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EISENHOWER SIGNS STRANDEE VOTING IN JAPAN BILL

Washington

President Eisenhower signed into law the JACL-sponsored bill providing expeditious naturalization of Nisei for citizenship lost by voting in post-war elections in Japan during the American occupation, the Washington JACL office reported yesterday.

The bill provides that Nisei who lost citizenship by voting and for no other reason between Sept. 2, 1945, and Apr. 27, 1952, inclusive, may regain such citizenship by simply taking naturalization and anti-communist oaths before a proper court, or diplomatic or consular official abroad.

According to State Department estimates, some 2,000 Nisei stranded in Japan are involved.

The bill was introduced more than a year ago at specific JACL request by Sen. Arthur V. Watkins (R., Utah), chairman of the Senate Judiciary Subcommittee on Immigration and Naturalization.

Mike Masaoka, Washington JACL representative, hailed the White House action as "another step to help resolve some of war time tragedies that befell American Nisei." He added that the Watkins law will aid in bringing many separated U.S. families together and resolve to a great degree one of the worst naturalization problems confronting American officials in Japan.



JANET FUKUDA
Miss National JACL sits for her first formal
Portrait by Roy Hoshizaki

It all happened in a week!

Pasadena

"It's hard to believe! A week ago, I was just signed up and tonight, I'm picked the queen," Janet Fukuda happily confided to her escorts, Ken Uyesugi and Elden Kanegae, Orange County JACL queen committeemen.

The charming young lady of 19, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William S. Fukuda of Anaheim, was a last-minute entry in the National JACL queen contest. Queen contest chairman Hisashi Horita of the Southwest Los Angeles chapter was not in-

formed until he had returned to his office Monday morning. Unsuccessful telephone attempts by Uyesugi, two-term O.C. chapter president, began early Saturday afternoon, it was revealed.

The role of queen is not new for the Univ. of Southern California co-ed. Last year, she reigned as queen at a statewide intercollegiate conference of Nisei students.

In the fall, she returns to the Trojan campus as the first Nisei ever elected to a student-body office as vice-president of Associated Women Students. An honor student graduated from Anaheim High, she is majoring in dental hygiene on a four-year all-University scholarship.

Like a Cinderella story, she was signed up Saturday, parti-

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Nisei jet pilot killed in crash

Chino

Second Lt. Ray Ito, 23, F-86 Sabre jet pilot, was killed while on a tactical training mission over South Korea, the U.S. Air Force reported last week.

Parents, Mr. and Mrs. Kinji Ito, were earlier informed their Chino-born son was missing in an air crash, but later learned he had met with an accident five miles south of his destination field.

A heavy rain shower caused Ito to miss the air base and his craft disappeared from the radar scope.

The Nisei pilot was a graduate of Chaffey College in 1951, took his basic at Lackland AFB, Tex., finished electronic and radar training at Keesler AFB, Miss., and later commissioned at Bryan AFB, Tex., in August, 1953, before going to Korea early this year.

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ORANGE COUNTY GIRL ACCLAIMED AS MISS NATIONAL JACL OF 1954

Pasadena

JACL convention spirit has been taken captive by a young beauty from Orange County, Miss Janet Fukuda, 19, who was judged as Miss National JACL of 1954 and crowned at an informal outdoor ceremony at Brookside Park last Sunday.

Some 400 persons witnessed the twilight ritual as her two ladies-in-waiting, Miss Mary Enomoto of Southwest Los Angeles and Miss Janet Okimoto of East Los Angeles, both finalists in the convention queen contest, carrying long-stemmed yellow Eclipse roses stood at either side of Miss National JACL of 1954, who sitting and with a beautiful bouquet of red Better Times roses in the center was crowned by Mrs. Helen Morita Matsunaga of Pasadena, 1950 candidate for Miss National JACL.

The brief ceremony was the climax to an all-day session of the Pacific Southwest District Council deliberating on organizational matters and subjects to be placed before delegates of the National Convention here Sept. 2-6 at the Hotel Statler.

Pasadena Hosts

The Pasadena JACL was host to the pre-convention rally. The chapter was commended by the District Council delegates as well as guests of the all-day picnic for the outstanding management of the event. A staff of 14 housewives (husbands can be included) prepared the cole slaw-spaghetti luncheon, and even more manned the charcoal-broiled steak dinner.

Miss Mieko Kondo, Japan's candidate for Miss Universe, paid a surprise visit in the evening.

Mas Satow, National Director, was present for the PS-

WDC pre-convention meeting, pointing out some of the issues which are to be discussed at the convention, such as JACL policy with respect to Japan, Issei representation on the National JACL board, a unified budget, national membership fee and constitutional changes.

19 Strong in PSWDC

San Fernando JACL chapter, recently reactivated, was formally accepted into the district council, now composed of 19 chapters. Dr. Chibo Sakaguchi, dentist, is the chapter president.

Florence Wada, 1st vice-president of the Pasadena chapter, and Tom Ito, chapter president, were co-chairmen of the pre-convention rally-picnic, assisted by:

Mrs. Aki Abe, lunch; Mrs. Anna Oishi, barbecue; Moe Takagaki, chief chef; Al Takata purchase; Minnie Takagaki, Masami Takata, refreshments; Jiro Oishi, games; Dr. Joe Abe auction; Kimi Fukutake, Grace Sato, Elizabeth Ozawa, reg.

1st Hawaiian Nisei enters Annapolis

Honolulu

Believed to be the first person of Japanese ancestry from Hawaii to be appointed to Annapolis, 17-year-old Irving Ken Goto, son of Mr. and Mrs. Kenji Goto of Halawa Heights, has been accepted for appointment and will report there next week.

He will visit his uncle, Lt. Unoji Goto of the Navy Medical Corps at Portsmouth, Va., before reporting at the Naval Academy.

The cadet is 5 ft. 7 in. and 150 lbs. His father is administrator of Kuakini Hospital; his mother, Aiea School teacher.

'Horizontal Hank' Goshu sworn as first Nisei in foreign service

Washington

Henry Hiroharu Goshu was sworn in as the first Nisei staff officer in the Foreign Service of the United States, the State Department informed the Washington Office of the Japanese American Citizens League.

The 33-year-old Seattle-born Nisei has been assigned to the American Embassy in Tokyo as its radio-television development officer.

One of the greatest and first of the Nisei heroes of World War II, he served for two years as an infantryman with Merrill's Marauders in the China-Burma-India theater of operations. Awarded four combat decorations, he won fame as "Horizontal Hank," one of the very first Nisei to see action against the Japanese enemy.

He later served in the Psychological Warfare Branch of the Office of War Information.

Malaria Victim

Just before the end of hostilities, he was returned to the United States to attend Officer Candidate School but an attack of malaria, which he first contracted while with Merrill's Marauders, hospitalized him in Denver. He received his honorable discharge from the army after his 13th attack of malaria.

In 1945, during an interview arranged by the War Relocation Authority, he expressed the hope that one day he would be working for the American Embassy in Japan. He was also featured on a "We, the People"

program, a national radio broadcast.

He worked as a clerk in New York City for the Treasury Department early in 1946.

Later that year, he went to work for the War Department as a military research analyst.

State Department Employee

In November 1946, he began to work for the State Department in Washington, the first Nisei to be employed by this agency in a non-clerical capacity. He was placed in charge of Japanese Foreign Archives, Japan Desk, division of foreign activity correlation.

In 1951, he was transferred to the Voice of America staff. One of his first assignments was to visit Japan for recruitment and radio survey.

He attended the historic Japanese Peace Conference in San

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Sansei girl wins role in 'Dateline Tokyo'

Hollywood

Pretty Karen Yamamoto, 5, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Masao Yamamoto of Los Angeles, was finally selected out of some 200 Sansei youngsters screened for a role in Mickey Rooney's "Tokyo Dateline" television film series. The production is slated for shooting in Tokyo in late August.

Other roles are being played by Frank Kumagai, Lane Nakano, Reiko Sato and veteran Teru Shimada.

SATO LONE CANDIDATE IN ARIZONA PRIMARIES

Phoenix

Arizona office-seekers girded themselves for the Sept. 7 primary race, but for most Republican candidates, like Carl K. Sato of Mesa, it will be a free ride.

Sato, first Nisei to run for a seat in the Arizona state legislature (House District 3), is the sole GOP nominee; while three Democrats vye for the same position.

Urge return of Japanese, German vested property on equal basis

Washington

Urging an amendment to a House resolution to include the return of Japanese vested property along with the return of German property, Mike Masaoka, Washington representative of the Japanese American Citizens League, requested the House Committee on Interstate and Foreign Commerce to give equal consideration to our two former enemy countries.

Masaoka also requested the sponsor of the resolution for the return of German property, Rep. James G. Fulton, (R., Pa.), to amend this resolution to include the return of Japanese property vested by the United States government during World War II.

The resolution, introduced by Congressman Fulton, provided for the return of only vested German property.

International Goodwill

In a letter to Congressman Fulton, Masaoka wrote:

"Our national self-interest,

international goodwill, and fair play require that we treat our two former enemy governments in the same way, for we need Japan in Asia, just as we need the Federal Republic of Germany in Europe as friends and allies.

"Today, both represent our best hope against the communist menace in their respective areas of the world.

"To give one certain substantial benefits while denying it to the other certainly will not help increase the bonds of friendship and understanding which we need to have between ourselves and our allies.

Senate Takes Suggestion

"When Senator Dennis Chavez of New Mexico proposed a similar resolution in the Senate last year, we urged Senator Everett M. Dirksen of Illinois, chairman of a special Judiciary Subcommittee studying the problem of vested property, to give equal consideration and treatment to both West Germany and Japan.

"Senator Dirksen agreed to our suggestion and his bill, representing the thinking of the Senate Judiciary Committee,

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CASUALTIES

KILLED IN ACTION

Pvt. Akira Uota, Fresno. (Previously listed as missing in action, Korea.)

★ WASHINGTON NEWSLETTER ★

Republican Boast

★ MIKE MASAOKA ★

Status of JACL's legislative program

With the Congress speeding towards a July 31 adjournment target date, this may be an appropriate time to look at the current status of JACL's national legislative program.

With approximately two weeks to go as of this writing before the scheduled adjournment date, JACL's record shows four public bills signed into law, one approved by Congress and ready for the President's signature, six more to be acted upon and one to be defeated.

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Four public laws

1. **Extension of Filing Deadline.** Signed into law Feb. 9, 1954, this statute extends until Feb. 8, 1955 the time for title claims against the Office of Alien Property, Dept. of Justice. With so many bills being introduced to return all wartime vested property, this extension takes on added significance. Only those in the United States may file for the return of their vested property.

2. **Restores Veterans' Pensions.** Signed into law July 1, 1954, this measure authorizes the Veterans Administration to restore pensions to eligible Japanese nationals residing in Japan whose pensions were cut off by World War II. Though this applies to only a few widows of Issei who served in this country's navy in the Spanish-American War and World War I, the restoration of their pensions will enable them to live out their lives in Japan without recourse to charity.

3. **Evacuation Claims Payments.** Signed into law May 11, 1954, this supplementary deficiency measure authorizes the payment of \$1,728,933.75 to claimants whose evacuation claims were adjudicated and awarded.

4. **Administrative Appropriations.** Signed into law July 2, 1954, this fiscal 1955 appropriations for the Dept. of Justice provides \$200,000 for the adjudication of evacuation claims, \$3,000,000 for the Office of Alien Property, and \$39,000,000 for the Immigration and Naturalization Service in administrative funds. These funds are to keep these agencies functioning until June 30, 1955, the end of the Government's fiscal year.

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One passed by Congress

1. **Restoration of Citizenship.** This bill provides that some 2,000 Nisei who lost their United States citizenship by voting in the post-war elections in Japan during the period of American Occupation may recover their citizenship by taking prescribed naturalization oaths before the proper diplomatic or consular agencies abroad, or, if already in this country, before a naturalization court. Cleared for the White House on July 14, 1954, when the Senate accepted a "spelling correction" amendment of the House. At this writing, the President has not signed this legislation but he has ten legislative days in which to do so. A veto is not expected.

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Six bills await congressional action

1. **Hillings Evacuation Claims Bill.** This bill provides for the expeditious determination of all the remaining evacuation claims by authorizing an election by the claimants as to compromise settlements or judicial determinations (Court of Claims procedure). Currently pending before the House Judiciary Subcommittee on Claims, no action is likely on this bill before adjournment. In fact, there is considerable discussion among Subcommittee members as to the advisability of conducting public hearings out on the west coast after adjournment.

2. **Supplemental Appropriations.** An additional \$74,795.88 for the payment of 14 evacuation claims awards is authorized by another supplemental deficiency appropriations request. Presently pending before the Senate Appropriations Committee, this bill is expected to be approved by Congress before adjournment.

Hawaiian Statehood. The House approved this bill Mar. 10, 1953. The Senate also approved it, but added Alaskan Statehood to the same measure, Apr. 1, 1954. On that day, the Senate asked for a Conference with the House. Since the first of April, the bill has been on the Speaker's desk awaiting clearance from the House Rules Committee to permit it to go to Conference as requested by the Senate. No action is expected before adjournment.

4. **Peruvian-Japanese.** It is part of an amendment to the Refugee Relief Act of 1953 which would authorize the Attorney General to suspend the deportation proceedings against Peruvian-Japanese brought to the United States for internment during the war but which Peru refuses to readmit after World War II and to adjust their status to that of aliens lawfully admitted to this country for permanent residence without charging them to Japan's annual quota of 185. Though passed unanimously by the House on Mar. 15, 1954, the Senate Judiciary Subcommittee on Immigration and Naturalization is not likely to take favorable action this year.

5. **Social Security Provisions.** The bill to revise the Social Security Law was passed by the House on June 1, 1954. It contained a section expanding Social Security coverage to include most Issei domestic workers. It also contained some relatively restrictive provisions involving residence requirements for beneficiaries living abroad, the taking away of Social Security "credits" earned by aliens during periods of "unlawful residence", and the termination of benefits to certain classes of deported aliens. Currently under study by the Senate Finance Committee, some kind of revised Social Security law is expected to pass this Congress under the prodding of the Administration.

6. **Nurserymen, Flower Growers Exemption Bill.** Special legislation amending the Civil Aeronautics Act to exempt agricultural products, including horticultural and floricultural commodities, and shipping associations from regulation is pending before the House Interstate and Foreign Commerce Committee. Similar provisions are under consideration by the Senate Interstate and Foreign Commerce Committee studying an omnibus approach to complete rewriting the Civil Aeronautics Act of 1938 as amended. No action is expected by either House this session.

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Bill to be defeated

1. **Dismissing Yen Claims.** Passed by the Senate Mar. 10, 1954, this bill would dismiss the 17,500 claims of Issei and Nisei filed against the Office of Alien Property for the return of their yen deposits in pre-war Japanese banks in this country. Pending before the House Interstate and Foreign Commerce Committee, every effort is being made to prevent House passage of this legislation which would deprive thousands of Issei and Nisei of their yen debt claims.

Non-white ban of Exchange clubs hit by Bay Area groups

Oakland

Officers of 15 San Francisco Bay Area Exchange Clubs met in Oakland Sunday to protest a ban against non-white members being enforced by the organization's national headquarters.

A spokesman said it was decided only two courses were open: Force a change in the national policy or drop out of the national organization and reorganize on a regional basis.

The delegates set another meeting for Aug. 6.

The Golden Gate Exchange Club, largest in California, has voted to surrender its charter in protest against the all-white policy.

The Stockton club defied an order of national headquarters to expel a Chinese member and the Menlo Park club disbanded rather than obey a like order.

S.F. names youth for scholarship

San Francisco

David Yamakawa Jr., graduate of Mission High School here, was the San Francisco JACL's choice for the annual Pvt. Ben Frank Masaoka Memorial Scholarship.

Finishing at the top of his class with a 2.92 average, he has several scholastic awards, commanded the ROTC at Mission High as cadet colonel, attended several national Red Cross meetings as junior delegate and elected to several student-body and class positions.

Hank Gosh-

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Francisco on behalf of the Voice of America. That same year, he handled the first broadcast in Japanese of the World Series between the New York Yankees and the New York Giants.

Radio Information Officer

In 1952, he was assigned on temporary duty at the American Embassy in Tokyo as radio information officer. Then he was detailed to London and Paris to observe the work of the British Broadcasting Company and the French International Broadcasting Company.

He accompanied the Crown Prince of Japan during his visit to the United States as the Voice of America representative.

Married to Jean Hiro Gosh, a naturalized citizen, he has two children, Carol Jeanne, 10, and Merrill Emerson, 8.

Henry Gosh was president of the Washington, D.C. JACL chapter in 1950.

Boy pinned against building by truck, dies

Kamloops, B.C.

George Kiyoshi Motokado, 13, died recently from internal injuries sustained after being pinned against a building by a truck driven by his older brother Robert. Police said the mishap occurred when the victim was shouting directions to his brother on how to back up the truck.

NEW CITIZENS

San Francisco

Ninety Issei were sworn in as new American citizens among 300 persons July 19. Two visiting jurists presided at the ceremonies; Federal Judge Jon Wiig of Honolulu in one court room and Federal Judge Sam M. Driver of Spokane in the other. Interpreters were Kiyoshi Tomizawa and Mrs. Irene Cederland.

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Tokyo Topics . . . by Tamotsu Murayama Conservation Good Turn

(Tamotsu Murayama is making his first revisit of America in 16 years and will write of his impressions. He is attending summer training conferences with the Boy Scouts of America.—The Editor.)

New York

America is conservation-minded and leaders of all walks of life are unified in this national campaign to keep the natural strength of America.

Nearly 3,500,000 members of the Boy Scouts of America are heartily responding to the President's call for conservation of natural resources.

President Eisenhower has declared:

"Wise and judicious use of our natural resources is of paramount concern to all Americans. The Boy Scouts of America, as heirs to the future, have much to lose or gain in the years ahead, depending on how those natural resources are managed . . . I believe that it would be particularly fitting if the Boy Scouts would undertake by concerted action to arouse public recognition of the need for adequate protection and wise management of our soil, water, mineral, forest grassland and wild-life resources."

Conservation Science

Conservation is a science in America. It is not mere propaganda nor loose talk for sake of

politics. Conservation is a serious. The wise and judicious use of the person who cuts down one tree to plant two trees.

"America is beautiful," the President continued. "But it won't remain beautiful unless we protect her outdoor areas, her soils and waters, her forests and ranges, her fish and wild-life, and her mineral wealth."

"One of the greatest Good Turns that each of us can do for America today and for all the future is to wake up to the importance of conservation and to learn to use our country's natural wealth in the wisest manner."

For Japan, Too

Conservation—this is what Japan needs, too. It is not a problem for experts alone, but should be the personal concern of all. Such conservation measures as campers not permitted to cut down even a finger-size tree or catch fish and wild game without license during a specified period are not even dreamed of in Japan.

The outdoor code, which should be known by heart by Americans, urges one to:

Be clean in my outdoor manners—I will treat the outdoors as a heritage to be improved for our greater enjoyment. I will keep my trash and garbage out of America's waters, fields, woods and roadways.

Be careful with fire—I will prevent wild fire. I will build my fire in a safe place and be sure it is out before I leave.

Be considerate in the outdoors—I will treat public and private property with respect. I will remember that use of the outdoors is a privilege I can lose by abuse.

Be conservative-minded—I will learn how to practice good conservation of soil, water, forest, minerals, grasslands and wildlife; and I will urge others to do the same. I will use sportsman-like methods in all my outdoor activities.

Personal Challenge

Conservation is a challenge to all Americans. Conservation is almost a religion with the young people. The Boy Scouts are climaxing their resolution on conservation during Boy Scout Week in February, 1955. Conservation Good Turn means preservation of native land and keeping America beautiful.

PRESS FILE:

EDITOR DIES—Sen. William Asbury Buchanan, 78, publisher and editor of Lethbridge (Alta.) Herald, died July 11 after a long illness. During World War II, his sympathetic understanding toward evacuees proved helpful in their resettlement in the Picture Butte and Lethbridge districts.

INITIATE NISEI AS MONTANA SHRINER

Havre, Mont.

Frank T. Harada, 442nd RCT veteran and businessman at Wolf Point, was accepted to the Ancient Arabic Order, the Nobles of the Mystic Shrine, at the Al Bedoo Temple in Billings recently. He is believed to be the first Nisei Shriner of Montana.

He received his 32nd Masonic degree at the Great Falls Montana Consistory and belongs to the Wolf Point Lodge, where he is senior warden. His wife, Norma, is active in the Order of Eastern Star.

Very Truly Yours by Harry Honda For peace in the Pacific

Every other month, the American Academy of Political and Social Science (3937 Chestnut St., Philadelphia 4) publishes its Annals . . . Undoubtedly, students have had to refer to these fine publications during the course of their studies. This week, the July 1954 copy has crossed my desk and it deals with "America and a New Asia" . . . The first 32-pages deal with Japan in four papers that review the struggle of minds in Japan during the Occupation, the place of Japan in Asia today, U.S.-Japan relations and the political status of Japan against a free or Red-dominated world.

Dr. Harry Emerson Wildes (author of *Typhoon in Tokyo*, 1954) in the opening article chides the occupation for spurning Ruth Benedict's *Chrysanthemum and the Sword*, a study composed from her work with Japanese in California and in various relocation camps . . . The one-time chief of the SCAP political and social affairs division said her findings, first issued for occupation information, were disregarded as ill-informed and theoretical. That she had never set foot on Japan was their reason . . . To think that the impact of American occupation in Japan might have steered differently because of evacuation of Japanese from the West Coast could numb the sting of 1942 . . . I say differently because, as Tamotsu Murayama has pointed out many times in Tokyo Topics, the Communists have exploited American

weaknesses in Occupied Japan. The occupation bungled in suppressing conservatism for fear of reviving militarism and tolerated communism . . . While the occupation worried about textbooks, the Communists mobilized the teachers. Constant hammering of anti-American themes in the press and radio was never taken as Communist propaganda . . . To be sure, there were Communist blunders, such as riots and strikes, that deeply irked the Japanese people who have stood fast against Russia for centuries . . . Dr. Wildes thinks it is not too late to take the initiative and help Japan to real victory.

Ambassador Sadao Iguchi presents the "Place of Japan in a Resurgent Asia", citing Japan's need, its tradition and of its hope to meet "the challenge of our time" by emphasis on economic cooperation as a basic prerequisite for solving the problems of new Japan as well as new Asia . . . Tatsuo Morito's report on "Japan and the Two Worlds" and Robert McClurkin's "Relations between Japan and the United States" conclude the section on Japan . . . Out of the many stories datelined Tokyo in the daily press, readers of the Annals this month are treated to some careful analyses . . . An academic approach to a problem devoid of passions and pin-point details can add understanding needed so much today by Nisei, who are conscientiously working for peace in the Pacific.

Million dollar shopping center . . .

Like a refreshing trade wind on a sticky summer day came a business announcement in Honolulu the other day. It said that U. Yamane, Ltd., a family corporation, will soon start building a \$1,000,000 shopping center. Uichi Yamane, an 85 year old Japan-born merchant, had decided to expand his grocery and hardware business.

Unless one had been in the city in recent weeks or had been reading the Honolulu newspapers, the announcement might be taken as an interesting but otherwise routine item.

But to most Honoluluans, it was front page news, for it came during the current siege of unemployment talk and recession fears.

The news was distinctly encouraging; here was a one-time small, immigrant shopkeeper demonstrating his faith in the future in a way that startled some of his more pessimistic business friends.

Unemployment problem daily topic . . .

Hardly a day goes by now without some reference in the daily press to the unemployment problem. The latest figures show that about 15,000 persons are unemployed in the Territory, or nearly 8 per cent of the total civilian labor force.

The situation is not healthy. It is potentially serious and is likely to get worse before it gets better. The young people are coming out of the schools much faster than the economy can absorb them; and mechanization and industrialization are continuing to put more workers out of jobs, although at a steadily slower rate than during the past several years.

Compared to the worst period, today's unemployment is only half as bad as during the peak in 1949, when about 30,000 were unemployed. That was during and immediately after the six month long longshoremen's strike and the sharp cutback in civilian employment by the armed forces.

More critical attention is being focused today on the unemployment situation in Hawaii, and perhaps just as well, because it is a problem that cannot be wished away. Clearly, the economic base of the islands must be broadened and strengthened to create more jobs for a growing labor force.

Economists insist that emergency action by the government through make-work projects is not enough in the long run; community action, primarily from the business leaders, must provide the expansion in jobs necessary for long term stability.

Rags-to-riches 'Yamane Story' . . .

But to return to the story of U. Yamane, Ltd., and its \$1,000,000 shopping center. Aside from its morale-uplifting value at this moment, the "Yamane Story" is interesting because of its rags-to-riches quality.

Uichi Yamane, who organized his family corporation, started with a tiny coffee shop in 1901, catering to Japanese laborers in the same district where the shopping center will begin to rise next September.

In 1922, he bought the 11,000 square feet of leased property where his coffee shop stood. He continued buying parcels in the adjoining area, until he acquired a total of eight acres on which to build the shopping center.

The site is at the Kalihi end of Honolulu, definitely not a wealthy section but a growing district. A market study shows that the center will be within three minutes drive of 2,276 households with more than 12,000 persons and with a potential spending income of about \$10,000,000 a year. The center hopes to corner about \$3,000,000 of this business.

The center will include an 18,000 square foot super market, a variety store, a drug store and fountain, a restaurant, a hardware store, possibly a bowling alley and post office, a branch bank, an office building for professional men, and eight or nine smaller shops.

Uichi Yamane has four sons. The eldest, Kazuo, is president of the family corporation.



High point in the all-day Pacific Southwest District Council pre-convention rally Sunday at Brookside Park, Pasadena, was the crowning of Miss Janet Fukuda (seated) of Orange County as Miss National JACL of 1954 by Mrs. Helen Morita Matsunaga, the

last PSWDC queen. Queen Janet's attendants are Mary Enomoto of Southwest Los Angeles and Janet Okimoto (right) of East Los Angeles JACL.

—Toyo Miyatake Photo.

NISEI OF BIENNIUM NOMINEE: Iwashita: engineer, lawyer, MI expert and lawyer all in one

Chicago

An inventor, military intelligence expert, lawyer and professional engineer—all wrapped up in the personality of George K. Iwashita—is a story of which the Nisei can be proud, according to a Chicagoan who has nominated him for the Nisei of the Biennium award.

Believed to be the only Nisei who has attained as high an executive position with a major American industry, he is general manager of General Electric's packaged air-conditioning systems and water cooler business.

The Hawaiian-born Nisei joined the firm at Bloomfield as manager of product planning in the air-conditioning division in 1949 and was named to his present position in 1952.

Inventor with 36 Patents

Besides being a successful manager, it has been pointed out that he holds some 36 patents covering air-conditioning and refrigeration machines. During his high school days in Hawaii, he helped James Dole develop the seedless pineapple.

During World War II, he served as captain in the famed 442nd Regimental Combat Team in Europe and later was a major in Army Intelligence in the Pacific. He now holds a reserve rank of Lt. Colonel.

Gratefully crediting his wife's encouragement (she holds a

law degree), he has a law degree from Univ. of Michigan and a Doctor of Jurisprudence from Univ. of Dayton. The latter degree was accomplished during those years when he had a full-time engineering job by day and studied law in the evenings.

Professional Engineer

He has Bachelor of Science degree in electrical engineering from Ohio State University and is a licensed professional engineer in the state of New York.

A golf enthusiast, Iwashita says he finds little time to enjoy it. And no wonder. He is director of Air Conditioning and Refrigeration Institute, director of American Society of Refrigerating Engineers, chairman of the National Membership Committee, ASRE, active in the American Legion, Red Cross, Elk's Crippled Children's Fund, community fund and many other civic and business activities.

Iwashita credits his father with much of his inspiration. "My father," he says, "had the finest philosophy of any man living or dead. He impounded in me the fundamental desirability of going out into the world with the idea of earning a million friends instead of a million dollars.

"To live a fuller life, always boost those subordinate to you and they in turn will carry you forward," his father wisely advised.

Iwashita is also responsible for "orders increasing 300 percent," it was added.

Townsend Harris post

San Francisco

Shizuo Namba was installed as commander of the Townsend Harris American Legion Post here.

Senate committee OKs Dirksen bill on vested property

Washington

The Senate Judiciary Committee Monday approved a measure providing for the return to German and Japanese citizens of property seized from them in the United States during World War II.

Sponsored by Sen. Everett M. Dirksen (R., Ill.), the bill was sent to the Senate floor where prospects for action on it were uncertain because of the rush toward adjournment.

Earlier this month, Mike Masaoka, Washington JACL representative, testified before the Dirksen Judiciary Subcommittee requesting all Japanese property vested during wartime be returned to their former owners.

IN HONOR OF

Joe Nakade of Stockton was one of eight named as producer members of the Delta Potato Advisory Board for the 1954-55 marketing season by W. C. Jacobsen, state director of agriculture.

Lynn Nakata, 17, who plans to continue her education in physical education, and a Selma Union High School graduate last June, is a queen candidate in the Kingsburg Watermelon Festival. She is 5 ft. 3 in.

Gene T. Izuno, 19, of Chicago won state and regional honors in the national model auto competition of the Fisher Body Craftsmen's Guild. The Univ. of Illinois architectural student was awarded \$150 and an expense-free trip to the national convention in Detroit, July 20-23. He spent some 300 hours building a sleek, glass-topped model.

A Secure Future In a High Paying Job

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● The Chicago JACL will sponsor brilliant Nisei pianist LILY MIKI in concert, Sept. 25, at the Kimball Hall. She was graduated with honors from the Julliard School of Music and her distinguished scholarship and outstanding performance has won for her the Harry Rosenberg Memorial, the Frank Damrosch scholarships and the Morris Loeb Memorial prize. She has been acclaimed by Midwest and Eastern concert goers. BILL FUJII is event chairman, being assisted by members of the Chicago Music Club.

Around Windy City . . .

● The Chicago JACL has named SHIG WAKAMATSU and KUMEO YOSHINARI, official delegates; JOHN Y. YOSHINO and ABE HAGIWARA, alternates, to the 13th biennial National JACL convention in Los Angeles.

● City-Widers are inviting the public to a picnic-supper chaired by Mrs. MICHU YAMAGUCHI July 31 at Ravinia Park, before attending the concert featuring pianist Eugene List and conductor Arthur Fiedler of Boston "Pops". Reservations at \$2 should be made with the Resettlers Committee now. They plan to meet first at the home of CHARLIE UKITA, 3642 N. Wilton, by 5 p.m.

● On view at the Art Institute until Sept. 1 is an exhibition of 55 photographs taken by young and talented Sabine Weiss of Paris. Her pictures of children, cats, celebrities and clochards (bums) have gained for her considerable reputation in magazines and photo salons of Europe.

● The Nisei Solons, an 18-and-under hardball team, sponsored by Little Tokyo Chop Cuey, is the only Nisei squad in the Woodlawn Boys Club league of 17 teams. Southside youth can see manager GEORGE OSAKI, HYdepark 3-0815, for a position on the team. YUKIO MATSUMOTO is coach.

● The annual Resettlers Committee community picnic will be held Sept. 6 at McDermott Oaks, 27 miles out of Chicago. TAKEJI TSUMAGARI is chairman . . . The Co-operative Investors and Cosmo Investors picnicked together last Sunday at Marquette Park.

About People . . .

● Another active newcomer in the JACL chapter here is very promising and likeable young dentist, Dr. VICTOR SUMIO IZUI, 935 W. Sheridan Rd. He is serving as delegate-at-large in the cabinet . . . Formerly of Seattle, he attended Univ. of Washington before evacuation, and was cited with a Silver Star for gallantry in action while an aid man in Co. I, 442nd RCT . . . He was married to nurse MICHU KATAGIRI, Kent, Wash., here in March 1944. He was graduated from Univ. of Illinois dental school in 1950, then returned to active military

service as a dental officer in 2nd Infantry Division in Korea for a year. He was rotated home a year later and was stationed at Ft. Leonard Woods, Mo . . . He opened his private practice at 4554 N. Broadway in October, 1952. He is a member of the Nisei Dentists of Chicago, Nisei American Legion Post 1183 . . . They have two children: TINA, 7, pupil at LeMoynne School, and DICKEY, 4. Dr. Izui's parents, Mr. and Mrs. MIKISABURO IZUI are also local residents. His brother, GEORGE, dental technician, is married to RUBY TASHIMA, of Portland, and they have two children: CAROLINE JAN, 4, and PETER, 1 1/2 . . . Michi is the sister of:

- ✓ KAY, employed with Evansville Courier Press, now Mrs. JOE UNG, International Harvester engineer at Evansville, Ind. Two children: PHYLLIS, 20; CARRIE, 18.
- ✓ JOE, car upholster in Chicago; married to HAMA MATSUSHITA of Portland, Ore. Children: GAIL, 9; NANCY, 5.
- ✓ NOBU, housekeeper, now Mrs. AKI KAWAMOTO in Wheeling, Ill. Husband is a floorer. Both JACL supporters. One child: KATHY, 9.
- ✓ DAVID, Boeing Aircraft engineer in Seattle; married to JUDY TAKAHASHI of Kingston, Wash. Children: MICHAEL, 2; STEVEN JOHN, 6 mos.

JACL compiling data on discriminatory acts in Denver city area

Denver
As a part of the survey on human relation in Denver, the local JACL is cooperating in compiling data concerning discrimination in public housing. Leonard Campbell, former city attorney, is temporary chairman for the public accommodation section.

Included in public accommodation section's study are hotels, motels, restaurants, commercial recreation, and entertainment.

The local JACL is further cooperating in the study of housing discriminations with particular emphasis upon racial restrictive practices.

Another study is being conducted on anti-democratic behavior, the extent of activities of "hate mongers" and denial of civil rights.

The JACL office, 1225 20th St., requests reports of any incident involving discriminations for the purpose of compiling such a report.

700 at Cleveland picnic

Cleveland
Close to 700 attended the seventh annual Japanese community picnic at Wiegand's Lake on July 4. The picnic was deemed a success through efforts of:

- Ken Asamoto, Mike Asazawa, Dorothy Fujihara, Ruth Fujihara, Robert Fujita, Kay Furukawa, Jiro Habara, Lillian Hashiba, Mitch Hashiguchi, Frank Ikuta, Harry Kaku, Don Nakajima, Sets Nakashige, John Ochi, George Oga, George Ono, Jane Suguchi, Tad Tsufura, Mas Uye-sugi, Frank Yatsu and others.

✓ Toshi Suyematsu of Caspar, Wyo., has opened his law office in Cheyenne.

Detroit JACL: The chapter's annual fishing derby will be held this Sunday at Pontiac Lake. Kay Takata, chairman, said the derby starts Saturday midnight and ends at noon.

Assisting are:
Paul Joichi, Clem Miyaya, Tom Tagami, Tom Shibuyama, Dave Izumi, Aiko Nakatani, Roy Kaneko, Frank Doi.

Marysville JACL: The annual chapter barbecue will be held this Sunday at Lake Francis, some 35 miles into the High Sierras on the Brown Valley highway. Isao Tokunaga, chairman, said top sirloins and all the trimmings go for \$1.75 per plate.

Assisting are:
Fujio Wada, George Matsumoto, George Ishimoto, Terry Manji, Aki Iwanaga, George Yoshimoto, Toyomi Nakohara, Shig Yoshimura and Frank Kinoshita.

Omaha JACL: The chapter held its annual Fourth of July picnic at Carter Lake. Gary Zaiman was in charge . . . A 100 pennies are being offered for a name to their chapter newsletter.

Mile-Hi JACL: Probable National JACL convention delegates and boosters from the Mile-Hi chapter include Sam Y. Matsumoto, chapter president, and his family; regional representative Min Yasui and family, Dr. and Mrs. T. K. Kobayashi, George Y. Masunaga, former Mountain Plains district chairman.

Albuquerque JACL: Mrs. Ruth Y. Hashimoto, chapter president, reported the chapter has fulfilled its 1954 quota of \$300 for National JACL. She will also attend the National Convention as official delegate, accompanied by her daughter Ada Jane. The chapter is nominating Hiroshi Miyamura, only living Nisei Medal of Honor winner, as candidate for the 1954 Nisei of the Biennium.

East Los Angeles JACL: The fifth annual chapter family picnic will be held this Sunday, July 25, at Belvedere Park, First and Mednick Ave., according to Ida Nishibue and Don Matsuda, co-chairmen. The Southwest L.A. chapter has been invited as special guests. Refreshments will be furnished through contributions of East-side merchants, who were responsible for the success of previous picnics. The park has a swimming pool, wading pool for youngsters, barbecue pits and playground. Miyo Fujita, social vice-president, will be in charge of the "a la weiner roast" evening snack. John Watanabe will be emcee; Roy Yamadera giving away prizes and Sam Furuta (AN 2-8580) in charge of transportation . . . Miss Janet Okimoto, chapter candidate for Miss National JACL and last week selected as attendant to Janet Fukuda, convention queen, will be honored.

Sequoia JACL: The beach outing scheduled this Sunday has been postponed until Sunday, Aug. 29, it was announced by Hi Inouye, chairman. It will be held at Table Beach with Tri-Villes and Redwood A.C. members assisting.

CALENDAR

July 24 (Saturday)
BERKELEY: Benefit movies, Long-fellow School.
TWIN CITIES: Barbecue party.

July 25 (Sunday)
EAST LOS ANGELES: Chapter picnic, Belvedere Park, E. 1st and Mednick.
SEATTLE: Picnic, Gaffney's Lake Wildreness, 12 noon.

OAKLAND: Weenie bake, Camp Padre, Tilden Reg. Park, 11 a.m.

July 29 (Thursday)
SAN FRANCISCO: Issei citizens banquet, Mart Club, 1355 Market St., 6:30 p.m.

Aug. 1 (Sunday)
NCWND: Pre-convention rally, Monterey, San Carlos Hotel.

Aug. 7 (Saturday)
CHICAGO: Weenie bake, Marquette Beach; meet at 3516 N. Sheffield, 2 p.m.

Aug. 15 (Sunday)
DAYTON: Chapter picnic, Polo View, Hills and Dales Park, 3 p.m.

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The Orange County JACL personality who was chosen Miss National JACL, Janet Fukuda, is being treated to extra-luscious steaks from the charcoal broiler by master chef Tom Ito, Pasadena JACL president, who was co-chairman of the Pacific Southwest District pre-convention picnic. —Toyo Miyatake Photo.

SAN FRANCISCO ISSEI CITIZENS TO BE HONORED AT JULY 29 FETE

San Francisco
Some 275 invitations have been sent to local naturalized Issei citizens who will be honored guests at an honorary banquet sponsored by the San Francisco JACL Chapter on Thursday, July 29, 6:30 p.m., at the Mart Club, 1355 Market St.

Plans are underway to make this banquet a "big night" for the honored guests, according to Hatsu Aizawa, chairman for the event. Mart Club, which will accommodate up to 500 persons, will provide a fashionable background for the occasion. In a special ceremony during the evening, certificates of recognition will be presented to the new Issei citizens.

Lt. Gov. Harold J. Powers

was announced as main speaker. "We are indebted to Tom Yego, NCWND chairman, for contacting the Lt. Governor for the San Francisco chapter,"

Issei and Nisei groups are being contacted to urge them to join in paying tribute to new citizens. Family members and friends are especially urged to attend.

Among those helping Aizawa on banquet plans are:

Sumi Honnami and Rose Oda, hostess co-chairmen; Alyce Matsumoto, special table decorations; Ben Okada and Bob Kawachi, printing of certificates.

Reservations for the banquet may be made by calling the JACL office, WEST 1-6644. The charge for the banquet for all those except the honored guests will be \$3.50.



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Livingston Issei

HARUO ISHIMARU

As I have often said, one of the richest rewards that comes to JACL is the opportunity to see so many of our Issei parents welcomed into the ranks of American citizenry. Among the more delightful banquets honoring the Issei was the one put on by the Livingston-Merced JACL chapter, under co-chairmanship of TOM and CAROLINE NAKASHIMA. Serving as the genial toastmaster was SPUD MATSUDA. The 31 Issei who were honored were:

Tay Andow, Yoshi Andow, Rev. Kumataro Matsumoto, Kiyoko Mi-Masaji Goto, Fujie Handa, Jitsuo yake, Ben Nagai, Kohei Nakashima. Handa, Juichi Hashimoto, Takeyo Mineyo Okuda, Chiyo Okuye, Rina Hatashita, Katsu Hoshino, Tatsuzo nai Shoji, Aki Suzuki, Chiyosaku Suzuki, Tokuya Tanigoshi, Kwanzo Tanji, Michiko Tanji, Tai Tanji, Chiyono Kirihara, Isaji Kirihara, Tomoshiro Tanji, Morikichi Yoshida, Chiyoko Kishi, Harry H. Makita, Hegoro Yoshino.

Special recognition was given to RINAI SHOJI, whose son TOSHIKI was killed in action during World War II. Also honored were Gold Star Mothers of Livingston: Mesdames M. KINO-SHITA, Y. OHKI, and R. SHOJI. Among the many guests who welcomed and congratulated the new citizens were JAMES KURIHARA, chapter president, Rev. I. NAKAMURA, the instructor of the JACL citizenship class, and the following guests:

Superior Court Judge Ranse Sischo; Superior Court Judge and Mrs. Gregory Maushart; County Supervisor and Mrs. Neil Gallaway; Mr. and Mrs. Charles Kanen, principal, Livingston Elementary School; Mr. and Mrs. Jack Stockman, commander, American Legion Post; Rev. I. Nakamura, Cortez Presbyterian Church; Mr. and Mrs. Louis Schmoll, publisher of Livingston Chronicle; Bill MacFadden, president, Livingston Chamber of Commerce; Mr. and Mrs. G. H. Winton, a long time friend of the Japanese Americans in that area.



I had the honor of serving as speaker of the evening and I was happy to be able to point out the saga of the pioneer of the Issei of this community, whose efforts were recognized and contained in the U.S. Congressional Record in 1948. I think that the tribute paid to the Issei of Livingston by Mrs. FRANK SUZUKI in the last Holiday Edition of the Pacific Citizen perfectly expresses our gratitude to these exemplary new citizens.

"The farms of Livingston today are a living testimonial to the initiative, fortitude and hard work of the early Japanese pioneers—our Issei parents—and the vision of Mr. Abiko, who above all desired to establish a Christian community. It is to them that we Nisei say a very humble "arigato"—may we prove worthy of their dreams for us."



Thousand Club Notes

HAROLD GORDON, Nat'l Chairman

"The 1000 Club Notes" is now a regular corner of the Pacific Citizen. District chairmen, chapter 1000 Club chairmen and correspondents are invited to earmark items of human interest and personality sketches of 1000ers for this section.—Editor.

1,000 One Thousanders by Convention Time

San Francisco: A quick glance at the "fever chart" indicates the progress being recorded by National Headquarters on signing 1,000 One-Thousand Club members by convention time—Sept. 2-6 at Los Angeles. Since its inception less than four national conventions ago, close to 900 different individuals have joined. The original intent, as proposed by the 1000 Club Founder GEORGE INAGAKI, now National JACL president, was to have 1,000 loyal supporters contribute a sum of \$25 a year and thereby relieve National Headquarters of financial worry and concentrate its effort to the main program.

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Dr. Nishikawa main NCWNDC preconfab rally speaker

San Francisco

Main speaker for the Northern California-Western Nevada District Council meeting on Sunday, Aug. 1 at Monterey will be Dr. Roy Nishikawa, it was announced by Tom Yego, District Council chairman. He stated "Since this is the pre-National JACL Convention it is very appropriate that we have the privilege of hearing from the general chairman of the National Convention board."

Dr. Nishikawa is national treasurer of the JACL, serving his second term after being unanimously re-elected at the San Francisco Convention in 1952.

It was further reported that accompanying Dr. and Mrs. Nishikawa will be Tats Kushi-da, regional director, and Miss JACL and possibly her attendants.

The NCWNDC meeting in Monterey will also initiate the first Northern California-Western Nevada JACL golf tournament to be held at the fabulous Pebble Beach golf course.

31 Issei honored at Livingston-Merced fete

Livingston

Thirty-one new Issei citizens were honored July 14 by the Livingston-Merced JACL at Eiland Hall. (List of the new citizens is found in Haruo Ishimaru's column this week.)

Juichi Hashimoto, speaking on behalf of the new citizens, expressed their thanks, told how he came to this country as a young man and of his long fight for citizenship.

Assisting Tom and Caroline Nakashima, dinner co-chairmen, were:

Fred Kishi, res.; Violet Masuda, serv.; Lily Hamaguchi, tables; Nob Hashimoto, cleanup; Mary Tanji, Frances Kirihara, Grace Kimoto, Mary Kishi, Yae Masuda, and Frances Tashima, food.

Colored movies on Japan closed the program.

Veteran groups sprouting throughout Japan

Tokyo

Staying out of the public eye as much as possible, veteran organizations are mushrooming throughout Japan. Ex-military men are becoming active again and enlisting recruits for Japan's new self-defense forces, the International News Service reported last week.

Most of these veteran groups are maintaining close relations among former members of the organization, to help each other, to oppose communism, and to obtain release of war criminals at Sugamo prison.

Communists in Hokkaido protest visit by royalty

Tokyo

Communists on Hokkaido have launched a campaign to oppose the scheduled visit of Emperor Hirohito and Empress Nagako to Japan's northernmost island next month.

The Emperor is scheduled to open a national sports meet and make a brief tour of the island.

The Communists, it was reported, oppose the visit because the Emperor is "not a symbol of peace but is connected with the A-bomb and war and would bring misery."

✓ Detroit JACL chapter president Kenneth Miyoshi and his wife motored to the West Coast and continued their trip to Hawaii for a summer vacation visiting relatives and friends. They plan to return by September before resuming his position as instructor in the Detroit secondary schools.

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On to L.A.! by Roy Nishikawa Miss National JACL

One of the nicest affairs we've attended in a long time was the Queen Contest pre-judging aboard the APL luxury liner President Wilson. Three lovely finalists were chosen from among seven personable candidates. We did not envy the judges for having to make their difficult decisions. And the luxury and hospitality of the President Wilson would satisfy even the most critical taste as Mr. RONALD DeLONG of APL went all-out to please our group.

An equally impressive occasion was the final judging at the home of Consul-General SHINSAKU HOGEN. Unfortunately Mr. Hogen was not able to be with us but nonetheless his staff showed us its gracious and traditional hospitality. The three finalists, Miss National JACL JANET FUKUDA, and her two attendants, MARY ENOMOTO and JANET OKIMOTO have an abundance of youth, vitality, charm, poise and intelligence. We're sure that all convention delegates will love them. Our opinion is that photographs fail to do these girls justice. They are much nicer eye-to-eye.

Serving on a judging panel . . .

The Contest Committee under HISASHI HORITA asked us to be one of the judges in the final selection, along with dancer GENE PARKER, artist NOEL QUINN and Consul-General HOGEN. How we got into this elite group we don't know. We hastily add that we did not throw our weight around to get this job. In fact when Hisashi called on the phone we told him we had to think it over. After thinking for two seconds, we said Yes.

When one is a judge on these matters he is immediately subjected to all sorts of threats, bribes, deals, blandishments and cajolery from prideful chapter backers. Being honest and having integrity we turned deaf ears to all of these. Besides none of the offers were high enough. On chapter even promised to use a form of yoga whereby several members would concentrate on influencing the judges by means of thought transference. Our aerial must have been haywire or maybe our skull was too thick. Anyway, we didn't decide until the last minute.

All of this quickly led to the development of certain stock answers when questioned, Which way did you vote? If the chapter's candidate won, we agreed that she was an excellent choice. If a chapter's candidate lost, we said, we think you had an excellent choice but unfortunately those other judges couldn't see it our way.

On the same day as the final judging, the Pasadena chapter went all out in hosting the PSWDC pre-convention rally. Co-chairmen FLORENCE WADA and TOM ITO's crew prepared and served 384 meals twice during the day—spaghetti lunch and barbecued steak dinner. And they had to clean up afterward too!

The Pasadena chapter has also met all of its current financial obligations to National JACL and its varied and extensive local chapter programs easily makes it our personal choice for the "Chapter of the Year."

With these wonderful hosts and National Director MAS SATOW present to brief us on critical Convention issues, plus a business session in which much was accomplished, the entire pre-convention rally was an overwhelming success. Even Miss Nippon, MIEKO KONDO, put in her appearance and had the natives gawking with delight.

Once again, we were impressed with the number of attendees heretofore not particularly active in JACL. We hope that many of these good people will join us during the National Convention.

In talking about the hot weather . . .

Every columnist eventually mentions the weather. We hope to use it as an ally. If the heat has been getting you down, we remind you that every room in the STATLER Convention headquarters is air-conditioned. Also every room has running ICE water besides non-essentials like radio and television sets. These COOL items ought, finally, to convince all of you would-be delegates and boosters who have been sitting on the fence so far.

Rush your housing reservations to the Statler and send us your Advanced Registration. The Convention Board will take registrations at any time but we cannot be responsible for providing housing at the last minute.

We cannot praise too highly the efforts of manager TATS KUSHIDA, editor CHARLES ASAWA, art editor MICHU KATAOKA and others like GEORGE FUKUDA, JIM HIGASHI, MAS KATAOKA, MAS YOSHIDA, JEANNE NISHIKAWA, MIKE KAWAGUCHI and HIROKO KAWANAMI who spared no efforts to prepare the 120-page Souvenir Booklet. This crew has been working several nights each week for several months. They have one consolation in that their work is now over while most other convention committees have most of their work before them.

It was a revelation for us to watch the booklet crew in action. Michi's home at which the work was done, resembled a commercial artist's office with drawing boards, paste, paper cutters, folders, mats, etc. scattered all around. We're glad Michi can now repossess her home. And the most wonderful part about this crew was that even after several months of work they remained cheerful, eager and enthusiastic about their job.

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Convention honor roll . . .

Latest chapters to make the Convention Honor Roll for pre-paid advanced registrations are SAN LUIS OBISPO chapter with SABURO IKEDA as an official delegate. KEIRIN IKEDA and MASAJI ETO will also attend from this area. Our friend BOB KANAGAWA will represent the SANGER chapter. Bob is also treasurer of the Central California District Council. ARIZONA and PLACER COUNTY chapters have also sent in advanced registrations but no official delegates were named as yet.

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SPORTSCOPE:

● Japanese Davis Cup players, after being eliminated by Mexico in the North American Zone series, arrived in Toronto for special matches last Saturday. Team manager ZENSO SHIMIZU heads the group composed of ATSUSHI MIYAGI, KOSEI and REININ KAMO. It was reported the 7,500-ft. altitude of Mexico City was a considerable handicap to the players who had little time to get accustomed to the thin atmosphere.

● ARTHUR KONO, 14, will be Riverside's (Calif.) first representative in a national tennis event, the National Jr. and Boys' tennis championships at Kalamazoo, Mich., July 26-Aug. 1. He was also entered in a warm-up meet this week, the Western Open at Champaign, Ill., considered a must for players since both tournaments are played on clay courts not found in Southern California. Young Kono qualified last week with a victory in the 15 years and under division at the Long Beach Junior Open. He was given community-wide support.

● Freak summer showers delayed the opening round of the So. Calif. Japanese tennis championship for an hour last Sunday at Solano Canyon courts, Los Angeles, and 100-degree heat followed to hamper competition. RAY MAENO, son of a former tennis great, defeated JIM TSUCHIYAMA, 2-6 7-5 5-0 (def), in the feature Bee game of the day. ALVA YANO, Caltech varsity player, upset JOE NAGANO, 6-1 6-2, in an Aye game.

● NOBI TAMURA, a guard turned offensive fullback for Lodi High, was named to participate in the Aug. 14 Valley All-Star football game, it was announced by the Lodi Jr. Chamber of Commerce, sponsors. GLENN MURAMOTO, ex-Sacramento High guard, will be missing from the lineup as he would be ineligible for the junior college season if he were to play. He already has attended Sacramento College for one semester.

● ERVIN FURUKAWA, outstanding Nisei golfer of the West Coast, bowed in the second round of the National Public Links championship at Dallas's Cedar Crest course Tuesday last week. He defeated John Bloyer of St. Paul, Minn., 3 and 2, the first day; lost to Milon Frank of St. Louis, 2 and 1. Competition included 110-plus sweltering heat.

Los Angeles naturalization officers set to clear backlog of applications

Los Angeles Prospective Issei petitioners for naturalization were encouraged earlier this week following announcement of successful conferences Monday between officials of the local Immigration and Naturalization office and Tats Kushida, Pacific Southwest regional JACL director.

H. R. Landon, district I&NS director, has issued instructions to clear up the thousands of pending petitions as expeditiously as possible, the JACL learned.

The I&NS is aware of the problem of the naturalization backlog and will make every effort to "bring the situation current", Kushida was told.

An accelerated program of processing the pending petitions will be affected in the very immediate future, possibly this week, it was explained, with indications that it would necessitate a reassignment of all available personnel within the I&NS to staff the project.

Kenneth Temple, assistant to director Landon, advised the Issei anticipating naturalization to enroll or continue at-

Apprentice Nisei jockey boots home four winners

Inglewood

Apprentice jockey George Taniguchi enjoyed his greatest day in racing by booting home four winners at Hollywood Park July 16. His first quadruple of the meeting, it strengthened his second-place position among the riders. The season ends this week.

FIRM 'NO' FOILS WOULD-BE ROBBER

Cleveland

A firm "no" from a cashier stopped an attempted robbery last Saturday in Mount Sinai Hospital and sent the robber running away.

Miss Sue Morikawa, 1640 E. 75th St., told police she was counting the day's receipts about 5:40 p.m. when a man approached and gave her a paper bag and a note saying, "Give me the money."

"No," she said loudly, "I will not"—and the would-be robber, evidently too surprised to persist, ran out of the building and off into Wade Park.

SOCIAL NOTES

Cleveland Jr. Matrons: As the final program for the year until club elections in the fall, the Jr. Matrons held a family picnic June 20 at Forest City Park. The next meeting will be held Sept. 10. In charge of the outing were:

Yuki Nakaji, Midge Fujimoto and Kay Furukawa.

tendance at the Americanization classes of the public schools in the light of the effort being extended by his office to speed up the program.

A special day in late August has been scheduled to "swear in" Issei and other alien petitioners who have successfully passed their examinations but who, in the opinion of examiners, should take the oath of allegiance with the aid of interpreters at the final hearing, it was revealed.

Dirksen bill—

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treats both Germany and Japan with equal consideration; neither is discriminated against in his bill.

"May I respectfully suggest that you amend your Resolution to correct what we believe to have been an oversight on your part, for we know from your record and your reputation you are one who has consistently fought for fair play and against discrimination of any sort."

Second Letter

Since the resolution introduced by Congressman Fulton was referred to the House Committee, Masaoka also wrote to the committee chairman, Rep. Charles A. Wolverton (R., N.J.), saying:

"We urge that your committee amend this Resolution to provide equal treatment for Japan in order that wartime vested property may also be returned to their former owners.

"We are confident that you recognize that both of these former enemy countries must be treated equally, especially in a matter of such vital concern and benefit to both of them. To return the property of one while denying it to the other would create international ill will and would be against our national self-interest and our principles of equal justice. We need to have the friendship of both Germany in Europe and Japan in Asia, if the grand alliance of friendly nations are to survive the great communist threat.

Goodwill Threatened

"We are confident that you and your Committee will not approve discriminatory legislation which damages our international goodwill and threatens our security in the Pacific."

Earlier this month, Masaoka testified before the Judiciary Subcommittee in the Senate in support of legislation for the return of both Japanese and German property. Sen. Everett M. Dirksen (R., Ill.), chairman of the subcommittee, is the sponsor of the Senate bill to return both Japanese and German vested property to their former owners.

Pasadena Habit

TATS KUSHIDA

It's getting to be a habit—and a nice one at that. This is the second time the Pasadena chapter has played host to the pre-convention rally for the Pacific Southwest District Council. The first time was at Baldwin Park Country Club in September, '50, prior to the 11th biennial held in Chicago later that month. Then again last weekend at Brookside Park for Los Angeles's 13th biennial on Sept. 2-6. The interim San Francisco confab rally was held by Santa Maria Valley and San Luis Obispo County chapters jointly in May, '52.

Bouquets to TOM ITO's hard-working chapter for one of the most efficiently operated mass-feeding jobs we have witnessed. To satisfy 400 appetites with two meals and refreshments in between took a lot of organized manpower, and they had it!

Not only were we impressed with the precision manner in which all needs were taken care of, but the food...! The quality and quantity, especially the barbecued juicy, tender steaks easily met this gourmet's standards of good eating.

Brickbats to those who came without sending in advance reservations. But again, the resourcefulness of those in charge took care of the situation.

APL gastronomics

While on the subject of food, we'd like to tip our hats to the fine cuisine served aboard the American President Lines luxurious ship, the President Wilson. RON DeLONG, APL's general passenger agent with whom we had arranged the preliminary judging of the seven candidates for "Miss National JACL", invited a few of us to a ship-board dinner preceding the contest on July 14. What we ordered was terrific and what we saw other people order looked and smelled good, too.

The daily printed menu had listed a "Kuroki Salad" and we wondered if Nisei airman Ben K. hadn't inspired it because it didn't look at all like a black tree. Needless to say, our salivary glands worked overtime the rest of the evening what with generous helpings of excellent *hors d'oeuvres* and copious quantities of less solid but nonetheless stimulating refreshments—all on the house. The affair will long be remembered as an experience to inspire an ocean voyage first class, APL of course.

Oh yes, there were seven attractive lasses on hand with escorts, chapter representatives, entertainers, press people, committeemen and convention officials that made up the party of nearly 50 under the direction of HISASHI HORITA, queen committe chairwoman.

Space won't permit comment here on the candidates; besides, any reasonably sane person, given the choice of reporting on either epicurean or pulchritudinous matters, obviously will select the former.

Pardon the digression—sometimes we are carried away by pang-producing thoughts of things that are consumed or imbibed for digestive purposes.

Back to Pasadena

The stoic band of delegates that sat through the PSWDC business sessions at the Pasadena outing, from ten ayem until even after the steak-bake, deserve a Purple Liver medal in foregoing the recreation and relaxation enjoyed by their families and friends.

Conscientiously representing the interests of their chapters, the delegates heard reports, argued and debated issues, passed motions and otherwise indicated that JACL is serious business to them, for which we are grateful. The presence of National Director MASAO SATOW was helpful, too. These same few will undergo similar punishment at the business sessions of the convention's national council meetings.

Among the actions taken by the PSWDC were the official welcoming of the reactivated San Fernando Valley chapter into the district council, consideration of a number of proposed amendments to the national constitution, adoption of a "Chapter of the Year" recognition award, reassurances by all chapters of the fulfillment of fund drive quotas, discussion of the forthcoming convention, adoption of resolutions for legislative action in Sacramento, determination of definite dates for PSWDC quarterly meetings (second Sunday of Feb., May, Aug., and Nov.) with the Nov. 14th meeting to be hosted by the Hollywood chapter. Meanwhile, pretty FLO WADA kept everyone well supplied with fruit and cold drinks.

That afternoon, thanks to the hospitality extended by Consul General SHINSAKU HOGEN, his conveniently nearby Pasadena residence was the site for the selection by judges of "Miss National JACL" from among the three finalists. Host was Consul TATSUO IWAMA (we wonder if he's ever been called Tats or Tut) ably assisted by Mrs. PEGGY NAKAKI of the consular staff. Later on, joined by Vice-Consul Tsukahara, they dropped over to sample the culinary artistry of the *budahed* chefs and received complete satisfaction.

Miss Japan, here to compete in the Miss Universe contest, was squired to the outing by SABURO KIDO, who as publisher of the Shin Nichi Bei is associated with the newspaper Sangyo Keizai, sponsors of Miss Japan. She gave the hard-working delegates a special greeting in Nihongo, then retired to watch the crowning of JANET FUKUDA as JACL Queen. The full day was wound up with a "white elephant" sale by auctioneer Dr. JOE ABE, followed by dancing a-la-tennis court.

APL again (alimentary pleasantries linger)

Yes, the past week has been one we could truly sink our teeth into. We envy bovines the gift of ruminating. (Ed. Note: We tolerate this bad taste just this once.)

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Convention queen -

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icipated in the preliminary judging the following Wednesday aboard the APL President Wilson and a finalist with Mary Enomoto of Southwest Los Angeles and Janet Okimoto of East Los Angeles. Four days later, the judges decided she should be the queen.

Judges were Noel Quinn, noted watercolorist and neighbor of Sueo Serizawa; Gene Parker, Consul Tatsuo Iwama and Dr. Roy Nishikawa, general convention chairman. The final judging was held at the residence of Consul-General Shinsaku Hogen.

Miss Fukuda stands 5 ft. 2 in., weighs 110 lbs.

Nisei submit reports at scientific conference

Pullman, Wash.

Four Nisei presented reports before the 35th annual meeting of the Pacific division of the American Association for the Advancement of Science at the Washington State College campus recently.

Susumu Tabata, Univ. of British Columbia graduate, now with the Pacific Oceanographic Group at Nanaimo, B.C., presented his report on "Physical Oceanography of Butte Inlet, B.C." Also attending were:

M. Uota of Fresno, U.S. Dept. of Agriculture; Rose Okazaki of Pullman; and Mas Yamaguchi, Univ. of California at Davis.

MAILBOX

Vindicated

Editor: Please accept the deep appreciation of officers and members of the Council for Civic Unity for the excellent coverage which the Pacific Citizen gave our recent problem with the Veterans Administration. Not only have we received official vindication, but thanks to fine and conscientious journalism such as you have exhibited, we probably have not lost ground in terms of public opinion, despite the gravity of the original irresponsible charge.

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Births

AKIYAMA—May 30, a girl Lorraine Chiyeko to the Seichi Akiyamas (Fusayo Murata), Los Angeles.
CALLAN—June 3, a boy Ray Charles to the John E. Callans (Alice Yoshiko Shimano), Los Angeles.
CHIKASAWA—June 5, a boy James Tadao to the Mikio Chikasawas (Maye Nuiko Tazoi), Los Angeles.
ENDO—June 8, a girl Marsha Masako to the Aiji Endos, Washington, D.C.
FUJIKAWA—June 8, a boy Scott Gregory to the Misuo John Fujikasawas (Miyo Sugi), Los Angeles.
FUNAI—Apr. 30, a boy to the Tosh Funais, Redmond, Wash.
HIGASHI—May 5, a boy to the Roy Higashis, Seattle.
HORI—Apr. 28, a boy to the Henry Horis, Seattle.
HORITA—June 2, a boy Gary Hiroshi to the Hiroshi Horitas (Oto-me Kawahata), Los Angeles.
IDE—May 23, a girl Shirley Aiko to the Roy Tomio Ides (Aiko Margaret Mori), Los Angeles.
IWATSUKI—May 22, a boy David Allen to the Frank Iwatsukis, Chicago.
KAWABATA—June 4, a boy Geoffrey Osamu to the Yasujiro Kawabatas (Sadayo Ogawa), Los Angeles.
KAWATA—June 19, a boy Bryan Yukio to the John Kawatas (Betty Komatsubara), Yuba City.
KIMURA—May 5, a girl to the Kaz Kimuras, Seattle.
KOYANO—June 6, a boy Steven David to the Mason Koyanos (Lilly Haruyo Ikeda), Los Angeles.
MATSUBU—May 12, a girl to the Henry Matsubus, Seattle.
MATSUI—June 6, a boy Daniel to the Toshiki Matsuis (Dorothy Chikuma), Cleveland.
MATSUMOTO—July 9, twin boys Benton Kaye and Kenton Hugh to the Harry Matsumotos (Pearl Nakamura), Detroit.
MIYAMA—Apr. 5, a girl Mary Sue to the Clement Miyayas (Rosalia Kondo), Detroit.
MOCHIZUKI—May 18, a boy to the Eugene Mochizukis, Seattle.
NAGANO—My 3, a girl Joan to the George Naganos, Morro Bay.
NAGAO—June 9, a boy to the Sadao Nagaos, Sacramento.
NAGAYAMA—June 4, a boy Mark Stephen to the Takashi Nagayamas (Masako Higa), Los Angeles.
NAKAGAMA—July 19, a boy to the Tanji Nakagawas (Mary Kikukawa), Salt Lake City.
NISHI—June 4, a girl Donna Lianne to the George Haruo Nishis (Lilly Shizuka Endo), Los Angeles.
OKA—June 1, a girl Kathleen Yuki to the Isao Okas (Sachiko Jean Moriya), Los Angeles.
ONO—June 3, a girl Patricia Lynn to the Tokumi Onos (Dorothy Yayoi Honda), Los Angeles.
OTA—July 1, a boy Mark Walden to the Mark Y. Otas (Kathryn Payne), Cleveland.
SAKAMOTO—May 17, a son Randall F. to the Dr. Frank Sakamotos, Chicago.
SAKAMOTO—June 2, a boy Michael Steve Nobuo to the George Fukudas (Lily Yuriko Yaguchi), Los Angeles.
SEKIGUCHI—June 6, a boy Robin to the Noboru Sekiguchis (Sumiko Kimura), Los Angeles.
SHIMIZU—June 15, a girl Robin Christine to the Masaru Shimizus (Mildred Asoo), Yuba City.
SHINTANI—May 17, a boy Steven Sadao to the Tom Sachio Shintanis (Minako Jane Nakagiri), Los Angeles.

ANGELES.
TABATA—June 1, a boy Mark to the Mack Tabatas, Grover City.
TAMAI—Apr. 4, a boy Stanley Dean Norifumi to the Frank Tamais, Omaha.
TANIGUCHI—May --, a boy to the Hitoshi Taniguchis, Seattle.
TOMURA—June 3, a girl Sherry Lynn to the Ren Tomuras (Sherrie Shigeko Nakagawa), Los Angeles.
TOYAMA—June 3, a boy Craig Isami to the Sam Isami Toyamas (Beulah Marie Barrington), Los Angeles.
TSUYUKI—June 6, a boy Hitoshi to the Taiichi Tsuyukis (Yoshie Fujimoto), Los Angeles.
WADA—June 2, a girl Nancy Joy to the Frank F. Wadas (Mariko Alice Abe), Los Angeles.
YAMASAKI—July 13 a boy Stephen Tsuneo to the Hiro Yamasakis, Detroit.

Engagements

KATAGIRI-KARAKI—Fumi, Henderson, Colo., to Susumu, Raymond, Alta.
KUZUHARA-HISAOKA—Renko, Chicago to Dr. Ken, Lethbridge, Alta.
YEYA-YATSU—Terry to Lawrence, both of Cleveland.

Weddings

HATATE-ABE—June 25, Alfred and Irene, both of Detroit.
HAYASHI-HAYAKAWA—July 3, Harry, Los Angeles, and Betty, Honolulu.
IKEDA-OHNO—July 10, John, Cleveland, and Nobuko Minneapolis in Seattle.
KOYAMA-TAISE—June 26, Tom Shigeyuki and Noreen Tsuyuki, both of Pasadena.
MIYAJI-FUJIMOTO—June 26, Masanobu C. (formerly of Venice) and Rose Michiko (formerly of Watsonville), both of Chicago.
MIYAMOTO-TAKARA—June 27, Herbert and Ritsuko Rori, both of Los Angeles.
OHMURA-IKEDA—July 11, Paul and Frances, both of Cleveland in Seattle.
SHINGU-KOHNO—July 4, Fred and Masako, both of Los Angeles.
TAMAKI-TANIMOTO—July 3, Kay and Helen, both of Los Angeles.
TANAKA-SHINODA—June 26, Mikio and June, both of Cleveland.
UMEDA-KAWASAKI—June 27, Ben, Watsonville, and Yoko, Visalia.

Deaths

HATAGO, Tsugenobu, 66: Los Angeles, July 13, survived by wife Omike, sons George and Guy.
ISERI, Torahel, 80: Los Angeles, July 6, survived by wife Shizu, three sons Shigeru, Sunao, George, four daughters Michiko, Mrs. Toshiko Mori, Mrs. Yoshiko Honda and Mrs. Tayeko Morrison.
KUNO, Takejiro, 61: Los Angeles, July 12, survived by wife Hisayo, daughter Mrs. Kumi Katayama.
ODA, Hachiro, 81: Ogden, July 18.
SUGIMOTO, Mrs. Tamino, 72: Long Beach, July 11, survived by husband Otozo, daughter Mrs. Wakae Mayeda.
UEYAMA, Tokio, 65: Los Angeles, July 12, survived by wife Sueko.

NISEI OF BIENNIUM
NOMINATIONS CLOSE AUG. 15



The first Miss National JACL (now Mrs. Shig Kawai of Pasadena) and her two children Shelley Ann, 3½, and Chris, 1½, congratulate Miss Janet Fukuda (left) after being crowned the fourth National JACL queen at Brookside Park, Pasadena, last Sunday. The first queen, the former June Yoshimoto of Los Angeles, reigned at the 1948 Salt Lake City national convention. —Toyo Miyatake Photo.

L.A. Newsletter by Henry Mori Miss Nippon Has Chance

The city of Long Beach—where its Chamber of Commerce claim's it's 10 degrees cooler—welcomed 79 Miss Universe contestants this week to the annual pageant of beauties.

Despite the sweltering over-80 heat there, many Angelenos took to the beaches to view the parade last Sunday. Japan's entry, Miko Kondo, 18, from Nagoya was among the candidates who traveled the two-mile route aboard a small three-wheel float.

Appealing Miss Kondo won quite a few Issei and Nisei fans with her reserved but charming modesty. After the parade, she obliged by being escorted to the Pacific Southwest District Council JACL pre-convention outing at Brookside Park in Pasadena.

There she was introduced to Janet Fukuda—Miss National JACL—who had just been announced queen with Janet Okimoto and Mary Enomoto as her attendants.

In Li'l Tokio, the Nisei Week Festival queen contest is slowly taking its shape with Takako Yamada leading nine other aspirants at the first count last week.

Since the girls must campaign on their own, they go without sponsors or organizational backing. One candidate, June Aochi, ex-Denverite who worked as parttime secretary to Attorney Min Yasui, is teaching ondo to children for the festival.

Another, Florence Ochi, evoked whistles at a Yamaguchi prefecture picnic Sunday. Others were collecting votes from drug store cowboys. It should turn out to be an interesting race for the top five spot. Of course the final choice for the queen will rest with a panel of judges.

The Nisei Week Festival baby show traditionally at Maryknoll Hall, has been shifted to Nishi Hongwanji basement with entries limited to those between six months and four years, 11 months.

The state's 165 chapters of the Exchange Club, a national service group, were all in the dither about not being able to permit Oriental members into their fold.

Under the national constitution, membership is limited to "white, male business or professional men." Californians were ready to bolt from the headquarters policy out of Toledo, Ohio.

Such a move is rather uplifting to those of us who have been targets of blunt discrimination and racial prejudice. It seems West Coast leaders are making great efforts to amend their past sins.

While Exchange Clubs are having this membership showdown, the Optimist International, which established its first all-Nisei organization here, was quick to boast of its position of "equal membership" regardless of race.

Said Phil D. McHugh, governor of the 14th District of Optimist International which covers California, Arizona, and Nevada:

"We will continue to maintain our policy of non-discrimination and will accept all prospective applicants, regardless of their racial background." It is to be noted here that the aim of the Optimist Clubs is to help needy boys grow up to be good citizens.

"There can't be any room for discrimination in such a worthy cause," McHugh declared. The Chinese have three clubs: one in Los Angeles; another in San Francisco; and third in San Antonio, Texas.

Soichi Fukui, finance officer of Commodore Perry Post 525 of the American Legion, was elected as one of the five executives in the 17th District, American Legion, Dept. of Calif.

His popularity was well indicated when he polled the most votes from among eight candidates who vied for the five cabinet offices. The 17th District has 67 posts composed of 11,500 members.

Fukui was also named on the steering committee for the state convention which is being held this weekend in San Francisco after Attorney James Mitsumori cancelled his trip because of pressing business.

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EDITORIALS

Convention Time Near

Final trimmings, befitting the many man-hours involved in preparing for an event of the magnitude National JACL Conventions have become, might be the presence of Janet Fukuda as Miss National JACL of 1954 and her two squally gracious attendants, Mary Enomoto and Janet Okimoto.

Judges, JACLers and we agree the charming co-ed from Orange County and the two ladies-in-waiting best typify the spirit of the New Horizons convention.

Our official hostess—and that will be Queen Janet's primary role—is young, ambitious and promising. Only 19 years old, the honor student at the Univ. of Southern California was chosen vice-president of women students and the first Nisei ever to be elected to a campus-wide student-body office. Her background in academic and extracurricular activities beckons a promising future.

The spirit of the New Horizons convention is similarly symbolized. Our organization is relatively young for national organizations. It launched an ambitious program, which has been fulfilled in some respects. And, if we are to predict the future on the basis of the past, it ought not be bleak.

We salute Miss National JACL of 1954. Now that we have a queen, it seems convention time is around the corner; to be exact, it is only a short six weeks away.

No More Shooting

This week for the first time in over 20 years, the world stood free of war—declared and undeclared. The truce in Indo-China signed on Tuesday may have its political repercussions in the various capitals, but in the hearts of those at home whose men-folks have left in uniform must be sigh of relief.

Yet, realism demands we still keep on guard. Our adversaries know each human frailty and have played it to the hilt.

Scholarships

Nominations for the Pvt. Ben Frank Masaoka Memorial scholarships closed at a record high this year. At no other time have there been so many worthy scholars who plan further study. The judges are really perplexed. Now is the time for other organizations or individuals to expand the field of scholarships devoted to Nisei students out of school.

Be wary of an invitation to a blowout from folks who live in a trailer. You might wind up helping fix a tire.

From the Frying Pan . . .

by Bill Hosokawa

A Lost Generation

Denver

The first time I met George Kyotow was in Seattle, back about 1936, I think. He was a serious, bright-eyed young student, full of hope and ambition. He was representing San Francisco in the national JACL oratorical contest. On the platform he displayed a natural talent which, polished by the years, promised an enviable future. He won the contest hands down, took the honors graciously, and went home to San Francisco. Older Nisei looked at him and said, "Now, there's a kid who's going places."

I saw George again in Japan some years later. He was attending school, learning the Japanese language, studying Oriental history and culture. He was one of a handful of Nisei of more than average promise who were studying under a Japanese foreign office scholarship. These Nisei had been picked on the basis of their intelligence and all-around competence. In another era, they might have been able to do the world a tremendous service in bridging the Pacific with good will and understanding.

But that was not to be. War came, and Kyotow and his fellow students found themselves trapped in an alien land. What could they do? They had to live. They had to make the best of their situation and no one can rightly blame them.

A few days ago George Kyotow dropped into the office with his prewar friend, Mits Kaneko. George brought me up to date on what had happened to him. After the war, he said, he went to work for the Reader's Digest in Japan, handling production problems. Meanwhile, he regained his American citizenship, the status of which had been clouded by the war years.

The Digest eventually sent him to New York to look in on home office operations. And now he's found that he's so much in love with

his native country that he isn't going back to Japan.

It would be difficult to say what motivated Kyotow and his fellow students to accept the Japanese scholarship 15 years ago. Perhaps some saw it as an opportunity—opportunity to serve both their native land and the country of their forebears. But I'd venture to say that a good many of them accepted the scholarships because they were discouraged and disillusioned by the prejudice they encountered in the land of their birth. Afraid they could never break through the barriers of race, they sought acceptance elsewhere. Fate in the form of global war cheated them.

Perhaps some of them have found happiness, satisfaction and economic security in their adopted land. But others, I'd venture to say, would lose no time if returning to the U.S.A. if (1) they could and (2) they had assurance of decent employment.

Kyotow has come home, but his job future is far from certain. There is a 15-year-gap in his American experience. He must somehow find a way to employ the knowledge of Japan, the Japanese and Japanese conditions he acquired during that period, or write off those years as a total loss from the viewpoint of being able to provide for his family. It is not an enviable situation to be in, yet one must admire his courage. We wish him well.

Many hundreds of Nisei who spent the war years in Japan against their will are in the same predicament. They hunger for sight of their native shores. Yet, insecurity looms so large for many, even though their citizenship status is clear, that they dare not return.

Back before Pearl Harbor, someone with a flair for language termed the Nisei the "lost generation." The Nisei in this country have found themselves. The Nisei who were forced to sit out the war in Japan are indeed the lost generation.

Vagaries . . .

by Larry Tajiri

Carl Goes Politicking

Denver

The last time we saw Carl and Susie Sato at their farm just outside of Mesa, Ariz., we asked Carl if he had ever thought of going into politics. He said at the time, which was two years ago, that he was thinking about it. And now it appears he has made his political plunge. The PC reported last week that Carl Sato is a candidate for the Republican nomination for the state house of representatives from the Mesa-Lehigh district in the Arizona primaries on Sept. 7.

Carl has been active in civic affairs around Mesa, an attractive city of some 10,000 residents, for quite a few years now. He's also a past president of the Arizona Junior Chamber of Commerce and has represented the state jaycees at national conventions in Dallas, Milwaukee and Colorado Springs in recent years.

Carl Sato has been doing organizational and civic work for about as long as we've known him, which goes back quite a number of years to the time when he used to live in El Centro, Calif., and sent in Imperial Valley news for a paper we once put out in Los Angeles. He's one of the best speakers developed among the Nisei and covered himself with oratorical laurels when he was in school.

Carl is a transplanted Arizonan, but his pretty wife, Susie, grew up in Mesa and the Ishikawa kids made scholastic and athletic reputations at the local high school. On Mesa high's football field there is a memorial to one of the Ishikawa boys, a star of the grid team, who was killed in an accident in his senior year.

His civic and jaycee obligations keep Carl pretty busy, but Susie keeps a firm hand on the throttle of the tractor and manages to run the house and bring up their two pert and lively daughters as well. Carl has put on Mesa's annual wild west celebration, a big tourist attraction, and has a big acquaintanceship in the town and the surrounding district which should mean a lot of votes on primary day.

We don't know what Carl's chances are for the GOP nomination or for election, although the district has shown a Republican trend in recent years. He is the first Nisei to seek a major party nomination for a state legislative office in the continental United States. If elected, however, he won't be the first legislator of Oriental descent to sit in the Arizona House. That honor belongs to Wing Ong, a Chinese American, who was elected from a heavily Democratic Phoenix district some

years back to become the first member of a state legislature in the 48 states who was of Asian ancestry.

Carl Sato's candidacy is an example of Nisei integration in the thriving Salt River Valley of Arizona where Issei farmers helped pioneer the growing of truck crops. It was just 20 years ago, in 1934, when the valley reverberated with the depredations of night riders who sought to drive the Japanese farmers out of the area. An explosive was detonated on the Ishikawa farm near Mesa, although damage was minor. Two hundred farmers met near Phoenix and demanded the ejection of persons of Japanese ancestry from farms in the Salt River valley. "Move out by Saturday noon, Aug. 25, or be moved," the ringleaders demanded. Federal intervention eased the situation, and the Arizona Japanese and their children stayed put. Later it developed that the demonstrations did not represent majority sentiment and that some of the leaders were farmers who used the race issue as a diversionary measure to distract the emotions of migratory workers, most of them from the Dust Bowl, who were demanding more money for their labor.

Many of the larger truck farms are operated today by Nisei, such as the unique Tanita family operation where harvesting and packing is often done at night under floodlights, so the produce will be crisp and fresh when they reach the market in the morning.

One of the valley's best-known personalities is Bill Kajikawa, head basketball coach at Arizona State college in Tempe, and a former star on the Sun Devils football team in the 1930s. Kajikawa, a native of Los Angeles, also has coached varsity baseball and is a scout for the football team.

Few Arizonans in the Salt River Valley still remember that tense August 20 years ago when mass meetings were held to demand the ouster of the Japanese. And few residents of Phoenix, now a city of almost 100,000, realize that the man who started the first light and power company in the city and owned the first street railway was an Issei pioneer named Hatchiro Ohnick who came to Arizona around 1890.

Getting back to Carl Sato, he has already shown in getting elected to the top state job in the Arizona Junior Chamber that he is a pretty good politician. His long record of interest in community affairs should make him a good legislator as well.

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DECADE AGO

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Nisei soldiers charge 50 miles in 4 days; Japanese American unit garrisons port of Livorno (Leghorn), among first to enter city.

Lt. Young Kim (Los Angeles) and Pfc. Irving Akahoshi (Honolulu) carry out daring mission behind Nazi lines in Italy; details of intrepid daylight raid reported.

Southern California produce interests oppose return of evacuees; race-baiters promote new campaign.

Western Methodist conclave urges freedom of movement for loyal evacuees; report presented by Dr. Alfred Day of Pasadena.

Gov. Maw of Utah joins 800 Japanese Americans honor 11 wounded veterans of 100th Infantry at Salt Lake City victory ball.

Sec. of Interior Ickes hails Hawaii Nisei war record.

ACLU terms evacuation most "catastrophic" of all inroads on civil liberties.

Race prejudice hampers war production in South Lyon, Mich.; War Manpower Commission charges; CIO local protests employment of Japanese American workers to catch up with war material quota.

"What has happened to the Nisei problem?" . . . The Nisei is making the best of new job opportunities. He's seeing up new homes and carving a niche for himself in the cities east of the Rockies. There really wasn't anything in the Nisei problem that a little dispersal and effort couldn't fix. The Nisei's doing okay.—Bill Hosokawa.

MINORITY

Mary G. Howard, 23, started work as the first white employee of the Urban League in Milwaukee. She is the first white graduate of a Negro college since the Civil War, obtaining a master's degree in interracial relations from Fisk University, Nashville.

National Urban League board of directors is composed of 37 white and 18 Negro members. Federal Judge Irvin C. Mollison resigned from the board, charging that the national interracial organization has sold out to big-money white interests which subsidize it. Another critic said the league was "unrepresentative of colored people."

The Louisiana legislature ended its 1954 session last week, voting to continue separate white and Negro schools by use of the state's police power. It was the first legislature to meet in the South since the U.S. Supreme Court ruled against segregation in the public schools.

U.S. District Judge Roy Sloan ruled Atlanta must allow Negroes to use its public golf course but may do so on a segregated basis.