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OFFICERS FOR 1939 ABOUT ALL CHOSEN BY JACL CHAPTERS

Exciting Contests Were Seen
In Several Groups, Notably
In Los Angeles And In San
Francisco; Plans In Making

LEAGUE INTEREST KEEN

Election of chapter officers by the various groups of the Japanese American Citizens League has been practically completed. In several instances there were contests that stirred up an active campaign. This indicates the growing interest in League affairs.

Special interest was aroused in the two big chapters in California, namely Los Angeles and San Francisco. In the latter instance the incumbent was re-elected as a write-in candidate.

Following are new officers, in addition to those given in The Citizen last month. Others were not available.

SAN FRANCISCO—Pres., Saburo Kido; vice presidents, Dave Tatsuno, Scotty Tsuchiya, Dr. Masako Mori; a board of governors, Dr. Masayoshi Itatani, Esamu Furuya, George Hanazono, Tomoyuki Omori, Mrs. Kay Okamoto, Ayame Ichiyasu, James Maruyama, Tomoye Nozawa, Henry Uyeda.

MONTEREY—Pres., Chester Ogi; vice presidents, Harry Higashi and James Tabata, (reelected); treas., Yoshio Tabata, (reelected); hist., Beth Goto; soc. chr., Sachi Higuchi; publ., Oyster Miyamoto and Kaz Oka.

PLACER COUNTY—Pres., Tad Yego; vice presidents, Tsuneko Yamane, and George Sakamoto; rec. sec., James Sakamoto; corr. sec., Frank Yokota; Jap. sec., Isao Tahara; treas., James Tanizawa; auditor, Clarence Sunada; soc. chr., Eli Sasaki.

FRESNO—Pres., Johnson Kebo; vice pres., Ena Okanogi; rec. sec., Teruye Yemoto; corr. sec., Yaeke Nagai; treas., Oscar Fujii.

SANTA CLARA—Pres., Masao Kanemoto; vice pres., Phil Matsumura; sec., Tomiko Kawayoshi; treas., Shig Masunaga; reporter, James Ikegami; hist., Teiko Noda.

YO-SOLANO—Pres., George Ichimoto; vice presidents, Harry Aoyagi, Bill Kato and Bill Tsuji; rec. sec., Mary Obata; corr. sec., Sueko Hanada; Treas., Bill Yukawa; official delegates, George Ichimoto and Bill Kato. Alternates, Bill Tsuji and George Egusa.

SONOMA COUNTY—Pres., George Otani; vice presidents, Dr. George Hiura, Takashi Koga, Toby Ogata; treas., William Hiura; rec. sec., Jim Miyano; corr. secretaries, Kanemi Ono and Sam Kaneyoshi; hist., Frank Oda; soc. chairmen, Saburo Sugawara, Mary Kai; official delegates, George Otani, George Hiura; alternates, Takashi Koga and Toby Ogata.

ALAMEDA—Pres., Mas Narahara; vice pres., Yoshie Takagi and Kenji Shikuma; rec. sec., Yoshiko Nakata; (Continued to p. 3, col. 2)

Vocation Guidance To Be One Project Of Tanabe Cabinet

LOS ANGELES—Vocational guidance, especially for the young who are about to graduate from school, will be a major project in the administration of Eiji Tanabe, newly-elected president of the local JACL chapter.

This was disclosed at the last meeting when a Vocational Guidance Committee was announced. It will have three divisions, Employee Research Bureau, Opportunity Bureau, and Labor Relations Bureau. The personnel of this committee is now being considered.

Other important bodies are a Legal Committee and a Public Relations Committee. A Coordination Council will be directed by Ken Matsumoto, retiring president, and Gerald Kobayashi.

NORTHWEST LEAGUE GATHERING BACKED

Local Committees Named, And District Council Will Ask All Chapters To Give Help

TACOMA, Wash. — At a joint meeting of the Tacoma and Puyallup Valley chapters of the Japanese American Citizens League, plans were definitely launched for staging the 1939 Northwest district convention here over the Labor Day holiday next fall.

Daichi Yoshioka, a charter member of the Puyallup chapter, was elected general convention committee chairman.

Will Be Joint Hosts

The Tacoma and Puyallup Valley chapters will be joint hosts for the gathering. At the joint meeting, Ted Nakamura presided. After a general discussion, the general plan was outlined. A financial committee of eight was named, with Yoshioka as treasurer of the group. The following were named to the committee:

Tacoma—Ted Nakamura, Kaz Yamane, Y. Murai, and Toshio Tsuboi. Puyallup Valley—Daichi Yoshioka, Lefty Sasaki, Pete Nishikawa, and Tad Sasaki.

General Committee

Selection of various committee heads was left to a delegation of 37, composed of members of both chapters.

The following were named:

Tacoma—Ted Nakamura, Kaz Yamane, Toshio Tsuboi, Tsuyoshi Horike, Tsuyoshi Nakamura, Masao Nakata Kaz Kubo, Kenny Hayashi, Aki Matsushima, Yaeke Nakamura, Tetsuko Yamasaki, Fumi Nakamura, Kay Tamesa, and Y. Murai.

Puyallup Valley—Daichi Yoshioka, Lefty Sasaki, Tad Yoshida, George Kawasaki, George Egusa, Hiromi Hamanishi, Shigeo Wakamatsu, Mrs. Tad Yoshida, Amy Morumoto, Edith Yamamoto, Shizume Kibe, Takeo Sakahara, Morrie Yamaguchi, Tom Shigeo, Masao Hasegawa, John Sasaki, Dan Sakahara, Tsugio Higashi, Ray Yamamoto, Yoshi Take-mura, George Sugihara, Pete Nishikawa and Tadako Tamura.

SANTA MONICA, Calif.—With Mrs. Louise Ward Watkins, as speaker, the local JACL was to install President Nakaoka January 28.

HISTORIAN ASKING AID IN COMPILING RECORD OF LEAGUE

Each Chapter Requested Soon
To Name Local Scribe That
Will Co-operate; Instructions
Will Then Be Sent Forward

RECORD SHOULD BE KEPT

By TEIKO ISHIDA
(National Historian, the JACL)

TO ALL CHARTERED CHAPTERS AND DISTRICT COUNCILS:

The Japanese American Citizens League has just concluded its 10th year of successful, and sometimes brilliant, accomplishment. As we cross the threshold into the new year, 1939, would it not be keenly interesting if we could open the "History of the JACL" to recall the experiences and activities of our League during its ten full years of life?

But, to our regret, this is impossible, for no such volume or manuscript exists, and in order to remedy the situation, your national officers, as a part of their New Year's resolutions, have Resolved that: "A comprehensive history of the JACL shall be compiled, from the time of its inception up to the present, and presented in completed form at the national convention in 1940 at Portland."

Local Historian Needed

We have undertaken a considerable task, but a necessary one, and in order to make possible the fulfillment of this resolution your cooperation is requested as follows:

(1) If you have not already done so, appoint a chapter historian, or district historian, as the case may be; and

(2) Immediately forward the name and address, a questionnaire which has been prepared will be mailed by the national historian to your historian's address, with full instructions. To eliminate the straying or misplacing of such questionnaires, they will be mailed only to your historian, and not to your chapter or district council at large; therefore, it is essential that your historian's name and address be sent to the national historian's office at once in order to start the "ball rolling" without delay.

In addition to compiling the information requested in the questionnaire, we recommend that each chapter and district council (not already so doing) start keeping a record of its current activities in scrapbook form.

Let's resolve to do our full share toward helping the national officers fulfill their resolution to compile the history of the JACL in time for the 1940 convention.

Southern District Plans Large Session

LOS ANGELES—Plans are going forward for the 1939 Southern California District convention of the Japanese American Citizens League, to be held, probably, some time in July.

The Council has outlined plans in a general way, but details have not been completed. According to tentative plans, the convention will be held in Santa Maria. It is understood here that the date will be arranged in order to conflict with the northern district convention in San Francisco during the Fourth of July holidays.

Arrangements are in the hands of Chairman Kiyoshi Higashi and the Council.

Great importance is attached to the convention this year, on account of the rapid expansion of the League in this area. Several new chapters are being organized, and membership drives are expected to swell the rolls.

The Southern California District Council will hold its next meeting at Brawley, February 12, when plans for the convention are expected to be discussed. Planters Hotel will be headquarters.

Monterey Prepares To Greet Northern District Officers

MONTEREY, Calif. — Plans for the meetings of the Northern California District Council of the JACL to be held February 5 have been announced by James Tabata, chairman of the committee.

Headquarters will be in the Hotel San Carlos. The committee has outlined a full program of entertainment of the 100 visitors who are expected to attend. Registration will be in charge of Yoshi Tabata in the lobby of the hotel. The Council will hold its session until noon, when a luncheon program has been prepared. Following luncheon the Council will conclude business. An outing will be enjoyed, and the inaugural ball will conclude the day.

NORTH CALIFORNIA PLANS FOR CONFAB

General Outline Of Work At District Convention Shows Large Gathering Expected

SAN FRANCISCO — Extensive preparations are being made for the Northern California District convention of the Japanese American Citizens League to be held here over the Fourth of July holidays, due to the fact that the World's Fair will be in progress, and an unusually large attendance is expected.

Not only will there be a larger attendance than usual from the district, but many are expected from the other districts, who will take advantage of the combined events. With this in view, the convention committee is making plans for an elaborate program of entertainment.

General Plan Given

The general program has been outlined, according to announcement by Dr. Carl Hirota, general chairman.

As the plan now stands Saturday will be registration day. There is to be a social mixer to welcome all delegates and visitors.

Sunday the entire day will be devoted to an outing for which the general plan has been decided on.

Monday the District Council meeting will be held in the forenoon. In the afternoon there will be a visit to the World's Fair, as now outlined, while in the evening there will be the traditional Pioneer Night program.

Tuesday Closing Day

Tuesday will be the closing day, with business to be concluded, and the Sayonara Ball in the evening. Committee heads are:

Dave Tatsuno, program; Yasuo Abiko, finance; Henry Tani, Roy Nakatani, publicity; Mrs. Kay Okamoto, Tad Fujita, reception; Tomoyuki Omori, oratorical; Teiko Ishida, banquet; Henry Takahashi, Dr. Kahn Uyeyama, golf; George Hanazono, official photographer; Roy Takagi, sayonara ball; Wilbur Takiguchi, registration; Archie Hirashima, general arrangements; and Dr. M. Itatani, housing.

SUNDAY RADIO PROGRAMS TELLING CONTRIBUTION OF RACIAL GROUPS

WASHINGTON — The stirring story of how American culture in the United States has been developed through the combined energies of more than fifty immigrant groups, is being dramatized in a series of Sunday afternoon radio programs titled "Americans All—Immigrants All." The series is sponsored by the U. S. Office of Education, Department of the Interior, with the cooperation of the Service Bureau for Intercultural Education, and other educational agencies.

The purpose of the series is to "promote better understanding for and among all the cultural and racial groups in this country through a knowledge of the contributions made by each group." Different from anything ever attempted by

DUTY OF CITIZENS TOPIC AT OAKLAND ANNIVERSARY FETE

Provost Of California U. Has
Inspiring Message For All
In Address Given; Special
Stress Laid On Tolerance

DEMOCRACY TO SUCCEED

OAKLAND, Calif.—Commemorating its 4th Anniversary, the Oakland chapter of the Japanese American citizens League enjoyed an interesting program at the Hotel Durant in Berkeley. Co-chairmen were Dr. Takahashi and Tomi Domoto.

Among second generation talent who graced the entertainment program were Yasuko Tani and Goro Suzuki.

Main event of the evening was an address by Dr. Monroe E. Deutsch, vice president and provost of the University of California.

Dr. Deutsch Speaks

Following is the text of the address of Dr. Deutsch:

May I in the first place express my hearty commendation of organizations like this whose purpose it is to encourage an interest in citizenship and a right attitude toward it? We need emphasis on the duties and responsibilities of citizens among groups of all types and I am sure that an association like this with its numerous branches can do a vast amount of good.

Your association is a union of Americans of Japanese ancestry. Each group of foreign descent and foreign birth has its own contribution to make to the culture of this country. We have been called a "melting pot." By this we should mean that our population is not merely an amalgamation of those from any lands, but that to our national life each group makes its own specific contribution, bringing something to add to this American life of ours. Certainly Japan has its love of art and of beauty, its courtesy, its industry, its receptivity to new ideas and new mechanisms. This is a contribution that as a result of your inheritance you can make to this land.

But One Citizenship

However as to citizenship, that (I know you agree with me) must be one and undivided.

Your very name indicates that your purpose is to emphasize your American citizenship. Each of us (whatever his ancestry) can have but one country to command his loyalty and that is America. And as a result of this obvious truth, whenever problems arise which concern the land of your and my ancestors, we must seek each one of us to look at such problems from an American point of view and divest ourselves to the utmost degree possible of any bias because of our descent.

If we do not do this and mechanically ally ourselves with Germany (if Germany is the land of our ancestors), or France (if our ancestry goes back to that country), or Japan our fellow-citizens will feel that we have made our choice because our loyalty lies elsewhere than to this land. This I know you do not desire.

You are Americans of Japanese (Continued to Page 2)

BAY REGION CHAPTERS PLAN BALL TO INSTALL NEWLY-CHOSEN HEADS

SAN FRANCISCO—Opening event of what is expected to be the banner year of chapters of the Japanese American Citizens League around the Bay Region will be the joint inaugural ball, plans for which are being made.

According to the present plans the ball will be held the night of February 18, on the roof garden of the Clift Hotel.

According to the present program, the newly-elected officers will be inducted by Walter T. Tsukamoto, national president of the League.

Officers of the Bay Region chapters met here recently and discussed arrangements. Last year a joint

installation and inaugural ball was held here and proved one of the most brilliant events in the history of the chapters of this area.

Officers to be installed will be those of San Francisco, Oakland, Alameda, Eden Township, and possibly Sonoma County. The committee decided the charges would be \$1.75 per couple for members, and \$2 per couple for non members. The price for a single person will be the same.

Last year the ceremony and ball was attended by nearly 1,000 persons, including many public officials and civic leaders.

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BROAD PRINCIPLES, ONLY

Now that practically all chapters of the Japanese American Citizens League have elected officers for 1939, it seems fitting to take notice of recent events, and to call attention again to the broad program of the League as an organization.

Comments appearing in print lead to the belief that some persons are not fully informed as to the purposes and principles of the League. The main purpose of the League is to assist in building character of the young, in order that they may fully perform their duty as American citizens. If this purpose is realized, then the League will have rendered a notable service, not only to the young, but to the nation.

The League is in no sense, according to its principles, a political organization, but a civic one. If through the efforts of the League the young are assisted to fit themselves as well-informed and patriotic citizens, then they may follow their own political opinions.

On the other hand, the League in a broad way is a political organization, if viewed from the standpoint of welfare and justice. It will not participate in local or incidental politics. But when problems arise that are based on justice and general welfare, the League will follow the course it has pursued somewhat successfully, in the past.

Two examples will illustrate the League's course. The League took a prominent part in supporting the amendment to the Cable Act, which permitted oriental women of American birth, and who had married aliens, ineligible to citizenship, to repatriate themselves. Quite a few second generation women in this category have taken advantage of this provision to regain their American citizenship. This has proved a boon to them and their families.

Another outstanding accomplishment of the League was the success in obtaining the passage of the act which provided for citizenship for oriental aliens who had served in the armed forces of the nation during the World War. It was generally understood while hostilities were in progress that service with the forces would be a passport to citizenship, but after the war, when the shouting had died down, the promise, or implication, seemed to have been forgotten. Throwing all its force behind this measure, the League was successful.

These are two major accomplishments of the League. In both of them there was nothing of partisan politics. The League is a non-partisan organization. Among its members there are many in each great political party. As citizens they may follow their own political inclinations.

Should the League undertake to act in the many instances of more or less local political incidents, what would prove favorable to one group might be unfavorable to another group.

Looked at from this angle, it would seem that the only safe course for the League, as a national body, is to confine itself to broad principles, seeking to make good citizens of its members, and let them follow their own conscience.

ASSIST THE HISTORIAN

History is not only one of the most fascinating, but one of the most useful, studies of mankind. Writing of history has gone forward since the days of the ancients, and is still an important activity.

It was, therefore, fitting that the Japanese American Citizens League should undertake to compile a record of the organization, while there are yet many persons who can give first hand information. All this, however, is not so easy as it may appear. There are 42 chapters in the organization, and each one of them has its history. And, it should be emphasized, that the story of the small chapter is just as important as the story of the largest one. Out of small chapters sometimes come some of the great leaders, and some of the most fertile ideas.

All this is to call attention to the appeal broadcast in this issue of The Pacific Citizen by Teiko Ishida, the national historian, for co-operation on the part of the chapters. It is requested that each chapter appoint a historian to compile the story of the chapter. It is requested that the chapter officials forward the name of the person so appointed to the address given. Then a questionnaire will be sent. This is, of course, the proper procedure. The historian will proceed along a general program, and it is necessary that the information be made available in a manner that lends itself to the program.

The burden of supplying the information is placed squarely on the individual chapter, where it belongs. This appeal of the historian is a record that will estop any chapter in the future from criticism if the chapter fails to co-operate.

Every chapter should be interested in having its story in the national League history well told and fully told. Co-operation with the historian is the proper way, and the only way by which this happy result may be realized.

DEMOCRACY WILL TRIUMPH

Speaking at the 4th Anniversary fete recently of the Oakland chapter of the Japanese American Citizens League, on The Duties of American Citizenship, Dr. Monroe E. Deutsch, provost of the University of California, gave one of the most inspiring addresses that has come to notice lately. The purpose here is to emphasize the address, and to urge every member of the JACL, and every second generation to read it. For this purpose, and to have a record, the full address is published in this issue.

Equality for all is stressed by the speaker, and he again emphasizes that this country demands that every race shall measure itself by the American standard. Solution of all social problems, and the triumph of democracy is forecast by Dr. Deutsch. There are two sides to our national shield, it is said. On one side is the principle of the rule of the majority, which is well known, and widely appreciated. However, the other side is not so well known, and this is "the protection of the minority."

DUTY OF CITIZENS
TOPIC AT OAKLAND
ANNIVERSARY FETE

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descent, as others are Americans of French descent, of Italian descent, or of German descent. Naturally you have an affection for the land of your parents and grandparents—but this is secondary to the love of this land which is your own country. A man may, for example, have affection for his mother-in-law, but that is far subordinate to his love for his wife.

There Must Be Equality

This land is a democracy, and democracy rests upon the fundamental idea of equality for all. While I must in honesty admit that the complete equality for all, which is the ideal (yes the proper and inevitable ideal of democracy) has not been fully attained, yet on the one hand we do have democracy to a degree inconceivable in a large number of other countries; and on the other hand, conditions in this respect are improving, I believe, steadily and rapidly. And it must be remembered that each and everyone of us by his acts, his character, and his fidelity to the true principles of our government can hasten that day. Accordingly the conduct of each group such as yours is of importance not only to yourselves but to the nation as a whole.

More Opportunities Here

We must never forget that this country has offered us opportunities which would have been denied us in the land of our ancestors. It has given us a standard of living vastly superior to that in the lands from which most of us come. It has given us freedom to a degree unknown in many lands. It has given us educational opportunities, offered us freely and without stint. Mary Antin in his book *The Promised Land* says: "Education (i. e., in America) was free. That subject my father had written about repeatedly as comprising his chief hope for us children, the essence of American opportunity, the treasure that no thief could touch, not even misfortune or poverty. It was the one thing that he was able to promise when he sent for us; surer, safer, than bread or shelter."

Yes, America has indeed proved in past centuries the land of refuge for those seeking escape from political and religious persecution and at the same time the land of opportunity in which the children of those from all parts of the world may develop to their full stature.

Cites Negro Educator

An interesting example in the very recent past has been the case of Booker Washington, the great Negro educator and leader, who was born in slavery on a plantation in Virginia. In 1896 Harvard University conferred an honorary degree upon him. This act deeply moved him as he thought back of his origin and the contrast between the slave quarters in which he had been born and the distinction conferred upon him by this great American university. At that time, he said: "If my life in the past has meant anything in the lifting up of my people and the bringing about of better relations between your race and mine, I assure you from this day it will mean doubly more. In the economy of God there is but one standard by which an individual can succeed—there is but one for a race."

By American Standard

This country demands that every race shall measure itself by the American standard. By it a race must rise or fall, succeed or fail, and in the last analysis mere sentiment counts for little. During the next half-century and more, my race must continue passing through the severe American crucible. We are to be tested in our patience, our forbearance, our perseverance, our power to endure wrong, to withstand temptations, to economize, to acquire and use skill; in our ability to compete, to succeed in commerce, to disregard the superficial for the real, the appearance for the substance, to be great and yet small, learned and yet simple, high and yet the servant to all." Particularly noble are these words—when one thinks of the cruel injustice, intolerance, and discrimination that have been visited upon the Negroes.

Solution Is Certain

But the solution of all these problems, as sure as the sun rises each day, will be reached, and that day

will come the nearer if each performs his duties as granted him by our citizenship. As citizens of this democracy it is our duty to safeguard it in every possible way. First and foremost we should all learn to appreciate its blessings and not take them for granted. They have been dearly won, they must not be lost. Fundamental among them are freedom of speech, freedom of press, freedom of radio, freedom of thought and religious freedom. Stop and think to what a degree in many lands of this globe each and everyone of these is denied, and the denial of freedom of speech, of radio, and of press makes true democracy impossible. We should remember too how many in our own land during the course of the years have come to gain these freedoms.

In a democracy we must recall that recognition of the right of the individual is primary. A democracy believes that each and every human being in significant and important for his own sake, and not merely as a pawn of the state. Whenever it is believed that man exists for the state, it is inevitable that all the freedoms vanish. The state or rather the dominant group that governs the state, will refuse to permit the expression of those ideas, yes even those facts which they deem improper to be communicated to the people of the land. With the loss of such freedoms inevitably goes the loss of truth.

We must recall, moreover, that democracy has suffered in various lands because of unsatisfactory economic conditions. We must endeavor to solve our economic problems, therefore, and do it with equity and justice.

Two Sides Of Shield

We must recall that in a democracy there are two sides to the shield and not merely one. On the one side is the principle of the rule of the majority and on the other the protection of the minority. This is one of the salient differences between the dictatorship form of government and the democracy. In a dictatorship the minority is not protected, indeed opposition parties are not permitted to exist.

How then can we best as individual citizens serve our democracy? First and foremost we must gain the fullest possible knowledge of the various problems that confront our democracy. We must study each of the issues which comes up at elections and be prepared to vote intelligently upon them. We must learn all we can of the character and capacity of candidates for office and choose with all the wisdom we possess.

Results Are More Fair

It is often charged that democracy is inefficient. This is, of course, no doubt but that when a single man possesses all the power, decisions can be made quickly and rapidly. On the other hand when committees must meet and discuss and both branches of Congress or a parliament must in turn meet and discuss, delay is inevitable and frequently it is difficult to secure action at all. This is a charge that is leveled at democracy. It is, of course, in part inevitable in democracy, but it is a price we should be willing to pay with the great blessings which it brings with it. On the other hand we should seek to the utmost degree possible to increase its efficiency without, however, tampering with its true essentials.

We must be able to be on our guard against the wiles and guile of politicians.

We must see to it that public policies are not determined by small pressure groups which bombard congressmen and legislators with letters and telegrams and seek to frighten them into voting for and against certain legislation. We must carefully distinguish between such pressure and arguments addressed to reason.

People Are Responsible

But ultimately we must remember that we (and we alone) are responsible for the defects which may exist in our political life. We can only blame ourselves for the kind of men in public office if we criticize them. It was Shakespeare who said "The fault, dear Brutus, is in ourselves not in our stars, if we are underlings."

Democracy, as I have said, rests upon the theory of equality of all. I mean, of course, equality before the law, equality in participation in public life, equality in everything save the differences between human beings which arise as a result of heredity. An inevitable result of this ideal of democracy must inevitably be tolerance of different points

of view and (more important still) of those of different origins, of different religions, of different backgrounds. This springs inevitably from the very spirit of democracy. Tolerance is the natural handmaiden of democracy. And this we should teach not only by formal instruction but by our own attitudes and our own conduct.

Cites Abraham Lincoln

Abraham Lincoln said in a letter in 1855:

"How can anyone who abhors the oppression of Negroes be in favor of degrading classes of white people? Our progress in degeneracy appears to me pretty rapid. As a nation we began by declaring that 'all men are created equal'. We now practically read it, 'all men are created equal, except Negroes'. When the 'Know-Nothings' get control it will read 'all men are created equal, except Negroes, foreigners, and Catholics'. When it comes to this I prefer emigrating to some country where they make no pretense of loving liberty—to Russia, for instance, where despotism can be taken pure and without the alloy of hypocrisy."

The proper study of our problems is important; so, too, is attention to improvements in our machinery of government. But beyond and above all this is that primary quality, character. If a man in public life has received the most thorough of educations but is lacking in character, he can do infinitely more harm than one whose character is equally lacking but whose training is inferior. A higher degree of education without character means that society is giving the vicious a sharper sword to use against it.

Two Duties Of Citizen

Two things are demanded of a worthy citizen of a democracy. First and foremost comes an intelligent study of issues and the sharpest attention as to the candidates for office. Second comes unselfishness. All too often we see a particular group driving vigorously to attain its own ends without regard to the welfare of the state or nation as a whole. This may be a class, or it may be the people of a particular region. Far too frequently do our representatives consider that their primary function is to return from the capital of the state or nation with the proud boast that they have brought so many millions of dollars for public buildings to their particular community.

From office holders we need both of these qualities and, in addition, courage. Our representatives must be able to stand up, as their consciences dictate, for what they believe to be the true interests of our country; regardless of the attacks of selfish interests, they must be willing if necessary to go down to defeat still upholding the flag of their convictions.

We must treasure these qualities in our public men; if they possess them and should resolutely maintain them in office even if we disagree with them on one or another specific issue. In intelligence, character, and courage, far out-weigh difference of opinion on some particular measure.

Education is the bulwark of a democracy, and democracy is the bulwark of education. For in a dictatorship education is crushed to the will of the master. The dismembered universities on the European continent hold up their bleeding arms as silent proof of what despotism will do.

Democracy based on the fundamental ideal of complete equality has still a long way to go. I am not blind to various forms of discrimination, and against these I protest with all the vigor I possess. Discriminations of many kinds exist, but these are all diametrically opposed to the theory upon which democracy rests. And the solution of these problems is not less, but more, democracy. I look forward to the day when every human being regardless of ancestry, regardless of religion, regardless of color, will be treated on the most complete equality with every other human being in this land. Certainly dictatorships with their stress upon the priority of one race over another, their religious persecutions, are not our hope; our hope lies in democracy reaching its natural and logical conclusion as it was stated by Robert Burns so many years ago: "A man's man for a' that."

YOUNG AT BELLINGHAM

BELLINGHAM, Wash.—The first second generation social event of the year was a Splash party held at the Y.M.C.A. pool, largely attended.

CHAPTER PLANNING FOR FINE PROGRAM IN SAN FRANCISCO

Kido Elected President, With His Supporters; Next Term Important; Great Crowd For Convention Being Expected

ELECTION PROVES WARM

SAN FRANCISCO—Unusual interest attended the campaign for the election of officers of the local chapter of the Japanese American Citizens League, which resulted in President Saburo Kido being chosen as a write-in candidate.

Members of the local chapter believe that the coming year will be one of especial interest and importance to the second generation. The Northern California District convention will be held here over the Fourth of July holidays. Due to the fact that the exposition will be in progress, a large attendance is expected from all along the Coast.

Search For Candidate

The local Japanese Association is carrying on a campaign to invite "man" Japanese organizations to meet here next Summer.

Difficulty in finding a candidate for president was manifest from the beginning. The nominating committee submitted a slate without a head. Later Henry Tani was tendered the nomination, but declined. Finally President Kido consented to be a candidate.

Program Is Issued

The faction supporting Taro Tsukahara was active. A petition issued in his behalf said, in part:

"We, the supporters of the re-election of Taro Tsukahara for vice-president, believe in an effective and prosperous JACL which really represents the whole Japanese community. Our program for the coming year is: (1) More democracy in the JACL, (2) to keep to the real purpose of the coming district convention to be held here, (3) the re-establishing of a hall or a gathering place for members, (4) a larger working fund, (5) striving for harmony between Issei, Nisei and the Kibei, (6) striving for harmony of organizations regardless of religious or political beliefs for the interest of the whole Japanese community.

Takeo Nogaki Called On Charge By Cupid

SEATTLE, Wash.—Jan. 15—(By special wire) Confessing to a theft charge lodged against him by Los Angeles authorities, Takeo Nogaki, well-known local banker, was arrested here this afternoon.

Extradition proceedings have already been instituted, with Nogaki's arraignment in Los Angeles scheduled for March 15.

In his confession, Nogaki named an accomplice, a Florence Matsumoto, who, he declared was the caretaker and keeper of a priceless heart, which she turned over to him from her parents' valuable collection of children.

The theft was perpetuated during the last national convention of the Japanese American Citizens League in Los Angeles, where the banker was an official delegate representing his chapter.

According to a California statute, persons found guilty of beating Dan Cupid to the arrow are given a life term.

Chapter Will Greet Fourth Anniversary

CENTERVILLE, Calif. — Commemorating the 4th Anniversary of the local chapter of the Japanese American Citizens League, a program has been arranged for January 27 for the installation of officers. There will be a program of entertainment, and dancing.

Nori Nagai is chairman of the committee on arrangements, assisted by orchestra, James Fudenna; refreshments, Chiyemi Kato; bids, James Hirabayashi; reception, Mrs. Asakawa; place, Vernon Ichisaka; invitation, Mrs. Y. Kato; finance, Masao Baba; decoration, Albert Hirota; program, Tom Kitashima; publicity, Tsuyako Kataoka.

NEW VICE CONSUL

LOS ANGELES—Koichi Tanaka, attache at the Japanese Embassy in Washington, will be vice consul here.

Ito, Famous Dancer, Has Fine Program For San Francisco

SAN FRANCISCO—In a campaign looking toward establishing a Dance Repertory Theatre here, Michio Ito, famous Japanese dancer, staged a program at the Curran Theatre January 15, which was largely-attended.

Ito managed the show, and gave four numbers. Three of them were solos, and in a fourth appeared with the noted Sally Rand. Another production is scheduled February 19.

Alfred Frankenstein, prominent dramatic critic, accorded high praise to Ito for his artistry. He declared Ito's contributions "were those richest in ideas and originality, using tradition, yet never obeying it." He is a great artist, the critic said, and San Francisco has much to learn from him.

CALIFORNIA HOLDS ANNUAL ELECTIONS

Widespread Interest Seen In League As New Leaders For 1939 Take Over Their Work

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corr. sec., Sakae Date; treas., Mas Iwaihara; ass't. treas., Yoshihara Inouye.

FLORIN—Pres., Hugh M. Kiino; vice pres., James Takehara; rec. sec., Mrs. Frances Okamoto; corr. sec., Katherine Sasaki; treas., William Yamamoto; ass't. treas., Martin Miyao; hist., Mrs. A. Tsukamoto.

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LOS ANGELES SETS SPLENDID PROGRAM FOR COMING YEAR

Membership Drive Starts For 1,000 Names There; Surplus In Treasury; Expansion To Be Stressed By New Heads

CABINET TAKING CHARGE

LOS ANGELES—With a membership drive in progress, with the goal 1,000 names on the roll, and with a surplus of \$800 in the treasury, the administration of President Eiji Tanabe of the local chapter of the Japanese American Citizens League got under way January 14.

The installation dinner dance was held in the Hotel Mayfair, with a highly interesting program. The installation was conducted by John Ando.

Message By Mayor

Mayor Fletcher Bowron delivered a brief message of felicitation in which he said: "The services rendered to Americanism by the Japanese Americans in Los Angeles has not only been important because of the large number of people of Japanese background who reside here; these services have also been noteworthy because of the high type of their sincerity and patriotism."

"Therefore, greetings to the Japanese Americans of Los Angeles, and may their good and loyal work continue."

Tells Of Americanism

Main speaker of the evening was Byron Hanna, past president of the Los Angeles Chamber of Commerce. His topic was "The American Way of Life." The keynote of his address was Americanism, and this will be the keynote of the new administration's program, it is indicated. A significant remark was:

"One single thing that marks America from other great nations is the fact that America is composed of many racial groups. Our United States has been enriched in the abundance of world culture."

Gerry Kobayashi is chairman of the membership drive committee.

SAN JOSE INDUCTS OFFICERS OF YEAR

Masao Kanemoto President Of Chapter; Splendid Program Of Entertainment Tendered

SAN JOSE, Calif. — Impressive candlelight ceremonies marked the installation of the new cabinet of the local JACL chapter the evening of January 11, at the Lion's Den in Alum Rock Park.

Masao Kanemoto is new president. Other members of the cabinet are: Phil Matsumura, vice-pres.; Shigeo Masunaga, treas.; Tomiko Kawayoshi, sec'y.; Teiko Noda, historian; and James Ikegami, reporter.

Tats Miki and Yoshiye Kawanami were in charge of the installation.

Following the rites, refreshments were served by the girls and entertainments given by local talents. Among the later were: June and Tomiko Kawayoshi and Teiko Noda, trio; Take Mitsunaga, Mits Okubo, duet; Dan Ono, Mary Kawahara, Ayako Noda, Joe Taketa, Ben Nagashima, Mary Sanda, Yoshiye Kawanami, and Phil Matsumura, solos.

This portion of the program was in charge of George Fuji and Chiyo-ko Nakayama, entertainment; and Yukiko Miyahara, Noboru Araki, and Mary Sanda, food.

SAN JUAN BAUTISTA, Calif. — Mr. and Mrs. Y. Okasaki recently announced the engagement of their daughter, Miss Ada Okasaki to Mr. Henry Uyeda, an active member of the local JACL. Both are of this city.

HIRAO IN SEATTLE

SEATTLE—Kay Hirao, recently elected president of the Oakland Chapter of the JACL, has entered business in Seattle, under the firm name of the Washington Wholesale Florist Co., 923 Pike St.

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Miss Saita Hailed By California For Beautiful Singing

SAN FRANCISCO — Having just closed a brilliant concert tour in the Bay Region, Miss Aiko Saita, Canadian-born second generation, has departed for the North, where she will make appearances.

A splendid reception was accorded the artist at her appearance the evening of January 18 in Gyosei Hall, which was filled to capacity. The mezzo-contralto took many bows in response to applause.

Miss Florence Takayama, the accompanist, also was accorded a generous reception. She is one of the most accomplished pianists of the city.

SAN DIEGO READY FOR INSTALLATION

Elaborate Plans For Banquet And Dance Made; Party Will Be Held Feb. 3 at Hotel

SAN DIEGO, Calif. — Plans for the installation dinner dance of the local chapter of the Japanese American Citizens League February 3, at the U. S. Grant Hotel, were completed at the last chapter meeting. The party will be semi-formal.

Those in charge of the installation are Jack Tanabe, orchestra; Mrs. Florence Uyeno, tickets; Tom Mukai, assisted by George Sakamoto, will be in charge of receiving the tickets at the entrance.

Mrs. Florence Uyeno will act as mistress of ceremonies.

Tickets will be available from Jack Tanabe, Yosh. Mamiya, and Fred Katsumata.

Prices of the tickets are: \$2.50 per couple for dinner and dance; \$1.50 per couple for dance alone; \$1.50 single dinner and dance.

It was decided to have Senator and Mrs. Fletcher, and a representative from the local Nihonjin-kai as guests of honor.

A donation of \$30 was given to the local chapter of the local Nihonjin-kai for the upkeep of the House of Japan in Balboa Park.

Mr. and Mrs. C. Uyeno donated \$5 to the club.

A report of the Southern District JACL Council meeting was given by Sam Fujita.

Mrs. Bernice Ohashi was appointed historian for the club.

George Sakamoto was appointed district chairman for the Mission Valley district.

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LONG BEACH GROUP HAS INSTALLATION FOR NEW OFFICERS

Mayor And City Manager Bid To Ceremonies; Opening Has Brilliant Program; Guests Extend Their Best Wishes

FINE FUTURE VISIONED

LONG BEACH, Calif. — An extensive program of installation, and a program of entertainment were arranged for Thursday night, January 26, when the newly-elected officers of the Long Beach group of the JACL were to take over their duties.

As guests of honor, Mayor Clarence Wagner and City Manager Randall were invited. This was the first installation ceremony ever held here, and the group has just been organized. The affair was held at the Belmont Cafe.

Other guests invited to witness the installation of President Frank Ishii and his cabinet were George A. Hart, president of the Senior Long Beach Chamber of Commerce; Darrell Neighbors, president of the Jr. C. of C.; Kinji Nishi, president, and Kinya Maeda, vice-president of the Japanese Association; Masatada Ikeda, president of the Long Beach Savings Association; Tenpu Sadao Arikawa, newspaper correspondent; Mr. and Mrs. John Ando, and Kiyoshi Higashi, chairman of the southern district council JACL.

Gardena Group Planned

GARDENA, Calif. — The second generation of the Gardena Valley plan to organize a chapter of the JACL, and have called a meeting for January 25 at the Moneta gakuen. George Yamauchi was to preside. Ken Matsumoto, national vice president, was asked to outline the work. The chapter would take in Hawthorne, Inglewood, Redondo, Harbor City, Compton, Lomita, and Torrance.

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SEATTLE LEAGUERS NAME COMMITTEES FOR GENERAL WORK

**First Cabinet Session Plans
For Chapter Activity, That
Will Cover Many Lines; New
Regulations Being Studied**

FEW EVENTS SUGGESTED

SEATTLE—Outlining a general program of activity for the year, and appointing committees, the first cabinet meeting of the local chapter of the JACL was held January 23. President Takeo Nogaki presided.

One action was to set the installation dinner dance for February 18, at which time the Northwest District Council will be in session here, and members will be guests of honor.

Main Events Of Year

A few of the events projected for the year are:

February 18—Installation dinner-dance at the Casa Italiana.

April 15—Annual Community Americanism Night.

May 26—Oratorical contest.

July 1—Independence Day Dance.

July 23—Japan Day.

August 13—Picnic.

October 8—Entertainment.

November 30—Thanksgiving Dance.

Two New Regulations

Two proposals were submitted for consideration at the next general meeting:

1. All persons voting or running for office must have attended at least two meetings in order to vote, and must have attended four or more meetings to be a candidate, and each must be a paid-up member.

2. Ballots shall be mailed to all paid-up members eligible to vote in the League, so that each may cast his vote.

Toshio Hoshida was named auditor; Midori Hirahara historian, and Haruo Fujino sergeant-at-arms.

Committees Are Named

The following committee chairmen were named, each to select his co-workers, not more than five:

Legal, Kenji Ito; social, Jiro Aoki; program, Hachiro Kita; vocational, William Mimbu; finance, Kenjiro Yamada; welfare, Jeanne Mori; membership, Kenji Nogaki; publicity, Toshiko Fukano; public relations, George Hara; registration, Kimi Kozu; Kibei, Steve Hirasawa.

Fred Tagaki first vice president, will be chairman of the Citizens' Council, which is composed of presidents of the principal second-generation clubs in the city.

Jackson Sonoda, second vice president, is chairman of the Deputations Committee, other members being the chairmen of the above committees.

New Members Admitted

At the last chapter meeting, January 20, the following took the oath of membership:

Dorrie Akimoto, Lillian Horiuchi, Amy Kaneko, Tom Kanno, Chiye Kurose, Emi Matsusaka, Sachiko Ochi, Masako Wakabayashi, Michiko Kuasa, Mrs. Shizuo Yamada, Shizuo Yamada, Frank Maeda, Masako Yokoyama, Misako Shigehara.

Young Dancers Help In Staging Program

SEATTLE—Six second generation girls of this city, clad in colorful Japanese costumes took part in a program staged here the latter part of the month by the International Folk Arts Association at the Women's Century Club, one of the leading organizations of the city.

The second generation girls were from the Mimasu School of Drama and Dance, and were under the direction of Mr. and Mrs. Kameo Nakamura, better known on the legitimate stage as Nakamura Niseidayu and Onoye Tamiyi. The young dancers to appear in "Kasazukushi" Tamako Inouye, Tamiko Inouye, Sachiko Kuniyuki, Sumiko Okazaki, Kiyoko Uji, and Yoshiko Hara.

The "Kasazukushi" is from the picturesque dance portrayal of the classical Nagauta composition, "Shiokumi."

The dance was arranged for the affair by Seichi Hara, a member of the International Folk Arts Association program committee.

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Tacoma Group Will Continue Studying Vocational Plans

TACOMA, Wash.—Vocational opportunity is a problem that is attracting the attention of the second generation in this community, and the Young People's Fireside Group of the local Methodist Church has been arranging programs for further study.

An interesting meeting was held recently, addressed by W. B. Barger, head of Barger's Consolidated Business College. Mr. Barger pointed out that Japanese students usually rank very high in their studies, because they spend so much time at their books. However, he thought they did not devote enough time and effort to social affairs, and that they could do so with profit.

YAKIMA YOUNG SET PLANS FOR ACTION

Valley Second Generation In Preparation For Gathering Of Church Conference Soon

WAPATO, Wash.—Second generation in the Yakima Valley were active in many lines during the past year. In addition to the program of the local chapter of the Japanese American Citizens League, which was an enjoyable one, the young people took a prominent part in the social and religious affairs of the area.

Particular activity and success attended the work of the Young People's Christian Conference. A sectional session will be held here and at Yakima February 18, and 19, and plans are going forward rapidly.

As a preliminary to the conference, the young folks have planned a rally for the evening of February 5 at the local M. E. church. It will be in the form of a Potluck Supper. In charge are Mary Sakimura, Shigemi Umamoto and Tsugiye Masuto.

General theme of the conference will be Living Courageously. Discussion groups are: In our home life; in our community life; in bettering our social status, and crusading for the church.

Early in January Ida Nakamura of Yakima gave a buffet supper to honor members of the YPCC who helped win two prizes at the Seattle conference last November.

Seattle NYK Agent Given Higher Office

SEATTLE—Minoru Ikoma, for some time local manager of the NYK Line, and family, left here January 23 aboard the M. S. Hie Maru for Tokyo, where Mr. Ikoma will take up his duties as general passenger traffic manager of the line. He has been in the United States 21 years. Previous to coming to Seattle he had represented his company in New York, Chicago, San Francisco and Los Angeles. He was succeeded here by Yabei Taoka.

Numerous farewell parties were given for Mr. and Mrs. Ikoma, before their departure.

Seattle Girls Hold Enjoyable Tea Party

SEATTLE—First of a series of teas to be given this year to afford Japanese women students an opportunity for closer contact with American students, according to Michi Yasumura, president, the Fuyo Kai entertained at Clark Hall.

This tea honored the Panhellenic organization of the University of Washington.

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PORTLAND CHAPTER MADE GREAT GAINS DURING PAST YEAR

**Many Outstanding Events Are
Recorded; 1940 Hosts Ready
To Launch Program; Support
Of District Assured Them**

FUND DRIVE UNDER WAY

PORTLAND, Ore.—As the administration of President Mamaro Wakasugi closed with the election of a new cabinet Sunday night, January 22, the local chapter of the Japanese American Citizens League looked back on a program of unusual achievement.

However, the chapter is anticipating an even greater program in the future, which will culminate in 1940, when the chapter will be host to the national convention. William Ito has been chosen general convention chairman, and all efforts are directed to the success of the 1940 session. A general financial campaign is under way.

Some Noted Events

A few of the outstanding events of the past year are listed.

President Wakasugi was elected chairman of the District Council.

Hito Okada was elected national treasurer.

The chapter celebrated its 10th Anniversary with an appropriate program.

Through a membership drive, 50 names were added to the roll.

The local chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution recognized the efforts of the chapter toward developing citizenship by presenting a beautiful American flag.

Tour For Farmers

In December the chapter sponsored an agricultural tour through experiment stations of Oregon State College in which about 60 young farmers took part.

There were various social events, and the chapter lent its support to a number of civic affairs.

The current undertaking of the chapter is a Japanese movie set for the evening of January 29. Proceeds will go into the 1940 convention fund, to be augmented from time to time.

Seattle Taiyo Club Gives Tour Benefit

SEATTLE—In preparation for the Taiyo Club study parties to Japan next Fall and next year, a benefit program was staged at the Nippon Kan, January 29. Proceeds will go toward the fund. The first party, composed of girls, is scheduled to leave here about September 15. Another party of boys is planned early next year.

Girls thus far signed up for the first party are: Rumiko Okada, Sumiko Hikida, Kazuko Fujii, Masa Ikeda, Hana Ikeda, Sakiko Shiga, Ayako Yoshida, Sadako Yoshida, Kiyoko Ueda, Sumiye Okazaki, Aiko Matsuda, Lily Yorozu, Gloria Hirabayashi, Marian Nakamura.

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Ketchikan Family Takes Active Part In Social Affairs

KETCHIKAN, Alaska—The young folks of the well-known Hagiwara family have been particularly active in social affairs in this city.

Abe, who studied in the States, has a long list of activities, including being vestryman of his church, choir leader, Sunday School teacher, member of the vocal ensemble, and manager of the Millotte Artist basketball team. Mike is vice president of the school boys' club, was recently made a De Molay, and was elected to edit the high school annual. Sister Grace takes part in social affairs, and was chairman of the sophomore dance committee.

Pat helps uphold the athletic reputation of the family. He is a member of the championship-bound Tongass Outfitters' quintet in the City League.

NORTHWEST FOLKS REPORT ELECTIONS

Widespread Interest Seen In League As New Leaders For 1939 Take Over Their Work

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shima; vice pres., Harvey Tanaka; rec. sec., Mrs. C. Kitow; corr. sec., Masaye Yamada; treas., George Yoshizaka; auditor, Dr. K. Taniguchi; Kibei members-at-large, Yuri Tsuchiya and Tsugio Tanoye; Nisei members-at-large, Tom Nishimoto, Mrs. Matsuye Matsumoto and George K. Nakamoto.

PUYALLUP VALLEY

Pres., Lefty S. Sasaki; vice presidents, Sumner district, Tadashi Fujita; Five, Firwood and Puyallup districts, Dorothy Sakamoto; Orting and Alderton districts, Tad Sasaki; rec. sec., Yoshiye Takemura; corr. sec., Tadako Tamura; treas., Tad Yoshida; board delegate, Ray Yamamoto; soc. chr., Edith Yamamoto and George K. Wasaki; Sgt.-at-arms, Pete Nishikawa.

YAKIMA—Pres., Roy Nishimura; vice pres., Harry Honda; rec. sec., Mrs. Kiyoshi Matsumura; corr. sec., Mrs. Mamoru Matsumura; treas., Kendo Yasuda, (reelected); board delegate, Harry Masuto.

SEATTLE—Pres., Takeo Nogaki; vice presidents, Fred Takagi and Jackson Sonoda; rec. sec., Lilly Takeuchi; corr. sec., Cora Uno, (reelected); treas., Sumio Mochizuki; delegate-at-large, Saburo Nishimura.

WHITE RIVER VALLEY—Pres., Charles Toshii; vice presidents, Auburn, George Yasumura; Kent, Tom Hironaka; Thomas, Mun Iseri; rec. sec., Frances Itabashi; corr. sec., Shimojima twins; treas., Tomio Itabashi, (reelected); board delegate, Tom Iseri, (re-elected).

PORTLAND—Pres., Howard Nomura; vice presidents, Henry Kato and Masayuki Fujimoto; rec. sec., Mary Nakashima; corr. sec., Mary Matsub; treas., George Sumida; board delegate, Mamoru Wakasugi.

TACOMA—Following is the list of nominees: Pres., Ted Nakamura; vice pres., Yukichi Murai, Tetsu Yamasaki and Fumi Nakamura; rec. sec., Aya Mori and Amy Nakata; corr. sec., Toshi Tsuboi; treas., Kaz Yamane; social chrnm., Masaye Jin-guji and Hitoshi Tamaki; publicity chrnm., Ken Hayashi.

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NORTHWEST BOARD WILL BOOST DRIVE FOR NEW MEMBERS

**Council Winds Up Affairs Of
Past Year; Will Meet Soon
To Elect Officers Of 1939;
Chapters All Enthusiastic**

BANNER YEAR FORECAST

YAKIMA, Wash.—With plans to support the proposed membership drive, the census, the district convention in Tacoma next Fall, and the national 1940 convention in Portland, the Northwest District Council of the Japanese American Citizens held its final business meeting here January 7.

The Council is to meet in Seattle in February, at which time new officers will be elected, and further plans made.

Ready For Drive

Chairman Mamaro Wakasugi presided. Reports from various chapters were that a spirit of optimism prevails. The Council decided that all seven chapters should be prepared by February 1 for the membership drive. The Council will co-operate with William Ishida, Fresno, national drive chairman.

All was to be in readiness for the National Membership Drive Week to be proclaimed by President Walter T. Tsukamoto.

Report On Pin Sale

The Council discussed the new national pins, which are ready for distribution and urged all chapters to forward the sale of the emblems. Kay Hirao, national pin committee chairman, was present, and gave a report on developments.

The Council will co-operate with Daiichi Yoshioka, general chairman of the Tacoma convention.

Members of the Council are: Mamaro Wakasugi, chairman; George Sumida, Portland; George Kinoshita and Harry Morioka, Mid-Columbia; Saburo Nishimura and Takeo Nogaki, Seattle; Mineral Okura and Tom Iseri, White River Valley; Dan Sakahara and Ray Yamamoto, Puyallup Valley; Kazuo Yamane and Ted Nakamura; Roy Nishimura and Jesse Nishi, Yakima Valley.

SEATTLE—An enjoyable benefit program was staged here the latter part of the month by the Japanese Student Club, an organization of second generation men at the University of Washington. The club started about 25 years ago, and has now grown to be one of the recognized organizations on the campus.

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