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New JACL Cabinet Takes Oath of Office



Past President Dr. T. T. Yatabe of Chicago gives the oath of office to the new JACL national cabinet. They are (r. to l.) President George Inagaki, Venice, Calif.; Vice-presidents Tom Hayashi, New York, and Patrick K. Okura, Omaha; Treasurer Dr. Roy Nishikawa, Los Angeles, and

Harold Gordon, president of the JACL Thousand Club. Vice-president Bob Takahashi, French Camp, and Mrs. Alice Kasai, Salt Lake City, secretary to the national board, were not present. Mike Masaoka is in the immediate left foreground.

JACL Plays Important Role In Obtaining Passage of Issei Citizenship Legislation

SAN FRANCISCO—A last minute campaign by members of the National Council of the JACL was credited here this week with having played a major role in the Senate's action overriding the President's veto of the omnibus immigration and naturalization law by a margin of one vote.

Following news of the House's action overriding the President's veto of the Walter-McCarran bill on June 26, the National Council was called into special session and 120 telegrams were dispatched to senators from the 23 states in which the JACL's 84 chapters are located.

News of the Senate's action overriding the veto by a vote of 57 to 26 broke up the morning session of the National Council on June 27 at the St. Francis Hotel.

The "Homecoming" theme of the 12th biennial National JACL convention was changed spontaneously to a "Victory" note.

A large delegation of delegates and boosters met Mike Masaoka, JACL ADC legislative director, at the airport on June 28 with banners and placards reading, "Well Done, Mike!"

Masaoka received a standing ovation at the Recognitions luncheon at the Whitcomb Hotel.

He told the story of the fight for passage of the Walter-McCarran act over the president's veto to the National Council on June 30. He announced his resignation from the post of JACL ADC legislative director at that time.

Masaoka, who is expected to open his own office in Washington, will be retained by the JACL to represent the organization on the evacuation claims program and other related matters.

A presentation from the National JACL was made to Mike and Etsu Masaoka at the convention banquet.

Masaoka, in his report on the

fight for passage of the Walter-McCarran act, credited the work of the JACL chapters in presenting the case for citizenship for America's Issei to their respective congressmen. He particularly cited the work of the Arizona JACL in obtaining the support of Senate Majority Leader McFarland.

Passage of the bill turned the JACL's Pioneer Night banquet at the Buddhist Church on June 28 into a victory celebration. The program was attended by 500 persons, including Issei leaders from all parts of the Pacific Coast.



A large delegation of convention delegates was on hand to greet Mike Masaoka at San Francisco Airport on the morning following the passage of the omnibus naturalization and immigration bill but the first person to reach his side was his wife, Etsu.

CONVENTION PHOTOS

All JACL convention pictures in this issue of the Pacific Citizen were taken by George Tanaka, Kido Studio, 1496 Ellis Street, San Francisco. Mr. Tanaka was the official convention photographer.

Vote to Retain Regional Offices During Transitional Period

SAN FRANCISCO—The National Council of the approved a modified budget for the next biennium and provided for the maintenance of regional offices in Washington, D. C., Los Angeles, San Francisco, Chicago, Denver and New York City for the year beginning on Oct. 1.

After Oct. 1, 1953, the fate of the regional offices, with the exception of Washington which has a budget of \$30,000, will be in the hands of the district councils.

The Anti-Discrimination Committee's budget for the coming year, including Washington, is \$61,800.

An annual budget of \$34,000 was passed for national headquarters.

The initiation of a drive to revive the JACL Endowment Fund program was announced. The regional offices will assist in the drive for the endowment program and hope was expressed that the drive proceeds will eventually provide funds to carry on the JACL's program without resorting to periodic fund-raising campaigns.

Acting on a motion by Saburo Kido of Los Angeles, the delegates voted to abolish the JACL Reporter, monthly publication of the national organization. Mr. Kido termed the monthly newspaper a "luxury" which the JACL could not afford.

The council earlier voted to continue an annual subsidy of \$2,500 for the Pacific Citizen and passed a motion by Mr. Kido that the Pacific Citizen be moved to Los Angeles.

Meanwhile, two committees were set up to decide whether JACL national headquarters would be moved to Los Angeles or San Francisco. The JACL headquarters were relocated in 1942 when it was moved to Salt Lake City because of wartime mass evacuation.

The council passed a resolution commending Rep. Francis E. Walter, D., Pa., and Sen. Pat McCarran, D., Nev., for their work on behalf of obtaining passage of legislation for equality in naturalization and immigration.

A resolution also was passed expressing appreciation to members of the House and Senate who supported legislation for citizenship for resident Issei.

Commendations also were voted to Mike Masaoka, national JACL

ADC director; the Arizona chapter for its work on behalf of the Walter-McCarran and the evacuation claims bills; to the people of Hawaii for their support of the JACL ADC financial drive; to National Director Masao Satow and the national staff and to Dr. Randolph Sakada and his cabinet; to the host chapter, San Francisco, and the Northern California-Western Nevada district council.

Elect Inagaki New President Of National Body

SAN FRANCISCO—George Inagaki of Venice, Calif., was elected new national president of the JACL, succeeding Dr. Randolph M. Sakada of Chicago, at elections held at the 12th biennial convention of the organization here last week.

The new president was formerly national chairman of the JACL's 1000 Club. He operates a floral nursery.

Tom Hayashi of New York was elected first vice-president. Patrick Okura, Omaha, and Bob Takahashi, French Camp, Calif., were named second and third vice-presidents, respectively.

Named to the post of treasurer was Dr. Roy Nishikawa, Los Angeles, while Mrs. Alice Kasai of Salt Lake City was elected secretary to the national board. Harold Gordon, Chicago, was named chairman of the 1000 Club.

The officers were installed officially at the convention banquet June 30, with Dr. T. T. Yatabe of Chicago, past national president, as the presiding officer.

The new national president expressed his gratitude upon receiving what he termed "the highest honor the Nisei can confer upon another Nisei."

He asked the cooperation of fellow JACLers in obtaining the JACL's objectives for the next biennium.

Los Angeles won its bid for the 1954 JACL convention, which will be the organization's 13th biennial meeting. Los Angeles delegates expressed the hope the convention could be held in the new Statler Hotel, now being built.

San Francisco Hosts Biggest JACL Parley

SAN FRANCISCO — With more than 750 persons, including 133 official and alternate delegates and their families, in attendance, the 12th biennial convention of the Japanese American Citizens League was the biggest in the organization's history.

Heaviest attendance was reported at the outing at the Pink Horse Ranch, the opening ceremonies at the St. Francis which drew nearly 800 persons, the convention banquet at the Mark Hopkins and the Sayonara ball at the Fairmont, both of which drew capacity attendance. Five hundred persons also attended the Pioneer Night banquet and program at the Buddhist Church.

JACL HONORS PAST PREXIES AT LUNCHEON

SAN FRANCISCO — JACL certificates of appreciation and ruby and sapphire pins for loyal and devoted service to the Japanese American Citizens League were presented at the delegates luncheon on June 30 at the Buchanan YM-YWCA.

Certificates of appreciation were given to five past presidents, Dr. T. T. Yatabe, James Sakamoto, Lt.-Col. Walter Tsukamoto, Saburo Kido and Hito Okada by National President Dr. Randolph Sakada.

Sapphire pins also were awarded to the wives of the five past JACL national presidents. A pin was awarded to Mrs. Randolph Sakada at the convention banquet.

A ruby pin for "distinguished contributions" to the JACL were presented to Mrs. Etsu Masaoka and Yuri Yamashita, former secretary at national headquarters and later in the Northern California regional office of JACL ADC.

Sapphire pins were presented to Mike Masaoka, Fred Tayama, George Inagaki, Teiko Kuroiwa, Harry Miyake, Tom Shimasaki, Alice Kasai, Dorothy Kitow and Henry Mitarai.

Cleveland Plans ADC Fund Drive

CLEVELAND, O. — A goal of \$1,000 has been set for the Cleveland JACL's ADC fund drive, Helen Nakagawa, chairman, said this week.

The campaign will start the second week in August.

An intensive house-to-house canvass will be made by solicitors. Chairman Nakagawa urged full community support for the drive, stressing the fact that despite passage of the McCarran-Omnibus bill, the work of the ADC is not yet over. Both local and national problems remain to be solved, she said.

Serving on the ADC standing committee for the year are S. Nako, Don Nakajima, Tom Sashihara of the Shinwakai Club, and Sakae Yoshimura, Hank Tanaka, Bill Sadataki, Frank Shiba, Howard Tashima, Frank Hijikata and Grace Andow from the JACL.

JACL Urges Compromise Plan For Larger Evacuation Claims

SAN FRANCISCO—The JACL's National Council urged extension of the compromise formula to the settlement of larger evacuation loss claims in a resolution passed on June 28 as delegates were informed that government checks totaling more than \$12,000,000 are being sent to persons of Japanese ancestry for business and personal property losses which were a direct consequence of the mass evacuation of 1942.

Under the amendment approved by Congress last August, application of the three-fourths compromise formula was restricted to claims of less than \$3,600.

Under the compromise plan the Department of Justice has obtained settlements, in less than a year, of \$40,000,000 in claims for approximately \$12,000,000.

There are some 7,000 of the 24,000 claims remaining which ask \$80,000,000. The claims range from \$3,600 to \$1,400,000.

The National Council commended Holmes Baldrige, assistant attor-

ney general in charge of the evacuation claims division, and the Justice Department for expediting the claims program.

Delegates were told that under the original program the indemnification process probably would have taken more than twenty years. However, under the JACL-sponsored compromise program more than half the program has been finished in less than a year.

The council also asked recognition for the losses of Japanese alien internees which are a direct result of the mass evacuation.

A clear-cut definition was sought of the eligibility of churches, schools and corporate bodies which sustained losses because of the evacuation of Japanese Americans.

Determination also was sought of the eligibility of 160 claims which were postmarked before the deadline for filing of evacuation claims but which were not received by the Justice Department in Washington until after the deadline had passed.

Wartime Friend of Nisei Asks Japanese Americans to Work For All Victims of Prejudice

SAN FRANCISCO—Dr. Monroe E. Deutsch, symbol of those Americans who defended the Nisei in World War II, asked that now, in turn, the Nisei work for the rights of all other Americans who suffer discrimination by reason of race or ancestry, as he addressed the JACL at its 12th biennial convention.

Dr. Deutsch, provost emeritus of the University of California, gave the keynote address of the JACL's "homecoming" at the convention's opening ceremonies.

"If we wish to be free, we must help others to be free," he said.

More than 800 persons jammed the Colonial Room of the St. Francis Hotel for the ceremony, which was called to order by Dr. Randolph M. Sakada, JACL national president.

Delegates were greeted by Fred Hoshiyama, president of the host San Francisco chapter; Masuji Fujii, chairman of the Northern California-Western Nevada district council; and Dewey Mead, chairman of the board of supervisors of the city and county of San Francisco.

A talk by Larry Collins, former WRA official and Red Cross field director with the 442nd combat team, highlighted a memorial service for Nisei war dead.

In a moving speech, Collins paid tribute to Japanese Americans who have been killed in battle.

"May I suggest," he said, "that these dead may best be honored by that which we do—that which serves to advance the principles of nondiscrimination wherever they are challenged . . . we shall honor their immortality to the degree in which we advance justice."

A message to the convention by Pres. Harry Truman was read by Yukio Wada, official events chairman. The president's message extended congratulations to the organization and said the "homecoming" convention "symbolizes once again the whole-hearted acceptance of Japanese Americans."

The message said the Japanese Americans had been compelled to bear a "heavy and unique" burden at their evacuation from the coast in 1942 and that their present acceptance was due to the patience and loyalty of the evacuees and the fighting record of Nisei in the armed forces.

Tetsuo Oi, executive secretary of the Honolulu Japanese Chamber of Commerce and Hawaiian representative to the convention, extended greeting from Hawaii.

Oi said the islanders were indebted to the JACL, which awakened the people to the realization of the discrimination against them. Oi also asked for statehood, noting that Hawaiians are "stepchildren" and "second-class citizens" who have no voice in national affairs.

Saburo Kido, wartime president of the JACL, said San Francisco was the logical "homecoming" city in his talk introducing speaker Deutsch.

Kido said the city had historical significance for JACLers, starting in 1929, when the organization officially adopted its name in a meeting here. He noted that during the war the group had been advised to drop the word "Japanese" from the name but had refused to do so.

The JACL held its first biennial convention here, had its original headquarters at 1623 Webster St. in this city, and also held its emergency meeting of March, 1942, in San Francisco. At that time the JACL drew up plans and a budget

for operation during the war emergency.

Kido asked that the organization build up an endowment fund to maintain the organization and to make unnecessary the annual fund drives of local chapters.

Dr. Deutsch received a standing ovation as he arose to address the JACL delegates.

He called the mass evacuation of 1942 "one of the most disgraceful blots on the repute of our nation," an act in violation of the 14th amendment and its guarantees that life, liberty and property shall not be taken without due process of law.

Even persons charged with treason, he said, are accorded the rights of law.

"What you suffered was due to the fear and hysteria that war generates," Dr. Deutsch said.

The California educator said that numerous persons during the days of evacuation stood up in defense of the Nisei, noting among them Paul and Ruth Kingman, Dr. Paul S. Taylor, Galen Fisher, Ansel Adams, Carey McWilliams and Dillon S. Myer.

He asked that just as the Nisei approved the action of those who defended the Nisei, so should they work for and with other persons who are discriminated against.

He asked the Nisei to "resent with all your hearts" such anti-American acts as the denial of a home to a Negro, the bombing of Jewish synagogues and other acts.

"Whenever you have the chance, batter down discrimination of all kinds," he said.

A feature of the opening ceremony was the appearance of the Combined Bay Region Vocal Chorus, directed by Frank Ono, which sang numbers which included "This Is My Country," "One World," a group of Romberg selections and an eight-part choral arrangement of the JACL Hymn.

The Townsend Harris Post 438, American Legion, advanced and retired the colors. Also participating in the two-hour program were Troop 12 Boy Scouts, the Rev. Joseph K. Tsukamoto and the Rev. Frank Boden Udale.

Nisei Dancer Crowned Queen Of 442 Meet

NEW YORK CITY — Michiko Iseri, one of the dancing stars of "The King and I," was crowned queen of the 442nd Association's second annual reunion at the organization's dance June 21 at the Vanderbilt Hotel.

Miss Iseri noted that in "The King and I" she was but one of 68 wives, and added, "But here I am a queen in my own right."

Introduced during the evening was Herbert Blum, who was among those rescued when the 442nd combat team made its sensational rescue of the 36th Texas Division's "lost battalion."

Two Scenes From the National Convention



(Top) Here are some of the 1,000 official and convention delegates who registered at the National JACL convention desk at the St. Francis Hotel. (Lower) More than 800 persons attended the convention outing on June 29 at the Pink Horse booster delegates who registered at the National JACL convention desk at the St. Francis Hotel. (Lower) More than 800 persons attended the picnic inside the dining hall at the dinner hour.

Hawaii's Issei Hail Passage Of Law, Official Declares

San Francisco. Thirty-nine thousand persons of Japanese ancestry in Hawaii have become eligible for American citizenship with passage of the McCarran-Walter Omnibus bill over presidential veto, Tetsuo Oi, executive secretary of the Honolulu Japanese Chamber of Commerce, said upon news of the bill's passage late last week.

Mr. Oi, Hawaii representative at the JACL's 12th biennial meeting in San Francisco, said that Hawaii's Japanese were "overwhelmingly happy" over passage of the measure.

He had already heard from the Honolulu chamber president, Tokuyoshi Awamura, expressing the group's gratitude to the JACL for its work.

Oi predicted that the majority of Hawaii's Issei would become citizens under the Omnibus measure, which opens the way for naturalization for resident aliens of Japanese ancestry.

Many Issei have already filed first papers, he said, in anticipation of legislation granting them citizenship.

Even more important than naturalization, he said, was the realization that they are now

granted equality before the law, and that they know they are no longer considered "unworthy or unwanted."

Oi said that many Hawaiian Japanese did not realize they were discriminated against, since on the surface racial discrimination was not evident.

He noted, however, that since the war Nisei have taken more interest in Hawaii's political and civic life.

He credited the JACL and veterans of World War II with giving Hawaii's Japanese population the incentive to fight for their full political and social rights.

Oi was born on the island of Oahu and educated in Hawaii, Japan and the United States. His family took him to Japan when he was six years of age, but returned in 1924, year of the passage of the Oriental Exclusion Act. His parents had to return at that time to beat the deadline which would have prevented their ever returning to Hawaii.

Oi did his college work at Stanford University in Palo Alto, receiving his bachelor's degree in 1937 and his master's the following year. He was a political science major. He became executive

Hold Annual Picnic

IDAHO FALLS, Ida.—The Idaho Falls JACL held its annual picnic on the Shelley High School grounds on June 8.

Speed Nukaya was general chairman.

Assisting were the following committee chairmen: Kay Tokita, prizes; Sam Yamasaki, drawing; Shig Nii and Tucker Morishita, announcers; Shoji Nukaya, property; Joe Nishioka, reception; Tak Haga, concessions; Tsuneo Nii and Yosh Hirai, judges; George Kobayashi, starter; and Eke Inoue, grounds.

The chapter donated booths on the park on Memorial Drive on the east banks of the Snake River for a Welcome Home celebration in honor of Korean war veterans.

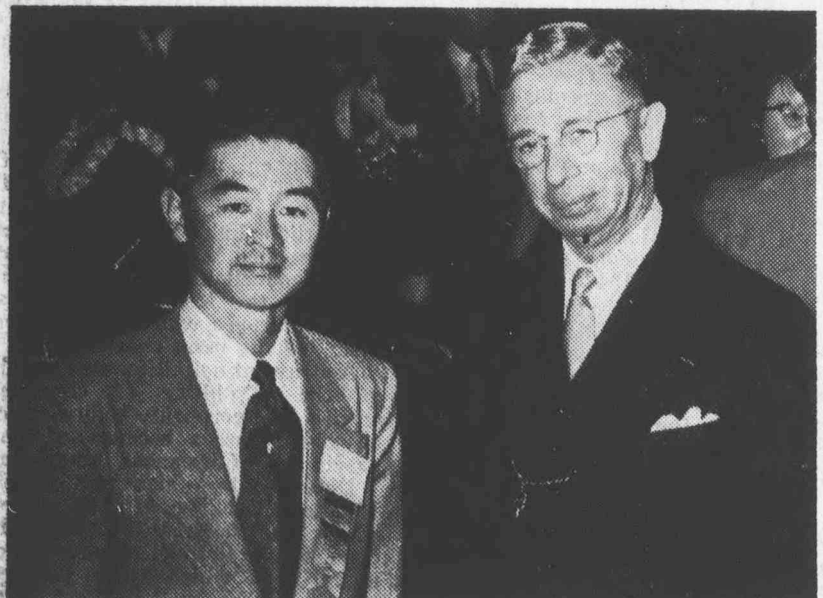
Church Plans Yearly Carnival

CHICAGO — The Chicago Buddhist Church will hold its eighth annual carnival July 4 to 6 under the co-chairmanship of Tom Ito and Joe Togioka.

Shig Hayashi will be in charge of concessions.

secretary of the Honolulu Japanese Chamber in 1939.

His current trip to the mainland, he said, is his first "vacation" since he took on his job.



Dr. Monroe Deutsch, keynote speaker of the 12th biennial JACL national convention, recalls evacuation days with Dr. Randolph M. Sakada.

Nisei Can Play Significant Role in Asia, Says Togasaki; Award Presented to Acheson

SAN FRANCISCO—Japanese Americans can play a significant part in interpreting American democracy to Japan and the Far East, said Dr. George Kiyoshi Togasaki, president of the Nippon Times, in an address to the National JACL at its 12th biennial convention here.

Dr. Togasaki spoke at the convention banquet the evening of June 30 at the Hotel Mark Hopkins.

He said the Nisei were uniquely fitted to play a part in America's role in the world today. New global tensions today, he said, should prove a challenge to Americans of Japanese ancestry.

The convention banquet, which attracted close to 500 guests, was the major social event of the JACL's five-day meeting in San Francisco, and was followed by a ball at the Fairmont Hotel.

Lt. Col. Walter T. Tsukamoto was toastmaster at the dinner, at which a number of honorary citations were awarded by the National JACL.

The JACL's distinguished service award was presented to Secretary of State Dean Acheson for his "outstanding contributions to the establishment of a free world."

Special recognition was accorded him for his voluntary assistance as counsel in the Oyama land case and the Takahashi fishing cases before the U. S. Supreme Court. He also was cited for introducing the principle of conciliation in the Japanese peace treaty, for his work as chairman of the treaty conference and his efforts to destroy undemocratic practices both at home and abroad.

Maxwell W. Hamilton, personal representative for Secretary Acheson, accepted the award for the secretary of state.

Hamilton said he had been asked to forward Acheson's greetings and commendations to the Nisei for their "countless evidences of loyalty" and their contributions to the well-being of this country.

Hamilton said that Americans of Japanese ancestry can contribute to America's welfare by helping Japan, which has been cut off from normal contacts for 10 years, to understand her new role in the post-war world.

Frank Chuman, retiring first national vice-president, paid tribute to Dr. Randolph M. Sakada, retiring president. A diamond-studded pin was presented to Dr. Sakada. A gift of silver for Dr. and Mrs. Sakada was given on behalf of the JACL.

Non-Discrimination Works as Hiring Policy, Is Report

LOS ANGELES — Non-discrimination as a hiring policy is working in East Los Angeles, says the office of the State Department of Employment in that area.

Less than one per cent of the job orders received by the office have to be cancelled because the prospective employers will not lift racial restrictions.

Most employers are willing to go along with the employment service's policy on hiring, adopted last year, which calls for selection of help on the basis of experience, education, training, character, personality and other qualifications, rather than on the basis of race or ancestry.

The employment office in East Los Angeles also reported that job orders were increasing and that the number of persons seeking employment has dropped sharply during the past week.

The office noted that many good workers from the minority groups have been able to find suitable employment in recent months.

WAC Lieutenant Wins Promotion

CAMP ROBERTS, Calif.—First Lieutenant Sadie Yoshizaki, Honolulu, received her silver bars from Deputy Post Commander Col. Robert A. Stack here recently.

Lt. Yoshizaki is assistant adjutant of a service unit of the Women's Army Corps at Camp Roberts.

A surprise gift of silver was presented to Masao Satow, JACL director, and Mrs. Satow as a gesture of appreciation from the JACL's 84 chapters. Satow was thanked for his numerous sacrifices and unselfish work on behalf of the national organization.

Fred Ross, executive director of the California Federation Civic Unity, presented awards of the JACL's national recognitions committee to Min Yasui, Denver, named "Nisei of the Biennium," to Bill Hosokawa of Denver, Dr. Carl Sato of Mesa, Ariz., to Patrick Okura of Omaha, Tomi Kanazawa of New York City and Ford Konno of Ohio State and Honolulu, T. H.

As the major speaker of the evening, Dr. Togasaki gave some insight into the early days of the JACL, when he, as a charter member of the organization, traveled to nearby communities to recruit members and organize chapters.

He congratulated the membership upon its attainments in the years since and particularly for its constructive work during the war years. The contributions of the Nisei toward the welfare of the United States, said Togasaki, will be increasingly appreciated with the passage of time. He noted especially the work of Nisei GIs and said they had carved out a special niche in American history.

The speaker recalled his early days in California at the height of the state's anti-Japanese movement, when almost everyday he and fellow Nisei were tormented by their schoolmates.

The tremendous changes in America's attitude toward its residents of Japanese ancestry were a revelation, Togasaki said. He noted growing interest of Americans in things Japanese, in Japanese culture, in the welfare of Japan and her people and in the future of U.S.-Japanese relations.

He said the new world situation, in which Japan must take part as an ally of the free nations, brings a new challenge and opportunities to the Nisei to help in the spread of freedom everywhere.

The task of the Nisei in this work has only begun, Togasaki said. The Japanese Americans are significantly fitted to act as interpreters between the Far East and the United States, Togasaki said, and he warned them against complacency in filling their responsibilities.

Dr. Tokuji Hedani, chairman of the convention, gave the closing remarks.

Florence Ohmura was banquet chairman. Entertainment was provided by Suey Lee, vocalist.

Cortez Entry Wins Convention Bridge Tourney

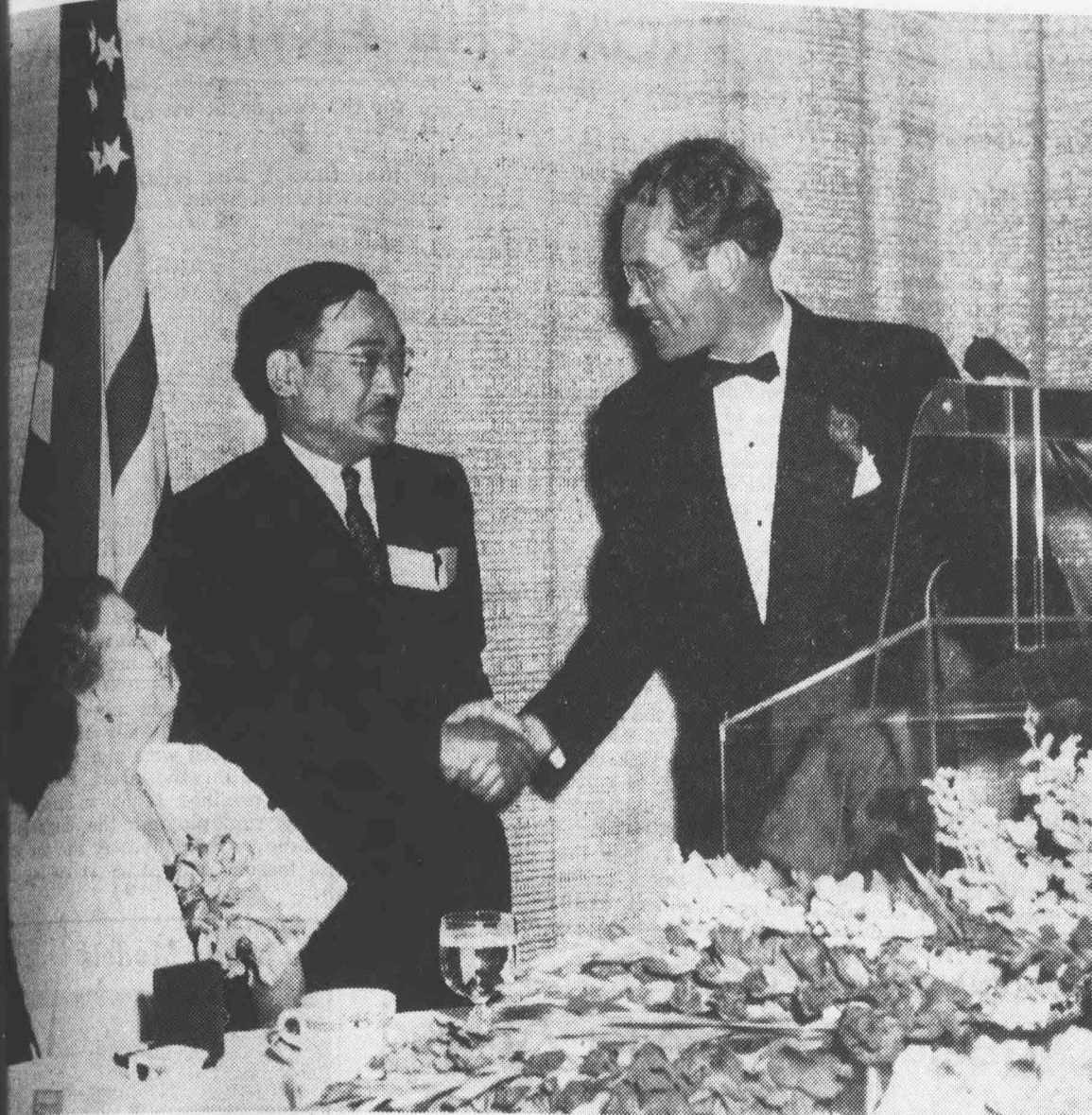
SAN FRANCISCO — Thirty-six bridge enthusiasts, including several senior masters, took part in the National JACL convention bridge tournament, on June 28, it was announced by Dr. Pearce Hiura, chairman.

Mrs. Jack Noda and James Kimoto, representing the Cortez JACL, were winners of the tournament and the Cortez chapter was the recipient of the perpetual chapter trophy donated by Dr. George Hiura and Dr. William Hiura of Chicago. Any chapter winning the trophy three times will be able to keep it permanently.

Second place winners in the tournament were Jiro Yamaguchi and George Shinno of Chicago. The third place was won by Dr. Kay Takeoka and Dr. Kahn Uyeyama, representing the San Francisco chapter.

The play of the tournament was conducted by Ernest W. Rovere, life master and West Coast Open Champion. Forty-eight decks of cards were donated by Northwest Airlines.

The following chapters vied for the perpetual chapter trophy which was won by Cortez: Chicago, Denver, Fresno, Los Angeles, San Francisco, Santa Clara, Sequoia, and Cortez. The tournament, one of the special events for the National JACL convention, was held at the Buchanan Street YMCA-YWCA.



Min Yasui of Denver, the JACL's "Nisei of the Biennium," is congratulated by Fred Ross, executive director of the California Federation for Civic Unity, after announcement of the award. Mrs. Maxwell Hamilton looks on. The JACL Achievement Awards were presented at the convention banquet in the Peacock room of the Mark Hopkins.

Min Yasui Named Winner of JACL "Nisei of Biennium" Award at Convention Banquet

SAN FRANCISCO — The National JACL honored Minoru Yasui of Denver as the "Nisei of the Biennium" as the organization announced distinguished achievement award winners June 30 during its 12th biennial convention banquet at the Mark Hopkins. Yasui, attorney and volunteer regional director for the JACL in the Mountain Plains area, was honored as the Japanese American who had done the most during the past two years to further the welfare of his fellow Nisei and the community in which he lived.

Citations for distinguished achievement in five categories of human endeavor were presented to the following:

Bill Hosokawa, Denver newspaperman, in the field of human relations.

Tomi Kanazawa, New York City opera and concert star, in the field of fine arts.

Carl K. Sato of Mesa, Ariz., state president of the Arizona Junior Chamber of Commerce, in the category of farming, industry and business.

Ford Hiroshi Konno, Nisei swimmer from Ohio State and Honolulu, in the field of sports.

Patrick Kiyoshi Okura, staff psychologist at Boys Town, Neb., in the field of science, medicine and other professions.

Fred Ross, executive director of the California Federation for Civic Unity, read the citations and made the awards.

Visibly moved as he received a standing ovation from the 500 persons at the convention banquet, Min Yasui accepted the "Nisei of the Biennium" award "on behalf of the little guys" who do their part in the building of their communities.

He paid tribute to his parents and the entire Issei generation which inculcated a sense of responsibility and loyalty in their Nisei children. He also acknowledged the unselfish help given by his wife, True.

The citation naming Yasui as "Nisei of the Biennium" noted that he was among the first Nisei to recognize the dangers to the American Constitution in the evacuation and curfew laws of 1942 and said that he offered himself as a test case of those laws.

It noted that he spent nine months in jail, much of the time in solitary, as a result.

As a resident of Denver, Yasui serving as a member of 36 civic and welfare organizations, holding office in many of them. He is also

serving as regional director for the Mountain Plains area, taking on that position voluntarily in 1950 when the JACL national council restricted funds for maintenance of the Denver office.

The citation said that Yasui's life was directed by "compassion for his fellow men."

Scrap Drive Ends

LIVINGSTON, Calif. — The Livingston-Merced JACL counted up a \$200 profit with the close of its recent scrap iron drive.

The chapter asked members to continue saving old metal for future drives.

COUNCIL MOOTS CITIZENSHIP DAY FOR ISSEI GROUP

SAN FRANCISCO — Possibility of a mass Issei Naturalization Day was discussed at the final meeting of the national council of the JACL at its 12th biennial meeting.

Celebration of such a date would encourage the total Issei group in their obtaining of citizenship and would also serve as a public relations measure it was said.

In other last-minute business, the council talked of possibilities of publishing a commemorative book in Japanese on the story of the fight to get citizenship for the Issei, discussed testimonial banquets for persons who assisted in the citizenship program, and named national committees to determine the future work of the JACL-ADC, now that its primary legislative program has been accomplished.

The resignation of Larry Tajiri, editor of the Pacific Citizen, was accepted, effective October 1, when the Pacific Citizen is expected to begin operations in Los Angeles.

Donor Thanked

CINCINNATI, O. — The Cincinnati JACL has acknowledged receipt of a donation from Mr. and Mrs. Yoshio Shimizu in memory of Mrs. K. Murata.

Plan Continuance of JACL's Public Relations Programs

SAN FRANCISCO — Noting favorable response to its wide-scale program to prevent the showing of racially derogatory wartime motion pictures on television, the National Council of the JACL on June 28 authorized the continuance of the JACL's public relations program.

The council also endorsed the motion of Chairman Patrick Okura of the Public Relations Committee to publish 10,000 additional copies of the JACL's 24-page brochures. Mr. Okura noted that the pamphlets were produced at cost at Boys Town, Neb. The second edition will be revised to include the passage of the JACL's objective of equality in naturalization.

The council, stressing that the JACL's primary responsibility was to its Nisei membership, voted to maintain its status quo of non-participation in matters involving Japan, except in instances where Americans of Japanese ancestry are directly involved. A policy of "Americans first, Nisei second" was affirmed. Local JACL chapters were urged

to participate in the coming election campaigns by aiding in voter registration but were cautioned to maintain the politically non-partisan character of the JACL organization.

Continuance of the JACL's biennial Distinguished Achievement Awards was voted. The awards this year went to Min Yasui of Denver who was voted the "Nisei of the Biennium" and to Tomi Kanazawa, fine arts; Patrick Okura, professions; Carl Sato, farming, business and industry; Bill Hosokawa, human relations, and Ford Konno, athletics.

Ina Sugihara, chairman of the JACL's Committee Against Discrimination in Entertainment and the Allied Arts, presented the committee's report, with particular reference to the campaign in the TV industry regarding wartime hate films and the showing of wrestling films which presented persons of Japanese ancestry as "villains." Miss Sugihara declared that most of the stations and networks contacted had promised cooperation with the JACL's aims.

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EDITORIALS:

The Issei Dream Realized

The long-hoped-for dream of the Issei to share in the American citizenship of their children has finally been realized.

Today, as a result of the Mc-Carran-Walter Immigration and Naturalization Act, they can take out citizenship papers.

For many of the Issei, this act comes in their declining years. Of the young, hopeful generation of Japanese who came here in the late 1800s and early 1900s, many have died and most of those remaining are in their 60s and 70s.

For them, citizenship is recognition at last from their fellow citizens of equal acceptance. It is recognition of their worth by the country they adopted and called their own.

The inequities they suffered by reason of their inferior legal status have been wiped away. Alien land acts predicated upon the inability of certain Oriental groups to get citizenship become dead-letter laws. Professions hitherto closed to them are now open, a fact of little practical value, perhaps, but of significance, nevertheless. Certain inequities, as in the payment of higher fishing fees, are wiped away. The status of alien which they suffered without choice—need no longer be theirs. The ballot is open to them, that most meaningful act of the citizen.

Overnight their situation is changed. The United States has recognized them as worthy of citizenship.

We are grateful that citizenship for the Issei was won within their lifetime.

JACL's Legislative Objectives

In 1946, at its 9th biennial convention, the National JACL adopted a three-point program enunciating the organization's major objectives:

- It called for:
1. Citizenship by naturalization for the Issei.
 2. Payment of evacuation claims.
 3. Right to stays-of-deportation in worthy cases for Japanese aliens.

Last week, as the JACL met for its 12th biennial meeting, the foremost of these objectives—citizenship for the Issei—became law. Previously points two and three had already been realized. Evacuation claims payments of \$12,000,000 have already been authorized by the government. Except for a few claims, it is expected that the program will be completed within a relatively short period. Legislation giving the attorney general the power to act in deportation cases concerning alien Japanese has been in effect for some time.

It is difficult now to recall how far off the winning of these objectives seemed in 1948. The remarkable success of the JACL-ADC's program must be directly attributed to the efforts of Mike Masaoka, who directed the organization's program in Washington. But JACLers everywhere can rejoice in the part they played to bring about the realization of their major legislative aims.

The JACL should now, with the successful attainment of its 1948 objectives, reexamine its program and activities.

The time has come to reaffirm the JACL's principle that Americans of Japanese ancestry must and should work with Americans of all other ancestries to continue the fight against prejudice and discrimination. Much of the work of the JACL-ADC was aided by other minority groups. Japanese Americans will recognize that they can best show their gratitude by working with them toward common goals.

The evils of discrimination have not been wiped out—prejudice is manifest still in housing restrictions, in employment discrimination, in racial quotas in schools. Racism is not wiped out of newspaper advertising, nor have racial stereotypes disappeared from America's movie screens and radio and TV.

These are vast areas of human activity in which prejudice and discrimination still thrive.

The JACL, in winning its 1948 legislative aims, has established certain principles of law and democratic action. As such, they benefit the whole population.

With the same zeal and devotion, the league must now take on those other battles.

Bay Region Vocal Chorus

One of the highlights of the 12th biennial JACL national convention in San Francisco last week was the performance of the Combined Bay Region Vocal Chorus under the direction of Frank Ono at the opening ceremonies on June 26.

The chorus' renditions, particularly of "The JACL Hymn," added measurably to the fulfillment of the spirit of the convention's opening ceremonies which were keyed by the address of Dr. Monroe Deutsch who projected the role which the Nisei as citizens must play in a world of fears and tensions.

Bill Hosokawa: FROM THE FRYING PAN

Mike Goes to the Dogs

Denver, Colo.
Our Mike has been taking an unhealthy interest in dogs lately. I say unhealthy because these dogs are greyhounds, and his primary interest is the order in which they finish at the Mile High track which is just outside Denver. Mike is also taking a renewed interest in arithmetic, but he concentrates on such specialties as the return on a \$2 "place" ticket, and the value of a quinela payoff. Matter of fact, his comments on the races began to sound so professionally confident one recent night that I decided it was time to take him down a notch or two. "Look," I said, "if you know so much about the races, I'll make book for you. You just place your bets with me, and if you hit a winner, I'll pay off same as at the track: If you lose, I keep the money."

The first night Mike placed three bets with me, each one for a nickle. Total investment: 15 cents. He bet on one dog to win, two to place. Well, to make a painful story short, he hit all three and collected 58 cents.

Such phenomenal luck can't hold, I reasoned, and smilingly bravely accepted five bets the second night. This time Mike was more confident and invested in dime bets. Also, he tried his luck on a couple of quinelas, which means he tries to select the first and second place dogs of a particular race. The odds are rough, but so is the payoff.

We got up early the next morning to check the papers. He'd missed both his quinelas, thank goodness, but picked enough winners to collect \$1.10.

Box score for the two days: bet 65 cents; collected \$1.68, net profit \$1.03.

About that time I was ready to change my tune. But the wife had what seemed at the time a better idea. "If he can pick money-makers so regularly," she said, "why don't we take advantage of his gift and clean up a little extra cash?" So we went out to the track, armed with a list of selections painfully scrawled out by Mike (after much studying of newspaper charts) on a piece of ruled notebook paper. "Be sure to follow my choices carefully," he warned.

Unfortunately, Mike's theory on this particular night was to make his parents rich quickly. He'd invested in a large number of get-rich-quick or get-poor-quick quinelas. We didn't hit a one. But Mike did choose enough place and show dogs so that the net loss for the evening was only \$3.40.

On going home, however, I found Mike had made further study of the charts and had placed his own bets with me. He hit two out of three and took me for another 65 cents. Net loss rose to \$4.05 for the evening's sport. I'll be able to square that up in fine shape if I skip lunch for another week or so.

I'm glad to report that of last night the dog crossed Mike up and he got back only 15 cents for the 30 cents in bets he placed with me. It was the first time he'd come out on the short end.

Meanwhile, I'm determined to show Mike that gambling doesn't pay and playing the dogs is a quick way to lose money. Unfortunately I'm the one who's learning the lesson and Mike is rolling in dough—my dough.

Honolulu Newsletter:

On Being a Foreigner Abroad

By LAWRENCE NAKATSUKA

(The writer, a Honolulu newspaperman, recently toured Europe for a month, after studying for a year as a Nieman Fellow in Journalism at Harvard University.)

Honolulu, T. H.

An American who travels abroad for the first time has more than an ocean to cross. He must bridge a mental gap that can, in a way, be as wide as an ocean. The typical American learns that when he is abroad, he is a foreigner. He learns that he is a guest of the country which he is visiting; that a courteous guest ordinarily does not demand that his host change his ways of doing things just to accommodate his overnight guest. Some Americans can and do adjust to this "foreign" role; others never learn.

I remember the time when our tour group made a four-day visit to Rome. My wife and a woman friend were discussing their shopping tour that day.

"Did you notice how these Romans stared at us?" my wife's friend remarked. "You'd think we were foreigners."

"But aren't we foreigners actually?" my wife asked.

After a moment's reflection, her friend replied. "Yes, I guess we are. I've never thought of myself as a foreigner."

It is not always easy for an American to accept the role of a foreigner. Some persist in doing things "the way we do back home." They have not learned (or will not adopt) the maxim that "When you're in Rome, do as the Romans do."

Take the matter of spending dollars abroad. Anyone who has been to Europe, especially to England, will appreciate the initial difficulties of figuring money in terms of francs, liras or pounds. I have seen numerous Americans completely frustrated by the monetary units used by the various countries. It took me several days before I could calculate in English pounds, shillings and pennies.

Quite often, the American, after making a purchase, would reach into his purse or pocket and place a fistful of assorted coins and bill on the counter and tell the sales clerk: "You figure out what I owe you and take it out of here. I don't understand your money."

To an American at home, this incident may appear amusing. But reverse this spectacle and it would not seem so funny. For instance, when my wife and I were waiting for our baggage at Idlewild Airport in New York, after our European tour, we saw a German immigrant trying to pay an airlines employee for meals he had ordered aboard the plane. He had some American coins with which he was not familiar. After waiting impatiently while the German fumbled with the coins, the airlines employee muttered to a fellow worker in English: "How stupid can these foreigners be? This guy can't count his money; he can't even speak English."

If the ability to count foreign

money or to speak a foreign language were the criterion for judging the intelligence of visitors, the average American tourist must appear to Europeans to be far less than intelligent. In our tour group of 36 Americans, who came from all parts of the country, only a handful could read or understand a foreign language; none was a fluent speaker of any of the languages of the non-English countries we toured — France, Italy, Switzerland and Belgium.

Ordering a meal in a Continental hotel or restaurant can be amusing or irritating, depending on your mood and the ability of the waiter to speak English. Because menu cards are printed in a foreign language, one who doesn't read that language must call on the waiter for help. Since this goes on at least three times a day, it can become exasperating to the waiter. Imagine a scene in an American restaurant if a European asked to have the menu translated each time he sat at a table.

First of all, relatively few American waiters speak a foreign tongue. Second, a typical waiter probably would blurt out, "Sorry, I don't speak your language," and leave the customer hungry. In Europe, I saw waiters patiently start from the top of a menu card and, in the best English they knew, identify each item. If their English was less than perfect, their patience and courtesy generally wasn't.

Whether or not the American tourist demands too much during his travels his European host nearly always does his best to please, since Europeans need and want American dollars. Americans, being aware of this, tend to strain the hospitality of the Europeans.

On the other hand, it seems that too many Europeans still imagine Americans to be millionaires whose only occupation is to spend their wealth abroad.

The fact is that many more middle- and lower-income Americans than plutocrats are traveling in Europe today. Our tour party, for example, was made up mostly of retired couples and single folks who have saved their money for a good part of their lives to make the trip.

Economic hardships being what they are in Europe, it is unfortu-

Fashion Models



Two of the models in the JACL convention fashion show at the Whitcomb Hotel were Aiko Morita (left) and Martha Oshima.

Vagaries

Reason for the difference between the Nisei casualty figures compiled by the Pacific Citizen and those issued last week by the Washington office of JACL ADC is that the PC list includes names of early Hawaiian casualties which were announced via Fort Shafter on Oahu and not released from the Defense Department. Later Hawaiian casualty lists were issued from the Pentagon. The PC list shows 615 casualties while the ADC compilation listed 551.

Henry Nakamura, who played Tommy in "Go for Broke" and the Issei pioneer in "Westward the Women," both MGM pictures, will return to the screen soon in a new film which is being produced in Tokyo by Paul Sloane of Hollywood for Dai-ichi studios. Nakamura, now serving as a GI in Korea, will be given leave by the Army to take the role of a Nisei soldier in the picture, a story of GIs and the Japanese occupation. Chris Drake will play the lead role opposite Nakamura in the interracial Japanese actress in the interracial love story and Nakamura will play Drake's buddy, Kato.

note that more Europeans can not afford to visit the United States. Their notion about "wealthy Americans" would be tempered by the observations that the poor are with the Americans, too. But these visitors also would gain a healthy respect for a comparatively young nation which has outstripped the old countries by virtue of a dynamic and democratic economy and society.



Frank Chuman, Los Angeles, presents the National JACL's diamond pin to retiring National President Dr. Randolph Sakada of Chicago. Lt. Col. Walter Tsukamoto, past national president of the JACL and toastmaster of the convention banquet, and Dr. George Kiyoshi Togasaki (right), Tokyo newspaper publisher and former president of the San Francisco JACL chapter, are in the picture. Dr. Togasaki was the main speaker at the banquet.

133 Delegates Attend National Council Meet

SAN FRANCISCO — One hundred and thirty-three official and alternate delegates participated in the 12th biennial National JACL convention from June 26 to June 30 in San Francisco.

More than 500 booster delegates were registered at the convention and several hundred others participated in the outing, the banquet and the Sayonara ball.

The official delegates and alternates were:

- ALAMEDA — Shiro Nakaso, Taizo Imura.
- ALBUQUERQUE.
- FRESNO—Jin Ishikawa.
- ARIZONA—John Tadano, John Glynn.

- ARKANSAS VALLEY.
- BOISE VALLEY.
- CHICAGO — Tom Kanno, Abe Hagiwara, Sumi Shimizu, Harold Gordon.

- CINCINNATI — Dr. James Takao, Masaji Toki.

- CLEVELAND — Bill Sadatake, Alice Morihiro.

- COACHELLA VALLEY—Proxy.
- CORTEZ — Jack Noda, Albert Morimoto.

- DAYTON — Proxy, Shig Wakamatsu.

- DELANO — Proxy, Johnson Kebo.

- DENVER — Shig Matsunaga, Sam Matsumoto.

- DETROIT—Shig Ochi, Setsu Fujioka.

- DOWNTOWN LOS ANGELES—Harry Fujito, Saburo Kido.

- EASTBAY—Tad Masaoka, Meriko Mayeda.

- EAST LOS ANGELES — Akira Hasegawa, Edison Uno.

- EDEN TOWNSHIP — Kenji Fujii, Karuko Okada.

- FLORIN — Proxy, Bill Matsumoto.

- FORT LUPTON.

- FOWLER—Dr. George Miyake.

- FRENCH CAMP — Bob Takahashi, Hiroshi Shimamoto.

- GARDENA VALLEY—Yo Kobata, Harold Kobata.

- GRESHAM-TROUTDALE.

- HOLLYWOOD — Proxy, Tut Yata.

- IDAHO FALLS — Proxy, Joe Saito.

- KINGSBURG—Matt Ando.

- LIVINGSTON - MERCED — Frank Suzuki, Butch Kajiwara.

- LONG BEACH — Mas Narita, Nobuko Narita.

- MARYSVILLE—George Inouye.

- MID-COLUMBIA.

- MILWAUKEE — Nami Shio, Helen Inai.

- MONTEREY PENINSULA — Ken Sato, Harry Menda.

- MONTANA.

- MOUNT OLYMPUS—Mits Hoki.

- NEW ENGLAND.

- NEW YORK — Woodrow Asai, Mrs. Hisayo M. Asai, Rickey Suzuki, Gerald Kubo, Kengo Nogaki.

- NORTHERN WYOMING — Dr. Minol Ota.

- OGDEN — Toyse Kato, George Sugihara, Ken Uchida.

- OMAHA — Jack Tamai, Lily Okura, Robert Nakadoi.

- ORANGE COUNTY — Hitoshi Nitta, Stephen Tamura, Elden Kanegae, James Kobayashi, George Osumi.

- PARLIER — Gerald Ogata, Jim Kozuki.

- PASADENA—Ken Dyo.

- PHILADELPHIA — George Ikeda, Bill Sasagawa.

- PLACER COUNTY — Homer Y. Takahashi, George Hirakawa, Yeiko Uyeno, Tom Yego, Roy Yoshida and George Makabe.

- POCATELLO.

- PORTLAND—Dr. Matthew Masuoka, Al Naito, Mary Minamoto.

- PUYALLUP VALLEY — Tom Takemura.

- REEDLEY—Mae Kuroda, Michie Ikeda.

- RENO — Fred Aoyama, Oscar Fujii.

- RIO GRANDE VALLEY.

total job. It is just the beginning.

"The Nisei must ask themselves, 'What can we do to help?'"

Japanese Americans, as citizens of the United States, must be alert, prepared and visionary, Togasaki said.

He noted the special opportunity of the Nisei in the creation of understanding between Japan and the United States and this country and the Far East. The responsibility lies with the Nisei, he said, to help American democracy be shown to the rest of the world.

"America's problems are the Nisei's problems. You should never forget that," he concluded.

San Franciscan Wins New Car



Lucy Adachi of San Francisco, a member of the host chapter's registration committee, receives congratulations and the key to the new car which she won at the convention outing at the Pink Horse Ranch.

Honor 28 Bay Area Citizens Who Fought for Rights of Nisei

SAN FRANCISCO — Twenty-eight Americans were honored by the National JACL on June 28 for their services to the Japanese Americans during World War II, when prejudice and war hysteria caused the curtailment of the civil rights of persons of Japanese ancestry.

Plaques signifying the grateful acknowledgement of the JACL were presented at a luncheon at the Whitcomb Hotel during the JACL's 12th biennial convention.

The Rev. Harry Meserve, pastor of the First Unitarian Church, spoke on "The Role of the Nisei in the Present Threat to Freedom."

Meserve said the role of the Japanese American is "exactly the same as that of any other kind of American," but warned that as citizens, the Nisei must be alert to the dangers of freedom in the current crisis.

Meserve characterized the present age as a "frightened age."

He said that the dangers to freedom today lie in limited judgment on the part of the people, in the belief on the part of many persons that democracy has been fully attained and that any changes are dangerous, and in the actions of persons who are frightened by the idea of change.

"A free people, thinking and working together, can build a better society," Meserve said. "This proposition is challenged not only by the Soviets but by the frightened people of America... It is a frightened age, and those who do not believe in freedom are quite willing, in the name of freedom, to destroy it."

Meserve warned that an "atmosphere of terror" can be built around an individual, making him afraid to think and talk. Pressures, he said, can turn a free mind into one "that finds the penalties of freedom too great."

He said that the greatest danger to democracy lies in an "inert people" who have quit protesting and are afraid to fight for their own rights.

The Unitarian minister warned against holding to the common illusion that disagreement is a disaster and that prevailing policy is infallible.

In a free country, Meserve said, disagreement means only that the people have not yet found a common solution.

Dr. Randolph M. Sakada presented plaques of appreciation to Dr. Alfred Fisk, professor of philosophy, at San Francisco State College; William Davis, associate director of Stiles Hall, University of California; Mrs. William Davis, International Institute; Earl Raab, staff member, San Francisco Jewish Community Relations Council; Harry L. Kingman, director, Stiles Hall, UC; Mrs. Harry Kingman, International Institute; Allen C. Blaisdell, director, International House.

Annie Clo Watson, executive director, International Institute; Galen Fisher, Committee on American Principles and Fair Play; Assemblyman George B. Collins; Fred Ross, director, California Federation of Civic Unity; Stephen Thiermann, American Friends Service Committee; and Edward Howden, director, San Francisco Council for Civic Unity.

Plaques will be forwarded to the following who were unable to attend: Congressman Frank Havenner, Congressman John Shelley, Josephine Duveneck, Rabbi Irving Reichert, Ernest Besig, Franklin Williams, the Rt. Rev. Edward L. Parson, State Sen. George Miller, Eugene Block and State Senator Gerald O'Gara.

Dr. Richard Horio was toastmaster. Chairman for the event was Yori Wada.

Togasaki, Who Helped Found JACL, Amazed at Its Growth

San Francisco. Dr. George Togasaki, president of the Nippon Times of Tokyo, returned to San Francisco, his home town, this week, amazed by the tremendous growth of the JACL, which he helped to found in the 1920s.

Togasaki, onetime Nisei and a member of the American Expeditionary Forces in France in World War I, was called to this city this week to address the National JACL at its 12th biennial convention.

The Tokyo publisher expressed his gratification at the attainment of citizenship by aliens of Japanese ancestry, noting that in 1924 he had witnessed the reaction of the Japanese to America's Oriental Exclusion Act.

"The stigma has now been removed," Togasaki said.

The Japanese paraded in the streets in protest, in 1924, waving anti-American banners. The papers also played up the act, building up the protest.

Togasaki noted, however, that at the time he was secretly amazed to see that persons riding about in a protest parade rode on American Fords.

Togasaki characterized himself

as a victim of the 1924 law, which prevented his bringing his Japanese-born wife into this country. As a result, he made his home in Japan. For himself, things might have turned out far differently had it not been for the Exclusion Act.

Togasaki noted with especial pride the growth of the Nisei and the JACL since the 1920s.

He recalled that in the early days of the JACL organization, he had been in a "deputation team" to recruit members, along with Saburo Kido and Tamotsu Murayama.

At that time, he said, the organization was primarily interested in Americanization programs for the Nisei and the Issei. Since then the Nisei have grown far beyond that point.

"The Nisei have already set their roots deep into the soil of America," Togasaki said, "and are now getting nourishment from the total American life."

He warned, however, against the growth of apathy and indifference in the Nisei, now that the problems of the JACL appear to have been conquered.

"Look at what your country faces today," he said. "The JACL hasn't accomplished its

Kengo Takano, Yoko Hishikawa Win Singles Bowling Events

SAN FRANCISCO — Eighteen tired, happy fishers returned from the Deep Sea Fishing Derby of the 12th biennial National JACL convention the evening of June 27—each with at least one chinook salmon, and many with the limit of three.

Two women went on the fishing derby, and one of them, Midori Kitajima of Los Angeles, caught the largest chinook salmon of them all. The other, Edith Enomoto of San Francisco, caught the limit of three.

Altogether a total of 27 Chinook salmon were caught by the fishing enthusiasts.

The largest salmon, caught by Miss Kitajima, weighed 15 1/4 pounds. The next largest, which was also 15 1/4 pounds but shorter in length than Miss Kitajima's fish, was caught by Sam Naito of San Francisco. Mas Narita of Long Beach was one of the lucky ones who caught the limit of three fish,

and of these, one was a "tag" fish, released by the Fish and Game Commission.

The derby began at 6 a.m. as the four fishing boats left from a point near Yacht Harbor. The boats went as far as 20 miles northwest of the Golden Gate, and returned about 4 p.m.

"Everyone had a marvelous time," said Chairman March Dobashi, "and it turned out that the women were the champs!"

Convention Gets Plugs from Six Television Shows

SAN FRANCISCO — Bay Area television viewers had several glimpses into the JACL's 12th biennial convention as six San Francisco TV shows carried features on the conference.

"Ladies Day with Lee," from 11:30 a.m. till 12:30 p.m. on KPIX on June 26, featured a 15-minute fashion show with Rose Nieda, Aiko Morita, Mary Miya, Rose Kaji and Rose Uda modeling traveling suits, afternoon ensembles, casual clothes and evening gowns.

Tom T. Hayashi, New York attorney and recently-elected first national vice-president of the JACL, and Ina Sugihara, past secretary to the national board, spoke upon the program and activities of the organization.

The balance of the hour-long show included Japanese dances, flower arrangements and an interview with Consul-General Mitsuo Tanaka of Japan. Lee Giroux, prominent radio and TV personality, was master of ceremonies.

Bonnie Keever, master of ceremonies of the "Design for Leisure" show on KRON, presented Dr. Thomas Y. Yatabe of Chicago, past national president of the JACL, in another interview on the JACL, on June 26.

Mme Fujima Sakiyo, a Japanese war bride, danced "Ringo-no-Uta," (Song of the Apple), a modern Japanese dance.

KGO-TV carried an interview with Dr. Randolph M. Sakada, immediate past national president of the JACL, on the Marjorie King show Thursday, June 26, from 2 to 3 p.m.

Kimi Tahira, 13-year-old from Concord, Calif., did a ballet dance number, "Live, Laugh and Love."

Dr. George Kiyoshi Togasaki, president of the Nippon Times of Japan and major speaker at the convention banquet, was interviewed by William Winter over KPIX on Sunday, June 29, at 10 p.m.

Dr. Togasaki spoke on Japan's position in East Asia with resumption of her status as a free nation. He stressed the importance of reforms instituted by the U.C. Occupation, including the extensive agricultural program. He stressed the need for a constructive program to supplement the defensive effort being waged by the free nations of the world to retain their freedom.

Two shows on KPIX aroused pre-

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PACIFIC CITIZEN Sports

Two years ago young Tommy Kono, then Pacific Coast AAU weightlifting champion at 148 pounds, went to Brooklyn for the U.S. team tryouts to the world's weightlifting championships in Paris. Kono's trip had been made possible by a group of high school athletes from his Sacramento suburb who raised money for the Nisei athlete by holding dances, selling cakes and finally borrowing \$100 from a local bank. The day before Kono was to appear in the tryouts he received word of the death of his mother. The Nisei athlete returned immediately to Sacramento. The following year he was inducted into the army. This year, in his belated bid for international honors, Kono was the sensation of the U.S. Olympic team tryouts in New York last week, setting a new national record and making the team for the trip to Helsinki.

Umeda Wins California Boxing Title

Tommy Umeda, the "Go for Broke!" kid, reigns as bantamweight champion of California this week and the Honolulu Nisei did it the hard way. Entering the ring on the short end of 2 to 1 odds, he TKO'd previously unbeaten Keeny Teran in the 7th round of a scheduled 12-rounder. The bout drew 4500 to Olympic Stadium in Los Angeles on June 24 and was witnessed by thousands more over TV.

In stopping the winning streak of the much-ballyhooed Teran, Umeda fought a slashing bout, swarming over his young opponent and held a convincing lead on points at the time he caught Teran with a left hook to the chin.

Cal Whorton reported it this way in the Los Angeles Times: "Beginning of the end came early in the seventh when Umeda, not a notorious knockout puncher, caught his dapper foe with a left hook to the chin that staggered Teran back to the ropes. The blow dazed the little Los Angeles Mexican and he never completely recovered."

"Umeda was on his weak-limbed victim like the proverbial flash. He wasted no punches as he took fast, sure measure before firing salvo after salvo to the head. Several times it appeared certain the game little pug would go down. But somehow Teran managed to hold on, second after second."

"Then a vicious left hook, followed by a crashing right to an unprotected jaw, proved too much. Teran fell to the canvas and Referee Joe Stone rolled the count to nine. At this point, the little guy gained his feet, but his underfooting was unsure; his vision seemed to be only half there. Before Umeda could pull the lanyard on another burst of abuse Referee Stone stepped in and stopped the bout."

Umeda thus avenged his loss to Teran in a ten-round donkey-brook last May at the Olympic. It also makes the 442nd Combat Team veteran a big card in Southern California and there's talk he will be pitted next against Gil Cadilli who once held Teran to a draw, the only non-win on the latter's record until his bout with Umeda last week. The Nisei fighter's victory may start things to percolating in Honolulu for a non-title match between Umeda and Yoshio Shirai of Japan, the world's flyweight champion. Umeda weighed in at 118 last Tuesday, while Teran was half-pound lighter. The referee's card had four rounds for Umeda, one for Teran and one even, going into the 7th round.

Nisei Compete for Olympic Games Team

Two, and perhaps five Hawaiian Nisei will be on the U.S. Olympic swimming team by the time this column reaches its readers. The two who are conceded almost sure bets for the jaunt to Helsinki are Ford Konno, America's greatest swimmer, and Evelyn Kawamoto, three-time national champion in the individual medley. Konno is entered in three events, the 1500, 400 and 200 meter freestyle events, while Miss Kawamoto also will enter several events, with special emphasis on the 400-meter freestyle. Her favorite race, the individual medley, is not on the Olympic agenda.

Richard Tanabe and Yoshi Oyakawa, the latter the NCAA champion in the 200-yard backstroke, will be on hand to try for the Olympic squad in the backstroke events, while Julia Murakami is aiming for a spot on the freestyle relay team.

Yoshito Segawa, Konno's coach at the Nuuanu Y in Honolulu, is accompanying the Hawaiian delegation to the men's team trials in New York and believes the Nisei star may chalk up new records if he is pushed, as he is almost certain to be, in the Olympic tryouts.

Hirayama Holds .294 Batting Average

Fibber Hirayama, now playing a sparking centerfield for the Stockton Ports of the California League, has settled down to the neighborhood of a .300 average after more than two weeks as a pro. As of June 29, Hirayama had 15 hits in 51 trips for a .294 average. The little centerfielder's arm already has figured in several assists and his fielding has won the hearts of Stockton fans.

Nisei Win Recognition Among Bowlers

In the two years since the American Bowling Congress revoked its ban against non-Caucasian membership, Nisei bowlers have won recognition among the nation's leading kegglers. This week in San Francisco a number of Nisei are appearing in the team round-robin tournament which has brought together many of the nation's leading pin-chopping squads and will also bowl in the annual Fourth of July Classic at Downtown Bowl. This is the tourney in which 18 of the 20 teams have averages above 950, with the Detroit All-Stars (Bunnetta, Bujack, Fazio, Lindeman and Jougard) coming in at 1052. Fuzzy Shimada, sporting a 196 average, is a member of the All-Invitational, one of the two San Francisco teams in the tourney, while Herni Takahashi at 191 is on the Seven-Up team. Dr. Takashi Mayeda of Denver at 186 is on the barnstorming Recreation Bowl team from Denver. Art Nishiguchi, now one of Nevada's top kegglers and the only Nisei to finish among the top winners in the Ritz Classic in Salt Lake City, is rolling in the San Francisco meet for Harold's Club of Reno. Nishiguchi has a 189 league average. The tourney also has drawn a Honolulu entry, Kapiolani Bowl, while Dr. Jun Kuramada will team with Kyle Coles of Salt Lake in a special exhibition doubles match. Meanwhile, Skeets Inouye of San Mateo was selected on an all star team from Brentwood Bowl which will meet the Detroit All-Stars in a special match on July 5. . . . Fuzzy Shimada's 565 helped San Francisco's All-Invitational to pull into the lead in the Western team tournament at Bridgemann's in San Jose with a 3085 scratch team series. M. O. Davis led the team with a 694.

Veteran Pitcher Tee Okura tossed a seven-hit game as the Harbor Skippers of Southern California defeated the Fresno All-Stars, 11 to 7, in ten innings in Fresno on June 29. Okura, who hurled a three-hit shutout recently, also hit a two-run homer and had three for five. . . . The Los Angeles Nisei Bowling Association is turning



Min Yoshizaki, winner of the championship fight in the National JACL golf tournament at the Mar Vista Country Club in Richmond, Calif., on June 27, receives his trophy from Rose Kaji, "Miss Homecoming," at the golfers' luncheon which wound up the tourney in which more than 100 participated. Dr. Carl Hirota, tournament chairman, and Ben Matsuda of the San Francisco chapter, winners of the chapter championship, watch the presentation.

Men Take Back Seat at JACL Convention Fishing Derby

SAN FRANCISCO — A total of 167 bowlers from all parts of the country took part in the National JACL convention bowling tournament, it was announced by George Inai and Dixon Ikeda, co-chairmen of the event.

The following were winners in the 2-day bowling tournament:

In the men's singles, the first prize winner was Kengo Takano of Indio with a score of 666. George Sonoda of Salt Lake City was second (643), and Fuzzy Shimada of San Francisco won third place (639).

The winners of the women's singles event were Yoko Hishikawa of San Francisco (645), Shinako Ninomiya of San Francisco (575), and Miko Tanisawa of Oakland (566).

In the men's doubles event, the

winner were Frank Ogawa and Sada Ushijima of Oakland (1247), George Furuya and Art Shiono of San Francisco (1240), George Korenaga and Sab Namba of Redwood City (1204) and John Sakurai and Takeo Ushiyama, of West Los Angeles (1199).

The following winners were announced for the mixed doubles event: Miko Tanisawa and Gish Endo of East Bay (1193), Jean Nakatani and Joe Matsunami of Sacramento (1178), and Aya Kawamoto and Milt Wakayama of Berkeley (1169).

The tournament was held on June 27 and June 28 at the Downtown Bowl in San Francisco.

Trophies and cash awards were presented to the winners at the convention outing on June 29 at the Pink Horse Ranch.

First Mainland Nisei Wins Place on U. S. Olympic Team

Placer Beats Roseville in Tenth Inning

By HOMER TAKAHASHI

AUBURN, Calif.—Dame Fortune smiled June 28 upon the attempts of the Placer JACL ball club after four outings with the fast Roseville Merchants.

Going into the last of the ninth behind a run, the Nisei team tied it up and came up with the winning run on a wild pitch by relief pitcher Doyle, to make it three straight in the second round of Placer Nevada League play. The final score was 4 to 3.

Shorty Miyamoto, first night in JACL uniform, while on a month's furlough from the Army, struck out to open the ninth frame. Pinch-hitter Bill Nishimoto drew a walk and came all the way in with the tying run on Jimmy Enkoji's double to centerfield. Bob Kozaiku grounded out, short to first, meanwhile Enkoji taking third. Enkoji streaked in with the wild pitch to end the game.

It was rightfielder Charlie Oseto of the Placers who stole the show for the evening. Besides staving off a 6th inning threat with a sensational catch, he collected 3 for 4. Roseville filled the bases in the 6th with two away and Oseto fell flat on his face in making the shoestring stab of a sharp, low liner in short rightfield.

George Goto went the route for Placer, giving 7 hits, whiffing 4, and issuing 8 free passes. Simmons, who was relieved by Doyle in the last of the ninth, was touched for 6 hits and struck out 5. He also gave up 8 bases on balls.

over \$300 to the Cerebral Palsy fund following their benefit tournament on June 28 and 29 at Vogue Bowl. Tom Miyawaki won the men's tourney with 970 (73)—1043 for five games, while Chiyo Tashima won the women's title with 884 (70)—954.

Min Yoshizaki Wins Confab's Golf Tourney

SAN FRANCISCO — A highly successful golf tournament was held at the Mira Vista Country Club in El Cerrito June 27 with 100 Nisei golfers participating and with about 50 spectators on the sidelines. The tournament, under the chairmanship of Dr. Carl Hirota, was one of the special events of the 12th biennial national convention.

In the championship flight, Min Yoshizaki of Los Angeles was the low gross winner with 75, Yuteh Domoto of the local Golden Gate Golfers was second with 79, and Kelly Komaru (Golden Gate Golfers) was the first low net winner.

In the second flight, Yoneo Futatsuki (Century Club, S.F.) was the first low net winner, and Dr. Henry Takahashi (East Bay) was the second low net winner.

Sim Nambu (Golden Gate Golfers) hit 275 yards in a driving contest to win first prize. The second place winner was Dr. Frank Saito (Century Club) and third place was won by George Kobayashi (Santa Ana Golf Club).

A special guest flight was held in which Consul General Mitsuo Tanaka of Japan participated. It was won by Dr. M. Harada of Sacramento.

The host San Francisco chapter was the winner of the chapter-versus-chapter team match. The San Francisco JACL, represented by Dr. Hirota, Dr. Kay Takeoka, Gus Yoshida, Ben Matsuda, and Clem Oyama, received the perpetual chapter trophy.

All of the golfers and the spectators had lunch at the fashionable club house at the Mira Vista Country Club. Trophies and awards were presented by Rose Kaji, "Miss Homecoming," who is the official hostess for the 5-day convention.

Chicago Bowlers Dominate Midwest JACL Tournament

CHICAGO — Chicago bowlers took most of the honors in the JACL annual Midwest bowling tournament held June 7 and 8 at the Marigold lanes.

Except for the all-events prize, taken by Jim Kishida of Cleveland, Chicago kegglers swept all first place awards.

The Chicago team of Hank Masako, Kingo Iwafuchi, Hiro Sunahara, Rocky Nakahara and Sweeney Tsurumoto ran up a 2728 pin total to take first in the team event.

Kishida had 1695 for his all-events prize. He rolled 561 in team, 563 in the doubles and 571 in singles.

Tak Hiyama of Chicago had 659 in the singles to take top honors in that event.

Dyke Miyagawa (562) and Frank Kebo (586) had 1148 for first place in the doubles event.

SUMMARIES Team Event

First place, Chicago: Hank Masako, 540, Kingo Iwafuchi, 511, Hiro Sunahara, 543, Rocky Nakahara, 608, Sweeney Tsurumoto, 526, total 2728.

Second place, Chicago: Dave Mizuno, Jun Oishi, Jim Kozuma, Kiyo Ito and Rocky Yamanaka, 2636; third place, Chicago: Jr. Gotori, Sam Mitahara, Spud Tsuji, Dyke Miyagawa and Frank Kebo, 2629.

High Single Game: Tome Fujii team, 865.

Doubles

First place, Chicago: Dyke Miyagawa, 562, Frank Kebo, 586, total 1148; second place, Chicago, Dave Mizuno and Jun Oishi, 1144; third place, Cleveland, Moose Furukawa and Jim Kishida, 1114.

High Game, Doubles: Min Nijiri and P. Fukunaga, Chicago, 390.

Singles

Tak Hiyama, Chicago, 659.

Resettlers Tell Annual Picnic Date

CHICAGO—July 27 will be the date of the Chicago Resettlers Committee's annual community picnic, according to Kohachiro Sugimoto, chairman. The date was changed from the usual Labor Day date because of requests to hold it earlier in the summer.

The locale will be Dan Ryan Woods at 87th and Western. Plans for the day include square dancing, a talent show, contests and an exhibition baseball game. Free refreshments will be provided.

Senate Confirms Nisei Postmaster

WASHINGTON, D. C.—The Senate confirmed the executive nomination as postmaster of Kazutoshi Fujino of Honokaa, Hawaii, the Washington office of the JACL Anti Discrimination Committee reported this week.

Vital Statistics

BIRTHS

To Mr. and Mrs. Shigeru Honda, North Hollywood, Calif., a boy, Michael Kazuo, on June 15.

To Mr. and Mrs. Megumi Doi, a boy, Kenneth Robert, on June 11 in Los Angeles.

To Mr. and Mrs. Toshio Fujimura a boy, Richard Bruce, on June 6 in Los Angeles.

To Mr. and Mrs. Jimmie Ichiro Fukushima, Hawthorne, Calif., a girl, Connie Michio, on June 13.

To Mr. and Mrs. Koko Gushiken a girl, Linda Reiko, on June 14 in Los Angeles.

To Mr. and Mrs. Kikuo Matsuyama, Hawthorne, Calif., a girl, Carol Chiyoko, on June 13.

To Mrs. and Mrs. Kenichi Morishita a girl, Gwen Phyllis, on June 15 in Los Angeles.

To Mr. and Mrs. Isao Frank Sakata, Burbank, Calif., a girl, Donna Jeanne, on June 9.

To Mr. and Mrs. Tetsuo Thomas Takesuye a boy, Richard Kenichiro, on May 27 in Los Angeles.

To Mr. and Mrs. Takeshi Yoshizaki a girl, Dorothy Teruko, on June 17 in Los Angeles.

To Mr. and Mrs. Tomio Furu-yama, Pacoima, Calif., a boy, Steven Minoru, on June 18.

To Mr. and Mrs. Frank Iwao Ichimoto a girl, Vicki Keiko, on June 17 in Los Angeles.

To Mr. and Mrs. Yoshio Ishibashi, Encino, Calif., a boy, Roger Teruo, on June 22.

To Mr. and Mrs. Edward Kadoya a boy, Dennis Makoto, on June 18 in Los Angeles.

To Mr. and Mrs. Masayuki Kakudo a girl, Marilyn, on June 21 in Los Angeles.

To Mr. and Mrs. Harry Tsutsui a girl on June 30 in Salt Lake City.

To Mr. and Mrs. John M. Ikeda, Acampo, Calif., a girl on June 8.

To Mr. and Mrs. George K. Sato a girl on June 17 in Sacramento.

To Mr. and Mrs. K. Uomoto a boy on June 4 in San Francisco.

To Mr. and Mrs. Irving Yamamoto a boy on June 5 in San Francisco.

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To Mr. and Mrs. George Shigeo Wakayama a boy, Jeffrey Mark, on June 16 in San Jose.

To Mr. and Mrs. Minoru Miyamura, Cupertino, Calif., a boy,

Wayne Takeshi, on June 15 in San Jose.

To Mr. and Mrs. Masao Yamana a boy on June 5 in Pasadena, Calif.

To Mr. and Mrs. Masahiro Miki, Long Beach, a girl on June 14.

To Mr. and Mrs. Kiyoshi Abe a boy, John Yoshio, on June 5 in Los Angeles.

To Mr. and Mrs. Genji Gene Kawamura a girl, Jean Anne, on June 8.

To Mr. and Mrs. Roy Nishitsuji a boy, Gary Wayne, on June 8 in Los Angeles.

To Mr. and Mrs. Henry Kano a boy on May 14 in San Diego.

To Mr. and Mrs. George Omoto a girl in Denver.

To Mr. and Mrs. S. Kusaka, Idaho Falls, Ida., a girl on April 30.

DEATHS

Kazuma Nobuto, 59, on June 16 in New York City.

Kinsuke Horiuchi, 62, on June 24 in Chicago.

Umetaro Kondo, 75, on June 22 in Los Angeles.

Masutaro Hatanaka, 48, on June 22 in Artesia, Calif.

Jiromatsu Oda, 74, on June 23 in Pacoima, Calif.

Taroemon Imai, 81, on June 22 in Salt Lake City.

Kimitaro Nakamoto, 75, on June 27 in San Gabriel, Calif.

Mrs. Alice Mary Urushida, 76, on June 25 in Los Angeles.

MARRIAGES

Mitsuko Nakamizo, Woodside, Long Island, N.Y., to Torao Toshi Fuchigami on June 18 in Flushing, L.I., N.Y.

Helenne Haruye Shinmoto, Pasadena, Calif., to Akira Gary Matsuura, Downey, Calif., on June 22 in St. Mary's Episcopal Church.

Youko Yuzuki to Toshiaki Don Okumoto on June 20 in Los Angeles.

Kimie Michihira to Nobuo Kato on June 21 in Los Angeles.

Emiko Amy Nagai to Eichi Namba on June 22 in Los Angeles.

Dorothy Hiura to Frank Okamoto on June 14 in Chicago.

Mineko Fujitani to Wataru Goishi on June 14 in Chicago.

Sachi Nishi to George Yanagidate on June 22 in Chicago.

Chizuko Yamada to Takeo Hosoume on June 22 in Chicago.

Michiko Yoshida to William Sa-

Nisei Policeman Nabs Alleged Expert Of Rubber Checks

LOS ANGELES—A Nisei accused of passing bad checks was arrested here June 23 by a Nisei police officer, Stanley Uno.

Frank Yoshida, who has also been accused on auto theft charges, was held in city jail. He was recognized by Officer Uno on the corner of 4th and Main. He will be questioned concerning a batch of bad checks believed to have been passed by him in this area in recent weeks.

He was staying at a hotel at 346 So. Main Street.

Police said that Yoshida makes a study of his prospects' friends and relatives and throws them off guard with intimate facts about mutual friends. He is said to have left a wide swath of gullible victims in past years.

He has served time on a bad check charge.

Report Openings For Girls at Resettlers Camp

CHICAGO—A few openings are still available for girls from 10-12 years of age at Camp Reinberg in the period from August 18-30, announced the Chicago Resettlers Committee. Sponsored by the Resettlers and Olivet Institute, Camp Reinberg offers 13 days of vacation camping to youngsters at low cost. The fee for the entire period is \$18.

"This is not just another camp," declared Jack Yasutake, executive director of the agency. "Trained group work counselors help children plan their activities, give guidance in group living, and look after children in terms of their social growth. But above all, the children have a wonderful time in the cool, wooded area away from Chicago's stifling heat."

Anyone interested is asked to call in at the Chicago Resettlers Committee, 110 North La Salle, DELaware 7-1076.

toshi Yamaguchi on June 22 in Los Angeles.

MARRIAGE LICENSES

Michiko D. Itsuki, 31, and Lester K. Yoshida, 33, both of Merced, Calif., in Sacramento.

Rose Y. Saito, 24, Dixon, Calif., and Bob H. Ito, 22, Sacramento, in Reno, Nev.

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Depositors in Pre-war Bank Will Receive Dividend Checks

SAN FRANCISCO—Payment of a 20% dividend to depositors and claimants of the Yokohama Specie Bank, Ltd., San Francisco and Los Angeles branches, was announced this week by Maurice C. Sparling, superintendent of banks of the state of California.

Total amount now being distributed by this dividend amounts to \$585,474.45.

An earlier dividend of 80%, amounting to \$2,388,559.83, was made available Sept. 2 in the liquidation of the Yokohama Specie Bank's Los Angeles and San Francisco offices.

The current dividend gives a 100% return to depositors and claimants whose claims were filed and approved as provided under the state Banking Law.

The distributions made covered the domestic department operations of the bank and the accounts repaid were the U.S. dollar deposit accounts.

The amount distributed to approved creditors of the San Francisco branch amounted to \$1,162,581.82 under the 80% dividend and \$291,071.85, the present 20% payment, amounting to a total of \$1,453,653.67.

Creditors of the Los Angeles branch received \$1,175,978.01 on the first payment and are currently getting \$294,402.60, a total of \$1,470,380.61.

The bank is still in process of liquidation.

Jaycettes Install Nisei Vice-Prexy

MARION, O. — Mrs. Wilson Ishida was installed as vice-president of the local Jaycettes as the Junior Chamber of Commerce and Jaycettes held a joint inaugural dinner on June 19.

Mrs. Ishida, formerly of Fresno, Calif., was an official delegate to the State JC convention held in Cleveland in May. She has served as treasurer and program chairman. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. T. Yokoyama of Fresno.

Nisei Win Honors At Delano High

DELANO, Calif. — High honors were won here last week by Nisei students at Delano Union Joint High School.

Tom Nagatani graduated as one of two students leading the senior class in extra-curricular activities and scholastic honors.

He won the Bank of America achievement award in the field of laboratory science and a life membership in the California Scholastic Federation. In the college preparatory group he received a bronze pin as one of two top students.

Nagatani was a senior speaker at the school's commencement exercises. He plans to attend the University of California at Los Angeles.

Jane Imamura received a \$200 scholarship awarded by the Delano Woman's Club to a student interested in nursing. She plans to continue her studies at UCLA.

Sally Morihiro was given a life membership California Scholarship Federation pin.

Graduates Tea Held in Chicago

CHICAGO — A very successful graduates' tea was held on Sunday, June 29, at the Monroe YWCA from 2 to 3:30 p.m.

Raiko Konatsu sang two songs and dedicated the third, "You'll Never Walk Alone" to the graduates present. Accompanying Miss Konatsu was Yone Sawamura, pianist.

Fran Watanabe spoke a few words of greeting to the graduates including Lily Matsubayashi, Naomi Ishino, Hatsumi Yoshioka, Amy Nishiyama, June Kaita, Kimi Yamamoto, and Hiroko Azuma, Hyde Park High School; Nanci Ishikawa, Millikin University; Chiz Kakita, U. of Illinois; Toby Ozone, Wright Jr. College, Yoshiko Inaba, Senn High School, and Rose Kimura.

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JACL Delegate Wins Air Race To Convention

SAN FRANCISCO—Tom Takemura, 32-year-old veteran, won the second Henry Ohye trophy race, held here last week immediately prior to start of the 12th biennial National JACL convention.

Takemura piloted his Cessna 170 in the light plane economy air race which got off June 22 from Los Angeles. The eight entrants, which included a brother team, made a stop at Fresno, Calif., and came into San Francisco June 23.

Takemura had a 2,404 point total in the final computations, which were based on time spent on route multiplied by gas, divided by the mileage and full useful load.

The Nishina brothers of Venice, Calif., Nobuo and Tadao, came in second. Their point total was 2,770.

Al Kushihashi of North Platte, Neb., was third. Kushihashi was the defending champion, having won the first Ohye race, which was held in 1950 in conjunction with the Chicago convention of the JACL.

Duke Ogata of Buena Park, 4,947, came in fourth. Giichi Yoshioka, Hayward, finished fifth. Other entrants were Eddie Kurose, Los Angeles, and Tully Miura, Pismo Beach, seventh.

Takemura is an active member of the Nisei Veterans Committee in Seattle and a member of the Puyallup Valley JACL.

Henry Ohye, for whom the air race is named, accompanied the flyers in his own plane and carried Sadako Kawanami, air race queen, as his passenger.

Prizes were awarded the winning contestants at a convention luncheon Thursday noon, June 26.

"Japanese in the Americas" Peruvians and the War

By ELMER R. SMITH

The basic problems involved in the integration of the Japanese into Peruvian society before World War II were comparative to the general ethnic absorption problems in Peru. Absorption of various cultural and "racial" groups into Peruvian society has been slow and, in many instances, a painful process.

The "mestizo" in Peru is a new ethnic type, but his evolution was not easy, nor is this type to be classed as having been completely absorbed into the Peruvian social system. Negroes and Chinese have not been assimilated into the Peruvian ways of life, and these groups have been in contact with the Peruvian culture much longer than have the Japanese.

The most pronounced example of the slow rate of absorption into Peruvian culture of the ethnic groups is that of the American Indian. The Indian in Peru is principally a social and economic outcast. He lives virtually in slavery in many areas. His literacy is very low. Ernesto More, a member of the Lima Chamber of Deputies, summarized the Indian absorption problem as follows:

"There is no doubt that while every people has its own particular and fundamental problems—problems which have to be solved shortly from within or without—our most essential problem is that of the continued maintenance . . . of a majority of citizens who are still in a virtual state of slavery. I refer to the four million Indians of Peru."

The Japanese in Peru did and still do constitute simply an additional problem in Peruvian acculturation. A number of factors have contributed to Peruvian absorption problems, but the primary one, as suggested in previous columns, seems to be centered in the landowner classes and their philosophy of exploitation and jealousy of others who own or attempt to own land.

Japanese isolation, however, has tended to be accentuated by another factor. The Japanese in Peru have maintained that they have done their duty to their adoptive country because "they are law-abiding citizens, able workers, punctilious business men."

This type of attitude has made it possible for one writer to say: "The Italians gave Peru a Raimondi; the Americans, a Meiggs; the Germans, a Middendorf; etc. Not a single Japanese name has endeared itself to Peruvian national feeling, not a Japanese is known but for his mercantile activities." In fairness to the Japanese it should be pointed out that within recent years more interest has been shown in collaborating with others in Peruvian cultural and intellectual fields.

The outbreak of hostilities between Japan and the United States found the Japanese in Peru easy prey to a number of pressure groups within Peruvian society. The accounts and holdings of Japanese citizens were

frozen by the Peruvian government. This act was unofficially explained as not of a political, but of an economic character. It was intended, as explained by the Peruvians, to "guarantee the compliance of Japanese with their commercial obligations." The same was not applied to Italian and German nationals residing in Peru.

The Japanese Consulate in Peru allowed the publication in the Lima papers of a prominent advertisement telling the Japanese residents to "observe an attitude of prudence and tranquility, to abstain from unnecessary travels or meetings, and to refrain from comments on politics and war."

Public opinion toward the Japanese was hostile. It seemed to be principally based upon the belief of the ordinary Peruvian that most Japanese were ready to sacrifice themselves for their fatherland because of their traditional training in traditional ideals of fanatical patriotism and devotion to the Emperor. This hostility, however, did not immediately bring about the boycotting of Japanese shops or artisans.

TV Programs Discuss Convention

(Continued from page 5)

convention interest.

Sam Ishikawa discussed the McCarran-Walter bill for immigration and naturalization (since enacted into law) on "What's Your Opinion?" on Monday, June 23, at 8:30 p.m.

On June 25 Fred Hoshiyama, president of the San Francisco JACL, and Tama Tsuchiya, attendant to the convention hostess, "Miss Homecoming," were interviewed on JACL organizational matters over the Marjorie Trumbull show. They discussed the activities of the JACL and its basic objectives and problems.

The speakers also invited the viewing audience to attend the opening ceremonies of the 12th biennial meeting.

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JACL Approves Eight-Point Program on Civil Rights

SAN FRANCISCO — An eight-point program of action in the field of civil rights will be part of the National JACL's objectives during the coming biennium.

The National Council on June 28 endorsed the report of Harold Gordon on behalf of the JACL'S Legal and Constitutional Committee and asked for immediate statehood for Hawaii; continuation of a program to combat social and economic discrimination against Japanese Americans; cessation of arbitrary treatment of Issei because of pre-war membership in defunct, proscribed organizations; passage of a Federal fair employment practices law; opposition to racial segregation in Federal housing accommodations; passage of an anti-poll tax law; passage of anti-lynch legislation, and investigation into the possibility of facilitating expatriation from Japanese citizenship for "dual citizens" born in

the United States before Dec. 1, 1924. (Persons of Japanese ancestry born in the United States after Dec. 1, 1924 are not "dual citizens" unless parents of the child register the child with the Japanese consulate during a stated period.)

Mr. Gordon explained that his committee previously had listed the continuation of the fight to obtain equality in naturalization as the major legislative objective of the JACL but that the events which had transpired during the convention has necessitated the change in emphasis.

In answer to a suggestion from the floor that the JACL go on record for the liberalization of the Walter-McCarran omnibus act, Mike Masaoka, national legislative director of JACL ADC, urged the new law be given a chance to operate. He stressed that the law was "more liberal" than most people realized.

Editorial on Nisei Wins Award For Watsonville Newspaper

WATSONVILLE, Calif. — The Watsonville Register-Pajaronian, which has defended the position of Japanese Americans in a number of stories and editorials, won national honors for its editorial column last week.

It received first honorable mention for the Herrick trophy from the National Editorial Association. The Herrick award is made annual for "the most outstanding editorials explaining and promoting the principles of American democracy."

Especially cited was the paper's editorial, "Six-Year-Old Story," which told the record of the 442nd Japanese American combat team.

Comment of the judges on the Register - Pajaronian editorial column was:

"Most commendable thinking and writing on racial prejudice, on loyalty oaths, on a proposal to review books (to label them) before purchase by city library. And, in addition to a six-year-old story, the record of the Nisei in the 442nd combat team. All these are localized with great effect."

The Franklin, N.H., Journal-Transcript, won first place.

The Register-Parjaronian is edited by Frank F. Orr.

NISEI GI AGENT REPORTED BURNED BY FIRE BOMB

FUKUOKA, Japan — A Nisei counter-intelligence corps agent was burned June 25 during Red Korean-led rioting at Kokura, police said.

Fukuoka headquarters of the national rural police said the Nisei and another person were driving through the city in a jeep when a homemade fire bomb was tossed. The Nisei, whose name was not given, was burned on the back.

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