



Dr. Harvey A. Itano (left) receives JALC Special Award for Distinguished Achievement from Ira Shimasaki, Eastern District Council JALC chairman during installation banquet of Washington, D.C., JACL Chapter. —Tosh Enokida Photo.

Dr. Harvey Itano of National Cancer Institute accepts JACL 'distinguished achievement' award at D.C. fele

Washington Presentation of the National JACL "Special Award for Distinguished Achievement," was made to Dr. Harvey A. Itano during the Washington, D.C., JACL Chapter installation banquet at the Continental Hotel, Dec. 11.

Dr. Itano had been selected for the JACL award at the 13th Biennial National Convention in Los Angeles recently for his outstanding discoveries in "biochemical research of abnormalities," which may provide medical science with a new approach to human disease.

Presentation of the award to Dr. Itano was made by Ira Shimasaki, JACL Eastern District Council chairman, who noted that praise in scientific fields is conservatively given.

Eli Lilly Award

However, the American Chemical Society conferred Dr. Itano with the Eli Lilly Award in 1954 saying "significance of his work on hemoglobin can hardly be overestimated. For the first time, medical science has a precise, molecular interpretation of a disease. If projected to other diseases it is readily seen how the course of medicine can be changed."

It was explained that Dr. Itano developed methods for identifying a positive correlation between abnormalities in human hemoglobin cells and sickle cell anemia. This discovery, if transferable to other human diseases, would enable scientists and physicians to identify and treat many other diseases through hemoglobin blood cells.

Such a procedure, if successful, would earn for him consideration as one of the candidates for the Nobel Prize, either in chemistry or medicine.

Straight 'A' Student

Dr. Itano, 34, a California chemist, received his Ph.D. in chemistry at the Univ. of California at Berkeley.

During his senior year, he decided to devote his efforts to medical research. Evacuation in 1942 forced him to receive his Bachelor of Science Degree in absentia, but was accorded the University's highest commendation for his straight "A" average in scholastic attainment.

In 1945 Dr. Itano received his M.D. degree from St. Louis University. While studying for a Ph.D. at the California Institute of Technology, he made his important discoveries in biochemical research. Consideration of abnormalities in hemoglobin cells had been suggested to him by Professor Linus Pauling, recipient of the 1954 Nobel Prize in chemistry.

The United States Government became interested in Dr. Itano's discoveries and when it

New Yorkers see show of filigree sculpture

New York

Wire sculptor Ruth Asawa of San Francisco was here last week to open her first one-man show of filigree sculpture at Peridot Gallery on Madison Ave. near 68th St. One of her creations is also scheduled for exhibition at the Whitney Museum next month.

Wife of Albert Lanier, she first became interested in the medium when, as a volunteer worker with the American Friends Service Committee camp outside of Mexico City, she saw children making designs with wire. She experimented with flat designs for three years until she turned to three dimensions.

Some of her art work, all of it hanging, reaches from the ceiling almost to the floor. She works from the bottom up. Her work might be called an application of crocheting, except she uses wires of brass, enamelled copper, black & white iron in-

opened the new Clinical Center at the National Institute of Health in Bethesda, Md., Dr. Itano was requested to continue his research with the National Cancer Institute there.

The National JACL award "or "Distinguished Achievement" cites Dr. Itano for his pioneering work, which brings credit to all persons of Japanese ancestry and "a new hope to all suffering humanity."

Masaoka spends two busy days in Hawaii, three committees organized

Honolulu

A two-day stop-over in Hawaii proved to be a busy period for Mike M. Masaoka enroute to Japan to see how the so-called Asian provisions of the Walter-McCarran Immigration and Nationality Act of 1952 are operating.

The Nisei lobbyist from Washington, D.C., arrived here by Japan Air Lines Dec. 6 and departed Dec. 9 for Tokyo. He plans to return to Washington in time for the opening of Congress Jan. 6.

His itinerary in Hawaii was announced by Tetsuo Oi, executive secretary of the Honolulu Japanese Chamber of Commerce.

Masaoka attended two noon luncheons and suppers followed by a public meeting at Soto Mission Hall and discussions with Japanese consulate officials on the second evening.

Honolulu

Three Hawaiian committees were formed following a public

meeting Dec. 8 at Soto Mission Hall to effect legislation in as many fields of interests when Mike Masaoka of Washington, Japanese.

D.C., spoke before some 75 Committees to be organized are:

HOUSE SUBCOMMITTEE HEARINGS ON EVACUATION CLAIMS RECORDED IN BOOK FORM FOR THE FIRST TIME

Washington Congressional hearings held on the west coast by the House Judiciary Subcommittee on evacuation claims during August and September have just been printed in book form, reported the Washington office of the Japanese American Citizens League.

Reporting verbatim the testimony and evidence introduced during five days of public sessions, the printed hearings are recorded on 372 pages of the 455-page book.

An 83 - page appendix includes 60 pages of historical and legislative documentation compiled by Mike Masaoka, Washington JACL representative; a detailed breakdown of the remaining evacuation claims supplied by the Department of Justice; and a report from the American Law Division of the Library of Congress on the Canadian Government's Japanese evacuation program.

Hillings Bill Hearings

Congressional hearings on evacuation claims were conducted by the House Judiciary Subcommittee on evacuation claims during its consideration of the so-called Hillings Amendment to expedite the determination and payment of remaining evacuation claims.

Members of the Committee were:

Reps. Edgar A. Jonas, chairman (R., N.J.), Thomas J. Lane (R., Mass.), Peter W. Rodino, Jr. (R., N.J.), E. L. Forrester (D., Ga.), William E. Miller (D., N.Y.) and Usher L. Burdick (D., N.D.).

Walter R. Lee, legislative assistant to the Subcommittee, and Cyril F. Brickfield, subcommittee counsel, accompanied Masaoka during the California hearings. Public sessions were held in San Francisco on Aug. 30 and 31 and in Los Angeles on Sept. 1, 2, and 3.

All Urge Passage

In all, 124 witnesses presented testimony during the hearings, including a United States Senator, 24 Congressmen and candidates to Congress, a city mayor, a county board of sup-

ervisor's chairman, and many other public officials — all of whom urged passage of legislation to expedite payment of evacuation claims.

The JACL, as the organization responsible for congressional introduction of the multi-million dollar claims program, provided the Subcommittee with documentation on the chronological events of evacuation, the legislative history of the JACL-endorsed evacuation claims program and the need for additional legislation to complete payment of remaining claims.

Mike Masaoka, first technical witness during the hearings, urged the Subcommittee to initiate legislation which would enable the Justice Department to administer the evacuation claims program as the "grace" legislation which it was intended to be. He further pointed out that a number of evacuees are denied compensation under present interpretation of the law.

Internee Claims

One such group pointed out by Masaoka are the so-called internees, all of whom were later released or paroled. "This is the group for which we made the specific plea, the interned Japanese from the west coast who, through no fault of their own, and by accident of birth, was caused to suffer great economic losses. Now, the fellow who was picked up and later released, mind you, after examination by every intelligence agency of our Government, has no recourse under this legislation," Masaoka testified.

Edward J. Ennis, former Director of the Justice Department's Alien Enemy Control Unit, testified on the legal aspects of the claims law which have caused delays and injustices to the Japanese claimants.

Ennis urged the Subcommittee to accept some technical procedural changes to expedite payment of remaining claims. He pointed out that many of the Issei claimants are "people that are quite on in years . . . (for these people) justice delayed is justice denied. But this kind of complicated procedure sometimes results in that."

JACL Officials Testify

National JACL officers and board members Frank Chuman, Saburo Kido, Harold R. Gordon, Thomas T. Hayashi and Minoru Yasui testified on evacuation claims problems peculiar to different industries and geographical areas.

David McKibbin, former JACL legal counsel on evacuation claims, discussed legal aspects of the legislation under consideration, with particular emphasis on the application of the Administrative Procedures Act.

This paper-bound volume on the west coast evacuation claims hearings is the first time that hearings on any evacuation claims legislation has ever been printed, reported the Washington JACL Office.

Buddy Uno dies

Los Angeles

Funeral services were held for Buddy K. Uno, 41, former west coast newspaperman, who died Dec. 10 in Kobe, his father, George K. Uno, was informed here. He edited the pre-war New World-Sun in San Francisco before going to Japan in 1936. He is survived by his wife, three children, in Japan; father, brothers and sisters in the United States.

When the gentleman in Washington talk about laws with teeth we hope they're not overlooking the wisdom teeth.

HONOLULU NEWSLETTER

Statehood Picture

LAWRENCE NAKATSUKA

To join or not to join Alaska to Hawaii is shaping up as the statehood issue.

In the last Congress, Hawaii wanted statehood on its own, without Alaska joined to it. But statehood became a partisan issue and the Alaskan bill was tied to the Hawaiian bill, in effect killing off the chances for both.

Now the issue has been raised again, with the same partisan split.

Rep. A. L. Miller, outgoing chairman of the House Interior and Insular Affairs Committee, touched off the issue last week while visiting the islands, when he said he will back a separate bill for Hawaiian statehood.

"We don't want a combination bill," said the Nebraska Republican, who will step down from the chairmanship in the next Democratic-controlled House.

Miller said he will recommend the separate Hawaiian legislation to President Eisenhower when he and other Republican Congressional committee chairmen meet with the President in Washington this week.

But two Democrats on Miller's committee, visiting here at the same time, disagreed with his approach.



Territorial bills tied together

Rep. Wayne N. Aspinall of Colorado said Miller was "speaking for himself, not the committee . . . If they start partisanship this year regarding the two territories, they will find themselves hopelessly involved."

Alaska's Delegate to Congress, E. L. Bartless, said Miller's recommendation is "bound to create violent reaction, and it may mean Hawaii has gone too. For good or evil the two (Hawaii and Alaska) are irrevocably tied together."

These remarks from Republican and Democratic members have a familiar ring to Hawaiian ears. In the last Congress, Democrats in the Senate joined Alaska to Hawaii. The Republicans protested, saying the merger would defeat both territories.

But the Democrats insisted that only by joining Alaska to Hawaii, could they be assured that the Republicans won't pass Hawaii first and forget about Alaska.

Since Alaska is supposed to be traditionally Democratic (and therefore can be expected to elect two Democratic Senators to Congress), the Democrats in Congress wanted Alaska to have statehood. Alaska went Democratic in the last election.

On the other hand, Republicans wanted Hawaii to become a state because Hawaii has been traditionally Republican. But in the last election, the Democrats for the first time captured control of the Hawaiian legislature.

However, the shift in power in Hawaii has not changed the views of either party as to which territory each prefers when taking up the statehood question. The Democrats still prefer Alaska, and the Republicans are still for Hawaii first.

Old obstacles still prevail

An old obstacle to statehood hopes will rise again as a result of the Democratic makeup of the new Congress.

Key leaders of the Senate and the House in the next Congress are unfriendly to Hawaiian and Alaskan statehood. Men like Sam Rayburn of Texas, the next House Speaker, and Lyndon Johnson, also of Texas, the next Senate Majority Leader, voted against statehood for both territories in the last session.

They come from the Southern Democratic bloc which has been the main opposition to statehood all these years. No one expects them to have a change of heart now.

More likely than not, the Southern opposition will harp on the racial issue again, meaning especially the Japanese in Hawaiian politics. The increased number of Nisei office holders will probably be picked on for ammunition by the race-conscious opponents.

Ultimately, the statehood issue may land on the President's desk. President Eisenhower is for statehood for Hawaii now, and for Alaska later.

The Democrats are trying to force his hand, obviously, by seeking to tie Alaska to Hawaii so that Eisenhower must accept both or none at all.

If the Democrats can get such a joint bill passed in Congress (after defeating the Southern opposition within their own ranks), they might be able to apply some pressure on the White House to grant statehood to both Hawaii and Alaska at the same time.

We can expect some fancy political footwork all around before the statehood campaign has run its full course in Washington.



Past President Hito Okada and Past National Secretary Alice Kasai of Salt Lake City greet Congressman Walter H. Judd of Minnesota, referred to as the "father of our first naturalization bill" by Mike Masaoka. His overnight visit was well-scheduled with luncheons and dinners, but he managed to meet with Okada, Mrs. Kasai and Emerson Smith, Radio Station KALL news commentator, who tape recorded the interview. The congressman told Smith that he saw the need for equality of naturalization in the United States as early as 1925.

—Terashima Photo.

Decentralization of Immigration and Nationality Service not to affect citizenship petitions from alien Japanese

Washington
Issei petitions for American citizenship will not be delayed because of reorganization in the Immigration and Naturalization Service, Justice Department officials assured the Washington Office of the Japanese American Citizens League.

The reorganization plans will transfer the district administrative duties from the Southern California area, including Los Angeles County, to a combined district office in San Francisco. This shift is scheduled to become effective on Jan. 3, 1955. Local offices and services are to remain unchanged, the officials said.

The Washington JACL office conferred with Justice Department officials in charge of the administrative change in order to determine possible procedural changes that could adversely affect Issei naturalization petitions. It was pointed out that because of the advanced age of many Issei petitioners, their efforts to acquire American citizenship should be expedited whenever possible.

Two photographs shown in the "Pacific Citizen" of Dec. 3, 1954, were used as examples of strong Issei sentiments for citizenship during their lifetime. The photographs were of two near-death Issei taking their citizenship oaths from their beds in special services conducted by local judges and naturalization officials.

Justice Department officials assured the Washington JACL Office that Issei citizenship petitions in Los Angeles and Hawaii would not be transferred to the new combined district office in San Francisco. Government officials added that there would be no reduction in service or facilities in Los Angeles and Hawaii through these new changes.

The reorganization of the Immigration and Naturalization Service of the Justice Department will be divided into four regions: Northeast, Southeast, Southwest and Northwest.

The number of Federal districts will be reduced from 15 to 11, with the Los Angeles, Honolulu, St. Albans (Vermont) and Baltimore (Maryland) districts to be absorbed by other districts.

S. F. Office

The San Francisco Immigration and Naturalization Service district office will supervise field offices in:

California, Hawaii, Nevada, Utah and Guam.

Other district offices in the Southwest Region are located in San Antonio and El Paso, Texas.

District offices in the Northwest Region are located in Detroit, Chicago, and Seattle. The Detroit Office covers the area including:

Indiana, Kentucky, Michigan and Ohio.

The Chicago Office covers: Illinois, Iowa, Kansas, Minnesota, Missouri, Nebraska, North Dakota, South Dakota and Wisconsin.

The Seattle District Office covers:

Alaska, Idaho, Montana, Oregon, Washington and Wyoming.

The Southwest Region will have two district offices located in Philadelphia, and Miami, Florida. This region covers the states of:

Delaware, District of Columbia, Maryland, New Jersey, North Carolina, Pennsylvania, Virginia, West Virginia, Alabama, Arkansas, Florida, Georgia, Louisiana, Mississippi, Puerto Rico, South Carolina, Tennessee, and the Virgin Islands.

Three district offices are in the Northeast Region, located at Boston, New York City, and Buffalo. This area includes:

Connecticut, Maine, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, Rhode Island, New York and Vermont.

Regional headquarters are located apart from the district offices listed above. The Southwest Regional Office will be located in the Immigration Service Building on Terminal Island with Merrill R. Toole, now Deputy District Director, to become Deputy Regional Commissioner.

The Northwest headquarters will be in St. Paul, Minn., with Oliver S. Remington in charge.

The Southwest headquarters will be located in Richmond, Va., with Publio A. Esperdy as Deputy Regional Commissioner.

Burlington, Vermont, will be the headquarters for the Northeast Region. Leland W. Williams, now Deputy Director at Seattle, will be the Deputy Regional Commissioner.

Number designations of the continuing districts will not be changed at this time to avoid additional paper work, the officials said. The regional headquarters will supervise the districts within their regions in all technical activities. They will also perform all housekeeping functions such as accounting, personnel, procurement and records management. The reorganization is primarily to bring the functions under one roof in each region, the officials declared.

Florida Nisei sings

Eau Gallie, Fla.

Among 55 members of the cast which presented the operetta "Mikado" here recently was Mrs. Eureka Satow Shiroma, Nisei singer in the chorus, of this city. Performance were sponsored by civic groups, such as the PTA, Lions Club and churches in Melbourne, Cocoa, Patrick AFB and Titusville.

Murayama--

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Japan, teaching war brides to realize where they stand instead of being Americanized in the wrong way.
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Touring Northwest

HARUO ISHIMARU

Seattle

In my opinion, the most beautiful part of the United States is the Pacific Northwest, which I still call my home. A close second might be the San Francisco bay area. However, for greenness and perpetual changing beauty, I think the Puget Sound area surpasses any place in which I have lived or visited. That includes Los Angeles, Chicago and the east coast.

It was with great pleasure that I accepted the assignment to visit the Pacific Northwest by attending the Pacific Northwest JACL District Council meeting as a JACL staff representative.

The evening before the District Council meeting on Saturday, Dec. 11, I had the privilege of attending a dinner party at the residence of Consul Yoshikawa of Japan, who arrived recently in Seattle. Many Seattle Nisei leaders were also guests of the gracious consul and Mrs. Yoshikawa.

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Sapphire pins to three PNWers

The PNWDC meeting was held on Sunday, Dec. 12, in Fife, which is five miles north of Tacoma. Because of inclement weather and distance, only four of the seven chapters were represented, meeting under the chairmanship of Dr. MATTHEW MASUOKA of Portland, Ore. Present were the Portland, Gresham-Troutdale, Seattle and Puyallup Valley chapters. One of the highlights of the meeting was the approval of the presentation of the JACL Sapphire Pin to three recipients: GEORGE AZUMANO of Portland, HENRY KATO of Gresham-Troutdale, and TOM TAKEMURA of Puyallup Valley. All three have long been pillars of their chapters and the District Council.

The Pacific Northwest District Council consists of seven chapters sprawled out over a huge geographical area covering Oregon and Washington. During the winter months, traveling by car becomes quite a problem. Since the Pacific Northwest, although one of our largest areas, has never had a staff person, in some ways it has been neglected despite its high potential of membership.

Following the District Council meeting, as another phase of my assignment, I visited the Columbia Basin and Spokane chapters in eastern Washington. ED YAMAMOTO of the former chapter and a JACL stalwart was my host in Moses Lake, where he runs a motel. I met with members of the Columbia Basin chapter and representatives from Quincy (40 miles northwest) on Tuesday, Dec. 14. This chapter is the newest group and looks forward to greater growth in 1955. I spent two days, Dec. 15-16, in Spokane, where the chapter is supported mostly by the efforts of a nucleus of Thousand Club members headed by HARRY KADOYA, chairman.

Following a dinner meeting on Wednesday, Dec. 15, in Spokane, we adjourned to the home of Dr. MARK KONDO for an informal meeting. On Thursday, Dec. 16, FRANK HISAYAMA, an old friend from Seattle days in the early 30s, drove me around to meet other community leaders.

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Birthplace of JACL

The Pacific Northwest chapters in general have certain difficulties because of distance in attending district council meetings and because of the lack of a coordinating office; nevertheless, this area was the birthplace of the JACL, and the loyalty and faithfulness of JACLers here still redeem our faith in the dedication and industry of our members.

This weekend (Dec. 18-19) I look forward to visiting the Portland, Gresham-Troutdale and Mid-Columbia chapters in Oregon and stopping in Yakima County, Washington, which has the largest population of Japanese Americans in that area but without a JACL chapter.

Kanemi Ono elected president of Sonoma County CL by board executives

Sebastopol

Kanemi Ono, prominent orchardist and athlete of Gold Ridge Road, was elected to the presidency of the Sonoma Co. JACL for the 1955 term by the executive board. In order to expedite matters the officers will be assisted by an executive board in a constitutional change made at their December meeting. Assisting Ono for the coming year will be the following officers:

Miyo Masaoka, 1st v.p.; Sam Miyano, 2nd v.p.; Hiroshi Taniguchi, 3rd v.p.; Harry Sugiyama, rec. sec.; Tom Mukaida, cor. sec.; Mike Yoshimura, treas.; Tak Kameoka, social chr.; Tom Shimazu, athletic mgr.; and Frank Oda, off. del.

The following members also were elected to the executive board:

Riyuo Uyeda, James Miyano, Frank Kobayashi, Raymond Morita, Iwazo Hamamoto, Henry Shimizu, John Hirooka, Roy Yamamoto, Joh Arishita, Edwin Ohki and Ed Kawaoka.

Board members Hamamoto and Yamamoto are newly naturalized Issei citizen members.

At the recent meeting a very comprehensive financial report of National and District Council JACL was given by official delegate Frank Oda. The San Francisco Plan for chapter quotas was thoroughly discussed. The members unanimously voted to support this plan.

In an effort to meet the local chapter quota the members voted to retain the \$2 membership fee with the financial needs of the local chapter to be met from other sources. In order to reach the goal of 170 members JACL membership will be required on all future activities sponsored by the group, it was announced by out-going president Riyuo Uyeda.

For the purpose of entrenchment on expenditures it was voted to combine the installation of new officers with the dinner to honor all Issei granted citizenship on Jan. 22 at the Memorial Hall with Henry Shimizu in charge of arrangements. The dinner will be a pot luck affair.

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SAM KAI RE-ELECTED NEW YORK PRESIDENT

New York

Sam Kai was re-elected New York JACL chapter president at the annual December meeting. Installation ceremonies are scheduled Jan. 7 at Suyehiro Restaurant. Other cabinet officers are:

Mike Suzuki, v.p.; Tomie Mochizuki, sec.; Tomio Enochy, treas.; Yumi Saito, pub.; Marie Kurihara, memb. chmn.

The chapter by-laws also were amended to hold elections in November, installation in December, with new officers assuming their duties in January.

The \$3 dinner will feature the traditional Japanese New Year menu. Miss Ricki Suzuki, MO. 3-5799, is in charge of reservations.

Speaks to Optimists

Salt Lake City

Robert Mukai, graduate student at the Univ. of Utah, addressed the local Optimists on the "Impressions of an American of Japanese Descent: Dec. 7, 1941, until Dec. 7, 1945."

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Toyse Kato, president of the Ben Lomond (Ogden) JACL chapter and IDC bowling tournament chairman, awards Inter-mountain District Council Traveling trophy to Choke Morita of Dawn Noodle women's team from Salt Lake City, women team event winner. The Salt Lake JALC, having sponsored three winning women teams in the past, retires the trophy.

NC. kegglers prep for January meet

San Francisco

Officers and responsibilities for the annual Northern California Nisei Bowling Tournament to be held at the Downtown Bowl on Jan. 15-16 were named at a recent meeting of the S.F. Nisei Bowling Association Tournament, sponsors.

Tournament Chairman Hi Akagi named Smoky Toda as secretary-treasurer, in charge of entries and scheduling will be Hiro Fujimoto and Mits Murakami, and Gus Fujimoto and George Naganuma will take care of the score tabulations.

Since the Tournament will be held under the moral support sanctions of the American Bowling Congress, JACL membership will be required of all participants. There will also be women's events under the moral sanction of the Women's International Bowling Congress.

Deadline for entries will be midnight, Jan. 5. Entry blanks will be sent out, but teams and individuals wishing to participate may request entry blanks from Chairman Hi Akagi, c/o Downtown Bowl, Jones and Eddy Streets, San Francisco.

Idaho bowler hospitalized after auto accident

Fayette, Idaho

Heizi Yasuda, among the top Idaho Nisei bowlers, was hospitalized for serious eye injuries after an automobile accident three week ends ago. He was enroute to Portland to participate in the Oregon Nisei tournament when the accident occurred.

Reports indicate doctors are trying to save one eye seriously damaged in the wreck.

Sonoma CL sponsors team in S.F. cage loop

Sebastopol

Sonoma County JACL are sponsors of the Sakuras, entered in the San Francisco Bay Area basketball league. Insurance covering the young players is being paid by the chapter, it was announced by Riyuo Uyeda, president.

Cleveland fem golfers

Cleveland

Jane Habara heads the Femway Golf Club here for 1955. Fifteen women golfers form the organization. Other officers are: Kiich Nakashige, sec.; Kay Ohmura, treas.; Fumi Shima, Sets Nakashige, Toshi Kadowaki, tournament; Dorothy Kawasaki, social chmn., and hist.

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Leadership development has long been an unrecognized forte of the JACL. The simple process of a JACLer serving a term of office with a chapter, especially as a president, nearly always develops those undiscovered attributes which make for leadership. Poise, courtesy, self-confidence, good judgment on decisions, organizational planning, ability to work with others and to have others work with him are some of the qualities that are sharpened in this volunteer experience of self-improvement.



While serving the community through JACL, he gains the respect of his fellow men. Of course, this goes for the distaff side, too.

We're glad to see the system working out this way because there is nothing else in the way of compensation or reward for the responsible chapter officer. At least he comes out of it a better man, and the community has benefited.

To help build leadership and provide organizational know-how in the framework of JACL's public service philosophy, the Pacific Southwest District Council conducted a Chapter Clinic earlier this year in Santa Monica's Chase Hotel, hosted by the West L.A. and Venice-Culver chapters, with JTLA's prexy, DAVE YOKOZEKI as coordinator-moderator-chairman.

So successful and enthusiastically received was this clinic that it was voted to be an annual PSWDC event.

The second annual PSWDC Chapter Clinic, thus will be held on Sunday, Feb. 13, and hosted by the East L.A. chapter at the International Institute in Boyle Heights. WILBUR SATO, 1954 ELA president, will be the "c-m-c" this time with his chapter leaders providing committee personnel.

As was the case for CC No. 1, the morning session of the all-day clinic will cover JACL background, history, administration and other organization details normally not too well known among recent JACLers which make up a large part of new chapter officers. The afternoon session will emphasize chapter-level problems such as programming, membership, financing, public relations, meeting techniques and the like.

We enjoyed sitting in with the ELA officers at the home of prexy Sato last week to map out a program-agenda for the forthcoming clinic. Wilbur, his wife ROSS and her sister, BETI YOSHIDA played hosts to president-elect JIM HIGASHI, queen JANET OKIMOTO, TAMI KUROSE, NANCY TAKAMATSU, FRED TAKATA, MARGE MOTOWAKI, GEORGE WATANABE, MIO FUJITA, SAM FURUTA, LINDA ITO, ROY YAMADERA. Much ground was covered and the refreshments were good, too.

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PC Holiday Issue volunteers

JACL's limited staff and budget requires it to rely heavily on volunteers to carry a large load of the manpower its projects calls for. And the same goes for the PC. The neatly rolled copy of the PC Holiday Issue which you probably received with the Dec. 10 issue was wrapped by one of the JACL voils and here they are: JIM HIGASHI, LINDA ITO, MAS KAKIBA, JOHN and GEORGE WATANABE, NANCY TAKAMATSU, MIO FUJITA, AIKO WAKAMIYA, BEBE HORIUCHI, LOIS OHNO, JANET OKIMOTO, GRACE ANDO, KIMI TASHIMA, LINDA ITO, SHIZ KAMINAKA, BETI YOSHIDA, TOMI UYETAKE, MASAKO TAZOI, RUBY KOYAMA, JOE KOMURO and ROY YAMADERA, all of East L.A. JACL; MARY FUKUSHIMA, TOSH AKASAKI, JUNE WAKASA, NANCY SHIMOOKA, SADIE MORE, AMY TANAKA and BARBARA AKIYAMA of the Sharvelles; RUBY KOYAMA, TAE MURAKAMI, JANET KUBO, FUJIKO IKEDA and JUNE IWASAKI of the Vandas; and other Shikyo members FLO WADA (Pasadena) and TUT YATA (SWLA).

Helping editor Honda with proof-reading were PETER TAKEUCHI, BROTHER THEOPHANE WALSH, HAJ INOUE, FUMI SHIMADA, RUBY OKUBO, JOE KIM and RUTH YAMAZAKI.

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Christmas Cheer response hearty

Another terrific volunteer project is the Club Service Bureau sponsored by the JACL coordinating council and the regional office. VIRGINIA KAWASAKI and JIM HIGASHI are co-chairman. It is an activity designed to serve the more than 200 nisei and sansei clubs and organizations through coordination, information, counselling, project referrals, programming, and such other services as possible.

The JACL-CSB's biggest event is the annual Christmas Cheer program to aid the hundreds of indigent Japanese families in Los Angeles County, most of them on relief with the L.A. Bureau of Public Assistance.

This year's response has set a new record with nearly \$2,500 received in voluntary contributions and thousands of canned goods, toys and clothing which were packaged and delivered, again, by CSB volunteer crews.

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LOS ANGELES NEWSLETTER

Eagle Rock Prexy

By HENRY MORI

Rey Maeno, 16, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Maeno, has proved that you don't have to have a lot of Nisei supporters in school to gain a student body office.

The Hermosa Beach-born youth, and a lone Japanese American at Eagle Rock High School, was chosen president of the Associated Student Body after gaining a majority over his two opponents.

In taking office, Rey also became the first Nisei to head the student body. He plans to enroll at either Pomona or Occidental upon graduation next summer and follow in his father's footsteps as a barrister.

The spirit of Christmas was abundantly shared in homes of less fortunate Japanese Americans this week as the seventh annual Christmas Cheer project under the sponsorship of Club Service Bureau came to a successful conclusion.

Two days prior to distribution of monetary gifts, staples, canned foods and toys, the cash raised was \$2,419.22—an all-time high for contributions.

Every bit of the donation was to have been passed out to the recipients by Wednesday night, according to Jim Higashi and Virginia Kawasaki, co-chairmen for the 1954 program.

A record-breaking \$194.81 was raised at the fourth annual benefit box lunch social held by members of the Southwest Los Angeles JACL on Dec. 11.

The money, turned over to Christmas Cheer—plus other after-deadline donations—helped to surpass the \$2,000 goal by almost \$500.

We have a certain amount of personal attachment to the project for it was in 1948 that Sam Ishikawa, then So. Calif. JACL regional director, and Mrs. Mary Ishikawa Takeuchi of Miyako Hotel, where Cheer headquarters is located, and Yours Truly gave a helping hand in an effort to bring some comfort to those less blessed at that time.

We collected \$434.40, some food baskets, and a lot of toys. In subsequent years, with Tats Kushida as general chairman and Mrs. Sue Takimoto Joe as committee chairman, the annual campaign grew in tremendous strides: \$730 in 1949; \$1573.48 in 1950; \$1445.58 in 1951; \$943.92 in 1952 (no set committee worked that year); and \$1903.73 in 1953.

The Woodworth Land, Inc., owners of Li'l Tokio's most modern medical center, "celebrated" its first year in business with a declared dividend of three per cent to its stockholders.

Taul Watanabe, general manager who was promoted as chairman of the board of directors for 1955, said that a 35 per cent increase in assets was also realized.

Meantime, the elected '55 officers are Dr. Fred Fujikawa, pres.; Dr. George Abe, sec.; and Joseph LoPresti, treas. On the board of directors are Dr. George Kambara, Dr. George Baba, Dr. Tadashi Fujimoto; and Attorney Kenji Ito, who was retained legal adviser for another year.

The members purchased a super gas station in South Gate during the year as another investment venture. A long-ranged financing program has also been arranged with the Sumitomo Bank here, Watanabe declared.

HOLIDAY GREETINGS
Japanese American Optimist Club OF LOS ANGELES

Larry Tajiri--

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however, that during the war years many Chinese American actors declined to play anti-Nisei roles, though others, like Sen Yung and Richard-Loo, portrayed the Nisei subversives created by the fiction writers of Hollywood.

Pictures like Samurai and Let's Get Tough, another film about the Black Dragon Society with a New York background, are included in package deal rentals to TV stations.

SCHOOL TEACHER LENDS JAPANESE DOLLS TO SHOW

Salt Lake City Dan Valentine, daily columnist of "Nothing Serious" in the Salt Lake Tribune, recently handed a "valentine" to Mrs. Jeanette Misaka, Rose Park School teacher, who owns a valuable collection of native Japanese dolls.

Regarded as one of the finest in the west, she graciously offered to share her valuable collection of dolls with other Salt Lakers, which were on display at the public library here.

Boy golfers organize

Cleveland At a meeting of the Fairway Golf Club, the following cabinet of the Cleveland Boys' Golf Club was elected:

Jiro Habara, pres.; Mas Kimura, sec.; Bob Nakagawa, treas.; John Shima, Shig Sakai, George Uchi-miya, Joey Kumagai, Hi Orikuchi, and Tom Yokoyama, tournament committee; Min Iwasaki, social; and Harry Kaku, historian; Joe Kadowaki, adv.

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but it might be wise to look at Japan internally and see how the other half of this relationship exists... The question of labor is always tough. But we must cling to the principle of the dignity of man—respect for the worker.

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Births

ONTARIO, ORE. KAWAKAMI—Nov. 26, a boy to the Isao Kawakamis, Weiser. MURATA—Nov. 20, a girl to the Tom Muratas, Fruitland. TAKAMI—Nov. 23, a boy to the Harry Takamis.

RICHMOND

NABETA—Nov. 24, a boy to the Toshiro Nabetas.

Engagements

ITO-HIURA — Takako to Lloyd, both of Watsonville, Nov. 25.

Weddings

OKIMOTO-NAKASHIMA — Nov. 13, Roy, Walled Lake, Mich., and Miki, Toronto, Canada. HATASAKA-MATSUSHITA — Nov. 27, Dr. Harry, Brighton, Colo., and Sadako, Kansas City.

KITABAYASHI-ANDO — Sam S., San Jose, and Ruri, Martinez. YANO-INOUE — Nov. 14, Shiro, Weiser, Idaho, and Miyako, Ontario, Ore.

KONISHI-URIU — Nov. 20, Ichiro, Mosswood, and Jean, Ontario, Ore. MURATA-HASABE — Nov. 23, John and Yuriko, both of Ontario, Ore.

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