



HONOLULU NEWSLETTER

Honolulu vs. Portland, Ore.

By LAWRENCE NAKATSUKA

Honolulu

Prompt action by city officials in Honolulu and Portland, Ore., has healed a rift between the two cities which grew out of anonymous telephone threats to a Portland landlady who rented apartments to 11 young Hawaii residents.

Three of the tenants are Nisei, identified as Bruce Hashitate, 18; Earl Michimoto, 20, and Walter Nunokawa, 26. The others involved are Chinese and Korean Americans, and a Caucasian family of three.

First news of the incident reached Honolulu on Oct. 28, when news stories related how the landlady, Mrs. Arthur V. Clure, had received calls threatening her unless she evicted the 11 young Hawaii tenants, most of whom attend college.

Since early October, Mrs. Clure said she had received seven threatening telephone calls, one from a woman. The last call, on Oct. 26, came from a man who threatened her with death and warned her not to call police.

The reaction in Honolulu was immediate and sharp. City supervisors prepared an official protest to the Portland mayor and council. They felt that the Portland affair reflected racism and bigotry.

Acting Portland Mayor Ormond R. Bean and three city commissioners moved swiftly to placate the angry Honolulu officials. They signed a cable to the Honolulu board of supervisors saying Portland officially "deplored the bigotry" behind the threats to the landlady.

The acting mayor also wrote to Honolulu editors expressing Portland's "sincere regrets." Of the Hawaii students, Mr. Bean wrote, "We welcome them and are happy that they are with us, whether for a short visit or as students or permanent residents."

Further, Mr. Bean said "The incident is an isolated one, confined to the neighborhood, and it has never been experienced in other parts of the city. However, careful investigation is being made, and we do not anticipate that it will be repeated."

The Associated Students of the Univ. of Portland, where two of the Hawaii students are enrolled, said it would write to Mrs. Clure commending her for the "moral integrity, Christian ethics and democratic ideals" she had shown in standing firm against the threats.

Nisei cameraman's work televised in Chicago

Chicago

Ken Mazawa, photographer for Scene magazine and assistant motion picture cameraman the past 2½ years at Coronet Instructional Films at Glenview, has been engaged in shooting commercial and TV films.

Last Sunday over WBBM-TV, his assignment showing a sequence of a yacht race on Lake Michigan was featured in "Voyage of Discovery", a show dealing with hobbies.

Also at Coronet Instructional Films is Tommy Jee, former 442nd GI, as assistant director.

National JACL
Endowment Fund



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\$63,484.52

In Trust
\$55,000

Representatives of two Portland newspapers, the Oregonian and the Journal, called Honolulu newsmen by trans-Pacific telephone to inquire into the Hawaii reaction to the incident.

Honolulu officials were satisfied with the apologies from Portland and now consider the case closed. The resolution containing the official protest was never sent.

Several irate citizens expressed themselves through letters to the newspapers, including a part-Caucasian islander now living in Portland, who remarked, "All of my haole (Caucasian) friends here feel worse than I do about the threatened ouster of our Hawaiian students. We, the kamaainas (oldtimers), living in Portland won't let one crank upset the pineapple cart."

One editorial noted that the people of Hawaii "will not hold an isolated incident of bigotry against the city of Portland. Relationships between Hawaii and Oregon and the entire Pacific Northwest are too close to permit an example of intolerance to impair that friendship."

In one fast week, the Portland incident had blown over.

Polio foundation grants scholarships to two

St. Louis

Misses Jane E. Hieda and Florence A. Sasaki of Honolulu are studying under National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis scholarships at the Washington Univ.'s George Warren Brown School of Social Work, one of 26 schools offering medical social worker's curriculum.

Medical social workers play an important role in assisting, not only the patient who is suffering from polio, but also his family. Because of the serious shortage of social workers trained in the medical aspects of this field, \$800,000 has been allocated for training new personnel.

CITIZENSHIP CLASS

TEACHER NATURALIZED

Chicago

A Japanese resident of Chicago who spent much of his time last year instructing fellow countrymen in American citizenship became a citizen himself last week in ceremonies conducted by Judge Walter J. LaBuy of the U.S. District Court.

He is Kenji Nakane, 49, 4126 Greenview Ave., executive director of the Chicago Resettlers Committee, which aids Chicago's 14,000 inhabitants of Japanese descent.

Nakane revealed that about 200 students in his Americanization classes now have naturalization petitions pending.

Civil defense radioman

San Francisco

Bill Nakahara, (W6GHI) 1729 Laguna St., recently boosted his amateur station power from 150 watts to one kilowatt and is actively engaged in civil defense for the San Francisco Disaster Council.

• The Bank of Tokyo of California announced its Sept. 20, 1953 report of condition showing a total assets of \$8,748,216.88 as compared with its June 30, 1953, total of \$5,170,940.81. Notable increases were noted in the commercial accounts.

EVACUATION CLAIMS

Draft two amendments for action in next Congress session

Stockton

Two draft amendments to clarify the evacuation claims law and expedite the program were unanimously approved by Issei and Nisei delegates to the biennial Northern California-Western Nevada District Council Convention of the Japanese American Citizens League here last weekend.

In addition, a resolution of appreciation to all who have donated to the National JACL Endowment Fund was also unanimously adopted by the delegates from the 23 JACL chapters in attendance.

The resolution invited all recipients of government evacuation claims checks who have not done so to contribute to the Endowment Fund in order that the general welfare of persons of Japanese ancestry in the United States can be promoted through the JACL.

Draft amendments to the Evacuation Claims Law provides that claims postmarked before the deadline shall be considered to be timely filed and that all of the remaining claimants shall have the choice of a compromise settlement procedure or a judicial Court of Claims consideration of their respective claims.

Mike Masaoka, Washington JACL representative, explained

Masaoka addresses

San Francisco group

San Francisco

Mike Masaoka speaks on Washington legislative activities affecting Japanese Americans tonight at Hang Far Low, 723 Grant Ave., it was announced by the local JACL chapter. Consul General Yasuhide Katsuno of Japan and George Inagaki, National JACL president, are special guests.

The dinner is open to both Issei and Nisei, with special invitations extended to Nisei veterans, the Bizpros and Japanese chamber of commerce.

the proposed amendments.

The clarifying amendment provides that "any claim received by the Attorney General bearing a postmark prior to midnight, Jan. 3, 1950, shall be considered to be timely filed within the said 18 months' deadline specifically set forth in the statute."

The Dept. of Justice has ruled in the adverse adjudication that only claims actually received by the Attorney General in Washington or his various United States Attorneys in the field before midnight, Jan. 3, 1950 shall be considered as timely filed for adjudication purposes.

The Department has, therefore, dismissed all claims received after that bar date on the ground that it was not properly filed within the statutory deadline.

The proposed JACL amendment would make all claims postmarked before the deadline

qualify as having been timely filed.

The other draft amendment is intended to facilitate the completion of the evacuation claims program. It provides that the 4,000 remaining claimants may elect to have their claims either compromised and settled or litigated through Court of Claims procedures.

If a claimant chooses to have his claim compromised and settled, the Dept. of Justice may not, as with the smaller claims of \$2,500 and under, authorize payment of more than 75 per cent of the amount of the compensable items on the basis of affidavits, Government records, and other information.

If the Dept. of Justice offers a compromise settlement of more than 50 per cent of the amount of the original claim, the claimant must accept that settlement.

But, if the government offer is less than 50 per cent of the original claim, the claimant may reject the compromise amount and insist upon formal adjudication of his claim.

If the claimant, on the other hand, chooses to have his claim litigated, the Court of Claims procedures will be made available to him.

In order that the evacuation claim may be promptly considered by the Court of Claims, the amendment provides that for docketing, hearing, and determination purposes, the date the original claim was filed with the Attorney General will be considered to be the date that the Court assumed jurisdiction over the claim.

Masaoka explained that because many claimants, especially those with larger claims, believed that their claims should be considered on a judicial basis, JACL drafted the alternative Court of Claims procedures.

Under the proposed expediting amendment, the claimant elects either an administrative or a judicial determination of the validity and the amount of his evacuation claims, Masaoka said. He also expressed his view that the acceptance by Congress of this amendment would speed up considerably the completion of this program that was first authorized in 1948.

YOUNG PENNSYLVANIAN

ISSEI NATURALIZED

Allentown, Pa.

First Japanese to be naturalized in Lehigh county was among 27 individuals at the county courthouse yesterday. He was Tsuruzo Takeda, 31, Osaka-born youth who came to the United States when 9 months old at San Francisco in October, 1922.

Takeda resides at 1744 W. Broad St., Bethlehem.

Nisei first to sign

under new air program

Honolulu

Kenji Nishioka of Hakalau, Hawaii, was the first man to be processed into the air force aviation cadet program permitting high school graduates to become pilots in the Air Force Reserve.

Formerly requirements for this program were two years of college or 60 semester hours of college work.



Mother of 11 children, seven of whom are World War II veterans, one in the Army now and another awaiting his call, Mrs. Kagi Nakada of Azusa (left) is being congratulated upon her recent naturalization in Los Angeles by Gongoro Nakamura (right) and Tats Kushida (middle). —Toyo Miyatake Photo.

Push plans for S. F. Nipponmachi

San Francisco

Meeting every two weeks to discuss plans for a Japanese shopping center a full block square as a tourist attraction in the uptown area, the No. Calif. Japanese Chamber of Commerce enlarged its group last week to include the local JACL chapter.

Tentative plans were disclosed sometime ago by taking advantage of the city's redevelopment by private interests along lines to be approved by the city redevelopment agency.

It has been proposed that buildings be built along three sides of the block between Post and Geary Sts., either from Buchanan to Webster or from Buchanan to Laguna Sts., with a landscaped Japanese garden in the center. The open portion would be for auto parking.

Washington Newsletter

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MIKE MASAOKA

Though two Nisei heroes, Sadao Munemori and Hiroshi Miyamura, have won the Congressional Medal of Honor, few know very much about this decoration except that it is the nation's highest military award for valor.

In order that we Nisei may better appreciate what Munemori and Miyamura have achieved, this week's Newsletter will be devoted to the significance and background of this most coveted honor.

QUALIFICATIONS FOR MEDAL OF HONOR . . .

The Medal of Honor can be won in only one way. That is by a deed of personal bravery or self-sacrifice, above and beyond the call of duty, while a member of the American armed forces, in actual combat with an enemy of the United States.

The first military decoration authorized by Congress and presented in its name, regulations permit of no margin of doubt. The deed of the winner must be proved by the incontestable evidence of at least two eye-witnesses; it must be so outstanding that it clearly distinguishes his gallantry beyond the call of duty from lesser forms of bravery; it must involve the risk of his life; and it must be the type of deed which, if he had not done it, would not subject him to any justified criticism.

Even by these high standards, Sadao Munemori and Hiroshi Miyamura earned their Medals.

Pfc. Munemori, 442nd Combat Team, near Seravezza, Italy, Apr. 5, 1945, single-handedly destroyed two machine guns, killed three and wounded two of the gunners and then gave his life by hurling himself on an exploding grenade to save the lives of two comrades.

Sgt. Miyamura, 7th Inf. Regt., near Taejon Ni, Korea, Apr. 24 and 25, 1951, protected the withdrawal first of his squad and later his company by bayonetting in close hand-to-hand combat ten of the enemy, machine-gunning an additional 50 to death, and, though severely wounded and without ammunition, remained fighting until his position was overrun and he was taken a prisoner.

By coincidence, both Munemori and Miyamura once served in the 100th Infantry Battalion of the 442nd; both are from the mainland, Munemori from Long Beach, Calif., and Miyamura from Gallup, N.M., though the 100th Infantry Battalion was essentially a unit made up of Hawaiian Nisei; both earned their Medals of Honor in April, though six years and half a world separated their actions; both were replacements and not original members of the 442nd.

STATISTICS . . .

To understand how few actually win this honor, it is interesting to note the number of Medals of Honor awarded in World Wars I and II and the Korean fighting. The overwhelming majority were posthumous presentations.

In World War I, only 95 soldiers of more than five million American troops won the Congressional Medal of Honor.

In World War II, with more than 14 million GIs engaged in that global conflict, only 292 were awarded this decoration.

In Korea, with less than 500,000 Americans committed to action, up to this time 65 Medals of Honor have been presented. The seven honorees that included Miyamura were the first living Korean heroes to be personally decorated by the President. The comparatively large number of Medals of Honor awarded for action in Korea is accounted for in the nature of the fighting, which was on a more individual and limited basis than in either of the great wars.

SOME HISTORY . . .

From the time General George Washington established the Purple Heart for "singularly meritorious action" at Newburgh, N.J., in August, 1782 until President Abraham Lincoln signed legislation authorizing the Congressional Medal of Honor Mar. 3, 1863, the American Army had no decorations for heroism or outstanding services. It had only certificates and brevet promotions with which to reward military gallantry.

First to win the Medal of Honor was Col. Bernard J. D. Irwin, a medical officer with the 7th Inf. Regt., for action against Apache Indians in the territory that is now New Mexico and Arizona. Miyamura served with the same regiment in Korea; he lives in Gallup, N.M.

The first Army men to be awarded the Medal of Honor were six soldiers of the Union Army who were prisoners of war. A hundred years later, Miyamura, another prisoner of war, was awarded this same Medal.

Following World War I, Congress enacted legislation providing that only one Medal of Honor could be presented to the same individual. Prior to that law, five soldiers had each been awarded two Medals of Honor.

During and following the First World War, other now familiar decorations like the Distinguished Service Cross, the Silver Star, the Bronze Star, and the Distinguished Flying Cross were established for military gallantry. The Medal of Honor, however, remains as the nation's highest military award.

DESCRIPTION . . .

There are so few Medals of Honor around that most Americans cannot recognize the Medal even when privileged to see it. This is the way Army Regulations describe it:

A bronze, five pointed star, one nine-sixteenths inches in diameter, surrounded by a laurel wreath in green enamel and suspended by two links from a bronze star bearing the inscription "Valor", and surmounted by an eagle. In the center of the star is the head of Minerva surrounded by the inscription "United States of America". Each ray of the star bears an oak leaf in enamel. On the reverse side of the bar is "The Congress To", and on the reverse side of the Medal the rank, name and organization of the recipient, with the date and place of the act for which the Medal is awarded. The Medal is suspended by a ribbon through a ring fastened to the eagle. The head of the eagle hangs two inches below the top of the ribbon. This, in turn, is suspended from a neckband of ribbon 20 inches in length. The ribbon is of light blue watered silk, one three-sixteenths inches in width. On the neckband and on the ribbon supporting the Medal there are 13 white stars arranged in the form of a triple chevron, the upper chevrons consisting of five stars each and the lower one of three stars. The stars on the neckband are placed midway between the ends of the ribbon.

Instead of the lapel pin miniature for most decorations, the Medal of Honor lapel is a tiny hexangular buttonaie of light blue silk emblazoned by white stars 13 in number.

New Jerseyite bilked of \$15 by 'Toronto' Nisei

New York

Frank O. Hamabe of Orange, N.J., found out it doesn't pay to trust a stranger. He loaned a Nisei youth \$15 after being told his car had broken down and had made promises to pay the next day.

The swindler gave his name as Roy Yamanaka of Toronto, Canada.

Several weeks ago, a similar occurrence was reported from Hartford, Conn., when a Nisei was victimized. He called a Japanese newspaper in Toronto by long-distance telephone to check on the Canadian Nisei, but was unsuccessful. Others in the East have loaned money to a stranger, who is believed to be the same person.

PRESS FILE:

REPRIEVE: A Nisei will not be the first American to be hanged for treason. This was the significance of the news that announced the Presidential reprieve for Tomoya Kawakita, who had been in jail under sentence of death for his acts in Japan during the war towards American prisoners of war.

We agree with President Eisenhower that the interests of the American people do not require that Kawakita be hanged for his acts.—Shin Nishibei, Los Angeles.

BEE REPORTER: Yutaka Tsuji, 34, Tokyo Asahi Shimbun reporter, has a job with the McClatchy newspapers under sponsorship of the U.S. State Dept. He is to spend most of his time on the Fresno Bee before going to his assignment at the Asahi London bureau in March. While here, he is to report his observations of American life.

ROYAL FLUSH: For a boy from Bucktown on Chicago's Northwest Side, I certainly have seen a lot of royalty pass through our city's portals—from Queen Marie of Romania on. One of the most interesting—and if they let him alone he would have been the most friendly—was Prince Akihito of Japan. He would have liked to talk to everyone he met, but his attendants and the State Department set up rules that prevented this. But they could not prevent his wandering into the Drake's dining room one night to ask for a humble American delicacy—the hot dog.

Everyone was aghast. Sometimes employees are served frankfurters at the Drake, but a Prince, NEVER! That's the way it was all across the county. He wanted hot dogs and hamburgers, and it took all the plotting and ingenuity of the American Express' tour manager Ted Starr to supply them.

The prince liked them best when generously doused with ketchup. Finally, Charles Reed, general manager and vice president of the Highland Inn at Carmel, Cal., gave him a princely present which Akihito took back with him to Japan—six bottles of just plain, ordinary ketchup. Yep, one man's ketchup is another man's extravagance.—Nate Gross, Chicago American.

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Mile-Hi Koenkai starts fund drive for \$1000, relieve Nisei group

Denver

The JACL Koenkai (JACL Supporters' Association) voted last week to undertake an immediate financial campaign for National JACL Headquarters.

Z. Kanegaye, former chairman of the Kika Kisei Domei, was named chairman of the new Koenkai group, with Dr. K. K. Miyamoto designated as adviser and honorary chairman. S. Ozawa and M. Iguchi will be vice-chairmen. David Omiya will serve as secretary, while H. G. Matoba and H. M. Otsuki were selected as co-treasurers.

The Koenkai agreed to raise \$1,000 in the Denver area.

During the meeting it was pointed out that no funds have been raised by the Issei group since 1951, while the Nisei group contributed \$1700 in 1951, \$1200 in 1952 and \$1000 in 1953.

The Koenkai also agreed to initiate a supporting membership project for the National JACL on the basis of \$25 per year for 50 members and possibly \$10 per year for 75 members, making annual member-

JAPAN MOVIE STAR BANNED BY U.S.

Paris

Shirley Yamaguchi, Japanese movie star married to American-born sculptor Isamu Noguchi in 1951, has been refused a visa to visit the United States, embassy officials here stated.

The order to refuse the visa was transmitted from the State Dept. on the basis of investigations by the consulate in Tokyo which recommended that the pretty film actress should not be allowed to visit the U.S. again. The spokesman gave no hint of what the investigations disclosed.

Salt Lake woman dies as pedestrian mishap

Salt Lake City

Mrs. Kin Okuda, 75, was dead on arrival at the hospital Oct. 25 after being struck down by an automobile at 2200 S. Main St. Mishap occurred at 1:30 a.m.

She was enroute home in Helper after attending a funeral the previous day.

VERY TRULY YOURS:

Burdens of a Chapter

By HARRY K. HONDA

An interesting but disheartening development in the organization of the Japanese Canadian Citizens Association was reported in their vernaculars last week. One of its provincial councils is facing a crisis.

This week, the Alberta JCCA, comprising of four locals (chapters) was expected to make wholesale revisions in organization to sustain itself after one local folded and with another about to fold. From press reports, we gather that the locals were overburdened with financial problems—having to support both the provincial and national bodies. One committee was committed to study the disposition of mounting accounts receivable. . . . The emergency session of this provincial JCCA was heralded by a candid statement from its pro-tem president, Ted Aoki: "I cannot help but feel that we have been consistently battling a cancerous feeling that seems rampant, a feeling that the JCCA is self-propelled like an automaton, a feeling that the life of the Japanese Canadians can roll on much the same without the JCCA." . . . Would the same words be echoed stateside? . . . "The vitality of the JCCA workers (all voluntary) cannot be long sustained in vacuum," continued Mr. Aoki, explaining this vacuum as without active moral and participating support from the Japanese Canadians as a whole. . . . He was still optimistic in ex-

ship fees of \$2,000 for JACL Headquarters.

Min Yasui, JACL representative pointed out major issues still confront persons of Japanese ancestry. He emphasized problems relating to naturalization and re-entry permits after visits abroad, and problems faced by Issei because of past membership in proscribed organizations.

Following recommendations of the Oct. 16 meeting, the JACL Koenkai announced plans for a banquet with representatives from the Immigration & Naturalization Service, the U.S. District Court, and from Opportunity School, on Nov. 17, at the Cathay Post dining room.

Social welfare group to hear Fr. Kitagawa

Denver

Father Dai Kitagawa of Minneapolis is a guest speaker during the forthcoming annual meeting of the Colorado Conference of Social Welfare, Nov. 17-21. Father Kitagawa will speak concerning the cultural factors affecting social work, with special reference to the Japanese American groups in the community.

Father Kitagawa will be presented at the Thursday, Nov. 19, breakfast meeting of the conference, at 7:15 a.m., at St. Martin's Chapel, 1313 Clarkson St.

Mrs. Gizella Adell, executive secretary of the conference, 1420 Court Place, urged Nisei to attend the conference. It was noted that organizations may send two delegates at the special price of \$5 for both registrations.

With problems concerning juvenile delinquency among the younger Nisei and Sansei, and increasing problems concerning the older Issei, the Mountain-Plains JACL office pointed out that the sections relating to "Social Welfare and Law," and "Aged—Adding Life to Years" might be of special interest to the Japanese community in Denver.

Most people agree that it's a poor idea to quarrel before company—and then forget that two is company.



The month of October was one of long remembrance for the Nisei Growers of the Southern Alameda County JACL chapter, which represented the county for the third consecutive year at the State Fair, and winning their first sweepstakes award and trophy in plant vegetables and the third sweepstakes in root vegetables. These successes have brought recognition to Japanese farmers of the area. (Left to right): Chuck and Kaz Shikano, co-chairmen of the Nisei Growers; Sumiko Kato, chapter v.p.; Chester Stanley, chmn., board of supervisors; Col. N. W. Armstrong, exec. sec., development commission. Photo was taken early last month at International Kitchen, Niles, where the county board of supervisors honored Alameda State Fair exhibitors. Individual awards of 27 blue ribbons, 18 seconds and 7 thirds were presented at a Hallowe'en party last week.

Tesio's Photo Studio (Oakland)

CAPSULES

Jack Denichi Kimoto, identified as a secret leader of the Hawaii Communist Party, and convicted Smith Act violator, was bruised recently when his car collided with another in Honolulu. The other car was charged with passing through

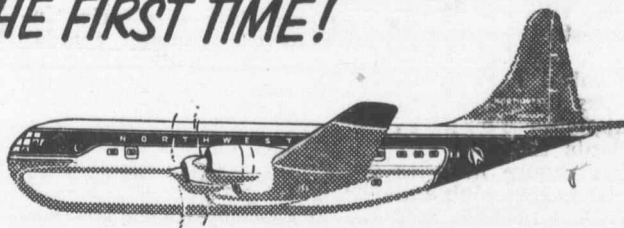
traffic signals. Kimoto is free on bail pending an appeal.

Showstoppers in "Kismet," new musical which played in Los Angeles and San Francisco, are the dancing Three Princesses of Ababu, doing Jack Cole routines, and played by **Reiko Sato**, daughters of a Los Angeles Buddhist minister, an Irish lass named Bonnie Evans

and Barbara Dunn, daughter of a Chinese restaurant man in San Francisco.

● Longest surname for a person of Japanese ancestry coming to our attention was found recently in a Honolulu newspaper. A society item mentioned Miss Hazel Kamibayashiyama of Kauai wedded to Sadao Miyaji.—Editor.

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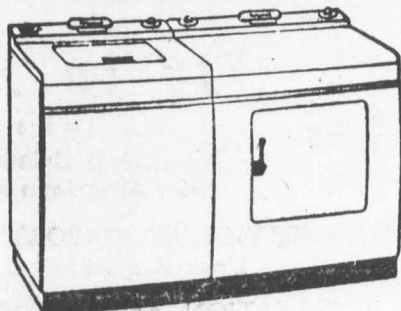
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Chicago Corner

SMOKY SAKURADA

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Around Chicago . . .

During the night of Nov. 4, Chicago had its first snowfall of the season—some 3 inches—which melted as soon as it touched ground. The mercury read from a low 28 to a high 46 . . . The local elections last week found eight Republicans winning out of the 14 superior court judgeships. Miss B. Fain Tucker, first woman jurist in 20 years, nosed out Municipal Judge Norman N. Eiger, a Democrat, for the Circuit Court judgeship of Cook County. Various bond issues were approved: \$2 million for a heating plant at 31st and Sacramento Ave., \$10 million for bridges, viaducts and grade separations, \$10 for refuse incinerators, \$10 for street lighting and \$4 million for purchase of a building for traffic court. Defeated issues were raising pay for aldermen, court clerks and deputy bailiffs, and purchase of voting machines . . . The City-Wide Recreation Council heard Sam Onoda, Indiana Steel supervisor of industrial relations research, speak on "Current Trend in Labor Relations" at the home of the Kats Okunos, 6128 S. University . . . The Chicago YWCA sponsors a World Dance Festival, Nov. 20, 8 p.m., at the Grand Ballroom of the Knickerbocker Hotel. Dances will be presented by persons of various cultural background, including Japanese. Shizu Inbe heads the Japanese program. Her students will perform. They include Sadako Fujii, Nancy Tadamaru, Shizu & Raiko Hidaka, Amy Yamamoto and Mitsuko Nakashita. Tickets are available at the Resettlers office . . . Foster-Bryn Mawr extension of Lake Shore Dr. opens Nov. 14 . . . Harry K. Shigeta, Hon. FPSA, served as critic last week at the North Shore Camera Club print competition at Evanston Art Center . . . Supreme Court Justice Robert H. Jackson recently laid the cornerstone to the \$2 million American Bar Center, 60th St. between Woodlawn and University Aves.

Personals . . .

Proceeds of a successful Sky-leens dance last week go for CARE packages to Japan. The club is headed by Alice Yoshida, Bryant Stratton student. Others are Yoko Arakawa, Northwestern U. freshman; Alyce Ikeda, Heryl JC freshman (and only Nisei there); Helen Yonehara, Yoshioko Arakawa, Marian Mizuno, Liz Oda, Freddie Sakuma, Waller High students; and Evelyn Suzuki, Lakeview High freshman hailing from Yokohama last July . . . Marian Odoi and Elaine Hayano are Hyde Park High cheer leaders.

CHICAGO COUPLES: Mr. and Mrs. Franklin Chino, 8615 S. Drexel . . . Franklin, 43-year-old native Chicagoan, is a very active lawyer. Alumnus of Hyde Park High and John Marshall Law School, he was admitted to the bar in December, 1937 . . . He is now affiliated with Schultz, 134 N. LaSalle St. Past affiliations were with Iversen and Scalise. He is a member of the Chicago Bar Ass'n (in enforcement of credit devices, civil practice committee and vice-chmn., municipal courts committee), Illinois Bar Ass'n, American Bar Ass'n, Trial Lawyers Club, National Ass'n of Claim and Compensation Attorneys, Law Institute, Catholic Lawyers Guild, JACL, Knights of Columbus (deputy grand

CENTRAL CAL DISTRICT CONFAB:

U.S., state, local dignitaries, JACL officials invited to one-day confab

Fresno
The guest list of the Central California District Council convention meeting this Sunday at the Hotel Californian was announced by the Tulare County JACL chapter in charge of invitations.

Among civic dignitaries invited to the banquet Sunday night, with Mike Masaoka, Washington representative, as main speaker, include: Rep. and Mrs. Harlan Hagen, Kern County; Rep. and Mrs. Oakley Hunter, Fresno County; Assemblyman and Mrs. William W. Hansen; Assemblyman and Mrs. Wallace Henderson; Assemblyman and Mrs. Roscoe Patterson; State Sen. and Mrs.

Hugh Burns; State Sen. and Mrs. J. Howard Williams; Mayor and Mrs. Gordon Dunn of Fresno; Mr. and Mrs. Bob Hemmer, Immigration office, Fresno.

National JACL board and staff officers also invited are: Mas Satow, George Inagaki, Bob Takahashi, Dr. Roy Nishikawa, Haruo Ishimaru, Tats Kishida, Giichi Yoshioka (NCWDC chmn.), Ken Dyo (PSWDC chmn.), Mr. and Mrs. Mike Masaoka, and Harry K. Honda.

The bowling tournament tomorrow night will present as many as 22 trophies. The tournament is limited to CCDC chapter members. The newly organized Sierra Nisei VFW post will present colors at the convention.

MOUNTAIN-PLAINS CONFAB

Rocky Mountain area Issei to hear latest CL report from Mas Satow

Denver
Issei from the entire Mountain Plains area are expected to meet in Denver at a special dinner meeting Nov. 28 in conjunction with the Mountain Plains JACL District Council convention.

Masao Satow, national JACL director, will be guest speaker. He is expected to bring the Issei a last-minute report on a number of problems pertaining particularly to Issei.

Among subjects to be discussed by Satow are the denial of naturalization privileges to Issei men who did not serve in the U.S. Army in World War I and the invalidation of return permits to Issei men wishing to visit Japan. Satow will tell what the JACL is doing in Washington and at JACL National Headquarters on these and other problems.

The meeting is expected to attract many Denver Issei as well as Issei from other parts of the Mountain Plains region.

Denver
The Albany Hotel's Pine and Spruce Room will be the scene of the major convention banquet when the Mountain Plains District Council meets in this city Nov. 28 and 29.

Sue Maruyama, banquet chairman, noted that plans are going ahead for a major social function.

Masao Satow, national JACL director, and Minoru Yasui, regional representative, will be main speakers.

Bowling awards won at the first annual Mountain Plains JACL Bowling Tournament will be given during the dinner program.

Convention briefs: Tom Masamori will be official photographer. Copies of all photos taken

knight). He was married to Miss Marie Brown on Mar. 30, 1936.

DATES TO REMEMBER:
Nov. 20—JACL chapter election meeting, 116 S. Michigan, 13th floor Woodrow Wilson Room, 8 p.m. . . . Nov. 28—Eighth annual chapter inaugural ball (semi-formal), The Breakers in Sherry Hotel, 1725 E. 53rd St., Jimmy Ray's orch., 9 p.m. to 1 a.m.

during the two-day affair will be posted at the convention.

"Open House" is the first social event of the convention Saturday afternoon, Nov. 28, at the California St. Methodist Church. Bridge, ping pong and canasta are on tap for conventioners, according to Sam Matsumoto, chairman . . . Pretty hostesses will direct convention-goers around Denver, Mrs. Thomas K. Kobayashi, chairman, assured.

Denver
Beautiful Albany Hotel ballroom will be the locale of the Mountain Plains JACL District Council convention finale when the Mile-Hi JACL sponsors the closing dance on Sunday evening, Nov. 29.

Dick Yanase, dance chairman, will emcee this social event, which will feature music by George Matsumonji's band.

The dance will follow the major convention banquet, which will start at 6 p.m. in the Albany's Pine and Spruce Room.

Dance tickets will go on sale this week and will cost \$2.50 per couple, \$1.50 per single individual.

Denver
Plans for a renewed drive for 1000 Club memberships in the Mountain-Plains district were announced by James Imatani, district chairman, in connection with the forthcoming district council convention here Nov. 28-29.

As many as 56 JACL supporters in the 1000 Club were in the area, but as of date only about 20 members are in good standing. A drive to get 30 renewals in the local area is being prepared.

Sacramento talent show

Sacramento
The first annual talent show of the Sacramento JACL will be held Nov. 28 at the local Buddhist hall. Theme is "Youth Stars of Tomorrow," featuring a host of youngsters. A cast of 20 has been reported, but its chairman, Bill Matsumoto, 4131-12th Ave., will consider other starlets.

CHAPTER MEMO

Detroit JACL: The chapter masquerade party at International Institute Oct. 31 saw some unusual costumes vying for prizes. Al Hatate walked away with the first prize with the most original; Irene Abe, most comical; Emily Ring, most gruesome; Sumi Kaneko and Tom Tagami, second most original. Frank Lee was dance chairman, aided by:

Wilson Yamauchi, dec.; Sue and George Matsuhira, refreshments; Aiko Nakatani, Setsu Fujioka, fin.; and James Tazuma, music.

Seattle JACL: For the first time in chapter history, the 1954 chapter cabinet will include Issei candidates who were recently naturalized. The Issei were expected to be nominated to both cabinet and advisory positions at the nomination meeting scheduled last night. Ray Echigoshima is chairman of the nomination committee.

Mile-Hi JACL: John Sakayama, finance chairman, announced that plans have been completed for a Denver chapter benefit to be held in conjunction with the Mile-Hi JACL New Year's Day Inaugural Ball on Jan. 1, 1954 at the Slovenian Hall, 4464 Washington St.

Hollywood JACL: The autumn session of the chapter-sponsored Americanization class at Dayton Heights School on Tuesday and Thursday nights is attracting 58 students. In the past, classes were attended by 210 Issei.

Newsletter Received: Seattle Bulletin.

Western Nebraska minister shows CL appreciation

Denver
Father Hiram H. Kano of Scottsbluff, Neb., recently naturalized a U.S. citizen, sent a contribution to the Mountain-Plains JACL in appreciation of the work of the National JACL in making citizenship possible for Issei.

Although no JACL chapter exists in the western Nebraska community, his church group in past year has supported National JACL. The Episcopalian minister has spent virtually his lifetime in Nebraska, establishing his St. Mary's mission in the early 1900s.

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Chicago JACL offers '54 cabinet nominations

The following slate of nominations for the 1954 JACL cabinet will be presented for election at the Nov. 20 general meeting at Woodrow Wilson Room, 116 S. Michigan.

Kumeo Yoshinari, pres.; John Yoshino, 1st v.p. (prog.); Dr. Joe Nakayama, 2nd v.p. (memb.); George Teraoka, 3rd v.p. (fin.); Haga, rec. sec.; Betty Iwatsuki, cor. sec.; Bill Fujii, aud.; Jean Shimada, George Okita, Haru Arita, Dr. Victor Izul, Fred Nakagawa, delegates; Abe Hagiwara, Shig Wakamatsu, board of trustees (reserve fund).

Tom Kanno, nominations committee chairman, added that further nominations will be accepted provided the person to be nominated has consented to run. On the nominations committee were:

Noboru Honda, act'g chmn.; Abe Hagiwara, Dr. T. Yatabe, Kumeo Yoshinari, Mari Sabusawa, Dr. Randolph Sakada, Shig Wakamatsu, George Tanaka, Ronald Shiozaki, Dr. Frank Sakamoto, Harry Mizuno, Joe Maruyama, Alma Kurisu, Sumi Shimizu, Mike Hagiwara and Richard Hikawa.

Mtn.-Plains district officials Texas-bound

Denver
George Y. Masunaga, Mountain-Plains District Council chairman, and James Imatani, 1000 Club district chairman, left last week on an extended trip to the Rio Grande Valley in Texas to stimulate interest in the forthcoming district council convention here Nov. 28-29.

Masunaga is motoring with his parents to visit his sister, Mrs. George Fujimoto. While in the deep south, Masunaga and Imatani plan to meet Henry Kawahata, president of the Rio Grande Valley JACL, and other community leaders to renew 1000 Club memberships and to revive the Texas chapter.

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HARUO ISHIMARU

The biennial convention of the Northern California-Western Nevada District Council, hosted by the French Camp and Stockton chapters, in Stockton last weekend heralded another milestone in JACL history. Our thanks to the members of the two chapters for being such good hosts and hostesses. Special appreciations are due the following committee members: **Presidents Sam Itaya (Stockton) and George Ogino (French Camp), Joe Omachi, Dr. James Tanaka, Yukie Shinoda, Aya Tsugawa, John Fujiki, Tad Akaba, Jack Matsumoto, Lawrence Nakano, Nori Endow, Yoshimi Terashita, Lou Tsunekawa, George Baba, Molly Goto, Mary Okuna, Ruby Dohana, Sachie Itaya, Elmer and Rosie Tsunekawa.**

Fish Story

Since the opening Saturday morning highlight was the Fishing Derby, sponsored by the Red Hat Anglers Club, we expected to have a lot of striped bass sashimi for dinner that evening. However, we discovered that the Stockton and French Camp chapter members patrolled the river so thoroughly the week before to make sure fish were there that by Saturday morning the fish were exhausted. Derby winners were **Min Nitta, Joe Omachi, and Frank "Catfish" Nishita.** Guess what Frank got his trophy for! Fishing awards were presented at the dinner Saturday evening by **Harry Itaya** representing the Red Hat Anglers Club.

Council Sessions

As usual, the business sessions were very well attended. The first day saw approximately 80 at the business meeting, and reports had it that there were about 150 attending the meeting on Sunday. We were grateful to the approximately 40 Issei supporters who came to discuss with us the important problems which affect all Japanese Americans. Included on the agenda were the National Report by **Masao Satow** and the Washington Report by **Mike Masaoka.** **Harry Honda,** ye editor, gave his preview of the coming holiday edition.

Mixer

The mixer was a very pleasant affair held at the snazzy Officers Club. Delicious refreshments, which were enjoyed throughout the evening, were prepared by individual lady members of the host chapters, and included sushi, sandwiches, homemade cookies, cakes and liquid refreshments. Entertainment consisted of dancing, a full-length Class "A" movie in color, and cards.

Thousand Club

Sunday morning was devoted to sightseeing via a cruise down the river, church services and sightseeing. The hilarious opener for most conventioners was the Thousand Club luncheon presided over by affable **Tom Yego,** the Republican "congressman" from Placer County.

Under the "delicate" prodding of past Thousanders, a number of neophytes were initiated into the ranks. We listed the old-timers a week or two ago. Those who renewed their membership and new members who joined the Order of the Tie and Garter were: **Tadaishi Yoshioka, Nobuta Akahoshi, Mosaburo Shinoda, Oscar Fujii, Kenji Fujii, Bill Tsuji, Vi Nakano, Glenn Kowaki, Tom Shimonishi, Bob Takahashi, Takeo Tachiki, George Makabe, Harry Higaki, Dick Nishimoto, Wilson Makabe, Heizo Oshima, Bill Matsumoto, Tom Tao, H. S. Nozaki, Toyoji Konno, Kihei Ikeda, Yuhei Oshima, Abraham Lincoln, Bill Fukuba and Marshall Sumida.**

As is the custom for Thousand Club doings, members were fined for various misfeasance, malfeasance and nonfeasance. Although we don't think Tom Yego was capricious, some of the reasons for fines were intriguing. **Heizo "Groucho" Oshima,** president of the El Cerrito-Richmond Chapter, was fined for not shaving for the past six years. **Kenji Tashiro,** Central California District Council chairman, was slugged for sitting between two of our young charmers, **Alice and Marge Shigezumi.** (We've got to be careful of these slickers from the south.) PC editor **Harry Honda** was fined for not sitting between two charmers. (We don't want our girls slighted by slickers from the south, either.) **Kenji Fujii,** Eden Township prexy, borrowed twenty-five bucks from **Lefty Miyana** to renew his membership in the Thousand Club and was penalized for borrowing again from Lefty again to pay his fine. Lefty was fined for lending money. By hook or by crook, mostly by crook, fifty dollars were extracted in fines.

Banquet

The Sunday evening banquet was a huge success with a capacity crowd. **Dr. James Tanaka** did the honors as emcee, and the main address was given by the silver-tongued orator of the JACL, **Mike Masaoka.**

Our appreciation again to the host chapters and to the chapters and delegates who contributed to make the convention such a success. All chapters were present except San Mateo.

N.Y. 442nd election

New York
Kelly Yoichi Kuwayama succeeds Conrad Kurahara as president of the 442nd Ass'n here.

Announcement was made at the third annual reunion. Other officers are:
Irving Akahoshi, v.p.; Jimmy Konno, sec.; Gene Herbert, treas.

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IN HONOR OF

Sueo Serisawa is among judges of the 33rd annual national exhibition of California Water Color Society at Long Beach Municipal Art center. The show will be on display until Dec. 6.

Hiroshi Miyamura, Medal of Honor winner of Gallup, N.M., has been voted life membership of Denver's Cathay American Legion Post 185, post commander **Rupert Arai** has announced.

Harvey Kondo, Sanger High School football star, was named temporary chairman for the proposed Sanger Youth Center. Facilities of the Sanger Women's Club are being used.

Jean Funamura, 17, was announced as the Lodi YBA candidate for the No. Calif. Bussei queen contest at Stockton Nov. 22. She is 5 ft. 3 in., and weighs 115 lbs.

Mr. and Mrs. Hyakuichiro Tansu of Bakersfield, Calif., celebrated their golden wedding anniversary Oct. 24. A native of Nagano, the 86-year-old Hyakuichiro came to the United States 60 years ago. They have lived the majority of their years in Bakersfield. Present at the celebration were their five sons: **Harry, Bruce, Walter, Albert and George.** A daughter, **Mrs. Helen Fukuzawa,** is in Japan. They have seven grandchildren.

The San Diego chapter of the California Ass'n of Nurserymen named **Aiji Esaki** to its board of directors.

Takeo Tanabe, 27-year-old Canadian Nisei artist, won the Emily Carr scholarship at Banff School of Fine Arts and sail for Europe for three years' study. He also studied at the Brooklyn Museum Art School and under **Hans Hoffman,** intimate of Matisse and Picasso.

SOCIAL NOTES

Detroit Mr. & Mrs. A Hal-lowe'en party for children was held at International Institute with the following on committee:

Art Morey, Ruth Fujishige, Yo Kasa, Dorothy Okamoto, Tas Yamada, Shig Iseri, Mary Seriguchi, Judy Tanaka, Mitzi Kinoshita, Hifumi Sumamoto, Helen Miyagawa, Jim Shimoura, Fred Mitta, George Matsuiro, Mary Mizuski and Mrs. Gunko.

Detroit Warbrides: Taize Koko announced a tentative program of English classes for warbrides at their Nov. 1 tea at International Institute.

WLA Ladies Guild: A paper & rag drive Nov. 22 has been scheduled by women of the WLA Buddhist church. Pickups can be arranged by calling ARIZONA 3-0308. Display of various notions by Mrs. Alice Mito will be the regular meeting feature.

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Endowment Fund Contributors

San Francisco
A total of \$853.20 was received this week by National Headquarters of the JACL for the Endowment Fund. These latest contributions from recipients of evacuation claims checks raise the total amount received to date by the Fund to \$63,484.52. Voluntary contributions have been received from:

CALIFORNIA
Alameda—Yoshio Akagi \$5; Auburn—Junius Matsumoto \$30, Mrs. Yasuno Matsumoto \$70; Fresno—K. Goto \$20, Mataichiro Masuda \$35; Piedmont—H. K. Nakatani \$11.50; Richmond—Mas Iwahara \$15; Sacramento—Robert T. Katayama \$20; San Francisco—Mrs. M. Hideshima

\$40, Akira Muto \$46.70; Santa Ana—Shosuke Nitta \$150; Selma—J. Akioka \$15, H. Ito \$20; Stockton—Mrs. Shimako Yoshikawa \$50; Yuba City—Somataro Ozawa \$20.

COLORADO
Englewood—Heijiro Nakano \$50.
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Chicago—Eiki Kawashima \$30, Mr. and Mrs. Takaharu Nishi \$50, Mrs. Shizuko Tamura \$50.

MISSOURI
St. Louis—M. Maruyama \$20.
MONTANA
Chinook—Noboru Hayataka \$40.
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New York City—Yukichi C. Kubo \$25, Bunji Omura \$5.

OREGON
Ontario—Mrs. M. Hondo \$10; Portland—John Mizote \$10.
WASHINGTON
Seattle—Y. Nakao \$25.

NO. CALIF.-WESTERN NEVADA CONFAB

Tom Yego named district chairman; Naturalized Issei also on board

Stockton
Tom M. Yego of Newcastle, one of the charter members of the JACL and first president of the Placer County chapter when it was organized in 1928, is chairman of the Northern California-Western Nevada District Council.

He succeeds Giichi Yoshioka of Eden Township Chapter and becomes a member of the National JACL board for the next two years.

Delegates to the 1953 district council convention here in electing five new members to the executive board named a Japan-born person in one of the top district council posts for the first time since passage of the McCarran-Walter bill which gave Issei the right of naturalization. Mrs. Masako Minami of Hayward, active in the Eden Township chapter, who was naturalized last summer, is a member of the executive board.

The new board elected Yego and other officers for the District Council as follows:

Nishita, v. chmn.; Miss Shigezumi, sec.; and Fukuba, treas.

Others newly-elected are: Bill Matsumoto, Sacramento; Alice Shigezumi, San Francisco; Wayne Kanemoto, Santa Clara County; Bill Fukuba, Watsonville.

Holdover members are: Fred Hoshiyama, San Francisco; Ginji Mizutani, Sacramento; Mrs. Grace Aikawa, Berkeley; George Nishita; Yego and Yoshioka (ex-officio).

June Matsumoto of Auburn was named the winner of the NCWNDC "Trip to Japan" contest. Kelvin Mitani of Newcastle won the special \$100 award.

Stockton
The 5-F draft status for Issei, which has hampered many naturalization applications for Issei men, must be changed even if it requires action before the U.S. Supreme Court. The JACL is prepared to fight this problem, Mike Masaoka, Washington representative, told delegates attending the two-day NCWN district council convention here last week.

The ruling of the Immigration and Naturalization Service that Issei men had been placed in the 5-F category during the World War I draft has been regarded as outside the intent of Congress when it passed the McCarran-Walter bill in 1952 permitting Japanese to become naturalized for the first time.

"We do not think it was the intent of Congress when it granted naturalization privileges to those previously 'ineligible' to bar them from citizenship for their World War I status," Masaoka told some 150 convention delegates.

"The League will aid Nisei attorneys who have already done fine work in compiling material on this problem and will participate in impending court cases," he added.

The biennial district convention was held at Stockton's Civic Auditorium South Hall with Stockton and French Camp as host chapters. New district officers were installed by National Director Mas Satow at the convention banquet Sunday night at Bruno and Lena's.

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SPORTSCOPE:

Leo Durocher Praised by Frick

One final baseball note comes from **Ford Frick**, baseball commissioner, who has often had to punish Leo Durocher, praising the Giant manager as one of the finest goodwill ambassadors ever sent abroad. Frick, who accompanied the New York Giants on their tour of Japan last month, returned last week and said the "entire enterprise was terrific" . . . "But that Leo—he was magnificent," Frick added. "He did one of the greatest jobs I ever saw. He put in clinics and worked with kids before 40,000 or more howling fans, instructing them for as much as two hours at a time. The kids liked him and he kidded with them and in general did one helluva job" . . . The Japanese fans were overwhelmed by Ike's letter of greeting to them. They presented the President with a 700-year-old Japanese samurai war armor.

The Giants crowned their barnstorming tour last Sunday with a 7-0 victory over the Central League All-Stars at Osaka's Koshien stadium before 35,000 fans. It was the 14th game but somewhat disappointing as there were no Giant homers. They left for Okinawa and Manila with a 12-1-1 Japan tour record. Meantime, Eddie Lopat's Major League All-Stars are on exhibition in the Philippines.

Finalist in Sacramento City Golf Meet

Perhaps the only Nisei ever to compete in the Sacramento city golf championships, **Takeo Higashino** weathered three Sundays of tournament golf to reach the finals, losing 8 to 7 to Verne Callison, former state amateur champion . . . Higashino shot a low gross 82 to win the **Kagero club** monthly meet. **Tim Sasabuchi** followed with an 87 gross. The club has its annual Turkey Shoot Nov. 22 at Bing Maloney course.

National AAU Judo Tournament

The second annual National AAU judo tournament is to be held in San Francisco next spring, according to **Suketaro Doiguchi**, N.C. Judo Yudansha Kai chairman. The first national meet was held last May at San Jose State College.

The National Bowling Picture

Shun Nakayama of Denver turned in a 157 triplicate last week at Bowl-Mor Lanes. **Tom Ioka** and **Tak Yamasaki** both turned in 621 series in the same Nisei Men's league . . . Others slamming 600 series in recent weeks include **Shig Imura**, 643, and **Willie Yee**, 610, in Sacramento. Of the 60 bowlers in that league, 40 have hit over 500 series . . . **Charley Sonoda** leads in the Salt Lake JACL league with a 617 and in the Capitol league with 640 . . . Best effort of late is **Kayo Hayakawa's** 656 in the San Francisco Nisei Major loop. A week prior he tagged a 640. Four other 600 series were made the same night: **George Inai's** 630, **Dixon Ikeda's** 615, **Fuzzy Shimada's** 610, and **Mit Wakayama's** 609 . . . **Frank Noto** hit 600 on the nose in the San Jose Nisei Men's Classic . . . **Mako Yaguchi** won Tacoma Midway Bowls' 180 & Under tournament with 1202-54-1256 over six alleys, netting a \$225 top prize. **Frank Nomiya** and **Tets Tamaki** were also in the money.

Among the qualifiers in the second roll-off for berths to represent Seattle in the national match-game bowling championships in Chicago come January are **Kenny Oyama** (2939), **Tak Shibuya** (2936) in the men's; **Lois Yut** (2040), **Kazzie Yokoyama** (1981), **Carol Dady** (1969) and **Yoyo Konishi** (1968) in the women's. (Scores in parentheses are 12-game totals). The top 16 girls will roll off this weekend in the semi-finals, and the top 32 men will do likewise tomorrow and Sunday.

WOMEN BOWLERS: **Mickey Oyama** of Seattle tossed a 529 series to lead . . . **Nobu Asami** hit a tremendous 580, including a 230 game, in the San Francisco Women's League last week. Others in the "500" circle in the same league the same night were **Shig Yonemoto**, 515; **Suzie Toda**, 510; **Anna Sugiyama** and **Norma Sugiyama**, both 501. **Grace Etow's** 551 and **Kim Furuya's** 523 were leaders in the previous week . . . Across the bay in the East Bay Women's league, **Miss Asami** scored a 554 last week, a 578 a week prior, maintaining a 560 series average while **Ayako Kawamoto** is holding down a 525 average with a 517, and a week prior a 557.

Nisei Shine in Prep Grid Leagues

In Arizona prep circles, Mesa High School's hard-running team is quarterbacked by **Jerry Ikeda**. In the game against Phoenix Union last week, he intercepted a pass, picking his way through a broken field to set up one score in a 27-0 fracas . . . At Glendale High, **Jim Kobashi** pitched a 40-yard pass to set one tally and bucked from the two on another score, yet they lost a nip & tuck game to Bisbee High 14-13 last week . . . Tempe High was beaten 45-0 by Carver High, which stretched its win to 22 straight. The Tempe statistics show a total net yardage of 29 from rushing. **Jimmie Nakatsu** made 12 of them on one jaunt.

Queen Anne High of Seattle appears to be the city champions this year with a 6-0 record. One of the sparkplugs of this squad is halfback **Jim Suzuki**. He proved his worth in a hard-earned 6-0 game last week against Roosevelt High. The touchdown came with less than 3 minutes remaining in the game. All afternoon, the undefeated Quays sputtered and fumbled. Their undefeated season was at stake. With less than 9 minutes in the final quarter, Queen Anne set off on its successful march. Suzuki sparked the drive by carrying the ball 55 yards on five tries. His last and most important romp through right tackle for 23 yards ended on pay dirt.

Little **Kenny Matsuda** of Westchester High in Los Angeles scored twice in the 25-0 rout over Narbonne High recently. He latched on to a 15-yard aerial for one and pounded the line from the 4 for the other . . . **Jim Abe** of Belmont High tallied on a 24-yard pass in the 35-6 beating handed Riis. **Akira Nakata** shined for Belmont with a 70 yard romp, being hauled down on the 9 . . . All in all, the Nisei gridmen on the high school scene do well wherever they may be. In a few weeks hence, it'll be basketball.

Coach Kajikawa's Woes

Coach **Bill Kajikawa** at Arizona State College (Tempe), who had a veteran Sun Devil basketball team the past two years faces his Dec. 15 opener against Los Angeles State College at home with a quintet of freshmen and sophomores. He hopes to have a faster team than last year's . . . **Dick Nagai**, the Boyle Heights lad who did good as a freshman cager at Univ. of Southern California, is one of the peagreens who is being groomed by varsity coach **Forrest Twogood** this year . . . **George Goto**, who finished his basketball season with Sacramento State College last year, was recently appointed associate justice on the college supreme court. He's the basketball player who played at Placer College and then at Stanford U.

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'AA' cagers form eight-team loop

San Francisco

With four teams already signed, it appeared certain an eight-team Double Aye basketball league would be in operation this year in Northern California as compared with the four-team schedule last season.

Signed are Sacramento Stags, Berkeley Nissei, Alameda Acorns, and San Francisco Protos. Expected to sign are San Jose Zebras, S.F. Fogs, Richmond and San Lorenzo Seraphs.

Entry of the Berkeley Nissei, according to N.C. cage fans, was seen as a big boost toward reviving basketball interest. The Nissei, perennial state champs, have been a drawing card wherever they played.

The league is also planning to raise funds to pay expenses when the league winner travels south to play against the So. Calif. NAU AA league champs in the annual North-South series. Henry Kuwada is league president.

Chicago CL set for '54 keg meet

Chicago

A rhythmic slogan has been selected to advertise the eighth annual National JACL bowling tournament to be held at Hyde Park Bowl, Mar. 5-7, 1954.

"JACL bowling and fun galore—Chicago in '54!"

The Chicago chapter is hosting the richest and classiest Nisei tournament on its first time east of the Rockies. Dr. Randolph M. Sakada is general chairman of the three-day event. On the committee to assist him are:

Abe Hagiwara, program; James Kozuma, tournament director; Jean Kaita, Alma Kurisu, secs.; Togo Tanaka, souvenir program booklet editor; Hiroshi Sunahara, bus. mgr.; Henry Miyahara, hotel; Ray Taisui, pub.; Dr. Joe Nakayama, Hiroshi Sunahara, Paula Haga, promotion; Fred Fujii, aud. Jun Oishi, budget and fin.; Abe Hagiwara, Ronald Shiozaki, dinner-dance; Richard Aki Tani, transp.; Dyke Miyagawa, tournament queen; Bob Imon, tournament sec.; Bill Fujii, treas.; Dyke Miyagawa, Rocky Nakahara, schedule; Aki Matsushita, tabulation; Kaz Nagai, reg.; Harry Kozaki, rules; Paula Haga, Lil Nishihara, women's division; Sock Kojima, posters.

Japan Air Lines announced Yoshita Kojima as general manager for North America. He is in Washington conferring with JAL executives and U.S. government officials.

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THE SOU'WESTER

TATS KUSHIDA

The last two columns have described community service and organizations of the So. Calif. JACL regional office in Los Angeles. This week, *The Sou'wester* concludes his series on the functions of the regional office.—The Editor.

The third major function of the regional office, its most interesting if not dramatic activity, is in the field of public relations.

Public Relations Work

Public relations is difficult to define. It can mean many things including publicity and promotion. One interpretation of "p.r." is community education—keeping the community posted on events and problems which concern it—particularly those in which the JACL participates or assumes leadership.

This type of public relations is essential to any organization if its program is to be effective and merit support of the community. "Toot one's own horn," perhaps, but how else can the services, projects, need for supporting action, attainment of objectives and other information of the JACL program be made known. Consequently, non-publicity simply invites charges of non-performance and consequent loss of support.

Publicity is generally achieved through news releases to the vernacular press and when warranted to the American press. Washington and headquarters releases together with Japanese translations prepared by two local vernacular newspaper editors in our employ are mailed to more than twenty Japanese community newspapers and correspondents throughout the United States, Hawaii and Japan—twice weekly on the average. And as frequently as possible purely local news is dispatched to the local vernacular press.

A group of articulate Nisei make up an informal speakers panel which is called upon from time to time to accept speaking engagements before various community groups—a year around "p.r." service, which has gained much cooperation and support for the JACL program.

JACL participation in community projects is an important phase of its public relations. The leadership role is often asked of JACL in the light of its experience, personnel and facilities.

From time to time, the JACL is requested to represent the Japanese American community in various promotional efforts such as Holiday magazine's publicity gimmick on its issue featuring the Nisei, the Civil Defense department's program calling for personal interviews of Hiroshima atom-bomb survivors, the City of Hope's fund-raising telethon and similar occasions.

Another aspect of JACL "p.r." is community relations by which the problems and aspirations of Japanese Americans are made aware to other groups and organizations. By the same token, their interests are made known to the JACL. This relationship makes possible a united effort on problems of common concern.

Active membership or liaison is maintained with organizations such as the L.A. County Conference on Community Relations, the L.A. County Committee on Human Relations, the Calif. Federation for Civic Unity, the Urban League, the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, the Chinese American Citizens Alliance, the Community Service Organization (Mexican American), the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith, the NCCJ and other groups.

As the result of JACL's "p.r." activities, a cordial and cooperative relationship has been established with public officialdom, personnel of government agencies, courts and legislative bodies at city, county, state and federal levels.

Entrees have been established with certain motion picture and television studios, radio stations, announcers, the metropolitan press and wire services and other communications media.

Realizing that the appointment of qualified Nisei for public offices means recognition of their ability which in turn reflects favorably for all Nisei, the JACL has utilized its contacts among sources of influence to urge such appointments.

Fortunately, there have been well-qualified candidates for such appointments which the JACL could endorse and support unhesitatingly, and, incidentally, successfully has. Two notable instances are the recent appointment of John F. Aiso to the L.A. Municipal Court bench, and the appointment of James K. Mitsumori as Assistant United States Attorney in Los Angeles in 1951.

It's taken three columns to present an outline of the JACL regional office activities. Space won't permit detailing the many miscellaneous services requested. Two examples: finding a job for an Issei parolee from state prison at request of a county agency; helping a Nisei victim trace and report a phoney magazine salesman.

Suffice it to say that our work is varied, challenging, demanding of time and attention but, we feel without modesty, of some benefit to the community.

Special recognition is extended to the regional office secretary, **Blanche Shiosaki**, who, if paid time-&-½ for hours over forty, would draw more than double salary; and we give credit to the good JACLers and volunteers who provide much of the manpower that makes possible the fulfillment of our multifarious responsibilities.

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Los Angeles Newsletter

HENRY MORI

★ A seemingly fantastic proposal to extend a freeway through the heart of Boyle Heights by way of Cumming St., cutting off part of Hollenbeck Park and Boyle Ave., near Whittier Blvd., has been mapped out by the State Highway Commission in Sacramento.

Of course, the adoption of such a project needs more time and study by the commission, and the approval of the City Fathers, but residents numbering thousands in the affected area—including many Japanese American families and business firms—are beginning to take grave concern.

Paul O. Harding of the State Dept. of Engineering explained the freeway would be part of U.S. 99 and State Route 4.

The East Los Angeles Anti-Freeway Committee is headed by Councilman Edward Roybal of the Ninth District, and includes many church, civic, and community officials whose sites would be in jeopardy.

What the state is actually trying to do is to link the Ramona and Santa Ana freeways, and relieve some of Eastside traffic of truck and private vehicles which are forced to pass through semi-residential districts.

★ Fourth District Nisei Memorial Post 1961 of the Veterans of Foreign Wars took part in the two-hour Armistice parade, Wednesday, by marching in the Long Beach event which had 126 units, 23 honorary divisions, and scores of floats.

Commander Seichi Sugino led the 20-man Nisei veterans unit whose headquarters is in Gardena. The theme of the program was "Freedom on Parade."

Several years ago, southland Japanese American vets marched in similar affairs on Broadway but the recently adopted city ordinance banning street parades marked the end of such a participation.

★ If the ration of cars to people were the same here as in Red China, there would be only 30 cars in the whole country, says the latest bulletin from the Los Angeles Chamber of Commerce.

Ah, but to be able to drive where there are only 30 cars to cope with! There are more autos here than in all of South America and Asia combined. And the 1,911,612 cars exceed that of 41 states in this country.

Auto registrations in the county reveal there are two cars for every five residents (2.4 per auto) and 10 cars for every nine families (.87 per car).

★ Stepped-up community activities of Troop 379 Boy Scout of Koyasan Betsuin have brought recognition to one of its parents committee members who was named as vice chairman of the Northwest District Council of the Los Angeles area in the election held last week.

Frank Kuramoto, troop chairman, is the first Nisei to receive the coveted honor. His scouts just sponsored a five-day Japanese movie night to raise funds for their future projects.

They had the largest representation of over 40 scouts at the National Jamboree at Irvine Ranch last July, being the only unit permitted to have its entire troop at the encampment. They also played host to the Nipponese scouts from Tokyo during their local stay.

★ The annual Community Chest drive in Li'l Tokio has started with Hiroshi Hirohata as general chairman, according to announcement by Paul Takeda, executive secretary of the Japanese Chamber of Commerce.

Strangely enough, postwar canvassing has been supported more by Issei, and although Nisei volunteers have been sought, so far, it's the older groups which are pushing the campaign.

Spot checks showed over \$600 has been collected the first three days of the drive.

VITAL STATISTICS

Births

EGUCHI—Oct. 12, a boy Rand Yukio to the Hideo Eguchis (Miyoko Matsuda), Los Angeles.

ENDO—Oct. 7, a boy Gregory Yoshiya to the Tadao Endos (Sumiko Uyeda), Los Angeles.

FUSHIMI—A girl Carolyn Nancy to the Ken Fushimis, Denver.

HAYASHI—Oct. 1, a girl Candice to the Fumio Hayashis (Sayuri Yamana), Encino, Calif.

HAYASHI—Oct. 26, a boy to the Roy Hayashis, Seattle.

HASHIMOTO—Oct. 23, a girl to the John Hashimotos, Seattle.

HORI—Oct. 1, a boy to the Koichi Horis, Fresno.

INADOMI—Oct. 3, a boy Donald Warren to the Yoshiharu Inadomis (Ruth Kimiko Fukuto), Los Angeles.

ISHIDA—Oct. 25, a boy to the Tadashi Ishidas, San Francisco.

IWAMOTO—Oct. 16, a girl to the I. J. Iwamoto, Fowler.

KAKIHARA—Oct. 18, a girl to the George T. Kakiharas, Berkeley.

KITA—Oct. 27, a girl Kim Fumiko to the Yo S. Kitas, Richmond, Calif.

KOBAYASHI—Oct. 16, a girl to the Consul Haruhisa Kobayashis, San Francisco.

MORI—Oct. 6, a boy Kirk Rodney to the Roy Hachiro Moris (Akiko Alyce Kawada), Los Angeles.

NAKANO—Oct. 13, a boy Desmond Lyle to the Lane T. Nakanos (Fumi Sotomura), Los Angeles.

NISHIDA—Sept. 30, a girl to the Kaoru Nishidas, Fresno.

NISHIMOTO—Oct. 12, a boy Stanley Hisao to the Hisao Nishimotos (Florence Toshiye Watanabe), Los Angeles.

SATO—Oct. 3, a boy David Alan to the Dr. William Satos (Irene Yoshikawa), Los Angeles.

SHIBUYA—Sept. 30, a boy Kevin Lane to the Daniel Kinji Shibuyas (Kumiko Yamanaka), Los Angeles.

SHIGEMURA—Oct. 13, a girl Teena Yumiko to the Yoshihiko Shigemuras (Toyoko Hasunuma), Los Angeles.

SHIRAMIZU—A girl Laura Ann to the Harry Shiramizus, Denver.

SHIRASAWA—Oct. 22, a girl to the Takeo Shirasawas, San Francisco.

SUGIURA—Oct. 3, a girl Sandra Akemi to the Roy Tadao Sugiuras (Emiko Sakamoto), Los Angeles.

TAKASHIMA—Oct. 16, a girl to the George Takashimas, Oakland.

TAWARA—A girl to the Toshimitsu Tawaras, Denver.

TSUDA—Oct. 7, a girl Karen Sue to the Masuo Tsudas (Kiyoko Yonemoto), Los Angeles.

TSUYUKI—Oct. 12, a boy Richard Kenneth to the Hideo Tsuyukis (Aiko Kimura), Los Angeles.

UWOTA—Sept. 30, a boy to the Shoji Uwotas, Fresno.

UYENO—Oct. 9, a girl Miriam Elyse to the George Yutaka Uyenos (Erma Maude Okuno), Los Angeles.

WADA—Oct. 4, a boy Ridgeley Craig to the Takashi Wadas (Dorothy Yasuko Hayashida), Los Angeles.

WADA—Oct. 8, a girl to the Fujio Wadas, Live Oak, Calif.

YAGAMI—Oct. 13, a boy David Shuji to the Masato Yagamis (Ayako Wada), Los Angeles.

YAMADA—Oct. 9, a boy David Akira to the Tadao Yamadas (Keiko Watanabe), Los Angeles.

YAMADA—Oct. 15, a girl Corrine Rae to the Shizuo Edward Yamadas (Chizuko Florence Masuda), Los Angeles.

YAMAGUCHI—Oct. 19, a girl to the Tsuyoshi Yamaguchis, Fresno.

YAMAMOTO—Oct. 13, a girl Jo Anne Gayle to the Chiyoshiro Joe Yamamotos (Hannah Yukiko Uyenishi), Los Angeles.

YAMAMOTO—Oct. 19, a boy to the Lloyd Yamamotos, San Francisco.

YAMAMOTO—Oct. 20, a girl to the Hiroshi Yamamotos, San Francisco.

YAMAMOTO—Oct. 21, a girl to the Kay Yamamotos, Caldwell, Idaho.

YAMANAKA—Oct. 2, a girl Suzanne Kazue to the Ray Riuchi Yamanakas (Fumiye Umekube), Los Angeles.

YAMASAKI—Sept. 29, a girl to the Satoshi Yamasakis, Reedley, Calif.

YAMASHIRO—Oct. 26, a boy to the Alfred M. Yamashiros, San Francisco.

YANO—Oct. 16, a girl to the George M. Yanos, San Francisco.

YOSHIZAWA—Sept. 23, a boy James Brian to the Hajime Yoshizawas, Cleveland.

ZORIKI—Oct. 11, a boy David Alan to the Tamotsu Zorikis (Sumi Watanabe), Los Angeles.

Engagements

DOBASHI-INOUE—Mary, Madera, to William, Fresno, Oct. 31.

ITATANI-HATA — Dr. Katherine, San Francisco, to Ryo, Richmond, Nov. 1.

KISHIMOTO-MIYAMOTO — Helen Keiko to Nobuo, both of Los Angeles, Nov. 1.

SUNADA-SUTOW — Toshiko, Oakland, to George, San Mateo, Oct. 24.

TADA-OTSUKI—Mary, Watsonville, to Thomas, Gilroy.

TAKESHITA-KANAI — Toshiko, Denver, to Frank Takuma, Chicago, Oct. 31.

YOSHIDA-KONISHI — Bessie, Alamosa, Colo., to Dr. George, Platteville, Colo., Nov. 1.

Marriage Licenses Issued

ARAKAKI-TAKASUE—Raymond S., 25, and Mabel C., 25, both of Los Angeles.

BEMITO-SAKATA—Jesse P., 43, and Fujiko, 33, both of Los Angeles.

COOK-IKEMIYA—Harold, 33, and Helen, 24, both of San Francisco.

FUJIOKA-MINEAR — Shunro, 43, Hollywood, and Evangeline M., 34, Sunland, Calif.

HAMAI-KITADA—Kazuo J., 31, and Kazuyo K., 26, both of Los Angeles.

HASHIMOTO-YAMAGUCHI—Manabu, 31, and May A., 26, both of Los Angeles.

HIGA-OBAN — Yoshiharu, 24, and Natsumi, 20, both of Los Angeles.

HIGASHI-IKEDA—Shiyoji, 23, and Betsy A., 20, both of Los Angeles.

IWATSU-KAWASHIMA—David, 25 (USN), and Mitsuke, 22, San Francisco.

MATSUDA-OGATA—Don, 29, and Kimiko Carolyn, 28, both of Los Angeles.

MINATA-KIMURA—Masaro, 49, Chicago, and Mary S., 52, Gardena.

MUKAIHATA-NAGAI — Tadao, 29, Harbor City, and Chiharu B., 25, Los Angeles.

MURASE-TSUCHIYAMA — Takashi R., 26, Los Angeles, and Grace Y., 21, Tarzana.

NAGAMOTO-OGUCHI—Kenneth K., 28, and Grace A., 24, both of Los Angeles.

NAKASHIMA-NAKAWATASE—Eizo, 55, and Tomiko, 25, both of West Los Angeles.

OKIMOTO-ONODERA — Charles J., 35, Honolulu, and Lily Y., 29, Los Angeles.

SHISHIDO-FUKUDA — Kunio, 28, Los Angeles, and Mildred M., 21, Racoma.

TAKIGAWA-TOMOSADA—William, 28, and Asayo, 21, both of Los Angeles.

TOMITA-SHAKI — Toshiyuki, 28, Venice, and Yukiko, 22, Beverly Hills.

TSUKAHARA-IWASAKI—Iwao, 65, and Mary C., 66, both of Los Angeles.

WAKABAYASHI-HIKIDA—Gene G., 33, Chicago, and Peggy, 28, Seattle.

WATARI-TAKETA—Kay K., 29, and Lilly, 29, both of Los Angeles.

YAMADA-YAMAGUCHI—Frank J., and Etsuke F., both of Spokane.

Weddings

DOI-OKUGAWA—Nov. 8, Dr. Peter Doi, Denver, and Emiko Okugawa, La Junta, Colo.

ENDOW-ARASHI—Nov. 1, Paul K. Endow, Culver City, and Sumiko Arashi, Santa Monica.

FUKUTO-NAKAKI—Nov. 1, Dr. Teisuo Fukuto, Riverside, Calif., and Sumi Nakaki, Los Angeles.

HAMAI-KITADA — Nov. 1, Kazuo Joe Hamai and Kazuyo Kay Kitada, both of Los Angeles.

IWASAKI-SHINOHARA — Nov. 7, Yosh Iwasaki and Susie Shinohara, both of Los Angeles.

IWATSU-KAWASHIMA — Oct. 31, David Iwatsu, U.S. Navy, and Mitsuko Iris Kawashima, San Francisco.

MIYAMOTO-SHIMOIDE — Nov. 1, Ben Miyamoto, Selma, and Emiko Shimoide, Kingsburg, Calif.

MUKAIHATA-NAGAI—Nov. 1, Tadao Mukaihata, Harbor City, and Betsy Nagai, Los Angeles.

NAKAMURA-TOTOKI—Sept. 26, Allan S. Totoki and Betty Nakamura, both of Honolulu, at Chicago.

NII-KAWANO—Nov. 15, Harry Nii, Dinuba, and Terumi Kawano, Fowler, Calif.

NISHIMOTO-NOZAKI—Nov. 1, Masato Nishimoto, Lancaster, and Miyoko Nozaki, Los Angeles.

NODA-NAKAGAWA—Nov. 7, Buzz Noda, Selma, and Michi Nakagawa, Reedley, Calif.

SHIRAKAWA-KANECHI — Nov. 14, Kiyoshi Shirakawa, Fowler, and Helen Kaneichi, Boila, Calif.

TAMAKI-SUMI—Nov. 1, George Tamaki, Los Angeles, and Kuni Sumi, New York.

TOMITA-SHIRAKI—Nov. 1, Glenn Toshiyuki Tomita, Venice, and Dorothy Yukiko Shiraki, Los Angeles.

WATANABE-MIYANO — Nov. 8, Louis Watanabe, Sacramento, and Emi Miyano, Florin.

YAMAMOTO-ONO—Nov. 8, Tad Yamamoto, Minatare, Neb., and Mary Ono, Arvada, Wyo.

YOSHIMI-NAGAI—Nov. 1, Saburo Yoshimi and Lillian Nagai, both of Los Angeles.

Deaths

FUJITA, Seijiro, 74: Ontario, Ore., Oct. 20; survived by sons Nobuichi (Seattle), George (Pasadena), Jack (Seattle), five daughters Mrs. Suteko Fujino (Seattle), Mrs. Toshiko Uchida, Mrs. Iumeko Koga (Portland), Kimiko, and Dr. Paul S. Shigaya (Seattle).

IKEDA, John Shuji, 62: Seattle, Oct. 28; survived by wife Kiyo, five sons Robert T., Ben, William, Frank, Kay; daughter Mary and four grandchildren.

MATSUURA, Kaichi, 75: Gardena, Nov. 5, survived by wife Taka, three daughters Mrs. Mitsuye Kashiwagi, Mrs. Sadako Kajimoto and Mrs. Toshiko Tamura.

NIGO, Magoichi, 77: Nestor, Calif., Oct. 29.

NISHIMURA, Toshio, 49: Morgan Hill, Calif., Oct. 24, survived by wife, Kimiko.

OGATA, Charles: Seattle, Oct. 30.

OKAMURA, Karen Ann, 3 mos.: Los Angeles, Oct. 29, survived by parents Mr. and Mrs. Robert Yoshioka.

OKUDA, Mrs. Kin, 75: Helper, Utah, Oct. 25, survived by husband Yoshitaro, son Jack Aramaki.

YAMAUCHI, Shoroku, 58: Berkeley, Oct. 27, survived by wife Haruye, sons Dr. Paul K., Chester M., Irving J. and Mrs. Lillian Nobuko Hori.

YASUKOCHI, Yoshimatsu, 85: Crescent, Utah, Oct. 19, survived by wife, sons Hero R., Johnnie K. (Los Angeles), and two grandchildren.

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EDITORIALS

From the Frying Pan . . .

by Bill Hosokawa

DECADE AGO

Voluntary Organizations

November in the JACL calendar means new membership cards and the annual campaign. So often, the question is asked: why should there be a special group looking after the interests of Japanese Americans? The answer can be understood by looking at other voluntary organizations in American life.

A phase that occurs everyday in American life is the voluntary participation of people in private organizations, wielding a tremendous influence on the social, political and economic aspects of the nation. It may be a parents-teachers meeting on higher salaries for teachers. It may be a civic group discussing a bazaar with profits going to the Boy Scouts. Or it may be a group of lawyers who have selected a representative to tell the governor their hometown needs another judge to handle the increasing volume of cases.

There is no shortage of these private groups — be they welfare, civic, veterans, labor or fraternal — each reflecting the interests of a particular group, each aiding in the determination of peoples in a democratic society.

Each group is doing things for itself to advance general welfare — rather than to leave everything to government. Such groups further see that government functions effectively and is truly representative. Such a system could not exist under any form of totalitarianism.

Voluntary organizations generally fall into two categories: (1) general interest groups which work directly for public good and betterment, and (2) special interest groups, which include trade, business and fraternal groups, primarily interested in protecting and advancing the interests of a particular group. Both act as "watch-dogs" on government policy, making the opinions of their membership heard on issues which concern them.

The simple lesson to be drawn this week is that the JACL is regarded as much a part of Hometown, U.S.A. It is primarily a voluntary organization of persons interested in the welfare of persons of Japanese ancestry in America. The painful truth is that no one else can better look after us.

And in American representative government, our failure to be represented means acquiescence by default.

Honoring Our Issei

Denver

The local JACL chapter a few weeks ago sponsored a buffet supper and program honoring Issei of this area who recently had become naturalized American citizens. It was quite an affair, and one to be well remembered.

It was memorable for several reasons. One was the turnout of local bigwigs. Gov. Dan Thornton, who couldn't make it, sent along a state supreme court justice in his stead. Mayor Quigg Newton was represented by one of his staff, and Councilman Jim Fresques showed up in person. District Court Judge William A. Black, a member of the Cathay Legion Post, made the main address. What made this gathering of public figures especially significant was that this isn't even an election year in Colorado.

The program was also notable for the Nisei turnout. The JACL membership showed that it will make time to attend worthwhile functions, and what could be more worthwhile than a chance to honor the new citizens?

The buffet supper (actually it was potluck) was something to remember. No Nisei we've found can cook up Japanese dishes like Issei women, and they outdid themselves in preparing their contributions to the potluck. We'd certainly be happy to endure the speeches again for another chance to tackle such wonderful food.

And the final and main reason the meeting was memorable was the presence of the Issei citizens themselves. They had waited a long, long time—almost a lifetime—for the privilege of being accepted as full-fledged Americans. And now the time had come.

On their faces, in their gnarled hands and sturdy figures, one could see clearly the extent of their contribution to this, their adopted land. They had worked much, suffered much, given much. And in the autumn of their lives, they had at last been recog-

nized.

Their English was halting; there never had been much time, between sweating out a living and rearing their families, for such things as formal educations and social niceties. But there was no question now that they were Americans, entitled to all the benefits that citizenship bestows, and ready to bear all the responsibilities that citizenship implies.

It was a proud moment for Issei and Nisei alike when Mrs. Haru Kobayashi of the JACL chapter called the names of the new citizens. And each of them stepped forward to be presented a lapel pin, in the image of the American flag, from Mrs. Jean Fujimoto.

I was especially interested in the little talk given by Mrs. Some Kosuge, one of the new citizens. She described how she and other Issei had come to the United States in search of the milk, honey and gold that they had heard about. They found, instead, that the same homely virtues of industry, ambition and perseverance were the only road to success in the United States as it had been in Japan.

For years the Issei had harbored hopes of working for a while, saving their money, and returning to the homeland. But then the children began to come—children who were Americans by birth, education and every inclination. These children would have been more alien in Japan than their parents were in the United States because they would not have been transplanted of their own volition.

So, in deference to their children, the Issei gradually adjusted their sights. They forgot about their original plans, sank their roots deeper into American soil. Citizenship was the final step.

I thought of my own parents as Mrs. Kosuge spoke. I wish they had been granted the privilege of living just a little longer—long enough to become American citizens.

Vagaries . . .

by Larry Tajiri

A Girl for 'Sayonara'

When Joshua Logan or his associates get around to producing the Broadway musical version of James Michener's "Sayonara", they will be fortunate in that they will have available for the leading role of the Japanese girl an actress and a dancer for whom the part could very well have been especially written.

The performer is Sono Osato who has achieved distinction in three separate, though related, careers. She was one of the first Americans to win a leading role in Col. de Basil's Ballet Russe, dancing the premiere role in "Prodigal Son" and other productions in a company which included Baranova, Danilova and other stars of the European ballet.

Miss Osato, now married to an architect and designer from French Morocco and the mother of two children, left the Ballet Russe to dance on Broadway in "One Touch of Venus" which starred Mary Martin. She played Ivy Smith in the Comden-Green success, "On the Town," in which she acted, danced and sang in the role of the girl who becomes New York's "Miss Subways." Sono Osato was cited for the best dancing of the New York season for her "On the Town" performance.

Recently Miss Osato has built a reputation as a straight dramatic actress in many TV shows, including her leading role opposite John Forsythe in "Pagoda," a Studio One drama of an American pilot who falls in love with an Eurasian girl in farthest Indo-China, a situation not dissimilar to the interracial love story which James Michener projects in "Sayonara," in which the principals are a jet pilot back from Korea and the dancing star of the Takarazuka revue.

Born in Omaha of a Japanese father, then employed as a society photographer on a daily newspaper, and of an Irish mother, daughter of a noted architect, Sono Osato was brought up in Chicago. She joined the Ballet Russe when only 14 years of age and has been dancing ever since then. There are few, if any, Oriental roles in ballet, unlike opera with its perennial "Madame Butterfly," and she has never been racially typed in her dancing or dramatic assignments. She has danced everything from "Les Sylphides" to the "Prodigal," which has its setting in Asia Minor. She danced "Cocaine Lil", a character from American folklore, in the highly successful "Ballet and Ballads" show on Broadway some years ago. She has played the American-type beauty queen of "On the Town" to the fiery gypsy of her one screen role in MGM's "Kissing Bandit" in which the script called for her to vie with Kathryn Grayson for Frank Sinatra.

Recently in two off-Broadway plays, one with its setting in India, Miss Osato continued her dramatic career. A role such as that of Hana-Ogi in the projected "Sayonara," however, is one that a performer often gets only once in a lifetime. The producers of the proposed musical, for which Irving Berlin has been writing the music, (it's almost certain that one song will be titled "Sayonara Means Goodbye"), have not indicated any casting assignments but it's difficult to imagine a role

more suited to the actress, in this case Sono Osato, or vice versa.

In fact, there is a physical likeness between the beautiful Japanese girl of Jon Whitcomb's illustrations in the current issues of "Sayonara," in which the Michener novel is being serialized in abridged form prior to publication by Random House, and the features of Miss Osato.

The only hitch is that Joshua Logan's nervous breakdown recently may delay indefinitely the start of work on the Broadway version of "Sayonara," which was scheduled to be placed in production this season. Mr. Logan, a producer of distinction with such hits as "Mr. Roberts" and "Wish You Were Here," also was writing the book for the musical from the Michener novel. He is now convalescing in a nursing home in Louisiana. Logan bought production rights to "Sayonara" against spirited bidding from MGM and at least two other Hollywood studios, paying an estimated \$500,000.

The Michener novel is actually two interracial love stories, the featured romance of a Takarazuka girl and a jet pilot and the heart-breaking love of an army private, a tough, grown-up juvenile delinquent who finds a home for the first time in his life with a homely girl named Katsumi. The latter role, an important one in the story, is, in fact, a character far better realized by the author than the glamorous Hana-Ogi.

Sono Osato is an intelligent, politically-conscious young woman who is deeply interested in the problems of her fellow humans. She has given dancing classes for underprivileged children in Harlem and in other New York neighborhoods. She has danced in countless benefit shows for the halt, the lame and the displaced.

During World War II there were some Nisei who sought to dissociate themselves from the problems of their fellow Japanese Americans. On the other hand, there were others who deliberately associated themselves with the Nisei. Sono Osato, like Isamu Noguchi, already was established professionally at the time of Pearl Harbor and the subsequent mass evacuation of persons of Japanese ancestry on the Pacific Coast. Sono, like Isamu, could have remained untouched by the problems faced by the Nisei.

Noguchi was the first person to show up at the Poston relocation center, a voluntary evacuee who was willing to give up his liberty to help the evacuees in art and design.

Sono Osato participated in many activities on behalf of the Nisei and later of Nisei GIs in the New York area, including a number of affairs sponsored by the New York JACL chapter. Later her brother, Timmy, once a Quiz Kid on the NBC network show, fought in Europe with the 442nd Combat Team.

Sono Osato showed then, as she has on other issues involving her fellow artists, that she has both talent and heart. She would make a beautiful Hana-Ogi, if and when the Michener novel comes to life on the stage.

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First two Nisei casualties of World War II in Mediterranean Theater of Operation reported; two Hawaiian soldiers wounded in action.

370 loyal evacuees leave Newell segregation center; military police aid departure of final group. Loyal volunteers still harvesting farm crops on Tule Lake project farm.

Dillon Myer denies news reports he was prisoner of Tule Lake mob.

Strike called by segregants at Tule Lake as clerical and administrative operations come to halt.

Navy Dept. lists three Japanese American merchant seamen from Hawaii as war prisoners.

S/Sgt. Kazuo Komoto, Purple Heart soldier of South Pacific, returns home; visits parents at Gila River center.

Permanent military control of Tule Lake segregation center urged by Gov. Warren and state senators, as Sec. of War Stimson explains troops only there to quell riot.

Salt Lake realtors vote to curb sale of homes "in better district" to Japanese Americans, reaffirming a 1911 code of ethics section.

150 evacuees successfully resettled in Milwaukee area.

MINORITY

Despite a 100 percent increase in the number of Negro medical students within the past 12 years, there is still a 6,000 deficiency of Negro physicians, the National Health Council stated.

A museum devoted entirely to the folk art of all countries was opened in Santa Fe, N.M.

The Fair Labor Standards Act, known as the minimum wage law, has had its 15th anniversary. The law proposed to eliminate "labor conditions detrimental to the health, efficiency and well-being of workers . . ."

James M. Devitt, 28, admitted setting two fires in a liquor store near the Trumbull Homes housing project, Chicago. Devitt said he started the fires because he "didn't like the situation at the project," according to police. (The situation at the project concerns the admittance of Negro families in the public housing project heretofore all-white.)

Because of vigorous NAACP protest, Attorney General Herbert Brownell refused to appoint State Sen. Warren Gill as U.S. Attorney for Oregon. Gill led the fight to prevent enactment of a state's civil rights law. Gill maintained he is without racial prejudice, but also believes the owner of a place of public accommodation has a right to choose his patrons or customers.

Bureau of Printing and Engraving of Treasury Dept. continues its defiance of President Eisenhower's anti-discrimination policy in federal employment, NAACP charges. No single Negro is employed among its 461 printers. To keep this force lilywhite, the Bureau has abolished its apprentice training program in which 31 Negroes and 39 whites were enrolled.

While the Eisenhower administration has failed to live up to its campaign promises on labor and farm programs, it has generally adhered to its pledges in the field of civil rights, Walter White, NAACP executive secretary, recounts.

National social fraternities and sororities were banned by the State University of New York from its 33 campuses in a drive against racial and religious bias. Sigma Sigma Religious bias. Sigma Sigma Alpha and Alpha Sigma Alpha sororities were suspended outright at Cortland Teachers College.