of adult education classes which are running in virtually every district of the city under the sponsorship of the Seattle Public Schools, assisted by the Work Projects Administration.

The classes are open to all persons 16 years of age or over. There is no charge for the instruction.

Follow The Crowd

DECEMBER 24—Kibei Nikkei Christmas Eve dance at the Spanish Castle, 9 to 12 Midnight.

24—Franklin High Japanese Club skating party at Redondo, 5:30 to 7:30 p. m.

27—Holiday Sports dance sponsored by the Seattle Japanese Girl Reserves at the Finnish Hall, 8:30 to 12 midnight.

28—Baptist Ice-Skating party at the Civic Ice Arena, 10:30 p. m. to 12:30 a. m.

31—Rokko Ski Club New Year's Midnight buffet-dinner dance in the Gold Room of the Roosevelt Hotel, 9:30 p. m.

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Old Days Renewed By Tatsuo Yorita, Back From Orient

Schoolyard friendships are being renewed by Tatsuo Yorita, who has returned from Japan for a visit of several months in Seattle. "Tats" as he is known to his many friends, went to the Orient eight years ago to take up judo. He attained a black belt fourth rank.

In Tokio he is associated with the Nomura Company, oil importer, of which Shun-kichi Nomura, owner, is former manager of the local Mitsubishi Company. Yorita is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Minsuke Yorita, of 1317, 13th Ave. South.

GIRLS HOOP TEAM WILL GIVE DANCE

Reserves Group Planning To Stage Event; Will Benefit Team's Treasury

Festivities during the holiday season will include the Holiday benefit Sports dance which the Seattle Japanese Girl Reserves basketball team will sponsor on Wednesday, December 27, at Finnish Hall from 8:30 p. m. to 12 midnight. The team will make its debut this season.

Music from smooth swing to the jitterbug type will be sponsored by the ever-popular "Mad-hatters" orchestra. The tickets are being sold at 37 cents a person, and are obtainable from the Reserves. Hostesses will welcome guests.

Patrons and patronesses for the evening are the Messrs. and Mesdames George Okada, Jack M. Sakai, Shizuo Yamada, James Y. Sakamoto, Masaru Uno, Forrest E. LaViolette, Thomas S. Masuda, Toshio Hoshide, Iwao Hara, Dr. and Mrs. Robert Higashida, Dr. and Mrs. M. Paul Suzuki and Miss Betty Holman.

Members of the basketball team, from Broadway, Franklin, and Garfield High Schools, are Carol Dady, Taeko Kurimura, Keiko Kurose, Yuri Nakamura, Amy Hidaka, Marie Aoki, Renko Fujii, Tomoko Shiota, Martha Fujihira, Merry Tsuda, Haru Kurosaka, Mary Iwasaki, Sumi Yoshitomi, Hideko Tsuboi and Fudge Fujii.

Coaches Roy Kurimura and Tom Kubota are guiding the team.

Lotus Will Present Fete Christmas Day

The Lotus year-end party will be held at the Buddhist Church on Christmas Day, starting at 6:30 p. m., under the general chairmanship of Ayako Yamana.

The program is as follows: Buddhist prayer, the Rev. Mr. Ichikawa; sermon by the Rev. Mr. Ichikawa; introduction of the 1939 Centralized Cabinet; introduction of 1940 Centralized Cabinet; address by Frank Yoshitake, president of 1939 cabinet; presentation of gavel and stole; address by Sansaku Sugiyama, president of the 1940 Cabinet.

Choir; introduction of incoming officers of affiliated groups; greetings from the board of governors and the women's association; gatha; "Aka Tsuki no Kane;" closing address, Fumiko Shitamae.

Miss Shitamae is also installation chairman. Other committee chairmen are: Katsumi Suzuki, master of ceremonies; Asako Odama and Haruo Sato, co-chairmen of food; Kiyoko Tsuji and Yoneko Tanaka, co-chairmen of games; Kiyono Shimizu, decorations; and Dorothy Suto, invitations.

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intonation in the voices of the actors and the chorus.

The music, too, is of a type extremely unfamiliar to Western ears. There are only four musicians, all of whom do not necessarily play at the same time. Three of the musicians are drummers, one of whom kneels on the floor and plays a drum, roughly the size of the Western snare drum, which rests on a low stand in front of him; one of whom plays an hour-glass-shaped drum which is held on the knee; and the third a drum of a similar shape held on the shoulder. The shoulder and knee drums are struck with the fingers, while the other is struck by large sticks which are loosely held. The tones of all these drums are dissimilar to those of Western-style drums. The fourth musical instrument is a type of flute with an extremely piercing tone.

These musical instruments are not used for whatever musical effects they might produce. They set the tempo for the dance and by their rhythmic or wild measures create the appropriate emotional reaction in the members of the audience.

The climax of a Noh play comes in the dance of the principal actor. Most of the action in this, too, is symbolic and its meaning is interpreted by the chants of the chorus. The dance may be gentle and dignified or it may be wild and fierce, but it is truly the climax of the play as far as action is concerned.

Combination Of Aspects

The Japanese Noh play is thus not simply a drama as we understand the term, but rather a stage presentation in which the art of the actor, particularly his art as a dancer, the art of the chorus, and the art of the musician are all blended together.

Thus, in terms of the Western stage, the Noh play is a synthesis of the drama, the ballet, the opera and the orchestra.

It should also be added that the costumer contributes his art to the Noh. Many of the costumes are masterpieces, both in design and the use of color, of the weaver's art.

As might be surmised from the above description, a young Japanese man does not go to Tokio to become a Noh actor as a young American might go to Hollywood to become a movie actor. The demands of the art of the Noh stage are so great that actors must be developed from childhood.

In fact, the Noh has been the monopoly of a comparatively small number of families almost since the day of its perfection five or six centuries ago. Members of these families—either by birth or by adoption—are brought up to become Noh actors. I have seen boys nine and ten years of age acting fairly difficult roles. Of course, they were taking the part of children as they should, and were not appearing in adult roles. But they were receiving training that may make of them the great Noh actors of the future.

It's An Aristocratic Art

The Noh is definitely an aristocratic art in Japan. It was created for aristocrats, and during its long history has been performed almost exclusively for aristocratic audiences. However, attempts are being made in Japan, particularly in Tokio, to introduce this great art to the people themselves. Noh halls are set up in large public places and performances are given at popular prices. At some performances lecturers appear who speak during the intermission and explain to the audience some of the elements of the Noh drama and who tell the audience what to expect and what not to expect of a Noh play.

Must Be Subsidized

The Noh, lacking wide popular appeal, cannot exist simply on the revenue gained from the performances in their own theatres—each school of the Noh has its own private theatre of rather limited seating capacity in which all performances excluding the popular showing described above are given—and so the Noh is dependent largely on the bounty of wealthy patrons, most of whom are nobles.

In conclusion, I wish to say that the Noh drama of Japan is a truly great art, and forms one of the most brilliant sections of all the entire range of Japanese contributions to the culture of the world.

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LOCAL TEAM WINS ON EXPATRIATION

Seattle Students Aver Dual Citizenship Interferes With Real Loyalty

"Resolved, that Nisei with dual citizenship should expatriate themselves from Japanese citizenship," was the subject successfully defended by the Japanese Students' Club debaters of the University of Washington against the University of British Columbia Students' Club speakers, at the Japanese Baptist Church, Wednesday evening.

Wesley Fujiwara and Peter Yamada, represented the Canadian university, and Paul Sena and Toru Satahara the local club.

Points On Each Side

The local team made the point that dual citizenship was inconsistent with complete loyalty to the United States.

The visitors stressed the point that Japanese citizenship would be something for the Nisei to fall back on in case they were not assured economic stability in this country.

The judges were Austin E. Griffiths, former Superior Court judge, Kenji Ito and Kenneth Cox, local attorneys.

Must Get New Trophy

A new trophy presented by the Seattle Japanese Chamber of Commerce and the Japanese Association of North America will be competed for hereafter, since the old one which was donated in 1923 by the North American Japanese Association is now the permanent possession of the local club by virtue of their winning the majority of debates in seven encounters.

Presiding at the debate was Minoru Araki, J. S. C. chairman of the arrangement committee. The trophy was awarded for this meet by William Mimbu, local attorney representing the association.

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Out-of-Town News

Nomura Elected For 1940 Presidency By League In Portland

PORTLAND, Ore. — Howard Nomura was elected president of the local chapter of the Japanese American Citizens League for the coming year, the important period during which the national convention will be held in this city. General plans were discussed.

Other officers are: First vice president, William Oda; second vice president, Ruth Nishino; corresponding secretary, Natsuko Wakasugi; recording secretary, Mary Nakashima; treasurer, Smith Morimoto; board delegate, Henry Kato.

The GCG is busily planning for its second annual Pioneers' Banquet, set for January 14th under the capable chairmanship of Yuki Tanida. Plans will be announced next week.

Miss Ruth Itami was married Sunday, December 17 at the Konkō Kyo church to Mr. Fred Yoshikazu Niya. Attendants were Yae Akai for the bride and Dr. T. Tsuboi for the groom. After the ceremony, a dinner reception was held for about 300 guests at the church hall. The bride made her entrance at the reception in an elaborate Japanese costume.

Tacoma Students In Christmas Gathering

TACOMA, WASH. — Greeting the holiday season with gusto, the Japanese Students Club of the College of Puget Sound gathered at the home of Mayme Semba last Thursday evening for a merry Christmas party.

Assisting in the arrangements for the party were the Messrs. Waichi Oyanagi and Hitoshi Tamaki.

REEDLEY, Calif.—The results of the Reedley JACL election follows: pres., Masaru Abe; 1st vice-pres., Mike Takusagawa; 2nd vice-pres., Jim Kawano; treas., Matoi; rec. sec., May Wake; cor. sec., Midori Mori.

GROUP SAYS THANKS THOMAS, Wash.—The White River YMWBWA wishes to acknowledge a donation from Mr. and Mrs. Harry Suda, of Wapato. Mrs. Suda is the former Miss S. Natsuhara of Auburn.

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Oregon-Idaho Group Planning For Great Christmas Gathering

NYSSA, Ore.—The third annual winter social, sponsored by the JACC will be held Tuesday, December 26. The Japanese families of Eastern Oregon and South Western Idaho will gather at the Ontario Hall for a day full of entertainment.

The events will begin with basketball games, judo and boxing exhibitions, after which there will be a buffet supper, following a program of songs and dances.

The highlight promises to be a Japanese odori by several prominent boys in the community. To top off the entertainment of the day, there will be a dance. Mae Russell and her Melodians will play.

Following have been appointed on the winter social committees:

Co-chairmen, Joe Saito and Henry Sueyehira.

Athletic program, Yutaka Tamura and Bill Nishio.

Supper and dance refreshments, Raymond Hashitani and Johnny Sato.

Decorations, George Hishitani and Paul Saito.

Program, Harumi Tamura and Aye Hamada.

The chairman promises a full program of refreshments and entertainment, and all are invited to attend.

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