



Climax of the 13th biennial National Convention of the Japanese American Citizens League closing last Monday at the Statler Hotel, Los Angeles, was the presentation of the Nisei of the Biennium Award to ex-winner of Japanese ancestry. The award is made for distinguished community leadership. Holding the medal with the Korean campaign hero is the charming convention queen, Janet Fukuda. —George Waki Photo.

Sgt. Hershey Miyamura of Gallup, N.M., only living Medal of Honor



Six of the 1954-56 National JACL officers repeated the oath of office after Dr. Thomas T. Yatabe (left) of Chicago at the Nisei Recognitions Banquet of the JACL Convention in Los Angeles. They are: George Inagaki (Venice), pres.; Kenji Tashiro (Orosi), 2nd vice-pres.; Shig Wakamatsu (Chicago), 1000 Club chmn.; Tom Yego (Penryn), 1st vice-pres.; and Dr.

Randolph Sakada (Chicago), board member. Unable to be present at the installation ceremonies were Yutaka Terasaki (Denver), 3rd vice-pres.; and William Mimbu (Seattle), sec. Seated in front is Frank Chuman, official events chairman.

—Photo by George Waki

## Washington Newsletter

MIKE M. MASAOKA

### Evacuation claims hearings . . .

The House Judiciary Subcommittee on Claims has just returned to Washington after conducting a week of public hearings in California on evacuation claims. There, it will soon begin to evaluate the information presented by the many witnesses and to draft both a report on its findings and a bill to effectuate what its members believe to be the most expedient method of handling the remaining 3,000 claims.

Two days of hearings were held in San Francisco and three days in Los Angeles. More than 50 witnesses were heard in both cities, with 15 others submitting statements for the record without oral testimony.

Haruo Ishimaru, Northern California JACL Regional Representative, and Frank Chuman, National JACL Legal Counsel, were responsible for arranging the imposing list of witnesses in San Francisco and Los Angeles, respectively. Both were officially commended in the record by the Subcommittee chairman.

### Friendly hearings . . .

All of the witnesses, as well as auditors, were impressed by the friendliness and courtesy of the congressmen and counsel. They were also impressed by the questions asked, for they not only showed an intimate knowledge of the subject matter but also their general sympathy for the plight of the remaining claimants. Impressive too was the fact that these members patiently sat through two and a half hours of hearings every morning and four hours every afternoon for five consecutive days.

It is quite possible that the cordial atmosphere of the hearings may have conveyed the impression to auditors that a liberal law will be passed within a few weeks after the new Congress convenes next January.

While this observer would like to believe that this impression is the correct one, he is nevertheless convinced that these hearings are only the first step in the long, hard road that must be traversed before any amendment to existing law becomes effective.

It is entirely possible that some of these subcommittee members will not be re-elected. It is also possible that after reading the Dept. of Justice's comments on the statements made by each of the witnesses they may be persuaded that all of the facts were not as presented in California.

Finally, the Subcommittee must also be guided by the political realities of how far the Congress itself is ready to go in changing the law. Practically every change proposed is a liberalization from the present law and if approved means that the 3000 larger claimants will receive a "better deal" than did 20,000 smaller claimants who have already compromised and settled their claims.

### Subcommittee thoughts . . .

Based upon questions and comments made by the various Subcommittee members, it appears quite clear that claims postmarked before the Jan. 3, 1950, deadline should be considered as timely filed.

It also appears quite clear that the Subcommittee believes that some method of judicial review ought to be written into the law.

The Subcommittee gave the impression that it felt that the question of the 75 per cent "ceiling" and the 50 per cent "floor" provided in the Hillings Bill for compromise settlement should be seriously reconsidered, with perhaps the limitation that the Government may not pay more than 90 per cent of the compensable items in compromise settlements being

substituted for the present "three-fourths" formula listed in the pending legislation.

Some mention was also made that perhaps the claimant should be allowed to reject any offer of compromise made by the Government and submit his claim to the Court of Claims for final determination if he is not satisfied with the Government offer.

The Subcommittee seemed to be impressed with arguments that evacuation preparation expenses should be a compensable item and that west coast internees of Japanese ancestry suffered financial losses as a consequence of the evacuation and not of their internment.

They also indicated sympathy for non-profit corporations and organizations, like churches and cemetery associations.

That the question of management expenses, or conservation costs, will be given serious study was evidenced by the many penetrating questions asked on the subject. The outcome of this single question could mean the difference of forty millions or more in the total amount to be awarded for the remaining claims.

The method used by the Dept. of Justice in evaluating crops and other losses came in for considerable discussion too, so this topic will also receive much consideration by the Subcommittee.

### Additional comments . . .

Regardless of the outcome of the hearings, these public hearings were a good thing.

They presented five members of the Judiciary Committee an opportunity to see and to hear from persons of Japanese ancestry and their friends. There is no question that the congressmen and their staff were deeply impressed.

They also afforded persons of Japanese ancestry in California to watch a friendly congressional committee in action, to see democracy at its best in action.

Public officials who in 1942 were outspoken in favor of the evacuation officially for the record admitted their error and praised the loyalty and allegiance of persons of Japanese ancestry. What they said before this Subcommittee will be valuable not only with this particular legislation but with many other bills that may affect persons of Japanese ancestry.

Public and civic leaders, as well as candidates for public office, all testified in glowing terms about their Japanese American constituencies. What they had to say was convincing proof that this matter of evacuation claims is not a partisan or controversial measure.

Finally, these public hearings were another example of JACL's effective work in the legislative field. The pre-hearings briefings of the congressmen and their staff, the arrangements for the various witnesses with statements relating to every facet of the problem, and the presentation of testimony to bring out every conceivable angle were an impressive demonstration of JACL political "know how".

That the Subcommittee itself was aware of JACL's contributions to the 1948 law and the 1951 compromise settlement amendment, as well as to the California hearings, is indicated in the record at many points.

Most significant, perhaps, was the unprecedented presentation of the elected officers of the National JACL to the Subcommittee for the record. This unusual honor was afforded in order that the five congressmen might pay individual tribute to JACL's great contributions to the welfare of persons of Japanese ancestry in this country.

## National JACL hits communism, renews faith in America

Los Angeles

The National Japanese American Citizens League, acting through its national council composed of two official delegates from 87 chapters represented at its 13th biennial National Convention here, unanimously adopted a resolution expressing opposition to all forms of totalitarianism, including both fascism and communism.

The delegates assembled expressed their unswerving loyalty to the principles of American democracy and reaffirmed their patriotism to the United States of America.

The national JACL council further adopted unanimously a resolution expressing their interest and concern in regard to international relations with Japan, and expressed the hope that the organization would be able to contribute to the maintenance of understanding and improved relationships between Japan and the United States.

The JACL recognized that its membership, though first American citizens in loyalty, are nevertheless of Japanese

## INAGAKI VOTED SECOND TERM AS NAT'L PRESIDENT

Los Angeles

The 1954-1956 National JACL cabinet was elected, and sworn in by Dr. Thomas T. Yatabe, first constitutional president of National JACL at the Recognitions Banquet, the grand finale of the 13th National JACL Convention.

The cabinet members are as follows: National President, re-elected for his second term, George Inagaki of Venice, Calif.; 1st vice-president, Tom Yego of Placer County, Calif.; 2nd vice-president, Kenji Tashiro of Orosi, Calif.; 3rd vice-president, Tak Terasaki of Denver, treasurer, Dr. Roy Nishikawa of Los Angeles, re-elected for his third term; secretary, Bill Mimbu of Seattle, and 1000 Club Chairman, Shig Wakamatsu of Chicago.

interest and competence in interpreting Japan to Americans, that the JACL would encourage and promote projects to improve Japanese-American relationships and to help interpret the cultural heritage of Japan.

## COUNCIL ADOPTS POLICY STATEMENTS AGAINST COMMUNISM, INT'L RELATIONS

Texts of the resolutions adopted by a record roll call vote of all JACL chapters present at the 13th National JACL Convention assembled in Los Angeles and presided over by its National President George Inagaki, read as follows:

### JACL Policy Statement on International Relations

As an organization most of whose members are Americans of Japanese ancestry, the Japanese American Citizens League hails the present era of good will existing between the United States of America and Japan.

As citizens of the United States, JACL members share with other Americans the hope that Japan will remain a steadfast ally in the Pacific, that Japan will become an even more potent ally in the community of free nations, that Japan will develop into a truly democratic bastion in Asia.

At the same time, JACL envisions its primary responsibility as one to its own membership of continuing to promote the welfare of persons of Japanese ancestry in the United States as provided in the National Constitution and in the conviction that such activities make "For Better Americans in a Greater America".

Accordingly, as an organization, JACL will refrain from participating or intervening in any matters relating to international relations of this government, including those with Japan, except and unless the welfare of persons of Japanese ancestry in the United States is directly involved, through appropriate channels.

JACL does recognize, however, that many of its members have a special interest and competence in Japanese-American relations. JACL urges such members to freely demonstrate their special concerns by participating as individuals in programs and projects that are calculated to improve Japanese-American relations.

Moreover, JACL believes that its members have a legitimate interest in the cultural heritage of Japan, the ancestral land of most of its members, and that efforts to explain this cultural heritage is a worthy contribution to the culture of this nation.

### JACL Statement Against Communism

At this 13th Biennial National Convention in Los Angeles, California, September 2-6, 1954, the Japanese American Citizens League reaffirms its historic policy which was first unanimously enunciated by Resolution at its Fourth Biennial National Convention in Seattle, Washington, in 1936, of unalterable opposition to all forms of totalitarianism, including both fascism and communism.

JACL, however, condemns the use of 'smears', guilt by association, hate propaganda, fear mongering, arbitrary presumption of guilt without trial, and other un-American activities in an effort to combat communism and subversion.

At the same time, aware of the real external and internal menace of the international communist conspiracy, JACL reiterates its position that no person who believes in, advocates, or teaches the indoctrination of the economic, international, or governmental doctrines of world communism, of the establishment in the United States of a totalitarian dictatorship, or the overthrowing of the Government of the United States by force, violence, or other unconstitutional means, nor shall the JACL join, support, affiliate, associate, or cooperate with any communist or communist-front organization.

And, furthermore, JACL continues to oppose as an organization any individual or movement that believes in, advocates, or teaches the indoctrination of the economic, international, or governmental doctrines of world communism, or the establishment in the United States of a totalitarian dictatorship, or the overthrowing of the Government of the United States by force, violence, or other unconstitutional means.

HONOLULU NEWSLETTER

64 Nisei candidates in Hawaiian elections; interesting races seen

By LAWRENCE NAKATSUKA

Honolulu

Sixty-four Nisei have filed as candidates in the biennial Hawaiian political elections this fall.

In terms of their number out of the total, the Nisei do not appear conspicuous. But they stand out, nevertheless, because several of them are entered in crucial contests.

In this respect, the primary election on October 2 and the general election on November 2 will hold a great deal of interest for the Nisei voters, probably more so than in any previous elections.

First, for some statistics. A total of 213 candidates of all racial backgrounds filed for territorial and County offices. The only contest for a Congressional seat is the race for Delegate to Congress, the top elective office.

In this contest, Mrs. Joseph R. Farrington, who won a special election last July 31 for the unexpired term of her late husband, will be the lone Republican candidate. Her Democratic opponent, also unopposed on his party's ticket, is John A. Burns, Democratic Party chairman in Hawaii. Mrs. Farrington is considered to be the likely winner.

Below Race Ratio

The 64 Nisei who have filed represent 30 per cent of the total 213 candidates. This is below the proportion of persons of Japanese ancestry (40 per cent) to the total population. How it compares, percentage-wise, with the total number of Nisei voters (excluding the non-voting aliens) cannot be ascertained because voter registration figures are not classified according to race.

Of the 64 Nisei candidates, 26 are Republicans, 38 Democrats.

Some of the more interesting races in which the Nisei figure prominently are the following:

Two Nisei, Lawrence S. Goto and Richard T. Tanabe, are automatically assured of reelection because they have no opposition. Goto is incumbent treasurer of the City-County of Honolulu; Tanabe is incumbent treasurer of Maui County. Both are Republicans.

Senatorial Post

Sakae Takahashi, former Oahu supervisor, former Territorial Treasurer and ex-officer of the 100th Infantry Battalion, is seeking a Senate seat. A Democrat, he faces keen competition from six others for three seats, including that held by Senate President Wilfred C. Tsukiyama, veteran Republican, who is up for reelection.

Dean Y. Ishii, a Republican and a political newcomer, is a senate candidate from Kauai. A former school teacher and now an insurance agent, Ishii may upset the non-Nisei incumbent.

Two Nisei attorneys, Senator Tom T. Okino and Nelson K. Doi, former county attorney, are fellow Democrat candidates for Senator from the island of Hawaii. But they may turn out to be competitors rather than running mates because in the showdown against a lone Republican, a strong non-Nisei

vote-getter, either Okino or Doi may be left out.

Four Nisei Veterans

Four Nisei, all well-known veterans of the last war, are running as Democrats for the House of Representatives from the Fourth District of Oahu. Never before have so many Nisei filed from a district that has yet to elect a Nisei Representative. The four are Masato Doi, Daniel K. Inouye, Russell K. Kono, and Spark M. Matsunaga.

Matsuki Arashiro, another war veteran, will become the first Nisei chairman of a county government (somewhat equivalent to a mayor) if he is elected on Kauai. He is rated as a strong contender in this race. He is a Democrat.

Three contests will be strictly between two Nisei belonging to opposing parties. The candidates are Richard I. Miyamoto, Republican, and Yoshito Tanaka, Democratic incumbent, for attorney of Hawaii County; Norito Kawakami, Republican and Toshio Kabutan, Democrat, for clerk of Maui County.

Comeback Attempt

Richard M. Kageyama is making his second comeback attempt to regain his seat on the Oahu Board of Supervisors. A Democrat, he did not run in the 1950 election after he admitted to a House un-American Activities Committee that he had been a secret member of the Communist Party in 1947. He failed in his first comeback attempt in 1952.

Terms of all Territorial and County offices last for two years, except for Senatorial seats, which run for four years.

ISSEI COUPLE BOOKED FOR DISTILLING SAKE

Seattle

An elderly Issei couple were booked at city jail recently on charge of illegal possession of intoxicating liquor with intent to sell. State Liquor Board inspectors, city police and federal Internal Revenue officers raided their rooming house, 523 Jefferson St., that netted 100 gallons of sake and a crude homemade still.

The couple said they made the liquor for their own use. Said the 67-year-old wife: "It's good to take a little drink after eating."

PRESS FILE:

OKINAWA STAR—Goro Murata, onetime Montebello (Calif.) resident and Nisei newsman who was business manager for the Nippon Times, has joined the newly organized Okinawa Morning Star in Naha, an American-owned English daily. A graduate of Whittier College, he will be the director, business manager, secretary-treasurer for the Star.

REMEMBER THE JACL ENDOWMENT FUND

Japanese contributions to state, nation lauded by Gov. Knight

Los Angeles

"I very much feel that persons of Japanese ancestry," declared Hon. Goodwin J. Knight, Governor of California, "have

contributed substantially to the benefit of our people, our State and our nation."

Speaking before an assembled crowd of more than 400 people, Gov. Knight lauded the accomplishments of the Issei in California, and declared "their greatest gift to our State and nation, is you, the Nisei."

Gov. Knight spoke of the demonstration of love and faith in the way of American life by the Nisei, and spoke of the 23,000 Nisei who honorably served in the Armed forces, "which is a higher percentage of military service than for any group in the United States," and declared your acceptance as loyal American citizens was assured.

Nisei Named

Gov. Knight specifically mentioned Karl Taku of San Luis Obispo, Tom Yego of Placer County, Joe Wakamatsu of Los Angeles, George "Callahan" Inagaki as National JACL president, Charles Ishii as commander of the FFW, John F. Aiso of the Los Angeles municipal court, Tom Shirakawa of Fowler, Calif., and Dr. Ryojun Kinoshita of UCLA, lauding their achievements as Americans and as citizens of their community.

The governor further praised the work and example of Hiroshi Miyamura and of Mike M. Masaoka in promoting lo-

yalty and community acceptance for Japanese Americans.

"Active, intelligent and progressive people like you can help a great deal in making our State a much better place in which to live," declared Governor Knight.

Program

Frank F. Chuman of Los Angeles headed the program as master of ceremonies, with the invocation given by the Most Rev. Joseph T. McGucken. Miss National JACL and her attendants were introduced. Ex-Sgt. Hiroshi Miyamura, the only living Nisei winner of the Congressional Medal of Honor, and the Guest of Honor of the 13th Biennial National JACL Convention, was given a standing ovation.

Mrs. May Takasugi sang the JACL Hymn, written by Marion Tajiri, accompanied by Mrs. Nobuko Fujimoto.

Dr. Thomas T. Yatabe of Chicago, the first constitutional president of the National JACL, installed the new 1954-56 national officers. George Inagaki of Venice, Calif., was re-elected National President for his second term.

Inagaki Honored

Saburo Kido of Los Angeles paid special tribute to the National President of the JACL, George Inagaki, noting that Inagaki served during a transitional period of the JACL when the final legislative objectives of the JACL-ADC had been accomplished.

Special citations were also presented to all members of the outgoing National Board, including vice-presidents Tom Hayashi of New York, K. Patrick Okura of Omaha, Bob Takahashi of French Camp, secretary Alice Kasai, treasurer Dr. Roy M. Nishikawa of Los Angeles, and 1000 Club Chairman Harold R. Gordon of Chicago, Illinois.

K. Patrick Okura presented a hand-crafted sterling silver set to Mr. and Mrs. George Inagaki as a token of appreciation and affection.

Tom Hayashi presented an engraved silver platter to Dr. Yatabe, in appreciation of his many years of service with the JACL, and in celebration of his 20th anniversary since first be-

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Gov. Goodwin Knight

BOWRON TELLS JONAS SUBCOMMITTEE HIS ROLE ON JAPANESE EVACUATION

By HARUO ISHIMARU

Los Angeles

Starting the three-day hearings in Los Angeles on Japanese American evacuation losses was the city Mayor Norris Poulson of Los Angeles, describing the circumstances surrounding evacuation and subsequent realization of the injustices done.

A number of key community and state leaders testified urging payment of losses to Japanese Americans which, at best, could only be a token repayment for the losses sustained.

War-time Mayor Fletcher Bowron confessed his personal part in the evacuation and his subsequent realization of the great error and injustice. He was instrumental in bringing about the forced removal of Japanese Americans, but courageously admitted his mistake to the five-man House Judiciary Subcommittee on Claims, headed by Rep. Edgar A. Jonas (R., Ill.).

Newscaster's Story

Chet Huntley, ABC news commentator, told the committee he covered the evacuation story as a reporter. He recalled the arrival of evacuees at Poston, where the thermometer read 115. There was confusion, sick passengers and dust amidst incompleting barracks.

"But in all the conversations I had with these people, the aliens as well as the Nisei, there existed a magnificent stoicism

and an absence of hatred against this, their adopted or native land. There was, indeed, a frank and candid conviction that an injustice was being carried out; but there existed an accompanying faith that ultimately the people of the United States would realize the error," the news commentator testified.

The Peabody Award winner urged passage of the Hillings Amendment as a matter of "simple justice".

Hillings Appears

Author of the proposed amendment to expedite existing evacuation claims, Rep. Pat-

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First stop for delegates and boosters to the 13th Biennial National Convention was Registration Station 1 in the Statler lobby. First trio passing through were the Convention beauties, Mary Enomoto (left), Janet Fukuda and Janet Okimoto.



Looking at the engraved resolution welcoming the JACL Convention, passed by the Los Angeles City Council, are George Inagaki (left), Queen Janet Fukuda, Dore Schary, Dr. Roy Nishikawa and Hershey Miyamura. Resolution was offered by Councilman Royal at East Los Angeles JACL instigation.



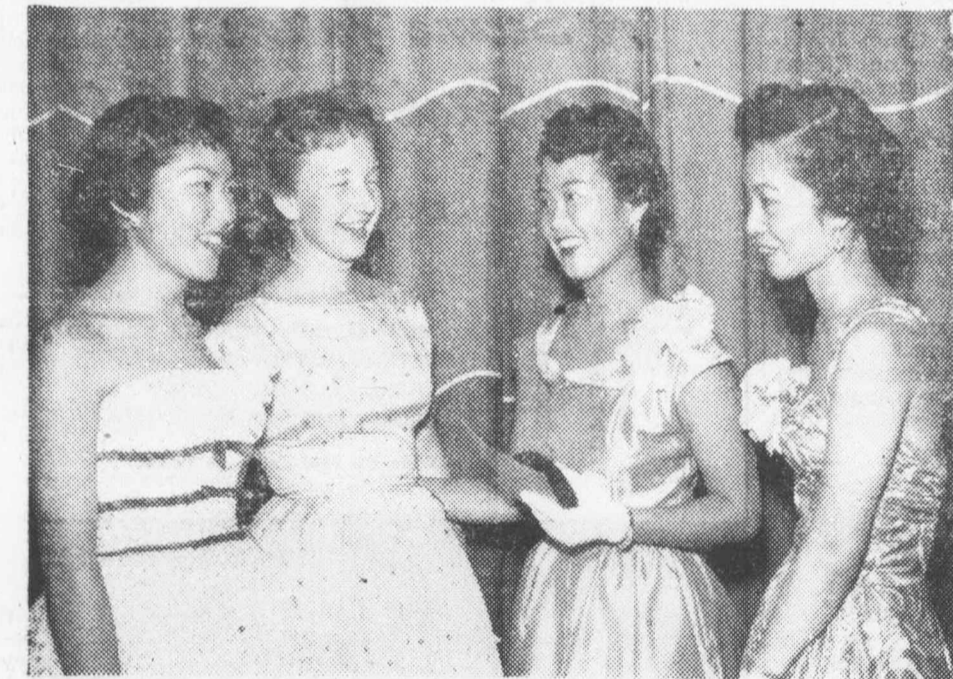
The Edison Unos were among proud parents who preferred bringing children to the convention hotel. On daddy's lap is Elizabeth. Mother is the former Michi Rosalind Kido, daughter of the Saburo Kidos. Mrs. Henry Kazato (right) of Fresno admires the youngster.



The VFW Nisei Memorial Post of Los Angeles provided color detail for the Opening Ceremonies. Commanded by Shobo Doiwchi (extreme right), they are (from left) Tak Imamura, the Kusumi twins Ai (holding the Flag) and Yo, and Johnny Takayanagi.



Ex-Sgt. Hershey Miyamura, CMH, of Gallup, N.M., was guest of the convention and is being greeted by the official Convention Hostess, Miss National JACL of 1954, Janet Fukuda of Orange County. The Korean war hero led in a moment of silence for the fallen dead.



Girls talk it over after the Opening Ceremonies. Lovely Jill Schary, daughter of Dore Schary, keynote speaker, met the Convntion Queen Janet Fukuda and her court, Janet Okimoto (left) and Mary Enomoto. (All photos this page by George Waki)



Movie director-writer Robert Pirosh and his wife Nancy (center) were greeted by JACL officials before the Opening Ceremonies. From left are Mas Satow, Edward Ennis, the Piroshes, Patrick Okura, Mike Masaoka, Mrs. Lily Okura and Mrs. Chiz Satow.

**Gov Knight-**

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**Special Awards**

Dr. Randolph M. Sakada of Chicago, immediate past president of the JACL and Chairman of the National Recognitions committee, announced two special awards to Dr. Harvey A. Itano of Bethesda, Maryland and George K. Iwashita of Bloomfield, New Jersey for their outstanding contributions.

The Silver Medallion awards for Distinguished Community Leadership were made to Hon.

John F. Aiso, municipal judge of Los Angeles; to the Rev. Jitsuo Morikawa of Chicago; to Dr. Minol Ota of Lovell, Wyo.; and to Thomas Yego of Placer County, Calif.

**Miyamura**

Min Yasui, last winner of the Nisei of the Biennium award at San Francisco, made the presentation of the "Nisei of the Biennium Award for 1952-1954" to ex-Sgt. Hiroshi Miyamura of Gallup, N.M. The judges who made the final selection were Hon. Thurmond Clarke of the Los Angeles Superior Court, John Anson Ford, chairman of the Los Angeles County

Board of Supervisors, Shosuke Nitta, an Issei pioneer and leader from Santa Ana, Calif., Saburo Kido, past president of the National JACL, and Tamotsu Murayama, city editor of the Nippon Times of Tokyo, Japan.

Miyamura, who was lauded as "a heroic soldier, a great American, and proudly acclaimed, as a fellow Nisei" accepted the award in humility, saying simply:

"It is with a humble heart that I accept this award. I only wish that my wife and boy could be here to share with me the happiness which I feel. My only hope is that I can live

up to your expectations." The assembled throng of delegates and banquet guests gave Miyamura a rousing, standing ovation.

Akira Endo gave violin selections, accompanied by Mrs. Nobuko F. Fujimoto as a musical interlude.

Mike M. Masaoka spoke briefly, tracing the history of the JACL, and again renewing our faith and allegiance in the United States of America.

Gov. Knight delivered the principal address. Frank F. Chuman made a gift to Gov. Knight, as a token of affection of the JACL to the Governor,

on his recent marriage. Dr. Roy M. Nishikawa, convention chairman, expressed thanks to all the delegates from far and near, and to all committee people who worked so hard to stage a most successful convention.

He announced that Ira Shimazaki of Washington, D.C. and Miss Florence Wada of Pasadena were named "Mr. and Miss Delegates," as typifying the enthusiasm and cooperation of the JACL convention-goers.

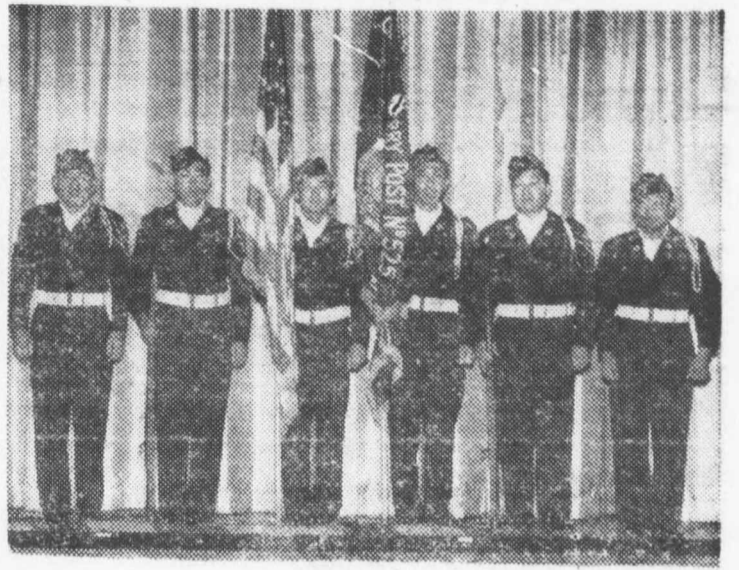
Father Clement of the Maryknoll Mission of Los Angeles concluded the banquet with the benediction.



Wasa Tanaka and Hitoshi Fukui, both of Los Angeles, and World War I veterans who gained their right of naturalization after special legislation was initiated by the JACL in the early 30's, salute the Colors as the

Edge of Allegiance was being recited by those at the Issei Recognition Banquet. Both are charter members of the Commodore Perry Post of the American Legion.

—Photo by George Waki.



Color guards at the Issei Recognitions Banquet were provided by the Commodore Perry Post of the American Legion, Los Angeles. They are (left to right) Match Kumamoto, Eddie Kitamura, Chester Sugimoto, Casey Kasuyama, Sakuo Yamagata and commanded by Billy Takahashi.

—Photo by George Waki.

## Persons who aided Japanese during evacuation period honored by JACL

### Los Angeles

Dr. Kiyoshi Sonoda of West Los Angeles presided at the first JACL Convention luncheon held in the Pacific Ballroom, Hotel Statler, at noon Sept. 2, with about 200 delegates in attendance.

Father Clement of Maryknoll Mission delivered the invocation prayer, followed by greetings from Dr. Sonoda as master of ceremonies. Miss Janet Fukuda, National JACL Queen for 1954, with her princesses, Janet Okimoto and Mary Enomoto, were introduced.

Official welcome to delegates was extended by Dr. Roy M. Nishikawa, convention chairman. He spoke on behalf of the six associate chairmen, 52 committees and 500 committee members who have been working during the past two years to stage a really worthwhile conclave for this national Nisei gathering.

Among honored guests introduced by the toastmaster was Sgt. Hiroshi Miyamura of Gallup, N.M., Nisei winner of the Congressional Medal of Honor. Miyamura was designated as guest of honor of the 13th National JACL Convention. Mrs. Miyamura was unable to attend, since presenting the war hero with a 6 pound baby boy recently.

The National JACL staff headed by National Director Masao W. Satow, was presented, with introductions of:

Mike M. Masaoka, Washington representative; Tad Masaoka, Washington office assistant; Tats Kushida, So California director; Haruo Ishimaru, northern California-Nevada director; Min Yasui, Mountain Plains director; and Harry Honda, Pacific Citizen editor.

### 71 Chapters

Masao W. Satow, national director, introduced official delegates present at the luncheon. It was noted that on this first day of the convention, 71 chapters of the total 87 chapters of the national organization were presented and present.

Among delegates from distant cities included:

Toshi Hasuiki for Spokane; Ira Shimasaki of Seabrook; Dr. Mitsuo Nakata and John Hada from Portland, Oregon; Ruby Hirose from Dayton, Ohio; Sam Y. Matsumoto for the Mile-Hi JACL of Denver, Colo.; Mike Suzuki and Tomio Enochy of New York.

Abe Hagiwara, Shig Wakamatsu and Kumeo Yoshinari of Chicago; Tom Kadomoto of Arizona; Hiroshi Miyamura of New Mexico; George Kashiwagi and Miyoko Nakatsu of Seattle; Thos. S. Takemura and Rob Mizukami of Puyallup Valley, Wash.; Emiko Watanabe of Omaha; Jim Ushio of Mt. Olympus, Utah; H. Tom Tamaki of Philadelphia; Carol Tsuda and John S. Katsu of Washington, D.C.; George Yoshino of the Twin Cities of Minneapolis and St. Paul, Minn.; Kay Miyaya of Detroit; Hattsumi Mitsunaga of Salt Lake City.

Every major region of California was represented by official and booster delegates.

National JACL Board members were presented to the convention:

President George Inagaki, vice-presidents Tom Hayashi of New York, Patrick Okura of Omaha, Bob Takahashi of Stockton, Calif., treasurer Dr. Roy Nishikawa, secretary Alice Kasai of Salt Lake City, 1000 Club chairman Harold "Tokuzo" Gordon of Chicago, Illinois, Dr. Randolph Sakada of Chicago, Illinois, and Dr. Thomas T. Yatabe of Chicago, Illinois.

Miss Uta Shimotsuka favored the luncheon with vocal selections, accompanied by Mrs.

### Haru Hokama.

Frank F. Chuman, national JACL legal counsel, who is handling witnesses for the Jones special sub-committee on the judiciary of the House of Representatives, announced that the Congressmen that morning paid special tribute to Mike M. Masaoka, Washington representative of the JACL, and to the national JACL organization and officers.

Inagaki introduced special guests and friends of the JACL, who aided persons of Japanese ancestry during the difficult years of the war, and presented special "Certificates of Appreciation" to:

Miss Esther D. Bartlett of the Los Angeles International Institute; George Thomas of the Los Angeles County Conference on Community Relations; Homer D. Crotty, former president of the California Bar Association; A. L. Wirin, legal counsel for the Southern California American Civil Liberties Union and participant in many cases involving interests of Japanese Americans; William Kent of Hollywood, Calif., who fought the American Legion which discriminated against persons of Japanese ancestry; Father Hugh Lavery of the Maryknoll Mission; Rev. Aaron A. Heist, of Huntington Park, who headed the ACLU in that area; Bishop C. S. Reifsnider and William Carr.

A posthumous award was made to G. Raymond Booth.

### Engraved Certificates

The final presentation of an engraved scroll was made to Loren Miller of the National Association for the Advancement (NAACP), who responded on behalf of the recipients of awards.

Miller spoke of the National JACL's fight to win equal rights under the law, and stated "The JACL helped every American to become a freer man" in its fight for equality. He stated that those honored were acting under the profound belief that those who fight for equality for others are too helping themselves. In concluding, Miller, speaking of the hope of achieving full democracy for everyone, pleaded, "Let us walk together, let us work together, until we reach that goal."

Following an announcement of a hospitality committee in the Mission Room to entertain and make social arrangements for delegates, the luncheon was concluded by benediction by Father Clement of Maryknoll Mission.

## Another Nisei appointed to Fowler City Council

### Fowler

Floyd Yoshio Honda, 47, in the garage business, was recently appointed to a vacancy in the Fowler City Council. A graduate of Fowler High in 1927, he is active in the local Lions, Chamber of Commerce and JACL chapter. Tom Shirakawa was named to fill an unexpired term last year.

## Violinist recital

### Los Angeles

Kenji Kobayashi, talented Japanese violinist, will be presented in recital this Sunday, Sept. 12, at the Union Church, 8 p.m. Mendelssohn's Concert in E Minor will be the main work of the Nisei Music Guild attraction.



Over 500 attended the Issei Recognitions Banquet of the JACL Convention at the Los Angeles Statler. Many were recently naturalized Issei citizens. Saburo Kido (left) was master of ceremonies of the momentous occasion. Mrs. John M. Yamazaki, wife of the

general missionary at St. Mary's Episcopal Church, was among those honored, shaking hands with Mike Masaoka. Judge John Aiso (second from right) was the main speaker.

—Photo by George Waki.



National JACL Queen Janet Fukuda (left) and City Councilman Edward Roybal (right) visited Mrs. Mae Kumashiro Carlton, blind Nisei canteen operator at the Los Angeles County General Hospital. She has

been regarded as the Nisei ambassador of goodwill, for improving understanding of persons of Japanese ancestry despite the handicap.

—Photo by George Waki.

## Keynote Speech:

# Contribute Heritage to America

By Dore Schary

The following is the complete text of Dore Schary's keynote address, "New Horizons", presented at the Opening Ceremonies of the 13th Biennial National JAAC Convention Thursday last week:

Ladies and Gentlemen: It is with a sense of deep appreciation that I appear here tonight. This, your 13th Biennial National Convention, is of great importance to all of your delegates, and I feel flattered that you have asked me to appear before you as guest speaker. However, the truth is that there are areas of human relations that interest me deeply, and one of these areas concerns so-called minority groups, and so I feel particularly grateful that you have asked me to speak on one of my favorite subjects.

In my own experience I have a special feeling about the Japanese-American. This special interest was demonstrated in a picture I worked on with Robert Pirosh which some of you may have seen called *Go For Broke*, and more recently I have finished a film entitled *Bad Day at Black Rock*, which has as one of its central themes the fictional murder of a Japanese American which symbolizes the hysteria that was felt here in late 1941.

### Inter-group society . . .

Much has been said and will be said in the future concerning the role of minority groups in American life and the problems they face.

America has functioned always as an inter-group society, and as we move along the path of better understanding and as we eradicate the obstacles of prejudice and ignorance, there is debate concerning whether it is wise to continue the identification of minority groups as such.

*It is argued that it is a mistake to refer to groups as Japanese-American or Irish-American or Jewish-American because, after all, we are all Americans. This, of course, is an over-simplified truth that has some dangerous shoals.*

It seems to me that America has remained strong and triumphant because it has contained in its society the individuality of many of its citizens and many of its groups, while at the same time establishing a common bond of Americanism.

Part of America's strength is the individual contribution that groups have made, as groups, to the American scene, and I do not believe that the solution to any remaining problems is based on the theory that all of us should become *standardized* into some composite picture of what one particular group may call American.

### Pressures of group movements . . .

I believe that the pressures of group movements act well on the body politic of America.

I believe it is healthy for a personalized group to state its objectives or to clarify its sensitivities or to make heard its special problems.

I think there is a much better opportunity for true understanding if our various groups retain some identity with the lands of their origin or with the basic tenets of their diverse religious faiths. Our American democracy was born under pressure.

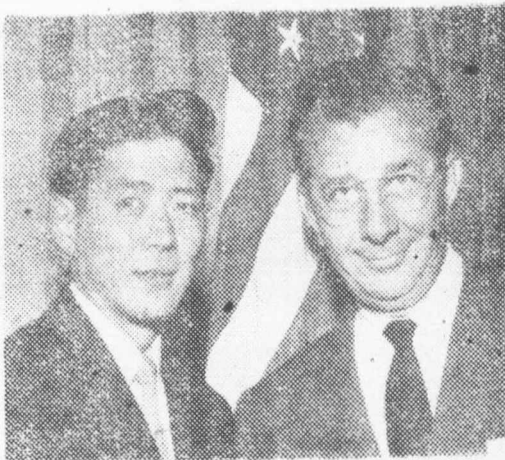
It came into being as a result of compromise and a willingness to cooperate despite differences. The Virginians and the New Englanders had many different interests and large oceans of conflict. It was the stubborn faith of a few that kept the Continental Congress together—and it was that Congress that finally formed the pattern for our democracy and created the basic literature of our political faith that today remains as strong and as vibrant as when the words were written.

### Too much lip service . . .

Some years ago a Judge Wyzanski pointed out that one of the great American characteristics was its *indifference to irrelevant differences*. This concept is one we would all do well to keep in mind.

As I have indicated, I do not believe in the *standardized* man from any point of view—political, religious, social or philosophical. I believe that the *standardized* man diminishes in mind and in size.

I believe that the inquiring man and the man who does not become *standardized* be-



Medal of Honor winner Hershey Miyamura of Gallup, N.M., and Dore Schary, MGM production chief who was the keynote speaker at the JAAC Convention, met at the Opening Ceremonies

—George Waki Photo.

comes larger.

If a man wishes to be understanding, he must seek information, and as he seeks information his understanding increases. With information, we begin to make distinctions between people and ideas.

We begin to realize that no one group of people is *standardized* and that only evil ideas are *standardized*. We learn how to oppose ideas without necessarily opposing people as groups. We then come to the final conclusion that we can hate ideas without hating people.

There is much said about the brotherhood of man, and while a good deal of effort is being used to accomplish this good and happy state, there is much yet to be done. There is too much of lip service and not enough of actual devotion. In the field of human relationships it seems to me that in order to make dreams of an ideal society work, we must give it the same faith and the same loyalty that we give a religious faith; and it must be a faith that comes out of love rather than fear—out of conviction rather than superstition—out of a true goodness rather than a sense of protection.

*What inhibits the freedom of a Japanese-American inhibits ultimately my freedom as an American Jew. What endangers the liberties of the American Negro will affect the well-being of the Japanese-American and an attack on the Catholic endangers the rights of the Protestant.*

We are living in a very special time in world history. We are facing a spiritual Armageddon. The forces involved are varied and diverse. Our allies in the struggle are people from many lands, of many different faiths, and our case as Americans will be benefited if we understand some of the special problems some of these special people have. It seems to me that, because of our tradition Americans are well equipped to embark on this conflict. We have behind us 180 years of training in the field of human relations.

### No 'standardized' American . . .

We have no *standardized* American. Our Americans have strange but familiar names—like Watanabe, Wyzanski, Spinelli, Kelly, Goldberg, Edwards, Montaigne, Olson and Wittenberg. While our basic religious faith is founded on Judaic-Christian concepts, there are millions of people who have faith in different concepts. But we have found that in religion there is a basic concept of humanness which permits us all to live in peace and with comparatively few religious tensions.

All of us who are members of various national and religious groups are familiar with a variety of costumes and customs—and with a variety of foods. We know about foods like *sukiyaki*, *lox* and *bagels*, *egg foo yong*, *ravioli*, *Smorgasbord*, *Weiner schnitzel*, *Crepes Suzette*, *Shish Kabab* and *ham and eggs*.

Even in our common language there are heritages from many other languages. Most Americans are familiar with strange sounds of language—from *a la carte* to *auf Wiedersehen*—from *Mishugah* to *banzai*—from *skoal* to *Paisan*.

We have become very familiar, due to the agonies of recent years, with names of far-off places—like *Panmunjom*, *Hiroshima*, *Dien Bien Phu*, *Kwajalein*, *Vladivostok*, *Coventry*, *Munich*, *Seoul*, *Buenos Aires*, *Guatemala*, *Dakar* and *Anzio*. Yes, many strange names—

many strange words—and most Americans have an awareness that we do not live in some isolated place on an isolated planet, but rather in a teeming world that has become much smaller and is spanned regularly each day by huge planes that bring visitors of peace—but which can bring visitors of terror and destruction.

### Diversity counts in America . . .

*I urge you, therefore, in these, your discussions, as you contemplate your problems and the issues that confront you, not to lose your diversity, but rather to lend your diversity to the American scene—to bring all that is good and bountiful of your Japanese inheritance to this, our American scene—and to take from the crucible that is America those things that are offered you.*

A veteran of the 442nd looks as genuinely American as the farm boy from Dakota who served in the 101st Parachute Division, or the rangy Texan who served in the 143rd Infantry Regiment, or the chubby eastside New Yorker who flew with the Eighth Bomber Command.

Mike Masaoka, as a Japanese American interested in your special problems, is as American as Ralph Bunche, who serves his nation and his people in the same way as do Bernard Baruch and President Eisenhower, in their service and in their devotion to the common cause.

### Exploiters of diversity . . .

There have been in the past, and there will continue to be in the future, hate-mongers who exploit your diversity and make attempts to divide us.

Through their slanders and deceits they create suspicion and distrust. They distort your beneficial diversity and try to make it look subversive and alien.

These people hope to convince others that to be different is to be alien.

*But the hate-mongers, I believe deeply, are losing the war, even though they may win an occasional battle. But all of us—all Americans—cannot win the war for true brotherhood unless we are willing to stand up and be counted—unless we have the courage to be courageous and speak up for our rights and our heritage of freedom.*

In these days when suspicion and distrust are running amuck like some angry, ugly, political Katzenjammer Kids, we must act with strength and stop the clamor and restore order to our political and our moral house.

We cannot permit recklessness and irresponsibility to go unchallenged. Because we are reflective, we cannot become timid; because one voice speaks loudly, the other voices must not remain silent. We cannot win the cold war against communism and wind up with a Pyrrhic victory that has cost us more than we have won.

### Accumulated heritage . . .

America and its allies are strong and resourceful and have accumulated heritages that can see them through to eventual peace without the loss of national dignity or honor.

I know that all of you pledge yourselves to the world dream of peace, and I am sure, regardless of your faith, you will join in a prayer for the hope that is given us in a verse from Leviticus:

*"And I will give peace in the land, and ye shall lie down, and none shall make you afraid: and I will rid evil beasts out of the land, neither shall the sword go through your land."*

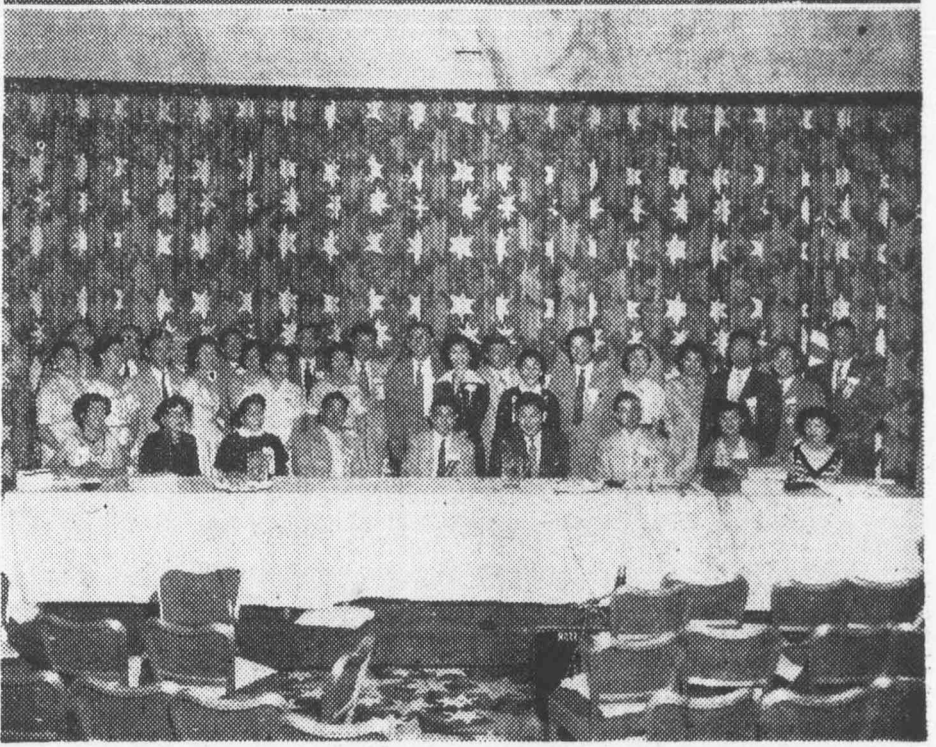
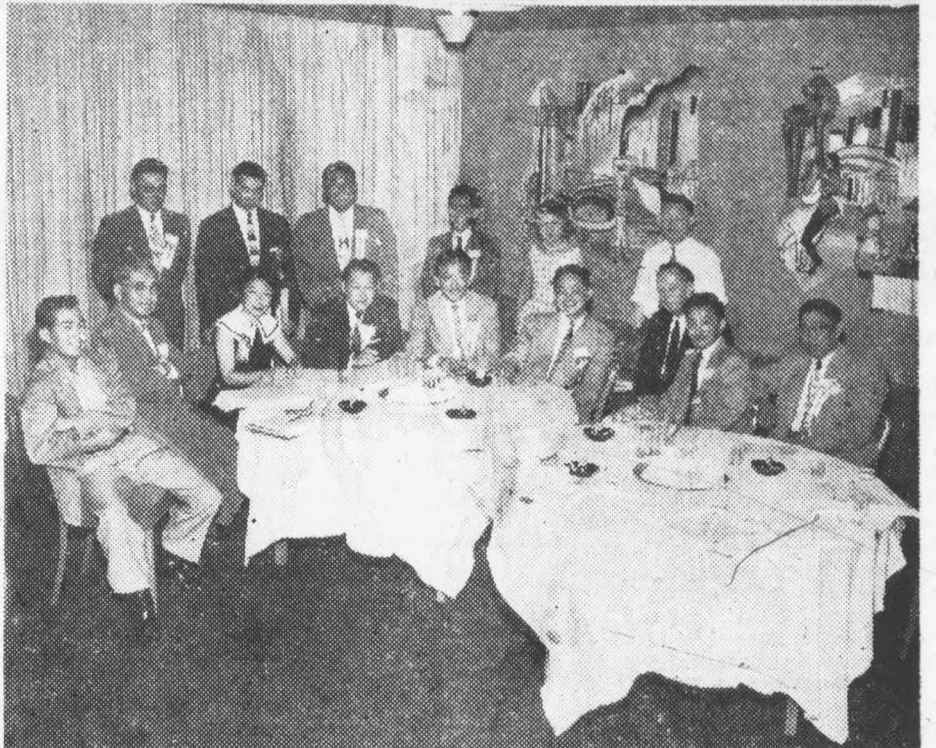
## Dr. Bunche Goes Up

Seattle Post-Intelligencer

Dr. Ralph Bunche was appointed last week to the new post of Undersecretary for the United Nations and thus becomes the top American within the world organization.

As we understand it, Dr. Bunche will become a sort of world-wide troubleshooter for the UN, an undertaking in which he has already displayed his talent. He was awarded the Nobel Prize for his negotiation of the Israeli-Arab armistice in 1949.

We welcome the appointment for two reasons: because Dr. Bunche, a Negro and grandson of a slave, has earned it, and because it will be further indication to the world of the working of American democracy.



TOP: One committee that worked overtime was the Budget and Finance group headed by Nat'l Treasurer Dr. Roy Nishikawa (seated, fourth from right). It rearranged fund quotas for various districts and worked on a \$78,000 National JACL budget, recommended a raise in the national membership dues (finally passed at \$2 per year). MIDDLE: The Membership Committee, headed by George Yasukochi (seated, second from right) of Berkeley, was in accord with the Budget & Finance Committee to raise membership fees. BOTTOM: The National Planning Committee, headed by Shig Wakamatsu (seated, third from right) of Chicago, realized the dramatic emphasis for JACL activities has temporarily passed and suggested "intensive" medias, as opposed to "expansive", to keep the organization humming. —Photos by George Waki.

TOP: Members of the National Constitution committee, headed by Dave Yokozeki (seated, fourth from left) of Los Angeles, approved recommendations to rearrange the entire JACL Constitution according to logical sequence and accepted constitutional theories. MIDDLE: The Public Relations Committee, headed by K. Patrick Okura (seated, fourth from left) of Omaha, and the Pacific Citizen Board, headed by Sim Togasaki (standing, extreme right), joined forces to work out the important resolutions on communism and international relations with Japan. The committees also discussed Issei and Nisei public relations, and felt PC with membership is in the coming. BOTTOM: Meeting in the Sierra Room, where all National Council sessions took place, was the Programs committee, headed by Tad Masaoka (seated, center) of Washington, D.C. It discussed means of promoting chapter activities. —Photos by George Waki.

## ISSEI CONTRIBUTION TO AMERICA CITED, GRANTING OF CITIZENSHIP MAY HELP KEEP ASIA IN FREE WORLD

Los Angeles Hon. John F. Aiso, judge of the Los Angeles Municipal Court, delivered the principal address at the overflow Issei Recognitions Banquet, honoring the newly-naturalized Issei citizens, in the Statler Hotel, Friday night, Sept. 3. More than 500 people attended the banquet.

"We meet together tonight to pay tribute to our Issei parents, and to facilitate them upon their good fortune of having recently become full-fledged American citizens," said Judge Aiso, re-

flecting the spirit and mood of Issei guests.

Judge Aiso spoke of the history of the Issei in America, praising their lifetime of toil and contribution to the American scene.

### Achievement Crown

"For the average Issei," he said, "the accolade of American citizenship is the crowning achievement of over 50 years of rugged pioneering life. It has been a life that called for rugged constitutions, indomitable courage, realism, optimism, hope and visions of new horizons."

He spoke feelingly of the sacrifices that the Issei made in order to rear their Nisei children as good American citizens, and noted that as parents during World War II they sent their sons and daughters to war to sacrifice, if need be, their lives for the cause of the United States.

In speaking of the significance of newly-won citizenship, Judge Aiso acknowledged their contribution to the well-being of this country by adding to material prosperity of the nation or raising citizen children who are assets to the coun-

try. He noted that granting of citizenship to Japanese nationals on an equal basis is a living demonstration that America practices democracy.

### Keeping Asia Free

"In the life and death struggle of ideological warfare which we are engaged in with Communist forces, the treatment which is accorded to Asiatics here in the United States will play a most important role as to whether we shall hold Asia for free nations, or whether they shall succumb to Communist domination," said Judge Aiso. "In granting naturalization to Issei, the United States has not only removed the stigma of unassimilability from the Issei, but given dignity to all Asiatics in general," he declared.

Judge Aiso concluded in happily noting that citizenship for the Issei has served to bring the Issei and Nisei closer together, by granting a greater measure of understanding through participation in common causes of action, such as voting, in the exercise of the rights of citizenship.

"We shall find a new zest for living," said Judge Aiso, "when we live for the welfare of not only ourselves, but for our children and their children, to preserve, enhance, and perpetuate for them the blessings of our great land, the United States of America."

### Toastmaster Kido

Saburo Kido, war-time national JACL president, acted as toastmaster for the impressive

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Tokyo Topics . . . by Tamotsu Murayama

JACL Convention inspiring

Los Angeles

Congratulations! Congratulations on a magnificent and successful \$25,000 convention of the Japanese American Citizens League!

It is vitally important to present a united front for the benefit of the Japanese American Citizens League, because this institution must grow constantly and must gain a wider and better recognition for the improvement of Japanese life in America.

Fortunately, many young leaders are taking a great interest in this movement of "Security through Unity."

Issei members originally suggested and supported this Nisei movement at the early part of 20's—and they are now integral part of this great institution.

Early Day Comment

"Nisei are good for nothing" was an early-day comment or accusation of Issei wherever I went. Today every Issei I meet compliments the great work of Nisei—as a matter of fact, Issei have turned over their meeting halls to the JACL chapters—

Recalling days passed by, every convention incident brought tears into my eyes. In some cases, I just could not believe myself as to what was happening. What wonderful changes from the very first step of this movement!

George Inagaki should be complimented for his broad leadership in building up the JACL structure as well as his vision in endeavoring to aid teen-agers in whom the future of this institution will be vested. Well done, George!

Miyamura's Modesty

Sgt. Miyamura's modesty at the opening ceremonies was a real source of satisfaction. He was even afraid to shake hands with others who attempted to shake hands with him.

This young man shouldn't be spoiled because he will be a living symbol of Japanese in

this country for years to come. No, more cliquishness. This institution cannot afford any cliquishness in view of its nature and future. Let us determine to march forward hand in hand harmoniously and fraternally. The JACL will undoubtedly face its most critical period within the coming two years inasmuch as the post-war accomplishments were so phenomenally splendid and everybody felt that his work finished.

Real Work Ahead

I personally consider that the real work of JACL is coming now. Heretofore, we spoke of Nisei and JACL in the sense of a unit; however, with the growth of Sansei and naturalization of Issei, we cannot single out the Nisei any longer.

The Japanese American Citizens League has become the representative organization of the Japanese communities within America.

CHAPTER MEMO

Boise Valley JACL: Tamotsu Murayama was honored at a luncheon Aug. 20 before being guest speaker at a Caldwell (Idaho) Rotary meeting. The annual valley picnic was held Aug. 22 at Lakeview Park in Nampa with Seichi Hayashida as chairman.

Newsletter Received: West Los Angeles, Detroit, Stockton, Richmond-El Cerrito, Arizona, D.C. News Notes.

CALENDAR

- Sept. 10 (Friday) Richmond-El Cerrito—Chapter meeting, home of Sgt. Kama, 102 Yuba St., 7:30 p.m.
Sept. 10-11 (Fri.-Sat.) San Francisco—Nisei Theater Night, Gyosei Hall.
Sept. 17 (Friday) Chicago—Convention Reports, Wilson Room, 116 S. Michigan, 8 p.m.
Sept. 19 (Sunday) Chicago—Open golf tournament, Glendale C.C.
Sept. 25 (Saturday) Chicago—Lily Miki Concert, Kimball Hall, 8:30 p.m.
Detroit—Issei Citizens Banquet, Coral Room, Hotel Ft. Shelby, 7 p.m.
Sept. 26 (Sunday) Richmond-El Cerrito—Outing, Mitchell Canyon.
Oct. 2 (Saturday) Berkeley—Talent-Vision Show, Little Theater, Grove and Allston.
Chicago—New Issei Citizens Reception, McCormick YWCA, 1001 N. Dearborn, 8 p.m.

Very Truly Yours . . . by Harry Honda

Convention after-thoughts

Conventions are always hectic . . . I remember going to our Denver meeting as a booster, then as official delegate to the Salt Lake City and Chicago gatherings. I missed San Francisco because of work (where vacations came at the end of the year) . . . I was at the Los Angeles meeting as a convention committeeman. Believe me, an official delegate who sat through all the council sessions taking copious notes had an easier time . . . Yet, the happy after-effects came when friends told us it was the "bestest with the mostest" at the Sanyonara Ball—when I was the sleepest and most tired.

What I like to remember: As Mr. Schary recited the various foods in his keynote bagels, egg foo yong, ravioli, I was getting hungry all over again at the Opening Ceremonies. While the MGM production chief hit at hate-mongers, his dramatic emphasis on the diversity that is in America re-echoed in my heart. While social awareness is important, it is equally so to remember our particular individuality . . . Expressions of some delegates that the time is near (though not at this convention) when JACL membership will get the PC free . . . The remark Doc Yatabe offered to us at the head-table with its candleabra—"I feel like Liberace" . . . Loren Miller's response on behalf of JACL friends honored at the first Thursday luncheon that we

should walk together until we reach our goal to make every American a freer man—a task that is not finished until no American is deprived of his rights regardless of his race, color or creed . . . Saburo Kido's rare form as master of ceremonies at the Issei Recognitions Banquet. His performance was only outdone by Harold Gordon at the 1000 Club Wing-Ding where George Inagaki was introduced and rose from the chair five times instead of four times at the banquet . . . Chief Pharmacist George Masunaga at Lowry AAB hospital paid four bits for two aspirins at the Statler men's lounge to ease his headache. At home, he could have had two bottles full for the same price . . . The nice piece of prime ribs at the Nisei Recognitions Banquet despite the sudden thought that I hadn't had any rice at home for the whole week . . . Pat Okura's comment upon presenting George Inagaki a handcraft sterling silver set made by Harry Osaki of Pasadena: "He may get that horse for Patty in the next biennium" . . . And the romantic warmth registered by 15-year-old Akira Endo of Japan, whose violin selections ("Home, Sweet Home" as arranged by Farmer; and Sarasate's "Zigeunerweisen").

There are other incidents, to be sure; but I should close with one thing I don't want to remember: I only managed 16 hours of sleep during the five-day convention.

Judge Aiso—

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Issei Recognitions Banquet. He paid tribute to the Issei for attaining citizenship in the twilight years of their life, and thanked them for their attendance at the convention.

Colors were posted by members of the Commodore Perry Post No. 525 of the American Legion, commanded by Bill Takahashi.

Greetings from the President of the United States, Dwight D. Eisenhower, and from Lt. Gen. Joseph Swing, commissioner of the Immigration and Naturalization Service, were read to the assembled audience.

Honored guests attending the banquet included:

George Eastman, president of the Japan-America Society; Herman Landon, District Director of the I&NS office; Hon. Shinsaku Hogen, consul general of Japan in Los Angeles; Don Allen, city councilman; Edward J. Ennis of Washington, D.C.; and the members of the national JACL board and staff.

Issei War Veterans

In honoring Issei citizens, Kido requested Issei veterans of World War I, who achieved citizenship by service in the armed forces to stand. More than 80 such Issei veterans reside in Los Angeles. The newly-naturalized Issei citizens were recognized, and each was presented with engraved copies of the Declaration of Independence and of the Japanese American Creed.

Greetings were given by Gi-ichi Takata, president of the Japanese Chamber of Commerce of Southern California, by Hon. Shinsaku Hogen, Consul General of Japan in Los Angeles, and by George Inagaki, national president of the JACL. Response on behalf of the newly-naturalized Issei was given by Gongoro Nakamura, one of the co-chairmen of the banquet.

The intermission program, featuring Japanese music and dances, was emceed by Takeo Yamane, whose Akatsuki Band provided music, with Mickey Gotanda and Chikaye Azeka performing Japanese dances and Mrs. Karie Shindo Aihara offering Japanese vocal selections, which were well received.

6,000 Naturalized

Mike M. Masaoka spoke briefly in acknowledging that the outstanding contributions of the Issei to America, during their 50 years in this country, was instrumental in winning passage of the Walter-McCarran naturalization law in 1952.

He spoke of the dramatic events during June, 1952, after the President had vetoed the law, on grounds other than naturalization, and how two-thirds of the Congress felt that the Japanese nationals in this country were entitled to citizenship, because of their tremendous sacrifices for America.

Masaoka noted with pride and commendation that more than 6,000 Issei have already become naturalized U.S. citizens, and commented that the Immigration and Naturalization Service had indicated that it was the greatest response ever shown by any group, upon granting naturalization privileges.

Dr. John M. Yamasaki of St. Mary's Episcopal Church concluded the meeting by delivering benediction.

Hostesses

A dozen Nisei girls, colorfully costumed in kimono, acted as gracious hostesses for the event. The hostesses were headed by Ritsuko Kawakami as chairman, and assisted by: Fudge Kikuchi, Misa Tanaka, Janet Yamada, Barbara Hirano, Tomiko Baba, Amy Matsumoto, Judy Sugita, Miyo Fujita, Sadako Kawanami and Hiroko Kawanami.

An added feature of the banquet were presence of Japanese newspapermen visiting the United States under auspices of the U.S. State Dept. They were:

Yuushi Yamada of Chubu Nihon (Nagoya), Michio Kanakubo of Tokyo Yomiuri, Toshiro Kase of Chiba Shimbun, Kosuke Sakaida of Gifu Times, and Hideo Sasaki of Kanagawa Shimbun.

Their escort and interpreter is Sumio Miyamoto, an ex-JACLer from Sacramento, Calif., who gave the JACL its

Chicago Corner . . . by Smoky Sakurada Convention Reports

Delegates to the Los Angeles convention will be main speakers at the first fall general meeting of the chapter, Sept. 17, 8 p.m., at the Woodrow Wilson Room, 116 S. Michigan Ave. Chapter president KUMEO YOSHINARI and new Nat'l 1000 Club chairman SHIG WAKAMATSU will be speakers. JOHN YOSHINO, 1st v.p., will be chairman. ABE HAGIWARA will not be present, since he is extending his vacation through the Northwest.

LILY MIKI, widely recognized pianist from New York, will be presented in concert Sept. 25, 8 p.m. at Kimball Hall (Wabash and Jackson Blvd.) Under Chicago chapter sponsorship, admission is \$1.75, with funds going to encourage up and coming Nisei artists.

Around Windy City . . .

Roosevelt College has been named Roosevelt University. It occupies the former 10-story tall Auditorium Hotel on Michigan Avenue. The Chicago Musical College has become a division of the university also.

U-505, a captured German submarine, is on permanent exhibit at the east wing of the Museum of Science & Industry

The City-Widers have their annual week-end outing at Forest Beach, New Buffalo, Mich., Sept. 10-12 . . . The Christ Congregational Church Women's Fellowship wants old clothes to give the needy . . . Church and Center, 4608 S. Greenwood, will have open

slogan of "Security Through Unity."

Floral decorations for the head table, and flowers for each individual table were donated by the Southern California Flower Growers Association.

The committee which arranged the banquet were:

Gongoro Nakamura, Kei Uchima and Seiji Ogata, as co-chairmen, and assisted by Sue Joe, Miwa Yamamoto, Paul Taketa and Eddie Shimatsu.

District Council chairmen attending the convention were recognized, as follows:

Ira Shimasaki, Eastern District Council; Jim Ushio, Intermountain; Ken Dyo, Pacific Southwest; Tom Nakamura, Central California; Tom Yego, Northern California-Nevada; Bob Mizukami, Pacific Northwest; and George Masunaga, Mountain-Plains

house Oct. 17.

Univ. of Illinois colors—orange and blue—make up the plates. Orange numbers on navy 1955 state automobile license blue . . . Of the students registered this fall at Illinois, 89 per cent are residents of the State.

About People . . .

EDITH OSHIE NOHARA, formerly of Honolulu, 1001 N. Dearborn, won a three-year scholarship at Grant Hospital Nursing School, established in honor of Lt. Genevieve de Gallard-Terraube. She won the honors for displaying qualities of "mind, heart and spirit" typified by the Angel of Dienbienphu.

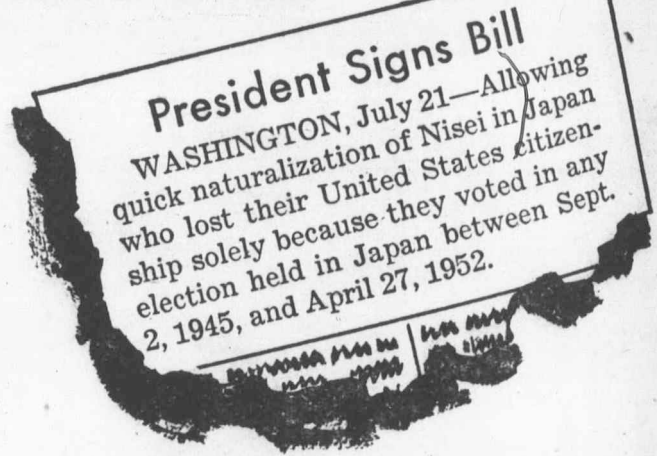
LT. JIM TAJIRI, formerly of San Diego, was visiting his mother at 6322 S. University Ave. He is being transferred to Europe. He is the younger brother of former PC Editor LARRY TAJIRI.

Among honored guests at the Chicago Nisei Korean Vets Testimonial service last April, IRVING BREAKSTONE, 60, was elected commander of the Illinois Dept. of the American Legion.

GLADYS KAWASAKI, 10, of 1302 E. 47th St., was selected Girl of 1954 at the St. Mary's Camp for Girls at Racine, Wis., last month. Her older sister NOREEN is swimming counselor there. The Sansei sisters have been attending this non-sectarian summer camp since 1945.

Salt Lake City: Miss Della Kono, who served as chapter corresponding secretary, resigned her post upon marriage to Seiji Shiba, dental student back East. Hatsumi Mitsunaga has accepted to fill the vacancy.

news item



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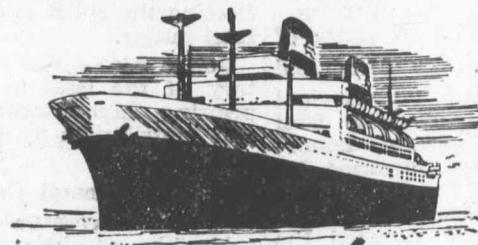
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# Thousand Club Notes

HAROLD GORDON, Nat'l Chairman



Janet Yamada, one of the hostesses at the Convention Mixer, is in step with the music of Tanko Bushi, the novelty dance of the evening. But Harold Tokuzo Gordon, past National 1000 Club chairman, of Chicago is still digging. The Japanese native dance depicts a coal miner digging and carrying out the coal. Up to 500 jammed the first night of convention activities at the Statler —Photo by George Waki.



The paper-moustached lady is Lily Okura of Omaha. Husband Pat (to the right) is trying to figure out what Ken Dyo of Pasadena is doing to make Lily scream with surprise—although the open mouth doesn't show. Ken Tashiro of Orsi looks on rather amused. It all happened at the 1000 Club Wing Ding. —Photo by George Waki.

● LOS ANGELES: Animation artist SAM KAI, New York chapter president, was honored as Mr. 1000 in the JACL 1000 Club at the Convention Wind-Ding last Saturday night at the Nikabob. His was the 1000th name in the roster of those loyal supporters who are contributing \$25 to National each year.

● LOS ANGELES: Twenty more memberships were accepted by the Downtown Los Angeles JACL chapter in the 1000 Club to loost its current total to 107, it was announced by Dave Yokozeki, chapter president. Several months ago, a drive was started to enroll at least 100 members. The latest enrolled:

Toraichi Sumi, Sentaro Yamada, Miyatake, Mrs. Takeko Miyatake, Masami Sasaki, Sud Yakura, Paul Harry Oshiro, Grace Morinaga, Ed-Takeda, Ichiro Takahashi, Yasuo Kusada, Kiyomi Takata, Dr. H. a mano, Seiichi Oguchi, Choshin Fred Y. Fujikawa and Hank Masa-Higa, Dr. George Y. Nagamoto, Toyo oka, Miyatake, Mrs. Hiro Miyatake, Bobby

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# KEYNOTE SPEAKER SCHARY URGES NISEI NOT TO LOSE DIVERSITY, URGES JACL TO ACT WITH STRENGTH

**Los Angeles**  
The 13th National JACL Convention was officially opened at the Opening Ceremonies held in the Pacific Ballroom of the Hotel Statler on Thursday evening, Sept. 2, with George E. Maruya, chairman, presiding.

Featured speaker of the evening was Dore Schary, director of Productions and Studio operations of the Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer, who expressed a special interest in the Japanese Americans, as demonstrated by the filming of "Go For Broke". He expressed his strong belief that America has remained strong and triumphant because of the individuality of citizens and groups.

Schary said, "What inhibits the freedom of a Japanese American ultimately inhibits my freedom. What endangers the liberties of the American Negro will affect the well-being of the Japanese Americans."

Schary urged Nisei "do not lose your diversity, but lend your diversity to the American scene—bring all that is good; and bountiful of your Japanese inheritance to this our American scene, and take from the crucible that is America those things which are offered you."

### Continue to Speak Out

In speaking of special pleadings, Dore Schary urged the JACL to continue to speak out for objectives in the interests of persons of Japanese ancestry. He stated "Mike Masaoka, as a Japanese American interested in your special problems, is as American as Ralph Bunche, who serves his nation and his people the same way as do Bernard Baruch and President Eisenhower, in their service and devotion to the common cause."

He urged the JACL to continue to speak out, "We must act with strength", he said, "to stop the clamor and restore order to our political and moral house. We cannot allow recklessness and irresponsibility to go unchallenged. We cannot become timid, because one voice speaks loudly."

(A complete text of Dore Schary's keynote address is published in this week's Pacific Citizen.)

Ex-Sgt. Hiroshi Miyamura

of Gallup, N.M., the honor guest of the Convention, led the audience of more than 500 people in moment of silent tribute in memory of fallen comrades. Members of the VFW Nisei Memorial Post No. 9938 presented colors at the beginning of the ceremonies.

Councilman Ed Roybal of the City Council of Los Angeles read a resolution passed by the council commending the Japanese Americans in Los Angeles, and extending official and warm welcome to the delegates. National President George Inagaki accepted the engraved resolution on behalf of the organization.

George E. Maruya opened the ceremonies by introducing Rev. Ray Holder of the Episcopal Church, who delivered the invocation. The National JACL Convention Queen, Janet Fukuda, and her attendants, Janet Okimoto and Mary Enomoto were also presented.

### Special Guests

Tatsuo Yata, past chairman of the Pacific Southwest District Council, took over the meeting as master of ceremonies, introducing honored guests which included:

John Allen of the Los Angeles Evacuation Claims Office; George Eastman, president of the Japan-America Society; Hon. McIntyre Faries, Judge of the L.A. Superior Court; Hon. Shinsaku Hogen, Consul General of Japan; Commander Nagy of the Veterans of Foreign Wars; Robert Pirosh of RKO; Col. George F. Herbert, executive assistant to the Mayor of Los Angeles; and Giichi Takata, president of the Japanese Chamber of Commerce.

The National JACL board and staff members were introduced, and past presidents of the National JACL including Dr. Randolph Sakada, Dr. T. T. Yatabe, and Hito Okada. Legal counsels Frank F. Chuman of Los Angeles and Edward J. Ennis of New York,

were also presented.

Greetings from President Dwight D. Eisenhower, to extend greetings to the 13th Biennial National Convention, and expressing best wishes for a most successful convention were read, as were greetings from Gov. Goodwin J. Knight of California, who commented on the "courage and patriotism of thousands of Americans of Japanese ancestry in the defense of our Nation's freedom and security have armed for them the thanks of all the people in our nation."

### "New Horizons"

Dr. Roy M. Nishikawa, convention chairman, extended welcome to delegates and guests assembly, speaking of the "New Horizons" theme of the convention, seriously stating that the future of the JACL lies ahead.

"Although legal and legislative goals have been achieved," stated Dr. Nishikawa, "we need to translate these into realities on a practical level." Dr. Nishikawa extended welcome on behalf of more than 500 committee workers who worked for more than two years to stage the best-ever convention of the JACL.

Greetings were extended also by Ken Dyo, chairman of the Pacific Southwest District council, and Mack Hamaguchi, chairman of the Los Angeles JACL Co-ordinating council. Response was given by George Inagaki, national president of the JACL.

The National JACL Hymn, written by Marion Tajiri, now of Denver, was sung by Miss Uta, Shimotsuka, accompanied by Mrs. Haru Hokama.

Benediction was delivered by Dr. Cleveland Kleihauer, of the Hollywood Beverly Christian Church.

## SCENE FROM THE GOLDEN GATE

# Part of History

HARUO ISHIMARU

Another great National Convention has become part of the history of the JACL. Because of the affinity to Hollywood, the film capital of the world, this convention was probably, the biggest and mostest as far as a super-duper extravaganza is concerned. Although we appreciate that any such confab requires a great number of participating workers and infinite teamwork, we would like to extend our warmest thanks to Dr. ROY NISHIKAWA, general chairman of the 13th Biennial Convention for a terrific job well done. He and his very attractive and charming wife, ALICE, merit the highest commendation from our entire membership for their unstinting effort and sacrifices for the welfare of the JACL.

We wish we had time to mention and thank every committeeman personally, but since space does not permit, we extend to them our gratitude for their many services and warm hospitality.

Although the convention is over, it should not be forgotten. A convention is not merely a series of events to be looked forward to, but a springboard from which we are impelled to a continuation of the basic purposes and programs of the JACL. These are our basic and serious concern for the welfare of our general Japanese American community and education toward better citizenship.

Unfortunately, the business sessions did not allow enough time for detailed programming and planning for specific new projects and for the development and strengthening of our district council and local chapter structures. However we hope that the delegates will take back with them a firm determination to interpret, amplify, and implement the discussions and decisions made at the convention.

In all of our continued thinking and planning, our chief guide should be that the primary motivation and justification for the JACL should not be the perpetuation of an institution, but the development and maintenance of our national slogan and goal of "better Americans in a greater America."

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# KISHI, OMATSU WIN NAT'L JACL CONVENTION GOLF CHAMPIONSHIPS

**Los Angeles**  
Joe Kishi of West Los Angeles and Frank Iwanaga of Los Angeles had to battle three extra holes to break a net 137 tie at the end of the 36-hole National JACL Convention golf tournament. Kishi finally edged his competitor at the 39th last Sunday at Fox Hill Country Club.

Sixty-four participated in the two-day meeting, attracting golfers from San Francisco, Stockton, Denver, Chicago as well as members from local Nisei clubs.

Min Yoshizaki took low gross with 148.

Two partners in insurance, George Wada and George Omatsu, led in the Aye flight—the latter winning by two strokes. Both were neck and neck up to the 33rd. On the 34th, Wada went out of bounds and Omatsu forged ahead to win.

- The complete summaries:
- CHAMPIONSHIP FLIGHT:**  
137—Joe Kishi (9) 78-77; Frank Iwanaga (11) 81-78.  
139—Yas Tatsumi (9) 77-80.  
144—Fred Harada (7) 76-82; Min Yoshizaki (2) 75-73.  
145—Hide Uba (8) 79-82.  
146—Fred Tayama (9) 79-85.  
147—Seb Kimura (9) 80-85.  
148—Tom Matsunaga (11) 83-87.  
149—Harry Hankawa (5); K. Yamahata (11).  
150—John Naito (7).  
151—Hank Furukawa (9).  
152—Dr. Yosh Nakaji (9); Joe Minato (11); James Abe (9).  
153—Frank Onishi (9).  
154—George Mikawa (10); Jr. Sagara (11).  
155—Setsu Ito (7); Fred Funakoshi

- (11).  
150—George Seki (7).  
157—Fred Ota (11); Fred Ikeguchi (10).  
159—Kaz Hori (11).  
160—Henry Mikawa (11).  
165—Joe Uyematsu (10).  
175—George Komaru (9).  
**LOW GROSS (1st Flight)**  
148—Min Yoshizaki; 157—Yas Tatsumi.

- AYE FLIGHT)**  
144—George Omatsu (12) 79-89.  
146—George Wada (12) 79-91; Mas Matsumura (13) 80-92.  
147—Sab Yakura (16) 88-91.  
148—Mas Horiuchi (14) 85-91; Dave Yokozeki (16) 83-100; Dave Nitake (16) 92-91.  
152—Jim Kobayashi (12); Pete Yamazaki (13); George Kawamura (14).  
154—Ken Yamaki (14).  
158—Mac Hori (12); Tad Wakayama (15); Jack Matsuda (16); Fred Ishimoto (13); Dr. Randy Sakada (14).  
157—Ben Osajima (14).  
158—Kiyo Maruyama (16); Cy Yuguchi (16).  
161—Mashie Bessho (13); Karl Taku (12).  
162—Jiro Oishi (16).  
163—William Hiura (16).  
164—Dr. James Tanaka (12).  
167—Robert Miyamoto (12); George Dote (12).  
173—Mango Hamano (16); Jackson Hirose (16).

(Stan Wood of the Los Angeles Mirror sports staff interviewed members of the Top Notch club, baring the position that the United States Golf Association is failing to extend official recognition to a Nisei group. The predicament, the writer said, prevents Nisei golfers from entering state-sanctioned tournaments which requires a recognized USGA handicap.)

## SPORTSCOPE:

### Baseball

Placer JACL defeated San Jose Zebras 7-1 in the second annual California Nisei baseball tournament at Lodi Monday night. Other tournament scores:

- (SEMI-FINALS)**  
San Jose Zebras 16, Sac'to All-Stars 5  
Placer JACL 11, Lodi A.C. 4  
**(FIRST ROUND)**  
Sac'to All-Stars 22, S.F. Clippers 5  
Lodi A.C. 7, San Pedro Skippers 2  
Placer JACL 13, Fresno Nisei 3  
Zebras 7, L.A. Nisei Trading 6

Denver Nisei whipped Ogden 9-5 in a 11-inning battle over the Labor Day holidays to win the Rocky Mountain Nisei Baseball Tournament before 3,000

fans at Denver's Welton Park. Southpaw Hideo Hirose was the winning pitcher.

American entries, Chicago Saints and Cleveland All-Stars, were eliminated in the first round Saturday in the fourth Toronto JCCA softball tournament as defending champions Toronto kept the Challenge trophy for another year. The Chicagoans, playing Canadian rules for the first time, seemed lost for a while as Chatham won 10-3. The Ohioans, minus a couple of star men, were nosed out 4-3 by Montreal—which successfully entered the final round, but lost 23-9 to the champions.



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## 5 lb. fish cops CL confab derby prize

**Long Beach**  
Mits Yamasaki of Altadena was declared winner of the JACL Convention fishing derby Saturday afternoon with his 5-lb. bull bass landed off San Clemente Island aboard the fishing boat Hornet.

Approximately 300 bull bass were fished during the five hours. Mackerel, caebzone and rock cod were included in the day's catch. The elusive albacore was still the slippery fish down in the deep, unsatisfied with the lure dipped from surface.

Over 40 enthusiasts stayed up late to catch the 2 a.m. boat off Pierpont Pier. Other derby winners were:

2. Enkichi Kuwahara, Compton;  
3. Paul Kuida, Gardena; 4. Akira Hasegawa, Los Angeles; 5. O. Kuwahara, Compton; 6. Fred Mizusawa, Garden Grove; 7. M. Kuwahara, Compton; and 8. Charles Kamayatsu, Hollywood.

## Chicago golf open slates 3 flights

**Chicago**  
Chicago JACL's fourth annual Open Golf tournament will be held Sept. 19 at Glendale Country Club. Tee-off schedules:

- 6 a.m.—Aye flight (17 hep & up); Ben Nagata, dir.  
7:15—Championship flight (16 hep & down); Dr. Clifford Fujimoto, dir.  
8:30—Women's flight; Mrs. Alice Higashiuchi, dir.

Reservations should be made now with George Yoshioka, 1319 Foster, (ED 4-1644) or with the Midwest JACL Office (MO 4-4382). Golfers without established handicaps are to submit five recent cards with reservation or to flight directors before tee-off. Participants will report to their respective flight directors for registration and starting time.

## Denver CL retains bridge meet trophy

**Los Angeles**  
The Denver JACL retained the National JACL Bridge Tournament perpetual trophy for another two years as their team of Mrs. True Yasui and Sam Matsumoto tallied the best score in Saturday's convention tourney.

They posted a 69 per cent score, best of the 14 pairs competing in the event.

Mrs. Yasui and Matsumoto also took two of the four individual trophies as the top north-south pair. East-west awards went to Mrs. Ruby Chuman and her partner George Maruya, both of Los Angeles.

The scores were:

- NORTH-SOUTH**  
1. Mrs. Yasui—Matsumoto .....109  
2. Dr. Tokuji Hedani—Yasuo Abiko (San Francisco) .....98  
3. Gard Yokoe (LA)—Dr. Katsumi Uba (Chicago) .....90  
**EAST-WEST**  
1. Mrs. Chuman—Maruya .....95  
2. Rikito Momii—Min Iwasaki (Los Angeles) .....93½  
3. George Kawamura (Pasadena)—Henry Kazato (Fresno) .....91

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## THE SOU'WESTER Award Winners

**TATS KUSHIDA**  
Without modesty, we who have been intricately involved in the complexities of convention planning and execution gratefully accept the many accolades tossed in our direction for the just concluded 13th Biennial.

And it's good to be home after a week at the Statler. BEV seemed almost more interested in her *omiyage* than in seeing her dad. PAM has our 1000 Club derby loaded with buttons, a local fad. We were glad, too, to be able to have the missus out (for a change) to the final banquet and ball.

The workload hasn't lessened, for Tuesday we had to move equipment and supplies back to our office from the Statler. And there is much winding up to do—reports, accounting, thank you letters and a dozen other mysts, and oh yes, those much-in-demand commission checks for our chapters for their fine support on booklet ads and Ichi Doru.

Speaking of I-D, the top prize winner is Mrs. KAME HAYASHIDA of Route 3, Nampa, Idaho. Her son, SEICHI, is first vice-president of the Boise Valley JACL. JACL Queen JANET FUKUDA really reached for this ticket, a '54 Chevy from Central Chevrolet Co. here.

Miss SANDY ARAKI, attractive stewardess from Japan Air Lines, drew the winner of the JACL round trip ticket to Japan, KINO YOSHIDA of Oakland. JAL also donated six of their luxury air travel bags as consolation awards to those present, one of them being our hard working secretary BLANCHE SHIOZAKI.

The \$300 government bond prize was won by ISHIO ENOKIDA of Monterey.

### Tidbits of the '54 convention

Ex-Sgt. HERSHEY MIYAMURA's sidekick, AMELIO D. GREGORIO, seemed to enjoy himself as much as any booster.

Our inebriated rendition of "Ebbtide" a-la-Jerry Colonna at the 1000 Club whopperoo has brought offers for TV tryouts. T.v., that's "Tats, Vamoose!"

We had to explain to some of our language students that the band that performed for the Issei banquet wasn't a bathless one—Akatsuki means "red moon".

Orchids to the Hull-Dobbs Ford Co. for assigning five of their '54 Fords to the convention's transportation committee for free. They were a great help.

We'll never forget the inimitable series of skits put on by TORU IURA and the Town Hubbers at the Sunday outing. As a clown and comic, he's tops around here. When he doesn't have an audience, he's a Ph.D. from Cal Tech.

Hershey, whose son was born on August 21, named him Mike after the JACL Washington representative. He requested his son's name engraved with his on his "Nisei of the Biennium" gold medallion award.

Our thanks to KEN UTSUNOMIYA (Ken's Jewelry in Lodi Tokyo) who took care of our engraving needs for the medallions and DOC YATABE's sterling platter gift. Prexy Inagaki's gift was obtained from the renowned Nisei silversmith of Pasadena, HARRY OSAKI.

Fifty lugs of delicious Seedless Thompson and Italian Muscat grapes were donated to the outing by the Central California District Council.

### Prized possession: special photo

We have in our possession a prized photo taken during one of the uninhibited moments of the 1000 Club party—SAB KIDO being bussed by one of the queen attendants, MARY ENOMOTO. Copies of this print will be available at \$5 each, the amount Kido was fined for his privilege, unless the Sou'wester first receives a generous offer for the negative.

JIM HIGASHI deserves mention in this column for the great JACLer he has become this year, helping our booklet staff and lending a ready hand whenever needed to help keep the convention running smoothly. He's been a reliable helper for our office too. Seems more good people come out of the East L.A. chapter.

This has been as hectic a week as we will ever experience. The evacuation claims hearings nearly snafued the first two days of the convention but JACL officers resourcefully deployed themselves to be at hand for both events. FRANK CHUMAN performed nobly as coordinator of witnesses. He's off for a week to Costa Rica with a client on legal business.

### Sou'wester soliloquy

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Los Angeles Newsletter

HENRY MORI

That was quite a convention!

And delegates and boosters who attended the Issei Recognition Banquet the second night of the meeting held in the Pacific Ballroom of the Hotel Statler will forever take pride in themselves on the fact they had heard two of the best Nisei orators in the country when Mike Masaoka and John F. Aiso paid tribute to the new citizens.

Aiso, who is Los Angeles Municipal Court judge and winner of the 1954 Distinguished Community Leadership award, spoke in both English and Japanese as main speaker for the evening.

As for Masaoka we have yet to sit in on a meeting where, say a Caucasian speaker, outshine the Washington lobbyist. It is little wonder then that Mike's effective oratory brings results on the legislative front. The Aiso-Masaoka combination is hard to beat in any circle.

Our reportorial stint at the convention turned out to be a "snap" what with the able writings of Attorney Min Yasui of Denver provided the newsmen. We've found Yasui, the Mt. Plains regional director, most of the time burning the typewriter keys at the Press Room pushing out reams of copy for the fourth estate.

Public relations work was well directed and as a result much coverage was given in the metropolitan presses.

Sgt. Hiroshi Miyamura, the only living Nisei Congressional Medal of Honor winner, is a proud father of a son who was born Aug. 21 in Gallup, New Mexico. For that reason he said his wife Terry was unable to be at the conclave.

The couple named their first child Mike Y. Miyamura. The initial "Y" comes from Miyamura's father, Yaichi, who recently became naturalized.

Like all dads with their young offsprings, Sgt. Miyamura was no exception and confessed he was homesick for the family.

Newspaperman Tamotsu Murayama, here as guest of the convention, found just enough time during the Issei Recognition Banquet to "leave" the Statler to present appreciation medals to local scout leaders in behalf of Japan Boy Scouts at a Koyasan ceremony.

The Los Angeles troops hosted the Nipponese members during last year's National Scout Jamboree in Irvine Ranch in Santa Ana.

Murayama just completed his 45-day trip of the United States observing scout training. The ex-San Franciscan leaves for Japan in mid-September.

The recipients were Frank Kuramoto, Sam Eejima, Frank Tanaka, Meiji Sato, Mrs. Sachiko Furusawa, Isamu Wada, Toshio Yoshizaki, Soichi Fukui, Jutaro Narumi, and Bishop Seitsu Takahashi of Troop 379.

Harry Osaki, Mas Fujimoto, Sueji Nishimura, Pasadena Troop 41; Moe Sakurai, the Rev. John H. M. Yamazaki, St. Mary's Episcopal Church Troop 33.

Father Hugh Laver, Brother Duane, and Brother Theophane, Maryknoll Troop 145; Robert Kishita, and Saburo Kido, Troop 14.

Police Dept. citations for bravery were issued last week to two citizens who prevented the escape of dope-tanked bandit who attempted to shoot his way out of a jewelry shop robbery.

The Nisei recipient was Tadashi Ikemoto, a parking lot attendant downtown, who aided in the capture of the armed holdup.

Chief of Police William H. Parker personally presented the citations.

VITAL STATISTICS

Births

(Births shall be listed by specific areas from this week. Hometowns of newly-born are only designated to indicate a suburban community within a metropolitan area or the city, if listed under the name of home state.—Editor.)

LOS ANGELES

- AMEMIYA—July 25, a girl Grace to the Takeharu Amemiya (Tomio Fujino). AZUMA—July 17, a girl Cynthia Laraine to the George Isamu Azuma (Sachiko Higa). BRISLEY—July 17, a girl Harold to the Arthur E. Brisleys (Junko Kaneshi). CLAYTON—July 10, a boy Harry to the Robert Dennis Claytons (Yoshie Tsuchiya). ESAKI—July 29, a boy Yuichi to the Masayoshi Esakis (Fukiko Kuwahara). HAMANAKA—July 10, a boy Glenn to the Kozo George Hamanaka (Lucy Midori Hata). ICHINAGA—July 2, a girl Barbara to the Jack Kanoso Ichinaga (Pertha Michiko Misaki). IMAI—July 17, a girl Candice Hatsu to the Yosumi Imais (Shizue Hamano). INOUE—July 11, a boy John Sumaru to the Tatsuchi Inoues (Ryoko Miki). ITO—July 10, a boy Richard to the Jiji Ito (Mitsuko Izumitani). ITO—July 8, a boy Harvey Haruo to the Theodore Ito (Dorothy Kimiko Horiye). KAKAWA—July 28, a boy Douglas to the Minoru Kakawas (Mitsuko Muroki). KOHATA—July 9, a girl Hitomi Rose to the Minoru Kohatas (Aiko Yamashita). KUDO—June 28, a boy Jeffrey Shoji to the Takashi Kudos (Kazue Toza). MATSUNAMI—July 10, a boy Takao Dan to the Hiroshi James Matsunamis (Sachiko Nakamura). MATSUYAMA—July 11, a boy Michael Wayne Hajime to the Kikuo Matsuyamas (Mariko Yamada). MISHIMA—July 14, a girl Paula Dawn to the Yuji Mishimas (Asako Masutani). MIYAKI—July 10, a boy Michael Kenneth to the Shigeru Miyakis (Kazuko Kay Yokoi). MIZOKAMI—July 7, a boy Michael Etsuo to the Masao Mizokamis (Tomiko Inouye). MORIMOTO—Aug. 5, a boy to the Masao Morimotos, Pasadena. MUKUMOTO—July 6, a boy Calvin Teruo to the Hisashi Mukumotos (Misae Margaret Ogata). NAKAGAMA—July 13, a girl Susan Masako to the John Hayao Nakagamas (Frances Yoshiko Sunata), Wilmington. NAKAMA—July 7, a girl Elizabeth Ann to the Alto E. Nakamas (Guilbermina Urias). NAKANO—July 10, a girl Brenda Takako to the Tsuyoshi Nakanos (Tokiyue Yamahiro). NAKASAKO—July 25, a boy Craig Iaso to the Isao Nakasakos (Violent Sachiko Eguchi). NAKASONE—July 1, a girl Stacey Jane to the Ben Nakasones (Reiko Nakamura). NISHIHARA—July 14, a girl Lori Ann to the Taichi Larry Nishiharas (Hideko Kai). NISHIMURA—June 30, a girl Sally Kaihawanawana Emi to the George Heleau Kiyoshi Nishimuras (Mae Eiko Tsuji). NOBUTA—July 27, a boy Rodney Rikio to the Tsguo Nobutas (Masako Togawa). OKURA—July 14, a girl Sandra Reiko to the Gengo Okuras (Masako Wada). ONISHI—July 26, a boy Randall Masami to the Masato Onishis (Mitsume Taniguchi). OSHIRO—July 15, a girl to the James T. Oshiros (Myrtle F. Omine). OTA—July 3, a girl Julie Ann to the Eddie Mitsuru Otas (Inez Fujie Shiroyama). OUCHI—July 13, a girl Sheryl Ann Yuki to the Tadao Ouchis (Joyce Sachie Fujita). RIPOLENE—July 26, a girl Catherine Michelle to the Michael Ripolens (Kimiyo Kaji). RUMMEL—July 18, a boy Lane Roland to the Leon Roland Rummels (Setsuko Hokama). SAITO—July 6, a girl Sachi Jane to the George Masami Saitos (Kimioko Tadakoro). SHIMAMURA—July 16, a girl Donna Kiyoko to the Kiyoto Shimamuras (Alice Harumi Tokuyama). SHONO—July 29, a boy Glen Tomio to the Tomiji T. Shonos (Hideko Kawashiri). SUZUMOTO—July 4, a boy Mark Ken to the Tetsuo Suzumotos (Tetsuko Mochinaga). TANAKA—July 16, a boy Sebastian M. to the Michael S. Tanakas (Tomi Kado). TATARA—July 16, a boy Walton Koji to the Hughes T. Tataras (Mary Inouye). UJIMORI—July 7, a girl Helen Sachiko to the Tamio Ujimoris (Sumi Kitahara). UNOURA—July 2, a boy Bruce to the James Makoto Unouras (Mieko Uyeuara). WADA—July 3, a boy Glen Hiroshi to the Hiromu Wadas (Jane Fusako Niizawa). WAKAMATSU—July 6, a boy Albert Harold to the Joseph Wakamatsus (Betty Haruko Wakamatsu). YAMAMOTO—June 30, a girl Peggy Lynn to the James Tsutomu Yamamotos (Yuriko Tanino). YAMAZAKI—July 9, a girl Deborah Kay to the Tamio Yamazakis (Joy Chisato Kikugawa). YOKOTA—July 9, a girl Marilyn Bea to the Paul Nobuichi Yokotas (Miyu Saito). Downey. YOSHIDA—July, a girl Keren Leigh to the Clarence Toshikazu Yoshidas (Sylvia Itsuyo Iwanaki). YUGE—July 30, a girl Carol Ann to the Shigeo Yuges (Esther Kiyoko Sato).

SANTA ANA

- OKAMOTO—July 18, a girl to the Komachi Okamotos. OKUDA—Aug. 11, a girl to the Bill Okudas, Garden Grove. SAN DIEGO MUTO—July 19, a girl to the George S. Mutos.

- OTSUJI—June 29, a boy to the Harumi Otsujis. TAKASHIMA—June 29, a girl to the Noboru Takashimas. YASUKOCHI—July 1, a boy to the Fred M. Yasukochis. FRESNO GOTO—Aug. 4, a boy to the Itsumi Gotos. HIRASUNA—July 16, a girl to the Jimmie Yasuto Hirasunas. KUBOTA—Aug. 20, a girl Marilyn Meiko to the John Kubotas. OTA—July 7, a girl to the Jack Noboru Otas. SAKAGUCHI—July 15, a boy to the Taylor Sakaguchis, Kingsburg. SAN FRANCISCO OKUDA—Aug. 9, a boy to the Teiji Okuda. SACRAMENTO HAYASHI—July 9, a girl to the Tania E. Hayashis. HIDE—Aug. 3, a boy to the Frank K. Hides. KINOSHITA—Aug. 10, a girl to the George Kinoshitas, Marysville. MATSUDA—July 23, a boy to the George Matsudas. MATSUMOTO—Aug. 12, a boy to the Larry S. Matsumotos. NAKASHIMA—July 18, a boy to the Masao Nakashimas. WAKAYAMA—July 30, a girl to the Misuo Wakayamas. YOSHIMAYA—July 31, a boy to the Tim Yoshiyamas, Marysville. STOCKTON MORINAKA—July 27, a girl to the Hideo Morinakas. OKAZAKI—July 29, a girl to the Matsuo Okazakis, Lodi. PORTLAND, ORE. HIRATA—Aug. 7, a boy Michael K. to the Kenji Hiratas. SEATTLE KIYOMIZU—Aug. 13, a girl Ellen to the Shozo Kiyomizus. SATO—Aug. 12, a boy Sam Curtis to the Keiji G. Satos. COLORADO MATSUMURA—Aug. 18, a girl to the Joe Matsumuras, Greeley. CLEVELAND HIGAKI—July 30, a boy Glenn Teruo to the Jiro Higakis. KAKU—Aug. 14, a boy George Edward to the Harry Kakus (Janice Kodani). MIYOSHI—July 29, a girl Karen Lee to the Jiro Miyoshis (Arlene Kawasaki). TAKAHASHI—Aug. 15, a girl Nancy Ann to the Gene Takahashis (Voilette Kosaka). TANAKA—July 18, a boy Steven Michael to the Henry Tanakas (Sachie Fukiake). TAO—Aug. 11, a boy Allan to the Katsumi Taos (Yukiko Sugiura). UYEKI—July 29, a boy William Ken to the Edwin Uyekis (Aiko Harada). YAMAMOTO—June 23, a boy Stephen to the Tatsuo Yamamotos (Kinu Shintaku).

Engagements

- WADA-MEIFU—Elsie Yoneko, Huntington Beach, to Kaz, Los Angeles, Aug. 14.

Marriage Licenses Issued

- IWAO-OZAKI—Eddie, 30, and Tatsuko, 26, both of San Francisco. KOIDE-SEKIGUCHI—Jimmy Hiroshi, 25, and Mariko, 22, both of Berkeley. MATSUURA-KAWASAKI—Taro, Minneapolis, and Masako, McClellan AFB. Weddings ARAI-HAYASHI—Aug. 21, Rupert Y., and Ruby, both of Denver. BEFU-YANO—Aug. 14, Ben and Grayce, both of Los Angeles. FUJIOKA-SHIGETOME—Aug. 29, Edward, Montebello, and Joan, Los Angeles. HARKNESS-NISHI—Aug. 29, Donald Richard, Los Angeles, and Mary Hideko, Pasadena. HOSODA-ITANAGA—July 17, George Hosoda to Lois Itanaga, both of Cleveland. KAMI-ODA—Aug. 14, Setji, Glendale, and Renovia Emiko, North Hollywood. KAWASAKI-SUZUKI—Aug. 29, Masashi, Los Angeles, and Sachiko, Santa Ana. KOMOTO-SATO—Aug. 15, Yoshito Alan, Los Angeles, and June, Pasadena. MATSUBARA-KAMEI—Aug. 28, Tom T., Dinuba, and Miyoko, Garden Grove. MORINISHI-KUBOTA—Aug. 14, Hiroteru and Agnes Kioko, both of Los Angeles. MOTOYASU-OTOSHI—Aug. 15, Takeshi, Los Angeles, and Yoko, orth Hollywood. OGAMI-TOYODA—Aug. 5, Jack H., Weiser, Idaho, and Mitsuo, Seattle. OKUDA-HAYASHIDA—Aug. 15, Yoshihiko Ray and Mio, both of Los Angeles. SUENAGA-AKIRA—Aug. 15, Keizo, West Los Angeles, and Jane Keiko, Glendale. TAKASUGI-OMOTANI—Aug. 28, Mitsuo and Kimiko, both of Los Angeles. TOKASHIKI-SHINAGAWA—Aug. 14, Paul Yuzo, Hawaii, and Helen Satomi, Morgan Hill, at Los Angeles. UCHIMA-NAKASONE—Aug. 15, Kei and Mitsuko, both of Los Angeles. YAMAKI-ITOW—Aug. 28, Ken and Martha, both of Los Angeles. YATSU-YEYA—Aug. 14, Lawrence Yatsu to Teruko Yeya both of Cleveland in Woodruff, N.J.

Deaths

- HORI, Jinbei: Chicago, Aug. 17, survived by wife Shizuyo, sons Masao, Shoji, Saburo and Kei. KASHIWAGI, Rio, 47: Los Angeles, Aug. 29, survived by wife Sumire, daughter Mrs. Marianne Shigaki, brothers George and Mitsuno sisters Mrs. Sadako Kaneko, Mrs. Setsuko Isoda and Mrs. May Nishitani. KATO, Riuhachi, 74: Seattle, Aug. 15, survived by sons George K., Hiroshi and daughter Mrs. Toshie Fujita (Fife). KOBAYASHI, Tameichi, 72: Torrance, Aug. 28, survived by wife Yuku, sons Jack, George, Akira, daughters Mrs. Emma Mineko Nakaaki, Mrs. Matsue Chuman and Mrs. Fusaye Misamoto. OKADA, Yukichi, 78: Sun Valley, Calif., Aug. 19, survived by wife Tomie, sons George Masayoshi, Lincoln Hideyoshi, Frank Suyeyoshi, daughters Mrs. Teruko Shirai and Mrs. Kimiko Sunada.

Claims hearings—

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rick J. Hillings (R., Calif.) also testified on the beneficial nature of his measure.

Obvious difficulties confronting claimants in areas living outside of San Francisco and Los Angeles, where regional evacuation claims field offices are situated, were demonstrated by three attorneys, Tom Hayashi of New York, Harold Gordon of Chicago, and Min Yasui of Denver.

J. Kimball Walker, onetime chief attorney at the local claims field office, discussed administrative shortcomings, revealing that the Los Angeles office had reduced its staff from 10 to four attorneys, while the San Francisco field office reduced its staff to two attorneys.

Richard Richards, State senatorial candidate, made the telling observation that in the desire for a speedier payment to evacuees, there was no political party dissension. It was fully supported by Democrats and Republicans. Mrs. Mildred Younger, candidate for same office, supported the bill also.

Colorful Highlight

A colorful highlight of the hearing was the introduction of JACL national officers as well as Hershey Miyamura, Nisei Medal of Honor winner.

Mike Masaoka, Washington representative, was also highly commended for his work in the Nation's Capital. As one of the JACLers present at the hearings added:

"It was indeed a pleasant surprise to hear each of the five congressmen on the subcommittee personally praise Mike. We didn't know Mike was so highly thought of, back in Washington."

Many evacuees testified on their particular claims. Among them were:

- Nobuo Hiramatsu of Guadalupe, Calif., farm and shipping losses; Kunizo Watanabe, Los Angeles businessman, dry cleaning shop chain establishments losses; Mrs. Fumiko Wakano of San Luis Obispo, Karl Taku of San Luis Obispo, Nobu Asakawa of San Diego, Tom Ito of Guadalupe, farm losses. James Nakayama of Gardena, Ben Hamada of Watteria, Enosuke Amemiya of Gardena, nursery losses; Yosaburo Hama, Terminal Island business losses; Art Y. Nakano of Los Angeles. Ken Kitasako of Santa Maria; Fred Hirasuna of Fresno, Hiro Mayeda and George Kawano, Dinuba farmers, farm losses; Mrs. Clair McDonald, grape vineyard losses; Katsuzo Shiraishi, Taiji Kita, Los Angeles wholesale produce business losses; Henry H. Murayama, hotel and apartment income; Jack Iwao Wada, wholesale cleaning plant; Chohei Kondo, insurance pension loss. Mary Chino, Chula Vista, celery shipping and packing plant; Yoshiyugu Nomura, Los Angeles restaurant business; Eiji Tanabe, school losses; and Minoru Hori, L.A. Japanese Chamber of Commerce losses. Claimants were represented by many attorneys, including: Hugh Manes, Frank F. Chuman, Saburo Kido, Jin Ishikawa, Ed Olson, Lynn Takagaki, James Mitsumori, and Ernest Iwasaki.

NEW CITIZENS

New Issei citizens announced at the recent Cleveland Sha-On dinner are as follows:

Frank Kihita, Chyko Nina Sashihara, John Nobuyuki Fukumura, Frank Yojiro Suzuki, Hajime Henry Sato, George Yeihiro Tange, Tomizo Yamamoto, Masami Tagawa, Susumu George Tabata, Lillian Masako Matsumura Toshiro Osumi Bowman, Mitsuo Oyama Hashiguchi, Takeo Omatsu, James Tsuneichi Shinuye, Harry Kikuchi, Yukino Haraguchi, Shinpon Toguchi, Rinko Cynthia Keith.

Muori Harry Sugimoto, Ushi Toguchi, Soze Ito, Chuki John Sato, Seiji Inori, Chisato Uyeiki, Royu Ryuichi Uyeiki, Fukutaro Frank Ishikawa, Susumu Andow, Kiichiro Sakamoto, Kiyono Sakamoto, Hango Harold Sasahara, Bill Tsunenao Yamamuchi, Jisuke Oga, Miwako Mona Lutz, Tsugi Nako, Tom Tsunejuro Mizuki, Soichi Yamamoto, Tanigoro Konishi, Thomas Sashihara.

Shigeki Ikeda, George Hiroshi Nagasawa, Sadae Iwasaki King, Yoshie Ito Annen, Ginsuke Fujimoto, Munerori Aratake, Kachiko Kitahata, Tokuko Konishi, George Isami Furuki, Saichi Harry Nako, Harry Sozo Kokubun, Masao Kondo, Kikuyo Kondo, Chukoko Hasegawa Burge, Makoto Kawai, Donald Kiyoshi Nakajima and Hironni Margaret Film-er

Stockton pholog still missing

Stockton

Reports that the missing Nisei photographer, Gunji Watanabe, had been seen boarding a bus last week in Seattle proved to be erroneous after his wife and father flew to the Pacific Northwest to investigate.

Missing since Aug. 14, Watanabe was reported to have been spotted boarding a bus at 3rd and Union Streets in Seattle, Aug. 31. However, when his wife and father reached Seattle, they found that the eye witness was a person who saw a stranger fitting to the general description of the missing man.

Drunkard bumped 8 ft. by car, wine bottle unbroken

Denver

A 54-year-old Mexican was treated for head cuts at Denver General Hospital and then jailed for drunkenness last week when he walked into a car at 22nd and Arapahoe Streets. He was knocked more than eight feet by the car driven by Donald T. Uno, 25, 2643 Stout St. But a wine bottle he was carrying in his trousers remained unscathed.

1st RMC Nisei graduate

Toronto

Lt. Tony Takashi Baba, 22, son of Mr. and Mrs. Takajiro Baba of Chatham, Ont., is now serving with the 25th Canadian Infantry Brigade in Korea. He is the first Nisei graduate of the Royal Military College at Kingston, commissioned a second lieutenant upon graduation in 1953.

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## EDITORIALS

## 'New Horizons'

Much has been written and said of the 13th biennial National Convention of the Japanese American Citizens League in the past week. It will take some time to fully digest all that has transpired.

"New Horizons" was our convention theme. Dore Schary's keynote speech against hate-mongers, who are losing their battle according to the MGM production chief, and his expression of there being no "standardized" American placed the thinking of delegates on a high plane.

Other JACLers recalled the early days of our history. Mike Masaoka reviewed the role of JACL in the past 25 years. Judge John Aiso extolled the contributions of the Issei pioneers.

George Inagaki was looking ahead when he referred to the Sansei, who are to be the leaders of tomorrow.

And chapter delegates now are home—fully rested, we hope—to report all that has occurred. If one single message can be told out of the galaxy of events, it should exhort the general membership to experience first-hand the inspiration of a national convention.

Many a delegate, appearing for the first time at a national council session, goes home with the hope of returning the following biennium perhaps not as a delegate but as a booster.

The combined thinking of people from all walks of life united in the faith of better Americans through a greater America and security through unity is most persuading.

While future conventions may not have the elaborate trimmings as staged in Los Angeles, nevertheless the same spirit prevails. Within a half year, an announcement of the 1956 convention site is expected. That announcement should stir those who attended the convention just passed to remind themselves of plans to be there again.

If conventions were all "play," delegates would not return year after year. It's the serious aspects that attracts them.

One final commendation we must add goes to the thousands of hands who helped shape the convention to the smooth-running affair that it was. Convention chairman Dr. Roy Nishikawa's leadership has been recognized throughout, but the real credit goes to his many associates and assistants. He would be the first to agree on this point, we are sure.

## FROM THE FRYING PAN

by Bill Hosokawa

## Sunshine Makes Her Itch

Denver

Like Liberace, Hildegard and a few other show personalities, Michiko has only one professional name. It happens to be her real given name. The other one is Iseri. Michiko was in town last week with the company of the Rodgers and Hammerstein hit musical play, "The King and I," in which she has three solo dancing parts.

Since that part of my experience having to do with interviewing showgirls has been sadly neglected to date, I set out forthwith to repair the situation. Michiko turned out to be a slim, poised, svelte and articulate number, not bad at all.

I don't know what she's like on Broadway, that street of sham and fabulous personalities. But in Denver she was just another Nisei girl talking earnestly about what's closest to her heart—her career as a dancer. She's gone a long way on that career since, as a wide-eyed teen-ager, she left Heart Mountain WRA center in Wyoming a decade ago to seek her fortune in New York.

Michiko had her mind set on dancing as a small child in Los Angeles. She was an earnest student of *odori*, the classical Japanese dance form which, to most Nisei, was a lot of non-sensical posturing. But she found a thrill and satisfaction in learning the dances, disciplining her body to the required rhythms and movements. She learned her lessons well.

A month after landing in New York, with the dust of Wyoming scarcely out of her hair, Michiko had a dancing job. She appeared on entertainment programs and at concerts to demonstrate Oriental dancing. Soon she was teaching dancing classes. Meanwhile she was studying many kinds of dance forms from

Afro-Cuban to Balinese, but always she returned to the Oriental.

Presently she was sufficiently recognized in her field to be invited by the reknown choreographer Jerome Robbins, to collaborate with him in developing the dances for "The King and I." Michiko entered the picture in the show's earliest "idea" stages, long before Rodgers and Hammerstein could tell they had a hit. Together, Michiko and Robbins worked out the routines, now widely acclaimed for their originality and appeal.

One of the show's catchiest tunes, "Getting to Know You," was inserted into the play specifically to give Michiko a solo dance. It comes in the first act during the schoolroom scene. But she gets her greatest acclaim for the part of Eliza in the unique, amusing and tremendously popular ballet based on the story of Uncle Tom's Cabin.

Michiko has been approached to take a similar dance-creating position with the group now working on a musical stage version of James Michener's story, "Sayonara." It has to do with a Japanese dancer who falls in strong overtones from Madam Butterfly.

Meanwhile, in addition to her own dancing roles, Michiko is a sort of foreman or whatever they call the boss dancer in "The King and I" troupe. She rehearses the other dancers, auditions young hopefuls when a replacement has to be made. And she's seeing the country, which is one of her ambitions.

No, Michiko isn't married. "Been too busy," she says. "Besides, the only people I know are show folks, and who wants to marry one of them?" She'll admit, though, that she has a special friend. Aside from the fact that he likes to toast himself brown in the sun, and sunshine makes her itch all over, they get along fine.

## VAGARIES

By Larry Tajiri

## Selling Habits Changing

Denver

A recent survey of 101 homeowners who listed their homes for sale "by owner only" in the classified section of the Sunday Denver Post discloses that racial prejudice in the sale of houses by individual owners is decreasing in the Denver metropolitan area.

Denver's 500,000 residents include members of two sizable racial minorities, Spanish Americans and Negroes, who together comprise nearly 20 per cent of the population. In addition, there are some 2,500 persons of Japanese ancestry. For these three minorities the Denver area provides a greater degree of economic and social acceptance than in any other western urban area. Even in housing, the one area in which democracy is dragging its feet, the situation appears better than in most western cities.

In his report on the housing survey, the Post's George Brown noted that the results of the current study, conducted by five Lisle Fellowship students under the direction of a Denver real estate man, indicate a rapid decrease in prejudice in home sales. Forty-five per cent of those quizzed said they would sell to any buyer regardless of race. Five years ago only 15 per cent of those polled were willing to sell to anyone.

In the recent study homeowners were quizzed in all parts of Denver "with the exception of sections which already have large minority groups, or sections that are on the fringes of such areas." Prices asked for homes ranged from \$6,000 to \$40,000. The 101 who were contacted were asked in separate questions whether they would sell to Japanese Americans, Negroes and Spanish Americans.

A breakdown of the results showed that 57 per cent were ready to sell to Nisei, 29 per cent would not, and 14 per cent were undecided. Fifty-seven per cent would sell to Spanish Americans, 31 per cent would not, and 12 per cent were undecided. Forty-seven per cent said they would sell to Negroes, 43 per cent would not, and 11 per cent were undecided.

Brown reported that owners with homes in the \$15,000-\$40,000 class showed least prejudice toward Negroes, while owners with homes in the \$10,000-\$15,000 bracket disclosed less prejudice toward the other minorities.

No attempt was made to analyze the reason for the sharp drop in prejudice in the housing field in the past five years. The period, of course, represents the time since the U.S. Supreme Court, in an unanimous decision, ruled racially restrictive covenants were unenforceable by law. It also represents a period in which economic and social conditions have improved vastly for members of racial minority groups throughout the United States.

Several of the homeowners quizzed showed concern for the restrictive covenants written into their deeds. "I'll sell to anyone," an owner in Park Hill, considered one of the city's most desirable residential districts, said, "but what about my restrictive covenant?" These covenants usually specifically bar sales to non-Caucasians.

Brown reported another homeowner was indignant that "anyone would dare ask such

questions—this is the United States. People ought to be able to live where they want to." But there was the woman who was a former real estate salesman who said, "I wouldn't sell to any minority because such influx definitely brings down the value of other houses in the area." A builder in University Hills, one of the city's newest sections, said he wouldn't sell to minority groups. "This is a white neighborhood, and we're trying to keep it that way."

The man in University Hills is representative of builders of some large housing developments, particularly on the West Coast, who are determined to build all-white communities, whether the residents themselves really care or not. They are setting a pattern of enforced segregation at a time when the trend is toward desegregation.

PC columnist Bill Hosokawa's article, *Their Faith Is Their Future*, leads off the September issue of *American* magazine. It's the story of Charlie Steen, who made the \$150 million uranium strike near Moab, Utah, and the wife who inspired him. Bill also sold an article to *The Saturday Evening Post* earlier this year. . . . In Denver, as throughout the national tour of *The King and I*, Michiko Iseri received critical huzzahs for her interpretation of the role of Eliza in the musical's big ballet sequence, *The Small House of Uncle Tom*. On Broadway, Michiko, a native of Arizona, danced the role of the Angel, while Yuriko (Amemiya) was Eliza. Yuriko, who left *The King and I* to tour Europe with the Martha Graham company, is back in the United States now and recently introduced several new creations at a dance festival in Connecticut.

Tommy Kono, the Sacramento Nisei is the strongest man in the world at his weight—160 pounds—appeared, muscles and all, on a recent cover of *Iron Man*, a physical culture magazine. . . . The Aug. 30 issue of *Life* carried Carl Iwasaki's photo-coverage of Anna Alberghetti and her musical family. . . . Tomi Kanazawa, whose soprano voice is far better known outside the United States than in her native America, recently returned from a successful concert tour of South America. She has made several tours of Europe, particularly the Scandinavian countries, in recent years.

Shirley Yamaguchi, actress wife of sculptor Isamu Noguchi, who recently received a visa to accompany her husband to the United States for permanent residence, is considered the best bet for the role of Cho-Cho-San in the Italo-Japanese production of Puccini's *Madame Butterfly* which goes before the cameras in Rome in October. Miss Yamaguchi, who starred in *Japanese War Bride* and has offers pending in Hollywood, was tested for the role in Tokyo recently. Ryotaro Mitsuhashi, art director of Japan's Toho, which is teaming with Italy's Garone, in the joint production, recently arrived in Rome with test films of Miss Yamaguchi and Kaoru Yachigusa, the main aspirants for the role. Sixteen Takarazuka girls also will go to Rome to dance in the film.

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## DECADE AGO

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First escheat suits against Japanese family filed in Orange County.

Way cleared for evacuees to return to evacuated area, reports Christian Science Monitor correspondent; military's action in Shiramizu-Baba cases has clarified Army's position regarding eventual return of Japanese Americans to Pacific Coast.

Santa Ana Register urges early return of evacuees, describes evacuation as "serious mistake."

JACL petitions military for right to reopen San Francisco office.

45 Nisei from relocation centers killed in Italy, reports WRA chief Dillon Myer.

Norman Thomas asks welcome for Nisei evacuees to west coast.

Nisei troops occupy slopes of Monte Pisano in renewed Fifth Army offensive; action breaks long stalemate along Arno River.

Eunice Noda, Greeley State Teachers graduate, to teach in Michigan high school; first Nisei to be employed in state.

Pfc. Tommy Higa tells Issei of hardships faced by Nisei GIs in Italy as tour extended from camps to midwest and eastern cities.

Sgt. Jack Sergel of Los Angeles Police exonerated in Manzanar judo case.

## MINORITY

Evanston, Ill.

The second General Assembly of World Council of Churches ended its sessions last week with ringing declarations, one placing the church adamantly against racial segregation.

It termed racial segregation as "an unutterable offense against God to be endured no longer." It is the duty of the church, the Assembly said, to protest against "any law or arrangement that is unjust to any human being or which would make Christian fellowship impossible."

Some Southern localities are integrating their public schools with the beginning of the fall semester this month without waiting for the Supreme Court's decrees to implement its historic decision, according to a survey. Public schools will be integrated for the first time in Washington, D.C.

Flatly rejecting demands for complete integration of Negro and white firemen in Los Angeles, Fire Chief John Alderson has submitted a plan for partial and gradual integration. At present, 86 Negroes are employed at two all-Negro stations. The plan was denounced by the NAACP as meaningless and the plan is adopted, it will take court action to end segregation.