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Vagaries

BY LARRY TAJIRI

GHOST OF YELLOW PERIL STILL HAUNTS

Denver

The case of Major Sammy Lee, two-time Olympic diving champion who was denied the right to buy a home of his choice in Garden Grove, Calif., recently, is headed for a happy ending. Major Lee, now in Colorado Springs, Colo., has been overwhelmed with offers from Southern California citizens, including Vice-President Richard Nixon, who wants to help the Korean American doctor to find a house.

Although it was resolved quickly, Major Lee's dilemma proved that no American of Oriental ancestry, however prominent he may be, is immune from discrimination in housing on the Pacific coast. The Lee affair showed that the ghost of the Yellow Peril hate campaigns of a generation ago has not been banished, but still lurks in the shadows. The difference today is that there are more people willing to stand up and condemn racism in housing; it does not mean, necessarily, that race prejudice has been conquered.

The problem also is not one peculiar to the west coast, although housing bias would appear to be more general west of the Sierras and the Cascades. In the Rocky Mountain states and eastward the situation is spottier. Many Nisei and other Oriental Americans have bought homes in large real estate developments; others have been refused homes by builders in adjoining tracts.

At the same time members of other minorities have been denied homes in some developments which have sold homes to Nisei. Lakewood, the new city of 75,000 just outside of Los Angeles, is considered "lily-white", doesn't sell to non-whites. Levittown, the new community of similar size in the Delaware Valley of Pennsylvania, has sold a house to at least one Nisei, but won't sell to Negroes.

JON MATSUO CASE OF MINNEAPOLIS

Most Nisei and other minority group families seeking housing have accepted the slammed door policy without public protest. Once in a while someone decides to make an issue of it and the full glare of publicity is turned on discrimination in housing, a festering sore in our democratic society. It happened in the Jon Matsuo case in Minneapolis when a war veteran was denied the right of buying a home in a housing development for ex-servicemen. When the facts were made public the Minneapolis city council, at the urging of Mayor (now U.S. Senator) Hubert Humphrey passed an ordinance banning racially restrictive covenants in the city.

There was the Sing Sheng case in South San Francisco, Calif., and, more recently, the predicament of Dr. Satoru Larry Aikawa of Stockton, Calif., was publicized. Dr. Aikawa found himself the center of controversy when he sought to buy a house in a "white" neighborhood in San Leandro, Calif.

In most cases, the point of prejudice is the house salesman who is just carrying out the orders of the builders or the developers. The latter may be impelled by a fear that selling

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Honolulu Newsletter

BY LARRY NAKATSUKA

ASIA NEW TO ME

Honolulu

Half of the fun of traveling, someone once remarked, is in the anticipation and planning. And so it is.

I've been fortunate to have made several trips to the mainland United States and Canada, and once to Europe. But Asia, although only half the Pacific away from Hawaii, is new to me. It is an area I was sure I would visit, sooner or later.

The opportunity has come sooner than I had expected.

Now that the State Department is arranging a goodwill tour of Asia for me, this is my busy period of planning and probing. My assignment will be to move about as a specialist in press relations and to do what I can to explain American points of view in my field and to set straight misimpressions expressed by those whom I come in contact with. In general, that is the task described for me.

My present handicap is that I have not yet been advised as to the countries I am to visit, or when I am to start. I was told these arrangements are now being worked out between Washington and representatives in the Asian countries.

But this interim period, before my take-off, is useful for gathering information. From my earlier trips abroad, I've

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Rep. Judd presents flag flown over Capitol to JACL on silver jubilee

Development of JACL traced in Congress Record

[Washington] Honoring the Japanese American Citizens League on its 25th anniversary, Rep. Walter H. Judd (R., Minn.) paid tribute to the JACL in the *Congressional Record*, calling attention of his colleagues in both the House and Senate to JACL's record.

As a champion of the aims and purposes of the JACL, Congressman Judd has through the years supported its legislative activities.

In his extension of remarks Congressman Judd traced the development of JACL from its inception to its honored place in national affairs.

He pointed out the travails of the organization, through the crucial years of World War II, and to its ultimate success during the postwar period with the passage of the Immigration and Nationality Act of 1952.

With the enactment of this bill for the first time in United States history alien Japanese were invited to become naturalized citizens in the land of their choice, and the citizenship of their American-born children became unqualified and untainted.

In noting the achievements of the JACL, the guidance of its leaders, and the trustworthiness of its members, Congressman Judd said:

"My colleagues, both here in the House and in the Senate, who are acquainted with the membership and purposes of the Japanese American Citizens League, more popularly identified as the JACL, and who have supported, particularly after World War II, many of its legislative suggestions which have not only greatly enlarged the area of racial freedom and human dignity in this Nation but have also demonstrated our national and international good will toward those of Asian origin, will, I am confident, applaud this presentation of our flag, with all

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[Washington] To commemorate the 25th anniversary of the founding of the Japanese American Citizens League as a national organization, Rep. Walter H. Judd (R., Minn.) presented an American flag that has flown over the United States Capitol to National JACL Headquarters in San Francisco.

Presentation was made here to Mike Masaoka, Washington JACL representative, on Aug. 29, a quarter century ago to the day that 10 local Nisei civic clubs met in Seattle to organize into the national Japanese American Citizens League.

In making the presentation, Congressman Judd congratulated the JACL on its quarter century of service to the nation in general and to persons of Japanese ancestry in this country in particular. He extended his personal felicitations to the officers and members of the League as exemplary Americans and citizens who have contributed much to the nation's progress.

He reminded Masaoka that JACL's greatest achievements in eliminating discrimination and prejudice against persons of Japanese ancestry were in the legislative field and that, therefore, it was particularly appropriate that a Flag that had flown over the Capitol will now fly over National JACL Headquarters.

HELPED FROM BEGINNING

Masaoka, in accepting the Flag, declared that the JACL was especially gratified that the Member of Congress most closely identified with JACL's legislative aspirations from the very beginning presented the Flag to help celebrate 25 years of national JACL activity.

He recalled that Congressman Judd was the only real champion of racial equality for the Japanese in the Congress at the end of World War II and that it was he who introduced the first bill in 1946 to prevent the deportation of deserving Japanese aliens who had entered the country legally

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INAGAKI CALLS FLAG 'MAGNIFICENT TRIBUTE' FROM CONGRESSMAN JUDD

[Los Angeles] George Inagaki, national JACL president, when notified of the presentation, declared the organization was honored by Rep. Judd of Minnesota when he paid tribute to the JACL by presenting a flag that had flown over the Capitol.

"There is no Member of Congress for whom we would rather have such a magnificent tribute," Inagaki stated.

He added that the flag would serve as an inspiration to JACL to carry on its activities in the next quarter century as it had done in the past 25 years, with due regard for the national interest and welfare of all persons of Japanese ancestry in the United States.

'LONG NEEDED FLAG AT HEADQUARTERS' COMMENTS MAS SATOW

[San Francisco] Mas Satow national JACL director, expressed his gratification on the presentation of an American flag flown over the Capitol from Congressman Judd this week.

"We have long needed an American flag at National Headquarters and for the many ceremonial banquets and occasions when such an emblem is appropriate," he said.

"It will be especially noteworthy that Congressman Judd presented the American flag that has flown the national Capitol to us for such events, and the spirit of the Flag will join with the spirit of Congressman Judd's humanity toward his fellow men to cause all JACLers to be proud of their heritage and eager to assume the responsibilities for the future."

FALLS 15 FT. ON HEAD AGAINST PAVEMENT, LIVES

[Toronto] Playing atop the veranda at home and leaning over to talk to playmates, three-year-old June Aoyama fell 15 feet and fractured her skull. Her fall was broken by a wire but she struck her head against the pavement. Doctors reported her brain was not damaged.

LAWYERS TO BE POLLED AS AMERICAN BAR ASS'N SECTION REJECTS SUBCOMMITTEE STAND ON VESTED ALIEN PROPERTY

[Philadelphia] Attorneys attending the 78th annual meeting of the American Bar Association were urged to reject recommendations of its subcommittee of the international law section by Mike Masaoka, Washington representative of the Japanese American Citizens League.

The ABA subcommittee last spring opposed the return of wartime vested property, since it was justified either in equity or by law and that it would be an added burden upon American taxpayers as liquidated proceeds have been used to pay war claims against Germans and Japanese.

Recommendations of the Subcommittee are presented for the

ing body of the ABA.

Masaoka reported that the International Law Section rejected recommendations of its Subcommittee against return of vested German and Japanese property at its annual meeting. In view of the controversy which developed, it was decided that a mail ballot to be taken of the 1,200-member International Law Section, and the results referred in the spring to the full House of Delegates, which represents almost 60,000 attorneys and law school faculty members.

The influence of the American Bar Association on this controversial topic, involving domestic and international legal questions, is

regarded as most crucial to any legislation on the subject of return of this vested property.

Almost \$500,000,000 is involved, of which less than \$100,000,000 involves the claim of Japanese.

While in Philadelphia in connection with the annual ABA meeting, Masaoka also attended the bicentennial ceremonies honoring Chief Justice John Marshall, fourth Supreme Court chief justice, who asserted supremacy of the federal government over state governments.

Masaoka represented the Japanese American Citizens League, the Committee for the Return of Confiscated German and Japanese Property and clients.

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From the Frying Pan
 BY BILL HOSOKAWA

ITEM FOR LUKEWARM BALL FANS

Denver
 Nisei who aren't particularly enthusiastic baseball fans may find something of interest in a book about baseball, entitled *The Hot Stove League*, by Lee Allen (A.S. Barnes & Co., \$3). He devotes a chapter to racial backgrounds of professional baseball players and has this to say of those of Oriental extraction:

"Major league baseball has not yet produced a Chinese or Japanese, although several have performed in the Pacific Coast league. The Japanese are enthusiastic about the game, but do not hit well enough to attain stardom as professionals. Sacramento signed a Japanese pitcher Kenso Nushida, who stood exactly five feet in height and weighed a sparkling 95 in 1932. He won two and lost four and did not return. There have been several Hawaiians, notably Henry (Prince) Oana, who played the outfield for the Phillies in 1934 and returned as a pitcher for the Tigers a decade later.

"For a time during the summer of 1883, it appeared that there might be an entire team of Chinese. Baseball that season reached the epidemic stage, and teams of every description were formed in all sections of the country. There were teams of amputees, teams of men over 70 and teams of Negro girls. In Philadelphia a man named John Lang organized a team of Chinese. Rigorous practice was scheduled and a tour arranged. But when the left fielder, a man named Ah Sin, suffered a broken nose, the players demanded twenty dollars a week and Lang abandoned the experiment."

NISEI IN PREWAR PCL DAYS

Issei and Nisei oldtimers should remember Kenso Nushida well. The figures about his size may or may not have been tampered with by the Sacramento club's publicity office, but he was a big favorite in the Li'l Tokios of Coast league towns. I remember he pitched several times in Seattle, and Nushida was the subject of virtually all the conversation on Main and Jackson streets for days after his appearances.

Another Nisei who appeared briefly in the Coast league was Jimmy Horio who also was signed up originally, as I recall, by Sacramento. He had the trouble that Author Lee Allen mentions—couldn't hit. Horio was an outfielder, and outfielders make their living with their bats. He was quite a slugger in Nisei competition, but Coast league pitchers cooled his bat off. After Sacramento released him, Jimmy joined the Seattle Indians. The management of the Seattle club collaborated with the Japanese community to throw Horio a "night," and somehow Jimmie Sakamoto's Japanese American Courier picked it up as a promotion stunt.

This was in the mid-thirties, a hungry time as you may recall. No Cadillacs were being passed around; Jimmie got a bunch of nice though modest merchandise prizes kicked in by businessmen in the Japanese community. One of the prizes was a live chicken donated by the Tanaka family who ran a wholesale egg and poultry place. The chicken had a piece of string tied to one leg and it clucked in a disconsolate manner when it was set down at home plate. Someone led the hen off the field when Jimmy reported out to right field and that's the last I heard of it.

Seattle wasn't doing very well either in the standings or at the boxoffice those days. Manager Dutch Reuther was looking for more power in the outfield, and when Jimmy couldn't produce it, he got his walking papers. Horio was a nice, friendly fellow. Wonder what happened to him.

Still another Nisei who had a crack at professional baseball was Sambo Takahashi who used to play shortstop for the Seattle Nippons. Sambo was an exception in that he could hit that ball a mile. He played for a while in the old Northwest league, and as I recall he had a Coast league tryout. According to fellows who knew him well, Sambo made the mistake of visiting Japan where army recruiters took one look at his strapping frame and drafted him. He died, they say, in Manchuria where a lot of other nice fellows got killed.

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Japanese metropolitan dailies boast English-language papers; four different papers published in Tokyo, fifth in offing

Tokyo
 A phenomenon of interest to Nisei who have been in Japan recently is the competition raging among newspapers here. Since last April, the *Japan News* became a subsidiary of the *Yomiuri*, which makes three metropolitan Japanese dailies having their own English-language newspapers.

Asahi Shimbun took over the *Evening News* and *Mainichi Shimbun* publishes its own English *Mainichi* edition.

A fourth English-language daily is the *Nippon Times*, which has gained international fame over the past 50 years of service and oldest of foreign language newspapers in Japan.

As limited the reading of English may be in Japan, the four

Summer camp for Buddhist school children planned

[Los Angeles] Two years of planning by the Los Angeles Buddhist Coordinating Council for a summer camp program will materialize this year as 70 youngsters headed for Camp Yallani in the San Bernardino mountains this week.

Children, 9-11 years old, registered in Buddhist Sunday School classes, will be supervised by trained counsellors. The program is still at the research level, according to Ryo Kasai and Ben Jinkawa, LABCC co-chairmen, who hope the program can be expanded to permit all Bussei youngsters to enjoy a week or two of summer camp.

Nisei pharmacists pass California state exams

[San Francisco] Nine Nisei were among 166 applicants who were granted registration as pharmacists at a meeting of the California state board of pharmacy held last month at Los Angeles and San Francisco.

The Nisei registrants are: Keido Shimizu, San Mateo; Jack Hideo Ishikawa, Menlo Park; Edward K. Takeda, San Jose; Joseph Teruaki Fukuda, Sacramento; James Shigeru Nishida, Reddley; Noboru Yasuda, Joseph Y. Nakashima, Robert Ayao Hiura, all of Los Angeles; Haruji Miya, Ogden Utah.

Yale prof to study in Japan as Fulbright scholar

[Honolulu] Dr. Chitoshi Yanaga, associate professor of political science and director of graduate studies in Eastern Asia at Yale University, is visiting his parents at Kona, Hawaii, before going to Tokyo to do research in Japanese government under a Fulbright scholarship.

Dr. Yanaga, his wife and two children was to leave here Sept. 1 on the APL Pres. Wilson.

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newspapers are pushing their papers in a vast circulation war. The studied opinion here is that four are too many for the number of people living in Japan wanting to read an English-language paper everyday. Yet, it is interesting to note that many Japanese are beginning to peruse the English newspapers.

English-language newspapers are also serving as textbooks for students in many instances.

Competition is increasing. So much so that it's getting more difficult for them to stay in business.

Even the *Sangyo Keizai*, a very enterprising daily in Osaka, is dickering with expanding its own English journal as a daily newspaper.

The big newspapers of Japan seem to feel an English edition is a "must" for sake of appearance. A newspaper isn't in class unless it has an English addition (not a section as is the case with bilingual vernaculars in the United States).

Whether the outcome of this newspaper fight will create a crisis remains to be seen. This reporter (who is city editor on the *Nippon Times*) doesn't wish to

anticipate anything serious, but anything can happen in a time when people can't eat. We would think if Japanese economy needs tightening, the fourth estate might follow suit with a less show of extravagance.

Scene Magazine suspends publishing after 6½ years

[Los Angeles] Beginning with the September issue, *Scene* magazine will be consolidated with *Fortnight—Magazine of the Pacific Coast*, it was announced this week by Masamori Kojima, *Scene Magazine, Inc.*, president.

"Scene has always been editorially motivated to enlist topics of the Pacific region, so the 64-page *Fortnight* will mean greater reading fare for *Scene* readers," Kojima said. The Nisei magazine was founded in Chicago 6½ years ago.

Canadian editor

[Toronto] Frank Moritsugu, formerly with the *New Canadian*, was recently appointed managing editor of *Canadian Homes and Gardens* after two years as copy editor and associate editor.

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HONOLULU NEWSLETTER

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learned a few tips.

'WHEN IN ROME . . .'

One incident I can never forget. It occurred in Rome, when my wife and I were touring Europe with an American group of 30 or so members. Americans being the gregarious humans they are, the tour group moved about much as it would if it were back home, sightseeing in Washington or New York. The members let everyone know they were Americans and carried on in that manner in the European countries they visited.

One day, in Rome, we were exchanging impressions about the people when a woman remarked that "these foreigners (meaning the Romans) don't seem very friendly." I reminded the woman that we the Americans, not they the Romans, were "the foreigners." It had not occurred to her that when one travels abroad, he becomes a "foreigner"—a guest if you will—in the country being visited. And a polite guest should try to fit into the mood and mores of the host's country, and not to flaunt his ways without regard to the sensibilities of his hosts, the moral being that it's still safe and sound advice that "when in Rome, do as the Romans do."

Advice is where one finds it, so I asked a friend who had spent some time in India, for helpful hints.

He wrote back the other day: "Don't take evening clothes—I lugged them around the world without use; finally wore them at an informal party as my 'price' for attending. Had to get some use out of them."

But another person, who has just returned from Southeast Asia, said he took along his formal suit "just in case." He had only one occasion to wear it but a most important one. It was a dinner meeting of Britishers in Singapore, at which this person was the guest of honor. "My English friends were highly flattered and pleased that I had taken the trouble to dress appropriately, even though they would have overlooked it if I didn't have a dinner jacket since they knew I had come a long way from home with limited baggage. So it was definitely worth my while to have taken the evening clothes with me."

SOUVENIR FROM A HOTEL

One advice on which there is general agreement is the need for guarding one's valuables and clothes more than while traveling in the U.S. A friend returned from India with a souvenir placard taken from a hotel cautioning guests never to leave their rooms unlocked "because of thieves."

In some places, American "goodwillers" can be misunderstood. Take the case of a Fulbright Fellowship professor who recently spent a year in Ceylon. He said he and his family were looked upon as "spies" by the natives for the first three months. Gradually, he was able to break down their suspicions until finally, the natives not only accepted him but were most reluctant to see him go when his tenure expired and he had to come back to Hawaii.

It's wise to be forewarned of the unpleasant side of living in certain places in the Orient. A friend who visited cities with poor sanitary facilities could talk of nothing but the "dirty toilets" when he returned. For him, the trip was a loss because he had not been conditioned for a situation which would be "taken in stride" by a more experienced traveler.

SOME WISE ADVICE GIVEN

On the other hand, the traveler needs to start his journey with "an open mind," free of hard and fast notions that may jolt him if they don't coincide with the actual observations on the spot later.

I am reminded of the advice given by Joseph C. Grew, when he was en route to Japan as America's new Ambassador in the crucial year of 1932: "I shall do my utmost to keep a detached and balanced point of view. An ambassador who starts prejudiced against the country to which he is accredited might just as well pack up and go home, because his bias is bound to make itself felt sooner or later and render impossible the creation of a basis of mutual confidence upon which alone he can accomplish constructive work. On the other hand, there is always the danger of becoming too much imbued with the local atmosphere."

That sounds like wise advice.

Urge release of Japan war criminals

[Washington] As a gesture of goodwill and welcome to Foreign Minister Mamoru Shigemitsu on his visit to the United States, the alleged Japanese war criminals remaining under jurisdiction of the United States should be granted amnesty, President Eisenhower was urged last week in a letter from the Ad Hoc Nisei Committee on Japanese War Criminals.

The text of the letter, signed by Mike Masaoka, was released coincident with the arrival of Foreign Minister Shigemitsu in Washington.

To assure the success of the Shigemitsu mission, Masaoka stated that prior to the opening of any discussions which will be held on the many troublesome problems which plague United States-Japan relations, it would be an opportune time to establish rapport by freeing, and if that is not possible, "by paroling every one of the 217 prisoners under our jurisdiction and that the United States will use its good offices to persuade other nations with Japanese war criminals in their control to do likewise.

"Certainly it is important that these talks materialize in constructive results since the Japanese people would hardly be inspired to retain in power a Government supposedly friendly to the United States yet unable to secure any concessions from us," he said.

SIGNED SURRENDER DOCUMENT

Shigemitsu, who signed surrender documents for Japan aboard the battleship Missouri in Tokyo Bay, was convicted as a war criminal and served five years at Sugamo Prison, it was noted.

With the present negotiations for a peace treaty under way in London between Japan and the Soviet Union, one of the most insistent Japanese demands has been the repatriation of thousands of her nationals which the Soviet Union detains as war criminals.

Masaoka believed that general political amnesty to all war criminals would be the most provident act of diplomacy the United States could make at this crucial time to Japan when Red China and Soviet Russia are making covert overtures.

(The United States announced Aug. 31 that 22 Japanese war criminals will be paroled.)

He pointed out that countries which had been ravaged by the Japanese conquerors, such as Nationalist China and the Philippines, had granted political amnesty to all Japanese war criminals in their jurisdiction even before the formal peace treaty was signed in 1951.

France, too, has released all Japanese war criminals who had been convicted in her then overseas possessions.

The only countries which have not done so, with the exception of the Soviet Union, are the United States, Australia, the Netherlands, and Great Britain.

POLITICAL AMNESTY URGED

Masaoka recalled that more than two years ago, the late Joseph B. Keenan, chief prosecutor of the International Tribunal for the East was reported as promising to support the movement to free even the Class A Japanese war criminals, which would mean, indubitably, that he would favor amnesty for all the Class B and C war criminals under present American control.

"Furthermore, every United States attorney who served as defense counsel, with whom he has discussed this problem, has almost without exception believed that these war criminals had served sufficiently long to justify and satisfy the purposes of the international trials," Masaoka said.

It was Masaoka's contention that "since most of our states have a system of pardon or parole available to felons and other criminals after serving ten years of their sentence on good behavior, many of whom have committed greater offenses than these Japanese war criminals, could we not, as a nation, be as merciful as some of our states. Most of these men have either served the ten years in Sugamo Prison or awaited trial plus their time in prison.

"Since many believe that it is only a matter of time before all of the war criminals will be released, rather than just delay the action and eventually be forced into announcing general clemency, we should take the initiative and release the war criminals. This

action would not only increase the prestige of the United States in Japan and shore up debilitating diplomatic relations but would be a diplomatic coup over the Communists and place them on the defensive on the matter of prisoners of war and war criminals," he pointed out.

"It is important that the United States sustain its leadership, both moral and political. This action would be of significance in this troubled and confused world."

PSYCHOLOGICAL ADVANTAGE

In conclusion Masaoka wrote: "Mr. President, we believe that this is the psychological moment for this act of magnanimity: Welcome Japan's Foreign Minister and our great champion in the Japanese Government to Washington with the announcement that all of the remaining Japanese war criminals in our jurisdiction will be granted full and complete amnesty and that the United States will use its good offices with its allies for this same purpose.

"In striving to bind up the wounds of World War II and in maintaining vigorous American leadership throughout the free world, may we suggest that our country act, in the spirit of Abraham Lincoln's loved words, *With malice towards none, with charity for all.*"

The Nisei Ad Hoc Committee on Japanese War Criminals has as its purpose to do everything within reason to prevent Japan's industrial machine and trained manpower from shifting into Communist control, believing that it is to national self-interest that Japan remain a friendly ally of the United States.

Masaoka has on behalf of this committee also contacted a number of pacifist and religious organizations, which have expressed an interest in this problem, urging them to join with the Committee in representations to the President.

A similar request made by the Japanese government through its Embassy here in Washington for the release of these war criminals on the 10th anniversary of V-J Day was rejected by the State Department. However, the Nisei Ad Hoc Committee is renewing the request at the present time.

Return of wartime vested property urged as boost to Japan's postwar industrial revival in CL letter to Dulles

[Washington] Full and complete return—or full dollar-payment—of all private personal and corporate property of Japanese nationals that was sequestered during World War II by the U.S. government would be one constructive and magnanimous gesture, Secretary of State John Foster Dulles was informed last week in a letter from Mike Masaoka, Washington representative of the Japanese American Citizens League.

Return of wartime vested property by the Alien Property Custodian would be welcomed by the Japanese government and people, Masaoka commented in a letter to the Secretary of State before the arrival of Japanese Foreign Minister Mamoru Shigemitsu.

The letter was disclosed last Monday.

Such a proposal, Masaoka said, would be in keeping with traditional regard for the sanctity of private property in keeping with precedents established after World War I and with the Italians in the last war, and would serve to enhance the principle of the inviolability of foreign investments abroad.

POSTWAR INDUSTRIAL BOON

Furthermore, since these pre-war Japanese companies, whose properties were confiscated had facilities to invest here prior to the hostilities, the return of their dollar deposits would spark the industrial revival of postwar Japan.

It is this group in Japan, he said, which is most friendly to the United States and most influential in Japan. "They were the ones who had faith in our country and its institutions, for they knew the

power and potential of our unparalleled economy and resisted as best as they could Japan's plans to engage this nation in an armed test of strength."

"It is particularly important," he wrote, "that at this crucial period in postwar Japanese history that the present Japanese Government, which is friendly and grateful to us, be maintained in power and that every possible consideration should be given to their requests and aspirations.

"Japan with her industrial potential and trained manpower, is the key to the Orient, and we cannot afford to allow her to drift or to force her into the ruthless hands of the Communist enemy."

\$10,000 LIMIT PROPOSED

Although it was believed that Dulles himself firmly favors the return of the wartime vested property, as he testified before a Senate Judiciary Subcommittee on the Trading with the Enemy Act a year ago, his deputy assistant secretary read to a House Foreign Affairs Ad Hoc Subcommittee a statement in which the government advocated partial return, limited to only \$10,000 and to natural persons.

"This does basic violence to the principle of the sanctity of private property, endangers billions in American investments abroad, arbitrarily discriminates against corporate persons and those with more than \$10,000, and places a dollar sign on our willingness to follow legal and historical precedents," Masaoka point out.

He pointed out that these Japanese nationals are now in the same category as the Italians were after World War II. To continue to discriminate against them in

favor of one former enemy ten years after the end of hostilities is not the way of winning and keeping allies in this world.

And to restrict the return by limiting the amount to \$10,000 invested would be further discrimination, he said.

AIDS NATIONAL SECURITY

This, he believed, was not in keeping with the generous spirit which motivated the Treaty of Peace with Japan nor with U.S. policy that Japan rearm quickly in order that U.S. troops may be withdrawn.

Although it is apparent that in the peace treaty Japan renounced her rights to vested properties of her nationals, they were not consulted. If vested properties are in lieu of reparations as some have suggested, he said, then the friends of America in Japan are being forced to bear a disproportionate burden of Japan's war guilt, for they are being penalized by the loss of their property.

With this in mind, Masaoka stated that since it was impossible for Shigemitsu to broach this subject in view of the terms of the peace treaty, "the JAACL was taking this opportunity to do so since it believe that a magnanimous demonstration of our friendship for all Japanese, and particularly our friends in Japan, at this time may well seal for all time to come an alliance which will prosper in peace and, if necessary, be impregnable in war."

Masaoka stated the JAACL realized that most of the problems to be discussed between Dulles and Shigemitsu would be difficult of solution. In fact, many of them would require multilateral action

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NEW FALL SEASON SOCIAL OPENS

Chicago
 Three events mark the resumption of Chicago JACL's social season—the most important being the annual chapter carnival, Oct. 22-23 at Olivet Institute, 1441 N. Cleveland Ave.



This weekend, over 60 will frolic at George Williams College camp at Lake Geneva. Mrs. Helen Hori is general chairman. The two-day outing starts Saturday night and ends Labor Day noon.

Later in the month, the chapter social committee has scheduled a hayride-barn dance, Sept. 24 with Charles Ukita and Shizuo Hori as co-chairmen. And in preparation for the carnival, JACL carnival property will be freshened up at the Splat-ter Party, Sept. 17 at the Olivet Institute.

The chapter had dispensed with monthly meetings during July and August as the majority of members have been vacationing to various parts of the country.

In conjunction with the Tuberculosis Institute, the Japanese American Service Committee will participate with other community organizations in the annual TB X-ray campaign. Mobile X-ray units will be located at the Clark-Chicago intersection for three days starting Oct. 3. . . Volunteers are being asked to man the unit the first day between 1 and 4:30 p.m. Interested persons should call the JASC office, 1110 N. La Salle.

City-Widers will hold their installation dinner, Sept. 10, 6 p.m., at the Walnut Room of the North Park Hotel. A seven-course dinner featuring prime ribs (\$3.90 including tips) has been announced. Reservations are being accepted at the JASC office by Sept. 7. Shig Okamoto will be installed as 1956 chairman, assisted by Walt Tamura, v.-chmn.; Junko Ikeda, sec.; James Kawakami, treas.; Betty Kanameishi, prog.; Miye Ito, soc.; and Frank Emoto, spec. act. coordinator.

The American Friends Service Committee last week reported nine public employees have refused to sign the non-Communist oath required by Illinois state law (the Broyles bill) for employees whose pay comes wholly or in part from state funds.

On the nine who refused to sign oaths, one was fired, seven resigned and one is working without pay, the Quaker relief and welfare organization said.

QUARTER CENTURY OF JACL THEME OF NCWDC MEET

[Sebastopol] "A quarter Century of JACL" was the theme selected for the NC-WN District Council Convention scheduled here for Nov. 5 and 6, it was announced by Frank K. Oda recently appointed as general convention chairman by Kanemi Ono, president, of the Sonoma County JACL host chapter.

To commemorate the 25 years of JACL progress a convention booklet will be printed with messages from National JACL leaders.

The convention will feature a dance, 1000 Club luncheon, a civic banquet as well as many other surprise features. A district council workshop will be held under the capable chairmanship of Jerry Enomoto, president, San Francisco JACL chapter.

Ono has asked JACLers of the district council to reserve these dates inasmuch as the convention preparation committee is striving to hit a goal of 300 delegates.

CHAPTER MEMOS

Seattle JACL: Howard Sakura, chapter president, announced that regular monthly meetings will resume at 1414 Weller St. on each second-Tuesday of the month. The next meeting, Sept. 13, 8 p.m., kicks off fall season activities.

Sakura hosted cabinet members at his new home, 6705 - 38th Ave. South, to discuss future events.

Approximately 30 JACLers enjoyed a weiner bake at Alki Beach Aug. 12 which took the place of the monthly meeting. Ed Haslan, who is writing a term paper on JACL at the Univ. of Washington, entertained with songs accompanying himself on a guitar.

Sonoma County JACL: Mrs. Robert Mitchell of Santa Rosa, winner of many county fair awards, demonstrated the fundamentals of flower arrangements at the Aug. 13 meeting of the chapter auxiliary at Sebastopol Enmanji Memorial Hall. Anne Ohki, president, introduced the guest speaker.

SOUTHLANDERS GO NORTH TO VACATION & FISH

[Los Angeles] "We caught fish everyday, outside the first and last day," chimed George Inagaki, national JACL president, who took his family on their first three-weeks vacation in the Oregon fishing country. They returned home last week.

Accompanied by Ray "Chop" Yasui and Ray Sato of Hood River, the Inagakis vacationed in the Bend area lakes and rivers, the Columbia and near Astoria.

The Inagakis were house guests of the Ray Satos.

[Pasadena] The Tom Itos were house guests of Dr. and Mrs. Minol Ota of Lovell, Wyo., this past week. The Pasadena chapter president had to ship his personal luggage via rail to make room for some 60-lb. of trout he and Dr. Ota caught in northern Wyoming.

Seattle CL slates Labor Day dance

[Seattle] Special entertainment of Hawaiian comedy dancers will be featured at the annual Seattle JACL Labor Day dance, Sept. 5, 9 p.m., at Encore Ballroom, 13th and E. Pike, it was announced by chairman Hiro Sasaki.

LONG BEACH CARNIVAL ALL SET FOR SEPT. 3-4

[Long Beach] The annual Harbor Community carnival with a touch of Nisei Week gaiety opens a two-day run tomorrow night at the Harbor Japanese Community Center, 1766 Seabright Ave.

Some 20 booths manned by 14 organizations will line the center grounds. The JACL-sponsored affair will be highlighted by ondo dancing both nights.

Tom Hayashi named to head national JACL nominating committee

[Los Angeles] In accordance with the national JACL constitution, National JACL President George Inagaki this week appointed Tom Hayashi of New York to head the National JACL Nominating Committee for the 1955-56 biennium.

The committee is to submit a slate of candidates for national JACL offices to be elected at the 14th national biennial convention in 1956.

In addition to the New York attorney, a full committee will be composed of representatives from each of the eight district councils. Hayashi served as New York chapter president in 1947, then was elevated successively as Eastern District Council chairman, 3rd national vice-president, 2nd national vice-president and 1st national vice-president. He also served as chairman of the national constitution committee during the 1948-50 biennium.

DIRECT MAIL APPROACH TO SOLICITING ISSEI JACL MEMBERSHIP TOLD

[Los Angeles] The direct-mail approach to soliciting Issei membership is meeting with greater-than-expected success, according to Dr. Toru Iura, Southwest Los Angeles chapter president.

Over 600 pieces were sent to recently naturalized Issei in the southwest Los Angeles area and after a two week's wait, the count has surpassed the 100 mark.

The solicitation consisted of a letter in English on one side and a Japanese translation on the reverse side, explaining JACL membership. A stamped return envelope, with inside flaps marked for changes of address, if any, is also enclosed.

Last Sunday morning, a minute-spot through courtesy of Nisei Trading Co. was made on Radio Li'l Tokio giving strong support to the membership drive. It was explained membership fees were \$3 per year (\$5 per couple). Proprietors Henry and Herb Murayama of Nisei Trading and announcer Matao Uwate, who conducts the broadcast, are all 1000 Club members.

Rep. Burdick's wife thrown from horse, dies

[Williston, N.D.] Mrs. Usher L. Burdick, wife of a North Dakota congressman, was killed Aug. 29 when thrown from a horse while her husband watched helplessly from an automobile.

Mrs. Burdick, 46, who married the 76-year-old congressman July 31, was riding on the Burdick ranch four miles from Williston.

Rep. Burdick, who was riding nearby in the automobile, rushed his wife to the Williston Hospital where she was pronounced dead.

(Rep. Burdick, a Republican member of the House Judiciary Subcommittee on Claims, participated in evacuation claims hearings last year on the West Coast and will take part in the Sept. 26-30 hearings on the Lane-Hillings bill liberalizing the claims law.)

INTERMOUNTAIN CONFAB HOSTED BY SNAKE RIVER CL

[Ontario, Ore.] Plans are now being made by the Snake River JACL chapter for the eighth biennial Intermountain District JACL Convention to be held here Nov. 25, 26 and 27. Delegates are expected from Utah, Idaho and Oregon.

An interesting and varied program, including business sessions, bowling tournament, tea and fashion show for women delegates, banquets, and dance are being planned.

General chairman for the three-day convention is George Sugai, co-chairman, Joe Saito. The following have been chosen chairmen of the respective committees:

Paul Saito, regis. info.; Roy Kanayama, housing; Tom Ogura, transp.; Joe Saito, gen. arr.; Dr. Kenji Yaguchi, fin.; Heizi Yasuda, Mrs. Min Nakamura, bowling; George Iseri, Club; Sam Wakasugi, Mrs. Henry Ogura, banquet-dance; Mrs. George Sugai, fashion-tea; Mrs. K. Sugahiro, nursery; Frank Harano, conv. pic.; and Mrs. George Mita, pub.

A special banquet and program for newly naturalized citizens is also on the agenda.

OC JAYS to hear Inagaki at first installation fete

[Santa Ana] George Inagaki, national JACL president, will be guest speaker at the first installation banquet of the Orange County Japanese American Youths tonight at the Masonic Temple here.

Suzie Ohara, general chairman, announced the theme of the banquet will be "We Endeavor," which will be broadened into lines of sports, scholarship, leadership and service.

The O.C. Jays, composed of over 100 high school and college-age Nisei, are sponsored by the Orange County JACL. Bill Marumoto was re-elected president at the Aug. 19 general meeting held at the Ohara residence in El Modena. Other officers are:

Susie Ohara, v.p.; Jeanne Takido, sec.; Hiro Shinoda, treas.; Helen Nakamura, Mike Ota, soc. chmn.; Jane Asari, pub.; Nancy Fukuda, hist.; Benny Marumoto, ath.; Alice Nakawaki, Jane Wada, Richard Matsumoto, June Wada, mems.-at-lrg.; Carl Honda, chmn. bd. of dir.; Jun Nishino, Janet Fukuda, Agnes Morioka, Bill Marumoto, John Okamoto, Richard Ikemi, Lou Ann Fukuda, Jim Matsunaga and Susie Ohara, bd. mems.

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 prior to the war as treaty merchants, students, and visitors, and were stranded here during hostilities. Many of these aliens had, by then, American citizen spouses and United States born children.

Dr. Judd, considered to be the Far Eastern expert in Congress and the ranking Republican member of the House Foreign Affairs Subcommittee on the Far East, was a medical missionary in China for many years.

When, during World War II, as a gesture to an ally, bills were introduced to extend immigration and naturalization privileges to the Chinese, Congressman Judd unsuccessfully tried to include the Japanese and all other Asians.

NON-CONTROVERSIAL

Immediately after the end of the war, he drafted legislation which became known as the Judd Bill which proposed to eliminate all racial prohibitions to naturalization and to repeal all racial, but not quantitative, restrictions on immigration.

He was so successful in gaining congressional support for his principle of racial equality in naturalization and immigration that his provisions were incorporated almost in their entirety in the Immigration and Nationality Act of 1952. His were the noncontroversial provisions over which neither the opponents nor the proponents of the measure quarrelled.

Prior to the enactment of the 1952 Act which embodied Congressman Judd's principles, since 1789, the Congress had extended naturalization privileges only by designating specific races. In 1924, the Congress excluded the peoples of the Orient from immigration to the United States on the grounds that they were "racially ineligible to citizenship."

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a home to a non-Caucasian may jeopardize their investment. They fall back on the old myth that minority group Americans depreciate property values. The answer is that property values have fallen only in instances of panic selling by prejudiced people.

ENCOURAGING NOTE IN HOUSING

Actually, there is much that is encouraging in the housing picture today. The Federal Housing Administration, for instance, is forthright in its opposition to racial bias. Its administrator, Albert M. Cole, has announced the FHA will give "active support and guidance" to the elimination of housing discrimination.

The FHA has been instrumental in setting up the Voluntary Home Mortgage Program (VHMP) which seeks to make mortgage money for home purchases available to racial minority group members. There have been instances where builders have been willing to sell to Nisei, only to learn that banks or other lending institutions in the community would not finance a loan.

Sponsored by public lending institutions under authority provided by Title VI of the Housing Act of 1954, the VHMP acts as a clearing house to bring together minority group buyers, who are otherwise eligible for loans insured by the FHA or guaranteed by the Veterans Administration, and willing lenders. If the Nisei is refused mortgage money in his home community, the VHMP will go outside the community to find a lender. VHMP's service also are for people who live in small communities or in remote areas where there are no financial institutions.

VHMP regional communities already are functioning in 16 regions throughout the United States. Information on VHMP may be obtained from the following western offices: Region XI (Kansas, Oklahoma, Missouri and Colorado), Room 1012, Federal Office Building, Kansas City, Mo.; Region XIV, (Wyoming, Utah, Montana, Idaho) Room 203-1, Old Terminal Building, Salt Lake City, Utah; Region XV (Washington, Oregon), Room 516 U.S. Post Office Building, Portland, Ore.; and Region XVI (California, Nevada, Arizona, Hawaii, Guam) Room 208, Custom House, San Francisco.

NATIONAL DIRECTOR'S REPORT: by MASAO SATOW

Two projects—endowment fund and 1000 Club—suggested as immediate goals as JACL enters its second quarter century

San Francisco
 Twenty five years ago this week in Seattle, representative Nisei from west coast communities joined with delegates from the then independently existing nine local Japanese American citizens organizations, and formed themselves into a national organization which they named the Japanese American Citizens League. They organized to help themselves become better Americans, to protect the welfare of persons of Japanese ancestry in America, and to acquaint the general public with Japanese Americans.

Too much cannot be said of the foresight of this ambitious group of relatively young citizens, and it is doubtful if any of them dreamed that the organization they were launching would affect so greatly the lives of every person of Japanese ancestry in America in the years ahead.

In this 25th Anniversary Year we are proud of the record that JACL has established. We particularly appreciate the fine tribute given JACL by Congressman Walter H. Judd of Minnesota in the *Congressional Record* and his presentation of the American flag which has flown over the Nation's Capitol.

We gratefully accept this Flag, not only for what it symbolizes, but also as a recognition of JA-

CL's efforts in working toward "Better Americans in a Greater America". It is quite fitting that the remarks and presentation should come from the Congressman who was the first to incorporate into a bill the principle of equality in naturalization.

Congressman Judd will be touring Europe and the Orient this fall as a member of the House Foreign Affairs Committee. We are hopeful that his return via the west coast may be the occasion for his official public presentation of the Flag and our chance to honor him.

Into 2nd Quarter Century

We leave to others to dwell on JACL's significant past accomplishments. Our concern is to assure that JACL can continue to do the kind of things that our past record indicates are possible when we work together in organized fashion with other Americans to make democracy a living force.

Frankly, we would like to boost our National Endowment Fund to somewhere near the significant figure it deserves. We must make a positive effort to tap the resources which are available to overcome the disappointing and discouraging response to date. We remind ourselves again that poor leadership blames the people for their apathy, while good leader-



ship searches itself to find the ways and means of fulfilling its responsibilities.

Also, we would like to usher in JACL's second quarter century by this year achieving the goal of our One Thousand Club. As of the first of August our current membership in good standing numbered 879, the highest we have had to date. But during the month we have suffered a setback as the number of new members and renewals fell some twenty short of the expirations for the period. During the month seventeen former members responded to our special letter of appeal in our effort to bridge the gap between the number of active members and the 1,380 who have joined at one time or another since the 1000 Club came into being.

The House I Live In

The housing problem of Major Sammy Lee highlights one of the areas of unfinished business which we have recently set out to do something about as an organization. But the response toward compiling the necessary data is meager, no doubt because the majority of the Nisei shun publicity, prefer not to get personally involved, and quietly withdraw from deals in the face of opposition. But this attitude, understandable though it be, delays the fulfillment of democracy.

The Sammy Lee case demonstrates again that democracy's major victories are not necessarily won on the battlefield. As has been pointed out, the essence of democracy is to give every guy a chance, even the little guy who doesn't have the weight of a VIP to throw around.

It means the difficult task of each of us making every case of discrimination a personal issue and giving more than lip service, something of which most of us are guilty.

Those of us who experienced the days of resettlement should remember the Americans who were willing to stand up and be counted, who recognized that democracy has no spectators but only participants, and that silence is construed as a negative vote. Indeed, such Americans have made JACL's program tick these many years.

We Keep Moving Ahead

Congratulations, to the officers of the Berkeley chapter, San Luis Obispo, Venice-Culver, Washington, D.C.; Watsonville, and Yellowstone, for this month topping their 1954 membership performances, giving us a total of 59 chapters which have now done so. The Mt.-Plains chapters as a District has done better than last year, and the Midwest needs only a few more members to go over.

Nationally, as of date we have pulled up to last year, thanks mainly to the many newly naturalized citizens who consider JACL membership as the next logical step after acquiring American citizenship.

Subcommittee Hearings

We trust that the hearings conducted by the House Judiciary Subcommittee on Claims the latter part of September in San Francisco and Los Angeles will serve as a big boost toward the passage of H.R. 7763 in the next session of Congress. Whereas last year the representative larger claimants themselves testified, we understand that the hearings this time will be confined to the attorneys on the more technical aspects of the Lane Amendment.

Both in Los Angeles and San Francisco we are planning to set aside one evening where the larger claimants who have signed up with our Committee on Japanese American Evacuation Claims can

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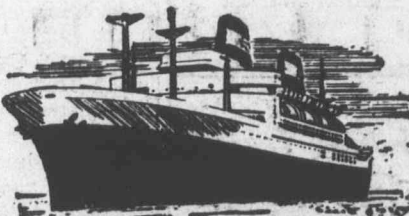
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MEAN SPLEEN

Los Angeles

● Sometimes, discrimination follows you into the grave, judging from cemetery burial restrictions Nisei have experienced. And to go one better, the two dog cemeteries we've heard of won't bury dead dogs if their masters were non-white!

But we aren't here to discuss canine Valhallas. We're concerned with *ima*, which is not the feminine gender of the booch potato, *imo*, but rather the present time, now, and what's happening to a plucky Nisei girl living in the valley who was there fustest with the mostest but who's been cursed with some stinky-mean new neighbors, hakujuin variety.

It's not always how-tough-it-is for Nisei to buy a home in a restricted residential area. Sometimes, as in Amy Motodani's case, neighbors who move in later can be prejudiced to a nasty degree.

Amy and her recently naturalized mother have lived in their San Fernando home for the past few years. Enter the newcomers who have resorted to weeks of harrassment to drive them out of the neighborhood. Below-the-belt stuff. Anonymous phone threats, maleficous mischief and other intimidating dirt.

We admire Amy for her spunk in not scaring off but instead fighting back—with plenty of support from friends and community.

Most folks make good friendly neighbors and it's rare to run across this kind that pulls off rat capers. But then, just as there are some undesirable Nisei and the ilk among all groups, you can't help bumping into occasional white trash.

● With malice aforethought, this brings us to our fortnightly lingo-lesson (formerly weekly but weakly). People like Amy's neighbors who resort to dirty, underhanded and cowardly acts are *hikyō*. Since we read only romaji and an occasional kana at best, we've come up with a dictionary etymology that figures. *Hi* is the word for spleen, the organ of spite. *Kyo* means mania. Simple, isn't it? These *hikyō* are batty to begin with and some frustration is causing them to vent their spleen on Amy.

At any rate, we're with her all the way. So's JACL legal beagle Chuman who's advising Amy on this deal.

● VISITOR THIS WEEK: Vernon Ichisaka of Seabrook, N.J., past prez of the Seabrook JACL enroute home after attending conference of the Amer. Soc. of Agronomists at Davis, Calif. He's the driving force behind the terrific support this chapter and community consistently give the PC holiday issue with two full pages of greeting ads. We undergradded with Vernon at UCB when his home town was around San Leandro. He majored in plant nutrition and is now chief soil scientist at Seabrook Farms' vast operations. We specialized in human nutrition and wound up running a tapeworm farm . . . Midori Watanabe of the Hollywood JACL who volunteered a day's work during the week absence of our sec'y . . . and Jennie Ishikawa, librarian of Beverly Hills High School and co-WRA worker in Kansas City, Mo., who helped us out for three days.



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that it means to this exemplary organization which has personified, as few organizations with similar objectives have their slogan, 'For better Americans in a greater America.'

TRIBUTE TO JACL

"I know that many of my colleagues, of both political parties from every geographical section, join with me in congratulating the JACL on their first quarter century of dedicated service to our country, in general, and to our Americans of Japanese ancestry, in particular.

"To appreciate just how much has been accomplished in the past 25 years, one need only look back in mind's eye to 1930, when the ill effects of the Japanese Exclusion Act of 1924 were still clearly visible and Japanese Americans were suspect people concentrated only on our west coast. In contrast, examine their position today as accepted and assimilated fellow Americans who are known and welcomed throughout the entire land. To have accomplished so much, for any people, in such a short time, and against such odds of prejudice and discrimination, with so little in the way of financial and political backing, is not only a tribute to the leadership and membership of JACL but also to the system of government and the democratic processes which gave opportunity and incentive for such progress in human relations.

"As we wish for JACL, its officers and its membership, another quarter century of successful attainment in the common cause of trying to make our land a better place in which to live and work, may I add the hope that the next 25 years to come will not be under the same trying circumstances either for our Nation or for Americans of Japanese ancestry.

"Seldom can the history of a people be identified with a single organization. But uniquely and unmistakably, the annals of persons of Japanese ancestry on the United States mainland during their most crucial and tumultuous quarter century, when their destiny in this country was secured for all time to come, is the story of JACL.

"Indeed, had it not been for JACL, with its skillful use of the tools of democracy, it is doubtful that those of Japanese origin in this land would enjoy the healthy and promising status that is theirs today as integrated and loyal Americans.

"JACL's record belies the facts that Americans of Japanese ancestry are among the fewest in numbers and the youngest in average age of all our many nationality groups, being only some 85,000, average about 30 years in age; that they are only one generation removed from the emigrants of an Asian land whose culture, language, and heritage are quite different from that of most Americans who trace their origins to Europe; and that they were persecuted and prosecuted as perhaps no other racial minority in our Nation's experience . . .

"In spite of their youth and in-

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meet with members of the Congressional Subcommittee.

Taps

■ In company with our Second National Vice-President Kenji Tashiro, we made a sad trip to San Juan Bautista to pay final respects to JACLer George Nishita.

As he was laid to final rest on the windy hill overlooking the little town whose life and people he helped to enrich, his wife Masako related how he fretted about not being able to attend the recent quarterly meeting of the Northern California-Western Nevada District Council—he had so many things he wanted to bring up at the meeting.

It was just like George, always thinking about JACL. A tower of strength to all who knew him, he has left a big void, and JACL has suffered an irreparable loss.

experience, in spite of voluntary, part-time work, for there was never any money for staff or offices, the JACL was remarkably successful even in the prewar period when their major attention was devoted to building up an organization with responsible membership and leadership . . .

"But the war came before any real progress was made to build up the organization or to prepare the Japanese-American communities on the Pacific coast for the tragic events that were to follow . . .

"To the credit of JACL, they did not shirk their responsibilities even under the most trying of circumstances . . .

CRUCIAL WAR YEARS

Congressman Judd pointed out how the JACL tried to persuade the Government and the American people to distinguish between enemy Japan and loyal Japanese-Americans, how it protested the illegality of evacuation, and how finally, since the orders were described as having been dictated by "military necessity," the JACL urged all its members and all others of Japanese ancestry "to cooperate in their own removal as their ultimate contribution to the national defense, even though such cooperation would cause property losses in hundreds of millions of dollars and incalculable suffering, misery, and humiliation."

Congressman Judd said that "it was this unprecedented cooperation that resulted in the mass evacuation of some 110,000 civilians without incident and forced reappraisal of the so-called Japanese problem, for it was inconceivable that disloyal or dangerous persons would not have at least attempted to embarrass the Army and provoked bloodshed, thereby providing the enemy with valuable propaganda in its efforts to gain the support of fellow Asians."

Yet in spite of all this, after the evacuation had been completed, an emergency national session

of the JACL in Salt Lake City, Utah, in 1942, Congressman Judd observed how the JACL, after affirming their faith in their Government, unanimously adopted resolutions demanding the right to serve in the Armed Forces which had been denied them by selective service after the outbreak of war and the opportunity for those remaining in camp to relocate to the Midwest and in the East to aid in the national defense efforts.

PROGRAM IN POSTWAR YEARS

The partial text of Congressman Judd's remarks continues: "After the end of hostilities, when many of its members who had served in the 442nd and in G-2 in the Pacific returned to try to translate their wartime exploits into positive good for their parents and families, JACL held its first postwar biennial national convention . . . in 1946 . . . and there determined upon a three-fold program (legislative, judicial, educational) to secure the kind of acceptance and equality which would forever safeguard persons of Japanese ancestry in this country from a repetition of their World War II tragedies . . .

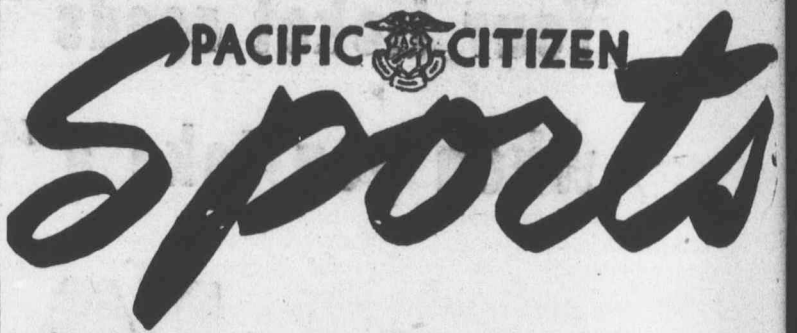
"That in the nine years since the Denver convention the JACL has just about attained all of their major objectives is plainly evident, although just how remains a 'miracle of democracy,' as one old Japanese pioneer described it at a recent naturalization ceremony.

"JACL has utilized the tools of a representative government in such an effective manner that they are today a model that can well be emulated by others seeking justice and equality of treatment."

MANY MEMBERS HAVE HELPED

Many Members of Congress from the West as well as from other sections of the country, Republicans and Democrats alike, have actively participated in the enactment of these remedial and

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Lodi hosts for annual California Nisei baseball championship tourney Sept. 3-5

[Lodi] Seven teams vie in the California Nisei baseball championship tournament here this weekend with Placer JACL, defending titlists, drawing an automatic bye in the first round of play Saturday night.

Denver All-Stars and Cal Spray Nisei from Central California are two new teams in tournament play, joining previous entrants: Lodi A.C., San Jose Zebras, Sacramento Valley All-Stars, and Los Angeles Nisei Trading.

The schedules:

Saturday, Sept. 3
8 p.m.—Lodi A.C. vs. Denver.
Sunday, Sept. 4
12:30 p.m.—San Jose Zebras vs. Nisei Trading.
3:30 p.m.—Cal Spray vs. Sacramento Valley.
8 p.m.—Placer JACL vs. Winner of Zebras-vs.-Trading.
Monday, Sept. 5
1 p.m.—Winner of Lodi-vs.-Denver vs. Winner of Cal Spray-vs.-Sacramento.
8 p.m.—Championship Game. (3:30 u.m. if L.A. is finalist).

■ Newly-crowned tennis kings Kosei Kamo and Atsushi Miyagi termed their championship in the 75th National Doubles tournament at Brookline, Mass., their "biggest tennis thrill". The Japanese Davis Cup duo edged a pair of unseeded West Coast players, Jerry Moss of Modesto and Bill Quillian of Seattle, 6-2, 6-3, 3-6, 1-6, 6-4.

■ Tennis in Los Angeles and San Francisco, apparently, hasn't recovered from the setbacks of the war. Nisei youngsters aren't taking to the game and veterans in

their 40s or pushing that mark are vainly waiting for the young crop to develop—so comments a Canadian Nisei visitor on the West Coast recently.

Jim Sato (who's near 40) did it again in the Southern Cal open, besting veteran Ted Sasaki 6-4, 6-4 in the "AA" singles last Sunday. About the only title-winning youngster is Rey Maeno, son of attorney John Maeno who played a lot of tennis before the war, in the men's "B". Other scores:

CHAMPIONSHIP MATCHES

Men's A—Jimmy Sakimoto def. Toshio Shinden 4-6, 6-4, 6-0; Men's A Doubles—Shig Ito-Ted Sasaki def. Joe Nagano-Frank Sata 7-5, 8-6; Men's B—Rey Maeno def. Toshio Hisamune 6-1, 6-2; Men's B Doubles—Jim Tsuchiyama-Takumi Asano def. Tom Tokoro-Shig Goto 4-6, 7-5, 6-3.

Women's A—Helen Watanabe def. Bessie Igarashi 6-3, 6-0; Women's Doubles—Sumi Kamachi-Bessie Igarashi def. Margaret Keimi-Mrs. Iwata 6-3, 6-8, 6-0; Women's B—Diane def. Alice Ibaraki 6-2, 7-5.

Mixed Doubles A—Helen Watanabe-Joe Nagano def. Sumi Kamachi-Ted Sasaki 6-4, 8-4; Mixed Doubles B—Mrs. I. Iwata-Tom Tokoro def. Sandy Sunago-Mac Teshirogi 6-1, 4-6, 6-1.

■ Eyes of Nisei golfdom are focused on the Northwest Nisei Open at Portland this Sunday—36-holes in one day for nearly 80 contestants, according to George Azumano of the Portland Golf Ass'n. Chief interest lies in the duel between Erv Furukawa of Seattle and Min Yoshizaki of Los Angeles, 2 and 3 handicap players respectively. Roy Hashitani of Ontario, Ore., is also entered with a 2 handicap.

Los Angeles Newsletter

BY HENRY MORI

LI'L TOKIO DOFFS FESTIVAL MOOD

Los Angeles

The red banners came down and the paper lanterns were tucked away in a warehouse for another year. The 15th annual Nisei Week Festival became history last Sunday night with the traditional closing ceremony.

This may appear to be very academic but in all our long years of covering the yearly Nisei Week we've often wondered how horrible it would be if the local merchants didn't have the use of Weller St. for their fiestas.

As long as we can remember, it's always been the Weller St. section—probably one of the shortest and busy block-long streets in the city—where most of the parading and ondo dancing occurs during the final two nights.

The beauty of it all now is that the county has built a parking lot between the two V-shaped corners of Weller on the west side of the street and this adds to the convenience of festival goers. The carnivals are held there.

(We make this slight comment for all those out of town readers who may be wondering about the new structural set-up of Li'l Tokio, after northwest side of First and San Pedro Sts. was consumed by the Police Dept. administration building.)

Many of us close to the activities of the annual event think the affair has become pretty much routine; no different than those we've seen run before the war. Oldtimers like Kiyo Yamato and Eiji Tanabe still find themselves in one committee or another because of their past experiences.

But time has a funny way of changing things, too. This one came as a result of a TV newsreel cameraman who insisted he wanted a "surprise" shot of the winner on stage as her name was announced as queen.

Traditionally, the attendants walk down the aisle first to the musical strains of "Pomp and Circumstance" and then take their places on the stage. The impact of guessing who will be the queen naturally heightens as each girl makes her debut.

Not so this year. A familiar figure as emcee at previous Coronation Balls, Paul Bannai explained he would first introduce the girls as they took their places on stage. (The six candidates had entered on the basis of height; the shortest appearing first.) Then Paul said he would open an envelope and read the name of the queen. Suspense had no time to brew.

Since Stella Nakadate had been a standout among the six finalists, all the excitement dissipated right there and then. The announcement almost sounded anti-climatic. It's doubtful if the committee will ever pull a stunt like that again. Somehow persons of Japanese ancestry just don't topple over with happiness in expressing their emotions.

JUDGE DROPS LIQUOR LICENSE CASE

A liquor license conspiracy case involving a Los Angeles Japanese accountant has been dismissed by Judge Franklin G. West.

The action came when Orange County district attorney Robert P. Kneeland told the superior court jurist no new evidence could be produced to prosecute Takeo Takekoshi. He and two other men were charged with conspiring to commit acts "injurious to public morals."

Two days before Judge West's ruling, the same court ordered a mistrial when defense counsel said the prosecution's questioning of a character witness for Takekoshi constituted "prejudicial misconduct."

The 14-week trial held in Santa Ana accused the three men of conspiracy to obstruct justice in connection with attempts to transfer nine liquor permits held by Japanese Americans.

One defendant in the case was Herman Pause, suspended Orange County liquor administrator.

VITAL STATISTICS

Births

LOS ANGELES

BISHOP—July 14, girl Teri A. to Ray J. Bishops (Tsuneko Tomita), De-dondo Beach. BRUMFIELD—July 16, girl Valerie J. to William H. Brumfields (Kiyoko Tanabe), Santa Monica. DUNN—May 21, boy James C. to Leo M. Dunns (Sue Ariyoshi). ETO—July 12, boy Robert Hitoshi to Thomas T. Etos (Sadako Tanaka). FUJII—Aug. 5, boy Masaru to Minoru M. Fujiis (Haruko Koshima). FUJIMOTO—July 20, girl Susan Kaoru to Dr. Tadashi Fujimotos (Kiku Fukunaga). FUJINAMI—Aug. 3, girl Janice L. to Shig Fujinamis (Rose Shibata). HAYASHI—July 3, boy Paul K. to Frank Y. Hayashis (Yaye Yamamoto). HIROSE—July 13, girl Jennifer Umeko to Sunao Hiroses (Tsuyako Nakahara). HIROTA—July 8, girl Janet Hiroko to Albert T. Hirotas (Suzuko Hirota). HIROTA—July 11, girl Shirley D. to William S. Hirotos (Yuri Hayashi), El Monte. IGAUYE—July 7, boy Noel to Noboru Igaues (June Sugimoto). ISHIZAWA—July 22, girl Jodi A. to Noboru Ishizawas (Catherine S. Mootaka). KAGAWA—July 23, girl Deborah Ann to Kiyoshi Kagawas (Fumiko Monomoi), Venice. KANAMOTO—July 17, boy Danny Makoto to Setsuo Kanamotos (Yoshiko Yamanouye). KATSUYAMA—July 11, girl to Frank T. Katsuyamas (Yoshi Tanabe). MASAOKA—July 19, boy David R. to Henry Iwao Masaokas (Sachi Tamaki). MATOBA—July 6, girl Margaret Tsukiko to Minoru Matobas (Ito Nishi). MATSUNO—July 7, boy Matt Esa to Isao Matsunos (Shizue Watamura). MATSUOKA—July 20, girl Laurie Reiko to Yoshiaki S. Matsuokas (Kimi-ko Tatsumi). MIZUKAMI—July 15, girl Jan to Makoto W. Mizukamis (Shizuko Sakamoto). MORIKAWA—July 10, boy John Kenneth to Joe Yoshio Morikawas (Kyoko Yamada). MORIWAKI—July 26, girl Teri L. to Miki Moriwakis (Yuriko Sakurai), Pasadena. MUKAIHATA—July 26, girl Carol Katsuko to Tad Mukaihatas (Bitsy Nagai). MURAKAMI—July 15, girl Suzanne Michi to Hiroshi Murakamis (Nobuko Toda). MURAYAMA—July 9, boy Leo W. to Yasuhiro Murayamas (Atsuko Yamaguchi). NAKAMOTO—July 15, boy David S. to Kazuhiko Nakamotos (Michi Mavemura). NISHIMURA—July 20, boy Scott Masaru to Robert Nishimuras (Miyuki Sakai). OGATA—July 13, girl Sherrie Sachiko to Roy K. Ogatas (Hideko Shizaki). OKAMURA—July 15, girl Janice L. to Michihiko Okamuras (Lily Matsuda). OKUNO—July 6, girl Kathryn to Te-tsuo Okunos (Kimi-ko Takahashi). ONODA—July 13, girl Vickie A. to Takeo Onodas (Miyoko Moritomo). SAITO—July 10, boy Brian Kelley to James O. Saitos (Kazuko Mikami). SHINN—July 8, boy Evan M. to Henry Katsuki Shinn (Grace T. Ichikawa). SHISHINO—July 16, boy Robert D. to Hayao Shishinos (Mitsuko Ryozaiki). SHOJI—July 21, boy Dean J. to Hiroichi Shojis (Kimi Inagi). SUGINO—July 13, girl Sandra Aya to Arthur T. Suginos (Ruth Akiyama). TAKAHASHI—July 17, girl Jamie S. to James H. Takahashi (Fusako Hamakawa). TAKAKUWA—July 6, boy Bill to Richard S. Takakuwas (Ishiko Ishimoto), Gardena. TAMURA—July 2, boy Reed A. to Ralph K. Tamuras (Amy A. Uohara). TERAGUCHI—July 16, boy Susumu S. to Toshito Teraguchis (Chiyoko Ariyasu). TSUJII—July 10, boy Russell Nagao to Isao Tsujis (Nobuko Hanzawa).

Departure breakfast slated for Japan foreign minister

[Los Angeles] A departure breakfast in honor of Japanese Foreign Minister Shigemitsu, who held conferences with Washington officials earlier this week, is being planned Sept. 5 at the Ambassador Hotel. He arrives Sunday, 5:35 p.m., at International Airport and departs the following morning at 11 for Japan.

TSUYUKI—July 13, boy Lester Minoru to Sumio Tsuyukis (Satsuko Fukuda). UYEDA—July 20, boy Calvin Yoshio to Jimmie Uyedas (Elsie Yoshiko Nakagawa). YAMANAKA—July 16, girl Rene Shizue to James M. Yamanakas (Terue Miyake). YAMANO—July 18, girl Diane Yukiko to John Y. Yamanos (Junko Uota). YAMASHITA—July 24, girl Linda Yoshima to Yoshio Yamashitas (Harumi Okuno). YAMASHITA—July 16, boy Yoshio Roy to Yoshiro Yamashitas (Tomoe Nii).

SANTA ANA

HIRAMATSU—July 31, girl to Tom Hiramatsus, Huntington Beach. KAWAGUCHI—May 1, girl Gayl Mitsuko to Mits Kawaguchis, Huntington Beach. KUSANO—July 31, girl to Torao Kusanos, Orange. SAKIOKA—June 28, girl Sherry to John Saktiokas.

VISALIA

SHIBA—July 23, boy to George Shibas, Cutler.

FRESNO

ANDO—June 23, girl to Wasco Andos. KAWAMOTO—June 28, girl to Toshio Kawamotos, Bowles. KIMURA—July 21, twin boy & girl to George Kimuras. KODA—July 29, boy to Roy Kodas. NAKAYAMA—June 19, boy to Wallace Mizunos, Reedley. OSAKI—July 27, girl to Frank Osakis, Fowler. SASAKI—July 8, girl to Sakae Sasaki. SHIRAKAWA—July 8, boy to Ernest K. Shirakawas. SUDA—Aug. 1, girl to Willy Sudas. TANGE—July 19, boy to Henry Tanges, Sanger.

ARIZONA

KANO—July 30, boy to S. A. Kanos, Avondale.

OREGON

FUJINO—July 25, boy Gregg A. to Tak J. Fujinos, Portland. SAITO—Aug. 4, girl to Larry Saitos, Nyssa.

SEATTLE

HIRANAKA—July 27, girl to Charles T. Hiranakas. KOSAI—July 27, boy to Aizo Kosais. MATSUNAGA—July 27, girl to Roy Matsunagas. SAMESHIMA—July 28, girl to Jack Sameshimas. SEKIJIMA—July 29, boy to Mizou Sekijimas. YAMAMOTO—Aug. 5, girl to Mack Yamamotos.

Vested property

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and could not be resolved unilaterally in favor of Japan without great hardship to this country or to others; however, "since it was especially critical that the Foreign Minister be given some real indication of our goodwill and good intentions to his country, this was one area in which the United States could act unilaterally, and not indulge in the usual platitudes of amity and comity."

FAVORED BY JACL

The JACL has long been in favor of the return of vested property since many Issei and Nisei are involved. Masaoka, as Washington representative, has so testified before congressional committees for several years. He is also a member of the Executive Committee for the Return of Confiscated German and Japanese Property.

He urged members of this committee to write letters inviting distinguished Americans to write similar letters to Dulles expressing their concern with this problem as it relates to Japan as heretofore emphasis has been placed on the problem of confiscated German property.

Acting chairman of the committee is Dr. Charles S. Collier, professor of International Law at George Washington University. Another member of the Committee is the distinguished jurist, Federal Judge Learned Hand.

Judd

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corrective statutes which have been enacted in the past decade.

Reading of the testimony before congressional committees and the Record on the debates in the Congress on the many bills which have given a new meaning to democracy to these recently "suspect" Americans amount to a testament of recognition and esteem seldom voiced by lawmakers...

"The JACL coupled their congressional campaigns with special activities in the various State legislatures concerned to eliminate the remaining vestiges of the anti-Orientalism of the early 1900's.

"In the field of litigation, too, nationally and in the States, JACL has successfully argued the unconstitutionality of discriminatory laws which restricted the opportunities of persons of Japanese ancestry and subjected them to indignities.

"The American people now know and welcome Americans of Japanese ancestry. They are no longer confined in the main to the west coast but are to be found in every State in the Union, accepted by their neighbors and completely assimilated into their respective communities.

"I have been advised by the JACL, as they prepare for their next quarter century of service, that Americans of Japanese ancestry enjoy a far better status in this country than ever before, even in the best of prewar days. Today they are confident of their future, for under the leadership of the JACL they are, in fact, better Americans in an America made greater by their contributions...

TOUCHSTONE OF DEMOCRACY

"The JACL story for their first 25 years is an inspiring document of democracy in action at the best, an epic which could have been written only in America and which completely refutes the hate and race mongers of only a few years ago who charged that the Japanese, by their very character, were unassimilable into the American cultural pattern, which itself, as we all know, is made up of the cultures and the contributions of all the many peoples who have immigrated to these shores since time immemorial, as did the ancestors of all of us.

"But perhaps even more important in the long pull of history is that what the JACL has accomplished here in the United States is living proof to all the free peoples of the world, and especially to those in the Far East who are so important to us as a nation today, that the democratic way is best, for it makes possible the correction of a abuses and wrongs and the achievement of justice and redress on the basis of the complete record and of individual merit, not race, color, creed, or national origin.

"Ours is an imperfect democracy, it is true. But the JACL has proved that it is a constantly improving one which continually strives to forge an ever more perfect union.

"Congratulations to the Japanese American Citizens League, their officers, and their members on this historical milestone in human relations.

"All of us have learned much from their quarter-century history, and all of us can gain much by putting into practice, as they have so nobly done, their national slogan, 'For better Americans in a greater America'."

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EDITORIALS:

JACL's 25 years hard to match from community service aspect

Twenty-five years ago over the Labor Day holidays, Seattle greeted some fifty out-of-town delegates from various West Coast communities as well as single representatives from Hawaii, Illinois and New York. Its outcome was the national organization of the Japanese American Citizens League.

Since then, national conventions have been called on the even-numbered years. Each biennium saw the tiny seed planted in Seattle by the founders grow.

It survived the crucial issue of evacuation in 1942 and grim days that followed. It envisioned specific objectives at the 1946 Denver convention—hardly expecting successful achievement within a decade.

A quarter-century of community service that has been JACL's is hard to match. The most picayunish critic admits no other national organization would have accomplished as much for persons of Japanese ancestry in the United States. And the JACL has had its share of criticism from within and without. Yet, it has grown to adulthood because of its belief in the principles embodied in the national JACL slogans: Security through unity—for better Americans in a greater America.

Predicting what the next quarter-century holds for the organization is not our business, but we trust it shall be as satisfying so long as these slogans are kept unsullied.

Flag presentation inspiring

Congressman Judd of Minnesota—a name long familiar to persons of Japanese ancestry because of his fight in Congress to extend naturalization and immigration privileges to all regardless of race—this week presented an American flag which has flown over the United States Capitol to the Japanese American Citizens League on the occasion of its 25th anniversary.

The gesture has inspired us to recall the childhood love of Stars and Strips—the school days when we memorized the Pledge of Allegiance, the thrill of seeing the colors on a Fourth of July parade—and even further the adult love of the Flag during wartime, when we stood at attention facing the Red, White & Blue as a bugler called "To the Colors".

An even more intense love of country is inspired as Nisei tourists and servicemen have recalled overseas the tinge of home when they saw the Flag flutter atop the pole of some American consulate or ship. This sincere feeling of home to the Nisei is deep-rooted when one considers the consequences persons of Japanese ancestry have endured in their lifetime: discrimination, evacuation and exploitation.

Very Truly Yours

BY HARRY HONDA

SPELLING YOUR WAY TO COLLEGE

● Spelling became a national spectacle, thanks to TV, in recent weeks. There's something fascinating about a good old-fashioned spelling bee . . . Take this little girl who was content with \$16,000 by spelling some nonsensical phrase about a belligerent astigmatic anthropologist annihilating innumerable chrysanthemums . . . She has undoubtedly boosted the popularity rating of spelling for children, who are about to return to school in a couple of weeks . . . Her conquest of the 28-letter monstrosity, (now, altogether Mr. Linotyper) *antidisestablishmentarianism*, caused on Oakland gentleman to comment: "Let us not be found using such bastard forms in our speech. Antidisestablishmentarianism is semantically a double negative and in the poorest of usage." He offers another dandy—45-letters guaranteed to outrage even the most amiable linotyper. The word:



Pneumonoultramicroscopicsilicovolcanoconiosis.

This eye-twitching mouthful roughly translated means "dust" . . . "All of which proves that it is, after all, the little things in this world which count," the Oaklander moralizes.

● As for spelling itself, those who have not grown up with the English language experience difficulty in spelling. The "f" sound, for instance, may be designated by calf, coffee, cough, or camphor . . . But in such words as thought, sleigh or though, the "gh" is not pronounced "f" but is absolutely silent . . . Which has prompted many persons and organizations to crusade for simplified English spelling. The *Chicago Tribune* was most notable in this with their *sofomore, sofisticate, tho,* and *thru*. Now the "World's Greatest Newspaper" is abandoning the campaign a few months after the colonels' death . . . Some of them will be retained, but those the public has not accepted will be discarded . . . Simplifications are creeping into the language. We have seen the "ue" dropped from *catalog* and *dialog* or the "te" missing from *cigaret* . . . In the meantime, we shall stick to the preferred spelling (typographical errors, notwithstanding). It may be a means of letting some bright young child earn his way through college.

25 years ago, JACL had its first convention in Seattle—sought repeal of Japanese exclusion law

Washington

● Recently, a rather remarkable document insofar as persons of Japanese ancestry in the United States are concerned chanced across my desk. It was an unpretentious, 36-page, paper bound "minutes" of the First Biennial National Convention of the Japanese American Citizens League held in Seattle, Aug. 29, 30, 31, and September 1, 1930.

The dates caused me to count up the years. Twenty-five years, all of a quarter of a century has now passed since the JACL was founded as a national organization dedicated to the welfare of persons of Japanese ancestry in this country.

There is no need for me to recount here and now that these founders did their jobs well and that today much of the credit for the healthy and promising status of Americans of Japanese origin goes, without question, to the leadership and achievements of JACL through the past 25 of the most trying and troublesome years of our national existence.

92 Delegates Attend

● But, even to one supposedly so well versed in JACL lore, there is much of real interest in these records of what transpired two and a half decades ago when some 92 registered delegates, representing Hawaii, California, Oregon, Illinois, New York, and Washington, met and organized themselves into what has become recognized as the "spokesman" for those of Japanese ancestry in the United States.

A single Nisei, Tasuke Yamagata, represented the Territory of Hawaii; single Nisei also represented Illinois (Seichi Konzo) and New York (Tokutaro Nishimura Slocum). California communities represented were Brawley-Imperial Valley, Fresno, Los Angeles, San Francisco, Newcastle, Stockton, and San Jose; Oregon by Portland; and Washington State by Bellevue, Foster, Yakima, Wapato, Auburn, Spokane, Vashon, Fife, Tacoma, Kent and Seattle. Forty were registered from the host Seattle chapter with the next largest contingents from San Francisco and Vashon with seven each.

Clarence T. Arai tripled in brass. He was president of the host chapter, the President of the National Council, and the Convention Chairman. Secretary to the National Council was George Ishihara, then vice president of the Seattle Progressive Citizens League chapter of JACL.

A brief glance at the convention format indicates, and only a few additions indeed, the events and the affairs of the first conclave set the pattern for all the conventions to follow. As for business, it appears that pretty much the same kind of problems were discussed then as are argued now, except that round table meetings were used to carry on the discussions and to formulate resolutions which were ratified by the National Council. Nowadays, all

DECADE AGO

Sept. 1, 1945

St. Paul—Nisei will play major role in occupation of Japan, veil of secrecy finally lifted from activities of Military Intelligence Language School at Ft. Snelling.

San Francisco—Nisei evacuee (Takeo Miyama) stays on job in San Francisco dispute; municipal machinists abandon strike threat, Mayor Lapham supports evacuee's rights.

Sacramento—California American Legion reinstate two Japanese American Legion posts.

San Diego—Judge orders Oyama farm escheated to state as supreme court appeal seen.

Ottawa—Survey sponsored by Dominion shows Japanese in Canada want to remain after war; most Nisei-Canadians decline offer of expatriation to Japan.

delegates are required to sit as a body through the painstaking and laborious debates of the National Council.

Arai Wields Gavel

● President Arai, in sounding the convention call, according to the official record, "pointed out the course of development of the Citizens League movement along the coast, beginning with the Seattle Progressive Citizens League, which was organized ten years earlier (1920), the American Loyalty League Convention in 1924, the Fresno Conference in 1928, to the formation of the JACL at the California Conference in San Francisco in 1929. He stated: 'We need a national organization to cover the wide territory. In JACL, we can unite and work out problems together . . . We must organize the new generation and future generations to come by laying a stable foundation. We must train them to be of service to our country, state, and community'.



Issei community leader Heiji Okuda welcomed the delegates by saying: "We, the older people, have tried hard to establish ourselves, to smooth out differences, and now it is up to you young people to carry on . . . We want cooperation. Use your power to bring it about."

In addressing the opening session, J. J. Donovan, vice president of the Washington State Chamber of Commerce, made a prophetic suggestion: "You must not drift . . . Any race if it works hard becomes a credit to the United States".

Keynote Speaker

● The Economic and Vocational Round Table drew 20 delegates. Its chairman was Charles Kama-yatsu of Los Angeles and the discussion leader was Clarence Arai. The Social Round Table, with Charles Yoshii of Portland as chairman and Ashley E. Holden as discussion leader, attracted 25 delegates. The Legal Round Table, chairman and discussion leader Saburo Kido, had 15 in attendance. The Political Round Table, with chairman Tasuke Yamagata and discussion leader Dr. Charles E. Martin, also had 15 participants. The International Round Table, with chairman and discussion leader James Y. Sakamoto of Seattle, drew the record number, 80.

It is unfortunate that space will not permit some summaries of the various discussions that took place, for in the light of the subsequent 25 years there was considerable prophecy in what was said and suggested, particularly in the business, professional, and vocational fields.

Particularly interesting to this writer was the suggestion by the keynote speaker, J. J. Donovan of the Washington Chamber of Commerce, that the Japanese Exclusion Law of 1924 should be replaced by a quota for that nation. The subject of naturalization for Issei generation was not mentioned either by the speaker or by the delegates, though immigration and passport problems were the subjects of considerable argument.

Retrospection

● The official "minutes" summarizes the work of the Convention as follows:

"1. Adoption of the Constitution of the Japanese American Citizens League:

"2. Adoption of the League pin.

"3. Resolution to Congress, asking that American women citizens of Oriental Ancestry be given equal rights with other women citizens under the terms of the Cable Act Amendment. (At that time, Nisei citizens who married Japanese national husbands automatically lost their United States citizenship and there was no way in which that citizenship could

ever be recovered or regained, even in case of the death or divorce of the husband. This situation was later corrected when Miss Suma Sugi of the Los Angeles chapter became JACL's first Washington lobbyist and secured enactment of legislation authorizing Nisei wives of Japanese national husbands to regain their citizenship through expedited naturalization proceedings.)

"4. Resolution to Congress, calling their attention to the injustice done to the Japanese residents in America who fought in the army and the navy of the U.S.A. under inducement of citizenship, which citizenship was denied. (Issei served in the armed forces in the belief that they would be granted naturalization under the law that provided citizenship for aliens who served in the army and navy during World War I. The Supreme Court ruled that this law was not intended to include Japanese because the Congress did not specifically include them by name for these benefits. Special legislation extending naturalization to these Issei veterans of World War I was enacted in the late '30s when Legionnaire Toki Slocum, JACL's second Washington lobbyist, successfully carried on his campaign in Congress.)

"5. Resolution to the various chapters, asking for information as to the exact number of eligible voters in the various districts.

"6. Selection of Los Angeles as the convention city of 1932.

"7. Introduction of the Mutual Benefit Plan. (This was introduced by Saburo Kido.)"

Old-Timers Still Active

● A glance over the roster of delegates reveals only a few names that are still prominently active in JACL, though to this "young" intruder into organization ranks the maiden names of many present-day housewives and mothers are not known, of course.

At the risk of leaving some out who deserve to be included, here are some active JACLers who were there at the founding convention: Fred Hirasuna, Saburo Kido, Tom Yego, George Ishihara, and Thomas Masuda.

Convention Summaries

● There's always a question as to whether the founding Nisei of a quarter of a century ago would approve the direction and the leadership of their JACL in the past 25 years. There's no question, though, that most of them would be proud of the solid record of national and community service rendered by their "baby" now grown into adulthood.

On the other hand, one can't help but wonder how different the history of the JACL, and of persons of Japanese ancestry in this country, might have been had chapters been organized in Hawaii and throughout the rest of the nation in the pre-war decade after JACL's founding.

One can always speculate.

But few Monday morning quarterbacks could do a better job than was actually done by the JACL in its past 25 years of striving to attain their twin national objectives: "Security Through Unity" and "For Better Americans in a Greater America".

CALENDAR

- Sept. 2-4 Long Beach—Community carnival, Harbor Community Center.
- Sept. 2 (Friday) Orange County—JAYs annual installation banquet, Santa Ana Masonic Temple, 5th & Sycamore, 6:30 p.m.
- Sept. 3-5 Chicago—Outing, George Williams College camp, Lake Geneva, Wis.
- Sept. 5 (Monday) Seattle—Labor Day dance, Encore Ballroom, 13th and E. Pike, 9 p.m.
- Sept. 11 (Sunday) San Jose—Benefit Fashion, Hotel St. Claire, 2 p.m.
- Sept. 13 (Tuesday) Seattle—Meeting, 1414 Weller St., 8 p.m.
- Sept. 17 (Saturday) Chicago—Spatter party, Olivet Institute.
- Sept. 24 (Saturday) Cincinnati—Pre-election Meeting, 1st United Church.
- Chicago—Hayride and Barn dance.