

Vice-Pres. Nixon greets EDC-MDC convention delegations

Vagaries

BY LARRY TAJIRI

PRE-PEARL HARBOR CHARGES PERSIST

Denver
The other day, while casually riffling through a textbook called *Modern World Politics* (Crowell, New York, 1948), we were impressed by the longevity of the lie, the hardness of the hysterical half-truth. Here, in a book published nearly seven years after Pearl Harbor, were the same unfounded charges of potential treason and possible espionage which were levied against resident of Japanese ancestry on the Pacific Coast immediately after Pearl Harbor. Here were the same wild accusations which accompanied the West Coast Japanese into the exile of desert relocation centers in 1942.

The book in which these charges appeared, so many years after the war and so many years after the accusations have been shown to be counterfeit, is no hate-monger's tract but a text for the study of international relations at the university level. Its author is Thorsten V. Kalijarvi, but the sections relating to alleged Japanese treachery in the United States was authored by one Joseph S. Roucek of Hofstra College. Mr. Roucek should know better. Similar charges against the loyalty of the Nisei and the trustworthiness of the Issei appeared in his book, *One America*, published in 1945. Roucek also has written extensively on the problems of American minorities and foreign ideologies in a number of sociological journals.

What does Mr. Roucek have to say, some seven years after Pearl Harbor? He declares, on p. 409 of *Modern World Politics*, that until Pearl Harbor was attacked American public opinion, "nursed on the well-meaning but misguided theories of excessive 'tolerance', 'brotherhood' and 'international understanding', and watered by complacency, had permitted the Japanese fifth column to do its job fiendishly well."

EDUCATOR IN ERROR

Mr. Roucek's report is a compendium of shopworn nonsense, some of which were even discarded by the anti-Japanese racists in California. Roucek declares flatly that the military reports on fifth-column activity in the Hawaiian Islands prior to the Japanese attack "were second only to the fifth-column program that enabled the Germans to overpower Norway." The uncontradicted testimony of the Secretary of War, Secretary of the Navy, the FBI and the Honolulu Police Department is that no sabotage occurred in Hawaii prior to, during or after the Pearl Harbor attack. Whether deliberately or not, Roucek is in error.

Roucek also dredges up one of the oldest of the charges made against the West Coast Japanese on p. 410 of *Modern World Politics*. He says that some of the Japanese-operated fishing boats which operated off Los Angeles were convertible into mine-laying craft and some were manned by Japanese Navy reserve officers. He also adds that Japanese truck farmers, producing much of the food for the Los Angeles area "concentrated their farming activities in areas adjoining or close to oil-storage tank farms, airplane factories, shipyards, drydocks, and other vital points where espionage and sabotage might be practiced upon order."

Roucek doesn't know his California history. If he did, he would realize that the Japanese farmers were among the first to develop these areas, and the farms were there long before the oil tanks, the plane factories and the shipyards.

The remainder of Roucek's long recital concerns various acts of alleged espionage and intended treachery involving persons of Japanese ancestry. The facts are, however, that no person of Japanese descent has been tried for an alleged act of espionage or treason on the Pacific coast. The Tokyo Rose and Kawakita cases both involved acts, alleged acts committed by American-born Japanese in Japan. The former was charged with broadcasting on Radio Tokyo and the other with brutality in a Japanese POW camp.

It is true that many persons, including Secretary of Navy Frank Knox, believed the reports of treachery in Hawaii in all sincerity. But most of these persons have since learned that these charges, such as those involving the Japanese Hawaiians, were untrue and inspired by wartime hysteria.

Robert J. Casey, war correspondent for the Chicago Daily News, did an effective job in 1942 in running down each of the various rumors and myths concerning alleged Japanese sabotage at Pearl Harbor. Casey found not a shred of truth in them, though they were accepted as doctrine by many persons and by writers like Joseph Roucek.

NO EXCUSES OF SUCH IN TEXTBOOK

It would seem that an educator who presumes himself to be an expert on the behavior of American racial minorities—as Joseph Roucek does—would make an effort to get the true story, rather than the wild, unfounded rumor. In May, 1942, Robert Casey was able to report there was no truth in the story that some of the Japanese aviators shot down were wearing the rings of Honolulu high schools or of Oregon State University. Yet this identical story is presented as fact, in 1948, by Roucek.

It would seem that Mr. Roucek does not know the field in which he claims to be an expert. There seems to be no other excuse for the circulation of discredited information in a college text book many years after the charges have been found to be untrue.



Vice-President Nixon greeted EDC-MDC convention delegates in the National Capitol and posed with National JACL board and staff members present: (left to right) Mike Masioka, Washington representative; George Inagaki, JACL pres.; Shi Takamatsu, 1000 Club chmn.; Abe Hagiwara, MDC chmn.; and Mas Satow, JACL national director. —Harris & Ewing Photo

(Washington) Vice - President Richard M. Nixon extended personal greetings to delegates and boosters attending the joint convention of the Eastern and Midwest District Councils of the Japanese American Citizens held here last week.

Speaking to an over-flow crowd of Nisei and Issei visitors from some 20 states in a conference room in the Capitol Building off the Senate chambers, the youthful Vice-President declared that the Japanese American group in the United States had demonstrated their loyalty and allegiance under

circumstances that few other Americans had ever been subjected to.

He noted that the war record of the Nisei troops was unmatched by any other group in America and that the over-all record of good citizenship on the part of the first and second generations was equal to that of any other segment of the citizenry.

Nixon spoke of the many contributions which he, as a native Californian, knew that the pioneer Issei and the young Nisei had made to that State, the West, and to the entire nation.

Calling attention to the newly

naturalized Issei citizens, he mentioned that such recognition was long overdue. He congratulated them for deciding to "see America first" and to pay their respects to the historic shrines of America that they had studied for their naturalization examinations.

Nixon recalled his trip to Japan in 1953 and said that he was impressed with the spirit and vigor of the Japanese people. He emphasized the importance of maintaining good relations between the two great nations of the Pacific and challenged the na-

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JACL PRAISED FOR EFFECTIVE LEGISLATIVE WORK RIDDING RACIAL BARRIERS AGAINST JAPANESE AT EDC-MDC BANQUET

(Washington) Ambassador of Japan Sadao Iguchi, Sen Warren G. Magnuson and Rep. Francis E. Walter all joined in lauding the JACL for its effective legislative work in removing racial barriers against persons of Japanese ancestry in the United States.

The three distinguished persons addressed an overflow audience at the convention banquet of the Eastern - Midwest JACL District Councils here last week.

Ambassador Iguchi, in recognition of Nisei responsibilities, said "Your worth as citizens depends on how much you do in service to your community and your country. I am proud that you are making distinct contributions to your country and gaining richly deserved recognition in various fields of endeavor . . . My friends, I wish you more power and more success to you, in ever-increasing measure, to contribute to American life and progress."

The senior Senator from Washington, Warren G. Magnuson, reviewed the gallant war record of the Nisei troops in Europe and in the Pacific. "But make no mistake about it," the Senator added, "the war record alone was not enough. You had to have an organization make representations in your behalf, in the halls of Congress and in the Courts of the land."

"That you had the JACL was indeed fortunate, for I know of no other organization that has accom-

plished so much for its members in such a short time. Just ten years ago, Americans of Japanese ancestry were a suspect people and most of you were in the so-called relocation camps provided by your government. Today, you are a welcome people and your public acceptance is better than it ever was, certainly much better than it was in the prewar years," the Democrat from Washington State declared.

Walter: Naturalization for Issei 'simple justice'

Congressman Francis E. Walter, Democrat from Pennsylvania, told the JACL delegates and boosters at the Convention Banquet that the granting of naturalization privileges to their Issei parents "was a matter of simple justice."

The co-author of the Immigration and Nationality Act of 1952 then added "I have done few things in my life that have given more satisfaction than the part I played" in helping the Issei gain citizenship rights.

He recalled that Japan has an annual quota of 185, "yet upwards of four thousand Japanese came to the United States during the last fiscal year." As Chairman of the House Judiciary Subcommittee on Immigration and Nationality, Congressman Walter told the JACL convention group "you can be proud" of the conduct and record of persons of Japanese ancestry in

the United States. "You have moved throughout the length and breadth of this country. You do not establish ghettos and you do not make 'Japanese' cities. You love freedom and those blessings of liberty that are making us strong and that will keep this nation strong."

67 Issei seeing America first honored

Banquet toastmaster Mike Masioka noted that naturalized Issei citizens are now touring the United States in a quest to "see America first." With 67 of these new citizens present, he called on Jesse Shima, president of the Japanese American Society of Washington, D.C. for special greetings. Gongoro Nakamura spoke on behalf of the visiting Issei citizens from the West Coast, Detroit, Michigan and from other areas.

National JACL President George Inagaki and MDC Chairman Harry Takagi responded to greetings from EDC Chairman Ira Shimazaki and Host Chapter President Miss Ruth Kuroishi.

Musical entertainment was supplied by William Wakatsuki and John Fuyume, both of Seabrook, New Jersey. The "National Anthem" and the "JACL Hymn" were sung by Wakatsuki and a piano solo "Jardin sous la pluie" by Debussy was rendered by Fu-

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Tokyo Topics

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VISITORS FROM AMERICA

Tokyo

Men who served with the U.S. Occupation forces in Japan are revisiting Japan now, either as businessmen or visitors, and probably unaware they are adding fuel to the embers of anti-American sentiment here. As if still in uniform and in the role of "conquerors", they appear with that old authoritative bearing expecting the same respect and treatment from the Japanese. They forget that Japan has become a free nation. That is, since the signing of the Peace Treaty, the Japanese people consider themselves independent.

Japanese officialdom highly respected the Americans during the early stages of the Occupation, but as time went on, they became extremely disappointed. By the time the Occupation was terminated, some of the Japanese officials and students who were pro-American soured to anti-Americans. This change of attitude was a direct result of the behavior of Occupation personnel, who revelled in the "never had it so good" days while in Japan.

So, after some years of absence, Americans are coming back expecting the same sort of treatment and respect. But there is no VIP ritual for them today.

Of course, American newspaper correspondents here do not know very much about Japan. They can easily misrepresent Japan to American eyes. This strange situation is expected to continue for some time. And more good-for-nothing Americans flying to & fro doesn't help matters. Conscientious Americans who would help Japan don't travel as energetically.

Some Japanese still worship the men of the Occupation, but there is a business motive behind it.



MACARTHUR SUBJECT OF CARTOONS

As a whole, the Japanese have become disappointed in Americans, including General MacArthur who was nearly deified during the height of his popularity as Supreme Commander. He attempted to impress the Japanese people that he was more important than the Emperor with his dark sunglasses, pipe and all. Today, he is a fine subject for political cartoonists who recall the power of the occupation and the great mistake made by the occupation.

At one time, Japan looked across the Pacific at the United States with admiration. Probably Japan is the only country outside of U.S. where American history and other aspects of the country were extensively taught in primary and secondary schools. Japan may be the only foreign country where its school children were taught to sing "America", praise George Washington and the pioneering spirit of its early citizens.

Lincoln, Franklin, Jefferson, Commodore Perry and Townsend Harris were known by every Japanese child. English was compulsory in the schools.

It has not died even today. The Japanese still strive to become "Americanized" as U.S. movies are still the most popular in Japan. American jazz is heard everywhere. The permanent wave for women has swept every farming and fishing village and even into the mountainous hinterlands. Things Japanese have been cast aside for a bit of America.

As a contrast, this correspondent wonders what the people of America know of Japan. Probably it is limited to Fujiyama, Kabuki and wood block prints. Somewhat tragic is the lack of Japanese background among the Nisei in America.

And the Nisei of America would not believe that the Nisei with the Occupation were very powerful. They could have done anything they wanted to do. They called in ministers of state into their offices and gave them the "business". While those days were interesting, it is about time some serious attention be paid to the after-effects of the Occupation. The Japanese attitude toward America has deteriorated. It should never be.

(Of all the reports from Tamotsu Murayama, this week's article strikes us as the most provocative. We invite our reader's comment on this issue—especially the readers who have seen Japan through the Occupation.—The Editor.)

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CONTRIBUTIONS OF NISEI TO IMPROVE UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN U.S.-JAPAN OUTLINED BY STATE DEPT. OFFICIAL

(Washington) Nisei responsibilities to the United States, the land of their birth, and to Japan, the land of their ancestry, were outlined by William J. Sebald, deputy assistant Secretary of State for Far Eastern Affairs, before the convention luncheon of the Eastern-Midwest JACL District Councils here last week.

Basing his discussions on the JACL motto, "For Better Americans in a Greater America," Sebald pointed out that unique and valuable contributions to the United States can be made by Nisei because of their ancestral heritage.

The top State Department expert on Far Eastern Affairs told the convention group that "it is the interest of us here that we do what we can to help the Japanese people appreciate the value of their ties with the United States. You, as members of the Japanese American Citizens League, are uniquely able to understand and assist in the solution of these problems . . .

"It is especially important that the East and West learn to appreciate what each has to offer to the other . . . In these respects the contributions which you and your organization can make in the interest of greater understanding and a better world are, indeed, great."

Noting the impressive JACL record in removing discriminatory statutes against persons of Japanese ancestry in the United States as a strong step forward for all peoples, Sebald said, "I am certain that your organization has played a constructive role in reaching this result."

Despite past hardships, the Deputy Assistant Secretary to John Foster Dulles recalled that "so many Japanese who had emigrated to America have been happy and successful. You and those before you have had an experience difficult from the usual immigrant to the United States. Your families came from the West; those others came from the East. You settled on our West Coast and have gradually spread through the nation. They started on the East Coast and worked their way West. Your struggle has perhaps been longer and harder, but you are American, so that the end result is the same."

As an example of unique con-

tributions of Nisei during World War II, Sebald recalled a recent conversation with General Willoughby, Chief Intelligence Officer of General MacArthur's Pacific forces. He said when General Willoughby learned of Nisei troops being available for intelligence service with their knowledge of the Japanese language, he asked for ten thousand of them as soon as possible.

EDC-MDC cabinet officers installed by Inagaki

Preceding this address by Sebald, Toastmaster John Katsuo

called on Carol Tsuda to announce the newly elected MDC and EDC Officers. National JACL President George J. Inagaki then administered the oath of office, officially installing the MDC and EDC cabinets for the next biennium.

The new MDC officers are: Abe Hagiwara of Chicago, chairman; Dr. James Takao of Cincinnati, Dr. James Taguchi of Dayton, v.p.; George Ono of Cleveland, treas.; Miss Sumi Teramoto of Twin Cities, rec. sec.; Mrs. Miyo O'Neill of Detroit, hist. sec.; Harry Hayashi of St. Louis, publicity director.

Installed for the EDC were: William Sasagawa of Philadelphia

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Mixed marriage law ruling sought as white, part-Nisei pair seek license

(Salt Lake City) Utah's Attorney General was asked last week for an interpretation of state law concerning interracial marriages.

The query came from Salt Lake County Attorney Frank E. Moss after several couples, one of whom was white and the other part Japanese or part Hawaiian, had applied for marriage licenses.

County Clerk Alvin Keddington reported that in each such case he has declined to issue a marriage license pending an opinion from the attorney general.

"With the American occupation of Japan and other Pacific islands, we are bound to have more requests to license mixed marriages," Keddington said.

The county attorney's request prepared by David K. Watkiss, deputy county attorney, poses two questions.

One, is a Hawaiian or another member of the Polynesia race considered under Utah statute to be a member of the Malay race?

Two, can a person who has less than 100 per cent Mongolian or Malay blood marry a white person?

Section 30-1-2 of the Utah Code Annotated, 1953, prohibits marriages between a Mongolian, member of Malay race or a mulatto, quadroon, or octoroon and a white person.

Keddington said that the law specified the degree of Negro blood barred from inter-racial marriages, but makes no mention

of the amount of Mongolian or other blood which would also be barred. Some other states, he said, have permitted intermarriage between whites and persons of part Mongolian or Polynesian blood.

City mayor aids in Nisei GI funeral

(Los Angeles) City Mayor Poulson this week received a \$40 money order from officers and men of the 4th Medical Dispensary, stationed in Parmstadt, Germany, where Cpl. Frank Nakauchi recently died of pneumonia.

Frank's first sergeant, John W. Kearns Jr., wrote that he wanted the money order used for "our former comrade and pal" in a floral blanket and appropriate wreath for services when the body is returned to Los Angeles for burial.

Cpl. Nakauchi, said 1st Sgt. Kearns, had a "conscientious devotion to duty in order to straighten relations between fellow Americans and German nationals."

Kearns' letter added Nakauchi was "without fear" in that line of duty.

Military memorial rites will be held tomorrow at the Evergreen Baptist Church with the American Legion Perry Post in charge. He was cadet colonel of the Roosevelt High School ROTC and enlisted upon graduation.

IN HONOR OF

Rodney Notomi of Washigton, D.C., was bestowed the title of mason of Harmony Lodge 17 in ceremonies held Feb. 17, after being nominated by Dr. Henry Minami, senior warden of the same lodge.

Mary Emi Sawada, daughter of Renzo Sawada, permanent Japanese observer at the United Nations, will be initiated into the Mills College Phi Beta Kappa chapter Apr. 27. Having completed her senior term last term, she is back in New York, acting her father's secretary.

Mrs. Michi Onuma of the San Francisco Hokubei Mainichi was elected to the citywide YWCA board of directors.

Gerald Mukai of Ogden was among students receiving a superior rating by judges at the Utah high school forensic tournament at the Univ. of Utah last week.

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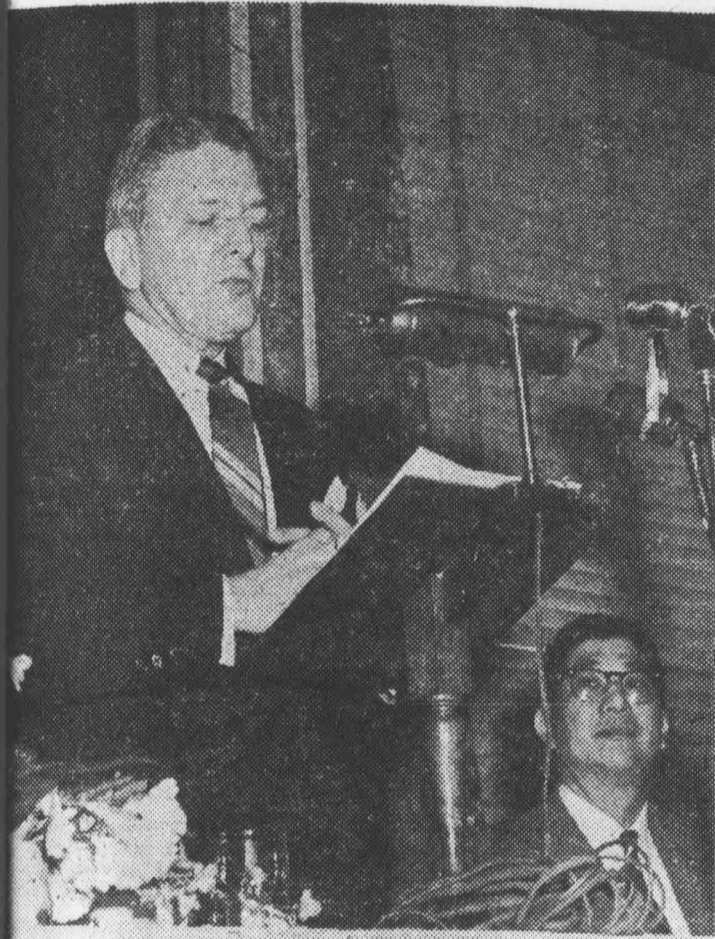
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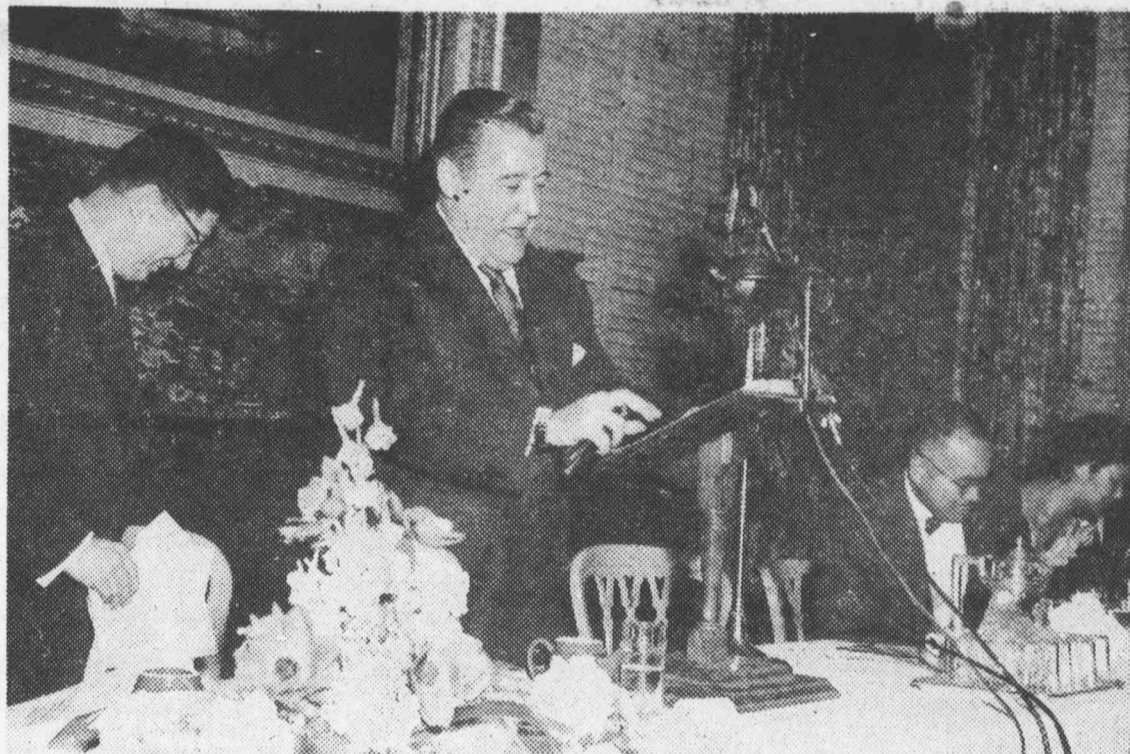
Deputy Ass't Secretary of State for Far Eastern Affairs William J. Sebald (left) addresses the EDC-MDC Convention Luncheon, outlining the methods by which Nisci could assist in strengthening U.S.-Japan relations. Mike Masaoka of Washington, D.C., sits at the right.



Standing ovation is given to Rep. Walter (left) at the EDC-MDC convention banquet. Seen standing is George Inagaki (right), national JACL president, of Venice, Calif.



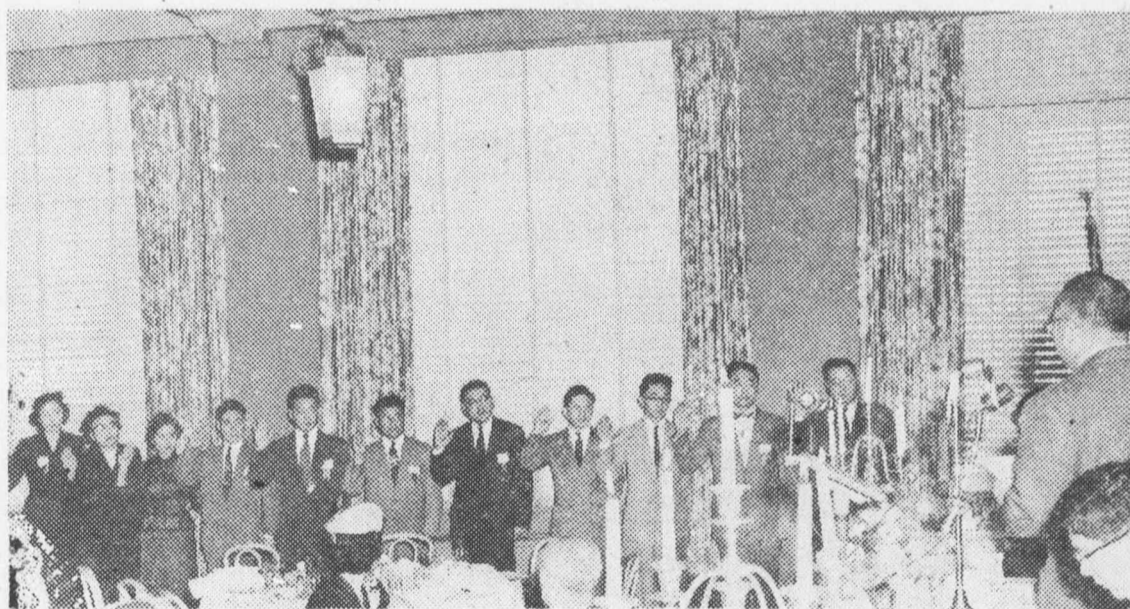
Midwest District Council Chairman Harry Takagi of Minneapolis presided at the EDC-MDC JACL Clinic. Participating at the head table are (left to right) Myke Kosobayashi, sec.; George Inagaki, Mike Masaoka, Takagi and Mas Satow.



Sen. Warren Magnuson addresses the EDC-MDC convention banquet. Standing at left is Mike Masaoka, toastmaster; sitting at the right are George Inagaki and Ruth Kuroishi, president of the convention host chapter.



Standing ovation greeted Ambassador Sadao Iguchi of Japan at the EDC-MDC convention banquet. In the photo are (left to right) Mike Masaoka, Iguchi, Sen. Magnuson, George Inagaki, Ruth Kuroishi and Harry Takagi.



Nat'l JACL President Inagaki (right) administered the oath of office to newly-elected officers of the Eastern District Council and Midwest District Council at their joint-convention luncheon in Washington, D.C. They are (left to right) EDC—Susan Sasagawa, pub.; Mary Toda, cor. sec.; Chizu Ikeda, rec. sec.; Ben Nakao, treas.; Dr. George Furukawa, v.-chmn.; Charles Nagao, v.-chmn.; K. William Sasagawa, chmn.; MDC—Harry Hayashi, pub.; George Ono, treas.; Dr. James Takao, v.-chmn.; Abe Hagiwara, chmn.

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chmn.; Woodrow Asai of New York, Charles Nagao of Seabrook, Dr. George Furukawa of Washington, D.C. v.-chmn.; Ben Nakao of Washington, D.C., treas.; Chiz Ikeda of New York, rec. sec.; Mary Toda of Philadelphia, cor. sec.; and Mrs. Susan Sasagawa of Philadelphia, pub. dir.

Blue sapphire JACL emblem pins were awarded to four members for "long and faithful service to the organization" by National JACL Director Mas Satow. The four

recipients were Mrs. Grace Uye-hara, Dr. Tom Tamaki, Tetsuo Iwasaki and Tom Hayashi. The first three are from the Philadelphia chapters and the latter from the New York chapter.

These blue sapphire emblem awards are made in recognition of outstanding loyalty and service to the JACL. Its recipients are those who have given much of their time and of themselves for at least the past ten years and are still very active members, declared Satow during the presentation. Harry Takagi, retiring MDC

chairman, was presented with a special gift of appreciation from his district council chapters for his valuable services during the past biennium. Incoming MDC Chairman Abe Hagiwara made the presentation.

In a like token of appreciation, retiring EDC Chairman Ira Shimasaki was presented with an engrave desk pen set from the grateful chapters of the EDC under his direction for the past two year. Former EDC vice-Chairman Vernon Ichisaka made this presentation.



Lovely Ruth Okawa, 18-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. F. Okawa of Salt Lake City, and Granite High School senior, was named queen to reign over the 20th annual Salt Lake Nisei Invitational Basketball Tournament last week. She was judged queen over four other girls, who served as attendants. Ruth was crowned at a pre-tournament welcome social by Yuki Sugihara, last year's queen. Attendants were Mai Shimizu, Edna Masuda, Kiku Mitsunaga and Natsuye Shiba. Judges were Mr. and Mrs. Gale Boden, commercial photographers for KSL radio and TV; Paul Hasegawa, Francom Advertising Agency; and Pat Young, Steffan's School of Beauty and Modeling. Ruth was sponsored by the Christian Youth Fellowship and the Japanese Church of Christ.

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Mixing business with pleasure at first quarterly Intermountain District Council session recently at Sun Valley, Idaho, were three Salt Lake JACLers, (from left to right) George Yoshimoto, Mrs. Jeanne Konishi and Toby Sunata.

Terashima Photo.



The new Eastern District Council Chairman Bill Sasegawa (standing) of Philadelphia provided one of the most hilarious moments at the EDC-MDC 1000 Club "chow-wow" by giving National JACL President Inagaki a ceremonious shampoo.

—Toshi Enokida Photo.



Master of ceremonies and immediate past 1000 Club Chairman Harold Tokuzo Gordon (right) of Chicago "crowns" 1000 Club Chairman Shig Wakamatsu of Chicago with the derby, symbolic of 1000 Club chairmanship, during the EDC-MDC "chow-wow".

Tosh Enokida Photo.



Recently naturalized citizens of Washington Township were honored by the Southern Alameda County JACL chapter Mar. 5 at a dinner. Photographed were (left to right): front—Matsue Handa, Umeo Mayeda, Teru Watanabe, Masu Kitayama, D. Brooke McKinnon (citizenship class instructor), Suga Nakamura, Ima Doi, Haruyo Kawaguchi; second row—Shigeru Baba, Asago Mayeda, Kazuo Morimoto, Ichizo Shikano, Masaharu Umemoto, Yukichi Yamauchi, Sanosuke Yamauchi, Tayemon Yamanaka, Masaharu Takizawa; third row—Ray Kitayama (chapter pres.), Kaz Shikano (board member), Tajiyo Kato, Junichi Nakamura, Yoshimatsu Matsumoto, Toshiteru Doi, Hirokichi Asakawa and Haruto Hamamoto.

Honolulu Newsletter

BY LARRY NAKATSUKA

SHOWS IN FANCY SURROUNDINGS

Honolulu Time was when Nisei organizations in Honolulu found it difficult to stage shows in fancy places. For one thing, they were unable to present the high quality of social event—a play, a movie, dance or reception—that would fit into first-class accommodations. So there was a natural reluctance on the Nisei's part to seek out the best spots.



On the other hand, neither were the more pretentious places anxious to welcome the Nisei groups to use their facilities. They made no special efforts to assist the Nisei or to seek their patronage.

The contrast of the old days with the current situation was never more strikingly brought out than during the past week when the Honolulu Japanese Junior Chamber of Commerce sponsored its third annual Cherry Blossom Festival.

Several of the events were moved up, in prestige and popularity. For example, on the day the Takarazuka Revue Troupe arrived by ship from Japan for a two-week engagement, the Jaycees held a public reception at the new Waikiki Biltmore Hotel.

Now, unless one knows a little about Waikiki hotels generally, he may not appreciate what this means. The Waikiki Biltmore is the first of several new hotels rising up in that world-famous beach area. Where there had been a three-hotel chain owned and operated by one company till now, the new places are bringing new managements into the scene.

That means more business competition and a seeking out of new sources of patronage and publicity. The Waikiki Biltmore was elated to have the Japanese Junior Chamber hold the Takarazuka reception in its new dining hall. There was certainly no hesitation about offering its hotel facilities on account of the racial character of the affair.

As a matter of fact, a couple of weeks earlier, the same hotel opened up its patio for the Jaycees to introduce the Cherry Blossom Queen contestants to the public.

Both events resulted in a lot of favorable publicity for the new hotel. More important, the management thus made it plain that it welcomes Nisei as guests of its rooms, dining facilities and other accommodations.



HOTEL COMPETITION

The owner and operator of the hotel is a "malihini", a Mainlander who is not permitting racial lines to hinder his efforts to build good community relations. Not that the older, established hotels had ever barred the Nisei but neither did they extend the ready welcome and encouragement that the new hotel has.

For the past two years, the Jaycees have held the coronation ball for the Cherry Blossom Queen at the Honolulu Armory, a large, barn-like wooden building that did not inspire much admiration because of its rather shabby appearance. But it was about the best the Jaycees could locate or afford. It was apparent that the Armory was not suitable for the colorful ceremony which accompanies the crowning of the Queen.

This year, for the first time, the coronation was moved to the Moana Hotel in Waikiki, a commodious and attractive setting on the beachfront. It had the advantage of providing the tourists registered there with probably their first close look at a large group of Nisei participating in a strictly Americanized event.

This fitted perfectly into the Cherry Blossom Festival program because one of its aims is to stimulate the tourist trade. By bringing the Festival to a tourist center, the Jaycees have helped to spread the good name of the Nisei to visitors from many states and countries abroad. The Moana belongs to the three-hotel chain in Waikiki referred to earlier.

As another step up, the Festival this year staged the Culture Show at the Honolulu Academy of Arts. In the past, the show had been held at a clubhouse that was formerly a servicemen's recreation center. Some Nisei may consider the Academy of Arts too "ritzy" for their accustomed taste, but it has helped to raise the standards of the Festival—not to say the prestige of Nisei as a whole—that much higher in the eyes of the rest of the community.

So it appears that with hard work and imagination has come the reward of bigger and better things for the Nisei generally and for the Japanese Junior Chamber of Commerce in particular.

CAPSULES

The Japan Broadcasting Corporation has compiled a dictionary of 3,000 adopted English words in the Japanese language to "keep things in order". Most of the pronunciations are intended to resemble the English words: He is *in rabu* (in love) and will no doubt invite his *garu furendo* (girl friend) for a *day-to* (date).

Nisei architect Minoru Yamasaki of Detroit addressed the Michigan Society of Architects last month on old and new designs and on information gathered from a recent trip around the world. He transformed his 130-year-old farmhouse at Troy Township into a new Oriental shape and has a Department commission to design U.S. consulate buildings in Kobe.

A team of Japanese firework experts will go to Hawaii next October with two-million yen worth of pyrotechnical displays to help put on a show in memory of the Nisei GIs killed in World War II.

Harry Kataoka was elected commander of Seattle's Nisei Veterans Committee, succeeding Dave Hirahara.

Banjiro Kato, 72, retired Portland Issei who had been drawing state aid for the past few years, died Mar. 27 and it was reported that a small fortune (\$3,000 in bonds and \$500 in cash, plus jewelry of undetermined value) was found in his room.

The 10th annual Nisei Intermountain Collegiate Club conference convenes in Denver Apr. 8-9. Mari Mizoue, president, expects several hundred students from Rocky Mountain college campi to meet.

Tamio Katayama, second son of Tetsu Katayama, ex-Japanese premier and leader of the Right-wing Socialists, is now head of the passenger section of the Japan Air Lines office in Los Angeles.

Yutaka Terasaki, third national JACL vice-president, chaired the annual dinner of the Denver Epworth Center, 1130-31st St., last week. The center provides recreational and community programs for residents in the upper Larimer St. district. His efforts have been lauded in promoting neighborhood community projects, not directly or solely connected with Nisei affairs.

COJAEC chairman moots Hillings bill with White House official, House comm. staff

(Washington) Pending evacuation claims legislation was the conferences held by George Inagaki, chairman of the Committee on Japanese Evacuation Claims, with a ranking White House and staff members of the House Judiciary Committee.

These meetings were arranged for COJAEC chairman Inagaki to discuss legislative matters with Administrative and congressional staff personnel concerned with the Hillings bill on evacuation

claims, explained Mike Masaoka, Washington COJAEC representative.

At the White House, Maxwell M. Rabb, Secretary to the Cabinet and Associate Counsel to President Eisenhower, met with Inagaki, Masaoka and National JACL Director Mas Satow. Here, the over-all congressional problem was discussed, as well as the administration's view towards the measure.

On Capitol Hill, evacuation claims legislation was discussed again with the House Judiciary Subcommittee Legislative Assistant and with the counsel by the Nisei group. This bill, introduced last month by Rep. Patrick J. Hillings (R., Whittier, Calif.), is now before the Lane Subcommittee of the House Judiciary Subcommittee and a report on its provisions has been requested from the Department of Justice.

Additional conferences for the COJAEC sponsored evacuation claims legislation were with the officials of the Justice Department administering the claims program. Edward J. Ennis, COJAEC counsel, with Mike Masaoka and Tad Masaoka participated in these discussions on the technical provisions of the Hillings Bill.

Watsonville Nisei cited for trimming own hedge to rid traffic hazard

(Watsonville) It is often said marks of good citizenship seldom draw attention in the press. Paul M. Bourns, member of the Watsonville Safety Council, last week cited Dr. Clifford Fujimoto in a letter which was published by the local Register-Pajaronian.

"In our care of gardens and our lawns and hedges, it is not always easy to give up our pet projects, nor is it easy to sacrifice beauty to safety. But it is sometimes necessary.

"And I should like to pay tribute to one of our city's recent citizens who did just this. When his attention was called to the fact that the hedge on his property at Third and Marchant streets was obstructing the view of drivers approaching Third street to make a left turn, and that this hedge was a safety hazard, he promptly and graciously asked how much it should be trimmed to eliminate the hazard. The next day the hedge was trimmed to a height which permits a clear, safe approach and view.

"If other citizens would follow the example of Dr. Clifford Fujimoto, who made the necessary trim, Watsonville would be a safer city for both drivers and pedestrians. There are many other corners where high hedges constitute a real hazard to safe driving. Let's keep them low enough to make driving safe for all of us," the letter concluded.

Maderans to picnic

(Madera) The local Japanese community will picnic Apr. 24 at the Kearney Blvd. Park picnic grounds. Joe Inami was named general chairman.



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Two anti-Communist bills sponsored by State Sen. Paul W. Broyles (R., Mt. Vernon) have passed the Illinois state senate following a long session interrupted by shouting matches. The vote was 31-16 for one bill requiring non-communist oaths be taken by every government employee paid from state funds. A companion measure providing fines and prison terms for membership in subversive organizations passed 28-17 . . . It was the fourth time since 1949 that anti-communist bills sponsored by Broyles and backed by the American Legion have passed the Senate. They died in the House in 1949, the others were vetoed by Gov. Stevenson in 1951 and by Gov. Stratton in 1953 . . . Sen. James O. Monroe (D., Collinsville), in one heated exchange, read an article from his weekly newspaper which upheld the right to advocate a change of government "even by revolution". Monroe feels the Constitution "supports" it, adding that "it was in that way this government was started."



AROUND WINDY CITY

Some 5,000 flowering cherry tree seeds were received from school children of Japan by George T. Donoghue, Chicago Park District superintendent. The presentation was made Mar. 25 by Wataru Okuma, Japanese consul-general here.

The children will love Mark Twain's play, *Tom Sawyer*, being staged Apr. 2-May 29 on Saturday and Sunday afternoons at the Goodman Memorial Theater of the Art Institute. For the adults, the same stage will foot Eugene O'Neill's *Mourning Becomes Electra* on Apr. 15-16, 19-23, Apr. 26-May 1, in the evenings . . . *The King and I* has posted a closing date of May 7 at the Shubert. And *Teahouse of the August Moon* opens Sept. 7 at the Erlanger.

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Issei told language not barrier in taking active interest in local affairs

(Ontario, Ore.) Thirty-nine recently naturalized Issei citizens and new 1955 officers of the Snake River JACL chapter were honored Mar. 27 at a dinner held at East Side Cafe. Aki Nishimura, toastmaster, and Paul Saito, retiring president, welcomed the guests.

Special recognition was accorded George Sugai of Payette, Idaho, for his work in getting the Idaho alien land law repealed. Restrictions against aliens owning real property in Idaho were taken off the books on Mar. 4, when Gov. Robert E. Smylie signed a bill eliminating the statute.

The new officers honored and installed by Sugai, Intermountain JACL District Council vice-chairman, were:

George Iseri, pres.; George Hashitani, v.p.; Dr. Kenji Yaguchi, chmn., treas.; Masako Saito, rec. sec.; Sam Wakasugi, Mary Ogura, soc.; Fumi Mitata, hist.-rep.; Paul Saito, del.

New citizens honored were:

F. Furuyama, K. Hamamura, Mrs. I. Hara, Mr. and Mrs. R. Horiuchi, K. Iida, Mr. and Mrs. N. Imada, Mrs. M. Inouye, Mrs. H. Iwasa, K. Kaneyama, S. Katsura, Mrs. G. Kobayashi, T. Kodama, Mrs. J. Kondo, Mrs. Sumi Kuga, Mrs. J. Kuga, H. Kuramoto, Mr. and Mrs. J. Matsumoto, Mr. and Mrs. K. Morinaga, Mrs. S. Morinaga, Mrs. M. Orishige, B. Nakada, T. Nakano, Mrs. M. Saito, H. Sato, K. Sato, Mrs. M. Shimomae, Mrs. K. Shiraishi, H. Sunada, Mr. and Mrs. J. Tameno, Mr. and Mrs. M. Tanabe, Mr. M. Tanaka, Y. Tomiyoshi, J. Watanabe.

Arthur Kiesz, superintendent of Ontario schools, congratulated new citizens and emphasized that language need not be a barrier in taking interest and active part in community affairs. Bob Fujiwara and Yasuko Gotanda, accompanied

by Mrs. Frank Sakata, entertained the guests with several vocal selections.

Omaha chapter serves sukiyaki to Quota Club

(Omaha) The Omaha JACL served a sukiyaki dinner at the request of Omaha's Quota Club Mar. 17 at the New Kellom School cafeteria. Mrs. Lily Okura told the JACL story to the group while entertainment was composed of Japanese dances by Natchie Matsunami and eight kimono clad girls and vocal selections by Mike Watanabe.

The successful event was under the co-chairmanship of Mmes. Kimi Takechi and Em Nakadoi, assisted by:

K. Takechi, Bob Nakadoi, Jim Egusa, Manual A. Mtsumami, Mmes. K. Watanabe, Gladys Hirabayashi, Kay Hirabayashi, Joyce Hirabayashi, Chiyeo Tamai, Matsuue Shimada, Mary Arikawa, Sato Yoden, Toshi Zaiman Alice Kaya, Mary Misaki, Yuri Hanamoto, and Ritsuko Anderson.

Chicago Southside residents to talk on redevelopment

(Chicago) Japanese American residents in Southside Chicago will meet Apr. 22, 8 p.m., at the Chicago Buddhist Church, 5487 S. Dorchester, to discuss problems raised by the redevelopment plan. Noboru Honda will be chairman.

Meeting is being co-sponsored by Chicago JACL, Chicago Buddhist Church, Japanese American Service Committee, Kenwood-Ellis Community Church and the First Baptist Church.



'1000' CLUB NOTES

(San Francisco) Membership and renewals in the 1000 Club renewed in the 1000 Club received by National Headquarters for the month of March, 1955, as are follows:

SEVENTH YEAR

Willie Funakoshi, Los Angeles; Dr. Randolph M. Sakada, Chicago.

SIXTH YEAR

June Fugita, Palo Alto; Thomas Masuda, Chicago; George Ohashi, Denver; Fred K. Ota, Los Angeles; Yoshio Takahashi, Parma, Idaho.

FIFTH YEAR

Mrs. Teiko Kuroiwa, San Francisco; Ken Matsumoto, Cincinnati; Kenji Tashiro, Oroshi, Calif.

FOURTH YEAR

Tad Hirota, Berkeley; Toru Sakahara, Seattle; Masaji Toki, Cincinnati.

THIRD YEAR

Harry M. Fujita, Altadena; Dr. Paul Inada, Fresno; Charles Ishii, Joe Ishii, Santa Ana; Nobuhiro Kojima, Sam Kuwarahara, Turlock; Gen Nakatsuka, Los Angeles; Dr. George Nishida, Minneapolis; George Ota, Santa Ana; Yeichi Sakaguchi, Turlock; Mas Teramoto, St. Paul, Minn.; Ken Uyesugi, Costa Mesa; Ernest Yoshida, George Yuge, Turlock.

SECOND YEAR

Tosh Adachi, El Orrito; Sam Arima, Delano; Jiro Fujii, Richmond; Takashi Fukushima, San Pablo; Yutaka Hanaoka, Niles, Calif.; Kokoku Hashimoto, Fresno; Frank H. Hirohata, Los Angeles; Jin Ishikawa, Fresno; Dr. Paul K. Ito, Los Angeles; Mitsuo Kagehiro, Tracy, Calif.; Tokuya Kako, Berkeley; Kiyoshi Kato, Newark, Calif.; Yasuo Kato, Warm Springs, Calif.; George Matsumoto, Tracy, Calif.; Ken C. Miyamoto, Winton, Calif.; Mrs. Teru Nakano, Suke Nakano, Ridley Park, Pa.; Nishihara, Cressey, Calif.; Jack Nishihara, Denair, Calif.; Henry Omachi, Minneapolis; George Ono, Cleveland; Chiyeko Sugiura, Turlock; Marshall Sumida, San Francisco; Dr. James Wada, Kyo, Cincinnati; Dr. George Wada, William K. Yamamoto, Los Angeles.

FIRST YEAR

Robert E. Fujita, Cleveland; Haru Hashimoto, Los Angeles; George Hatanaka, Tracy, Calif.; Dr. Ruby Rose, Dayton, Ohio; Miss Helen Sachi, Miss Sachi Ishii, Milwaukee; Kyutaro Ishii, Santa Ana; Mark Kamtya, Turlock; Asajiro Kanegae, George Kama, S. Kobayashi, Santa Ana; Peter L. Koelsch, Los Angeles; Ray Kurama, Stockton; Dr. Sam I. Kuramoto, Webster City, Iowa; Miss Marie Kuribara, New York; Tsutomu Maehara, Los Angeles; Mrs. Kiku Matsukane, Santa Ana; Kazuma Matsumoto, Los Angeles; Shozo Mayeda, Palo Alto; Mrs. Claire Minami, Washington, D.C.; Mami Momita, Calipatria. Ralph Nakasugi, Los Angeles; Gen Ogata, Buena Park, Calif.; Ben Ohara, Willow Grove, Pa.; Shozo Ohara, Los Angeles; Paul K. Ohmura, Cleveland; Meiji Sato, Los Angeles; Don Solomon, Anaheim; Mrs. Viola Sugahara, New York; Joe S. Sugawara, Cincinnati; Koutei Sugaya, San Francisco; Mike Suzuki, New York; John M. D. dokoro, Anaheim; Mrs. Marian Tamaki, Collegeville, Pa.; Stephen K. Tamura, Tosh Tanaka, Santa Ana; Gen Tsukushi, Redwood City; Kazuo Ueda, Stockton; S. K. Ueyeda, Los Angeles; John K. Yamaguchi, Lathrop, Calif.; Kiyoshi Yamamoto, Cortez, Calif.; Peter K. Yamamoto, San Francisco.

(Next week, Shig Wakamatsu recalls the EDC-MDC "chow wow" at Washington, D.C.—Editor.)

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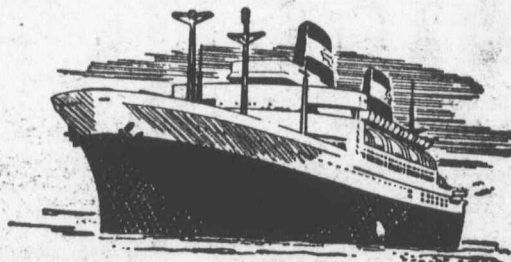
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From the Frying Pan

BY BILL HOSOKAWA

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Amarillo, Texas

Amarillo is a long way from being deep in the heart of, since it's only a short Cadillac hop from New Mexico and Colorado. But it's Texas just the same judging by the way people say "you-all," "idea" with the accent on the I, and talk about "pore fokes" when they speak of fellows who can drive only Oldsmobiles, 1954 models and earlier.

They're long on optimism and short on moisture in this part of Texas. It's been so long since Amarillo had any precipitation that I didn't bother to bring my raincoat. Know what it did? Amarillo got a quarter inch of precipitation in 3 hours during my first day there. That was more than the town had received at one time in the last three years.

That rain was quite a sight. The day started with sunshine. Then it began to blow. I always thought Casper, Wyo., was the champion wind town, but Amarillo on a calm day outblows Casper in a storm. Pretty soon there was so much real estate flying through the air that the place looked almost as vague as Seattle on a foggy day. Difference was that dust doesn't smell as good as ocean mist.

After an hour or so of blowing, it began to rain. For the first 15 or 20 minutes, more mud was falling out of the sky than raindrops. This was followed by cold, wet snow which melted as it hit the mud that was spread like a coat of grease over the streets. Quite a show of weather. As we say in Denver, if you don't like the weather, wait a minute.

There isn't much of a Nisei angle to Amarillo, and not much of an Oriental angle. The exceptions are a couple of Chinese-American restaurants and a petroleum chemist named Harry Chinn. Harry is a Denver-born Chinese. Some well-meaning person gave him the first name of Harry, and ever since he's been Mr. Whiskers to his friends. Chinn works for the Phillips rubber plant here, has reared a family, and is a well known Amarillo figure.

'SMALL WORLD' DEPARTMENT

We must include in the "Small World" department the fact that Paul Rusch, director of the Kiyosato Educational Experiment Project in Japan happened to be in Amarillo telling about the agricultural projects of his organization. As an experiment, certain Japanese are being taught American agricultural methods that can be adopted to their environment.

Rusch told Texans that the Japanese are finding out Hereford cattle from the Panhandle and American Jersey milk cows will thrive in the Japanese hill country 5,000 feet above sea level. Aside from tractors and hospital supplies, Rusch said, his project needs a rock crusher and experienced men willing to go as teachers to the rural Japanese. The tractors would be circulated under a lending plan among the various farmers.

I called Rusch at his hotel, but he wasn't in. He was busy lecturing before several Episcopal church groups, the Exchange Club, Amarillo Senior Citizens Project, and other Amarillo organizations.

WHEN YOU'VE GOT \$10 TO SPARE

If you have \$10 to spare (laughter) and want to find out something about Japan, I'd recommend you buy Werner Bischof's new picture volume, "Japan," distributed by Simon & Schuster. Bischof spent nearly three years taking thousands of pictures of every facet of Japanese life. A selection of the 101 best, both color and black and white, were published with suitable introductory matter. It all adds up to a sensitive, penetrating, beautifully executed book that you'll be proud to own.

CHAPTER MEMOS

D.C. JACL: The 1955 membership quota has been accomplished through its sign-up of 118 members including 14 Thousand Clubbers, according to Carol Tsuda, membership chairman. However, the chapter seeks to hit or pass its 1954 mark of 168.

San Francisco JACL: Auxiliary members will hear Norman Black of Sloan's home-furnishing department speak on "Fashion for Your Homes" Apr. 13, 7:30 p.m., at Booker T. Washington Social Hall. Sawaya Fukumori is program chairman. Florence Higa is refreshment chairman. . . The chapter women have scheduled Apr. 17 at visitation day at Laguna Honda Home for the Aged with Mrs. Amey Aizawa in charge. Special request for men's neckties and socks for residents there has been made.

Newsletters Received: D.C. News Notes, Fowler Bulletin,

San Jose JACL: Events chairmen for chapter monthly activities were recently announced as follows:

April—Wayne Kanemoto, Esau Shimizu, Issei citizen recognition night; May—Shig Masunaga, Memorial Day service; June—Sumi Minato, fashion show; July—Henry Uyeda, benefit movie; August—Sam Tanase, barbecue; September—Eiichi Sakauye, speakers' night; October—Open; November—Phil Matsumura, recreational night; December—To be named, bride tournament.

Salt Lake JACL: Mrs. Josie Hachiya, auxiliary president, presided at the first meeting of the year held at the home of Mrs. Grace Kasai. A calendar of events and hostesses were appointed as follows:

April—Maurea Terashima, Mary Shiozaki, Tomi Murakoshi, Kiyo Oshiro, Jean Ujifusa; May—Helen Kurumada, Amy Doil, Tama Kojima, Miki Yano; June—Jean Konishi Betty Gikui, Hatsuiko Yoshimoto; July—August—bye; September—Chiye Aoyama, Kimi Tohari, Hannah Namba, Midori Watanuki; October—Mary Nakai, Rae Fujimoto, Alice Kasai, Tomoko Yano; November—Lilly Sekino, Lessie Yamamoto, Doris Matsuura; December—Shiz Sakai, Chiyo Terashima and Sue Kaneko.

Pocatello JACL: The chapter auxiliary, Jaclins, heard Charles Bilyeu, professor of speech and dramatics at Idaho State College, lecture on "Charm" at the last meeting. Miki Mori was in charge, assisted by:

Natsuyo Tominaga, John Kawamura, Marianne Endo, and Amy Kawamura.

Dayton JACL: Mr. and Mrs. Carl Balcomb will show their three-dimensional colored pictures of Japan to chapter members and friends at the Grace Methodist Church, Apr. 17, 3 p.m.

Puyallup Valley JACL: Potluck dinner is scheduled Apr. 16, according to Dr. Kay Toda, president. Food chairman Mrs. Yosh Kawabata said the fare will be smorgasbord.

Southwest L.A. JACL: Permanent chairmen for various chapter committees were appointed at the March chapter meeting to spur on activities and book future events as follows:

Roy Iketani, social; Kim Matsuda, Rae Kakurai, Lily Watanabe, Bob Yamasaki, Tom Shimozaki, cultural and education; Jim Yamamoto, Bebe Horiuchi, special events; George Hiraga, Nisei memberships; Tut Yata, Issei program; Harold Toma, Issei membership; Virginia Kawasaki, telephone; Terumi Yamaguchi, transp.; and Ken Miura, pub.

Western Pioneer elects

(Oakland) A. D. Ericksen, president of Western Pioneer Insurance and the Western Pioneer Investment companies, was re-elected to serve another year by its annual board of directors meeting last week. Elected for the coming year were:

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PAUL ITO INSTALLED AS FLORIN CHAPTER PRESIDENT

(Florin) Paul Ito of Elk Grove was elected president of Florin JACL and recently installed with his cabinet for the coming year by Haruo Ishimaru, N.C. JACL regional director, at Sacramento's Wakanoura.

Toastmaster Oscar Inouye also introduced new Issei citizens of Florin who were guests of the evening. Other cabinet officers are:

Oscar Inouye, v.p.; Alvin Seno, treas.; Kae Nakamura, rec. sec.; Judy Gotan, cor. sec.; Amy Kanemoto, Tommy Kushi, sec.; Bill Okamoto, Bill Tsukamoto, act.; George Dakuzaku, Nisei Memorial; Bill Kashiwagi, Americanization; Mrs. Mary Tsukamoto, leg.; Ben Sato, Jim Taniguchi, del.; Sam Tsukamoto, Charles Nishi, Jack Kawamura, Dick Nishi, Al Tsukamoto Woodrow Ishikawa board membs.

San Jose Clers sponsor flower arrangement for Civic Unity Festival

(San Jose) Demonstrations in Japanese flower arrangement will be a highlight at the fifth annual Intercultural Festival of the San Jose Council for Civic Unity, scheduled Apr. 18 at the First Methodist Church auditorium.

It marks San Jose JACL's contribution to the project, president Phil Matsumura said last week. Mrs. Morey Asanuma will be narrator with Mrs. Chizu Dobashi arranging the floral displays. The Festival also offers foreign foods and kimono-clad girls will serve Japanese delicacies.

The Festival attracts people of many racial and cultural backgrounds in a cooperative undertaking which will help promote mutual understanding and to acquaint the public with the purposes and activities of various participating organizations, such as the JACL.

Japan repatriates return to U.S. as permanent residents

(Los Angeles) An Issei couple gained the right to remain permanently in this country which they once left as voluntary repatriates to Japan after the war.

It was learned last week that the Board of Immigration Appeals at Washington, D.C., reversed a decision of the U.S. immigration and naturalization service to bar Mr. and Mrs. Hisaichi Hanano who sought to return as non-immigrant aliens.

The Hananos, with their six U.S. born children went to Japan at government expense in December, 1945. Subsequently all their children, except one who died in Japan, returned to this country.

The Issei couple also applied to the U.S. consul at Kobe for permission to return and were issued non-quota immigrant visas as returning residents.

However, when they arrived in this country the immigration service held they were not eligible for admission.

Their successful appeal was filed through their attorney Frank Chuman.

The rise in the stock market is regarded by some experts as frightening, but the average investor wouldn't mind being scared just a little bit more.

Santa Maria Valley chapter to honor 100 new citizens

(Guadalupe) A testimonial dinner honoring some 100 newly naturalized Issei citizens will be sponsored by the Santa Maria Valley JACL at the Commercial Hotel here Monday, Apr. 11, it was announced by Harry Miyake, chapter president.

Among the 200 persons expected to join in the celebration are Mayor Charles Draper of Guadalupe, Mayor Leonard Peterson of Santa Maria, supervisor Fred Garcia of the 5th district, principal Kermit McKenzie of the Guadalupe elementary school, superintendent Van Wyk of the Santa Maria high school, superintendent Wilson of the SMHS Adult Education Division and Superior Court Judges Atwell Westwick and Ernest D. Wagner and Congressman Charles M. Teague.

George Sahara will preside over the ceremonies. Participating in the program will be the Rev. Enryo Unno of the Buddhist church, the Rev. Yasuo Oshita of the Christian church, Maemon Watada who will respond for the new citizen group, Frank Chuman of the National JACL Board and Regional Director Tats Kushida.

Newly naturalized citizens from other racial groups representing the Chinese, Mexican and Filipino communities have been invited it was revealed. They are Charlie Yan, Francisco Guiroga and Sam Julian. Other guests include Chamber of Commerce officials from Guadalupe and Santa Maria.

Open office to aid Nisei talent in TV-movie field

(Los Angeles) The Far East Artists Management, 114 S. San Pedro St., has opened its office in an effort to "break" more Nisei talent into radio-TV and the film industry. The office will be handled by Tak Shindo, music graduate from Los Angeles State College, orchestra leader and arranger.

Shindo is a member of the American Federation of Musicians, Composer's Guild of America and the American Society of Music Arrangers.

Parlier CL picnic

(Parlier) Noboru Doi and Kengo Osumi are co-chairmen of the Parlier JACL-sponsored community picnic Apr. 10 at Blassingame Ranch near Academy. Other committee men named were:

Harris Tanaka, Kay Yoshimoto, Ralph Kimoto, fin.; George Tsuji, Nob Ebisuda, Ken Sunamoto, prog.; Kaz Komoto, Harry Kubo, Ty Arifuku, tickets; Sho Tsuboi, Gerald Ogata, Ronald Ota, purch.; Byrd Kumataka, Kaz Ohara, loc.; James Kozuki, Bob Okamura, donation; Toichi Doi, transp.; Tom Miyakawas, Tak Kimoto, George Wada, Fred Nagare, Bill Tsuji Masachi Nakagiri, Don Nakadachi, Tad Kanemoto, Ted Katsura, Akira Chiamori, Kenso Tsuboi, Bill Watanura, prizes.

Dr. Masumi Toyotome of Los Angeles, who had been student pastor and assistant professor of religion on a part-time basis at the International Christian University in Japan will serve full-time from this semester (April). He will be on a summer leave (June 25-Aug. 31) to confer with his sponsors, the Japan Evangelistic Missionary Society, in Los Angeles.

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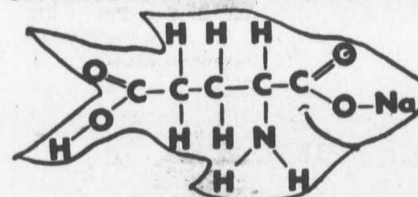
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The Sou'Wester

BY TATS KUSHIDA

JUST NORTH OF THE BORDER

Los Angeles

The turnout of some eighty members at the potluck meeting of the San Diego Chapter last Saturday is indicative of the interest and support JACL enjoys there. Even if this was the first general meeting in a couple of years, the chapter has always maintained a fair membership, conducted activities and usually met its fund drive quota as well as helping out on national JACL projects. To this attentive group we talked about (and they were good listeners) JACL background, objectives, achievements and operations.



We always enjoy visiting this southernmost of all JACL chapters, not because it's temptingly close to Tijuana, Mexico, but because we've known some of those CLers for years. It's like a reunion when we see the guys we went to school with in Berkeley—Joe Owashi, Moto Asakawa and Doc Shig Hara. Shig was another inmate of the Kushida menagerie circa 1938. And Miye (Mrs. George) Hara is another great CL booster.

The San Diegan we've known longest is Joe Yoshioka who now owns a big hunk of a 120 foot tuna clipper. He and his older brothers George and Ben who are now in Chicago were grade school Berkeleyans when their dad was a Methodist minister of our home town. Joe's wife, Mitzi, helped set up this potluck, after which some of us sat in for a bridge session at the Yoshiokas, our Greyhounding back to Ellay in the ayem.

Then there are forty-seven Postonians, camp III having been their desert destination in June, 1942. One of 'em, who was a school marm then, is our former Chicago JACL office secretary, 1947-50, Roxanne Takehara, who disgustingly used, to object to our translation of her surname: "bamboo belly."

MAKING WITH JAPANESE NAMES

So here we go on names again. And this one's a dilly, depending on how you look at it on account of it's for real. There are two entertainers imported from Japan who perform nightly at the Ginza sukiyaki house downstairs from our office. One is a slinky-cute danseuse and another a buxom samisen recording artist whose specialty is "Samisen Boogie". The latter's handle, which we ascertained to be her stage monicker, is Michiyo Kurenai. Don't ask why—we couldn't find out. We could really make hay with that Kurenai name but the editor says no. Anyway, she's pretty friendly.

MEMBERSHIP INNOVATION

Mebbe we've gotten sentimental but it touched us in a nice, warm way when we received an honorary membership card from the East L.A. chapter (No. 371). Which prompts us to suggest that all chapters can attain a lot of goodwill and public relations by simply giving out a few honorary memberships to outstanding friends and supporters in the community. It costs so little for the large good it does.

TOKUZO' RIDES AGAIN

Congratulations to Tokuzo for achieving the ultimate of barristers' dreams. Right during the joint EDC-MDC convention last fortnight, Harold Tokuzo Gordon, the only non-Nisei ever to serve on the JACL National Board (as national 1000 club chairman), was admitted to practice before the United States Supreme Court. Couldn't have happened to a nicer guy, 'cause they don't come nicer. Gooder, maybe, but not nicer.

6TH SENSE

Extra-sensory perception, we used to think, was women's secret weapon. It still is, come to think of it. You just can't lick intuition and mind reading. But it seems we have a bit of it, too. Last week, during one of our rare doldrums, we had a sudden and painful vision of starving to death with grains of rice imbedded in the floor out of reach. This was about 4 peeyem and as usual, our appetite was sounding off, too. Getting home that night, we found that our youngster, Beverly, 6½, had earlier, about 4 peeyem, been jumping around the kitchen and had caught her foot in the sack of rice as she was making like a jet. Result: grains of rice spilled on the floor. There's no moral to this but we do attribute man's downfall to strong appetites, even from the very first man, so well put in the world's shortest poem:

"Adam
Had 'em."

SAN FRANCISCO CHINESE SAINTS WIN SALT LAKE CITY NISEI INVITATIONAL CAGE TOURNAMENT FOR FOURTH STRAIGHT YEAR

TOURNAMENT ALL-STARS
HARVEY FONG, f. S.F. Saints
KAZ SHIZATO, f. L.A. All-Stars
HANK NOSE, c. N.C. NAU All-Stars
CLIFF WONG, g. S.F. Saints
DAVE LEW, g. S.F. Saints

(Salt Lake City) San Francisco Saints won their fourth straight Salt Lake Nisei Invitational basketball championship at the East Riverside gym last Saturday taking a 72-63 decision from the Los Angeles Stars. The victory did not come easily as the Angelenos fought the Chinese aggregation right down to the wire.

A three-point gap separated the teams when they reached the halfway point, San Francisco ahead 31-28. The Los Angeles squad came very close to squaring the score several times in the final half, but in each instance fell short

Full-length photograph of the tournament queen, Ruth Okawa, is on page B of this issue.

of the mark. With a few minutes left, the Saints went into a semi-stall, forcing Los Angeles to foul or open up a path for clean setups.

Harvey Fong, who starred for Sacramento J.C., paced the winners with an excellent floor game and 24 points. High man of the night was Kaz Shinzato of Los Angeles with 26 points.

In the third-place battle, Ray Soo and Tom Miyata with 16 and 15 points each led the Main Bowl Savoys of Seattle to a 61-47 romp over the Northern California NAU All-Stars. Hank Nose and Ed Ichioka contributed 15 and 12 points each for the losers.

Consolation honors went to Salt Lake YBA with a 35-30 measure over the Rexburg (Idaho) Ramblers. Yosh Hirai popped in 18 points for the local quintet. Roy

Pitching strength for Placer upped as five men ready

(Loomis) When the Placer JACL baseball club opens its 1955 season on in the Placer-Nevada League on April 24 there won't be a shortage of pitchers to plague them as in the past.

(Placer JACL inaugurated its '55 season with a 10-6 practice victory last Sunday over Isleton on the loser's ground. Shortstop Bob Koizaku was the leading hitter of the day with four hits out of five trips. Isleton, formerly the Bolson club, copped the Sacramento County League title.)

Facing the Nevada City Lumbers in the opener at James Field in Auburn will be five front-line chuckers, each capable of going the full route.

Manager Chuck Hayashida has signed two young pro prospects in fast-baller Gene Rodrick, Sierra College pitcher, and Fred Moeller, currently with Sacramento State. Returning will be George Goto, veteran fireballer of several years; Russ Bivens, who last year proved to be a sensation with the Nisei club and who is presently pitching for the Sierra College Wolverines; and Bob Takemoto, who would have a good year if his arm holds up.

The same team that finished the season last year in a blaze of glory in capturing the State Nisei championship at Lodi will return plus Jimmy Yokota and Shorty Miyamoto when the U.S. Air Force discharges them in May.

Bob Hayashida will be back behind the log; Norm Matsuoka at first base; Jim Enkoji and Rabbit Watanabe at second; Bob Kozaiku at shortstop; Billy Nishimoto at third; and the outfield will see Jackson Hayashida, Frank Kageta, both veterans from the old school, Charley Oseto, and both Goto and Moeller when they aren't expected to work on the mound as they are both handy stickers.

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Tournament results:

FIRST ROUND
N.C. NAU All-Stars 52, Rexburg 45.
Los Angeles 120, Denver All-Stars 44.
S.F. Chinese Saints 77, Davis Comets 40.
Main Bowl Savoys 68, SLC 57.

SEMI-FINAL ROUND
Rexburg 52, Davis 51.
SLC YBA, Denver 34.
Denver N-Joys 41, SLC YBA 10 (women's).

FINAL ROUND
S.F. Saints 60, N.C. NAU 43.
Los Angeles 78, Main Bowl 48.

New tournament records were tallied by Kaz Shinzato of Los Angeles, who racked up 51 points for the "most points in a single

Ishizawa rolls 744 to cop \$150 weekly sweepstakes

(Los Angeles) Nisei kegl'ers are in the thick of things rolling in the sixth annual L.A. Examiner \$20,000 bowling classic. For the second week sweepstakes, Tok Ishizawa broke the classic Open record with a 744 at Trojan Bowl to be a \$150 prize winner. Jim Yoshitake was another \$150 high series prize winner by posting a 658 in the Cee division.

SPORTSCOPE

Nisei Kelp Tanglers, a Los Angeles skin-diving club, discussed this season's series of competition this week. Emphasis is being placed on the Pacific Coast championships at Laguna Beach in August. The group is a member of the AAU and the International Underwater Spearfishing Association. Bill Yamachika is president.

Kuni Kawamura rolled a 678 at Stockton Bowl last week for one of the highest series of the area this season. He only had one miss and one split in the games of 221-253-204.

Hi Akagi was named president of the San Francisco Nisei Bowling Association with Smokey Toda and Mrs. Chiz Satow, vice-presidents, in charge of the men and women bowling leagues for the 1955-56 season.

Sartor Contentus

By NAOMI KASHIWABARA

A Los Angeles newspaper (not the Pacific Citizen) is running or did run ads selling the conversion of "out - moded" double-breasted for \$25.

I don't know how you-all feel about this; my reaction is a profane monosyllable.

Hanging in my closet are three suits, all double-breasted. I bought these with money earned in tasks requiring much muscular and little mental movement. I am not sentimentally attached to these suits, but neither am I inclined to discard them.

The Issei male in his prime owned usually one suit, invariably black or navy blue in color. This versatile garment he wore all year around for years to engeikais, sobetsukais, kangeikas, ososhikis, kekkonshikis, undowkais, and to the local China-meshi on some Sunday nights. He was too busy working and saving to put children through school to worry about where the buttons on his suit coat were placed.

ITEM: Cary Grant can wear a cheap \$25 sport shirt and make it

game" and 98 points for "most points in a three-game series". The Los Angeles All-Stars have the "most points in a single game" at 120, and "most points scored by two teams" at 164, when they defeated Denver All-Stars 120-44.

During intermission of the Victory Hop, tournament awards were presented. Recipients and donors were:

Ruth Okawa, tourney queen trophy (Dawn Noodle); Mai Shimizu, Natoye Shiba, Kiku Mitsunaga, Edna Masuda, queen attendant trophies (Dr. Toshiko Toyota); Salt Lake YBA, consolation trophy (Mas Yano); Main Bowl Savoys, third place trophy (Yasu Katayama); Los Angeles All-Stars, second place trophy (Hito Okada); S.F. Chinese Saints, permanent trophy (SLC JACL), perpetual trophy (Frank E. Moss), individuals (Dr. Tom Kama and Bill Mizuno).

N.C. All-Stars, sportsmanship (Alha Fountain); Ray Soo, "most outstanding player" trophy (Fred T. Toyota Memorial); Michi Iwata of Denver, "outstanding girl player" trophy (Inland Empire Insurance Co.).

Konno, Oyakawa in double nat'l AAU swim victories

(New Haven, Conn.) For Konno missed equalling a world record in the 440-yd. freestyle by a tenth of a second in the National AAU indoor men's swimming championships here last week, but broke the meet record with a time of 4m.28.2s., his greatest performance at this distance.

The Ohio State senior from Hawaii lowered his own listed world record in the 220-yd. freestyle (at 2m.4.7s.) the previous night with a sterling 2m.4s. effort. Yoshi Oyakawa, Konno's teammate, defended his crown in the 100-yd. backstroke covering the distance in 57.2s.

Oyakawa captured the 220-yd. backstroke, a new event, in 2m.22.5s., by an eyelash. Runner-up Charley Krepp of North Carolina was timed in 2m.22.4s., but passed up because place judges take precedence over timers.

Konno and Oyakawa, who between them hold 13 individual national collegiate titles as members of the Ohio State team, will graduate this summer.

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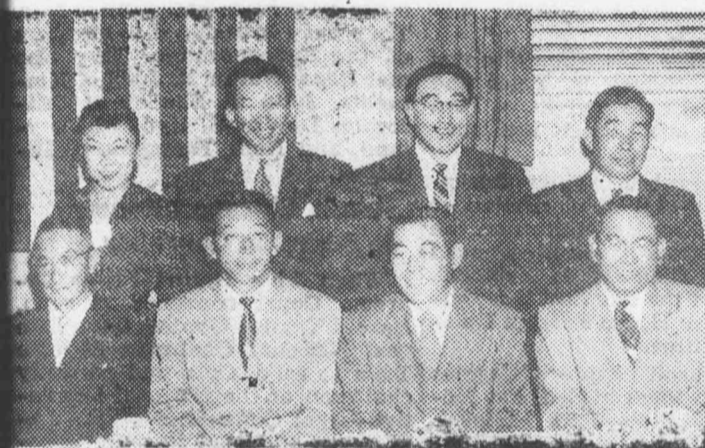


Among the early birds in early March when yellowtail fishing season opened off Coronado Islands were these lucky fishermen aboard the Polaris, Tom Kida (left) and Howard Takahashi (third from left). Both are 1000 Clubbers in the San Diego JACL, Kida being chairman. The sportsmen participated in an impromptu test of fishing conditions.



Since 1949, the Southern Alameda County JACL has participated in the Alameda County Fair by displaying a booth of local-grown vegetables. Its best year was in 1952 (which this photo shows with three past-presidents, Katsumi Shikano, Kiyoshi Kato and Kazuo Shikano, standing from left to right), when the entry won a Blue Ribbon first-place in the agricultural class and a trophy for the best booth in the building. By winning prize money at both the county and state fairs, the chapter found it a source of income as well as promoting goodwill and public relations.

—Photo by Tom Okada, Oakland

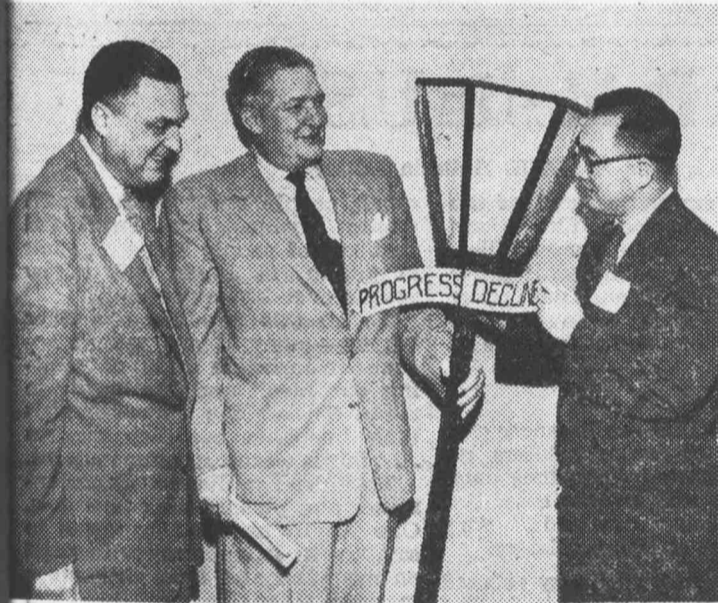


Salinas Valley JACL cabinet members for 1955 are (left to right); standing—Roberta Urabe, cor. sec.; Harry Shirashi, pub.; Tommy Miyayaga, del.; John Tarakawa, alt. del.; seated—James Tanda, pres.; Kiyo Hirano, v.p.; Tony Itani, rec. sec. and Ken Sato, treas.—Courtesy: Salinas Californian



Southern Alameda County JACL chapter is headed by Ray Kitayama (front center), and is flanked by other cabinet members (left to right): James S. Kizahama, ath.; Yutaka Handa, board; Mrs. Grace Handa, 2nd v.p.; Setsu Umemoto, pub.; Kitayama; Eleanor Motozaki, rec. sec.; Jane Yamauchi, cor. sec.; Kay Shikano, board; and Yosh Hisaoka, hist. Absent from the picture were Ace Handa, 1st v.p.; Hideo Matsumoto, treas.; Mrs. Hisako Mizota, soc.; Yas Kato and Tarno Fudenna, board mems.

—Washington Township News-Register Photo.



Mike B. Mitchell (left), president of the Seattle City Council, and Mayor Allan Pomeroy of Seattle, meet George Kawaruchi (right), member of the Advisory Council for "Operation Crossroads" community development study, which citizens of Seattle's international Jackson Street area are undertaking in cooperation with the Univ. of Washington Bureau of Community Development to plan for the future economic development of the area in spite of freeway plans to splice the district. —Photo by Elmer Ogawa.

Seattle residents to be affected by freeway splice organize study group

By ELMER OGAWA

(Seattle) "Operation Crossroads", the unique community development study being carried on in Seattle's international Jackson Street area, was honored at a recent town meeting by the attendance of Mayor Allan Pomeroy of Seattle and City Council President Mike B. Mitchell.

Mayor Pomeroy and Councilman Mitchell both congratulated the citizens of the area for undertaking the "self-improvement" study which is designed to insure the area's future development despite the effects of a proposed freeway which will cut the district in half.

The study has city-wide significance, the visiting officials said, marking the first time such a study has been undertaken in a metropolitan area in Seattle.

Many members of the Japanese community are participating in the study including Seattle JACL president Howard Sakura, first vice-chairman of the study committee; George Kawaruchi, fifth vice-chairman; Takashi Kubota, Toru Sakahara, and S. George Kashiwagi, all members of the Advisory Council; Philip Hayasaka, chairman of the committee on population, and Dr. T. T. Nakamura, chairman of the committee on beautification.



Judge William Dozier installed the 1955 Stockton JACL Chapter cabinet before 180 witnesses Mar. 13 at Bruno & Lena's Restaurant. In the photograph are (left to right) standing—Hiroshi Morita; Art Nakashima, treas.; Fred Dobana; Henry Kusama, pres.; George Baba, past-pres.; Jerry Hashimoto, sgt.-at-arms; Sam Itaya; Jack Matsumoto; sitting—Mrs. Marie DeCorti, 1st v.p.; Mrs. Lou Tsunckawa, soc. chmn.; Mrs. Jack Matsumoto, soc. chmn.; Mrs. Henry Kusama, sec.; Mrs. Fred Dobana, hist.; and Louise Baba, pub. Absent were Joe Omachi; Yoshimi Terashita; Yukie Shinoda; Shokichi Ishimaru, 2nd v.p.; Mrs. John Yamaguchi, cor. sec.; Henry Wakimoto, sgt.-at-arms; Dr. Ken Fujii; Dr. Keiji Onizuka, pub. rel.; and Mr. Agari, Issei rel. —Yoshikawa Photo, Stockton.

Dateline Northwest

BY BUDD FUKUI

AN UNPLEASANT TASK

Seattle

Last March 30, 1955, we had the unpleasant task of suspending publication of *The Northwest Times*.

The *Northwest Times* was born January 1, 1947 in the rear lobby of the N.P. Hotel. Its sole worldly possessions were a collection of odd pencils, a typewriter, a batch of paper, a telephone, a beat-up structure called a desk, and a hope.

Later, a linotype was added when the firm moved to 215 Fifth Ave. S. and when the organization settled down to business at 304 Main St., where it had resided for the last seven years, the purchases included a press, a folding machine, a type case and a casting box.

(Are you still with us?)

During its eight years and three months of publication, *The Northwest Times* has seen much sorrow strewn among the Japanese American population. But it has also seen much happiness and achievements.

Everything, however, was not recorded because we were either too busy fighting off the creditors or trying to balance the books. With our limited funds—we tried. In other words, never let it be said that . . .

But during its brief but rather full life, *The Northwest Times*, by scrimping here and there and elsewhere, managed to sponsor a few notable events for the benefit of Japanese Americans in the area.

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A BIT FOR THE COMMON CAUSE

It gained a new experience by associating closely with people of Japanese ancestry—all of them basically good but some peculiarly obnoxious. And it also has learned with delight that Japanese Americans are fast being assimilated into the greater American society and that they are rapidly losing their pre-war in-group consciousness. Only another catastrophe—such as the World War II evacuation—would force them to band together, and we would be the last to wish that on any group.

Assimilation and our failing health led to our decision to fold up the paper.

The publication was founded, as many are aware, with one objective: to assist the Japanese Americans during their insecure period shortly after their return to the Pacific Northwest. If the paper has helped even a few persons in readjusting themselves to a normal way of life after several trying years in relocation centers, then it feels it had done its little bit for a common cause.

The early news item about the paper's definite departure from the Japanese American scene here brought many expressions of appreciation from grateful readers, friends and organizations. The announcement was not aimed for that purpose but we were extremely pleased to be remembered in our final hour. It's a great feeling to be told—before death—what a wonderful fellow you've been . . .

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WITH MALICE TOWARDS NONE

In suspending publication, *The Northwest Times* did not die a violent death. Instead, it passed away quietly with happy memories, with malice towards none, and with best wishes to all.

Arrangements are being made now for the final services and burial.

Pardon our obituary-like ending . . . but as your editor felt: "Always hated to see newspapers fold up, despite the cause . . ."



Miorie Miyoko Nishimura, 20, reigned as queen of the third annual Honolulu Cherry Blossom Festival this past week. The Univ. of Hawaii sophomore was selected from a final group of 15 girls. (Read Larry Nakatsuka's "Honolulu Newsleter" on Pg. 3 this issue.)

—Cut courtesy: Shinichi Bel.

Nixon—

[From Front Page]

tive-born and naturalized citizens present at the gathering to do what they could to maintain those cordial relations. He said that because of "your ancestry, you can perhaps render your greatest service to our country by explaining America to Japan and Japan to America."

He mentioned some of the great problems confronting Japan and urged that Japanese Americans help in their resolution because the fate of Japan may well determine the fate of the free world in Asia.

The Vice-President, in beginning his informal remarks, welcomed the group to Washington and complimented the JACL for having Mike Masaoka as its spokesman in Washington. He said

Senate passes private bill for Denver amputee

(Denver) The U.S. Senate has passed a special bill Mar. 28 on behalf of Chokichi Iraha, granting the double amputee right of permanent residence in the United States.

The bill goes to the House for concurrence, where Rep. Byron Rogers of Colorado has pledged to exert every possible effort to pass the bill during this session of Congress. It was recalled by the Mountain-Plains JACL Office that the special bill introduced in 1954 had passed the Senate but did not pass the House because of adjournment.

The Okinawan is attending the Denver Art Academy to train himself to be self-sustaining.

Kushida naturalized

(Rockville, Md.) George Kushida of Kensington, Md., was naturalized an American citizenship at recent ceremonies here. Japan-born older brother of Tats Kushida, JACL regional director, lived in Los Angeles before the war after being graduated from Univ. of California at Berkeley in 1928. During the war years, he worked with the Foreign Broadcast Intelligence Service in Washington, D.C., and in 1950 joined with Tosuke Yamasaki in the multi-ethnic business.

that Masaoka had successfully brought to the attention of the Administration and the Congress the problems of the Nisei and the older Japanese in this country and that much credit for the present status of the group could be accounted to his effective representations. He also declared that Masaoka had done as much as any person to promote Japanese American relations.

Sen. George H. Bender (R., Ohio), accompanied the Vice-President. Sen. Bender was pleasantly surprised to learn that some 12 delegates from the Cincinnati, Cleveland, and Dayton chapters were present. He led the group in singing "God be with us 'til we meet again" as a climax to the day which was spent by all the delegates in visiting their respective senators and representatives in Congress and in witnessing both the House of Representatives and the Senate in session.

Delegates visit Congressmen, Senators

Many of the delegates also attended public hearings of House and Senate Committees.

When the House convened at noon, Rep. Barratt O'Hara (D., Ill.) speaking from the floor, welcomed the JACL delegates to that historic chamber, explained what the JACL is to his colleagues in the Congress, and wished a successful convention to the delegates. He specifically called attention to the 24 delegates from Chicago, his home district.

The Chicago delegation also met with Reps. Sidney R. Yates and Charles A. Boyle and Sens. Paul H. Douglas and Everett McKinley Dirksen.

The Milwaukee chapter delegation met with Sen. Alexander Wiley, ranking Republican on the Foreign Affairs Committee, and with Rep. Clement J. Zablocki, chairman of the Far East Subcommittee of the House Foreign Relations Committee.

The Detroit chapter delegates visited the offices of Sen. Pat McNamara and Rep. John Lesinski. Minnesota Sen. Hubert H. Humphrey extended his regards to this group.

The St. Louis chapter delegates visited the offices of Sens. Thomas C. Hennings and Stuart Symington.

The Ohio delegation conferred with Sen. John W. Bricker and

their respective representatives in the House.

The New York chapter delegates called at the offices of Sens. Irving M. Ives and Herbert H. Lehman and Rep. Emanuel Celler, chairman of the Judiciary Committee, and John J. Rooney, chairman of the Appropriations Subcommittee on Justice Department claims and appropriations.

The Philadelphia delegates called on Sens. Edward Martin and James Dugg, as well as their Philadelphia representatives.

Under special arrangements made by Rep. Gordon L. McDonough, the fifty recently naturalized Issei citizens, most of whom were from Southern California, met in a committee hearing from where they heard from Sen. Thomas H. Kuchel and Reps. Chet Holifield, Patrick J. Hillings, McDonough himself, James Roosevelt, and James B. Utt, all of the Los Angeles area.

In the morning, National JACL President George Inagaki, National JACL Director Mas Satow, National Thousand Club Chairman Shig Wakamatsu, Midwest District Council Chairman Abe Hagiwara, and Washington JACL representative Mike Masaoka conferred with Rep. Francis E. Walter, chairman of the House Judiciary Subcommittee on Immigration and Naturalization.

Following the conference, they were special guests of the Pennsylvanian at a hearing of his Subcommittee on private immigration bills. They were introduced to members of the Subcommittee. They also met Reps. Walter H. Judd of Minnesota, John F. Shelley of California, DeWitt S. Hyde of Maryland, and Ruth Thompson of Michigan.

Admit Chicago attorney to Supreme Court bar

When the United States Supreme Court convened at noon, Harold Tokuzo Gordon, immediate past National Chairman of the Thousand Club and presently chairman of the National Legislative-Legal Committee of the JACL, was admitted to practice before the Supreme Court. His admission was moved by Solicitor General of the United States Simon E. Sobeloff and his oath was administered by Chief Justice Earl Warren. Many of his fellow Chicago delegates witnessed the ceremony.

Loneliest Brides in U.S.

BY OSKI TANIWAKI, Mile-Hi JACL Bulletin Editor

(Recently, Bill Hosokawa cited Oski Taniwaki in his column as one of the enterprising Nisei for his story on the Japanese wives of Negro husbands in the Mile-Hi JACL Bulletin. This is Oski's story.—Editor.)

Denver

When an Italian-American GI brings home a wife from France or Germany, no one makes a big fuss, but when a Negro soldier marries a Japanese girl, they are called "war-brides," and a world of trouble is beginning.

"We don't like the word war-bride because it gives you a cheap sounding word, something like the GIs pick up in foreign countries for the price of a few imported chocolate and chewing gum," said shapely Mrs. Takako Wiley of Denver (Kanai Apt.).

"Yes, we are very lonely, no brothers, no sisters, no parents, and above all, no friends. We try very hard to make friends among the Nisei, but . . ." lamented Teruko Hall, 2142 High St., who is expecting her third child in the very near future.

When most of the Japanese war-brides arrived in America, they naturally expected to find and enjoy all the marvels their husbands had told them about, like gadgets, wide open spaces, fine homes, new friends and in-laws to replace those they left in Japan.

It's true they have found the gadgets to save time, the spaces vast, but the in-laws and friends have turned out to be the most aloof people they ever met. The new wives have met only half-hearted welcome from the in-laws and been unable to make new friends.

As a result the Japanese war-brides have become the loneliest brides in America.

As Japanese brides they have not yet been freely accepted in

Negro communities, and as the wives of Negroes, they are shunned in white communities. They have even found it difficult to remain friends with other Nipponese girls who married white soldiers and came here to live.

"It seems that the Japanese girls who married white soldiers got very high hatted when they came to America and drew a color line on us and our husbands," say many wives of Negro soldiers.

Nor can they find easy relaxed friendship in the Nisei circle. The Nisei seem to prefer to identify themselves with whites and shy away from associations with Negroes.

These facts push the war-brides to become the loneliest brides in America.

The result is that the brides socialize in tiny clusters with other girls with Negro husbands, rarely outside their own pinsized group, spend an enormous amount of time either with their husbands or alone . . . most likely alone.

To relieve their lonesomeness, the girls write many letters home and few people, outside their own families, know what the girls really think down deep inside of them. The letters are always written in Japanese, the husbands cannot read "nihongo."

And what goes on in the mind of the war-bride is a baffling mystery to the Negro husbands . . . the husbands almost beg that she throw it back at them . . . but still it is kept inside. It is a mystery indeed to the highly emotional Negro people.

To most of the Japanese brides, U.S. customs are as bewildering as the fittings on a new vacuum sweeper. Often the bride misinterprets brisk, casual manners for discourtesy. She finds that in America almost nobody bows (Japanese always do), that few edu-

cated people sport gold teeth (many Japanese love them) and that lots of people kiss each other in public (in Japan only a few people ever kiss anywhere).

To all this is added one other barrier—many Negro women accuse the Japanese brides of "spoiling our men" and are hostile to them. To all the Japanese girls their husbands are their masters . . . this is almost a commandment.

This idea simultaneously embarrasses and pleases their husbands. One Negro husband had this to say, "I like it when my wife waits on me hand and foot, gives me a massage when I come home from work, washes my back in hot water, and turns down the bed so I can take a nap before supper."

A recent war-bride, Sayoko Smith, says, "I feel it is my duty to do my husbands bidding and if this makes me different from American women then I don't know what to do about it because acting this way makes him happy. If he's happy then I am happy."

All in all, the Japanese brides of "koku-jin (the Sino-form of the word, black people) face the future with fairly strong hopes. They feel, they can surely narrow the gap between them and Negro housewives of their own ages. Most of them are conscientiously studying English . . . the key to understanding and sufficient happiness.

The loneliest brides in America, humbly appeal to the Nisei as their guiding brothers and sisters, they want us to be tolerant, they want to be taught, and above all they want to be friends.

Pan-Am promotion

(San Francisco) Hiroshi Yamamoto, who taught Japanese at Yale and Columbia universities during the war years to servicemen, was promoted to training supervisor by Pan American World Airways here. The Berkeley Nisei, before joining Pan-Am, was manager of TMC Travel Bureau in New York.

Editorials

LANGUAGE NO BARRIER

When newly naturalized Issei citizens of Snake River Valley in the Oregon-Idaho country were honored for attaining their richly deserved status, the superintendent of Ontario (Ore.) schools pointed out language need not be a barrier in taking interest and active part in community affairs.

This encouragement, it can be said, equally merits attention from the Nisei, who have been blessed with an American education. When Congress passed the law permitting our pioneering Issei to rights of naturalization, it recognized their outstanding record as law-abiding and civic-conscious residents of these United States. The Issei have, more or less, passed their test of true citizenship by raising their families and contributing to the greatness that is ours today. The Nisei are now in similar circumstances with the raising of children and contributing to the general welfare of the community in which they live. The final mark will be rendered by what the next generation is able to study.

As for language not being a barrier, everyone knows that it's not "what" is said that counts, but rather "how" it's said. "Thank you" said in a thick foreign accent with deep sincerity is more gratifying than when uttered without flaw and without heart.

'DATELINE NORTHWEST'

There are still areas where persons of Japanese ancestry reside in such numbers as to merit a special corner in the Pacific Citizen. We are happy to announce that the Pacific Northwest will be represented regularly through the eyes and pen of Budd Fukei, who was publisher-editor of the Northwest Times. He deals this week with the passing of his own semi-weekly, but future columns may weave human-interest yarns of Northwest personalities, tell of significant incidents from the passing week and of comments from the "Dateline Northwest" angle.

We await the return of Alice Kasai's "Intermountain Items" and seek special writers representing other areas. Only through the regular coverage by people who keep a pulse upon the Japanese American community throughout the United States can we mature to a truly national publication.

Very Truly Yours

BY HARRY HONDA

NEW SOUNDS IN LIVING ROOM

Some of us who have tired on television as a medium of steady home entertainment are alongside a growing industry of recordings and sound reproduction over the entire range of human hearing—commonly referred to as "hi-fi" . . . Last weekend my friend, Charles Fullert (who once lived in Amache WRA Camp), spent time underneath our house stretching wiring from one corner of our living room to the other to connect the 15-inch speaker and 20-watt hi-fi amplifier and record player. Scuffling with grime and cobwebs was the meanest part of the installation. Setting up the components was a task that assures hours of pleasantries and relaxation . . . Other friends of mine are spending weekends at home carefully assembling parts purchased in kit-form to set up their amplifiers. Hi-fi console models are being sold in appreciable numbers, too. Probably, they're as bored as I am over the TV fare of late . . . Or they want to do justice to their collection of fine recordings as I did.



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Last year, the sale of tape, tape recorders and players was a 100 million-dollar business. The market is said to be barely scratched . . . Tremendous volume is reported also by the makers of conventional phonograph records and manufacturers of record players . . . Seven years ago, interest in hi-fi started with the use of wide range tape recording in commercial studios and the sale of 33 and 45 rpm records. While converting their old 78 rpm machines to accommodate the new records, customers discovered they could buy custom-made equipment which would deliver sound from a 30-cycle bass growl to a 20,000-cycle squeal . . . Not long in catching on to the new bonanza market, major manufacturers are plying coaxial and multiple speakers, sensitive pickups, "wow"-less turntables, preamplifiers and amplifiers for the living room trade . . . In a way, the home has been vastly enriched educationally and recreationally by television, by high fidelity radios and phonographs and tape recorders (something we hope to acquire in the future) . . . No limit seems to be in sight to the application of these devices and to developments which will bring down manufacturing costs for more people to eventually enjoy.

One more thing I'd like to add: our collection of old 78 rpm records is headed for more spinning. The amplifier does a grand job eliminating surface noises and seems to have added a new luster to the sounds that once emanated from the now-discarded player.

EDC-MDC Convention Notes

Washington

The experimental Joint JACL Convention of the Eastern and Midwest District Councils held here, the last weekend in March proved to be a most memorable occasion, even to convention-hardened delegates and boosters. From the informal reception at the Embassy of Japan on Friday evening until the completion of the special sightseeing tour Tuesday night, there was evident a spirit of JACL consciousness and camaraderie that has seldom been duplicated in district and national conventions.

The chapter officers and members in the Nation's Capital are to be congratulated for hosting one of the most friendly, inspiring, enjoyable, and efficiently-run events of its kind in JACL history.

About 200 delegates and boosters registered from every chapter in the Midwest and Eastern District Councils. Together with the Issei citizens on tour and other guests, some 20 states and the Territory of Hawaii were represented on the rolls.

While it is difficult to select a single highspot for the many features on the two day convention that actually stretched out into five days, according to most comments it would be the visitations on Capitol Hill on Monday when the many delegates visited their respective senators and representatives, witnessed a congressional hearing or two, sat in on the opening of the Supreme Court, saw the House and the Senate convene and in session, toured the Capital Building, and heard the Vice-President of the United States personally welcome them to the Nation's Capitol.

What seemed to impress most delegates was the evident goodwill and respect that the JACL enjoys in Washington on all levels — legislative, judicial, and executive. Many of the delegates had read and heard about JACL's prestige and popularity but not until they came into actual contact with official Washington did they appreciate its significance.

Unusual too was the fact that Convention Banquet, with three guest speakers in addition to the usual greetings and responses, started out half an hour late yet concluded ten minutes before it was scheduled to end.

Heartening to visiting National JACL officers was the capacity crowd that sat and listened all Sunday afternoon to the history of the organization and discussed some of its problems at the JACL clinic.

Speakers Suggest New JACL Role

All Convention speakers suggested the JACL and persons of Japanese ancestry in this country should, as Americans, undertake to promote better understanding and relations between the United States and Japan.

At the Convention Banquet Saturday evening, Senator Warren G. Magnuson, Congressman Francis E. Walter, and Ambassador of Japan Sadao Iguchi all joined in stressing this objective.

As the senior senator from the west coast put it:

"If you who are in the JACL can contribute as much to international relations as you have already contributed to eliminating discrimination and injustices in the United States against persons of Japanese ancestry, you will have rendered a great service to our country and to the cause of peace in our time."

At the Convention Luncheon Sunday noon, Deputy Assistant

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yuume. Following the successful Convention Banquet, congratulations were bestowed on Miss Ethel Fukuyama, banquet chairman. Sen. Magnuson and Congressman Walter expressed their gratitude for a "most pleasant evening."

Mrs. Betty Murata and Sab Hasegawa were in charge of the flower arrangements and registration, respectively. Don Komai handled the general arrangements and Miss Yohko Sumida headed the 14 hostesses of the banquet.

Secretary of State for Far Eastern Affairs William J. Sebald emphasized this matter again, urging that of all Americans those of Japanese ancestry were better equipped to serve our country than any others in bringing about friendship and positive goodwill between the two great Pacific powers.

Vice-President Richard M. Nixon, in an informal address Monday afternoon climaxing the Capitol Hill visitations, recalled his recent visit to Japan and called upon the native-born and the naturalized citizens of Japanese ancestry to do all in their power to continue to keep Japan and the United States friends and allies in a troubled world.

Sampling Gleaned From Capitol Hill

An example of how the various delegations fared is that of the Chicago chapter, some 24 strong. They met with both their senators, Democrat Paul Douglas and Republican Everett M. Dirksen, and with three congressmen, Sidney R. Yates, Barratt O'Hara, and Charles A. Boyle. Congressman Yates also dropped in at the informal, pre-convention spaghetti dinner that followed the Embassy reception Friday evening while Congressman O'Hara attended the hilarious Thousand Club Chow Wow Sunday night.

In addition, Congressman O'hara took the floor of the House when it convened Monday noon to extend the greetings of the entire Congress to the JACLers visiting Washington for the Convention. He lauded the JACL slogan, "For Better Americans In A Greater America", and commended it to his colleagues as a guide in enacting legislation.

Another group that was given a special reception was the newly naturalized group of Issei from the west coast, mostly from Los Angeles. Congressman Gordon L. McDonough secured the Banking and Currency Committee room for the 47 newly naturalized citizens. He explained the workings of Congress and then served as chairman as Congressman James Roosevelt, Chet Holifield, Patrick J. Hillings, and James B. Utt came to committee room to pay their respects to their southern California constituents.

In addition, Senator Thomas H. Kuchel made the long trip from the Senate chamber to the New House Office Building to extend his greetings. Usually, visitors have to call on their congressmen; this time, the members of Congress called on them.

National Board members George Inagaki, president; Shig Wakamatsu, Thousand Club chairman; Abe Hagiwara, MDC chairman; and Mas Satow, national director, called on Congressman Walter. They saw JACL's appreciation scroll and gold medallion for "distinguished service to Americans of Japanese ancestry" prominently displayed in his office that includes many such scrolls and presentations. They were also his personal guests at a hearing of his Subcommittee on Immigration and Naturalization that was considering private immigration bills.

Joint Convention Sidelights

National President Inagaki and national director Satow were also able to call on Maxwell M. Rabb at the White House. Mr. Rabb is not only the Secretary to the Cabinet and associate counsel to the President but also the Administration's adviser on minority problems.

Mr. Rabb informed the national officers that in his opinion the JACL had a remarkable public relations organization that had accomplished much in a short time. He also advised them that if JACL had any problems he would be happy to consider them.

In addition to the evacuation

claims program, discrimination in housing was discussed and Mr. Rabb promised to do what could be done to eliminate this greatest remaining area of bigotry and prejudice towards persons of Japanese ancestry in the United States.

Though standing ovations were given to Congressman Walter, Senator Magnuson, and Ambassador Iguchi at the Convention Banquet, probably the greatest applause when the special guests were introduced was reserved for Mr. and Mrs. Dillon S. Myer, wartime War Relocation Authority Director. Another who received tremendous applause was Mr. and Mrs. Enoch E. Ellison, chief of the Japanese Evacuation Claims Section of the Justice Department.

At the Sunday luncheon, Colonel and Mrs. Campbell C. Johnson, who were so instrumental in reactivating Selective Service for the Nisei in World War II, were among those specially honored.

When Harold Tokuzo Gordon, first and only non-Nisei ever to be elected to the National Board and immediate past Thousand Club chairman, was sworn in to practice before the United States Supreme Court Monday noon, he was in distinguished company. Associate Justice John Marshal Harlan was also sworn in by Chief Justice Earl Warren at the same time. The Solicitor General of the United States himself, the Hon. Simon E. Sobeloff, moved his admission to practice before the nation's highest tribunal.

The Thousand Club Chow Wow restricted itself to tomfoolery and skits by the various chapters and individual members. Highlight of the hilarious affair was a skit lampooning the evacuation claims hearings of 1948 in Washington and contrasting it with the ones held in California last year during the national convention.

Typical of the sentiment that is fundamental to JACL was the "get well quick" telegram signed by 130 delegates and sent to immediate past national president Randolph M. Sakada, who is convalescing in Chicago.

In addition, a gift lounging robe was sent to him as a token of the affection and esteem in which he is held by his fellow JACLers.

His wife Shiz was also remembered with some gay and colorful imported handkerchiefs from Switzerland.

Like every convention, there were so many items and events that should be chronicled that no single person is able to do the job adequately. Moreover, every delegate evaluated the event according to his likes and dislikes, so any comprehensive job is impossible.

But, this random summary of some highlights that came to mind may give the reader some inkling of the tremendously interesting and impressive time had by those fortunate enough to attend the recent Joint EDC-MDC Convention in Washington.

CALENDAR

- Apr. 10 (Sunday) Southwest L.A.—Easter Egg Hunt, Southeast section, Exposition Park 8:30 - 9:30 a.m.
- Apr. 13 (Wednesday) San Francisco—Auxiliary meeting, Booker T. Washington Social Hall, 7:30 p.m. "Fashion for Your Homes," Norman Black of Sloan's, spkr.
- Apr. 14 (Thursday) East Los Angeles — General Meeting, Soto-Michigan Center, 8 p.m.
- Apr. 15 (Friday) Seattle — Installation dinner-dance, Chamber of Commerce Bldg.
- Apr. 16 (Saturday) Placer County — Pre-Picnic dance, Loomis Veterans Memorial Hall.
- Apr. 17 (Sunday) Dayton—3-D colored films on Japan, Grace Methodist Church, 3 p.m. San Francisco—Auxiliary visitation, Laguna Honda Home for Aged. Placer County — JACL picnic, Penryn JACL ball park.
- Apr. 20 (Wednesday) Marysville—General meeting, JACL Office, 7:30 p.m.
- Apr. 21 (Thursday) Southwest L.A. — Pre-PSWDC Convention mixer, Centenary Methodist Church, 8 p.m.
- Apr. 23 (Saturday) Mile-Hi—Box lunch social.
- Apr. 24 (Sunday) Reedley—Community Picnic. Alameda—Issei Citizens Dinner (tentative).