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PERPETUATION OF LIES

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In our column of April 8 we cited a textbook called *Modern World Politics* (Crowell, New York, 1948) as exemplifying the hardness of the lies about Americans of Japanese ancestry which were circulated on the Pacific coast shortly after Pearl Harbor. These stories about espionage and treason, which helped prepare the public mind for the acceptance of mass evacuation, long have been proved counterfeit, but *Modern World Politics*, ostensibly an authoritative work for the use of college classes, repeated these falsehoods — seven years after.

Modern World Politics, written by Thorsten V. Kalijarvi and associates (the chapter of the "Strategy of Treachery and Espionage" was written by Joseph C. Roucek) parrots a now-familiar, long-discredited, libel against the loyalty of the Japanese American population on the west coast and Hawaii. On p. 409 is the statement that Japanese fifth column activities in Hawaii



"were second only to the fifth column program that enabled the Germans to overpower Norway." On p. 409-410 is the charge that "among the hundreds of small fishing boats that long have operated off Los Angeles, some were convertible into mine-laying craft and some were equipped with highpower radio sets and manned by reserve officers of the Imperial Japanese navy . . . Japanese truck gardeners, producing much of the food of the Los Angeles area, concentrated their farming activities in areas adjoining or close to oil storage tanks, airplane factories, shipyards, drydocks, and other vital points where espionage and sabotage might be practical upon order." The whole chapter is a compendium of similar charges.

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Since the appearance of our column, several letters have been sent to the authors and publishers of *Modern World Politics*.

Mike M. Masaoka, writing as Washington representative of the JACL, asked if the Crowell publishing firm were willing "to listen to the facts as we know them and can document them in order that you may correct your textbook in the light of actual facts."

Marvin Segal, a Beverly Hills, Calif., attorney, in a letter to Prof. Roucek declared that if "your contribution to the book is nothing but a rehash of old and discredited stories of alleged Japanese American treachery and perfidy, you owe your reading public as well as the thousands of loyal and patriotic Japanese Americans an apology."

All this would seem to be much ado about a college textbook published seven years ago and presumably no longer in use.

But the fact is that the book perpetuated lies about the Japanese American population six years after most of them had been discredited in the more sober months after the mass evacuation and mass detention of the Japanese American group had been accomplished in 1942.

If the statements in *Modern World Politics* or in any similar publication go unchallenged, it could conceivably provide material for some future race-baiting demagogue in some future time of crisis.

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ANOTHER CAMPAIGN ABOUT BOOKS

There is a wide gap between an effort to correct the record, as in the case of canards about the Japanese Americans in this college textbook and the efforts of a California matron to ban certain books from the state's schools and libraries. The JACL is vigorously opposed to censorship in any form, book-burning included. Mrs. Ann Smart of Marin County, California, is not.

If Mrs. Smart succeeds in her present campaign, nearly every important book in interracial and intercultural relations published in recent years would be banned from schools and libraries on the mistaken assumption they are "subversive." Mrs. Smart's book includes a number of books published by or about Japanese Americans.

On Ed Murrow's CBS-TV program, *See It Now*, on April 19, Mrs. Smart specifically mentioned and showed books she demanded libraries and schools should remove from their shelves. Among these books were Mine Okubo's *Citizen 13660*, an account in prose and in drawing of life at the Tanforan reception center and the Topaz relocation camp, and Louis Adamie's *From Many Lands* which includes a chapter titled *American with a Japanese Face*.

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The list of authors who are candidates for Mrs. Smart's book-burning encompasses nearly everyone who has had a thought about the freedom of the individual or the brotherhood of man. The tragic undercurrent of the situation is that some schools and libraries have been intimidated by the one-woman campaign and have removed books from their shelves.

"Some of our books," said commentator Murrow, "are missing."

The point at issue in Mrs. Smart's campaign is not so much the books she deplores, but the right of any single individual or group to close an avenue of information to the people as a whole.

SEE BREAK IN JAPANESE REFUGEE LOGJAM TO U.S.

(Washington) Guarded optimism regarding future operation of the Refugee Relief Act program in Japan was expressed by Seichi Henry Mikami of Fresno, Calif., in a report to the Washington Office of the Japanese American Citizens League.

Mikami, a travel agent and insurance broker in Fresno, has just returned from a flying trip to Japan where he visited most of the areas from which applications for admission to this country as victims of natural calamities have been made in order to see at first hand some of the problems involved. He discussed the situation as he saw it with American consular officials in Japan, as well as with Japanese government and prefectural officers interested in this program. General immigration questions were also considered.

In his report to Mike Masaoka, Washington JACL representative, Mikami declared that conditions were much improved over last year when Masaoka himself visited these same areas. Since the State Department issued new and more realistic interpretations of the law and regulations governing procedures last February, Mikami said that the refugee applicants themselves were beginning to feel more hope for the program

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Dr. Sakada still critically ill

(Chicago) Dr. Randolph M. Sakada, past national president of the JACL, is critically ill at his home, 5642 No. Ridge Ave.

The popular Chicago community and civic leader has been convalescing since early in January when he entered Illinois Masonic Hospital for observation. He underwent major surgery on Jan. 17 and again on Jan. 24.

Since Feb. 5, Dr. Sakada has been at home where he has remained under medical care and has been attended by his wife, Shiz.

Messages of cheer and speedy recovery have poured into the Sakada home from friends everywhere who have known of the JACL leader's serious illness.



Dr. Nello Pace, chief of the Makalu Expedition which climbed the fourth highest peak in the Himalayas recently, and professor of physiology at the Univ. of California at Berkeley, will be guest speaker at the May 13 San Francisco JACL chapter meeting, 8:30 p.m., at the Buchanan "Y" His topic will be "The Conquest of Himalayas or Mountain Climbing at Its Best." John Kiyasu is program chairman.

Marysville CL sets up \$150 scholarship

(Marysville) The Marysville JACL will award a \$150 scholarship to a student enrolled at Yuba College during the school year beginning in September, Dan F. Nishita, president, revealed.

The scholarship will be awarded "to any student resident in Sutter, Yuba, Butte or Colusa County judged eligible" by the college scholarship committee.

It was stipulated that the award be granted "strictly in recognition of individual ability and promise, without regard for nationality, race or creed."

Nishita said the award is being made in recognition of the "opportunities extended our foreign born who were privileged to attain U.S. citizenship through classes established for our benefit by Yuba Evening college."

The scholarship committee includes Frank Nakamura and Frank Okimoto.

Calif. gardener's license bill slated for interim study

(Sacramento) The highly controversial AB 1671 to license and regulate the business of Maintenance Gardening has been referred to the Assembly Interim Committee on Governmental Efficiency and Economy, it was reported by the JACL. The Bill was introduced by Assemblyman Thomas A. Maloney of San Francisco at the request of the San Francisco Gardeners Association. At a heated hearing in Sacramento the regular committee refused to pass upon the bill and referred the measure to the Interim Committee for further study. Japanese American Gardeners from Stockton, Watsonville, San Jose, San Mateo, Sacramento, Oakland, Berkeley, Richmond, Long Beach, and Pasadena attended the hearing. Among Nisei attorneys representing the gardeners groups were Mas Yonemura of Oakland, Wayne Kanemoto of San Jose, and Henry Taketa of Sacramento.

Although the JACL has not taken any position on the bill because of the many Japanese American gardeners affected by the proposed legislation, the JACL has studied the bill and its progress. Haruo Ishimaru discussed the bill with certain legislators who advised him that the bill is being supported by various groups although opposition has risen. Ishimaru stated that the JACL will sponsor meetings of gardeners groups in northern and southern California in order to fully consider the implications of the bill and to help the gardeners prepare for the Interim Committee's hearings which will be held during the summer.

Technical error discovered on measure may set back repeal of alien land initiative

(Sacramento) A minor error found in a bill after it passes the legislature must be vetoed by the governor. The measure, then, must be reintroduced and go through the same channels, including committee hearings, as if a new bill.

AB 841, passed by both houses of the State Legislature, was on the Governor's desk for signature when the error was discovered. Assemblyman Elliott, co-author of the bill, found the mistake—the date of Nov. 4, 1956 (a Sunday), instead of Nov. 6, 1956 (general election day), was inserted as the date when the measure would be placed on the ballot.

According to Assemblyman Elliott, when a technical error is

JACL TO PUSH COMBINED BILL ON HAWAII STATEHOOD

(Washington) The House Insular Affairs Committee decided Monday against asking the House to reject consideration of statehood for Alaska and Hawaii under the procedure proposed by the House Rules Committee, which would make it impossible to vote admission of one of the territories into the Union and not the other.

Representative Saylor (R., Pa.) once stated he felt the combined bill could not pass the House but said this week he has changed his mind.

The bill is scheduled for House debate May 9-10.

(Washington) If there is no alternative, the Japanese American Citizens League will urge passage of the combined Alaska-Hawaii statehood bill when it is debated in the House of Representatives in the near future, the Washington Office of the League announced this week.

Last week, more than six weeks after it was reported by the Interior and Insular Affairs committee, the powerful House Rules committee finally cleared the so-called package deal, combining in a single legislative package the statehood aspirations of both territories, for floor consideration under a "closed" rule authorizing seven hours of debate but barring all amendments from the floor.

In addition, an hour's debate on whether to accept or reject the rule was provided. Seldom has the House refused to accept the rule provided by the Rules Committee and it is not expected that this precedent will be overturned in this case, especially since many who favor statehood will nevertheless refuse to vote against the Rules Committee.

In other words, if the rule is accepted as anticipated, the Representatives must either vote for the combined bill, vote against it, or vote to recommit the bill to the committee on Interior and Insular Affairs with instructions to report this legislation in two separate bills providing statehood in individual measures for Hawaii and Alaska, respectively.

It is believed by Capitol strategists that the single package deal as cleared by the Rules Committee has less chance to be approved than separate bills for Hawaii and Alaska because added to those who oppose statehood for both may be those who, though favoring statehood for one, will vote against both rather than voting to allow the other to become a state.

It was for this reason that advocates for statehood for both or either of the two territories argued before the Rules committee for an "open" rule that would allow amendments from the floor, the major objective being to am-

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The Governor signed the bill last Friday without making the technical changes, it was reported.

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From the Frying Pan

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A PAGE FROM 'HOUSE BEAUTIFUL'

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House Beautiful is a somewhat astonishing magazine in that you can hardly find the reading matter for the ads. The April issue, which runs a hefty 268 pages plus cover, is jam-packed with advertisements calculated to make housewives dissatisfied with their homes, husbands and furnishings, and the editorial side doesn't get into the act until about page 119. So it was something of a wonder that we noticed a piece with a most forbidding title, to wit: *How to orient your cooking with Japanese principles and flavors.*



The story, I'm happy to report, is much more interesting than the title indicates. In it, Poppy Cannon, *House Beautiful's* food editor, explains to her public that Japanese cookery is "quick, dramatic, easy, simple—food that is beautiful in the true sense." She goes on to prove it by presenting recipes for *tempura*, custard soup, bean soup, broiled fish, turnips which become chrysanthemums, Japanese salads, sliced cucumbers with vinegar-shoyu sauce, spinach with sesame, *sukiyaki*, and sundry other Tokyo-type goodies.

Poppy Cannon anticipates the next question—where in heck do you get stuff like *miso*, *hanakatsu* and *takenoko*—by mentioning a Japanese food "sampler," containing 10 basic foodstuffs occurring frequently in Japanese recipes. This sampler, she continues, costs \$10 postage prepaid and is distributed by the Oriental Food Shop, 2791 Broadway, New York, N.Y.

The Oriental Food Shop happens to be run by an evacuated Californian named Joe Oyama who, in his younger days, was a most unlikely candidate for a shopkeeper. Joe, however, has filled his store with exotic provender and strange smells, and does a thriving over-counter as well as mail order business. We dropped Joe a note about the story, and he admitted a small part in persuading *House Beautiful* to take an interest in his business.



BEHIND-THE-SCENES ACTIVITY

It seems he spoke to *House Beautiful's* Carolyn Murray about a story on Japanese food, and was told that the magazine was planning a series on food from all over the world. Editor Elizabeth Gordon and Writer Poppy Cannon talked over the idea with George Nakashima. Since George enjoys good food but designs furniture for a living, he called in his sister-in-law, Thelma Hecht Brown, the former Thelma Okajima, who undertook the research. Part of the project was getting the sampler together to supplement the story, and of course Joe was delighted to take on the assignment.

Joe says the April issue came out on March 17, but mail orders for the month more than doubled the mail business of the previous March. For some unexplained reason, more than half the orders for samplers came from doctors, and oddly enough, many of the orders came from California. The sampler includes *dashi konbu*, *hanakatsu*, fresh ginger root, dried Japanese mushrooms, *miso*, white sesame seed, soy sauce, *shirataki mizuni*, bamboo shoots, *mirinzuke*, 24 pairs of chopsticks, a recipe for *sukiyaki* which is described as "a scrumptious Japanese dish," but no bicarbonate.

Joe does business with a wide variety of customers—Nisei and Issei, Hawaiian Nisei, Japanese war brides in all parts back east, officials of Japanese business firms ex-servicemen, and Caucasians as well. A request to Joe will get you a seven-page type-written mail order price list which includes *keimiku kushisashi* (seasoned chicken on skewers) which sells for 69 cents the 5¼ ounce tin, to *shoyu sashi* (cruets, attractive, glass, non-drip) which go for 49 cents. And if you'd like a Japanese recording to go with your meal, Joe has 'em too.

Incidentally, Poppy Cannon notes that the *hibachi*, "the charcoal brazier of Japan, has become standard equipment in many households. Standing dozily in, or in front of, the fireplace, it warms the heart and fingers while it grills delightful bouchees."

Always thought it was spelled boochies.

(The New York Times Magazine, Apr. 24, features a spread of "sukiyaki" and "tempura" with Joe Oyama's recipe as adapted by Tatsuji Tada, once chef at the Japanese Embassy at Washington.)

Minority Week

Bob Balcena was named mayor of Seattle's Filipino colony after his home run tied the score in the Seattle-Sacramento game two Sundays ago. As the first Filipino lad to ever make professional baseball, the outfielder stands five feet and usually bats No. 1 on the line-ups. He is batting in the high .200s.

Limitation of the United States Olympic trapshooting team to members of the Amateur Trapshooting Association was assailed by Roy Wilkins, executive secretary of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, on the ground that the ATA excludes Negroes from active membership. Trapshooting, the NAACP leader said, "is the only major American sport which excludes Negroes from organized competition. It would be a shame for the United States to be represented in an international event by such a team."

TOKYO TOPICS

A Devoted Nisei Sees Japan

Haruo Ishimaru, ordained minister and Nisei leader, hurriedly left Japan after spending a short period of time as head of a tour party from San Francisco. In spite of the short visit and limitations involved heading a tour party, he found out many problems which require the immediate attention of all well-meaning Nisei in the United States and Japan.

First of all, Haruo's sincere attitude to serve the cause of humanity by improving Japanese-American relations has been most convincing to this reporter.

He was surprised to discover the drastic contrast in the economic levels of Japan—only the rich and poor. The rich are like the "chosen people", they can do anything they want. The poor are really poor. A great majority of the Japanese people barely ekes a livelihood, maintaining a day - to - day hand - to - mouth existence. This bleak situation may be understood when visiting or living with some Japanese families. Even the short visit of Haruo's knocked him down.



Because of extremely high income taxes in Japan, living expenses are ridiculously high. For the ordinary wage-earner, electricity, food-stuffs, books, magazines and textbooks are too high.

This is just what Haruo surmised in his short visit here. If he had stayed another two months, he would have suffocated by the contrast between the rich and poor.

Probably Haruo and this reporter might have discussed other problems, but we only had an hour together since he was very busy and I had to leave suddenly for Manila to attend the annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of the Philippines.

Seek relief items for 3,000 war orphans

Another problem of the Pacific which we discussed concerned the 3,000 war orphans of mixed-blood here. Much has been said and written of these unfortunate children. It is an immediate problem for me.

We have organized a Committee for War Orphans Relief here to aid them. The purpose of the committee is to campaign for old clothing from America, approach the Japanese government to eliminate import duty on relief goods, making arrangements with

shipping companies to donate services for the transportation of such items, and to inform Japanese consulates in America to arrange such transportation.

It is a gigantic task with a lot of government red-tape. But Japan is a country of red-tape. Officials like to have red-tape in order to show off their authority. However, someone has to initiate things instead of sitting and complaining.

So far, we have been getting cooperation from some officials and civilians to accept old clothing and relief items from America. Haruo is willing to push the project from the other side—at San Francisco. Toshiko Kataoka, who arranged the tour party, also expressed a willingness to assist. It is fortunate there are sincere and sympathetic Nisei friends in America who want to help. The time will come soon to launch this program full-scale.

Japan is a country of poor people, who are still willing "to do for other . . ." The rich people won't look around the poor guys because they think the poor deserves what he has.

IN HONOR OF

Disabled 442nd veteran Wilson Makabe of Auburn, Calif., and president of the Placer County JACL, was certified to take the state judicial council's examination for a district judgeship.

Don Kubo, senior at Garfield High School, was named East Los Angeles Exchange Club "boy of the year" and will vie with other youth for the National Boy of the Year title.

Ted Slocum, son of Mr. and Mrs. Tokutaro Slocum of Fresno, was honored as the North Fresno Exchange Club's "boy of the month" for April. The former Fresno High student-body president has a scholastic record which includes 17 A's and membership in the California Scholarship Federation.

Nobutaka Ike, member of the Hoover Institute and Library at Stanford University, is scheduled for an academic promotion, it was announced by Dr. Wallace Sterling, university president. Ike will be an associate professor from the fall semester.

Hoyo Migaki, medical student at the Univ. of Oregon, and Dr. Frank B. Queen, professor of pathology, examined more than 1,500 thyroid glands in the Portland area for the American Cancer Society. About half examined showed lumps; of these 1.5 per cent turned out to be cancer and another 1 per cent was cancer which originated elsewhere in the body.

Tad Shimamoto of Julesburg was named to the Colorado Potato Administrative Committee for the Sedgwick area, and if approved by U.S. Secretary of Agriculture Benson, will assume office June 1.

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Honolulu Newsletter

BY LARRY NAKATSUKA

HANDICAP OF INTROVERT PSYCHOLOGY

Honolulu Nisei, like other people of so-called minority groups, are quick to react to words like "race discrimination", "race prejudice" and "color lines." They have become sensitive to such terms, and quite naturally, from their own subjective point of view. It would be unexpected, as a matter of fact, if such persons were less race-conscious than they usually are.



South. Basso said his observations were prompted by a recent visit to Louisiana, Georgia and South Carolina.

But this type of introverted, defensive psychology breeds its own handicaps. It stimulates a kind of intolerance and self-centered attitude which such persons so hotly denounce in others.

Let us consider several examples of what is meant here.

A couple weeks ago, the New York Times published a lengthy letter from Hamilton Basso, a native of Louisiana and author of several books dealing with the South. Basso said his observations were prompted by a recent visit to Louisiana, Georgia and South Carolina.

He wrote as follows: "As in the years immediately preceding the Civil War, the South daily becomes more and more sensitive about what may still be described as its peculiar institution. Segregation, as was the case with slavery, is the foremost preoccupation of the Southern mind. The subject finds its way onto almost every editorial page and intrudes into almost every conversation. It nags, it bothers and it will not be ignored.

"Out of this confusion of opinion, which ranges all the way from logical argument to irrational bitterness, that which most clearly emerges is a feeling of deep resentment over what is looked upon as outside pressure."

He then notes that this resentment is aimed mostly at "that hazily defined area called 'the North,' . . . because it is believed that the South has never been given a fair hearing in the Northern press. I have even heard it said that there is a conspiracy against such a hearing."



LISTENING TO THE OTHER SIDE

In this discussion, it is not too important whether one agrees that the South has a valid case to make concerning the segregation issue. It is more important that Americans everywhere, especially in the North, first insist on hearing what the South has to say about the question. This is not intended to mean the writer supports the Southern view or feeling about segregation; the opposite is the case.

But every side of an argument should be aired—not only the side which favors mixing the races. For it must be obvious to any fair-minded observer that the question of race relations is extremely complex, with more ramifications than can be readily imagined, and that it cannot be solved overnight by the ruling of any court. That is probably what the South would like to have understood by all, regardless of whether or not its views are accepted.

Because the Nisei, as a minority group, would tend to sympathize with the colored people, it would be the simplest thing to shut off their minds and remain uninformed about the "other side" of the Southern racial picture.

Especially for those who have no first-hand comprehension of the subject, it is vital that they seek out the facts first before forming firm conclusions. For the Nisei in Hawaii, particularly, the temptation is great to lose patience with the South because Hawaii's race relations happen to be so harmonious whereas the South's record is so backward by comparison.

But listen to some of the responsible spokesmen of the "New South," and one is likely to have a healthy respect for the difficulties confronting the South, both black and white, and for the efforts being made by the progressive Southerners to reform their society from within.

In the face of the realities the South must deal with, the average Hawaiian might appear glib and condescending.



COLONIALISM IN U.S. MINDS

Aside from race relations, the human mind can be stymied and stultified when the emotions swell up on such a political subject as "colonialism." Certainly, nearly all Americans frown on colonialism. By historical tradition, based on the very founding of our republic, our hearts go out to people of other countries who want to throw off their colonial fetters and establish independent governments of their own.

Some of our Western allies embarrass us because they are so slow in granting independence to nationalist movements, so we are quick to criticize and condemn these allies. But what about the satellites under control of Soviet Russia? They are worse off than those few colonies that remain under Western powers? Why not the same, if not greater, concern for these oppressed satellite countries?

What strange tricks our feelings play upon our minds! On questions of race relations, the Nisei are particularly susceptible to snap judgments of situations where their hearts, rather than their heads, influence attitudes. An open mind, responsive but not reactionary or radical, is a prized asset in such circumstances.



Edward Nishi, finishing his year as president of the Moses Lake (Wash.) Jr. Chamber of Commerce, holds a plaque for being the "outstanding president" for JC clubs in the state of Washington with less than 100 members. Moses Lake has 67 members. Of the 77 jaycees in the Evergreen State, 67 have fewer than 100 members. He was also elected state vice-president for District 11. The award was made recently at the state jaycee convention in Spokane. Photo Courtesy: Columbia Basin Daily Herald.

New NICC cabinet plan for June 11 graduate hop

(Denver) The Nisei Inter-Collegiate Conference will sponsor a dance honoring 1955 graduates of the Mountain-Plains area on June 11, the locale and orchestra to be announced, according to Hank Takaguchi, newly-installed NICC president, of Colorado A&M.

The new cabinet members met with retiring president, Marie Mizoue, and her cabinet at the Mizoue residence Apr. 24, when Min Yasui Mountain-Plains JAACL representative, installed the new officers as follows:

Eleanor Kusaka (Colorado), rec. sec.; Tak Horiuchi (A&M), treas.; Paul Okada (A&M), Robert Inai (Colorado), soc. chmn.; John Nagata (Colorado), pub.; Stanley Gima (Colo. Mines), v.p.; Marian Arita (Colorado), cor. sec.; Robert Hoshida (A&M) asst. treas.; Gene Kawamoto (Colorado), ath.

A full program of social activities highlighted by a fall party, February dance and annual spring conference has been assured by the new officers.

Colorado U. luau time again—May 14 evening

(Denver) The Hawaiian clubs at the Univ. of Colorado and Denver University will co-sponsor a luau, an authentic Hawaiian feast, at the Glenn Miller Ballroom, Univ. of Colorado Student Union, May 14, 6 p.m. to 12 midnight; it was announced by Leonard Nevis, general chairman.

As in previous years, the luau is considered one of the outstanding events at the university and is opened to the public. Tickets are \$3.75 per person, available from Carol Ann Tomita, Box 56, Cockrell Hall, Boulder, Colo.

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Refugee program—

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as the various consulates speed up the involved processing required under the 1953 statute.

Some 58 Japanese refugees are expected to land in San Francisco early in June, Mikami said, and this event is expected to break the log jam in the program and thereafter a steady flow of refugees from Japan may be expected.

Although many more changes are needed in the basic law before it can operate effectively, Mikami conceded that there was room for optimism regarding the program in Japan. He left several recommendations to expedite the program with Masaoka.

While in the nation's capital, Mikami also conferred with U.S. government officials and with Japanese Embassy personnel regarding the Refugee Relief program and general immigration problems in Japan.

Immediate past president of the Fresno American Loyalty League chapter of the JAACL and a member of the County Central Democratic committee, he also conferred with Congressman B. F. Sisk, Democrat representing Fresno, Madera, and Merced counties, on legislative items of interests to the Issei and Nisei of Fresno.



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● Taxpayers are footing a half-million dollar school bill because of vandalism, according to School Supt. Willis, who has added a cheerful note that window breakage is 9,000 panes a year less than nine years ago. That is remarkable "when one considers we have many more windows due to building 43 new schools and 54 additions in the past decade," Willis remarked . . . The school chief's report indicated most of the school vandals operated in the Near-Northside and Southside; incidentally, in areas where many of the evacuees resettled.

● Note to the Editor: Here's another suggestion for banishing juvenile delinquency, as formulated by a visiting Detroit Judge of the Wayne County Circuit Court: "Tender, loving care" . . . "Love is the most dynamic force in life. Most delinquents never had love. The problem is to find people who can give it to them," the judge stated. "The true delinquent has never met an adult whom he learned to trust." Offering checkpoints for adult parents, Judge Edwards says poverty, bad housing, marital discord, alcoholism, mental illness and "overemployed parents" could foster delinquency . . . He feels delinquency will not be erased until new emphasis is placed on the family as a basic unit of society. "We must make motherhood a career again. We must not regard the career woman as the highest form of womanhood," he asserted.

● Gov. Stratton has predicted the Equal Job Opportunities bill will pass the legislature this session. HR 27, authored by Rep. Corneal A. Davis (D., Chicago), has been reported out of the House Labor and Industry Committee with a favorable recommendation. It is being supported by the Chicago JACL, NAACP, CIO, UAW, ACLU, League of Women Voters, American Jewish Congress, etc.

● The Green Mill Hotel, 518 N. Green St., was gutted by fire early Thursday morning last week. Eight persons died in the fire including a fire captain who was crushed when a stairway collapsed, and more than 20 were injured . . . The Near-Northside hotel was leased to Thomas Sato, 55, and Kenneth Oda, 85. Oda, who lived in the hotel, said he and his wife carried four children to safety and raced through the corridors arousing the guests. Some panic-stricken, choking from smoke and screaming, leaped from windows of the four-story building . . . Fire officials said the blaze was set by an arsonist in a rear stairway.

● The 58th annual exhibition by Chicago vicinity artists will be shown June 2-July 4 at the Art Institute. The Society for Contemporary American Art is holding its 15th annual exhibition until May 30 in two galleries on the second floor.

● Allen Bradley, chief editor of the *Chicago Daily News*, will be speaker at the next Chicago JACL meeting, May 13, at the Woodrow Wilson Room, 116 S. Michigan. The public is invited.

● Chicago's 40th mayor, Richard J. Daley, estimated an additional \$35 million would be needed to improve city services for 1956 including 2,000 police officers and 500 more firemen.

● The Lord Mayor of London told a Chicago Negro bishop, Dr. John Earl Watley of the Church of God in Christ, why England will not practice racial discrimination found in some parts of America. Said the mayor: "We might find out some day we had closed the door in the face of our own protection."

● Plans were announced to build a 98-room \$800,000 hotel to be constructed on 55th St. across from the Midway Airport.



Mrs. K. Patrick (Lily) Okura of Omaha, administrative secretary at the Univ. of Nebraska College of Medicine and Hospital, is featured on the May issue of Charm magazine "Women at Work" page as one of three chosen nationally from more than 12,000 members of the National Secretaries' Association. A secretary for more than 16 years and only Nisei member of the NSA since 1949, she was named candidate for "Secretary of the Year" by the Ak-Sar-Ben Chapter in Omaha, the selection to be made at the NSA national convention July 20-24 at Chattanooga. During National Secretary Week (Apr. 24-30), she appeared on a panel at the Omaha University seminar for all secretaries, on WOW-TV and chaired a fashion show featuring clothes for cancer women. Husband Pat is staff psychologist at Boys Town and is a past national JACL vice-president.

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EXPECT 200 DELEGATES FOR PSWDC CONFAB MAY 14-15 AT SANTA BARBARA

(Los Angeles) Nominations of officers to serve for the Pacific Southwest JACL District Council for the biennium beginning May 15 were recently made known as follows:

Elmer Uchida (West L.A.), chmn.; David Yokozeki (Downtown L.A.), 1st v.chmn.; Ken Uyesugi (Orange County), 2nd v.-chmn.; George Kodama (San Diego), 3rd v.-chmn.; Tom Ito (Pasadena), treas.; Hiroko Kawanami (Southwest L.A.), rec. sec.; Mas Narita (Long Beach-Harbor Dist.), Ken Amamoto (Venice-Culver), Art Ito (Hollywood), Tek Nishimoto (Coachella), Mas Inoshita (Arizona), dels.-at-lrg.

Cincinnati CL greets Hawaii residents at gala supper-meet

(Cincinnati) Under the able chairmanship of Ken Matsumoto and Mrs. K. Watanabe, 275 Cincinnatians welcomed new residents from Hawaii at a supper meeting Apr. 16 at the First United Church. Ohio Supreme Court Judge Garfield Stewart, guest speaker, and wartime mayor of Cincinnati, spoke on his trip to the Orient and on Americanism.

Chapter president Kaye Watanabe welcomed the guests at the supper in the church hall decorated in the Hawaii motif with palm trees and tropical fishes.

Masaji Toki, chapter delegate to the EDC-MDC convention, presented his report following the supper. Entertainment featuring TV network personalities in the Hawaiian mood concluded the evening.

Chapters soaring in memberships

(Sebastopol) A total of 240 members was announced in the April tabulation of Sonoma County JACL memberships, making it the largest roll in the history of the chapter. Memberships, however, are still being accepted by Sam Miyano, Hiro Taniguchi and Miyo Masaoka.

(San Diego) The San Diego JACL membership total for April stood at 141, according to treasurer Mas Hironaka.

(Los Angeles) Southwest Los Angeles JACL is still pushing its membership drive, according to Pomeroy Ajima, vice-president in charge of memberships. The April count was 410, to lead among the Los Angeles chapters.

(Centerville) Southern Alameda County JACL recently disclosed a membership of 81 members, 23 of them being naturalized citizens and four in the 1000 Club.

San Diego CL to fete naturalized Issei May 25

(San Diego) Over 100 Issei who have been naturalized in the past year here will be honored by the San Diego JACL at a testimonial banquet on Wednesday, May 25, 7:30 p.m., at Miyako Cafe. George Muto is chairman. Mas Hironaka is in charge of reservations.

Gardena CL to honor naturalized Issei

(Gardena) Nearly 200 naturalized Issei residents of Gardena Valley will be guests of the Gardena Valley JACL at a testimonial banquet, June 9, at the Western Club, 15516 S. Western Ave., according to Frank Kuida, chapter president.

Judge John F. Aiso of the Los Angeles Municipal Court will be guest speaker, according to Paul Shinoda and Paul Koga, co-chairmen of the event. George Inagaki, National JACL president, will install the new officers.

Mothers' Day tea

(Centerville) The tradition of honoring the oldest mother as well as the most recent mother highlights the annual Mothers' Day tea of Southern Alameda County JACL tonight at Hansen Hall here. Dorothy Kato is chairlady of the tea, assisted by: June Handa, Saxie Mizota, Setsu Umemoto, Jane Yamauchi, Chuck Shikano and Yutaka Handa.

(Santa Barbara) Enthusiasm is mounting for the fourth postwar biennial Pacific Southwest JACL District Council convention meeting here May 14-15 at the Mar Monte Hotel, according to Tom Hirashima, convention chairman and president of the host chapter. Some 200 delegates are expected from 18 chapters.

Organizational matters will be discussed and election of 1955-57 PSWDC officers will be held in the business session on Saturday, 2-5:30 p.m. at the Cabrillo Convention Hall. The convention banquet from 6:30 will be followed by a sports formal dance at the nearby pavilion with music provided by the Top Hatters.

Dr. Elmer R. Noble, dean of letters and sciences at the Univ. of California College at Santa Barbara, will be guest speaker at the banquet. Special presentations of the JACL Sapphire Pin will be made by National Director Mas Satow. The new district council cabinet will be formally installed by National President George Inagaki.

The wind-up business session will be held Sunday, 10-12 noon.

For the many boosters, the convention committee has planned sightseeing, harbor cruises, fishing, swimming and the Sunday outing at the Mar Monte Hotel beach. Talent from the Southwest Los Angeles JACL will be directing the entertainment.

The biggest delegation is expected from the Southwest L.A. chapter, according to Tom Hirashima, who expressed confidence that every conventioneer will enjoy to the hilt the relaxing atmosphere of the convention theme: Fiesta by the Sea.

Sonoma County CL picnic July 3 at Bodega Bay

(Sebastopol) Sonoma County JACL will hold the annual community picnic on Sunday, July 3, at Doran's State Park on Bodega Bay. Tak Kameoka, picnic chairman, will be assisted by:

George Hamamoto, Kanemi Ono, Mike Yoshimura, Jim Miyano, Fred Yokoyama.

Chapter president Kanemi Ono invited former residents of the county to attend.

SONOMA COUNTY JACL AUXILIARY ORGANIZED

(Sebastopol) Mrs. Ann Ohki, R.N., graduate of the St. Joseph's School of Nursing in Montana, was elected president of the newly organized Sonoma County JACL Auxiliary. Assisting her are:

Mrs. Lloyd Ellis, Mrs. Margaret Murakami, Mrs. Clara Miyano, v.p.; Mrs. Dorothy Nelson, treas.; Lily Miyano, rec. sec.; Mrs. Jean Miyano, cor. sec.

The May 13 evening meeting at the local Memorial Hall will be concluded with a get-acquainted social with all women of the area invited. "We are extremely grateful to Viola Nakano and Mrs. Joyce Enomoto and the San Francisco JACL Auxiliary for their assistance in organizing this group," Mrs. Ohki said.

Mile-Hi JACL invited to Human Relations Inventory dinner by Denver mayor

(Denver) Various civic organizations, including the JACL, have been invited by Denver Mayor Quigg Newton to participate in the 1955 Inventory of Human Relations for the city and county of Denver. Harry Sakata, Mile-Hi JACL president, assured the Mayor the local JACL would join in the May 10 dinner meeting.

Dr. Frank Graham of the United Nations staff, former U.S. senator and former president of the Univ. of North Carolina, will be guest speaker of the evening.

CHAPTER MEMOS

San Diego JACL: Instructors from Veloz and Yolanda are conducting the chapter dance classes each Thursday at the Downtown YWCA. Ben Segawa said over 40 have signed up and additional classes will be organized if sufficient interest is evident.

So. Alameda County JACL: Stuart Nixon, editor of the News-Register, will speak of his experiences with the township newspaper at the next chapter meeting, May 20, at the Warm Springs grammar school. A potluck supper will precede with Hisako Mizota in charge.

Newsletters Received: San Diego, Chicago, Richmond-El Cerrito, East Los Angeles, Southwest Los Angeles, Washington, D.C., Cincinnati.

Sonoma County JACL: Pre-war Hiroshima Kenjinkai and the Sebastopol Japanese School funds were turned over to the chapter and acknowledged by Kanemi Ono, chapter president. Newly naturalized citizens have also been contributing.

Detroit JACL: Attending a recent preview showing of "Jigokumon" here at the Krim Theater were Doris Fujioka, Laura Miyoshi and Kay Miyaya representing the chapter.

Parlier JACL: Mrs. Charles Schaffer of Kingsburg demonstrated floral arrangements from dried leaves and driftwood to Auxiliary members recently. They later met at the home of Mrs. Tom Kobashi for a short business meeting. Mmes. James Kozuki and Kaz Komoto were appointed Auxiliary representatives to JACL (men's) meetings. The next Auxiliary meeting, May 17, will feature speaker on health. Mrs. Kengo Osumi's group will be in charge of location and refreshments. Refreshments for the April meeting were prepared by Mrs. Ralph Kimoto's group.

Salt Lake JACL: The May 14 "Spring Frolic", to climax the current membership drive, is being chaired by Jean Ujifusa and Midori Watanuki.

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CHERRY BLOSSOM TOUR

San Francisco

In the next few issues we will be telling you about our recent three-and-a-half week tour of Japan and Hawaii; consequently, the title of this column is somewhat incongruous unless our kind readers give us as much latitude as we covered in our travels. Possibly our peripatetic ramblings can be generously ascribed to poetic license which I am sure is the argument of any would-be columnist.

At last the big day arrived! At 10 a.m. Friday, April 1, it seemed as if all the machinery of the Pan American Airways was geared to transporting the Aki Hotel "kankodan" (tour group) on a magical vacation across the Pacific. Since we were the tour leader and wanted to be sure that all members of the party would get off smoothly, we arrived at the airport at 8:30 in order to greet our new friends and to help check their baggage. Toshi Kataoka of the Aki Hotel Travel Bureau and Al Kosakura of Pan Am seemed to be everywhere inspecting passports, airplane tickets, baggage checks and doing everything needed to be done before we could climb aboard our Pan Am "Strato" Clipper, the Polynesia. After seeing that all our tour members were aboard and settled, we heaved a big sigh of relief and we were on our way.

Outside of the constant hum of the airplane motors, it did not seem as if we were in motion at all. Because we were flying so high above the ocean and since there were no stationary objects with which to gauge our movement, we had the eerie sensation of being suspended high in midair.

The flight to Hawaii was exceedingly smooth. Our lunch was a delightful surprise. Anticipating our trip to Japan, the meal consisted of slices of makizushi, onigiri, and shrimp, kamaboko, chicken and vegetables all cooked Japanese style. Since we had left San Francisco only a few short hours ago, we were sure that the food was not imported from Japan. Upon inquiry, we discovered that the meal was a final taste of home, being prepared by our good friends of the Yamato Sukiyaki House in San Francisco.



FIVE-HOUR STOPOVER IN HONOLULU

Our arrival in Honolulu was at 6 p.m., just when dusk was falling. Looking out of our cabin window we were happy to see Tets Oi, executive vice-president of the Honolulu Japanese Chamber of Commerce and a valued friend of the JACL, at the airport seeing off some friends to the mainland. It was delightful meeting Tets again who had been a guest of honor at the 12th National JACL biennial Convention in San Francisco almost three years ago. When it developed that all planes were being delayed, Tets took us on a quick tour of Honolulu which we planned to visit for two days on our way home.

Although our plane was scheduled to stop over in Hawaii for only two hours, we learned that the Civil Aeronautics Board was requesting all transpacific airplanes to doublecheck everything, and before mechanics and various technicians had practically microscopically examined our huge flying palace, five hours had elapsed. Although impatient to be on our way, we realized that it was better to be late than sorry. We were glad to have been delayed in romantic Hawaii and not to have to suffer the plight of some travelers who had to spend twelve hours on lonely Wake Island while their plane was being overhauled.

Dinner was served at the Honolulu airport dining room. To us from cool San Francisco, Honolulu, even at night, was a warm, humid place and we were grateful for Tets Oi's thoughtfulness in taking us to his home for a quick shower before boarding the plane once more.



LOST WEEKEND AT WAKE ISLAND

Just before the break of dawn, we reached Wake Island, the second and last of our stops before arriving in Tokyo. Although it was still dark when we got to this little dot on the Pacific, it was already warm, and many of the Pan Am officers stationed here were dressed only in shorts and sport shirts. Pan American maintains its own dining hall on Wake Island where we were served breakfast of fruit juice, ham and eggs, and rolls followed by fresh fruit while being soothed by gentle breezes from the Pacific.

A very interesting phenomenon was that since we were flying westward, we crossed the International Date Line shortly before reaching Wake Island, and April 2 was forever lost from our lives as we jumped from April 1 to April 3—literally, shades of a lost weekend!

Wake Island, just a tiny spot almost halfway between Honolulu and Japan, is used as a refueling station by most of the transpacific air lines. It was one of the strategic island in the recent world war, and many anti-aircraft guns were still to be seen. There was very little to see on this small island, and after an hour's stop we were happy to take off—this time Destination Tokyo!

THE NATIONAL DIRECTOR REPORTS:

BY MASAO SATOW

Good Planning Pays Off

We have a fine report across our desk from Kaye Watanabe, able president of the Cincinnati Chapter, telling of the chapter's tremendously successful "Nite in Hawaii". The program consisted of a supper of oriental dishes and entertainment by students attending various colleges in Cincy.

The decorations were in Hawaii motif throughout, and we suspect the fine hand of Ken Matsu-moto who was chairman for the affair and a display artist by profession. Long time JACLers will remember Ken as one of our National Vice-Presidents pre-war.

The program was entertaining, educational and good PR, but what was impressive was the attendance and enthusiasm. Kaye tells us that the SRO sign was hung out a week before the event since the capacity 275 had been disposed of. Not at all bad considering the chapter membership is just under the hundred mark. It goes to show that careful planning and good promotion pay off.

Every person attending was given a sheet describing the recent joint EDC-MDC convention in Washington, D.C. as reported by Stogie Tokie, as well as a fact sheet about JACL.

Memberships keep rolling in

A dozen more chapters have concluded their membership drives and have done better than last year.

Since the last listing of hustling chapters in this column, the following deserve a *cum laude*: Gresham - Troutdale, Alameda, Cortez, Delroy, Richmond-El Cerrito, Delano, Fowler, Selma, Tulare County, Orange County, Mt. Olympus, and Cincinnati. Our grateful appreciation to all in these chapters who have hustled to make this possible.

So far as we know, Mrs. Betty Suzuki, membership chairman for the Mile Hi (Denver) Chapter, leads all performers this year with well over a hundred members signed up. We also have on past record Tak Terasaki, also of Mile Hi and present 3rd National Veep, hitting over the century mark, and Ruth Nakaya producing 125 in Chicago.

The topmost performances on record are those of Mac Kaneko of Seattle and George Baba of Stockton, both of whom personally accounted for over 200 members during their respective terms of chapter presidency.

Just to sit down and sign up that many members as they stood in line would be a lot of work, but to round them up is a terrific achievement.

Ye 1000 Club knights and ladies

We have had an encouraging response in 1000 Club memberships. Headquarters has received an average of 20 new members and renewals each week since the beginning of the year, giving us a current active membership of slightly over 800 and an overall total of 1,250 different JACLers who have joined since the inception of this ultra-ultra group of supporters. This month we single out Stockton Chapter 1000 Club Chairman Sam Itaya for securing fifteen this year, which is exactly fifteen more than last year.

Strike for Nisei bowler

It was our pleasure in behalf of JACL to participate in the impressive opening ceremonies of the California State Bowling Tournament in Stockton last weekend. We introduced a full squad of Stockton Nisei bowlers who officially opened the doubles-singles as the forerunners of some 3,500 bowlers who will participate during the next two months. It was a nice tribute to the conduct and spirit of the Nisei keglars in Stockton and an indication of how far we have come during the five years since gaining ABC recognition.

The El Dorado Bowl saw something new as half a dozen cute Sansei girls added color with a Japanese folk dance which a

packed house received enthusiastically.

To the Northwest Empire

We ran up to the Pacific Northwest for a District Council meeting and two chapter installations.

The Seattle Chapter affair was combined with honoring a third group of some 300 newly naturalized citizens. It was nice to see them personally greeted by Gov. Arthur B. Langlie who recalled his visit to Japan as a Univ. of Washington baseballer. Mayor Pomeroy spoke of their fine record in Seattle, and Japanese Consul Yoshikawa extended congratulations.

Credit Hi Hikida for a fine job in lining up the banquet details. The traditional Issei appreciation was demonstrated with envelopes totalling over a thousand dollars in contributions to the Seattle JACL.

JACL National Board Secretary Bill Mimbu and his charming wife Merry hosted an informal get-together after the Friday evening banquet, and their spacious home was filled to overflowing.

We appreciated this opportunity to renew acquaintances and meet some new JACLers. We gabbed with new Seattle President Howard "Chip" Sakura who doubles as Board Chairman for the Baptist Church, and met optometrist Dr. Kay Toda, the new Puyallup Valley Chapter Prexy. Incidentally, Chip was one of four brothers who volunteered for the 442nd out



'1000' CLUB NOTES

(San Francisco) Membership and renewals received at National JACL Headquarters in the 1000 Club during the month of April are as follows:

EIGHTH YEAR

George Aratani, Los Angeles; Masao W. Satow, San Francisco; George Sugai, Payette, Idaho.

SEVENTH YEAR

Arthur T. Ito, Los Angeles; Robert Nakadoi, Omaha; Dr. Roy M. Nishikawa, Los Angeles; Hideo Satow, Hawthorne; Manabu Yamada, Nampa; Gi-ichi Yoshioka, Hayward.

SIXTH YEAR

Yukio Inouye, Shelley, Idaho.

FIFTH YEAR

George Azumano, Portland; Wilson Makabe, Auburn, Calif.; Dr. James Taguchi, Dayton; Dr. Newton Wesley, Chicago.

FOURTH YEAR

Mrs. Masako Nakadoi, Omaha; Dr. Frank Sakamoto, Chicago; Minoru Shinoda, San Leandro; Tom T. Shimasaki, Lindsay.

THIRD YEAR

George Abe, Kingsburg; Kenji Fujii, Hayward; William Ishida, Columbus, Ohio; Fred Matsumoto, Los Angeles; Frank Mizusawa, Santa Ana; Masato Morishima, Selma; Shigeo Nakano, Los Angeles; Ken Nogaki, Seattle; James M. Watamura, Tatsu Yata, Los Angeles; Edward M. Yamamoto, Moses Lake, Wash.

SECOND YEAR

Mats Ando, Kingsburg; Dr. Ben Chikarashi, Chicago; Sho Endow, Jr., Hood River, Ore.; Dr. Jackson Eto, St. Louis; William Fujii, Chicago; Ed H. Fujimoto, Los Angeles; Dr. Susumu Fukuda, Seattle; Hitoshi Fukui, Soichi Fukui, Los Angeles; George Hasegawa, Brentwood, Mo.; Henry M. Hayashida, Ichiro Kamiya, Miss Michi Kataoka, Los Angeles; Denzo Kawaguchi, Chicago; Ray I. Kihara, Seattle; Albert S. Kosakura, Berkeley; Jack Matsumoto, Stockton.

Kiyomi Nakamura, Elmer, N.J.; Dr. William O'Hira, Los Angeles; Harold Y. Okimoto, Parkdale, Ore.; Mrs. Sue Omori, Chicago; Kataro Saimoto, Mack H. Saito, Los Angeles; Tetsuma T. Sakai, Hayward; Ray Sato, Parkdale, Ore.; Mosaburo Shinoda, San Leandro; Katsumi Tamura, Los Angeles; Tom Tao, Watsonville; Elmer Yamamoto, Los Angeles; Mrs. Manet E. Yamamoto, St. Louis; Miss Miwako Yanamoto, Hollywood; Tadaishi Yoshioka, Hayward; Junichi Yoshitomi, Los Angeles.

FIRST YEAR

Miss Frances Abe, Chicago; Pomeroy Ajima, Los Angeles; Hachisaku Asakawa, Ainosuke Esaki, San Diego; Kenry Hayashino, Henry Higashi, Stockton; Miss Mary Ichino, Washington, D.C.; Shokichi Ishimaru, Stockton; James I. Ito, Dr. Toru Iura, Mas Kataoka, Mitsuo Kato, Dr. Kiyoto Kawabe, Sam Kawaguchi, Los Angeles; James K. Kobayashi, Santa Ana; Dr. John Y. Koyama, Los Angeles; Dr. Victor Makita, South Gate; Dr. Shig J. Masuoka, Los Angeles; Koshiro Miura, San Diego; Sam S. Miyashiro, Los Angeles; Saburo Muraoka, Chula Vista; Herbert T. Murayama, Los Angeles; Ichiro Nakajima, Toshio Nakajima, Los Angeles; Ben Nakao, Washington, D.C.; Robert I. Nii, John Y. Nishimura, Los Angeles; Thomas S. Okabe, Chicago; Tom T. Okamoto, Stockton; Miss Hisako Sakata, Suitland, Md.; Ken Sato, Glen Seno, Los Angeles; Dr. Keichi Shimizu, San Leandro; Carl M. Tamaki, Mrs. Haruko Tamura, Los Angeles; Mrs. S. Torimaru, Chula Vista; Los S. Tsukakawa, Stockton; Shigenori Tsurudome, National City, Calif.; Henry Yamamoto, Los Angeles.

of Minidoka.

Friends of Bill Mimbu will be happy to know that he is literally back on his feet again. Bill sustained a broken leg while being a good father and going skiing with his sons.

Our good friend Shang Kashiwagi, last year's prexy, deserves a lot of credit for his great job in helping to stabilize the chapter. We also conferred with Paul Kashino, National Chairman of our newly formed Americanization Committee, and it was also nice to see Kazie Yokoyama, Seattle's 1000 Club Chairman, member of our JACL National Advisory Board on Bowling, and one of the Northwest's top Nisei women bowlers.

We dropped in at the Main Bowl to look up Fred Takagi, also a member of our National Bowling Advisory Board, who indicated that Seattle would be interested in bidding for our 1958 National Bowling Tournament.

City of Roses

The following Sabbath was a real full JACL day. In company with our Seattle host Shang, we were up at 4 to drive to the DC meeting in Portland presided over by Chairman Dr. Matt Masuoka. The meeting wound up in the late afternoon, then to the Portland Chapter banquet where we installed President Nobu Sumida and his new cabinet, followed by a nice informal social interspersed with exhibitions by Mr. and Mrs. Nicolas Givas, instructors of the Portland Chapter dance class, with command performances by some of the pupils.

A good group of Gresham-Troutdale JACLers were on hand to witness their "Mr. JACler" Henry Kato and "Mr. Portland JACler" George Azumano receive their sapphire studded JACL pins. Both of these fellows have been real work horses for JACL in the Pacific Northwest since 1937.

Dr. Mits Nakata, outgoing Portland President, has done a very fine job. We are sorry to hear that Uncle Sam wants him soon to keep Army molars in shape.

Next Stop

Our next stop will be "Fiesta by the Sea" at Santa Barbara, the Biennial District Council Convention of the Pacific Southwest the weekend of May 14-15. Convention Chairman Tom Hirashima and DC Chairman Ken Dyo promise a gala affair.

Not being ubiquitous, we will have to forego the regular quarterly meeting of the Northern California-Western Nevada DC that same weekend, but we know it will be in good hands with staffman Haruo and Ben Fukutome and his Berkeley Chapter hosting and DC Chairman Jack Noda presiding.

Orchids to Shig

We add our hearty congratulations to our National 1000 Club Chairman Shig Wakamatsu for a highly deserved recognition from his boss, Lever Brothers, which has brought national prestige and honor to JACL.

So far as we know, this is the first time in JACL's history that a firm of national stature has paid tribute to JACL through recognizing the efforts of one of our most loyal and devoted JACLers. Congratulations to Lever Brothers for knowing when they have a high powered guy.

Alameda JACL honors new Issei citizens

(Alameda) Nearly 120 persons were in attendance Apr. 24 when the Alameda JACL gave a banquet in honor of the newly naturalized Issei citizens at the Renard's. Yasuji Koike was chairman.

The honored guests included 44 new citizens. Among those who extended felicitations to them was Mayor Raymond T. Kranely who became the head executive of the city only three days earlier. Sim Togasaki delivered a greeting representing the JACL.

Haruo Imura read a message from Congressman George Miller, while Jack Noda, chairman of the district council, read another message from Mike Masaoka in Washington.

Certificates of recognition were given the newly naturalized Issei by Yasuo Yamashita. Mrs. Sumiye Hirai and Keiji Shiota responded.

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BY TATS KUSHIDA

KEEPING THIS BRIEF

Los Angeles

A truncated column is the order of the day, says editor Honda. So we'll truncate.

The Santa Barbara chapter was having kittens waiting for reservations for the PSWDC biennial "Fiesta by the Sea" slated for May 14-15, details for which see page 4. Now, finally, it looks like an effervescent kaboodle will be on hand to sample the hospitality of confab boss Tom Hirashima, et al. It's mighty rough on the host chapter and caterers to be in the dark 'til the last minute. Since we have twice paced the floor of the paternity ward, we're immune to suspense situations. Which cornfully recalls the new father who was asked "is it a boy or a girl" to which he sez "naturally."

Just so our bosses, namely the 18 PS-WDC chapters, headquarters and the national board, don't get the wrong idea, even if it's a good one, that we spend our time travelling, talking and eating, we recite here some of the regional office activities this past week. We do admit to some talk and eat, without which we'd have to change our name to Kurushida. To wit:

A Sunday peeyem p.r. deal sat us on a panel which included grad students from India, Nigeria, Iraq and Germany, plus staffers of a few community agencies, JACL being one. The subject was "International leaders view minority problems in the U.S.," a lofty item for non-pros. Refreshments followed.

During the q & a period, an unenlightened Pearl Harbor hanger threw a loaded query at us: "Can you honestly condemn the evacuation? Wouldn't Japan have done the same thing to Americans?" To which we said, unequivocally, that the evac wrote a black chapter in American history. What's good, decent or democratic about singling out a small group for special treatment and violating its citizens' rights? German and Italian aliens weren't evacuated while the physically "visible," hence less "dangerous" citizen Nisei were.

A lousy precedent was established so that any arbitrary group, say all left-handed blondes with twelve toes, can be exiled to the Ozarks. The then U.S. Supreme Court didn't have guts enuf to buck public hysteria and declare the evac unconstitutional although Congress later recognized the injustice and enacted the evac claims law. Besides, what Japan, Germany, Italy or any other country would have done is not the criteria of conduct for the U.S. to follow, we said, adding that Nisei wartime strandeers in Japan were suspect, some even jailed. Amen.

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Another p.r. job was arranging the teevee interview of Howard Kakita, 17, jr at John Marshall HS on KNXT's (2) 2-hour daily ayem "Panorama Pacific," he being a survivor of the Hiroshima *pika-don* and the show doing a piece on the atom bomb and civil defense. A trouper by now, he was on Paul Coate's "Confidential File" show last year (KTTV-11). Howard is a tall, clean-cut, good-looking lad who goes out for track. His dad, Frank, sells Chevies.

Other chores: a couple of Issei nationality problems needed attending, with trips to the Immig. & Natur. Service. The PSWDC convention's paper work piled up this week but our amanuensis, Blanche, got it all out along with the usual weekly quantum of Washington news releases which are mimeo'd, translated and sent to all vernaculars from here. Fund raising, chapter and personal services, much correspondence, P.C. ad dept. details, a few nite meetings, a queen judging for ELA and batting out this kolyum rounds out our time.

Visitors this week: Ken Sato, Monterey tuna importer and past prez of the M-Penin. Chapter; Genji Ohashi of Vancouver, B.C., west coast corres. for the New Canadian.

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Korean immigrant status changed

(Los Angeles) Adjustment of status for a Korean alien from student to permanent resident of the United States without leaving the States was approved by the Immigration and Naturalization Service.

Miss Young Bok Song, born in Korea, first entered the U.S. as a non-immigrant student in 1947, attended Pepperdine College where she majored in pre-nursing. Upon graduation, she worked as student nurse at the Japanese Hospital here.

Last December, she filed for an adjustment in status, which the Service approved and charging it as a first-preference quota immigrant under the Korean quota. She lives with her father, the Rev. H. Y. Song, Korean Christian Church pastor.

David T. Yokozeki, counsel for Miss Song, explained that this procedure is permitted under Sec. 245 of the Immigration and Nationality Act of 1952, provided qualifications are met and an appropriate quota visa is available.

At the present time, quotas are open at three levels for Korean immigrants: (1) special skills and training, (2) parents of U.S. citizens, and (3) spouses-children of alien permanent residents. The fourth preference for brothers, sisters, sons or daughters of U.S. citizens is oversubscribed. For Japan, only the first-preference quota is open, all others being oversubscribed.

SOCIAL NOTES

(Cleveland) Eighteen Junior Matrons witnessed a lecture-demonstration of floral and leaf arrangement by Mrs. Earle Mueller, wife of a prominent businessman, at her home recently. In charge of refreshments were Peggy Tanji and Mae Kanno with coffee being poured by the hostess. The May meeting will be held at home of Mrs. Min Ishige, 1890 E. 81st St., with Mrs. Eiko Kawai demonstrating Japanese cooking.

(Los Angeles) The West Los Angeles Buddhist Church Ladies Guild held its semi-annual elections. Ayako Yabuta is the new president. Another paper-rag drive is scheduled for May 15.

Magazine article

(Los Angeles) "California's Amazing Japanese" is the title of the story in the Saturday Evening Post by Demarree Bess, relating what has been happening to Japanese Americans since World War II.

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Honest Tom

(Detroit) After winning the B Hydro event in the Belle Island Outboard Club motorboat races at Edison Lake Apr. 24, Tom Iwaoka disqualified himself by telling the judges his boat was too light.

However, the Nisei outboard enthusiast won the AU and BU classes so his day was not unsuccessful. Thirty-five boats were entered.

SPORTSCOPE

Jim Suzuki is shooting for a halfback berth on the Univ. of Washington squad with spring practice underway. Two other candidates for the Huskies are two Chinese Americans—halfback Bob Chung and guard Pete Eng.

James Kiyoto Takaoka of the Royal Canadian Navy placed 32nd in the Boston Marathon run, reports the Continental Times. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Takaoka of Calgary.

Nancy Ito will be playing her eighth year in the Denver City Park softball league this season as shortstop for the Bank of Denver, 1954 regional AAU champions. She was the leading hitter in the league last year.

(Loomis) Southpaw Gene Rodrick hurled a four-hitter and struck out 15 Nevada City batters in making the Placer JACL debut in the Placer-Nevada League a successful 7-1 victory Apr. 24. Bob Kozaiku was the big stick for Placer with two hits.

Rodrick's father, Dave, this year hung up his glove and spikes after 25 year's active duty as pitcher for Roseville in the same league.

Hamamura to forego '56 Boston run for Olympics

(San Francisco) Hideo Hamamura, winner of the 1955 Boston marathon classic in a new record-breaking time, disclosed he will avoid the 1956 running to train for the Olympic Games before departing by Japan Air Lines last week for home.

He expects his toughest competition from Yoshitake Uchikawa and Sadaaki Tanabe, who finished sixth and seventh in the Boston run.

First time out, kegler rolls 675 in league play

(San Francisco) Conscripted at the last minute as a substitute for an absentee kegler, Tad Ono of Sebastopol invaded the ranks of league bowlers in San Francisco Apr. 25 with the impact of an atomic explosion.

His first try at organized tossing, for Fisherman's Grotto in the Marina 755 league, resulted in a 675 series in games of 234-257-184, and a walloping 225 average for the first three league games of his career.

Chapter adds sportsmen division to program

(Centerville) Something new has been added to the Southern Alameda County JACL sustaining program for the year—a sportsmen division for the men with ladies welcome to join.

Among the events of the new group will be the fall striped bass derby. James Sekigahama, chapter athletic chairman, is accepting derby fees at \$1 for JACLers, \$3 for non-JACLers, to be used to cover trophies and awards.

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Los Angeles Newsletter

BY HENRY MORI

URBAN LEAGUERS HEAR JUDGE JOHN AISO

Los Angeles The Los Angeles Urban League which functions similarly in the order of the Japanese American Citizens League, fighting for minority rights and ridding discrimination for a large segment of the Negro population, held its annual meeting and awards program last week. Principal speaker was Municipal Court Judge John F. Aiso whose stirring address entitled "Recent Trends in Human Relations" had captivated and inspired more than 200 persons present at the Los Angeles High School auditorium.



The polished orator, who was former commissioner of the Los Angeles Superior Court, described the 1945-1955 decade as a history-making era in human relations.

He marked the notable advancement by citing several examples: the striking down of restrictive covenants, the elimination of the Alien Land laws, the banning of prohibitions against inter-racial marriages, and the declaration of segregation in public schools as being unconstitutional.

"In the last state gubernatorial election, an American of Mexican ancestry was the Democratic party's choice for the post of lieutenant governor," Aiso pointed out.

"And in the county, we witnessed our first appointments to the Superior and Municipal of judges representing the Negro and Japanese electorate," he added.

The 1947 Urban League Citation for Achievement winner, who holds the rank of Lt. Colonel, Military Intelligence Reserve, did not leave out the fact that now race, creed, color or national origin are no longer bars to the privilege of naturalization.

The progress report, covering the short span of a decade, served as a great encouragement to those who heard him that night.

Judge Aiso, himself, has come a long way. In 1926, he became the first person of Japanese descent to be elected Ephebian upon graduation from Hollywood High School.

He was drafted by the Selective Service in 1941, and was relieved from active duty in May of 1947, with rank of Lt. Colonel, AUS. The holder of the Army Commendation Ribbon is the recipient of Honorary Degree of Master of Arts from Brown University.

Last September at the 13th Biennial National JACL Convention at Los Angeles he received the Recognition Award for Distinguished Community Leadership. He stood only next to Sgt. Hiroshi Miyamura of Gallup, New Mexico, who was the Congressional Medal of Honor winner and had received the "Nisei of the Biennium" award.

UNDERSTANDING JUDGE GIVES STRANDEE BREAK

Attorney Kei Uchima, vice-president of the Downtown Los Angeles chapter JACL, has won an interesting strande case in Federal district court of Judge William Byrne.

Roy Miyagi, Covina-born youth, left with his parents in early 1920s, when he was only two years of age. The son of Mr. and Mrs. Gensei Miyagi, family friends of the Uchimas many years back, was drafted into the Imperial army in March of 1945.

He was a prisoner of war in an Outer Mongolian slave labor camp for two years.

Miyagi's unfortunate circumstances and his strong desire to "return" to the United States on a permanent basis were heard by Judge Byrne through interpreter Gongoro Nakamura.

Thanks to the understanding views held by the jurist, Miyagi is now able to live here permanently, although is parents are still in Osaka.

GEORGE'S PASTRIES ARE REALLY TERRIFIC

George Izumi, baker par-excellence, took two top awards for his great talent during the seventh annual convention of the West Coast Master Bakers just concluded.

He scored in the strawberry pie and white layer cake. His two Award of Merit citations now join his other two which were won in 1951 and 1953. He was given first place gold cups for his superb apple pie and supreme cake doughnuts in those respective years.

Izumi, who enjoyed baking for the boys while in the Army, extended his versatility business-wise by starting a shop of his own more than five years ago. Today, he is tops in his field, having won over more than 1000 other entries in competition last week.

He serves as treasurer of the Allied Trades of the Baking Industry here. His bakery is known as Grace Pastry Shoppe, after his wife's name.

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Births

LOS ANGELES
HATA—Apr. 2, boy Donald D. to Henry Hatas (Shinko Takagi).
JERNIGAN—Mar. 30, girl Helen M. to Guy Jernigans (Hideko Makino).
KAWATE—Apr. 10, boy Gary J. to Isami Kawates (Sueko Masuda).
KIMURA—Apr. 8, girl Lynn Ryoko to Ichiji Kimuras (Grace Nakata).
KURATA—Apr. 8, boy James K. to Robert Kuratas (Shizuko Shintani).
MAEDA—Mar. 28, boy Ross K. to Sam Maedas (Ida Eguchi).
NAGAISHI—Apr. 2, girl Terrie L. to Takiji Nagaishis (Dorothy Tanigawa).
OYE—Mar. 31, girl Janice E. to Hiromi Oyes (Shigeko Ogata).
SHINDO—Apr. 6, girl Myra K. to Takashi Shindos (Toyoko Yoshida).
SOTELO—Apr. 22, boy Don R. to Frank Sotelos (Martha Watanabe).
SUDA—Apr. 8, boy Robert M. to Geo. Sudas (Esther Okamoto).
TANIMOTO—Apr. 2, boy Larry Kazuo to Walt Tanimotos (Takeko Nakagawa).
TAYAMA—Apr. 5, boy Stanley Nobuyuki to Kenichi Tayamas (Yoshiko Fukunaga).
WADA—Apr. 4, boy Brian R. to Takashi Wadas (Dorothy Hayashida).
YAMAMOTO—Mar. 29, girl Lynda K. to Francis Yamamotos (Tsuneo Kawai).

ARIZONA

NAKAZAWA—Apr. 13, girl to Koki Nakazawas, Tolleson.

FRESNO

INOUE—Apr. 9, boy to Takashi Inouye, Kingsburg.
MORITA—Apr. 8, boy to Takashi Moritas, Biola.
NAKAMURA—Mar. 31, boy to Charles K. Nakamuras, Reedley.
TAKEMOTO—Apr. 7, girl to Kazumi Takemotos.
TANIGUCHI—Apr. 8, boy to Shigeyoshi Taniguchis, Selma.

STOCKTON

HARADA—Apr. 13, boy to James Haradas, Acampo.
KATO—Apr. 17, girl to Katsumi Katos, Lodi.
KIHIRA—Apr. 4, girl to Yoichi Kiharas, Lodi.
TAKEMOTO—Apr. 12, girl to Frank T. Takemotos.
YENOKIDA—Mar. 17, girl to Minoru Yenokidas, Lodi.

SAN JOSE

KATO—Apr. 8, girl Mary Mariko to Tadaaki Katos, Saratoga.
ICHIKI—Apr. 17, girl to Stephen K. Ichikis, Palo Alto.
ISHIBASHI—Apr. 18, girl April Joi to Tomio Ishibashis.
FUDENNA—Apr. 9, girl Beverly E. to James I. Fudennas, Irvington.
MACHIDA—Mar. 31, girl Joyce Kazuye to James Machidas.

SAN FRANCISCO

KATO—Mar. 24, girl to Robert M. Katos.
MORITA—Apr. 8, boy to Takashi Moritas.
OMI—Apr. 2, girl to George Omis.
SUGIYAMA—Apr. 13, boy Glenn Shigeo to Ichiro Sugiyamas.

BERKELEY

SHIMAMOTO—Apr. 19, boy to William Shimamotos.

RICHMOND

MAKI—Apr. 19, boy to Masao Makis.
SHIMAMURA—Apr. 21, girl to Shigeru Shimamuras, Concord.

SACRAMENTO

HAMAKAWA—Mar. 24, girl to Edward S. Hamakawas.
KUBBO—Apr. 5, girl to Richard T. Kubbos, West Sacramento.
MATSUURA—Mar. 24, boy to Toshio J. Matsuuras.
MURAKAMI—Apr. 1, boy to Harry H. Murakamis.
SUMIDA—Mar. 6, girl to Roy K. Sumidas, Elk Grove.

SEATTLE

FUJITA—Apr. 25, boy to Kazuma Fujitas.
HIRATA—Apr. 13, boy to Hajime Hiratas.
MINATO—Apr. 14, boy to Paul Minatos.

MIZUKAMI—Apr. 12, girl to Masatoshi Mizukamis.
SAKAI—Apr. 12, girl to Katsuo Sakais.
SASAKI—Apr. 15, girl to Edwin Sasaki.

TAKASHIMA—Apr. 10, girl to Mamoru Takashimas.

ONTARIO, Ore.

ICHIDA—Apr. 12, girl to Henry Ichidas, Payette.
SUGAI—Apr. 14, boy to Tom Sugais.

SALT LAKE CITY

AOYAGI—Apr. 19, boy to Ben Aoyagis, Magna.
KUBO—Apr. 18, girl to George Kubos.
MATSUMURA—Apr. 12, girl to Kunio Matsumuras, Magna.

SHIBA—Apr. 20, boy to S. J. Shibas.
SHINO—Apr. 15, girl to Tom T. Shinos.
YOSHIE—Apr. 10, girl to George Yoshies.

DENVER

HARA—Girl to Frank K. Haras.
NISHIMOTO—Apr. 12, boy to Hugh Nishimotos (Alice Urano).

CHICAGO

FUJIU—Jan. 22, girl Jean Mari to Victor Fujius.

WASHINGTON, D.C.

TAKEMOTO—Apr. 7, girl Ruth E. to Kaname Takemotos (Alice Iwamoto).

TASAKA—Girl Laurie E. to Tosh Takasaks.

Engagements

KOTO-HIROKAWA — Emi, Denver, to Dick, Philadelphia.
MASUMOTO-YAMAGIWA — Yoshiye, Del Rey, to Haruki, Bowles, Apr. 10.

Marriage Licenses Issued

HANASHIRO-OSAKI — Keyoshin, San Mateo; Matsuye, Fowler.
HIROOKA-TSUYUKI — Helen Miyeko to Shigeru of Los Angeles, Apr. 23.
KIMURA-NAGATA — John K., Kingsburg; Dorothy C., Fresno.

NODA-ISHIKAWA — Hideo and Mary of San Francisco.
SHIMONO-MIURA — Masami S., Sacramento; Sadako Mary, Carmichael.
THORNTON-WATANABE — William and Ruby Sadami of San Francisco.
TOMA-KATO — Doris Chizuko to Glen Takeo of Los Angeles.

Weddings

HAMATAKA-YAMADA — Apr. 23, Hank, Oakland; Susie, Los Angeles.
HASHIMOTO-OZAWA — Apr. 24, Sam, Cheyenne, Wyo., Yasuko, Los Angeles.

HIRATA-KABUMOTO—Apr. 17, Akira and Yukiko of Chicago.
HONMA-NAGANUMA — Apr. 16, Thomas and Mary of Chicago.

IMAMURA-KITAHARA — Apr. 23, Michio, Pasadena; Helen, Chicago.
KUDO-SAKUMA — Apr. 23, Pvt. Koji and Eunice of Los Angeles.
MIZUNO-KURISU — Apr. 5, Harry and Alma of Chicago.
NISHINAKA-UYEMURA — Apr. 24, Ben, San Pedro; Hatsue, Los Angeles.

Deaths

ABE, Wakichi, 60: Mountain View, Apr. 20, survived by wife Rin, sons George, Kazuo, daughters Miyoko, Haruno, Mrs. Fumiko Ogi and Mrs. Mitsuko Kawanami.
ADACHI, Shigetaro, 74: Berkeley, Apr. 12.

HAGIWARA, Yonekichi, 77: Fresno, Apr. 20.

ICHIYASU, Mrs. Toyoe, 64: San Francisco, Apr. 22, survived by husband Kanichi, sons Haruo, Kiyoshi and daughter Mrs. Hanaye Doi.

KAIZUKA, Hisae Irene, 40: Los Angeles, Apr. 27, survived by husband Fred Masao, sons Dennis T., Allan K., Thomas M., parents Mr. and Mrs. Yoshitaro Uyemura, brothers Tokio, Katsumi, Chikashi and sister Mrs. Barbara Kawai.

KAWADA, Kikutaro, 80: Chicago, Apr. 18.

KUROSE, Mrs. Kane, 73: Los Angeles, Apr. 26, survived by husband Yasujiro, son Masao Eddie.

MASUGUCHI, Rikizo, 74: Los Angeles, Apr. 27, survived by wife Suye, sons Harry, Satow, daughter Mrs. Matsuko Kawasaki.

MATSUDA, Umasaburo, 91: Los Gatos, Apr. 11 survived by sons Fred, Benny (San Francisco), Irvin (Denver), Tom (New York), daughters Mrs. Flora Fujikawa, Mrs. Helen Yuge (Turlock), Mrs. Bessie Shiomura (Denver) and Mrs. Masako Yamamoto (Japan).

NAKAMURA, Kanichi, 75: Sacramento, Apr. 1, survived by wife Toshiye, son Ichiro daughter Masako.

MISAKI, Mrs. Shima, 61: Selma, Apr. 14 survived by husband Takayuki, sons Yukio, Yuzo, Kiyoshi, daughters Mrs. Kimiko Sugimoto and Mrs. Masako Hirano (Los Angeles).

NIMURA, Kayo, 55: Los Angeles, Mar. 31, survived by husband Yoshitsugu, five sons Edward, Raymond, Richard, Herbert, Robert daughters Blanche and Mrs. Edna Sato.

NINOMIYA, Akiko, 28: Bowles, Apr. 13, survived by five sisters Ayako, Mrs. Chiyeo Nakatani (Los Angeles) Mrs. Shizue Murakami, Mrs. Nancy Miyao (Chicago), Mrs. Fuji Shirakawa (Gardena).

SAKAMOTO, Gohachi, 76: Los Angeles, Apr. 8, survived by sons Maul Motoshi, Masato, daughter Mrs. Umeno Mogami.

SUZUKI, Mrs. Misao, 54: Los Angeles, Apr. 11, survived by husband Kishu, son Robert daughters Mmes. Masako Tanamine Shigeo Kashiwagi, Fumiko Moriyama and Kimiko Uyeno, brother Masano Ujiye, mother Tomo.

TAKATA, Jean, 1: Los Angeles, Mar. 28, survived by parents Tosh and Daisy, brother David.

TAMURA, Shinichi, 69: Los Angeles, Apr. 24, survived by wife Shinobu, sons Kazunobu, Kazunori, daughters Mrs. Suzuko Tsukamoto, Mrs. Chiyo Hamaoka, Mrs. Takayama.

TANIYAMA, Zentaro: Chicago, Apr. 3. TATEOKA, Tokizo, 76: Salt Lake City, Apr. 19, survived by wife Matsu, sons Sam I., Tom Minoru (Riverport, Wyo.), Jim S., Matt and daughter Mrs. Momoko Ushio.

TOYODA, Toyosaku, 83: Fowler, Apr. 14 (funeral), survived by sons Geo., Don, daughter Mrs. Yoneko Doguchi.

UNO, Mrs. Suye, 56: Seattle Apr. 2, survived by husband Hikoshi, sons Jack T., John H., daughters Katsu, Mrs. Mabel Tamura, Mrs. Ruth Higashi, Mrs. Mary Fujiwara and 17 grandchildren.

YAGI, Kazutoshi, 73: Los Angeles, Apr. 28, survived by wife Kameko, son Bush Nobutoshi, daughters Cassie Mae, Mrs. Kimiko Tazoi, Mrs. Takako Minamide.

DECADE AGO

May 5, 1945

442nd Infantry occupies Turin, climaxing coastal offensive; big Italian industrial city entered by Nisei Americans, Genoa also occupied . . . OWI identifies 30 more Nisei killed in action, 188 wounded.

Gov. Dempsey says New Mexico opposes evacuees.

Trio to face new charges of violations; defendants acquitted of terrorist activity against Nisei farmer Sumio Doi of Placer County cited for selling alcoholic beverage to minors — outgrowth of testimony given in trial of trio.

Merced sheriff asks funds to protect returned Nisei; investigation into Kishi, Morimoto incidents continues.

WRA official hits promoters of commercialized hate drive against Japanese Americans in Chicago address; WRA fighting those profiting from race-baiting, declares movement masked in terms of patriotism.

Sparta (Wis.) selects park site for memorial to 100th Infantry.

Evacuee girls hear Frank Sinatra speak on racial intolerance at Philadelphia.

U.S. Army uses many Nisei specialists in Okinawa battles.

Sgt. Frank Hachiya of Hood River, Ore., awarded Silver Star posthumously; cited for valor during Leyte campaign.

Opposition of members of some minorities to return of evacuees to Los Angeles studied.

Seattle dentist dies

(Seattle) Dr. Kazuto Harada, 50, Kumamoto-born dentist, died Apr. 23 after a long illness at his home. He organized Boy Scout Troop 252, active with the Buddhist Church and Seattle District Dental Society.

Dayton Issei dies

(Dayton) Manhichi Yamasaki, 76, 1512 Shaftesbury Rd., died Apr. 28. The former Florin (Calif.) resident was the father of Mas Yamasaki, Dayton JACL chapter vice-president.

San Diego bazaar

(San Diego) The third annual San Diego Buddhist Church bazaar will be held May 15 with affiliated church organizations assisting in manning the various food and game booths at the church, 2929 Market St. Louie Fujii, Masami Honda and Takeyoshi Ohara are co-chairmen. Proceeds will be used for church improvement.

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The tour is accredited for 2 units by the UCLA summer extension. The summer-vacation itinerary starts June 15 aboard the APL Pres. Cleveland embarking from San Francisco (June 17 from Los Angeles), arriving in Yokohama July 1. Return trip is aboard the Pres. Wilson, reaching San Francisco Aug. 20.

Two tours are being offered: (1) 25 days in Japan plus a two-weeks extension cruise visiting Manila and Hongkong at \$1,087 plus tax, and (2) 23 days in Japan with tour group plus two additional sightseeing or visiting of relatives at \$956 plus tax.

Handling the tour in Japan are the Japan Travel Bureau, Japanese Student Association and Waseda University education and administrative section.

English editor resigns Colorado Times post

(Denver) Frank Tamura, English editor of the Colorado Times the past eight years, resigned his post last week and Mrs. Tay Kondo was named as successor with "Bee" Kaihara Woo assisting.

Review 'Home Again' on TV

(San Francisco) "Home Again," James Edmiston's documentary novel of a Japanese American family, will be reviewed on Lewis Lengfeld's TV program, "Let's Look at Books," on May 8, 10:30 p.m., on channel 7.

Editorials

AFRO-ASIAN CONFERENCE ECHOES

Bandung's final communique of the 29 Afro-Asian nations abandoned the passive-resistance and neutralist theories of international relations of India's Prime Minister Nehru and the "peaceful coexistence" principles of Red China's Chou En-lai. Instead, from the opening day of the week-long conference, a series of anti-Communist addresses were unleashed by delegates from Turkey, Iraq, Thailand, the Philippines and Pakistan. Sir John Kotelawala, Ceylon's Prime Minister, seriously questioned Chou's bid for "coexistence", adding that if communism were sincere, it would dissolve the Cominform. Filipino Delegate Gen. Carlos Romulo condemned Russian communism as bearing the "worst features of some colonial systems against which we have been fighting all our lives".

It was the first time in history that representatives of non-white nations of the earth joined together. One might say Bandung was a victory for the West, but there should be no mistaking the fact that Chou En-lai eclipsed Pandit Nehru in impressing the conference as a whole. His suave assurances and plausible moderation should worry the West.

As one political pundit puts it: the real significance lay in its proof that no one voice can speak for Asians. If neither India nor Red China can lead them, neither, of course, can the United States. We shall sway them only in proportion as we encourage their ambitions for political, social and economic quality with the West.

JUDICIAL POST FOR NISEI

President Eisenhower nominated Benjamin Tashiro for a federal judicial post in Hawaii. It awaits Senate confirmation. The note that this appointment is highly recommended by many and opposed by no one confirms his fitness for office. They have recognized individual talent and ability—a wise rule for selecting men who serve the people.

Very Truly Yours

BY HARRY HONDA

ACADEMIC CHALLENGE

We can count on one hand the number of times non-Japanese have asked this office to supply data concerning Japanese Americans for a paper he is preparing . . . But, we have averaged at least one call per month for similar assistance from Nisei students . . . I suppose doing a college term paper finds the student sliding down the path of least resistance (I'll confess it was that way with me years ago); but graduate students have a bigger challenge before them. After deciding what phase to research, he tries to unearth new facts, translate existing data or offer new theories . . . It would appear the Nisei graduate student can gain more by studying something other than a population study of Japanese in California, the evacuation, integration of the Japanese, etc. . . . Possibly one exception in the field of things Japanese in America might be a good paper on the Issei. There may be some prepared, but we haven't read any personally.

What would be refreshing in this field of education is not a study of the differences among men (which sociological papers often portray), but a study of similarities among men . . . So much has been said of the cultures of East and West, tracing of history by nations and other vertical lines of approach, it's about time a study be made on a horizontal plane—searching out the similarities that will spell out human nature in its full glory and thereby essaying the theme of Brotherhood Week: we are all brothers under the Fatherhood of God . . . History through the ages has shown the cross-fertilization of ideas but somewhat hidden by a nationalistic interpretation given to the course of human events . . . If anything, the principle of human solidarity can not be sacrificed in this new age when the world is much smaller in terms of communication and travel.

If a Nisei graduate student, therefore, would undertake a study of the problems of other than the Japanese Americans, note the things we have in common rather than the variations of human culture (no matter how exotic), the wide area covered would reap greater benefits . . . It presumes the Nisei knows the make-up of Japanese Americans on the outset, but I'm sure in the end he would understand how different people can get along—not because of differences but because of things they have in common. The minute differences would be accidental, the things in common more substantial . . . One danger of self-introspection, we might add, is the apparent simplicity because of its proximity to everyday living. But we would be too close and would miss the perspective necessary for honest criticism or study . . . The variations in the human race are more evident, hence more readily studied. But the sameness of the human race is not, hence more challenging to a true student.

MAILBOX

MIX-UP IN DETROIT ORGANIZATIONS

Editor: In the April 22nd edition of the PC was: "Jewell Omura to Head Detroit JACL Chapter", which should have read "Detroit Mr. and Mrs. Club".

KAY MIYAYA, Detroit JACL publicity

Highland Park, Mich.
Our apologies to all concerned for this mix-up.—Editor.

More on Tariff-Trade

Washington

Last week's Newsletter discussed the vital importance to the United States and the free world of the current Senate debate on the Reciprocal Trade Agreements Program, with particular reference to the need for active and aggressive leadership on the part of the President if this legislation is to be enacted without crippling amendments.

Speaking before the annual meeting of the Associated Press in New York city last week, the President declared that defeat of the three-year extension sought for his trade program would constitute a serious setback to the cause of peace.

"To abandon our program for gradual reduction of unjustified trade barriers—to vitiate the Administration proposal by crippling amendments—would strike a severe blow at the cooperative efforts of the free nations to build up their economic and military defenses," the President warned.

"It could result in increasing discrimination against our exports. It could lead to widespread trade restrictions and a sharp contraction in world trade. It could mean a retreat to economic nationalism and isolationism."

Two-way trade needed for peace & goodwill

"Two-way trade, I believe," the President said, "is a broad avenue by which all men and nations of goodwill can travel toward a golden era of peace and plenty. Your Administration is committed to helping build it. I personally believe that it is for the greater good of all 164 million of our people and I shall not relax my personal effort towards its achievement."

That same afternoon, on the Senate floor, leading Democratic advocates of the Reciprocal Trade Program noted that the President would have more difficulty in securing the support of his own party members than that of the Democrats and challenged him to give more than lip service to the legislative fight that will be necessary to gain enactment of the trade-tariff program.

The Democratic challenge was laid down by Sen. Albert Gore of Tennessee, assistant majority whip. He demanded that the President exert the same vigorous leadership in this matter that he so recently did, and successfully, in defeating the individual income tax reduction proposed by the Democrats.

The youthful Tennessean speech has been hailed as the outstanding appeal made thus far for the continuation of a depression-born program begun 21 years ago during the first administration of Franklin D. Roosevelt. His was a fighting speech which not only called for greater leadership by the President but also exposed the textile lobby and refuted many of their cherished arguments.

Rallying to his support, by asking leading questions and making helpful comments, were Senators Estes Kefauver of Tennessee James Eastland of Mississippi, Paul Douglas of Illinois, Alben Barkley of Kentucky, Russell Long of Louisiana, Herbert Lehman of New York, and Wayne Morse of Oregon. All are Democrats and, with the exception of Senator Eastland and possibly Senator Long, are all members of the so-called liberal or New Deal wing of the party in power.

While there is no denying that they were indulging in a bit of political braggadocio, they were nevertheless in earnest as they attempted to arouse the President of a rival party to actively campaign for the extension of a Democratic program which the now Republican chief executive has embraced as part of his governmental philosophy.

President's position based on one national basis

In defining what the President's position should be, Senator Gore declared ". . . that in such matters as international trade the role of the President is the dramatization of the national interest. When there is no effective leadership from the President, senators and representatives become prey to the special interests of their own constituencies. Each senator has at least two constituencies which he must consider. The first is the constituency he is honored

to represent directly. The second is the national interest, which every senator must also keep in mind.

"Conversely, the President has but one constituency, and that is all the people. Therefore, in such matters, it is the function and, I believe, the duty of the President of the United States to hold ever in the forefront, by effective leadership—and not lip service—the national interest and thereby encourage and lead members of Congress to take a broad position, rather than permit them to yield to the demands of interests within their constituencies who may believe or fancy or imagine that they will be damaged by such a program."

Textile industry rapped by Tennessee Sen. Gore

The junior senator from Tennessee then exposed the high-pressure, high-handed manner in which the textile industry was operating against the measure, charging it with misleading the people and conducting a false campaign based upon fear.

He pinpointed the textile industry, not only because it was of importance to his state, but also because it was leading the general fight of other industry lobbies against the Reciprocal Trade Agreements Bill which is designated as HR 1, the first measure dropped into the House hopper when the Congress convened almost five months ago.

Citing statistics to show that the ratio of imports to exports is about 12 to 1 in favor of exports in textiles, Senator Gore explained that probably more persons would be unemployed if foreign nations refused to trade in textiles with us than if we continued to allow them to export to us, the fears of the tariff lobby notwithstanding.

He said that official figures for 1954 showed that imports of cotton and synthetic textiles and products totaled only \$115,000,000 in value while the American industry exported to other countries goods valued at \$534,800,000, or 460 per cent greater.

If American factories are going to continue to produce so much for export, Senator Gore declared that there were only two alternatives for United States industry—either provide two-way trade that will enable foreign nations to earn dollars to pay for purchases or dole out subsidies or grants to these foreign countries.

In addition to the huge balance in our favor in manufactured exports over imports, it was stressed that raw cotton too was exported in vast quantities. Taking Japan as an example, it was pointed out that last year Japan imported \$125,000,000 worth of U.S. cotton while exporting to us only \$23,000,000 worth, most of which was in non-competitive items.

The Tennessee Democrat emphasized that the ills of the textile industry were not caused by imports, but rather by regional shifts in production, by technological improvements, by the use of synthetics and fiber mixtures, and by changes in consumption patterns. He repeated that in international trade was the opportunity to develop new markets as well as outlets for the raw product.

Economic balance problem shown in Japan's case

He specifically discussed the situation as it related to Japan's exports of textiles and pointed out the so-called flood of Japanese products amounted to less than one-half of one per cent of our own production last year, which was a special condition caused by the financial policies of the Japanese government, a government dependent upon world trade to survive.

"What I would like to emphasize most," Senator Gore declared, "is the overall problem of economic balance. The United States is the world's leading exporter and its leading importer. Our economic position is so preeminent that what we do affects every member of the grand alliance of free nations."

"It is no longer possible, as

some persons seem to think, for us to regard international trade as solely a matter of domestic politics.

"Fortunately, we are in a position where our own enlightened economic self-interest and world responsibilities converge in a trade policy that will permit an expansion of international commerce."

"In closing, I should like to emphasize further, Mr. President, that the United States is not only the world's greatest trading nation, but also the world's creditor nation. Like water, the flow of international economics seeks a level—a balance. The question is for the Congress to decide whether that balance will be achieved through two-way trade, curtailment of United States exports, or continued foreign subsidies by United States taxpayers. As for me, I choose trade."

House OKs \$200,000 for claims agency

(Washington) Operational expenses of \$200,000 for the fiscal year 1956 evacuation claims program has been approved by the House of Representatives, the Washington JACL Office reported this week.

Fiscal year 1956 begins on July 1, 1955 and ends June 30, 1956. The appropriated sum is the same as that appropriated for 1955 fiscal year for these same administrative expenses, but is \$25,000 less than that appropriated for fiscal year 1954.

The House approved total now goes to the Senate, where it is expected that this sum will also be approved.

Administrative expenses include the salaries and operating funds for the central office in Washington, D.C., and the two field offices in Los Angeles and San Francisco, respectively.

Statehood bill—

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end the combined bill by dividing the proposals for Hawaii and Alaska and putting them into separate packages.

In the meantime, statehood advocates are searching for some formula or strategy that will enable them to have these two territories considered separately.

The JACL position was clarified in reply to a Congressional inquiry by Mike Masaoka, Washington representative.

CALENDAR

- May 6 (Friday)
So. Alameda County—Mothers' Day tea, Hansen Hall, Centerville, 7:30 p.m.
- May 7 (Saturday)
Albuquerque—Potluck dinner, Rancho School.
- May 8 (Sunday)
Placer County—JACL Community Picnic, JACL ball ground, Penryn.
- May 10 (Tuesday)
Seattle—Meeting, Japanese Community Hall, 1414 Weller, 8 p.m. Agenda for 1955.
- May 13 (Friday)
Sonoma County—Auxiliary meeting, Sebastopol Memorial Hall.
- San Francisco—Meeting, Buchanan "Y", 8:30 p.m.; Dr. Nello Pace, spkr. "Mountain Climbing at Its Best".
- Chicago—Meeting, Wilson Room, 116 S. Michigan; Allen Bradley, Chicago Daily News editor, spkr.
- May 14-15
PSWDC — District convention, Mar Monte Hotel, Santa Barbara.
- May 14 (Saturday)
Salt Lake City—"Spring Frolic" (details to be announced).
- Richmond—El Cerrito—Benefit movies, Finnish Brotherhood Hall, 1970 Chestnut St., Berkeley, 7 p.m.
- Mt. Olympus—Surprise Social.
- May 15 (Sunday)
NC-WNDC — Quarterly session, Hotel Claremont, Berkeley.
- Richmond—El Cerrito — Mothers' Day potluck dinner.
- Detroit—Issei Testimonial Dinner, International Institute; Mike Masaoka, spkr.
- May 17 (Tuesday)
Parlier—Auxiliary meeting. Topic — Health.
- May 18 (Wednesday)
Marysville—General meeting, JACL Office, 8 p.m.
- May 20 (Friday)
So. Alameda County—Meeting, Warm Springs School. Editor Stuart Nixon, spkr.
- May 21 (Saturday)
East Los Angeles—Dinner-dance, Swaley's Restaurant, 8 p.m.
- San Francisco—Meeting, Experimental films.
- May 22 (Sunday)
San Francisco—Peninsula Home tour (Auxiliary benefit).
- East Los Angeles—Festival of Friendship, Fresno Playground.
- May 25 (Wednesday)
San Diego—Issei Testimonial banquet, Miyako Cafe, 7:30 p.m.
- East Los Angeles—Meeting, Soto-Michigan Center, 8 p.m. Convention reports.
- June 5 (Sunday)
San Francisco—JACL Olympia, Keen Stadium.