

## Vagaries

BY LARRY TAJIRI

### FISHING FOR COLUMN TOPIC

Denver  
We're writing this column on a Sunday, and this morning we were high in the Red Feather Lakes country of northern Colorado. We had a fishing pole in one hand as we sat on a rock on the shore of a high mountain lake and watched the clouds build up behind the snow-crested Mummy range to the south. Most Nisei we know are pretty energetic when it comes to fishing. They can beat the streams all day, playing the riffles and haunting the deep pools, and yet get back to the cabin fresh enough for a rubber of bridge or a round of poker. We're the lazy type.

Though this will sound like heresy to all the dry fly purists and fast water addicts we know, we'd rather take it easy beside an alpine lake with a line in the water and a pipeful of tobacco on which to puff. This morning was fine, though the fishing was slow ("You shoulda been up here last week," a man said, as they always say). It might be hot in Denver, but up in the high country the night had been crisp enough to warrant the oil stove burning in the cabin all night, and the morning had come quick and sharp. But all morning we'd been nagged by the knowledge that the weekly column for the *Pacific Citizen* was due and we needed a topic.



### NEVER GET USED TO DOING

If our own experience is typical at all, writing a weekly column is something one never gets used to doing. We've had this one going for almost 13 years now, but each week brings its new problems. A famous novelist once described the sheer mechanics of writing as grinding and arduous as any task of man. We're inclined to second that view, though we realize that a newspaper column isn't literature.

It may be that Bill Hosokawa, Larry Nakatsuka, Mike Masaoka or any of the PC's other columnists may glide through their weekly stints without mussing a mental hair or chewing

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## Very Truly Yours

BY HARRY HONDA

### POSTSCRIPT TO TODAY'S VAGARIES

I was tempted to add "Amen—Editor" to Larry Tajiri's column this week. Each weekend is similarly plaguing to the mind endeavoring to uncover subject matter here . . . There are weeks when topics come ready-made, but they come few and far between nowadays . . . Each time Mike Masaoka visits our office, he refers to his Washington Newsletter deadlines with a woeful wag of his head. Now that Mike can read "Vagaries" this week, he should be consoled to know others suffer the same pangs . . . Yet when we all look back—there is a sense of personal accomplishment, having been able to meet the deadlines and not miss a column . . . When Mike went to Japan last year, he had to stack up for several weeks—which is even more taxing . . . If a man had only a column to worry about, the difficulty should not be excused, but our contributors have a full-time job



on top of it . . . Now and then, our regular columnists submit several in advance and you sense that they're going out of town the following weekend . . . I doff my hat to the columnists, however, who work on daily papers. Among Nisei circles, they are in a definite minority. Saburo Kido's "Observation" and George Yoshinaga's "Horse's Mouth" (when he served as sports editor in Los Angeles) would qualify as "daily" columnists . . . With so many Nisei vernaculars through California, one each in Utah, Colorado, New York and Illinois, much of the news appears to be the same . . . What lends individuality to them are the variety of columnists.

### TWELVE PAGES VISUALIZED

The *Pacific Citizen* is fortunate in having most of the cream and we shall continue to develop more. I see a day when there will be 12 pages each week for our readers and a columnist on the left-hand side on each one of them . . . Variety in Nisei opinion as culled from the columnists can be termed as the spice of a newspaper's life. A steady diet of social items, general news and sports without some personal or editorial comment could be constipating. It deserves to be digested as a columnist is often moved to do . . . Equally fascinating reading for our readers might be what other columnists of the Nisei press have to say. Lack of space prevents this adventure.

As we start on Volume 41 and the 14th year of continuous weekly publication, we trust the PC can expand as the organization has done and which has so loyally supported it through the first decade.

## IMPORTANCE OF JAPAN IN FREE WORLD DEFENSES REITERATED BY ARMY CHIEF

(Washington) Gen. Maxwell D. Taylor, new Army chief of staff and former supreme commander of U.S. Armed Forces in the Far East, said he has a strong feeling about "the importance of Japan to the defense of the free world".

"Japan requires our most careful consideration in the plans for the Far East," the general added upon arrival here last Thursday from Tokyo. He succeeds Gen. Matthew B. Ridgway.

## Dr. Randy Sakada receives eulogy in congress record

(Washington) A congressional eulogy was given to Dr. Randolph M. Sakada by Rep. Sidney R. Yates (D., Ill.), the Washington Office of the Japanese American Citizens League reported yesterday.

The high tribute paid to Dr. Sakada is believed to be the first time that a Nisei was so honored in Congress.

Congressman Yates told the Washington JACL Office that he "was very much saddened by the untimely passing of Dr. Randy Sakada and stated some of my thoughts in the Congressional Record."

Congressman Yates was recognized by the Speaker of the House for this purpose and received unanimous consent to extend his eulogy to Dr. Sakada as follows:

"Mr. Speaker, it was my great privilege to know Dr. Randolph Mas Sakada. In him, as in few others, I found the embodiment of the poet's great thought: 'Let me live in my house by the side of the road, and be a friend to man.'"

"In the house which is America, and which shelters the descendants of people of lands from all over the world, Randy Sakada was, indeed, a friend to man. His was a life devoted to achieving the great American ideal of equal justice for all. He was steadfastly dedicated toward fulfillment of the brotherhood of man under the fatherhood of God.

"Dr. Sakada died a few days ago at age 42. His family, his friends, and his community will miss him very much, but the contribution that he made in his brief span of life will be remembered. His spirit remains—a spirit like that embodied within the definition of the spirit of liberty by

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### Raisin administrator

(Fresno) Jack Noda of Modesto was named to the Federal Raisin Administrative Committee here recently.

## Power company loses \$50,000 damage suit to woman injured by 'hot' wires

(San Francisco) Mrs. Shizuko Fukushima of Clarksburg was awarded \$50,000 damages in a suit against Pacific Gas & Electric Co. June 20 by a San Francisco jury.

She sustained severe burns resulting in amputation of her right foot when a tree near her home fell against high voltage lines belonging to PG&E on May 31, 1954. The falling wires set fire to a grain field near her home and in

## DENIAL OF PASSPORT BY STATE DEP'T PREVENTED BY APPELLATE COURT RULING, RIGHT OF TRAVEL MAY AID STRANDEES

(Washington) Denial of passports is subject to judicial review and may have widespread implications on other State Department travel documents, the Washington Office of the Japanese American Citizens League said in reporting a recent U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals ruling.

Tying the right of travel to personal liberty, the appellate tribunal here rejected the State Department's contention that it has exclusive jurisdiction over the issuance or denial of passports. Obtaining a passport is a matter of right, rather than one of privilege, the ruling said.

Arguing that passports involve foreign relations, the government said the Secretary of State, therefore, has the right to determine who should be allowed to travel abroad.

Legal experts of the State Department refused to comment whether the ruling would have any effect on United States passport denials to persons living abroad and desiring to enter this country to test a possible loss of citizenship.

Many Nisei who were stranded in Japan during World War II have been denied American passport to return to the United States.

To deny a citizen a passport is to deprive him of his liberty, the Appeals Court said.

"The right to travel, to go from place to place as the means of transportation permit, is a natural right subject to the rights of others and to reasonable regulation under the law," the unanimous decision held.

The decision also ruled that passports can only be denied for valid reasons involving this country's relation with foreign nations.

The determination of the Circuit Court of Appeals concerns Max Schachtman, chairman of the Independent Socialist League, who has been attempting to obtain a passport for three and a half years. His request to travel abroad was to conduct non-political business in Europe, a contention which the State Department has not denied.

In the unanimous ruling the three-judge court held that the legal grounds for denying the passport were insufficient. They said that the government's only argument for denying the passport was because of Schachtman's activities in the Socialist League, which is listed on the Attorney General's proscribed list of organizations.

Rejecting the passport denial, the court pointed out that the applicant has been attempting to remove his organization from the proscribed list for six years and

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## Government civil service workers getting 7.5% pay boost as Congress OKs measure

(Washington) President Eisenhower Tuesday signed the bill raising the pay of a million federal employees 7½ per cent retroactive to March 1.

Nisei interest in the Federal pay bill was initiated earlier this year by a Washington, D.C., JACL Chapter resolution, calling for

congressional enactment of pay increases during the current session.

The resolution pointed out that more than 5,000 Nisei are among federal employees who have been waiting over two years for the promised salary boost.

Pay increases in the bill range from \$190 to \$1,020 a year. Average boost will be \$352.80 a year, or over \$25 a month.

### S.F. couple killed in Nevada highway accident

(San Francisco) Motoring east to visit her daughters, Mrs. Haruko Urabe was seriously injured in a Nevada highway accident Sunday in which two of her children, George, 39, and Mitsuye, 28, were killed.

The car struck a soft shoulder on U.S. Hwy. 40 east of Reno and overturned. Another passenger, nephew Ronnie Urabe, 6, escaped with minor injuries. They had visited Mrs. Hatsuko Abe of Sacramento, sister of the two victims, and enroute to visit another sister, Mrs. Kazuko Nojima of Red House, Nev., that night before going on to visit another sister Margaret in Chicago.

### SO. ALAMEDA CO. GROUP COPS BLUE RIBBON WITH FEATURE BOOTH DISPLAY

(Pleasanton) The coveted first prize award for the feature booth display here at the Alameda County Fair was won by the Nisei Growers, a group sponsored by the Southern Alameda County JACL.

Overall exhibits at the fair are the best ever, according to Kaz and Chuck Shikano, display co-chairmen for Nisei Growers, and competition was exceptionally keen this year.

The Growers have been entering the competition each year since 1949 and this year's "blue ribbon" is the second to enhance a remarkable record. Assisting on the farm produce display were Sam Yamanaka, Henry Kato and Yutaka Handa.

### Report fisherman missing off San Clemente island

(San Pedro) Munemitsu (Moon) Matsumoto, 631 S. Mott St., Los Angeles, was reported as missing when the captain of a fishing boat, Lucretia K., informed the Coast Guard Tuesday. Details were lacking, but the vessel was two miles west of San Clemente Island.

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**From the Frying Pan**

BY BILL HOSOKAWA

**VOCABULARY LESSON**

Denver

Our younger daughter Christie, age 5 this week, currently is being exposed to dancing lessons in an effort to build up her poise (of which she has plenty) and develop her grace (which she sadly lacks). Although she is built in the general shape of a butterball, she has taken to her lessons with commendable skill and enthusiasm. The one thing she has difficulty with are the ballet terms, an understandable situation since they're all in French.



The other day Christie's mother was drilling her on her terminology. She stumbled time after time on a word that, to me, sounds like *plee-aye*. A *plee-aye*, as I get it, is when you point your toes out and go into a half squat. Christie can *plee-aye* okay, but can't manage to remember the word.

Finally, Christie's mother decided to try the old word association routine. "*Plee-aye*," she explained, "sounds like 'please.' Think of 'please,' and let's see if it will help you remember *plee-aye*."

A little while later Christie was asked the word for pointing toes out and squatting a little. A stricken look came over her face. She had forgotten again!

"What was that other word we tried to remember?"

Christie's face brightened. That was easy. "I know that one," she cried happily. "It's 'thank you!'"

**CAMPING GIRL SCOUT STYLE**

Our other daughter, Susan, came home this week from Girl Scouts camp with a coat of tan, some unladylike grime, a new collection of Girl Scout type songs, a host of experiences, a new nickname and three pounds less heft than when she started out.

It seems there's a custom that all campers must have a nickname. They gave Susan the name Blaze, which was borrowed from a particularly spirited horse in the camp *remuda*. And for some inexplicable reason the horse that Susan mounted during riding period was a beast known as Albert.

One of Susan's activities was an overnight camping trip. The girls hiked to a spot about 25 minutes from home base. Soon after they reached the site, a truck drove up with the girls' bedrolls and the canned food they would open for their meals. The girls slept in tents on the ground, and next morning the truck came again with fresh milk for breakfast. The truck took the bedrolls back and the girls strolled down to camp a little later at a leisurely pace.

I'm trying not to forget that these were girls averaging about 11 years of age, but it sure seems our kids are going soft these days. Back when I was a Boy Scout . . . but then we'd better not get onto that. Come to think of it, I'm not so sure I wouldn't have enjoyed having my pack transported by truck, too. And fresh milk for breakfast.

**CROSSROADS FOR COLORADANS**

It used to be said that if you stood long enough at the corner of First and San Pedro in Los Angeles, you'd see every last Nisei in Southern California. They used to say that about Twentieth and Larimer in Denver about Coloradans, too, but now that summer is here it is necessary to shift the rendezvous some five miles airline northeast. That would place the spot at the Mile High Kennel Club where greyhounds run after an iron rabbit. The throngs try to guess which dogs will come closest to catching said rabbit, and back up their opinions with dollars. Last summer I saw a fellow out at the dog track who I hadn't seen for 18 years. Nope, he wasn't making any money.

**Minority Week**

Because the voting power of minorities in more populous northern and western states would be curbed, Roy Wilkins, NAACP executive secretary, has alerted local NAACP units to urge their Washington legislators to vote against the pending Senate resolution to change the electoral college voting system.

Sponsored by Senators Humphrey and Daniel, the resolution would provide each state's vote for president and vice-president in the electoral college in proportion to the popular vote received by the respective candidates. Under the present system, candidates receiving a majority of the popular vote win the state's entire electoral vote.

Fair employment practices legislation has been struck an apparent death blow for the present Illinois session as the Senate Industrial Affairs committee last week voted 8-5 recommending defeat. The bill had been approved by the House last month. Only an upset of the committee recommendation by a full Senate could pump new life into the measure and the prospects appear faint.

**Japan faces another crisis in treaty negotiations with Soviet Russia; expects talks to talk another half year**

BY TAMOTSU MURAYAMA

(Tokyo) Since it is basic diplomatic strategy for the Soviets to dilly-dally, current Japanese-Soviet negotiations in London are expected to continue for at least a half year before reaching any type of understanding normalizing relations between the two countries.

The Japanese government was almost knocked down from shock at the first stage of the talks when the Soviet representative demanded Japanese coastal waters be opened to warships from Russia and Red China, especially free passage of Tsugaru Strait, which is almost Japan's inland waters linking Honshu and Hokkaido. Submission on this point would be regarded as unconditional Japanese surrender to Soviet Russia.



Meanwhile, the Foreign Office has hastily recalled Consul General Shinsaku Hogen from Los Angeles to handle Soviet affairs here since he is an authority on the subject.

When Russia accepts to have a conference with a nation like Japan, we wonder whether Russia has something in her hat. We do not know what it is, but time will expose this trickery.

Prior to the outbreak of World War II, Soviet Russia and Japan speedily concluded a non-aggression pact. It was a great surprise for the Japanese, who spent more than 10 years to conclude treaties for fisheries, border and similar secondary matters. Japan could not understand why Russia had settled a major diplomatic policy so hastily.

Today, we can surmise that Joe Stalin was preparing for war in Europe and he wanted to have security at his backdoor—Siberia. He was aware of the military alliance of the anti-Comintern pact

by Germany, Italy and Japan. And Japan's secret code was already broken down by the Soviets as it was done by the Washington government before Pearl Harbor Day.

Japan had attempted to accept the Potsdam Declaration to surrender unconditionally through the offices of the Soviets. Instead, Russia declared war on Japan in spite of the non-aggression pact, enslaved thousands of Japanese soldiers and civilians then in China and confiscated Japanese industries there. As a matter of fact, hundreds of Japanese prisoners of war are still being detained in Russia.

Japan is afraid Soviet Russia may attempt to neutralize Japan and then resort to destructive propaganda within Japan. Diet members are already aware of this as they go debating over these issues at this early stage of the London talks.

The Japanese Socialist Party, who fundamental principles are Marxian, acts against the best interests of Japan—no matter how they might explain to the contrary. They demand American forces be evacuated from Japan immediately. "Ame-ko kaere!" is their slogan. And with U.S. forces decreasing in numbers in Japan, it is only natural that Japanese civilian help be reduced accordingly. Now, the Socialists are demanding with equal vigor that Japanese civilian help at military bases be kept. They have even led strikes against such reductions. Even more confusing is their demand that better wages be paid to the native Japanese helping secu-

rity forces. We can only conclude the Socialists want to confuse.

In time, we fear wider uneasiness on the political and labor front here. Communistic elements in Japan are mobilizing to stir public resentment against the Hatoyama cabinet.

Shunichi Matsumoto, a career diplomat who served as Japanese ambassador to London, had resigned his office to campaign for a seat in the Diet. He was barely elected and appointed to the present task of negotiating with the Soviets in London. He may be a clever man, but it is doubtful whether he can handle the delicate situation for the present.

So, after 10 years since Japan's surrender, this country has reached a most critical period. Is Japan democratic enough to deal with Russia?

**Passports—**

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has not been able to obtain a hearing.

On the question of exclusive jurisdiction over foreign affairs, the court said:

"For even though his application might be said to come within the scope of foreign affairs in a broad sense, it is also within the scope of the due process clause, which is concerned with the liberty of the individual free of arbitrary restraint.

"There must be some reconciliation of these interests where on the right of a particular individual to travel is involved and not a question of foreign affairs on a political level."

**Two Nisei operate swanky hotel**

(Los Angeles) A new Nisei hotel enterprise was announced this week by Toshimi Nishimura and George Furuta, operators of Hershey Arms, situated on Wilshire Blvd. between Rampart and Coronado St., midway of the Statler downtown and Ambassador to the west.

Nishimura is a veteran hosteler, operating the Yesler, Puget Sound and a half dozen other hotels and apartments in Seattle. Furuta has been operating his Imperial Gardens, gaining fame as a Japanese restaurant here the past nine months, which is situated in the Hershey Arms building.

**IN HONOR OF**

Paul Horiuchi, Seattle artist, won a \$600 award for his painting, "Quiet Evening", in the western regional Tupperware Art Fund competition.

Alice Morita, Analy (Sebastopol) High senior, was chosen as the sole delegate by the Sebastopol American Legion Auxiliary to Girls State last week.

Akiyo Nakata, who graduated from Fresno State College with highest honors receiving her A.B. degree in elementary education, will take up teaching as her career joining the Fresno City School system beginning this fall.

Yachiyo Peggy Nagamine, 17, of Los Angeles was named to a four-year tuition-free scholarship to Chouinard Art Institute. The grant is worth \$4,000. She specializes in water colors.

**Japan mambo-crazy**

(Tokyo) The mambo craze has blasted Japan and composers are giving old Japanese folk songs the treatment. "Kushimoto Mambo" is one of the top hits with "Papa Loves Mambo".

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# Honolulu Newsletter

BY LARRY NAKATSUKA

## COLLEGE NOT ALL BOOK-LEARNING

Honolulu  
"Nisei students from Hawaii are too book-wormish," my friend remarked.

It was a provocative comment but I agreed good-naturedly because I happen to believe there's much truth in what he said. But I went one step further.

"I don't mind seeing the Nisei students burning up the midnight oil to make good grades when they enroll in Mainland schools. What I'm concerned about is that studying is all some of them think college life is."

We exchanged some personal observations on this subject and found we agreed more than disagreed.

My friend told me about the time he visited an Eastern law school when he was a student from another law school. He had the happy privilege of meeting one of the eminent professors at a social gathering.

With some reluctance, the professor addressed my friend in this manner: "You are from Hawaii, so I shouldn't be saying this, but I think you should know that the faculty here is not too happy with some of the students from your islands."

"But why?" my friend inquired. "Aren't they doing well in their studies?"

"That's just the point," the professor remarked. "We have nothing but praise for their academic work. But I can't understand why the Hawaii students won't mix more socially."

"Every so often, the faculty invites some of the students for a dinner or a social gathering. It is disappointing how seldom they turn out to accept the invitations. I can't understand it. Perhaps you can tell me what it's all about."

For his "explanation," my friend drew upon his intimate knowledge of the environment in which the Nisei students from Hawaii, including himself, grew up. In the restricted social surroundings in which most Nisei have grown up, he said, it is almost to be expected that they would have difficulty in adapting themselves to a new and wider sphere of personal and scholastic life.

Life in any place in Hawaii outside of urban Honolulu is a far cry from life in a large college town on the Mainland. Hawaii has a third of its population who are of Japanese ancestry. Where else in America would one find a comparable situation? The majority of the students at the Univ. of Hawaii are Nisei and Sansei; where else among the American colleges is this also the case?

My friend recalled a painful experience when he went far out of his way to persuade his legal fraternity at college to accept a fellow Nisei student from Hawaii into membership.

The first time he pleaded his friend's case, the vote showed a handful opposed to accepting this new member. My friend said he did the unusual thing of asking for a second vote. He made an impassioned appeal for an understanding of his school mate from Hawaii.

"Yes, I know he is a quiet fellow," my friend began. "He doesn't get around much, socially, but I can assure you he is a good fellow, a trustworthy friend when you get to know him, and the only way you can find this out for yourselves is to invite him into the fraternity."

The second ballot showed three members still opposed. Since a unanimous vote was needed, my friend was stumped. He did not dare ask for another vote, but he stood up for the third time to make his plea.

"I'll personally vouch for him," my friend assured the three reluctant members. "Please take him on my word."

It worked, and the vote was unanimous.

But many weeks later, my friend was confronted by one of the trio who had been reluctant to accept the new member.

"I knew this would happen," my friend was bluntly told. "After all this time, he hasn't showed up for a single function of our fraternity. He's a washout, and you're to blame for bringing him into our group."

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## SOCIALLY-BACKWARD NISEI

The circumstances of this incident may be unusual, but this case of the socially backward Nisei is not an isolated example.

The Nisei students, as a whole, appear to have made good impressions wherever they studied, so far as their scholastic standings were concerned. But too often, one hears the stories of Hawaii Nisei banding together in tight cliques on a college campus, comfortable in an old setting but so awkward when they are required to carry on among others.

There are tales, more true than false I'm told, where a Hawaii Nisei has spent his entire three years of professional training in his own little niche in a university, and returning home without even the vaguest appreciation of the broader significance of college life or of the historical traditions of his graduate school.

Such a Nisei can be a brilliant scholar but a most lopsided citizen of his community. As the Nisei in their own later years see the value of a well-rounded college life, with less emphasis on scholastic grades and more on the wider horizons of the useful citizen, the Sansei, then the Yon-sei, will reap the lessons not so well-learned by their predecessors from Hawaii.

## Randy Sakada—

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Justice Learned Hand:  
"What, then, is the spirit of liberty? I cannot define it; I can only tell you my own faith. The spirit of liberty is the spirit which is not too sure that it is right; the spirit of liberty is the spirit which seeks to understand the minds of other men and women;

"The spirit of liberty is the spirit which weighs their interests alongside its own without bias; the spirit of liberty remembers that not even a sparrow falls to earth unheeded; the spirit of liberty is the spirit of Him who, nearly 2,000 years ago, taught mankind that lesson it has never learned, but has never quite forgotten—that there may be a kingdom where the least shall be heard and considered side by side with the greatest."

## CAPSULES

■ Keiko Takahashi, 20, of Tokyo was chosen to represent Japan at the 1955 Miss Universe contest in Long Beach. She stands 5 ft. 6 in., weighs 120 lbs. and won over 10 other candidates.

■ Dr. Yasuo Sasaki, Cincinnati JACler and 1000er, and son Brian are visiting Los Angeles for a month, staying at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Shuichi Sasaki. His wife, the former Lily Oyama of Los Angeles, and daughter Mimi are touring Europe this summer.

■ Keiko Kishi of Tokyo will star in the movie-version of Richard Mason's best-selling novel, "The Wind Cannot Read," wartime romance in India between a beautiful Japanese girl and British RAF officer. She is the first Japanese to star in Cinemascope in Japan.

■ After residing in Chicago for the past 17 years, Dr. S. I. Hayakawa, an authority on semantics and jazz, has moved to Mill Valley and has accepted an appointment as a professor at San Francisco State College.

## Koyasan scout buglers win statewide competition

(San Diego) Troop 379 of Los Angeles Koyasan Betsuin drum & bugle corps copped first place honors in the contests held in conjunction with the annual state convention of the American Legion here this week.

## L.A. DAV commander

(Los Angeles) Casey Kasuyama was installed as new commander of the DAV Nisei Memorial Chapter 100, succeeding Harry Oda.

## JAL hotel plan

(San Francisco) Travel agents can assure Japan Air Lines passengers to have confirmed reservations at leading Tokyo hotels, according to arrangements announced this week by Yoshito Kojima, JAL vice-president. Rooms will be available at:  
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## Shonien superintendent position opening told

(Los Angeles) The Shonien board of directors is in a nationwide quest for a qualified person to fill the position of superintendent of the new \$55,000 Japanese child welfare center scheduled to be completed by mid-October. Position requires a graduate degree in social work or its equivalent. Individuals with administrative experience in group work or community relations also qualify.

Further details are available upon request from Mrs. Midori Watanabe, personnel committee chairman, 2735 Fruitdale St., Los Angeles 39.

## REWARD EMPLOYE FOR SAVING GOV'T MONEY

(Oakland) Noboru Takagaki, 5301 Gordon Ave., Richmond, discovered means of saving \$13,295 annually for the government by recovering silver from expended torpedo batteries. The Oakland Naval Supply Center employee was rewarded with a \$270 check for this money-saving idea.

The reward would be increased if the silver-saving scheme is adopted on a Navy-wide basis, officials added.

## Toronto Japanese enter float in city parade

(Toronto) A \$1,000 float has been entered in the Dominion Day parade July 1 here by the Japanese Canadian Citizens Association. It will consist of a Fujiyama background, cherry and wisteria blossoms and ten girls in kimono.

## Christmas Seal sales

(Montrose, Colo.) Mrs. John Nishimura was appointed Christmas Seal sale chairman for the local county tuberculosis and health association. The Nishimuras are the only Nisei residents in Montrose County, where her husband is employed by the Soil Conservation Service.

## San Leandro dentist jolted by letter of would-be neighbors

(San Leandro) A Nisei dentist who planned to buy a home here and received a petition of protest from his would-be neighbors last Saturday said he had decided not to make the purchase.

He had decided against buying the house because it was priced above the amount of appraisal for a veteran loan.

Dr. Satoru Aikawa, 32, veteran of three years U.S. Army service, said he had been attempting to buy a home in San Leandro near where he practices. He currently lives in Alameda.

He received by registered mail, however, a letter signed by 29 persons that opened with the statement that "as Christians we believe a man is equal in the eyes of God regardless of race or color." The letter ended by saying: "We cannot help but feel it would be in the interest of better racial understanding that you find a residence in some other block in San Leandro."

## NCCJ pamphlets on discrimination available

(Denver) The Rocky Mountain division of the National Conference of Christians and Jews, through Donald King, regional director, announced to the JACL and its membership that various pamphlets and publications relating to discrimination are available at no cost.

Those interested in the human relations aspects in business and industry may obtain issues of "Highlight in Human Relations", "The High Cost of Discrimination", "A Fair Chance for All Americans", "Negroes in the Work Group", "Equal Job Opportunity is Good Business", and other publications of the NCCJ.

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**Chicago Corner**

BY SMOKY SAKURADA

**HYDE PARK GRADUATES**

Chicago

Commencement exercises, replete with scholastic awards, were recent events of the day. At Hyde Park High School where many Nisei students of the Southside here attend, fifteen of them were graduated . . . They are John Fujiwara (yearbook editor-in-chief, Quill & Scroll), Junko Hayama (four-year honor society, civic award), Howard Hiromu Hiura, Hiroshi Kanno (four-year honor society), Noreen Kuniko Kawasaki (Girl of the Year, gym leader, GAA), Patricia Masako Matsumoto (civic award), Kazuo Miyamoto, Kenji Nakagawa, Miriam Misao Odoi (cheer leader, GAA, a cappella choir), Paul Rokuro Okamoto, Richard Tanagi, Nobuko Tomiyama (two civic awards), Constance Uchiyama, Ken Walter Yamaji, Allan Hitoshi Yamakawa (four-year honor society, three civic awards, Quill & Scroll).

Graduating from local grammar schools were Irene Sato, Fiske; Gerald Sunahara, Kenneth Yata and Philip Yonaki, Walter Scott.

**ACTIVE COMMUNITY LEADERS**

Self-made gentleman is Noboru Honda, 1455 Balmoral Ave., formerly of Marysville, Calif., where he married Patsy Matsue Fujikawa of Hawaii in May 1942. She operated the Pats Beauty Salon there. They have a daughter Jo Ann, 7 . . . Because of the death of his mother when he was 15, he helped to support the family of four brothers and a sister: Yoneo is a dentist in Kansas City, Mo., today; Ben T., a Chicago architect; twins George T., electrical engineer for the city of Chicago, and Thomas G., Tenkin restaurateur; and Mrs. Frank Nakamura of Marysville, whose husband is active in JACL there . . . Nobie has been active community leader for many years. A leader in the Buddhist church from California days, he is chairman of the Chicago Buddhist Church board. He served as president of the Chicago JACL and chairman of the Midwest District Council, JACL credit union director here and was the first fully licensed Nisei insurance agent among relocatees here. He is a member of several professional insurancemen associations. He was prominent with the Chicago Resettlers (Low the Japanese American Service Committee).

Tom Teraji, 818 E. 55th St., hails from Hollywood and is social center program worker for the Chicago Board of Education in the recreation division. He also teaches physical education at the Rays elementary school. His wife is the former Lily Ozaki of Wilmington, Calif. She was administrative assistant at the National Opinion Research for the Univ. of Chicago before the birth of her son Alan Robert last May 12.

For the month of July and August, Christ Congregational Church will conduct worship services at 10 a.m. Because of the church picnic at Jackson Park, there will be no services at the church July 10.

**Dateline Northwest**

BY BUDD FUKUI

**NISEI VETERANS REUNION—1958**

Seattle

Since the return of Japanese Americans to the Pacific Coast, no great effort has been made to sell the J-A to the greater American society.

The 1958 Nisei Veterans Reunion in Seattle will be IT. Naturally, we're quite pleased to know that this city, which has produced more



than its share of volunteers for the famed 442nd Regimental Combat Team, will be host at the reunion which originally started out as an affair strictly for the 442nd and 100th Battalion but which now will be expanded to cover those who fought in other theaters of operations during World War II and the Korean War. And that is as it should be, as our Nation battled the Axis powers throughout the world.

Some thoughts which have been brewing in mind for lo these last 14 years . . .

\* Whatever happened to the blind Nisei soldier who was walking one sunny afternoon in St. Paul? He was one of the first injured men to return from Europe. A 100th Battalion member, a friend whispered to us.

\* The "happy, happy" smiles of the Hawaiian Nisei who comprised the 100th Battalion when they stopped over for a night of fun at the International House in Chicago.

\* All the news services lavished high praise to the plucky, sturdy Japanese American fighting men on the European battlefields. Who, besides the reporters at the front, were responsible for the excellent plug?

\* A friend of ours, a veteran of the 82nd Airborne Division, shouted aloud that if anyone ever lays a dirty hand on a Nisei he'd tear him apart.

\* And who can forget the standing ovation a St. Paul theater audience gave the Nisei soldiers when the first news film of the "Lost Battalion Rescue" flashed across the nation? The scene where the Nisei GIs offered cigarettes to the tired but not beaten Texas soldiers is history of a special kind.

Yes, there are many other incidents which we could recite . . . But when the veterans assemble in 1958 in Seattle, it'll be their show. And some stirring yarns will probably be spun then. We can hardly wait . . .

**PURELY PERSONAL PIFFLES:** . . . Seattle's Japanese American population is getting along quite well without the defunct Northwest Times; in its place, there are a few worthwhile club organs, the most notable (and surely the most expensive one) being the Nisei Veterans Committee's Newsletter edited and assembled by Hideo Hoshida . . . things have changed with much room to spare: Japanese with cash know-

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**Minutes Are Important**

"Dear Mas,

Just a personal-type note to say that I feel redeemed for the two years that I have been recording secretary of the JACL here. Oftentimes, the minutes are not read, and though once in a while referred to, I feel sometimes when I am batting out the minutes late at night when I would rather be watching television, or there is a mountain of ironing to do, that taking minutes and transcribing them can be quite a drudge.

"In our minutes of April 14 you will note the arrangement we had with Mr. G. and the premiere of 'Gate of Hell', After opening night Mr. G. reneged and claimed that he said we could have only half of the receipt of the tickets we sold. Fortunately, we had the bulk of the money. In our meeting with him on June 9, we showed him the minutes of the meeting. Mr. G. was very stubborn and practically called all of us liars, but finally agreed as originally planned.



"It so happened, that you received our minutes of April 14 in which we had authorized our treasurer to buy some books — 'Home Again' and some naturalization textbooks, you sent me a carbon copy of a letter stating that after you had read the minutes you had taken the liberty of sending the books without our treasurer specifically ordering them by letter. In court I'm sure this would have been very convincing evidence that we had not changed our minutes when we found out that Mr. G. did not plan to give us the money as originally arranged.

"As I say, this is just a note that you might pass along to other recording secretaries to let them know that minutes are important, and boy, they just don't know how important!

"Thanks a lot, and I hope that it will help you, too, when you have to read the countless minutes that come into National Headquarters."

Our sincere thanks to all the unsung chapter secretaries who faithfully perform a vital role in keeping their chapter records, and especially to those who take the added time and trouble to send copies of their minutes to Headquarters. This is one way we keep posted on the activities and plans of the chapters. At the same time, these minutes help us to anticipate needs, clarify policies, and make helpful suggestions.

Also, a plug to those in the various chapters responsible for the chapter newsletters and bulletins which serve to keep their members posted and sustain interest. There are approximately twenty

**Seek Nisei help**

(Stockton) Anticipating the signing of AB 2255, old age assistance to Issei, by Governor Knight, the San Joaquin County welfare department is seeking to employ one or two qualified Nisei as social workers. Ability to speak Japanese was included in the job qualification announcement issued last week.

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of our chapters which put our regular bulletins, some in more elegant form than others, but all very newsy and interesting reading. The ideal is for every chapter to send its bulletin to all the other chapters, but at least those who do have bulletins should establish reciprocity with each other.

**Outstanding students**

As of this writing, eleven chapters have nominated candidates for the Pvt. Ben Frank Masaoka Memorial Scholarship. Again this year we feel for the judges who will have to decide upon a single recipient out of these extraordinary young people, all of whom have terrific records scholastically as well as in extra-curricular participation.

We understand that a certain organization is interested in giving a second scholarship to be administered by National JACL. Last year, through the generosity of an anonymous donor, two additional scholarships equivalent to the Masaoka award were presented.

**CCDC leads the way**

To the Central California District Council goes the distinction of being the first to do better than last year on membership as a District Council. The Northern California-Western Nevada DC is on the verge of surpassing its 1954 figure. During the past month Albuquerque, Downtown Los Angeles, Eden Township, Philadelphia, San Diego, and Sanger chapters have hustled to bring the total to 42 chapters which have exceeded previous listings.

**Active femmes**

This month we salute the very active Women's Auxiliary of the San Francisco JACL which has established the reputation of having a variety of well planned, well attended activities. "Never a dull moment" Sumi Utsumi carries on as president this year after a fine first year record led by Haru Hedani and sparked by "Vivacious" Vi Nakano.

As we recall, San Francisco was the first chapter prewar ever to have a Women's Auxiliary. The Salt Lake City Chapter has had an active Auxiliary for several years, and Fresno also numbers one. Pocatello's Auxiliary is known as the J-A-C-Lines.

**Housing discrimination**

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will cooperate on compiling material for our project on housing discrimination, so that JACL can be of maximum assistance.

Across our desk has come some excellent reports on the work of the Chicago Chapter Housing Committee under the chairmanship of Chizu Iiyama. A number of our chapters, especially in the east and midwest, have held helpful clinics on home buying.

**Our first quarter century**

This year is National JACL's 25th Anniversary. We hope to work up some kind of a special celebration for the occasion. Some of us feel it is time that National JACL have a flag to display on official occasion, so we are taking steps in that direction.

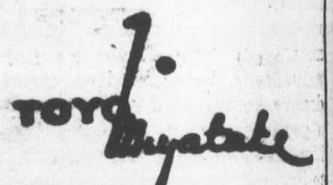
Our prewar national convention pictures show many chapters having their own banners, but so far as we know, Denver and Chicago chapters are the only ones to have such banners postwar.

**Sakada memorial award**

We appreciate the chapters and individuals who joined in the collective National "koden" for the late Dr. Randolph M. Sakada. It was a heartwarming tribute to a great guy, and a demonstration of the high esteem in which Randy was held country-wide.

When we visited Randy in March, there was no talk about himself, only JACL. As chairman of our National Recognitions Committee, he expressed the hope that we could work out some kind of an appropriate national recognition for either our outstanding chapter or outstanding JACLer.

It is, therefore, most fitting that the newly established JACLer of the Biennium Award be named in memory of one whose life was so wrapped up in the organization for more than a score of years. This will be the most coveted award JACL gives.



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Hito Okada (left), past national JACL president, and master of ceremonies of the intermission program at the Salt Lake JACL Graduates Dance at the Newhouse Hotel June 4, admires the orchid being presented to Julia Kiyoguchi, one of the many honored, by George Tamura, dance chairman. Mrs. Rose Kanzaki looks on. Miss Kiyoguchi, a straight-A graduate of West High, was announced as the chapter's candidate for the Pvt. Ben Frank Masaoka Memorial Scholarship. (The nominations by chapters was closed as of yesterday.)

—Terashima Photo.

## Scene from the Golden Gate

BY HARUO ISHIMARU

### 'WITHOUT VISION, THE PEOPLE PERISH'

San Francisco

In the Book of Proverbs, we are told that "where there is no vision, the people perish." Last week saw in San Francisco man's effort to build a concrete structure upon a great vision, the United Nations. I was one of the thousands of spectators who sat in on one of the sessions and like millions of others watched other reports on TV. Occasionally tempers flared and fireworks were displayed; however, the sessions on the whole proceeded with dignity and intelligence. I thought that it was much better to have these differences spill out on the floor of such an assembly rather than on a battlefield. Let us hope that the United Nations will continue to build with vision and courage.



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### GARDENERS' CONVENTION

Upon invitation of the East Bay Gardeners Association, a statewide convention of gardeners was held in Berkeley last Sunday at the Finnish Hall. Presiding was George K. Nakamura, president of the East Bay Gardeners Association. Over a hundred gardeners, mostly from northern and central California, were present with four representatives of the southern California gardeners groups led by Ken Dyo of Pasadena, who is chairman of the Southern California Gardeners Council.

Besides the gardeners, present and assisting in advisory capacities were Masuji Fujii of Oakland, attorneys Henry Takeda and Mas Yonemura of Sacramento and Berkeley respectively, and yours truly. I was requested to attend to give information on Assembly Bill 1671 which was introduced last year by Assemblyman Thomas Maloney as an effort to regulate and license maintenance gardeners. As in a previous news release, I pointed out that the bill was really a dead issue until 1957.

More important than the bill itself was the discussion upon the formation of a gardeners association or federation. The consensus was to begin such cooperative association in order to help the gardeners work together and raise their standards of competence. The gardeners are to be commended for their interest in their work and their expressed desire for improvement and cooperation.

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### SAN FRANCISCO COMMUNITY PICNIC

Because I had to attend the Gardeners' Convention, I was unable to take part in the local community picnic held in Golden Gate Park under auspices of the Japanese Chamber of Commerce, Nichibei Kai, and San Francisco JACL Chapter. I have heard that despite the inclement weather there was a huge crowd and the picnic was a great success.

I was sorry to miss it because I really enjoy making the rounds of all my friends quite coincidentally around eating time. Those who worked on the picnic deserve a big vote of thanks.

According to Jerry Enomoto, San Francisco Chapter prexy and an able, hardworking community leader, the chapter's Picnic Committee was headed by Marshall Sumida assisted by Mickey Aoyama, George Miyamoto, Margie Shigezumi, Ben Okada on refreshments; Mary Hamamoto, Kei Hori, Viola Nakano, Dick Nishi, Babe Utsumi, Sumi Utsumi, George Yamamoto on games; Suzy Toda, Grace Yonezu, Chiz Satow on prize distribution; Jerry Enomoto, Jack Kusaba, Kay Kuwada as announcers; Alice Shigezumi, Katherine Reyes on publicity; Fred Obayashi for the public address system; and Yone Satoda as auditor.

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## PLACER COUNTY NAMES SCHOLARSHIP CANDIDATE

(Lincoln, Calif.) Jeanne Takemoto, honor graduate of Lincoln Union High School here, was selected as Placer County JACL candidate for the Pvt. Ben Frank Masaoka Memorial scholarship.

Aside from scholastic honors, she was chosen Miss Personality of the student body, served as yearbook editor and held various school offices. On the chapter scholarship committee were:

Roy Yoshida, James Uyeda, Paul Makabe, Bruce Dennison, Fusaye Nii, and James Kaneko (chmn.)

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(Denver) Norman Yabe, son of the Ken Yabes, 1326 E. 20th Ave., was announced as the Mile-Hi JACL candidate for the Pvt. Ben Frank Masaoka Memorial Scholarship.

## Salinas CL prepares for 3rd NCWNDC quarterly

(Salinas) Committeemen for the third quarterly session of the NCWNDC to be held here Aug. 7 was announced by James Tanda, Salinas Valley JACL president.

"Lefty" Miyayaga, general chairman, will be assisted by:

Roberta Urabe, reg.; James Tanda, refr.; Kiyu Hirano, dance; Ickey Miyayaga, rec.; Dr. Harry Kita, toastmaster; Ken Sato, fin.

Chick Abe and Harry Shirachi are co-chairing the second annual NCWNDC golf tournament at the Salinas Municipal course the same day.

## Summer course slated

(Los Angeles) A summer course in Americanization for Issei will be conducted July 5-Aug. 12 at the Sixth Ave. School. Miki Moriwaki will be instructor. Classes will be held Tuesday and Thursday, 7:30-9:30 p.m.

## Hangs shingles

(San Jose) Attorney S. Stephan Nakashima of Reedley will open his law offices in San Jose. He is a 1951 graduate of U.C. Boalt Hall.

## SMOGLITES:

"Are you going to the piki-niki?" inquired the elevator-man at the Surf-Rider, laying on the propaganda for the hotel's major social event of the week. For several days prior to his query, we had seen announcements regarding the same but had been ignoring them—"Food, fun, entertainment: Come meet your fellow hotel-guests", etc. But late one afternoon we dashed in from swimming and at the very last moment decided to take in the "piki-niki" party.

With only a scant hour to go, we bathed off the sand, dressed, then dashed madly to the last of the waiting busses the very last scrambling guests. Could we make it?

The hostess-guide was checking each rider against the guest list. Breathlessly we asked, "We didn't sign up for it—but, may we go?" Certainly, she assured us much to our surprise. "We'll put the fifteen dollars on your hotel bill—two people?"

The clever elevator-man had cinched our decision when he had assured that the piki-niki was worth it "even for the entertainment alone"; authentic native hulas, thrilling sword dance, Samoan fire dance. Well—who wouldn't go with such inducements?

With a fascinating Hilo Hattie character leading the group singing in the bus, the caravan jolted its way around past Diamond Head toward windward Oahu, past Koko Head, to the "other side of the Island"—"the closest point between Honolulu and San Francisco". It was dusk and we did not know our destination.

In fact, we do not know to this day exactly where we went even though we were stone-cold sober.

Later some one told us it was the Matson Estate, some one else (a Nisei) said it "musta been that country club sort of place the 442nd had once contemplated buying".

## CHAPTER MEMOS

■ Salt Lake JACL: The annual Auxiliary Husband and Wife dinner was held last Saturday at Hotel Temple Square. Hostesses were:

Mrs. Jeanne Konishi, Betty Gikiu, Mary Nakai, Hatsuko Yoshimoto and Mrs. Lilliendahl.

■ Dayton JACL: Mrs. Herbert Tepping addressed the June chapter meeting on ceramics at the residence of Dr. Ruby Hirose, president. Mrs. Yoichi Sato was in charge of the spaghetti dinner which followed.

■ San Francisco JACL: Membership figures as announced by Sumi Honnami, vice-president in charge, were 625 as of June 22. The quota is 700 . . . Over 125 attended the "Studio X" experimental films presentation in May. Audience sought another such program from Hisashi Tani and Hats Aizawa, co-chairmen . . . Many out-of-town couples were among 250 enjoying the Summer Informal dance at Surf Club last month.

■ Southwest Los Angeles JACL: A colorful and amusing entertainment feature is being promised Neki Hokey Hop dancers July 9 at Park Manor. Roy Iketani, chairman of the informal stag-stagette dance, announced that Hui O Hawaii will appear with hula dancers during intermission. Christmas Valderama, who has danced at the New York Ambassador and Hollywood night clubs, and a comedy duo of Jim Hong and Don Parker, are also billed. The five-piece combo from the Elliott Brothers orchestra, which played at the last convention Sayonara ball, will provide dance music. Tickets are \$1.50 for stag, 50 cents for stagette.

## Insurance speaker

(Chicago) Noboru Honda was one of the principal speakers at the four-day Lincoln National Life Insurance sales conference here this week.

## Fishing derby highlight of San Diego chapter's community picnic July 3

(San Diego) In conjunction with the annual Japanese community picnic, the San Diego JACL will hold a fishing derby with Donguri Club members at the Silver Strand State Park July 3 between 10 a.m. and 3 p.m.

Prizes will be awarded for the largest fish by weight. Sharks, sting-rays and other non-eatable catches will not count.

The picnic begins at 10 a.m. with the chapter providing cold refreshments. Picnic committeemen are:

H. Takeshita, program; Paul Hoshi, refr.; Moto Asakawa, prizes; Donguri Club, derby.

## FOWLER JACL PREPARES FOR 1955 DISTRICT FAIR

(Fowler) Various produce and fruit crops are being pre-cooled in cold storage prior to display at the forthcoming Fresno District Fair. And Fowler JACL, which won wide attention with its striking first-prize winning display last year, is planning a repeat.

Tom Shirakawa, general chairman, is being assisted by Setsu Kikuta, Kay Hiyama and Frank Sakohira.

Committeemen collecting entries (grapes, berries, produce, raisin, olives, citrus, nuts, plums, peaches, cotton, grains alfalfa, dried fruits, etc.) include:

Joe Yokomi, Fred Honda, Joe Yoshimura, Kenzo Okamura, Harley Honda, Shig Uchiyama, Chuck Ideta, George Nakayama, Harry Hiraoka, Frank Kimura, Howard Renge, Kiyoshi Renge, Dr. George Miyake, George Teraoka, Shizuto Shimoda, Kay Tani-guchi and Haruo Yoshimoto.

## JIM HIGASHI CHAIRMAN OF L.A. JACL COUNCIL

(Los Angeles) Jim Higashi, East Los Angeles JACL president, will chair the Los Angeles JACL Coordinating Council, succeeding David Yokozeki, Downtown Los Angeles JACL president, who has been elected PSWDC chairman. Other officers include:

Steve Yagi (WLA chap. pres.), treas.; Sadako Kawanami (SWLA), sec.

BY MARY OYAMA

## Sumptuous Piki-Niki

Brother, we wouldn't know, but we DID have a good time.

### Crazy tourists work up excellent appetites

Everybody sang until he was hoarse. We also got off at various places on a sight-seeing tour and a good-looking honey-mooning couple almost got left behind at the spouting Blow-Hole place because they lingered romantically, holding hands oblivious to the fact that all the rest of us had clambered into our busses.

Dignified lawyers acted like school-boys shouting and singing.

We stuck our heads out of the windows waving aloha at startled natives, but some of the more blase kamaainas merely shook their heads as if to say, "mad tourists—you see 'em every day like that, on every bus almost every hour on the hour".

Our destination was a rolling green estate with a frame pavilion built right out over the blue Pacific, where caterers with portable grills began barbecuing chicken right out in the open. "Free" spirits and drinks of all kinds, "all you can drink," were passed out, with more group singing, organized games, hula contests (whether one could dance or not, old or young, man or woman)—everyone in his or her stocking-feet.

With an excellent M.C. and a beautiful ex-dancer entertainment hostess with extremely well organized games; the malihini guest worked up huge appetites.

Lavish, exotic foods were served on beautifully decorated tables. Prosperous business men, professional men (doctors, lawyers, architects, engineers, dentists, psychiatrists), and their wives, all in their 30s, 40s and older, mixed affably, impersonally yet in relaxed fashion.

And since we were the only ones with quaint oriental faces, everybody went out of his way

to make us feel at home. Daughter Bambi, never in such sophisticated company, looked bored and sleepy. Being the youngest present, she imbibed coke instead of cocktails.

### Pineapples always come in cans, Chicagooan figured

During the Lucullian feed, a lawyer from Chicago looked in amazement at the delicate raw pineapple salad. "What do 'ya know—I never knew pineapples could be eaten RAW!" (He must have been the guy who used to plunk the ukelele and who called the Nisei maids at the hotel "cute little Chinese girls".

Another friendly well-heeled guest asked where we came from, where we lived, what part of L.A. We chuckled inwardly reflecting how they expected us to say at least Beverly Hills if not Bel-Air or San Fernando, instead of plebian, rugged East L.A.

After supper, a black-velvet moonless night closed in, creating a perfect setting for the wonderful and breath-taking Samoan fire dance expertly performed by a slim youth named Kimo and his lovely dusky partner. Strange exotic instruments beat out strange plaintive rhythms and tunes.

After that came a marshmallow roast and weenie bake out on the rolling grounds, where again the honeymooners almost forgot to return to the waiting busses. En route home some of the old tourists began singing the nostalgic songs of their youth, vintage of World War One like "When You Wore A Tulip", "Long, Long Trail", and "Till We Meet Again".

Back at the hotel, still full of energy, we serenaded Surf guests until they came out on the balconies and showered down pennies at us! After all, it was almost midnight . . .



Dr. Robert Watanabe, who has been chairing the Los Angeles Nisei Relays for many seasons, breaks the tape in the Open 100-yard dash in the time of 10.2s. Holder of the meet record at 10s., he led (left to right) Bob Setoguchi, Tom Uyeda and George Sasaki—the trio immediately behind him.

—Shin Nichi Bei Photo.

## Athletes eye '56 Relays

By KANGO KUNITSUGU

(Los Angeles) Despite the fact that the 1955 JACL Nisei Relays had to buck some stiff competition from other local activities, the annual track and field meet held at Rancho Cienega Stadium last Sunday came through with flying colors.

The Hiroshima Kenjinkai held its annual picnic on the same day and as usual a mob of 8,000 people swarmed all over Elysian Park singing "Davey Crockett" and naniwabushi. At the other end of the city, the Top Notch Golf Club held its successful pro-amateur golf tournament, and over 180 golfers hooked and sliced all over the Baldwin Hills golf course. And on top of that a number of centers were holding their carnivals simultaneously so that the Nisei Relays did all right by dragging out 300 spectators to the meet.

The competition on the field was keen, too, and as a result five records were established, and one mark was equalled.

Burly Tom Yasuda of Nisei Trading set the only new mark in the Open division. The 11th grader from University High propelled the shot 48 feet, and although that is at least three feet short of his best mark, the distance was good considering the rough pit the putters had to contend with. One of the few Nisei to have the 12-pound iron ball beyond 50 feet, Yasuda is already anxiously waiting for the 1956 season, as he has his sights on the city high school shot put championship. He also hopes to be shot putting for UCLA one of these days.

Another local prep star with great promise is Vic Mitsuno of Marshall. This 11th grader shattered the Junior 660-yard run record by 11 seconds as he raced an easy 1m.31s. victory, one of the few races in the Relays that wasn't close. The 1955 City champion in the C 660, Mitsuno is undecided as to whether he would compete in the varsity or B next season. He has already been timed 2m.03s. in the 880, which is sensational for a class C athlete.

One of the drawbacks in emphasizing the team angle was

## The Sou'Wester

BY TATS KUSHIDA

### SCRATCHED

At the JACL Nisei Relays last Sunday, we were scratched from the 15-yard dash designed for men over 35 when the starting block collapsed under our weight. When the only other entry, Tom Ito, Pasadena chapter prez, jumped the gun four times, the race was cancelled. Unfortunately, we were barred from broadjumping. Which brings us to this fine annual athletic program, the Nisei Relays, sponsored by the JACL chapters in Los Angeles.



Nearly a hundred entries in both open and junior divisions representing the best track and field youngsters of the southland resulted in several new records, sterling one-man performances and an excuse to display a bevy of future queen candidates who served as attendants to the meet queen.

Despite competition from three weekend carnivals, a Hiroshima kenjinkai picnic that drew a purported 8,000 and a top-notch golf tournament, a fair crowd witnessed the proceedings at the Rancho Cienega stadium including the awarding of trophies and medallions, the junior division events for which was contributed by the local J A Optimist Club. Northwest Orient Airlines' Frank Malooly, TWA's Merijane Yokoe and Miyako Travel Service's George Ishikawa generously supplied air travel bags which were given new record breakers.

The TN Golf Club's great tourney, reported elsewhere on this page, augurs well for eventual participation by Nisei divot diggers in the PGA. Hats off to this enterprising club for taking the lead in establishing a relationship with pro golfers which will sooner than later give due recognition and acceptance to Nisei linksmen.

Before taking off for a summer camp, our chojo, Pam, added to our repertoire of teenage jargon. Overhearing one of her phone-fests, we later asked what's meant by a hub cap. A h-c, she explained not quite in this language, is a guy who thinks he's a big wheel but who's actually less than a half-belch (burpette) in a hurricane. Chojo, by the way, means eldest daughter. In this case, cho is derived from cho-cho of Madame Butterfly and jo from Barnum and Bailey's famed clown, Jo-jo, a suitable etymology for those who know our firstborn.

Visitors this week: Dr. L.S.G. Miller of the United Lutheran Church, pastor to JAs and former dean of the Kyushu Gakuen in Kumamoto, Japan, who has joined the DTLA chapter. Frank Sakata, JACLer from Ontario, Oregon, formerly of Watsonville, Calif., an ardent pre-war YPCP enthusiast who's married to another, Virginia Kadoike.

# FOUR RECORDS SHATTERED IN LOS ANGELES NISEI RELAYS; OLYMPIANS CAPTURE AYE CROWN, HOBOS RUN AWAY WITH B'S

evidenced by the entry of three events, which was the limit outside of running on a relay quartet, by nearly all the contestants. As a result some athletes were pretty tired when their pet events came up.

Mitsuno is a case in point. He raced in the 50-yard dash and broad jumped in the morning preliminaries, and qualifying for the finals in both events, he ran the 50 in the afternoon, in which he placed second, and ran a leg on the winning Hobo team in the 440-yard relay team. In between he took his required number of leaps in the broad jump where he placed fourth and by the time the 660-yard run came along Mitsuno was a tired young man. Although he went to break the record he was slightly disappointed in his winning time. For an athlete who was running and jumping all day, Mitsuno did himself proud, but he's an exception to the rule.

Probably the best race of the day was the Open 880-yard run. Heavily favored Henry Kawamoto of the Nisei Olympians and Ray Kunisawa of the Orange County JAYs put on a ding-dong battle as both raced around the oval. Kawamoto led all the way with Kunisawa right on his heels during the entire race. The short, choppy striding Kawamoto, whose trot is similar to Wes Santee's, just was able to hold off Kunisawa's finishing kick. The winning time was 2m.05s.

Tak Watanabe of the Hobos ran away with the mile run in an upset as both Kawamoto and Kunisawa, after their terrific 880 ef-

ports, faded in the last lap of the four lapper.

The most spectacular track and field event, the pole vault, was not held and the Relays committee is seriously considering holding the event next year after receiving a number of complaints from pole vaulters who were unable to compete this year.

Bob Watanabe of Nisei Trading, former UCLA sprinter, won the 100-yard dash in a fine time of 10.2s. despite his lack of training. However it showed up in the 220 as he faded after leading the pack up to the 125 yard mark and finished second to Tom Uyeda of the Valley, who was clocked in 23.0s.

By the way, June Shintani, who reigned as Nisei Relays queen, is terrific Nisei Week queen material. Don't say I didn't tell you.

### OPEN DIVISION

- 100—Won by Bob Watanabe (NT), George Sasaki (O), Bob Setoguchi (NT), Tom Uyeda (V), 10.2s.
- 220—Won by Tom Uyeda (V), Bob Setoguchi (NT), George Sasaki (O), Ray Ogawa (O), 23s.
- 440—Won by Yoshio Setoguchi (NT), Ken Ando (NT), David Yamada (O), Ray Ogawa (O), 56-7s.
- 880—Won by Henry Kawamoto (O), Ray Kunisawa (OC), Hikowo Hashimoto (NT), Ken Ando (NT) 2m.5s.
- 1 Mile—Won by Takeshi Watanabe (H), Ray Kunisawa (OC), Henry Kawamoto (O), Hikowo Hashimoto (NT), 5m-6.2s.
- 70 Highs—Won by Jimi Abe (O), tie for 2nd Clyde Ikuta (O), and Shoji Yasuda (NT), Kenji Mochidome (NT), 9.4s.
- 120 Lows—Won by Jimi Abe (O), Clyde Ikuta (O), Hideo Iwai (O), Hiroshi Nomura (C), 13.9s.
- 440 Relay—Won by Nisei Trading (Saito, B. Setoguchi, Sugiyama, Watanabe), Nisei Olympians, no third, 45.8s.
- 880 Relay—Won by Olympians (Ogawa, Kameoka, Wong, Sasaki), Nisei Trading, Valley, 1m.37.2s.

- Shot Put—Won by Tom Yasuda (W), Shoji Yasuda (NT), Hank Nakamura (NT), Lloyd Kinoshita (NT), 48ft. (New record: old mark, 47ft. 6 1/2 in., N. Kato, 1940).
- Broad Jump—Won by Bob Kameoka (O), David Yamada (O), Yosh Marumoto (OC), John Mitsuuchi (OC), 20ft. 3in.
- High Jump—Tie for 1st Dave Ebdow (V) and Art Tsutsui (V), tie for third Kei Nomura (O) and Hiroshi Nomura (C), 5ft. 7 1/4 in.
- Team Scoring—Olympians 113, Nisei Trading 73, Valley 32, Orange County JAYs 20, Constituents 4.
- Individual Scoring—J. Abe 22, Kameoka 19, Sasaki 15, Y. Setoguchi 13, Kawamoto 14.

### JUNIOR DIVISION

- 50—Won by Beebe Kataoka (C), Victor Matsuno (H), Sei Miyano (H), Ken Kato (C), 5.9s.
- 100—Won by Tom Hayashi (NT), Sei Miyano (H), Ken Kato (C), Beebe Kataoka (C), 10.8s.
- 660—Won by Victor Mitsuno (H), Ray Utsumi (H), John Iwasaki (H), Bob Endo (H), 1m.31s. (New record: old mark, 1m.42s., Allen Morimoto, 1954)
- 120 Lows—Won by David Sato (H), John Itagaki (H), Kei Takahashi (H), Frank Nakahama (NT), 14.3s. (New record: Jerry Kwock, 1953).
- 8-lb. Shot Put—Won by Sei Miyano (H), Ronnie Fujino (OC), Jerry Oshiyama (V), Yoshito Yoshimura (H), 51 ft. 9in. (New record: old mark, 51ft. 7 1/4 in., Bob Matsumoto, 1952).
- High Jump—Won by William Nartomi (H), tie for 2nd Bill Takeishi (NT) and Alan Tamanaka (C), tie for 4th Roger Kame (NT) and Chester Kato (H), 5ft. 3in.
- Broad Jump—Won by Ronnie Fujino (OC), John Itagaki (H), Beebe Kataoka (C), Victor Matsuno (H), 19ft. 10 1/2 in. (New record: old mark, Hashimoto, 1953.)
- 440 Relay—Won by Hobos (J. Iwasaki, V. Mitsuno, R. Nozaki, S. Miyano), Nisei Trading, Unatched Team, 48.8s.
- 660 Relay—Won by Hobos (J. Iwasaki, D. Sato, K. Takahashi, S. Miyano), Nisei Trading, Unatched, 1m.13.7s. (New record: old mark, 1m.14.5s., Hobos, 1954).
- Team scoring—Hobos 113, Nisei Trading 34, Constituents 25, Orange County JAYs 16, Unatched 10, Valley 4.
- Individual Scoring—Miyano 36, Matsuno 21, Kataoka 18, J. Itagaki 16, Fujino 16.



Winners of handsome silver trophies at the first annual Top Notch Invitational golf tournament are (left to right) George Hirano of San Francisco Century Club, Frank Onishi Flight; Mike Miyake of Los Angeles Pioneers, senior flight; Min Yoshizaki, low gross, being congratulated by Joe Kishi, club president; Fred Funakoshi, Joe Ito Flight; and Bob Nishimoto, Beach Morita Flight and pro-am flight winner with Jack Kunakov. —Shin Nichi Bei Photo.

## Top Notch Invitational attracts over 160 golfers as first successful pro-amateur flight won by Cunakov-Nishimoto

(Los Angeles) Believed to be the first ever attempted by a Nisei club, fourteen golf pros joined Nisei amateurs in the first annual Top Notch Invitational feature over the Baldwin Hills course last Sunday. Long Beach pro Jack Cunakov and Top Flite's Bob Nishimoto led with a net score of 60.

Best scores of the day were a pair of 73s by Nishimoto, who won the low net (Beach Morita Flight) trophy, and Min Yoshizaki, of Top Notch, who was awarded low gross.

A field of 178 golfers scrambled for prizes valued at over \$1,000 by the sponsors. The three main flights, designated Beach Morita, Joe Ito and Frank Onishi, were in honor of three active charter members of the club, first organized in the summer of 1946.

The awards were presented at a banquet held at Scully's that evening. The tournament summaries:

- LOW GROSS**  
73—Min Yoshizaki (TN) 37-36.
- BEACH MORITA FLIGHT**  
65—Bob Nishimoto (TF) 8.  
67—George Wada (TN) 9.  
68—John Naito (TN) 7, Fred Ikeguchi (TN) 8, George Aratani (W) 9, George Omatsu (TN) 10.  
69—Beach Morita (TN) 8, Yas Tatsunomi (TF) 8, Hank Furukawa (TF) 9, Joe Kishi (TN) 9, Dick Izuno (TF) 8.
- JOE ITO FLIGHT**  
67—Fred Funakoshi (W) 12.

- 69—Tosh Hayakawa (B) 14, Ben Kato (TF) 12.
- 70—Fred Oda (TN) 11, Luis Aihara (TF) 13, Joe Uyematsu (TN) 13.
- 71—Bill Miyagi (M) 13, George Abe (SC) 12, Ken Yamaki (W) 13, Vic Kambe (SC) 14, Mareo Masunaka (TN) 14.
- FRANK ONISHI FLIGHT**  
(Due to darkness, this flight was played only to the 12th hole. Net is figured on 2/3 handicap.)  
43—George Hirano (SFRan) 22.  
44—Carl Shimabukuro (A) 20.  
45—Tosh Asano (SC) 22, Tom Muranaka (SC) 15.  
47—Dave Nitake (TF) 16.  
48—Isao Kudow (M) 15, Mango Hamano (A) 20, Frank Ito (B) 21, John Yamaga (A) 21, John Nakajima (P) 19.

- SENIOR FLIGHT**  
66—Y. Mike Miyake 21.  
67—Dr. Ed Tanaka 13.  
72—James Ito 25, K. Mukaeda 17.  
73—J. Rikimaru 17.  
75—H. Oshiro 19.

- GUEST FLIGHT**  
(Flight was handicapped by the Holloway System.)  
Three-way tie for first: Jack O'Brien 86, Fletcher Jones 69, Mas Murayama 102.  
Four-way tie for fourth: Norman Takagi 92, George Inagaki 87, K. Umekawa 101, Kenny Washington 78, Al McDaniel 70.

- PRO-AM FLIGHT**  
60—Jack Kunakov (Long Beach)-Bob Nishimoto (TF).  
61—Harry Bassler (Fox Hills) - Beach Morita (TN); Ed Bates (Manchester)-George Wada (TN).  
62—Rube Burbank (San Fernando) - Joe Kishi (TN).  
63—Chet Coleman (Inglewood)-George Omatsu (TN); Cecil Harris (Montebello) - John Naito (TN); Dave Stanley (Bakersfield)-George Mikawa (WLA); Willie Figeria (Rio Hondo)-Tom Matsunaga (TN); Jack Smith (Inglewood)-Joe Fujinaka (TN).

- 64—Mike Austin (Windsor Hills)-Sho Iino (SC); Ralph Guldahl Jr. (Santa Monica)-Dick Izuno (TF).
- 65—Grable Duval (Fox Hills) - Harry Hankawa (WLA); Adrian French (Fox Hills) - Fred Harada (TN); Adrian French-Frank Iwanaga (TN); Stan Funk (Fox Hills)-Gen Yamagata (TF).

### SPORTSCOPE

■ Ford Konno of Honolulu, regarded as America's greatest swimmer, became the first entrant to file for the National AAU men's swimming and diving championships, July 20-22, at Los Angeles.

■ Arthur I. Kawamura of Denver, Colorado state marble champion, defeated three others vying for the U.S. National Marbles championship last week at the Denver Coliseum, before being eliminated. There were 46 entrants.

■ Hitoshi Misako of Japan, Far East flyweight champion, lost his title June 24 to Danny Kidd of Mindanao in a 12-round decision battle at Osaka. It was Kidd's second triumph over the 21-year-old Meiji collegian who was KOD in the 10th round at Manila Apr. 20, 1954.

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# Los Angeles Newsletter

BY HENRY MORI

## NEW TWIST FOR CITY EMPLOYEES

Los Angeles  
A mild non-discriminatory policy adopted now for some time by the State Dept. of Employment is not to ask applicants their racial origin. A similar forward step in race relations was brought about this week by the Los Angeles Civil Service Commission when it unanimously ordered all candidates for city employment or promotion to swear an oath indicating they favor integration. They must sign to: "I will willingly work with or for any associates regardless of race, color or creed. I understand that any false statements will subject me to disqualification from this examination and dismissal from city service."



One of the recent burning issues in race integration comes out of the Los Angeles Fire Department where several top brass in the commission resigned indignant over what they termed as lack of cooperation on the part of department executives in integrating Negroes throughout the system.

It seems that on the surface even persons of Japanese ancestry have difficulty with promotional examinations in local civil service. Written tests may be passed with "flying colors" but the orals always set them back: "You get up so far and that's all," says one city worker.

The commission's new order may not actually replace the defeated city Fair Employment Practices Commission but it'll serve as an auxiliary instrument to hire or promote individuals on merit. We hope that's the aim of the commission when it approved the order.



## SO. CALIF. GARDENERS COUNCIL

Ken Dyo, past PSWDC chairman, was named to head the newly-formed So. Calif. Gardeners Council last week. One of his immediate assignments was to represent his group at the Berkeley all-state mass meeting, hosted by the East Bay Gardeners Association, under chairmanship of George K. Nakamura.

One of the most controversial measures to come out of Sacramento for legislative approval in the last session was Assembly Bill 1671. Presently in the interim committee for further study, the measure is drawn to license all maintenance gardeners in the state.

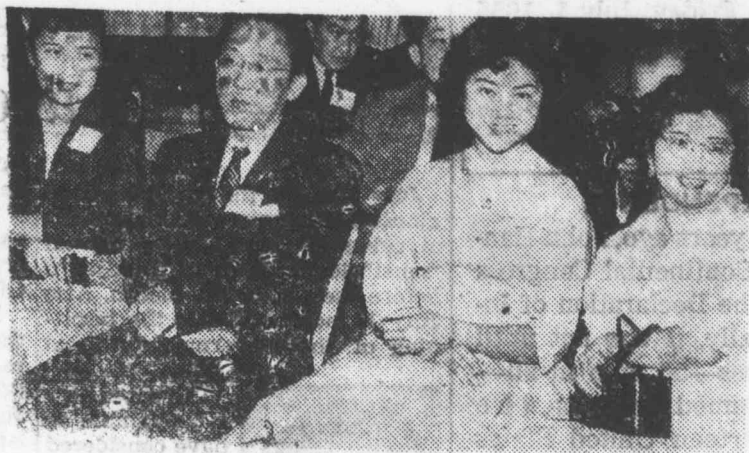
The first open commitment came from Sueji Nishimura, who claims to be a spokesman for the Southland Issei gardeners. He thinks "regimentation" of gardeners—some 8,000 in the local area alone—hampers those less capable of doing the job. While on the other hand, those already making a living from the occupation feel that licensing and giving exams to future gardeners tend to elevate the standard of the worker and dignify their trade as a profession.

Dyo pointed out many Nisei landscape workers agree in principle of the legislation, but declared they sought certain revisions in the bill itself. The new council is expected to act as a clearing house. R. F. Williams of the Hollywood Horticultural Society was named to assist Dyo as secretary.

## DATELINE NORTHWEST

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how and initiative now are taking over ownership of some swanky hotels in town . . . the large number of Nisei secretaries in private industry is not surprising but this is a good sign: Japanese Americans, always known for their clever art work, are being accepted in the commercial advertising field; the Tanagi brothers (Rick, Roy and George), Shobo Tanaka and Mits Katayama, we understand, are holding down well-paying brush-stroking jobs . . . Bill Nishimura, public relations man for the NVC's 1958 Nisei veterans reunion in Seattle, is working with co-chairmen Lefty Ichihara and Shiro Kashino and steering committee chief Dick Setsuda, and the affair shapes up to be quite the thing . . . the vets' reunion will be timed to be held during Seattle's popular Seafair, and it'll be another plug for the J-A's . . . putting in our licks on good eating places: editor, how about John's Place in Minneapolis?



More than 60 East Los Angeles JACLers and friends attended the annual Membership dinner-dance May 21 at Swalley's. Enjoying the program are (left to right) Nori Shiozaki, chapter candidate for Festival of Friendship queen honors; Jim Higashi, chapter president; Stella Nakadate, who reigned as Festival queen two years ago; and her mother Mrs. Tane Nakadate. —Bob Kishita photo.

## VITAL STATISTICS

### Births

**LOS ANGELES**  
FUJIMOTO—May 23, girl Helen Tsuyako to Tsugio Fujimotos (Yoshiko Nakashoji).  
HANAMOTO—May 23, boy to Takashi Hanamotos (Sadako Sumida), Gardena.  
HONDA—May 16, boy Tilford Ike to Don Hondas (Tsuneko Higashi).  
IWAMASA—May 21, girl Dale K. to Utaka Iwamasas (Chikae Hironaka).  
KANEMOTO—May 27, boy to Kazuo Kanemotos (Mineko Sanada).  
KODAMA—May 21, boy Jeffrey Sadao to Sadao Kodamas (Shizuko Masunaga).  
MATSUNAGA—May 23, girl Leslie Naomi to Torao Matsunagas (Haruko Kawamura).  
OKI—May 17, girl Christy Ayano to Chris Okis (Yaeko Matsushima).  
PERKOV—May 28, boy Henry G. to William Perkovs (Saiko Takayama).  
SHINTO—May 15, girl Sharon L. to Richard Shintos (Louise Kobata).  
TAKAYA—May 12, twin girls Leslie B. and April L. to Smith Takayas (Miye Karakane).  
TANABE—May 17, boy Randal H. to Minoru Tanabes (Karen Jio).  
TANIGAWA—May 20, girl Clifford Nobunichi to Noboru Tanigawas (Yoshiko Matsumura).  
TOYAMA—Boy Titus Saburo to Saburo Toyamas (Tonoko Kawamura).  
UYEDA—May 18, boy Dale S. to Teruo Uyedas (Yaeko Chakuno).  
WATANABE—May 8, girl to Yoshio Watanabes, Pasadena.  
YAMADA—May 20, girl Jodienne K. to Shizuo Yamadas (Chizuko Masuda).

### TOKYO

NISHI—May 11, boy John C. to Dr. Shunji Nishis (Los Angeles).

### FRESNO

KUWAMOTO—May 4, boy to Yasu Kuwamotos.  
NAKAGAWA—May 1, girl to Isamu Nakagawas, Fresno.

### SAN DIEGO

HASEGAWA—May 4, girl to George Y. Hasegawas.  
TAKESHITA—Apr. 29, girl to James S. Takeshitas.

### Engagements

SHIMADA-TOMA — Kimiko "Pinkie" (Pocatello) to Harold, Los Angeles.  
WATANABE-OZIMA — Lily Y. (Stockton) to Yukio (Seattle) at Los Angeles.

### Weddings

FUJITA-YOSHIZAKI — June 17, George and Jean of Los Angeles.  
GOTO-HORIKAWA — May 28, Yosh and Mina of Santa Barbara.  
KOTAKE-SHIZUMURA — June 4, Seigo, Norwalk; Miyoko, Los Angeles.  
KUNITSUGU-HAYAKAWA — June 19, Yoshimi and Ida Hideko of Los Angeles.  
MAEDA-ARAKAKI — June 19, Tommy Takeshi, West Los Angeles; Akiko, San Gabriel.  
MATSUDA-HOSHIZAKI — June 18, Robert, Pacoima; Janet Kiyono, Los Angeles.  
MATSUSHITA-NAGASAWA — June 12, Masato and Yuriko of Los Angeles.  
MORINISHI-ISHIMINE — June 18, Robert Yoshiharu and Grace Yoshiko of Los Angeles.  
MORIYAMA-SASAHARA — June 11, Tsutomu, Del Rey; Dorothy N., Hawaii.  
MUKAI-YAMAMOTO — June 4, Toru, Huntington Beach; Sadako, Sacramento.  
NAKANISHI-SANFORD — May 21, Shig and Barbara of Cleveland.  
NISHIKAWA-TAMACHI — June 13, Dr. Wallace Yeiichi (MD) and Mildred Fumiko of Honolulu at Pasadena.  
OKAZAKI-FURUKAWA — June 4, Harry and Yasuko of New York.  
OSATO-KADOYAMA — May 28, Masaji and Kay of Chicago.  
SASAHARA-GUENTHER — Apr. 9, Arthur, Cleveland, and Alice Ann, Kent, O.

### Northwest area visited

(San Francisco) Albert Kosakura, Japanese department manager for the local Pan American Airways office, is visiting the Pacific Northwest this week, promoting the "sunny" route to Tokyo. PanAm flights between Portland-Seattle and Tokyo stop in Honolulu.

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## NC-WNDC golf tournament deadline set July 23

(Salinas) Entry deadline for the second annual NC-WNDC golf tournament here Aug. 7 has been set for July 23, it was announced by Chick Abe and Harry Shirachi, tournament co-chairmen.

Players competing for trophies must be current JACLers of a district council. Handicaps are based on those established by golf clubs affiliated with the No. Calif. Golfers Assn. Smaller chapters are permitted to recruit players from other chapters upon approval of the latter group, it was added.

The District Council perpetual trophy will be awarded to the winning three-man chapter team on the basis of net scores. One team per chapter will be allowed, but other may compete for individual honors.

Individual awards go to the low gross, low net and low novice (if more than six novices are registered). The tournament is part of the third quarterly NC-WNDC session hosted by the Salinas Valley JACL. Trophies are to be awarded at the dinner-dance following the business meeting.

Registration blanks have been mailed to chapter presidents. There is a \$7.50 fee for each entry. Because of necessary limitations on the greens, chapters were urged to send in registrations early. Tournament chairman is Jim Abe, 150 Hitchcock Rd., Salinas. The fee covers greens, trophy pool and dinner-dance.

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## Japan Society fellowships granted to 30 students, funds total \$22,000

(New York) Thirty graduate students from Japan now studying in American colleges have been awarded Japan Society fellowships, it was announced this week.

The awards were made to outstanding Japanese students intending to do graduate work in the United States for an additional year. Recipients of the awards, 7 women and 23 men, were selected from approximately 300 candidates who submitted applications.

The grants, given on the basis of individual need, totaled \$22,604, the largest individual grant being \$1,500. The total amount was made up by funds provided by the Japan Society, the Ford Foundation, and the New York Community Trust.

## Orange County carnival

(Buena Park) Families in Orange County are promised a full day at the first annual O.C. JAYs' carnival July 9 here at the Recreation Park, Hansen and Eighth Sts. Festivities begin with a picnic at 11 a.m., judo tournament from 1 p.m. and a carnival to last from 4 p.m. till midnight. The JAYs are sponsored by the Orange County JACL chapter.

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## Editorials

## DECLARATION OF INDEPENDENCE

One-hundred and seventy-nine years ago, John Hancock, then president of the young Continental Congress convening in Philadelphia, signed the Declaration of Independence on July 4, 1776. Actually, it was not until Aug. 2 that the rest of the Congress—56 men in all—signed the Declaration that proclaimed itself as the "unanimous declaration of the thirteen United States of America".

The Declaration of Independence is still a living document. Last year, the Supreme Court ruled unanimously against racial segregation in public schools to give new luster to the memorable words that begin with the second paragraph: "We hold these Truths to be self-evident; that all Men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the Pursuit of Happiness . . ."

## PASSPORT DECISION

A decision of the U.S. Court of Appeals in Washington may well turn out to be a historic decision of an American's right to travel where he pleases. The court rejected the State Department's contention it has exclusive control over issuance of passports to American citizens. Instead, it must explain to the court why a travel permit was denied—a requirement hitherto contrary to usual practice.

While travel from place to place was so decided by the court as a natural right subject only to reasonable regulation, it also found that petitioner Max Schachtman has been deprived of liberty without due process of law—as forbidden in the Fifth Amendment. If the decision is upheld in the Supreme Court, where the government without doubt will fight the Schachtman case, the State Department will be restrained from arbitrary action.

The State Department should scrutinize passport applications closely for the protection of this country and of individual citizens; but equally essential to the preservations of individual liberty is the right to go to court for a determination if passport regulations were applied reasonably or arbitrarily. In this instance, the court stood between the citizen and state to protect him against exercise of undue executive or legislative power.

What effect this decision would have on Nisei stranded in Japan, unable to obtain passports or travel permits to return to the United States to test a possible loss of citizenship, still is a moot question. It deserves answering.

## VAGARIES

From Front Page

a fingernail. But we doubt it.

Writing a column for a specialized newspaper as the PC also limits the scope of interest to well-defined boundaries. There was a time, a decade and more ago, when a writer for a Nisei publication was inundated with ideas. That was the period when second class citizenship was a reality for the American of Japanese ancestry behind the barbed-wire of relocation camps, and when hatemongers sounded off along the Pacific coast. There were plenty of windmills to tilt with then, and perhaps not enough Don Quixotes to go around.

Much has changed in that decade and more. The Nisei—largely by their own doing, but with the aid of a benevolent government and the military services—have improved their social and economic status. Today, not all the prejudices which created the anti-democracy of racial mass evacuation and detention have been overcome. Those that remain are more subtle. Though they are just as sinister in their disavowal of equality for all under the law, they don't make as good copy. It's difficult, for example, to pin down an act of prejudice when the issue is one of the upgrading of an employee. Ten years ago that same employee might not have been hired at all on racial grounds, but that would have made for a clear, sharp issue.

Speaking of the PC, it had an anniversary recently. It's been 13 years since that June day in 1942 when it was inaugurated in its present format in Salt Lake City. It was a newspaper then for Americans in exile, and it was a newspaper which brought news to the friends—and there were many—of those same Americans.

Actually, the PC is almost a quarter-century old. It was started in the very early 1930s as a monthly organ of the Japanese American Citizens League. It was published by Saburo Kido in San Francisco and, for a while, by Jimmy Sakamoto in Seattle. It became a newspaper in 1942 out of necessity—the mass evacuation forced the suspension of all of the Japanese American newspapers on the Pacific Coast, nine dailies and several weeklies.

Today the Nisei exiles have long since come home in their native land, and the PC itself has something of a new look. But its major perspective hasn't changed. It's good to know that it's still around to tell the facts should hatemongers rise again, or to sound a call for group action to meet the threat of some discriminatory action.

It's Sunday evening and we're back at a desk in Denver. The column's nearly done. There's time to think of a blue lake rimmed by mountains, and the sound of the wind through the pines.

## In Face of Adjournment

Washington

July 1 marks the traditional beginning of the annual congressional drive to finish up with all "must" legislation and to adjourn before the end of the month. Also July 1, incidentally, is the beginning of the Government's fiscal year.



The usual hectic scramble to have considered and enacted private-interest bills will result in keen competition between public and private concern for the last minute attention of this, the First Session of the 84th Congress.

This summer, though, since bills not acted upon in the First Session automatically go over until next January and the Second Session, the pressures will not be so great as they will be next year at about this same time, for measures not enacted by the 84th Congress will have to be re-introduced in the 85th Congress which does not convene until January, 1957, and the long and involved legislative process will have to be begun all over again from the very beginning.

Customarily, Congress cannot adjourn until it has at least passed all the so-called "housekeeping" or appropriations bills that enable the Government to continue to function from one fiscal year to another.

Last session when they controlled the Congress, the Republicans can boast, and do, that they had completed action for the first time since the depression days on all of the major appropriations bills, except that relating to foreign aid, before the beginning of the next fiscal year.

For a time, it appeared as if the Democrats in this Congress would be able to match that score, and it may still be done. But, as of this writing (June 26), it does not seem possible. Only three of the ten major appropriations bills have been signed into law, though two more Conference Reports have been approved by both Houses and have been sent to the White House for the President's signature. Four are in Conference Committees to iron out differences in the amount authorized by the House and the Senate, with only one having passed the House but still awaiting Finance Committee action in the Senate.

Appropriations bills that have been signed into law are those for the Departments of Agriculture, Interior, and the Treasury and Post Office (these two executive departments, though with sepa-

## DECADE AGO

June 30, 1945

- 3,000 casualties sustained by Nisei in war; 558 die; 2,376 wounded on all fronts since start of World War II—according to Pacific Citizen records.
- U.S. soldiers in Pacific condemn terrorism against Nisei on coast, reports actor Joe E. Brown on return of tour of battle area in Japan war.
- Coast Guard says ban against entry of Nisei into waterfront areas still in effect on Pacific coast.
- Terrorist fires into home of San Jose WRA official (James Edmiston), ask FBI investigation.
- WRA director cites 33 attacks against evacuees since California reopened to Japanese on Jan. 2, 1945.
- Incipient boycotts on coast concern relocation officials; WRA conference in Fresno discusses problems arising from return of evacuees . . . Terrorism blamed on civilians, no question about soldier acceptance of evacuees, says Myer.
- Judge rules in California escheat case, orders land of Fumiko Mitsuuchi, Sawtelle, forfeited by "dummy" sale to state.
- San Jose JACL reactivated.

rate budgets, are considered by one Subcommittee).

Those awaiting presidential signature are appropriations for Government Matters and Independent Offices.

In Conference Committees are those for the Departments of Commerce, Defense, Labor and Health, Education and Welfare, and State, Justice, and the Judiciary (the latter two bills though involving several agencies are considered in single bills).

Appropriations for Public Works have been approved by the House and is awaiting action in the Senate Finance Committee.

Of course, it is still possible, though not probable, that all of these appropriations bills will be cleared by the Congress and on the White House desk before June 30, end of fiscal year 1955.

If departmental operational budgets are not all enacted before the 1956 fiscal year begins, a simple resolution authorizing these departments to continue to operate under the terms of the 1955 fiscal year appropriations until their 1956 appropriations are enacted will be passed in order that the wheels of Government will not stop functioning.

## Status of major bills

As of June 26, in order that the prospective work load and agenda of the First Session may be evaluated with the view of estimating the adjournment date, here is a summary of the status of major bills pending in the Congress.

Limitations on Election Campaign Spending.—Reported by Senate Committee.

Increase National Debt Limit.—Reported by House Committee.

Doctors Draft.—Passed by Senate. Reported by House Committee.

Draft Extension.—Passed by both Houses, soon to be sent to Conference.

Electoral College Amendment.—Reported by Senate Committee.

Pensions for Ex-Presidents.—Passed by Senate.

Farm Price Supports.—Passed by House.

Foreign Aid.—Passed by Senate. Reported by House Committee.

Gas Regulation.—Reported by House Committee.

Highway Program.—Passed by Senate.

Military Reserves.—Reported by House Committee. Returned to Committee.

Minimum Wage Increase.—Passed by Senate.

Naval Construction.—Passed by House.

Federal Pay Raise.—Passed by both Houses. On White House desk. (signed June 28.—Editor)

Public Housing.—Passed by Senate. Reported by House Committee.

Creation of "Security" Commission.—Reported by both House and Senate Committees.

Alaska, Hawaii Statehood.—Killed by House.

Tax Windfall Repeal.—In House-Senate Conference.

Upper Colorado Basin.—Passed by Senate. Reported by House Committee.

Omnibus Health Bill.—In House and Senate Committees.

School Construction.—In House and Senate Committees.

Bricker Amendment (to limit President's treaty-making powers).—In Senate Committee.

Refugee Relief Act Amendments.—In House and Senate Committees.

If Congress does adjourn by Aug. 1, present target date of its majority and minority leaders, as it can be seen from this formidable

## 'Project India' participants

(Los Angeles) Two UCLA students, Ruth Taketaya and George Wakiji, left for a two and a half months trip to India today speaking to Indian students on American home and campus life. They were selected as participants in the University Religious Conference's "Project India" after passing a series of personality and intelligence tests and interviews designed to show how they would react to the rigors of such a trip.

list, many of these bills dealing with major policy questions will have to go over until the Second Session next January.

There are, of course, those who claim that the Democratic leadership will deliberately withhold action on some of these major items, such as public housing, minimum wages, farm price supports, etc., in order to create issues for next fall's presidential and congressional election campaigns.

## Senate ahead of House

Usually, largely because it tolerates unlimited debate, the Senate lags considerably behind the House in its work schedule. The House, probably because of its large membership, through its powerful Rules Committees provides for limitations on all debate on controversial and debatable issues.

This session, for the first time in the memory of the oldest Capitol commentators, the Senate is way ahead of the House in its record of legislative accomplishments.

Most of the credit for this remarkable achievement is being given to the Senate's Majority Leader, Texan Lyndon Johnson, who by adept leadership, scheduling, and compromising has prevented the Senate from bogging down in windy and lengthy discussions on major issues.

His detractors allege that Senator Johnson's supposed compromises are in actuality "appeasement" in the most literal sense of the word, for he is accused by this element of accepting any changes in order to gain support rather than insisting upon genuine compromises where both parties yield in some degree.

Others charge that, by his tactics of securing cloakroom agreements in advance and thereby eliminating the necessity for lengthy open floor debate, he is changing the fundamental character of the Senate from the "greatest deliberative body in the world" into the fastest stamping machine factory in the nation's history.

We are not going to venture an opinion at this time evaluating his activities and its implications, but there is no question that the dominating personality of the First Session of the 84th Congress has been the youthful, lanky Texan who acts as the Majority Leader in the Senate.

In a sense, this is a real upset, since almost unanimously predictions in the beginning of the year regarding the most dominating personality in this Congress focussed on another Texan, venerable patriarch Sam Rayburn who has served as Speaker of the House longer than any other person in history.

It will be interesting to see whether Majority Leader Johnson can team up with Speaker Rayburn, his political mentor, and complete the work of the First Session in time to adjourn by Aug. 1, which is just about the time recommended in the Reorganization Act of 1946.

## CALENDAR

- July 3 (Sunday)
  - Sonoma County—Community picnic, Doran's State Park, Bodega Bay.
  - San Diego—Community picnic, Silver Strand State Park.
  - Cleveland—Community picnic, Wetland's Lake.
- July 6 (Wednesday)
  - East Los Angeles—Executive board meeting.
  - Marysville—Executive board meeting, JACL Office, 8:30 p.m.
- July 8 (Friday)
  - New York—Weekend outing, Pawling, L.I.
- July 9 (Saturday)
  - Southwest L.A.—Neki Hokee Hop, Park Manor.
  - Orange County—JAY carnival, Buena Park Recreation Park, 11 a.m.—11 midnight.
- July 10 (Sunday)
  - Philadelphia—Picnic, Friend's Central, (if rain, July 17).
  - Richmond—El Cerrito—Picnic, Marsh Creek, Springs Park.
- July 11 (Sunday)
  - Marysville—Annual barbecue, Van Giesen, Auburn; 12 noon.
  - Eden Township—Picnic, Castle Rock Park, 11 a.m.
- July 20 (Wednesday)
  - East Los Angeles—Gen'l meeting, Aug. 7 (Sunday)
  - Seattle—Chapter picnic, Gaffney's Lake Wilderness Resort.
  - NC-WNDC—3rd Quarterly session; Hon-tel Cominos, Salinas; dance, Knights of Pythias Hall; golf tournament, So-linas Municipal course.