



## JACL achievement award to be given Dr. Itano at D.C.

Washington

Formal presentation of JACL's Distinguished Achievement Award will be made to Dr. Harvey A. Itano at the Washington, D.C., JACL installation banquet tomorrow, according to John Katsu, chapter president.

Dr. Itano was selected for the high JACL honor at the organization's 13th Biennial National Convention in Los Angeles. His research work on sickle cell anemia "provides medicine with a more penetrating understanding than is possessed for any other disease" and "if it proves possible to duplicate the work on other diseases, the entire course of medicine may be changed," reported a medical journal in describing Dr. Itano's contribution to public health. A "biochemical contribution of the first order" has been used in praise of his work.

A special sterling silver medallion bearing the inscription "National Recognition Award" to "Dr. Harvey A. Itano for Distinguished Achievement" from the "Japanese American Citizens League" was struck for the award by Dr. Randolph M. Sakada, past National JACL Recognitions Committee.

The formal presentation of the award to Dr. Itano will be made by Ira Shimasaki, chairman of the JACL Eastern District Council and himself a recipient of the "Delegate of the Convention" award at the last National Convention.

"The formal installation Banquet of the Washington JACL Chapter," said Katsu, "provides a fitting setting for the presentation of this high award because this event portrays and recalls community service by our organization. Dr. Itano's contribution to community and country will make this a memorable occasion."



Rev. Jitsuo Morikawa (left) accepting the "Distinguished Community Leadership" award from Dr. Randy Sakada, National Recognitions Chairman, at the Chicago Chapter's 10th Anniversary Dinner-Dance. Rev. Morikawa in a moving response stated: "Of all the honors bestowed upon me, this award I cherish the most." He, being a Canadian-born Nisei, paid high tribute to the efforts of the JACL in eliminating discrimination from our naturalization laws. But above all he expressed great pride in the fact that: "When my own people honor me with this expression of confidence, it makes me proud and humble." In congratulating the organization, Rev. Morikawa expressed his sincere desire to continue his support of JACL in whatever civic and community services it may render in the future. —Album Photo.

## New book tells of work of two Nisei Maryknoll priests from L.A.

New York

The work in Japan of two Nisei priests from Los Angeles is recalled in a book just published: "The Meaning of Maryknoll," (McMullen: \$3.50) by Father Albert J. Nevins, assistant editor of "Maryknoll, The Field Afar" magazine, telling the human story of a foreign mission society in terms of the men who compose it.

Father W. Takahashi, and Father James E. Tokuhisa, have returned to the land of their ancestors in Tokyo and Kyoto, respectively.

The two Los Angeles priests are the first two Japanese Americans to be ordained at Maryknoll from their parish. Father Tokuhisa was ordained in 1953 and also left immediately for Japan.

In a chapter on the work of the Maryknollers among the Orientals in the United States, Father Nevins says: "The present parish was completed in 1939 under the direction of Father Hugh T. Lavery, M.M., who was to give practically a whole priestly lifetime to the mission. He was one of the 12 Maryknoll priests who went into the concentration camps with their charges, and he stayed in there with his parishioners until the end of the war.

"It took a while for the Japanese mission to get reorganized following the dislocation and war's end, but today it is thriving once again, and can boast of two of its boys ordained Maryknoll priests and others studying in the seminary at Maryknoll."

New Comer

Father Takahashi is a new-

comer to Japan having arrived in 1953. But Father Tokuhisa is a veteran of five years in Japan, and at the time Father Takahashi was arriving, he became a hero as a result of the part he played in the terrible Kyoto Flood.

The summer of 1953 found him in the city of Kyoto during a very heavy rain. The deluge continued for hours and soon the nearby village of Wazuka and its hundred-odd inhabitants were being overrun by the angry waters. Only a half dozen people there escaped with their lives, and the whole region was in ruins.

Father Tokuhisa, on his way to say Mass in the neighborhood was the first outsider on the scene and he immediately organized bands of workers and led them into the doomed area to give aid and consolation.

Officials counted 350 dead and missing, 433 injured, and 504 houses completely destroyed. It took two weeks to get the devastated area back into a normal pattern and the relief work by the parish had to continue for months. Finally, at 8 that night, Father Tokuhisa celebrated his Mass that had been scheduled for fifteen hours earlier.

Decoration Refused

"The police department of a local town," writes Father Nevins, "visited Father Tokuhisa and told him that the members wanted to give him a decoration for the part he and others played in saving 170 lives at Kyoto on the morning of the flood. Father Tokuhisa thanked the police but declined the award.

"I told the police represent-

## Alien registration time in January nearing, Nat'l JACL advises chapters

San Francisco

While many Issei who have been naturalized U.S. citizens his past year and will no longer require filling out Alien Registration forms during month of January, National Headquarters last week reminded JACL chapters that there are still aliens who may need assistance in filling out.

The chapters were urged to publicize the annual program of alien registration as much as possible.

Aliens, not actually sworn in as American citizens as of the end of January, must fill out the card even though their naturalization petition is pending.

Any alien temporarily absent from the United States during the month of January must report his address within 10 days upon return to the United States. And if the alien should change his address after registering in January, it should be reported within 10 days on Form AR-11, available at the Post Office, the JACL chapters were advised.

Alien Issei should bring their 1940 Alien Registration Card to a chapter-sponsored filling out service. If this card is lost, the alien should call or write to the nearest Immigration and Naturalization Service office, explaining the loss and ask for Form I-90, "Application for New Alien Registration Receipt Card in a Changed Name, or in

lieu of One Lost, Mutilated, Destroyed or on Form AR-103." The changed name in the title refers to changes by court order or marriage. The application should be filled out and returned with two photographs of the applicant, a \$5 accompanying. If lost, the alien should apply for it immediately and not wait until January, Headquarters advised.

So far as possible, the Issei or a close relative is being encouraged to return (not mail) the filled-out alien registration form to the post office to insure against possible instances where a chapter might misplace or fail to return the cards in time.

Failure to comply means the Issei may be fined, taken into custody and deported.

## AGED ISSEI PASSES CITIZENSHIP EXAMS WITHIN THREE MINUTES

Chicago

An aged Japanese woman passed a test for American naturalization here recently after only three minutes of oral examination saying "yes" to two questions asked her.

The naturalization examiner asked her, "Did you attend any naturalization school?" Yes, she replied.

"Do you feel that you know the American history and the system of American government?" Yes, replied.

"Okay, that is all," said the examiner.

She passed the test. Time: three minutes.

## ISSEI HOTEL MANAGER KILLED BY ROBBERS

Los Angeles

Hikoichi Hamamura, 56, manager of a Skid Row area hotel here was found dead in bathroom Tuesday afternoon, apparently a victim of hold-up assailants, according to investigating officers.

The Issei's pockets were turned inside-out and emptied. His clothing was disarranged in a search for a money belt. Before the war, Hamamura operated a large dry good store in Huncayo, Peru. His Japan-born son Yoshio, 18, a student at Polytechnic High foreign student's division, who does not reside with his father, was asked by police to seek further clues on the identity of the assailant.

## Christmas Cheer nears \$2,000 goal; now 76%

Los Angeles

Downtown Los Angeles JACL's \$50 contribution to Christmas Cheer tops the list of donors this week and with other contributions has boosted the total to \$1,537.35—or the 76 percent mark of the \$2,000 goal by Dec. 15. Funds, canned goods and toys are being accepted by the local JACL office, headquarters for Club Service Bureau's annual Christmas Cheer campaign to aid indigent Japanese families.

ative." Father Tokuhisa reported, "that it was my duty to save souls and lives. A man shouldn't get an award for only doing his duty."

Of the work of these two Los Angeles priests, and that of other Maryknollers throughout the world, Father Nevins writes:

"The success of any society lies not in statistics but in the men it creates. The character, actions, and accomplishments of these men are the true index to success or failure."

## Anti-American feelings in Japan viewed slight

Honolulu

Contrary to reports from some sources, "there is very little evidence of anti-American feeling in Japan," according to J. Ballard Atherton, president of the Pacific and Asian Affairs Council, who returned recently from a six-week Orient trip.

Atherton, who toured various countries after attending the 13th International Conference of the Institute of Pacific Relations held in Kyoto, sounded a note of caution to Americans.

He said the United States "shouldn't insist" that the other countries place their emphasis on what appears to us as important—such as international security and checking of the spread of communism.

## Stranded Nisei regain U.S. citizenship status

Los Angeles

Two Nisei, whose citizenship cases were remarkably similar but who hadn't known each other, were ruled still U.S. citizens recently by Judge William M. Byrne.

Akira Nagaoka and Tetsuo Yujiri, both American-born citizens who were taken by parents to Japan for an education, were stranded there when World War II broke out. In 1944, they received notices to report for military duty, both protested and were threatened if they refused.

Both were taking special training in a non-commissioned officers school when the war ended. Yujiri had voted in two postwar elections in 1947, testifying that he thought he was acting under orders of Gen. MacArthur and that by failing to vote he might not be allowed to return. Both were represented by Hugh R. Manes, A. L. Wirin and Fred Okrand.

## Jigokumon premiere

New York

"Hell's Gate" (Jigokumon), 1954 Cannes International Film Festival winner, has its American premiere here at the Guild Theater, Rockefeller Center, Dec. 14. The Daiei color film was featured in the Nov. 15 issue of Life magazine.

## New citizens—

Rock Springs, Wyo.

Two Japanese couples, Mr. and Mrs. George Komoto, and Mr. and Mrs. Kenichi Ota, were granted citizenship Nov. 27 at the Sweetwater County district courtroom of Judge Glenn Parker.

Watsonville

Watsonville Issei naturalized at the Nov. 11 ceremonies in San Francisco were: Mr. and Mrs. T. Kizuka, Ichiji Sakata, Masao Ishihara, Shigeru Murata, Mrs. Tuchi Muramoto, Mrs. Takeiri and Mrs. I. Hosaka.

Tacoma

The three Japanese who were naturalized aboard the "Mighty Mo" at Bremerton last Nov. 11 were the Rev. S. Niwa, Mrs. S. Niwa, Tacoma; and Mrs. H. Kawashima, Bay Center, it was reported by the Puyallup Valley JACL.

Hal Nakaji, James Lick (San Jose) High School quarterback, was named to the second team of the all-Santa Clara Valley Athletic League squad selected by the coaches. He is 150 lbs., stands 5 ft. 10 in., and a senior.

VERY TRULY  
YOURS

By HARRY HONDA

**Football season**

Now that the football season is all wrapped up except for the Bowl games, the menfolks have many a thrill to remember this year by and keep warm this winter . . . Certainly, there was enough football on television over the weekends to keep a man away from his Saturday and Sunday chores—what with Canadian, college and pro features . . . But if you ask the womenfolk, it could well be the sanctity of the male domain in the Yale University stadium press box . . . As I recall the story, one woman writer was excluded from covering the Yale-Army game.



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Yale, of course, is non-coed and its status is even preserved at its press box . . . The long-standing rule against women there rustled up quite a yarn in the papers last month and allowed more vocal women to think and talk about football season this year . . . It's something other than politics and the Dior look . . . As a nationwide issue catching the attention of eager feminists, women high in government positions, in fashions, in entertainment, and in the kitchen had their two-cents' worth . . . Of course, the response was unanimous—women should be allowed to work in the press box at Yale.

Mme. Frances Perkins, who was the first feminine member of a president's cabinet (she was Secretary of Labor under Franklin Roosevelt), and therefore qualified to comment on working women, had only to say: "It's a funny world we live in" . . . It certainly is, because Yale made amends and she was privileged to cover the game from a regular grandstand seat directly before the pressbox.

If this column appears to make me rather anti-feminist with two successive weeks devoted to women workers (last week concerned women rasslers), it's a subject which unravels with ease in this corner . . . Time is a precious commodity during this particular week as next-week-dated Holiday Issue comes off the press at another print shop the same time as this issue . . . Trying to keep a pair

WASHINGTON NEWSLETTER

By Mike Masaoka

Japanese Relations

**JACL and the 84th Congress**

Last week's Newsletter, analyzing prospects for JACL's legislative program in the forthcoming 84th Congress that convenes on January 5, estimated that because of the thin margin of control to be exercised by the Democrats next session little change can be anticipated in the over-all direction of the new Congress.

Last week too specific attention was given to the question of Statehood for the deserving Territory of Hawaii.

This week consideration will be given to another aspect of JACL's legislative interest in the next biennium.

**International Relations**

As with most thinking Americans, the prospects for a just and durable peace are vitally important. And, as citizens of Japanese ancestry, most of us are concerned as to just how the new Congress will treat Japan, the land of our parents which is presently undergoing a grave economic and political crisis.

The senior senator in point of consecutive service, Sen. Walter F. George (D., Ga.) will assume the chairmanship of the Committee on Foreign Relations next January. Sen. Alexander Wiley (R., Wis.), who served as the chairman this year, will be the ranking minority member.

Though a Dixiecrat and a follower of his junior colleague, Sen. Richard Russell, in domestic matters, including civil rights, the chairman-designate of the new Committee has generally voted with the internationalist thinking of the Democratic Party for the past quarter of a century. Though not the religious man that Senator Wiley is, the Georgian probably enjoys about as much in the way of personal prestige as any single member of the present Senate.

*Thus, though little change in congressional sentiment is anticipated, in keeping with Democratic tradition there may be a tendency towards a more liberal outlook on international relations and policy. In this sense, the President may find the next Senate more cooperative.*

Able, liberal Sen. John Sparkman of Alabama is expected to reclaim the chairmanship of the Subcommittee on the Far East that he held in the 82nd Congress. More vigorous and aggressive than the professorial Sen. H. Alexander Smith of New Jersey, who served as chairman for the past two years, the young Southerner is expected to be a far more influential spokesman than heretofore because of his increased prestige as his party's vice-presidential candidate in 1952.

California's William F. Knowland, alleged principal spokesman for the so-called China lobby, will be less influential, for though he probably will remain a member of the Foreign Relations Committee he will not also be the Majority Floor Leader, as he was in the 83rd Congress.

*Japan's economic destiny may well be at stake in the fate of the Reciprocal Trade Program. Unless Japan is given freer access to American markets, she may well be forced to, first, trade with Red China, and, then, submit to communist dictatorship.*

The GOP 83rd Congress refused to approve a three-year extension of the Reciprocal Trade Program, compromising on a single year extension. The next Congress may face a showdown on this particular issue, for the theory of Reciprocal Trade is one of the cornerstones of the present Democratic party platform.

Virginia's tough, conservative Harry Flood Byrd will take over the chairmanship of the Senate Finance Committee from banker-attorney Eugene D. Millikan of Colorado. Though nominally the ranking majority member, Senator George is expected to be the real power in this Committee too, for he served as chairman of this same Finance Committee in the 82nd Congress and could have resumed his post if he had not decided to take over the chairmanship of the Foreign Relations Committee. It may well be that in the field of international matters particularly Senator George may desire consistency. If he does, there should be no conflict between these two powerful Senate bodies.

Washington's bachelor Warren G. Mag-

of shops humming with item that would eat away some columns just don't work inside the 24 hours valuable moments . . . As terialize as quickly as others. that a day allows, it would any of the columnists in the Well, this was a good quick be senseless to think of an Pacific Citizen will confirm, one.

nuson will become chairman of the Senate's interstate and Foreign Commerce Committee, while Ohio's John W. Bricker will step down into the ranking minority member's role.

*The senior senator from the Pacific Northwest should have a special concern for the problems of the Pacific and of Asia, and in contrast to the isolationist Ohioan, his chairmanship could result in better trade relations with Japan and the Orient.*

**On the House Side**

Another Southerner, and also a Dixiecrat, James P. Richards of South Carolina will become chairman of the House Committee on Foreign Affairs.

Since under the Constitution the approval of treaties is a Senate function, the Senate is the traditional leader in foreign relations, just as the House, again because of Constitutional provisions, is the originator of all revenue bills. So, the next chairman is expected to follow generally the leadership of Senator George.

Though the acknowledged congressional expert on the Far East, Minnesota's Walter H. Judd, will not be continued as chairman of the Far East Subcommittee, his eloquent leadership will remain to remind the Congress that, especially in these 'perilous times, Asia deserves equal consideration with Europe in the strategy and the planning of our defenses.

Dixiecrat Southerner Jere Cooper of Tennessee again will be chairman of the Ways and Means Committee, probably the most important single committee in the Congress for it not only originates revenue measures but also serves as the committee on committees for the Democrats in the House. Though a conservative in every sense of the word, he is not expected to be more conservative than New York's Daniel A. Reed, who served as chairman during the past two years and dramatically fought the President on the issue of taxes.

Another Tennessean, J. Percy Priest, will be chairman of the House Interstate and Foreign Commerce Committee. As the Majority Whip in the 82nd Congress, he helped maintain party discipline in the House.

Since the House usually is more susceptible to party discipline as such, if the Democrats in charge of that chamber, particularly Speaker of the House Sam Rayburn of Texas, decide to approve, for example, the Reciprocal Trade Agreements, the chances for its passage would be considerably better than in the Senate, where every member considers himself more a sovereign than do his counterparts in the House.

**Summary**

Though the 84th Congress will generally follow the pattern set down by the 83rd Congress, that of compromise and middle-of-the-roadness, it is assumed that on international matters Democratic leadership will be more liberal and international than was the GOP leadership in the past biennium.

This is expected to be more to the President's liking too, for it was particularly in the foreign relations field that his own party in Congress rejected his leadership most.

During the November campaign, the Democrats made a minor issue of the Republican failure to implement their own slogan of "Trade, Not Aid" by rejecting the President's plea for a three-year extension of the Reciprocal Trade Program. It may well be that the Democrats will try to redeem their pledge and in that action further a principle that they have advocated since the administrations of Franklin D. Roosevelt.

In any event, it is anticipated that with the Democrats in control of the next Congress America's concern for the rest of the free world will not suffer.

*(Mike Masaoka's next "Washington Newsletter" will be published in the Pacific Citizen dated Dec. 24.—Editor.)*

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**Sheep Year: 1955**

The year 1955 is the Year of the Sheep, according to the Japanese zodiac. A person born in the Year of the Sheep is said to be quiet and conservative. But how quiet are the men and women in the Sheep Year?

And it may be of interest to look back into Japanese history and see what happened in these "quiet" years.



Prior to the visit of Commodore Perry that shook the Japanese nation from its isolationism, everything was just another day or year. Things moved with-

out exceptional changes outside of local disturbances.

The first revolution in the field of Japanese society and politics was the Taika Era Reformation in 645 A.D., when the first Japanese constitution was promulgated. The name "Nippon" was also adopted as a name of the country for the first time. The Taika constitution, in its first article, emphasized that "harmony is the cardinal principle of government".

The second revolution came with the Meiji Restoration, that effected a modern constitution and abolishing Japanese feudalism. In 1871, the first Sheep Year of the Meiji period, saw the "abolition of clans and establishment of prefectures". Thus, Japan marched into a modern world. It also banned the carrying swords and cutting off of the "chompage" hair-dress for western style. The family clans that ruled for 300 years since the Tokugawa Shogunate lost their dominance in Japanese politics.

The same year saw domestic postal service expanded from Tokyo to Osaka, then to Nagasaki. The Tokyo District Court was founded. The government exchanged a treaty with Hawaii.

In 1883 (another Sheep Year), Prince Hirofumi Ito returned from his worldwide trip studying governments and constitutions for adoption by Japan. He later became premier, organized four cabinets, remaining in power much longer than most had thought at that time. (Premier Shigeru Yashida has organized five cabinets and has been in power for seven years.) Another momentous step was the adoption of universal military training.

In 1895, the Sheep Year witnessed Japan's victory over China and the Shimonoseki peace conference. Formosa became Japanese territory. Japan concluded a commerce and navigation treaty with czarist Russia.

In 1907, the Sheep Year put Japanese immigrants in the international limelight. The gentlemen's Agreement drastically reduced the flow of immigrants to America.

The Sheep Year of 1919 ended World War I by treaty. And Japan initiated its first air-

HONOLULU NEWSLETTER

# Bloc Voting

LAWRENCE NAKATSUKA

A Congressional inquiry just opened here may touch off a lively controversy when it looks into the question of racial bloc voting.

The question is definitely on the agenda of the House Committee on Interior and Insular Affairs, whose members will investigate three subjects while in Hawaii: public lands, water, and statehood.

The voting issue will be taken up under statehood, which is expected to draw the most attention of the three agenda items.

The inquiry into racial bloc voting is intended to get the facts here and now. The committee is almost certain that the subject will come up again when the Hawaiian statehood bill is considered in the next Congress.

The committee chairman, Rep. A. L. Miller, Nebraska Republican, decided it would be better to delve into this subject in Hawaii rather than in Washington several thousand miles away.

### Nisei voters chief targets

The Nisei voters have been the chief targets of those who allege that bloc voting is a general practice in Hawaiian elections.

The charge is made most often by persons with anti-Japanese bias who have expressed their concern that the "Japanese are taking over the Territorial government."

The recent election showed more Nisei candidates were elected than at any time heretofore. Thirty-six made the grade. In the legislature nearly half of the members are of Japanese ancestry.

On the most important county board of supervisors, four out of the seven members of the Honolulu board are Nisei.

Where the bloc voting question will be looked into most carefully probably will be in the Fourth District on Oahu. This is a traditionally "haole" (white) stronghold but in the recent election, four out of the six representatives elected were Nisei. Significantly, not a single Nisei heretofore had been elected from this district. It is possible that no Nisei even ran in this district before, much less winning an election.

Also significantly, not one of the four Nisei had ever run for public office before.

Elsewhere in the Territory, the Nisei made impressive showings also, mostly on the Democratic side.

### Two-sided interest expected

The visiting House Committee is expected to have a two-sided interest in bloc voting: first, whether or not it is undesirable; and second, whether it is practiced in Hawaii.

Although the Nisei voting has had the spotlight of publicity most often, the Committee will try to bring out information on bloc voting by all racial and special interest groups.

Bloc voting by union members, for instance, may be studied as an example of voting by a special interest group.

A Honolulu news reporter who polled several persons active in politics found some interesting observations on this touchy question.

One Nisei queried said he thought the term should be "preferential voting" and not "bloc voting."

"There is no question but that in precincts where one race predominates, the candidates of that race will lead, if they have the stuff," this Nisei was quoted as saying. But he did not think that race is the sole determinant. "It is party, qualification, background—and race."

Another person, a Chinese, was quoted as saying "There is no question but that there is tremendous bloc voting. I think it always overrides other considerations with the AJAs—unless they are sore with some particular AJA candidate.

"But it isn't unique to Hawaii. You have it everywhere. And here it isn't restricted to any racial group. The AJAs tend to vote for AJAs, the Chinese for Chinese, the haoles for haoles and so on."

A haole politician is quoted as saying "There is no doubt that the different groups prefer candidates of their own kind. This goes not only for the Orientals, who have been criticized for it, but for the haoles as well."

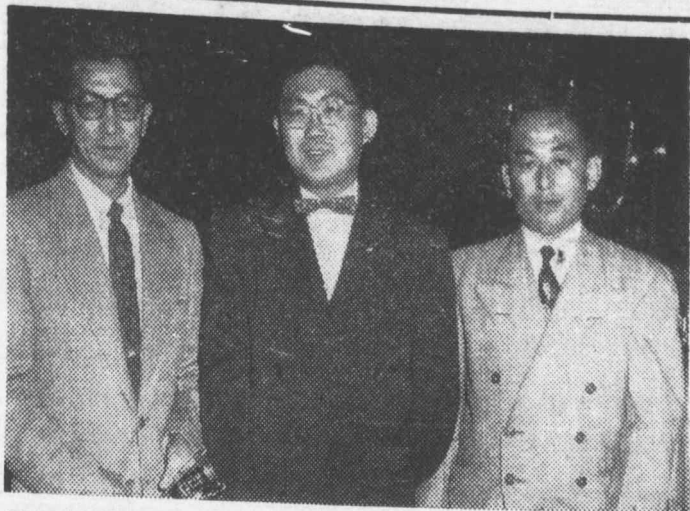
Still another haole had this to say: "I had a relative get elected on the mainland to his state senate the first time he ran. It was primarily because of his racial background. Chicago—Italians and Irish. Some states, the Scandinavian. And so on."

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For many years of loyal and unselfish work in behalf of the Chicago JAACL, the chapter presented Service Award trophies to (left to right) Mas Nakagawa, Harry Mizuno and Smoky Sakurada. Louise Suski, also a recipient of the award, was not present for the picture. —Album Photo.

## Robbery suspects identified by Nisei victim as Denver teenagers

**Salt Lake City**  
Two Salt Lake robbery suspects were nabbed Nov. 30 when they were spotted on a downtown street by a woman beaten in the robbery attempt.

Complaints were signed the following morning charging Marvin Charles Lucero, 19, and Richard Romero, 18, both of Denver, with attempted robbery and assault with a deadly weapon with intent to rob.

Police said Mrs. Kay June Aoki, 31, positively identified two transients as the men who tried to hold up Fred's Corner Market, 1035 E. 2nd South St., Nov. 26. The two robbers beat her over the head with a heavy wrench in their unsuccessful robbery attempt, then fled.

Mrs. Aoki spotted the two suspects at corner of 1st South and Main streets Tuesday noon. She notified a nearby off-duty police officer, Patrolman Louis Duncan. The patrolman arrested one of the suspects but the other man broke away and fled.

However, he was picked out of the crowd which collected by Mrs. Aoki and arrested.

Police booked the pair for investigation of activities and were questioning them Tuesday afternoon.

## So. Alameda County CL plans St. Nick party

**Warm Springs**  
Southern Alameda County's annual Christmas party for the children will be held Friday, Dec. 17, 7 p.m. at the Warm Springs School. It is probably the biggest event of the year for the family, declared Hisako Mizota and Yoneko Masuda, co-chairmen. Yas Kato is toastmaster.

Community singing, children's choir, cartoons and a talent review precede the visit of jovial St. Nicholas. Assisting as committeemen are:

Grace Handa, Jane Yamauchi, Setsu Umemoto, Kiyo Kitayama and Aki Kato.

## Jiro Okada funeral

**Sacramento**  
Funeral services for Jiro Okada, prominent businessman here, and father of newspaper columnist Eugene Okada in the Hokubei Mainichi, were held at the Buddhist Church here Dec. 3.

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## Amputee veteran Placer CL head

**Loomis**  
Wilson Makabe of Loomis, amputee veteran of World War II from the Italian campaign currently employed by the county Social Welfare Department, was elected president of the Placer County JAACL chapter succeeding Ko Uyeno, also of Loomis.

Supporting Makabe are the following cabinet members

Robert Otani, Loomis; George Ito, Penryn; Ken Masuda, Newcastle; Charles Oseto, Auburn; Robert Takemoto, Lincoln, v.p.; Barbara Nakashima, rec. sec.; Fusae Nii, cor. sec.; Ellen Kubo, treas.; Frank Nimura, social; Tom Miyamoto, ath. dir.; Tomiko Makishima, hist.

An installation ceremony will be conducted at a Christmas dinner.

## PASADENA CHRISTMAS POTLUCK DINNER

**Pasadena**  
Ham, scalloped potatoes, vegetables, gelatin salad and rolls are on the Pasadena JAACL Christmas potluck dinner Dec. 18 at Pasadena Presbyterian Union Church, it was announced by Jiro Oishi, dinner chairman.

An annual family affair with a Santa Claus visit, each person is expected to bring their own fork, knife, spoon, cup and plate for the dinner. A gift not more than 25 cents in value marked for child or adult, boy or girl has also been suggested by the committee.

Membership is being contacted by Mrs. Anna Oishi for reservations and distribution of menu. Dinner will be served from 7 p.m. And remember to bring eating utensils.

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### Immigration chief . . .

● Elmer E. Poston, 56, director of the I&NS Honolulu office, will succeed Walter A. Sahli, 48, as Chicago district director in early January. Sahli is being transferred to the San Antonio district office . . . Since Sahli assumed his Chicago post last March, he has cooperated fully with the Midwest JACL and Japanese American Service Committee on the Issei naturalization program . . . A 20-year veteran with the immigration service, having started as border patrolman at El Paso, he pushed "operation wetback" here last September, resulting in the rounding up of 1,800 Mexican aliens for deportation.



City-Wider Yule fest . . .

● Open to the public, the City Wider Christmas Dance is being held at Monroe YWCA, Dec. 18, 8 to 12 midnight. Jiei Nakama will emcee. **Frank Watanabe** is chairman, and assisted by **Shig Okamoto**, **Bob Nakazawa**, **May Hikido**, **Mary Tsuji**, **Kay Madokoro** and **Waata Tamura**. A slight charge will be asked at the door.

### Co-Op Investors . . .

● Co-Operative Investors recently initiated their new cabinet members at the Town House restaurant. **Joe Taketa** is chairman, with **Taka Tanaka**, vice-chairman; **Kats Okuno**, treasurer; **Paul Otake** and **Fred Nagaro**, secretaries. **Dr. Frank Sakamoto**, retiring chairman, is hosting their New Year's Eve party.

### Teen-age Gangs . . .

● Recent incidents of teenagers being mauled by teenage gangs has incurred the 10:30 p.m. weeknight curfew for those 16 and under, and a 11:30 p.m. weekend curfew unless accompanied by adults . . . The City Council is considering raising the curfew age to 18.

### About people . . .

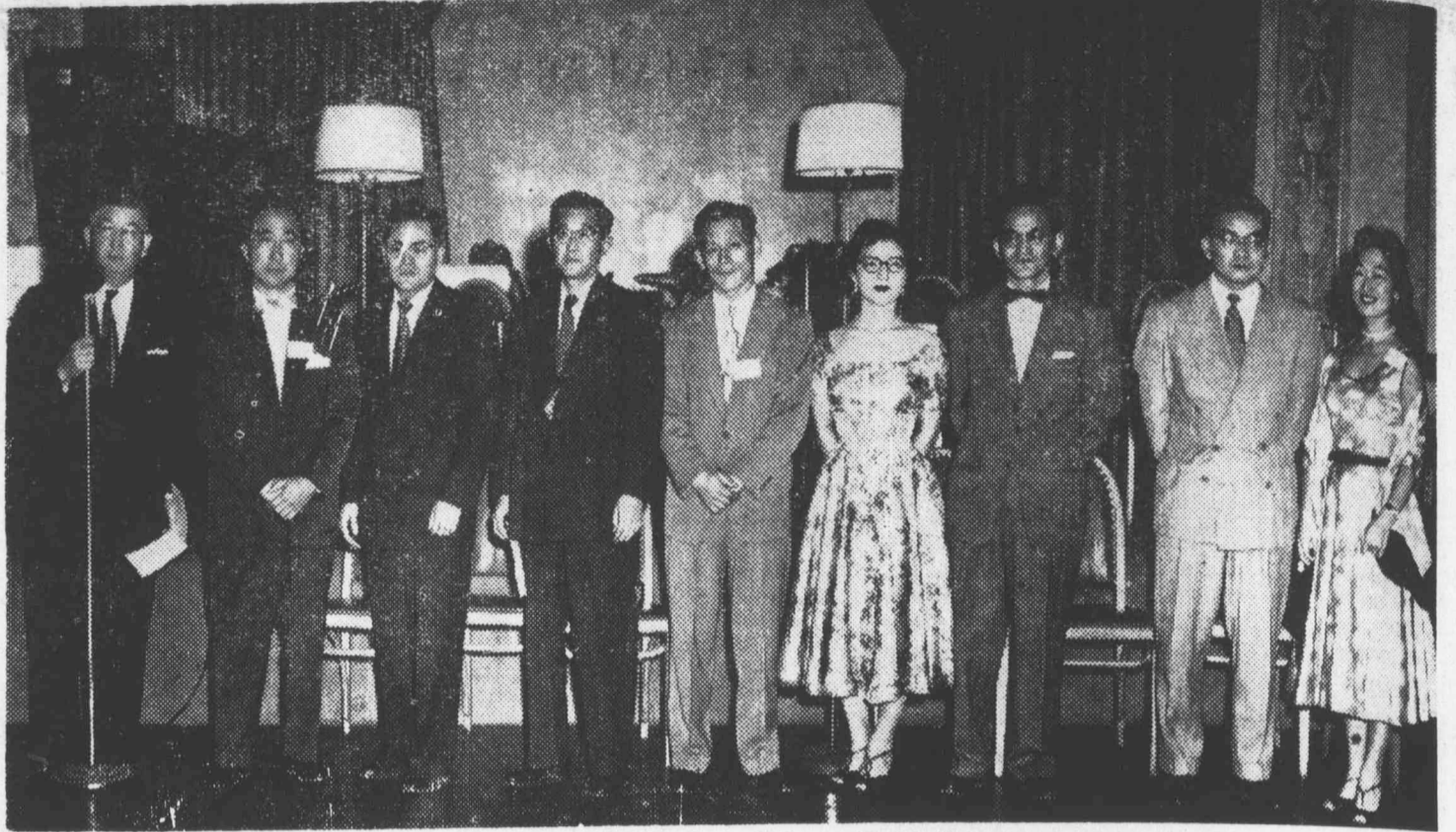
● An exchange student from Tokyo, **Reiji Shito**, 360 W. Locust St., is working among American Indians here as a community service interne for American Friends Service Committee. He attended Haverford College this past year and expects to return to Japan in August, 1955.

● Among the 1000 Clubbers is **Satoshi "Suts" Nishijima**, Walls Flowers Shop proprietor at 4523 W. Addison. Formerly from Tacoma, he began business in July, 1947; has been a loyal supporter of PC Holiday Issues, a CLer and Legionnaire of Post 183 . . . Married to **Hisaye Sakuma** of Seattle, a floral designer, they have three children: **Linda 7**, **Marie 6** and **Dale 3** . . . "Suts" brother **Victor** has a grocery store in Portland, married to **Marjorie Horigami** of the same city and have twins, **Chris** and **Dean**, 5 . . . "Suts" two sisters are **Chicagans**: **Mrs. Sally Kawamoto** and **Mrs. Florence Hanagata**. His mother stays with him . . . His wife has four sisters and a brother: **Mrs. Kay Yamamoto**, **Mrs. Jerry Nishimoto**, both of Seattle; **Mrs. Haruye Takagi**, Mountain View, Calif.; **Mrs. Judy Hayakawa**, Pasadena; and brother **Jim** in Chicago.

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The Chicago JACL installs its 1955 cabinet at the 10th Anniversary Dinner. In the photograph are (left to right) Dr. Tom T. Yatabe, installing officer; Kuemo Yoshinari, pres.; Dr. Frank Sakamoto, 1st v.p.; Bill Fujii, 2nd v.p.; George Teraoka,

3rd v.p.; Toshi Nakamura, cor. sec.; George Tanaka, aud.; Dr. George Okita, Mrs. Helen Hori, delegate-at-lge. Not present were Sumi Kobayashi, treas., Jean Shimasaki and Margie Kikuchi, delegates-at-lge. —Album Photo.

## MIDWEST REGIONAL OFFICE TO STAY OPEN FOR ANOTHER FULL YEAR

### Chicago

The Midwest District Council Nov. 20 voted to keep the Regional Office in Chicago open for another year under its present arrangement with a full-time office secretary.

The proposal, which was presented at the National Convention in Los Angeles, whereby the MDC will voluntarily increase its quota to provide for a full-time director, was tabled until such time as the financial picture of the Midwest chapters improve.

This proposal was for an increase of \$3,320. This amount, however, was not included in the national budget in view of the fact that it would be a voluntary increase on the part of the Midwest District Council.

### Quota Picture

All Midwest chapters will meet its 1954 quota by the end of this year, according to a poll of the delegates. However, several chapters raised doubts as to their ability to raise any more money toward the national budget which includes support of the Midwest Regional Office. Therefore, the council decided against the \$3,320 increase at this time.

The Chicago Chapter raises approximately two-thirds of the entire \$9,600 quota. At the recent National Convention, the quota percentage was adjusted for the Midwest area from 12.6 to 12.81 per cent. This raises the Midwest quota to \$9,966.82. One of the questions brought up in the deliberations was the extent of service provided by the Regional Office to its participating outlying chapters.

It was generally felt that the Chicago Chapter benefits most by the location of the Regional

Office in Chicago. Furthermore, the benefits that other Midwest chapters receive are intangible.

However, the delegates all felt that the Midwest Regional Office is strategically important to the national organization and re-affirmed this stand by voting to keep the office going for another year.

All eight Midwest District Council chapters sent delegates to the special meeting which was held at the Shoreland Hotel.

## NO. CALIF.-WEST NEV. DISTRICT EYES 5,000

### San Francisco

The No. Calif.-Western Nevada JACL District Council, at its Auburn meeting, hopes to hit the 5,000 membership mark in 1955, the San Francisco JACL Newsletter reported.

With its 4,222 members in 1954, it ranked among the eight district councils that form the national organization.

**Pasadena JACL:** Close to 200 attending the chapter banquet honoring the Issei heard **Frank Hammond**, Pasadena City College teacher, who teaches English by day, adult naturalization by night. He learned his Japanese at the Army Language Schools at Univ. of Michigan and Ft. Snelling. Chapter members prepared the entire menu as follows:

Mrs. Lilly Yamamoto, tsukemono; Mrs. Hannah Inouye, sushi; Tom Ito, barbecued fish; Flo Wada, salad; Ken Dyo, Kimi Fukutaki, Mmes. Elizabeth Ozawa, Mari Kuramoto, May Yamazaki, Margaret Fujimoto, chicken teriyaki.



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TATS KUSHIDA

Within a few days of receiving this issue of the PC, you should receive in the mail a rolled tabloid containing your PC Holiday Issue dated for and taking the place of our December 17 issue. Interestingly, the two issues were printed up on the same night—December 9. The difference is, the regular weekly issues are printed on the Shin Nichi Bei's flat bed while the big deal was run off on the rotary press at Ernest Printing Co., where, incidentally, the Crossroads is also printed.

The Coachella Valley Chapter ads were delivered by 1000er TOM SAKAI in person and the Sacramento chapter's sent in by mail, both after our deadline, but we managed to squeeze them in. Believe us, we were glad to get 'em, too. Which also gives us the opportunity to toss a bouquet to those chapters that made a tough job easier by sending in ads well before the shime-kiri, which doesn't mean cut-diapers.

In our column soon, we'll let you know the go-getters of JACL chapters who at considerable personal sacrifice brought in the tremendous advertising support that always insures a successful Holiday Issue.

One of these guys, who insists he's a poet, has become almost a regular pen-pal, and just because the Sou'wester published his Opus 1 a couple of issues ago. After chiding us for not putting "Frisco" in quotes, he submitted two "verses", only one of which postal regulations permit us to present here.

*PC's editor Harry Honda  
Had a girl whom he was fonda,  
But her mother objected,  
warned and suggested:  
That 'Honda to aite seba sonda!"*

Loosely translated, the last line means "Don't mess with Honda or you'll be sorry!"



### Response from Ike's assistant

Stalwart UCLAn and 1000 Club charter member, JOHN TY SAITO, proprietor of a real estate business of the same name, was employing hellfire and brimstone last month to get his alma mater to play Oklahoma in a post-season game, the proceeds to benefit the U.S. Olympian Games committee and at the same time prove beyond reasonable doubt who the national pigskin champs are.

The wire services and local sports scribes took up the hue and cry and Ty was mentioned frequently in the local press for his efforts. Because of nearly insurmountable obstacles to schedule said contest, Ty felt only President Eisenhower could do the trick. So Ty wrote him, and got others to do the same. Ty was probably right, except that the President wasn't getting involved.

A few days ago, Ty received the following message from the White House:

"Dear Mr. Saito:  
"The President has received your telegram of November 25. While he has given official support to the Olympics by proclamation and a subsequent statement giving commendation to the people who are doing so much to promote the success of the American Olympic team he cannot take part in the way you suggest. It is the firm policy not to accede to the many appeals for assistance in fund raising projects for various purposes unless it could be done for all. I feel sure that you will understand and will know that the President is nonetheless interested in the success of the American Olympic team.  
Sincerely,  
Sherman Adams,  
Assistant to the President"

Ty's cause was a good one. We give him an "E" for effort.

## CHAPTER MEMO

**Salinas Valley JACL:** On Dec. 18 the annual Christmas Pot-Luck Dinner will be held at the Lincoln Ave. Church in Salinas. Mrs. H. Kita will be in charge of the dinner preparations aided by Mesdames Robert Yamamoto, George Higashi, Oscar Itani and S. Kanow. Other committees are: Gifts, Ikey Miyayaga and Atsuko Ikeda; tree, Shiro Higashi; movies, Tom Miyayaga; tables, Harry Shirachi and Henry Tada.

**Salt Lake JACL:** Mrs. May Watanabe of ZCMI Dept. Store demonstrated her techniques in Christmas gift wrapping at the last Auxiliary meeting held at the home of Mrs. Mary Shiozaki, 854 E. 6th South. Co-hosting was Mrs. Miki Yano.

At the January meeting, an installation dinner is being planned.

**San Francisco JACL:** A group of 21 Auxiliary members in three cars visited 11 men and four women staying the Laguna Honda Home Nov. 21. Donations from the members included new and used clothing, soap and cigarettes, Japanese magazines, and \$2 in individual envelopes, plus another dollar from the Japan Relief Society. Manju and tea were also served. On the committee were:

Mmes. Chiz Satow, Amey Aizawa, Joyce Enomoto, Haru Hedani; Misses Sumi Tsunomi, Sawae Fukumori, Martha Tsukiyama, Tess Hideshima, Mickey Aoyama, Helen Terazawa, Daizy Uyeda and Margie Shigezumi.

**San Mateo JACL:** The New Year's Eve dance will be held at the San Mateo Buddhist Church hall, with a nine-piece Chinese American band. Bob Sugishita's melody quartet will entertain at the bar.

## D'YA HAVE MEMBERSHIP ATTENDANCE PROBLEMS?

Cleveland

If program chairmen of social groups are having attendance problems, take the cue from the Cleveland Jr. Matrons, which meets on the first Friday of each month at the Nationalities Service Center from 8 p.m.

A door prize is given at each meeting and the member, of course, must be present. Mae Konno was the lucky recipient last month.

Architect Kenneth M. Nishimoto, AIA, announced formation of a partnership with William Henry Taylor, AIA, R. Lynd Warren and George S. Conner, 285 S. Los Robles, Pasadena.

# Your National Director Reports

MASAO W. SATOW

### Happy, indeed

The naturalization of so many of the Issei and their participation in the elections have marked this year as a most significant one for JACL as well as for all persons of Japanese ancestry. We are proud of the response the Issei have made, and are grateful to the many chapter officers and JACLers, and members of our Staff for the outstanding record, as well as the fine cooperation of officials of the Immigration and Naturalization Service, and the many friends who have assisted. Back in 1946 and 1947 as part of our National program, many Issei signed petitions asking for the privileges of naturalization in order to convince government officials that our people really wanted to become citizens, and the overwhelming response now makes all of us very happy indeed.



Many chapters have had benefits honoring these newly naturalized citizens. However, from our observation of attendance at some of these, there is room for improvement upon the part of many Nisei whose parents have become citizens.

When we think back of how our parents made special efforts to attend our various school graduations, it seems that the least we can do is to attend these chapter functions, not only to share this proud moment in the lives of the Issei and to express our appreciation to them, but as a gesture of appreciation to the local JACL chapter and community-minded people who have done so much to make the program possible.

For those of us who have had anything to do with the program, the singing of "America" or "America, the Beautiful", along with these newly naturalized citizens and pledging our allegiance to our flag in their company, somehow make these seem that much more meaningful, enough so to moisten our eyes and bring a lump to our throat.



### IDC at Ogden

We took a weekend jaunt to Ogden, Utah, for the Intermountain DC meeting to renew acquaintances with these staunch JACLers who gave such tremendous support to National JACL during the war years when the bulk of our chapters were forced to disband temporarily.

It was nice to renew acquaintance with people like Mr. K. Mukai of Ogden, Kay's Noodle Parlor, if you ever get out that way. It was he who just before the war encouraged and even insisted that a chapter be organized in Ogden, and he led the way with a generous personal contribution for making the IDC support to National possible. It was also the IDC chapters who gave the big impetus to our postwar program by pledging and raising \$10,000 for National. Incidentally, Jim Ushio, present IDC Chairman is one of Mr. Mukai's sons-in-law, while faithful IDC secretary Dot Mukai is a daughter. We were pleasantly surprised to run into Shig Teraji, another son-in-law, vacationing from Denver, a fellow we have known from way back in Los Angeles as one of the finest all-around Nisei athletes in his day.

All credit to Toyse Kato, Ken Uchida, Roy Nakatani, Min Miya, Tom Yamada, Harry Sugihara for all their efforts in making all the arrangements for the IDC meeting as well as putting on the annual IDC JACL Bowling Tournament.



### Bowlingest CLers

We can't say which was the more rugged, the Tournament with heavy wood, no side board action and small pocket, or the meeting

which lasted some twelve hours. We believe that the IDC delegates who attend these meetings are the bowlingest JACLers of any DC.

Typical of the spirit of this group is Kay Tokita of Idaho Falls who promptly endorsed his Singles prize check to JACL for his 1000 Club renewal.

And speaking of bowling, a letter from Eddie Matsueda of Hawaii, a member of our National JACL Advisory Board on Bowling, in renewing his JACL membership, informs us that Hawaii will be represented at our National Bowling Tournament in March by three men's teams, and one women's team.

We would also like to state here that we are proud to welcome as a new 1000 Clubber, George Inai who recently received his ABS diamond ring award for his 300 perfect game.

If you have never heard Eke "Moose" Inouye of Idaho Falls, past IDC Chairman, graphically recount his hunting and fishing episodes, you have missed something. The fine mounted antelope head adorning National Headquarters is Eke's gift. Ordinarily, a hunter would be satisfied with shooting the first animal in sight, but not Eke. This antelope was for National Headquarters so it had to be the best after considerable trekking around and rejecting several through his binoculars.

President Rupert Hachiya of the Salt Lake Chapter gave such an interesting report of varied program of activities crammed into every month of the year, that the IDC delegates spontaneously went on record to commend his efforts for the way his leadership has inspired the chapter out of the past doldrums. The Salt Lake Chapter record this year is a real demonstration of what is possible under conscientious, able and popular leadership.



### National Convention minutes

The Official Minutes of our 13th Biennial should now be in the hands of every official and alternate delegate for a detailed look at what transpired at our National Council sessions. In addition, every chapter president whose chapter was not represented by a delegate or only by proxy was also on the mailing list. Others who are interested in our "bible" for the next biennium may have copies on request.

The official count of registered delegates to our 13th Biennial Convention numbered 1032, and we were glad to receive a timely check for \$1032 from the Convention Committee. The Convention Committee also generously picked up the tab for the hotel expenses for all members of our National Board and Staff for the entire Convention period as well as their registrations.

Our grapevine has it that possible two bids for the 1956 Biennial are in the making.



### Prejudice, War and the Constitution

References have been made elsewhere to the new University of California Press book, PREJUDICE, WAR AND THE CONSTITUTION. The book is important addition to the steadily growing library of books that have to do with us. The fact that, among other things, it probes into the Supreme Court decision upholding the validity of the evacuation strikes a responsive chord among some of us who in our dreamier moments have talked about JACL again asking for a Supreme Court review of the case, if and when.

Our Korematsu case was presented in the fall of 1944. The intervening years have brought to light additional facts not available at the height of the war and hysteria. Somehow, as Americans, we are not satisfied that the Korematsu decision should stand for all time as the final word in this matter in our democracy.

Due to the University of California Press policy of giving no publishers' rate, National Headquarters is not handling the book as such, but will be glad to transmit orders accompanied by \$5.15.

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## IDC Turkey Day keg tournament biggest to date

Ogden

The largest IDC bowling tournament to date ended over the Thanksgiving holidays, according to tournament chairman Toyo Kato, who said over 150 bowlers participated. The two-day affair was jointly sponsored by the Ben Lomond JACL chapter and the Ogden Nisei Bowling League.

The following winners were handed trophies and prizes:

Men's team—Aloha Fountain (Salt Lake City) of Pete Oki, Charles Sonoda, Yosh Ozawa, Wat Misaka and Tak Kojima; Mt. Olympus, 2nd. Doubles—Tucker Morishita-Al Brownell (Idaho Falls), Kay Tokita-Sho Nukaya (Idaho Falls), 2nd. Singles—Mits Koga (Ogden), Ken Takeno (Salt Lake City), 2nd. All Events—Ken Takeno, Frank Tanikuni (Boise Valley), 2nd. Special sweeper—Harry Imamura (SLC), Friday; Min Miya (Ogden), Saturday. Mixed doubles—Jean Gianchetta-Eldon Martin (Idaho Falls); Kiyu Iwamoto-Nob Mori (Mt. Olympus), 2nd.

Women's team—Dawn Noodle (SLC) of Louise Imai, Grayce Imai, Kiyu Oshiro, Choke Morita, Chick Terashima; Martin Bros. Produce (Idaho Falls), 2nd. Doubles—Leta Johnson (Idaho Falls)—Judy Shiramizu (Ogden); Jean Gianchetta—Joan Martin (Idaho Falls), 2nd. Singles—Koko Watanabe (Idaho Falls), Maxie Kato (Ogden), 2nd. All Events—Jean Gianchetta, Leda Johnson.

Dawn Noodle retired the traveling IDC trophy and the Idaho Falls retired the all-events trophy, having won previously on two occasions. Miss Watanabe rolled a 565 series including a 236, the best individual effort of the tournament.

Bob Shiba of Salt Lake socked the best high game at 267, Tom Matsumori of Mt. Olympus rolled a 257. Tucker Morishita's 621 was the best series.

Lou Nakagawa is due for an unusual triplicate shoulder patch from ABC for his 178s.

Kato cited the fine work done by his Tom Yamada, secretary, and Roy Nakatani, treasurer for the tournament.

## 80 anglers contend in Placer derby

Loomis

Ken Kozaike of Loomis won the grand prize in the second annual striped bass derby sponsored by the Placer County chapter of JACL over the Thanksgiving weekend, with a 26 lb. 9 oz. striper measuring 38 inches in length on Friday, the largest for the contest, and another weighing 19 lb. 7 oz. on Sunday, thus winning two daily cash prizes in addition to the main award.

Freak catch of the derby was an 18 lb. bass good for the 10th prize, brought in by Nob Nimura and Bob Kozaike. The fish swallowed Nimura's bait first, which was farther out, and then got Kozaike's, who felt the strike first. When it was boated it still had both hooks in its mouth.

Sadao Nomura placed second with a 23 lb.-6 oz. fish that barely edged, and literally so, Akira Umezu's bass of the same weight by a quarter of an inch, 36 1/4" to the latter's 36" even.

Over 80 anglers participated in the four-day event, many going all four days and coming back with only the same old fish story.

Weighing-in was done at Jiggs Naito's Penryn Pastime Club.

Mac Makishima was derby chairman, assisted by:

Hugo Nishimoto, James Makimoto, Hike Yego, Yosh Nakamura, Charlie Osefo, Harry Kawahata, Dick Ni-

## KONNO, OYAKAWA ON ALL-AMERICAN SWIM LIST

Miami

Ford Konno and Yoshi Oyakawa were again selected to All-Americans on the men's swimming team this year at the AAU Convention recently. Konno was named for the 220 and 440-yad. freestyle events; Oyakawa, backstroke.

Both Hawaiian students at Ohio State were placed on the relay team.

## Hartnell Nisei QB named to all-star team

San Jose

Tak Hirahara, Hartnell College quarterback, who sparked his team to three straight wins after taking over the spot during the middle of the season, was honored by being selected to the all Coast Junior College first team.

His sharp passing pulled the team out of the shaky beginning this season.

## Women golf results

Chicago

After two postponements, the women's flight of the JACL-sponsored golf tournament was finally played at Cog Hill. Mrs. Akay Higashiuchi won with 94, followed by:

Tazi Domoto, Mrs. Jane Fujimoto, Mrs. Noby Takaki, Tomi Domoto and Ariye Oda.

shimura, a nd chapter prexy Ko Ueno.

## Mile-Hi JACL bowling tournament attracts 100, fourteen teams vie

Denver

Tournament director Bob Mayeda announced that more than 100 Nisei bowling enthusiasts participated in the two-day Mountain-Plains Regional JACL bowling tournament held Nov. 27 and 28 at Bowl-Mor Lanes.

Dick Yanase emceed the Sunday Awards Dinner held at Cavaleri's with about 50 attending. Min Yasui, regional representative for the Mountain-Plains JACL, and Sam Y. Matsumoto, president of the Mile-Hi JACL, extended greetings on behalf of the JACL.

John Sakayama made presentation of the glittering array of many trophies and awards. Official results were announced as follows:

### CLASS AA

Singles: Don Miyake 655, Ken Matsuda 651, Bob Mayeda 645, Kiyu Yokooji 632, Mas Omoto 627, Sam Inai 626, George Kishimoto 624, Sam Ota 623.

Doubles: Willie Hasegawa-Ken Matsuda 1274, Si Yago-Dan Ogata 1261, Kaz Hayashi-Jim Mizuno 1220, Bob Mayeda-Tom Ioka 1198.

Team: Denargo Box 2955, Singers Drive-In 2943.

All-events: Shun Nakayama 1824, Ken Matsuda 1818, Jim Mizuno 1807, Jim Ota 1801, Henry Konishi 1800.

### CLASS A

Singles: Kay Nakadoi (Omaha) 689, Bob Mayeda 681, Dick Yanase 677.

Doubles: Mike Watanabe-Iwao Nishikawa 1191, Jane Hada-Bob Mayeda 1181.

Team: Omaha Merchants 2870, Alamosa 2846.

All-events: Bob Mayeda 1928, Kay Nakadoi 1877, Frank Tamai 1800.

Bag-time doubles: Jim Ota-Frank Sebara 1298, Hootch Okumura-Ken Matsuda 1261, Jim Ota-John Sakayama 1255, Harry Shiba-Shig Morishige 1235, Frank Uyeda-Roy Fujii 1229.

Mixed doubles: John Sakayama-Amy Konishi 1237, Tom Nakayama-Amy Konishi 1229, Grace Kishiya-Moon Kataoka 1206.

Four-game sweeper: George Kishimoto, John Sakayama, Tom Urano, George Otsuki, Bob Mayeda.

Fourteen Denver teams competed in the tournament, and were joined by seven, out-of-town teams, including the Omaha Merchants, Alamosa, Rocky Ford, Greeley, Fort Morgan, Alliance Nebraska, and Blanca.

The Denargo Market won the first leg on the beautiful Mile-Hi JACL perpetual trophy. The 1953 defending champs, Alamosa, placed second in the Class A division.

Officials of the tournament predicted a bigger and better tournament for 1955, to be held in conjunction with the Mountain-Plains Regional JACL Convention over the Thanksgiving Day week-end in Denver. Officials for the 1954 Regional Tournament were:

Dr. Robert Mayeda, tournament director; Hootch Okumura, finances; Vern Namba, schedules; Sally Furushiro, tabulating and scorekeeping; Jim Ota, trophies; and Billy Mattocks, banquet.

The 1954 regional bowling tournament was the second annual held in Denver, and bowling officials indicated that it would be made an annual affair.

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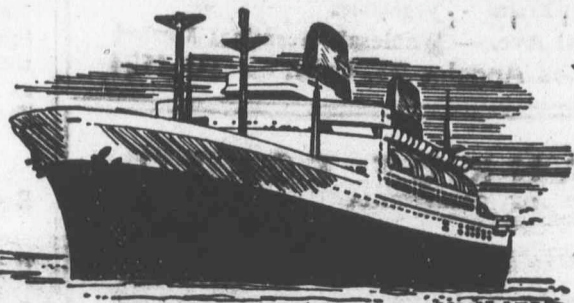
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EDITORIALS

Thirteen years ago

There was a chilly nip in the night air, the Li'l Tokio stores were open late for Christmas shoppers and festive lighting illuminate the streets. One might say, the atmosphere was similar to the days before Pearl Harbor was bombed. War was least expected.

This week, another Dec. 7 rolled by—and the thought that it was 13 years ago that brought a shameful period of Japanese American history with its evacuation and exclusion during the ensuing war years seems most remote.

The big news that night was datelined Tokyo, as it was 13 years ago, but it concerned the resignation of Japanese Premier Shigeru Yoshida. Not some communique from an Imperial military command.

The average Nisei woman, instead of wondering when her beau, brother or husband would be drafted or maimed by war as then, shudders at the thought that 13 years have slipped away.

Quickly recalling those intervening years and what each Dec. 7 has meant to persons of Japanese ancestry, one can appreciate his present status as an American.

Pasadenan Writes

A well-intentioned letter crossed our desk last week, asking us to build Japanese Americans up, rather than pulling them down. The writer from Pasadena feels constant repetition of wrongs done to the Japanese and other minorities is doing more harm than good.

"Anywhere in the world, you can find injustices. It is your duty to work against it, but don't hang on to the wrongs of the past. Stand up and fight the ones ahead. That's the American way as I see it," he concludes.

Aside from the newsy stories of Issei and Nisei success stories, which are still an attraction with us, the space devoted recently in quantity to reviewing books on Japanese evacuation and resettlement does not adequately undo the injustices committed in the past. And we don't feel apathy should be fostered by looking at the world through rose-colored glasses.

Murayama—

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mail flights.

The Sheep Year 1931 wasn't as quiet. The Manchurian Incident started. And the last Sheep Year, 1943, found Japan slipping in the Pacific war. College students were mobilized to fight in the fronts.

Maybe, the Sheep Year 1955 will be a happier one.

FROM THE FRYING PAN

By Bill Hosokawa

Shopping Days 'til

Denver

Under some duress one night this week, I accompanied the head of the family on a shopping expedition. What a revelation. I don't remember whether it was the Democrats or the Republicans that were warning about a depression just before the November elections, but if there is a depression the shoppers in the stores don't know anything about it. There weren't half enough sales clerks on duty to take care of the demand for merchandise.

People were acting as if the Russian Atom-bombers were going to blow up all our factories tomorrow, thus leaving us without merchandise to squander our money on. They jostled each other and elbowed their way to the counters and stood there with greenbacks in their hands waiting for service. The female of the species led the stampede on the bargains and woe betide the mere male who got in the way.

Far as I'm concerned, the great American commercial genius has changed Christmas from a warm, friendly, happy occasion to a huge orgy of materialism. Who gave us what gift last year? What are we obligated to give in return this year? How much are we obligated to spend? Get out the slide rule and the ledger book, throw out the sentiment, and let's put this on a businesslike basis.

If my gift to you is a little delayed this year, it's because I'm not going to risk my neck, toes and good nature in the Christmas crush. I'll get around to my shopping about the second week of January when most of the unwanted gifts will have been exchanged and the temples of commerce are back to normal again.

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Seems to me the first casualty of our commercial Christmases has been the Small One whose birth is commemorated on that day. And although I'm not a practicing Cristian, it somehow troubles me that the Christ Child is being forgotten.

Our Pete came home from first grade the other day and solemnly told me that some of the children in his room were falling in love. Equally as solemnly, I asked if he were among those being stricken.

"No, sir," he asserted. "Not me."

"How come not you," I asked.

"Well," he said seriously, "all the girls I like are already taken."

I'm glad Pete is learning a lesson of life at an early age. As any adult can tell him, life is full of disappointments. Take Marilyn. DiMag lost her, but still she's unattainable for the likes of you and me. Take this Gina Lola—whatsit girl. A dish if there ever was one, but she's already married to some doctor. So's Liz Taylor and some others I could name.

I could have gone into some detail about life with Pete but I didn't. Just nodded wisely as he brought me up to date on what's doing in the first grade set.

Perhaps its Pete's youth and inexperience that leaves him completely unabashed while talking about girls. Perhaps he'll grow shy and secretive as he grows older. Somehow, I don't think he will. He seems to be reflecting his generation's frank and utterly matter of fact attitude toward natural things and that seems to be a right healthy attitude. Weren't that way at all when I was a lad, son.

VAGARIES

By Larry Tajiri

'The Rice in Me'



There's been a renaissance of interest in things Oriental—particularly Japanese—during the past year in these United States and the trend in art, literature and the theater is a developing one.

The tremendous success of the Azuma Kabuki troupe, which opened at New York's Century theater in February, surprised everyone concerned, except, perhaps, such men as Producer Joshua Logan, Author James Michener and Dramatist Paul Green, all of whom had written after viewing Kabuki performances in Tokyo that the kabuki was the world's greatest living theater. Neither Logan, nor Michener, nor Green were connected with the project which brought the Azuma players, the first full-fledged kabuki company to visit the United States.

Michener, however, had a part in this Oriental renaissance in American culture. His interracial love story with a Japanese setting, *Sayonara*, was a Book-of-the-Month club selection and was on the bestseller lists most of 1954. It is this novel which Logan, producer of *Mr. Roberts* and the new success, *Fanny*, hopes to mount as a Broadway musical production as soon as legal difficulties concerning the purchase of the property are cleared. As of now Paul Osborne is writing the book for this musical about an American jet pilot's love for a Takarazuka dancer, while Irving Berlin has written some songs, one of which will be inevitably titled *Sayonara*.

Broadway's outstanding legitimate success, and one of the biggest of all time, is John Patrick's dramatization of Vern Sneider's novel about the American occupation in Okinawa, *Teahouse of the August Moon*, which Maurice Evans directed. Now well in its second year, it is still the most enjoyable evening the Broadway theater offers. The New York cast of *Teahouse*—there are also companies playing it in London, Paris and Vienna—has a dozen Nisei in the cast, playing residents of the Okinawan village which is transformed by the arrival of the GIs. Shizu Moriya, for one, has made a place for herself in the role of the leader of the Ladies for Democratic Action in the little community. She will probably be called on to play the part when MGM gets around to putting *Teahouse* on film. Meanwhile, a national company of the play is planned to take it out on the road.

*Rashomon*, Director Akira Kurosawa's dramatic retelling of a 13th century Japanese parable, created a world audience for Japanese films. It played for 23 straight weeks at New York's Little Carnegie theater and was shown throughout the United States. Last September, *Ugetsu*, a 16th century morality

play about lust and greed, opened at New York's Park Avenue theater and is still playing there. It was acclaimed by critics as one of the outstanding foreign films of the year. *Ugetsu*, co-winner of the grand prize at the Cannes international film festival last year, will be followed into New York by two other prize-winning Japanese pictures, *Golden Demon* and *Gate of Hell*. *Ugetsu* and the two to come received national publicity in a recent issue of Life magazine which devoted six pages to the "exquisite new films from Japan." *Ugetsu's* first American showing outside of New York was in Denver where it played at the Vogue for two weeks under an arrangement in which the Mile-Hi chapter of the JACL shared in the total receipts. The figures aren't in as yet, but the JACL benefited by something like \$600 when *Rashomon* was shown at the Vogue in 1952 under a similar arrangement.

In addition to Japanese movies, American publishers are evincing great interest in Nippon's literature. Next month, Knopf will publish *Homecoming* by Jiro Osaragi, one of Japan's outstanding novelists. In April, Knopf will issue Junichiro Tanisaki's *Some Prefer Nettles*. A short story by Osaragi also appears in one of the new pocket book collections of original writing, along with the work of seven Japanese poets.

Taro Yashima's two nostalgic children's books about his boyhood in Japan have been well-received. *The Village Tree* was a Junior Literary Guild selection last March, selling some 20,000 copies, and *Plenty to Watch*, published in September, is proving popular. Yashima (Jun Iwamatsu) has signed contracts for two more such books with Viking.

In the past year, collections of Japanese art have been shown in New York, Chicago, Boston, Denver and several west coast cities. And the past month has been one of considerable Oriental emphasis in the New York galleries. There has been six current shows featuring the works of contemporary Chinese artists, as well as Isamu Noguchi's first New York show in several years. In the past two years, since his marriage to film actress Shirley Yamaguchi, Noguchi has lived and worked far from his familiar Greenwich Village—in Japan, Hongkong and Paris, among other places. Noguchi's work at the Stable Gallery consists mainly of his recent ceramic sculptures, most of which were done in Japan. At least one critic has noted, of course, that the art of the Los Angeles-born Noguchi transcends specific

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MINORITY



New York  
A plan to remake "The Birth of a Nation" was deplored by the NAACP to a Hollywood syndicate which will put the Thomas Dixon novel back into film production. "Announcement of a plan to revive the notorious Ku Klux Klan film is a cause for deep concern" to those who know of the great damage the original version did in slandering the entire Negro population "through its naked incitement to racial hatred and violence," the NAACP declared. The NAACP opposed the film in 1915 when it was first made by the late D. W. Griffith.

DECADE AGO

Dec. 9, 1944

Hood River American Legion erases names of 16 Nisei from county war memorial.

Anonymous threats reported by Portland church official; Portland Council of Churches had called for constitutional treatment of Japanese Americans.

Improvement of west coast attitudes toward evacuees told at JACL conference in Salt Lake City.

Sgt. Kuroki wins chance to fly in Pacific.

"Selma Enterprise" condemns news furore over evacuees.

Gordon Hirabayashi found guilty, sentenced on draft charge for failing to report at conscientious objector's camp.

Military reported satisfied with WRA loyalty procedure.

Baldwin (ACLU director) predicts evacuees will return to west coast on individual permit basis; urges naturalization for loyal Issei.

New JACL policy established as by-laws amended to permit as active members all Americans irrespective of race.

CALENDAR

- Dec. 10 (Friday)  
Arizona—Election meeting, JACL Hall, Glendale, 7:30 p.m.
- Dec. 11 (Saturday)  
Southwest L.A.—Christmas Cheer lunch box auction, Centenary Methodist Church, 8 p.m.  
Chicago—White Christmas party, Monroe YWCA, 8 p.m.  
Washington, D.C.—Installation dinner-dance, Hotel Windsor Park.
- Dec. 12 (Sunday)  
PNW—Quarterly meeting, Poodie Dog Restaurant, Fife, Wash.
- Dec. 17 (Friday)  
So. Alameda County—Children's Christmas Party, Warm Springs Grammar School, 7 p.m.
- Dec. 18-19-20  
Boise Valley—Handicap Bowling Tournament, Boise Bowling Center.
- Dec. 18 (Saturday)  
Salinas Valley—Christmas Potluck dinner, Lincoln Ave. Church.  
Pasadena—Christmas potluck dinner, Presbyterian-Union Church, 7 p.m.
- Dec. 19 (Sunday)  
Detroit—Children's Christmas party.
- Dec. 20 (Monday)  
Boise Valley—Bowling Tournament dance, Owyhee Hotel, Boise.
- Dec. 24 (Friday)  
Downtown L.A.—Christmas party for membership, Miyako Conference Room, 3-6:30 p.m.
- Dec. 31 (Friday)  
San Mateo—New Year's Eve dance, Sacramento—New Year's Eve dance, Masonic Temple.  
San Francisco—New Year's Eve dance, Palace Hotel.  
Denver—New Year's Eve dance, Albany Hotel.  
Albuquerque—Installation party.

PRESS FILE:

TO THE IRISH—"I note the addition to your clan on page 117 of the Watsonville city directory, two new members. They are K. O'Kumura and M. O'Kumura. So far, there aren't any O'Lsens, O'Gdens or O'Liveriuses listed in just that way."—Pa Watsonville, Register Pajaronian.

Critics say television isn't educational enough, but it teaches us all at least one fundamental fact about personal health—if you stay up too late watching old movies you'll be very sleepy the next morning.