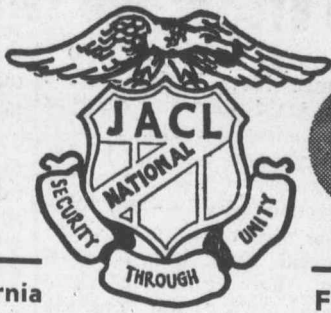


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## EDITORIALS:

### Rededication

The first decade of JACL was primarily one of building the organization. During the evacuation and war years, JACL became of age. By working together in the postwar period, the legal barriers against persons of Japanese ancestry in America were torn down, and at the same time, public relations were improved to a point of acceptance which, during the dark days of 1942, were never dreamed possible.

We should keep in mind, however, that whatever has been accomplished and the status Japanese Americans enjoy today have been largely due to the tremendous record of Nisei servicemen in World War II, and especially for the supreme sacrifice paid by more than 600 of our boys.

At the 1948 national JACL convention, it was deemed most fitting that Oct. 30—the day the 442nd rescued the "Lost Battalion"—be observed as "Nisei Soldier Memorial Day", a time when we would pause in humble tribute and grateful appreciation for the sacrifices of Nisei GIs, not only the 442nd, but of all the services.

With each passing year as we find ourselves more secure and better accepted, it's easy to forget all this was achieved through sweat and blood. This should be the time when the Nisei should rededicate themselves to purposes and ideals of the Japanese American Citizens League so that their past sacrifices will not be in vain.

### Layout Change

This narrow column for editorials (starting with this issue) can be best explained by the fact that our front page has opened another news column.

We trust this improvement in the production department meets with the approval of our readers, who have been helpful in the past with suggestions for general appearance and content.

## SAN FRANCISCO C.L. TO HOST '56 CONVENTION

[San Francisco] The San Francisco JACL chapter executive board recently met and unanimously went on record to host the 14th biennial National JACL Convention in 1956, it was announced by National JACL Director Masao Satow.

At the first organization meeting of the convention board last Friday, Jerry Enomoto, two-time elected chapter president, was named as its chairman. Other committee chairman are to be selected.

Until this action by the San Francisco chapter, National JACL Headquarters was to have taken care of all convention details as mandated by the national council at the 1954 Los Angeles convention, since no chapter had made a bid for the 1956 meeting.

"The San Francisco chapter is to be commended for its fine spirit in relieving National Headquarters for this major responsibility, especially in view of this chapter having hosted the Homecoming Biennial in 1952," Satow remarked. However, he indicated that National Headquarters would be working closely with the chapter.

### CONFAB DATES

The convention will be held at the Sheraton-Palace Hotel from Thursday, Aug. 30, to Monday, Sept. 3 (Labor Day). All business sessions, luncheons, banquets, mixer and Sayonara Ball are to be held in the convention hotel.

Adequate number of hotel rooms for delegates has been assured.

The 1000 Club affair on Saturday night and the Sunday outing are the two feature events of the convention to be away from the hotel, according to present tentative plans. The convention board is also considering other attractions for the benefit of booster delegates.

San Francisco JACL also hosted the national conventions of 1934 and 1952.

## Nisei auditor elected president of AFL lodge of government employees union

[Washington] George Obata, formerly of Vacaville (Calif.), was elected president of the Public Housing Lodge 476, government employees union of the American Federation of Labor, the Washington Office of the Japanese American Citizens League reported.

This is the first time to the knowledge of the Washington JACL

### NCWNDC convention key deadline set Oct. 20

[San Francisco] Various JACL district council conventions scheduled next month are in the final stages of preparation.

The NC-WNDC convention, hosted by Sonoma County chapter, has announced an Oct. 20 entry deadline for bowlers. The tournament is set for Nov. 5 at Santa Rosa Bowl. Entry fee of \$4 per bowler per event (team, all-events, single and doubles) are being accepted by Edwin Ohki, 930 McMinn Ave., Santa Rosa; and Yonemi Ono, 1361 Grove St., San Francisco.

Paul Otani, JACL bowling league president, is chairman of the one-day event.

## NISEI NAME APPEARS ON TOP NATIONAL EDITORIAL CARTOON

[Los Angeles] The name of Yamaguchi on a cross, depicting one of the many fallen heroes interred in the same cemetery, was conspicuous in the prize-winning editorial cartoon, "Blood Type — American", drawn by Lou Grant of the Oakland Tribune for its May 30 edition.

On display the past two weeks in the City Hall Tower Gallery, the cartoon was entered in a nationwide contest sponsored by the local Newspaper Publishers Association.

Other names inscribed on a cross were Smith, O'Flaherty, Cohen (on a Star of David), Pulaski, Chavez, Rossi and Chan.

## JCCA NAMES HIROSE NATIONAL PRESIDENT

[Winnipeg] Harold A. Hirose, president, will head the new executive committee of the National Japanese Canadian Citizens Association, which has transferred its office here to 68 Kate St.

National headquarters will be sponsored by the Manitoba chapter for a two-year term ending Aug. 31, 1957, under the rotation policy established at the 1953 Vancouver national conference.

## MASS NATURALIZATION RITES FOR NEW CITIZENS ON NOV. 11 PROTESTED

[Washington] In view of concerted protests raised by the Veterans of Foreign Wars, mass naturalization ceremonies such as were held last year will no longer be staged on Veterans Day, Nov. 11, said Lt.-Gen. Joseph M. Swing, Immigration and Naturalization Commissioner, the Washington Office of the Japanese American Citizens League reported.

Informal protests by the VFW were lodged with immigration officials and the White House last year questioning whether such ceremonies were in keeping with the intent of Congress in setting aside November 11 as Veterans

## SHINTO TEMPLES ON ATTORNEY GENERAL PROSCRIBED LIST REDESIGNATED

[Washington] In a long overdue action by the Attorney General, Shinto temples, which were designated point-blank on the Attorney General's proscribed list, are now qualifiedly designated to read "Shinto temples (limited to state Shinto abolished in 1945)," the Justice Department notified the Washington Office of the Japanese American Citizen League.

The Attorney General's proscribed list includes names of foreign or domestic organizations, movements, groups, or combination of persons which are identified and designated by the Dept. of Justice after their "appropriate investigation and determination as Totalitarian, Fascist, Communist, or subversive, or as having adopted a policy of advocating or approving the commission of acts of force or violence to deny others their rights under the Constitution of the United States, or as seeking to alter the form of government of the United States by unconstitutional means."

This order was issued pursuant to executive orders establishing security requirements for government employees.

With the clarification that only "State Shinto" is now on the Attorney General's proscribed list,

this remedial qualification points to the acknowledgement by the government of the difference between State Shinto and Shinto, the religion.

### NATURE CULT

According to various authors on the subject, Shintoism is in essence a nature cult, and primitive Shinto went little beyond the simple appreciation of nature which created a sense of awe before her majestic manifestations.

However, to this Shintoism was added a superstructure with a new series of so-called Shinto sects, which were really eclectic religious movements, called Shinto largely because of the Shinto origin of their principal deities.

State Shinto was unique in that it tapped the chief religion of Japan and became the rallying ground as an instrument of ultra-nationalism, particularly during the 1920s and 1930s, and developed a new cult, that of Emperor worship.

To meet the objections of Buddhists and Christians in Japan, it was defined as being nonreligious.

It was a typically modern perversion of the religious instinct, diverting it into chauvinistic channels.

### DISESTABLISHED

With the disestablishment of State Shinto Dec. 15, 1945, under the Occupation of Gen. Douglas MacArthur as Supreme Commander for the Allied Powers, the Japanese government withdrew all state support from Shinto and abolished teaching it in educational institutions.

Compulsory belief in State Shinto, the cult of Emperor worship, the propagation of militarism, and the glorification of ultra-nationalism were banned.

Thus, State Shinto was stripped of its official sponsorship, and the Shinto religion was placed on a par with other religions such as Buddhism and Christianity.

The JACL has long contended that Shintoists in the United States were being deprived of freedom of religion, a violation of the First Amendment under the Bill of Rights in the Constitution and requested the Attorney General that the arbitrary designation of Shinto Temples be eliminated from the Attorney General's proscribed list.

It is gratifying, said Mike Masaoka, Washington JACL representative, that this clarification has been made by the Justice Department.

### Nisei discrimination complaints lacking

[San Francisco] President Eisenhower's committee on government contracts received 147 complaints in the past two years of hiring or promotion discrimination because of race, color or creed, but none of them involved Nisei.

According to Mike Masaoka, JACL's Washington representative, no Nisei complaints were received by his office after he recently publicized the committee's activities and none went directly to the committee.

### Oregon Jaycees

[Ontario, Ore.] Mas Hayashi, president of the Ontario Jr. Chamber of Commerce, greeted 200 delegates from 54 chapters of the Oregon Jr. Chamber of Commerce which held its fall board meeting here last week.

Day. Commissioner Swing stated that should large-scale naturalization ceremonies become necessary, "ceremonies in connection therewith will not be held on Veterans Day."

The former Armistice Day, it was last year proclaimed by President Eisenhower as Veterans Day. Some 48,000 new citizens took the oath of allegiance in ceremonies throughout the United States under the auspices of the Immigration and Naturalization Service which is under the jurisdiction of Attorney General Herbert Brownell. Included in these naturalization proceedings last year were about 1,600 Issei.

### NOT ANNUAL EVENT

Commissioner Swing in his letter to the VFW pointed out that Veterans Day naturalizations were not intended to be an annual event but noted that an unusually large number of candidates whose naturalization had been prohibited by law during the 60 days preceding the November election had been naturalized.

"These ceremonies," Commissioner Swing wrote the VFW, "were occasioned by the desire of this service to contribute to the deep patriotic significance of Veterans Day."

### \$7,200 scholarship given to Honolulu prepster

[Honolulu] Stewart G. Shimoda, Iolani School freshman, last week was given a \$7,200 four-year scholarship to St. Paul's School, Concord, N.H., established because a churchman attending the 58th Episcopal Convention was impressed with the calibre of the school's students.

Shimoda, 14, was regarded as the most outstanding among the freshman students by the Rev. Matthew Warren, headmaster of St. Paul's and the Canon Frederick A. McDonald, Iolani headmaster and rector.

### DISTRICT OFFICER

Obata was also re-elected treasurer of the American Federation of Government Employees District Department of Lodges, the largest government employees union.

The son of Mrs. Retsu Obata of Cleveland, Ohio, he is a University of California graduate of 1934 with a B.S. degree in Business Administration, and is presently employed as an auditor in the Public Housing Administration.

Obata stated that during his term of office as president of the Public Housing Lodge he hopes that the all-white union will implement the policy of integration.

### New Japanese liner

[Tokyo] Nippon Yusen Kaisha will charter a new 19,500-ton luxury passenger ship on the U.S.-Japan run in early 1957. The ship is to be built next year.



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**From the Frying Pan**

BY BILL HOSOKAWA

**DILLON MYER—PRACTICAL HUMANITARIAN**

Denver

In my book, one of the great, practical humanitarians of our time is tall, smiling, white-haired Dillon S. Myer. I emphasize the word "practical" because, as director of the War Relocation Authority, he overcame enormous obstacles to make his ideals work.

Perhaps the greatest tribute to the man is that he had the faith and confidence of an overwhelming majority of the Japanese Americans evacuated into his custody. Many of these were bewildered, embittered people. Many felt they had been double-crossed by their own government.



It was the United States government that had forced them out of their homes. Dillon Myer was an agent of that government. Yet he was never regarded as warden of the chain of prison camps. To the contrary he was friend, stalwart champion, counselor and most effective fighter on behalf of the evacuees. Moreover, he justified the faith that the evacuees placed in him. That, friends, in view of the indiscriminate sniping that was going on at the time, was quite a feat.

This last week a few of us had the pleasure of meeting Mr. Myer again, and Mrs. Myer too.

Since the Republicans in a strictly political move replaced him as director of the Indian Bureau three years ago, Mr. Myer has headed a group health organization. He was on his way to the west coast, and stopped briefly to visit Mr. and Mrs. Malcolm Pitts (one of Myer's chief lieutenants in WRA) in Denver. Mr. Myer was in a reminiscent mood and he talked in some detail about his WRA experiences. This, briefly, is the gist of some of the things he had to say:

**RECALLS EARLY DAYS**

When Myer succeeded Milton Eisenhower (Ike's younger brother and now president of Pennsylvania State college) three months after WRA was born, he had no directive, no blueprint to follow. He was handed the broad, general assignment of caring for the evacuees then being shipped by the trainload into inland shantytowns. He decided early that the evacuees had no business being confined in the camps at all, that their stay in the camps must be temporary, that they must be returned to the American lifestream as soon as possible.

(In retrospect, the wisdom of this decision is incontrovertible. What would have happened if all the evacuees had remained in the camps from the late summer of 1942 until fall of 1945? What would have happened to our moral fiber? What would have been the temper of west coast racist and public opinion generally? I can see a mental picture of boatload after boatload of "Japs" being deported under a decree railroaded through congress by some of the wild-eyed crowd that was making political hay out of attacking WRA.)

Myer believes the evacuation order was approved in Washington after General DeWitt, pressured by west coast interests, convinced his superiors that it was necessary. Later, President Roosevelt sent Mrs. Roosevelt to inspect the Gila camp in Arizona, and she arranged for Myer to meet with him at a special luncheon. This meeting took place on Mother's day, 1943, and for nearly an hour and a half Myer had FDR's undivided attention. At the end of the meeting, Myer explained that a committee headed by Senator Happy Chandler "investigating" WRA and the evacuees was doing a great deal of harm. I think I can help you on that score, the president replied.

Mysteriously, the Chandler investigation faded away. Many months afterward, Myer learned that FDR had instructed Wyoming's Senator Joseph O'Mahoney to intervene, and O'Mahoney had chewed out the unhappy Chandler in a most thorough manner. (That didn't silence Wyoming's other senator, E. V. Robertson, who never visited Heart Mountain WRA camp, but set himself up as an expert on the "inefficiency and pampering" going on in the relocation centers.)

**URGED TO WRITE BOOK**

Mr. Myer says many persons have urged him to write a book about the behind-scene struggles of WRA, and I lend this small voice of encouragement to the movement. He would be doing all of us an added service were he to record the inside story for posterity.

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**Japan's No. 1 anti-American woman agitator—Mrs. Ishizaki—once lived in New York; regarded as queen by Japanese Reds**

Tokyo

A former New Yorker—Mrs. Ayako Ishigaki—has the dubious honor of being the No. 1 anti-American woman agitator in Japan. She returned to Japan at the most psychologically - advantageous time when Japanese Communists and Socialists began spreading their anti-American propaganda during the Yoshida regime.



In the beginning, the Japanese were generally skeptical of her. The people were more concerned of the misconduct of Occupation servicemen and personnel which were being brought to public light.

A gifted speaker and writer, Mrs. Ishigaki attacked the weaknesses of America. Her audiences were spellbound. What she mouthed appeared most convincing since she had lived for many years in the United States. There was an air of authority about her.

As the woman who arranged the return trip of Dr. Ikuo Oyama who taught at a Midwest university, she was considered as queen by the Japanese Reds.

Her advocacy of greater freedom for women made her popular overnight. She was regarded as an emancipator for the women of Japan. She has urged the women of Japan to go out and work to boost family finances. She even spelled out complete freedom for freedom's sake for the women of Japan. What she advocates, however, is contrary to national welfare.

Heroine in the eyes of Japanese

**Myer visits**

[Denver] Former WRA Director Dillon Myer was hosted by Malcolm Pitts, former Denver WRA regional director, last week at an informal party. Myer expressed profound admiration for the Japanese in the United States and was happy to see former evacuees permanently settled.

**San Diego State prof**

[San Diego] John I. Kitsuse of West Los Angeles, two-time winner of John Hay Whitney Foundation grants, was among 66 new faculty members at San Diego State College. The UCLA graduate is with the sociology department.

Communists, who believe Japan will be utopia when communism replaces traditional Japanese idealism, she is nevertheless a menace to Japanese-American relations.

Her name—Mrs. Ayako Ishigaki—will be in the limelight for sometime to come unfortunately. The anti-American agitation is getting bigger and worse.

**Citizenship curb removed from housing**

[Seattle] Persons seeking low-income housing through the Seattle Housing Authority no longer are required to be United States citizens, Charles W. Ross, executive director of the Seattle office, announced last week.

Other eligibility requirements set up by the Federal Government under its contracts with local housing authorities remain unchanged, Ross said. They include housing need and an income under the established limits.

Dropping of the citizenship requirement will make it possible for the Authority to house displaced families, or couples in hardship circumstances who previously were not eligible.

**IN HONOR OF**

■ Tosh Nakaya, son of Mr. and Mrs. George Nakaya, 11 S. 5th West, Salt Lake City, was elected senior class president of West High School.

■ Yoneo Sakai and Ichiro Iwatate, two Washington correspondents for Japanese newspapers, were presented the 1955 Vaughn Award, given annually to outstanding newsmen in Japan. The award was established in 1950 in memory of Miles W. Vaughn, United Press vice-president who was drowned on a duck hunting trip in Tokyo.

**New Detroit citizens**

[Detroit] Members of the last naturalization class to be sponsored by the Detroit JACL were recently sworn in as U.S. citizens. Instructed by Masao Konishi and Mrs. Keinji Horiuchi, the new citizens are:

Mrs. Kosayo Fujiwara, Mrs. Fumiko Hall, Todaichi Kamidoi, Mrs. Tsugi Miyagawa, Mrs. Chivo Okimoto, Mr. and Mrs. Kazuyoshi Shimizu, Mr. and Mrs. John T. Yamasaki.

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## Remaining claims should be paid as soon as possible

Because the opening statement of Rep. Thomas J. Lane (D., Mass.), chairman of the House Judiciary Subcommittee on Claims, at the recent San Francisco hearings on HR 7763 may be of interest to JACL and COJAEC members, as well as readers of the Pacific Citizen, it is reprinted in its entirety.—Editor.

BY REP. THOMAS J. LANE  
Chairman, House Judiciary Subcommittee on Claims

I would like, at this time, to make a preliminary statement in order that those here present and others who may be interested in this legislation will be apprised of the purpose of these hearings. Specifically the subcommittee is here to hold hearings on HR 7763, which is a bill to amend the Japanese American Evacuation Claims Act of 1948 in such a manner as to expedite the final determination of the remaining unsettled claims.

I might call your attention for a few moments to the background of the subject matter now under consideration. It appears, according to the record of the hearings before the House Judiciary Committee in the 80th Congress, that the War Department in 1942, acting under Presidential Order, ordered the exclusion of all persons of Japanese ancestry from the Pacific Coast of the Continental United States, Alaska, and a portion of Arizona. Most of these people were removed to Relocation Centers administered by the War Relocation Authority. They were joined later by over a thousand persons evacuated from Hawaii. Thereafter, and for approximately 2½ years these American citizens, their families, and in many instances their alien parents, more than 100,000 in number, were exiled from their homes.

After Jan. 2, 1945, the majority of them were permitted to return to their homes in the evacuated areas.

The chief military justification for the removal of these people was the war with Japan, the possibility of the existence of a disloyal element in their midst, the critical military situation in the Pacific which increased uneasiness over the possibility of espionage and sabotage, and the lack of time and facilities for individual loyalty screening.

### EVIDENCE OF PATRIOTISM, LOYALTY

I wish very much to point out and emphasize at this time that the persons evacuated were not individually charged with any crime or with disloyalty, and subsequent experience has clearly demonstrated that the vast majority of them were and are good Americans. There was not one recorded act of sabotage or espionage attributable to any of these persons during the entire duration of World War II.

In fact, the record shows, as evidence of their loyalty and patriotism, that the percentage of Japanese enlistments in the Armed Forces exceeded the nation-wide percentage of any particular nationality.

Where the average casualty rate of the American Army was less than 25%, the casualty rate of the 442nd Regimental Combat Team composed entirely of Japanese Americans was 308%. No other group of regimental size during World War II won more than three Presidential Distinguished Unit Citations; the 442nd Japanese American won seven.

It is a matter of public record that the evacuation orders which the Army issued, in many instances, gave the people affected desperately little time in which to settle their affairs. In addition, governmental safeguards which were designed to prevent undue loss were somewhat tardily instituted, were not at once effectively publicized among the evacuees, and were never entirely successful. Merchants had to dispose of their stocks and businesses at sacrifice prices. Many individuals sold personal possessions for a small fraction of their value. A large number had to accept inadequate arrangements for the protection and management of their properties.

### EXCLUSION INCREASES LOSSES

As the exclusion continued, the losses of these people increased. Private homes and buildings in which evacuees stored their property were broken into and vandalized. Perhaps entrusted with the management of real property committed waste. Since the evacuees were not permitted to return to the evacuated areas, even temporarily to handle property matters, they were unable to protect themselves adequately.

Moreover, in the Relocation Centers, the only income opportunities lay in Center employment, at wage rates of \$12 to \$19 per month, plus small clothing allowances. As a result many found themselves unable to meet insurance premiums, mortgage and tax payments.

After the end of hostilities in World War II the Congress decided, as a matter of fairness and good conscience, to reimburse these people for their property losses. Public Law 886,

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## Labor, government, business officials inspire with addresses on 'blessings of liberty' at Nat'l Conference on Citizenship

[Washington] With renewed inspiration that the blessings of liberty are manifold, the annual National Conference on Citizenship was successfully concluded, the Washington Office of the Japanese American Citizens League reported.

Approaching the conference, "The Blessings of Liberty" from three aspects were Harry P. Cain, member of the government's Subversive Activities Board; Walter J. Mason, legislative representative of the A.F. of L.; and Boyd

Campbell, president, U.S. Chamber of Commerce.

Cain, the former mayor of Tacoma, who will be remembered as the only West Coast mayor who spoke out against the evacuation of the Japanese at that time, was critical of the erosions to American blessings of liberty. He believed that these were under attack from within and needed attention and correction.

Walter Mason, representing the point of view of labor, stated that more than eternal vigilance

against suppression of liberty, together with alert action to correct particular instances of denial of liberty was necessary to give maximum strength, meaning and value to liberty.

Guest speaker at the closing banquet was Boyd Campbell who spoke on "What's Right with this Country."

In the summary of the discussion groups, presented by W. Cameron Burton, past president of the District Bar Association, he stated that it was the consensus of the discussion groups that "this country's survival as a free Nation depends upon free thought, not its suppression."

Concluding the Conference was the naturalization ceremonies of 100 new American citizens sworn in by presiding officer Judge Bolitha J. Laws, Chief Judge of the U.S. District Court for the District of Columbia, before the delegates in a special court session at the Hotel Statler.

Petitioners of Japan were Mie Kikuchi Micek, Toshi Nomura Peterson, and Shizuko Mimura Lee.

Conference chairman was Justin Miller, former Judge of the United States Circuit Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia, and honorary chairman, Chief Justice of the U.S. Supreme Court Earl W. Warren.

The JACL, which participated in the formal organization under the new charter granted by Congress in 1954, was represented by Ruth Kuroishi, president of the D.C. chapter, and Helen Mineta and Tad Masaoka of the Washington JACL Office.

## Mil-Hi JACLers attend Citizenship Day ceremonies, 57 Issei Americans honored

[Denver] Headed by Tami Masunaga, representatives from the Mile-Hi JACL, many Nisei and Issei attended the recognitions ceremonies Oct. 6, at the East High School auditorium, honoring the newly naturalized citizens who were admitted to citizenship during 1954 and 1955.

Boy Scout Troop 38 of the California St. Methodist Church, posted the colors in impressive opening ceremonies, and the Pledge of Allegiance was led by Scout Eugene Miyazawa, Negro and Caucasian boys who made up the color guard, emphasizing Americanism is not based upon color, race, or national origin. Scoutmaster Robert Uyeda had trained the troop to make a fine presentation.

Among speakers were Mayor Will F. Nicholson of Denver, former chief justice Hassett Burke of the Colorado Supreme Court, Judge W. L. Knous of the U.S. District Court; Syril Shraiberg, chief naturalization examiner, and G. Walter Bowman, clerk of the U.S. District Court.

During the past 20 months, over 800 citizens were naturalized. During the same period, 139 Issei received citizenship. Among the 350 newly naturalized citizens who were honored last week were 57 new citizens of Japanese ancestry, including six war brides.

Among the odd 30 sponsoring organizations is the JACL which has participated in these programs during the past ten years. It has

only been since 1953 that persons of Japanese ancestry were actually honored as new citizens, with the passage of the McCarran-Walter law.

Naturalized last Sept. 30 were: Tadashi Miyazawa, Sumio Ethel Shimoda, Kiku Hirayama, Towa Nakagawa, George Joichi Yasumura, Sumiko Pauline Akiyama, Chiyo Maeda, Heizaburo Madokoro, Yosoe Ito, Kimiko Ura Morita, Taro Kuroi, Tsuruko Yokoyama Anderson, and Jane Kiyoko Patterson.

### MILE-HI OPENS '55 CHEST FUND DRIVE

[Denver] Four Mile-Hi JACLers, headed by Irvin Matsuda, acting chapter president, attended the 1955 Community Chest Drive kickoff luncheon last week at the Denver Press Club.

JACL solicitation teams will operate in the 20th and Larimer Street area, as in the past ten years, to help meet the \$2,000,000 quota for this year. On the teams are:

John Sakayama, Sam Matsumoto, Bill Kuroki, Willie Mikuni, Haruko Kobayashi, Betty Suzuki, Billy Matlocks and Carol Yano.

### Civil Service commissioner

[Wailuku, Maui] Appointment of Ricki Yasui, former editor of the Valley Island Chronicle, presently defunct newspaper, to serve as Democratic member of the Civil Service Commission was recently approved by the board of supervisors. His term expires June 30, 1960.

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## Chicago Corner

BY SMOKY SAKURADA

### PC HOLIDAY ISSUE SOLICITATIONS

Chicago

October in the Windy City means the start of another campaign among Issei-Nisei businessmen and residents for greetings in the annual Holiday edition of the *Pacific Citizen*. . . . Seno Realty, we are happy to report, was the first to reply to our mail solicitation.

Some legwork, however, has uncovered some interesting items for this Corner. Ronald Shiozaki, 1000 Club chairman for the Chicago chapter and past president, sold his S and I Co. (grocery firm) to a couple of nice fellows from Honolulu—Jiro Akashi and Bert Nakano. . . . Ronald is planning to move to Gardena, Calif. Local CLers and the Enterprisers will miss him very much.

At the Sheridan Jewelers, we had a chat with Kiyoshi Takehara, former San Diegan, who has been in business here since 1949. The past six months, he has been manufacturing earrings and bracelets in his basement and consigned them to Chicago shops under the "Star Bright" brand.

And it appears Dr. Frank Sakamoto, currently first vice-president of the chapter, might be the next chapter president.

Readers who want to place their one-line greetings or display advertising in the forthcoming Holiday Issue may contact this Corner, at 6128 S. University Ave., and be assured theirs will be included in the Chicago section.

The Japanese American Service Committee has announced Dan Kuzuhara, who has resigned as associate director, will be succeeded by Mrs. Frances (Cooke) Eng, who spent her early life among Seattle's Japanese and Chinese population. . . . One will think she is a Nisei by talking to her over the phone, but she is blonde of European ancestry. She has a bachelor's degree in Far Eastern studies from the Univ. of Washington. She has done graduate work in anthropology at the Univ. of Washington and at Northwestern.

Gladys Ishida, who has contributed to this Corner, and was temporary secretary at the Midwest JACL Office, will work for the American Friends Service Committee on college campuses in Illinois and Wisconsin.

**REMINDERS:** The Chicago JACL Carnival Oct. 22-23 at the Olivet Institute, 1441 N. Cleveland Ave. . . . City Wide Recreation Council's Hallowe'en dance, Oct. 29, at the Larabee YMCA. from 8 p.m.

## Lane's opening remarks—

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authorizing the Attorney General to adjudicate and settle the claims, was enacted in 1948. The 1948 Act, however, called for formal adjudication which proved burdensome, at least for the smaller claims, and in 1951 Congress amended the 1948 Act, authorizing compromise settlements—as distinguished from formal adjudication—of all claims where the awards made would be \$2,500 or less.

By 1954 substantially all of the smaller claims amounting to \$2,500 or less had been settled. There remained the larger claims which could not, of course, be settled through the compromise formula. Lest the whole program drag on for years and in order to expedite matters, Congressman Patrick J. Hillings of California, introduced a bill known as HR 7435, 83rd Congress, which would have provided additional methods for the settlement of the remaining claims.

### 16 RECOMMENDATIONS PROPOSED

In August of last year this Claims Subcommittee held hearings in San Francisco and Los Angeles on the Hillings bill. As a result of its study, the Subcommittee published a report in which it embodied some 16 recommendations but since the 83rd Congress had at that time recessed for the remainder of the year, no further action was taken.

Among other things, the report recommended the informal compromise settlement of all the remaining claims, the payments of transportation and evacuation expenses, and the recognition of management and conservation expenses, fair rental values, and crop losses, as compensable items of expense.

When the 84th Congress convened, Congressman Hillings introduced a bill (HR 4673) containing the recommendations of this Subcommittee. In time the views of the Attorney General, whose Department is charged with administering this program, was sought.

While the Attorney General favored the recommendations of the Subcommittee for the informal compromise settlement of all of the remaining claims, he nonetheless took issue with several of the specific recommendations of the Subcommittee. Thereafter and toward the close of this session of Congress, I, on request, introduced the bill which is now before this Subcommittee and on which we are conducting these hearings, HR 7763.

It is drafted in a manner calculated to carry out, substantially, all of the recommendations of the subcommittee and at the same time embody the recent suggestions made by the Attorney General.

### THREE CONTROVERSIAL ISSUES

There is no controversy on most of the provisions. There are only three points on which there is any real issue. These are the provisions relating to management and conservation expenses, fair rental values, and crop losses. While the Subcommittee will consider all of the provisions of the bill, we wish to pay particular attention to these three points.

The present claims program has been under way now for seven years. The original number of 24,064 claims has been reduced to 2,077.

If a method can be adopted whereby these remaining claims can be expeditiously settled, then this legislation and the efforts of this Committee will be fully justified. I believe, and I am sure my colleagues will agree with me, that the remaining claimants should be paid on their claims as soon as is reasonably possible.



Studying the Lane-Hillings amendment, HR 7763, to the Evacuation Claims Act of 1948 during recent congressional hearings in Los Angeles federal district courtroom of Judge Ben Harrison, are (left to right) Frank F. Chuman, JACL legal counsel; Rep. Thomas J. Lane (D., Mass.), seated, co-author of bill and chairman of House Judiciary subcommittee; George J. Inagaki, national JACL president and chairman of the Committee on Japanese American Evacuation Claims, and Mike M. Masaoka, JACL and COJAEK Washington representative. —Photo by Maury Carlton

## Tentative IDC convention plans of Nov. 25-27 told

[Ontario, Ore.] Tentative schedule of events for the eighth biennial Intermountain JACL District Council convention here Nov. 25-27, was announced by George Sugai, general chairman, and Joe Saito, co-chairman of the host Snake River chapter.

Delegates and boosters from the eight IDC chapters attending may find the program a "baby" national convention in form as the three-day event includes a mixer, banquets, luncheons, farewell ball, fashion show, bowling and business sessions.

Working on the convention details are:

Paul Saito, reg.; R. Kaneyama, housing; Tom Ogura, transp.; Joe Saito, gen. arr.; Dr. Kenji Yaguchi, fin.; Heizi Yasuda, Mrs. Min Nakamura, bowling; George Iseri, 1000 Club; Sam Wakasugi and Mrs. Henry Ogura, dinner-dance; Thomas Itami, Pioneer banquet; Mrs. George Sugai, fashion-tea; Mrs. K. Sugahiro, baby-sitting; Frank Harano, photo; Mrs. George Mitata, pub.

The tentative program:

Friday, Nov. 25—10 a.m., registration; 7 p.m., opening ceremony, dinner, mixer.

Saturday, Nov. 26—9 a.m., business; 12 n., delegates & boosters official luncheon; 2 p.m., business; 7 p.m., pioneer banquet.

Sunday, Nov. 27—9 a.m., business, meeting of old and new IDC cabinet; 12 n., delegates luncheon; 2 p.m., fashion-tea; 7 p.m., farewell banquet and ball.

## CHAPTER MEMOS

San Diego JACL: Formation of a credit union is on the agenda for the next chapter meeting, Oct. 19, 8 p.m., at the Japanese Congregational Church, it was announced by George Kodama, president.

Mile-Hi JACL: Sam Y. Matsumoto, bridge tournament director, announced an "anniversary party" would be held in late October and an open pair duplicate tournament in December. Bridge fans were urged to participate in the fortnightly meetings to prepare for the two winter features.

Eden Township JACL: Paul Tomita is instructing citizenship class again at San Lorenzo High School on Monday and Wednesday, 7-9 p.m. Sponsored by the chapter, the new term began this week.

Omaha JACL: A "back to school" weenie bake was enjoyed recently at the Carter Lake grounds. Mike Watanabe was in charge of games, which included school supplies as gifts for the youngsters. Mary Misaki and Gladys Hirabayashi were co-chairmen.

Hollywood JACL: A series of eight lessons in bridge will be started Oct. 26, 8 p.m., at the Hollywood Community Center with Hisashi Horita instructing. A fee of 50c per session is being charged.

## Central Calif. district confab assignments made

[Fowler] The committee assignment for the Central California JACL District Council convention on Sunday, Dec. 4, will be the same as last year's, chairman George Abe announced this week.

Various aspects of the annual district council convention are managed by chapters as follows: Fowler, gen. arr.; Parlier, banquet; Fresno, regis.; Reedley, ent.; Selma, program ptg.; Delano and Kingsburg, reception; Sanger, fin.; and Tulare County, program.

Tentative registration fee of \$3 with a possibility of it being less was announced. Each chapter will also be assessed \$15 for bowling trophies.

Tom Shimasaki of Lindsay will be banquet toastmaster. Mike Masaoka, Washington representative has been invited to be keynote speaker. Invitations to other national JACL officers were also made. Ethel Otomo of Selma is convention committee secretary.

## Varied activities mark resumption of fall season for Detroit JACLers

BY KAY MIYAYA

[Detroit] The Detroit JACL chapter has resumed its varied activities with the coming of the fall season.

Meeting on Sunday afternoons between 1 and 3 are 15 members of the chapter-sponsored English class at International Institute. Marion Miyaya has again volunteered to teach, assisted by Mrs. Kenji Horiuchi. Miyoko O'Neill, 1st v.p., is in charge.

Fall classes in ballroom dancing began last Friday night at the International Institute under the direction of Setsu Fujioka, chairman. Margaret Page, Arthur Murray associate, will continue to instruct the popular class.

Chiyoko Togasaki has been named Bridge Club chairman with the first meeting held last Tuesday at the home of the George Seriguchis.

Two classes in flower arrangement have been organized to meet the needs of the membership. Betty Mimura, 3rd v.p. in charge, declared. Teruko Millican and Tamae Montgomery, both Koryu school graduates, are instructing at International Institute on Sunday, 3-4:30 p.m.; and Wednesday, 8-9:30 p.m.

## MILE-HI CHAPTER GEARS FOR MOUNTAIN-PLAINS PARLEY ON NOV. 25-27

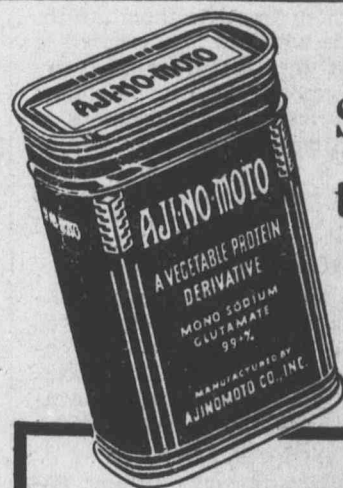
[Denver] Officials of the Mile-Hi JACL announced that the Mountain-Plains JACL District Council convention would be held here during the Thanksgiving holidays, Nov. 25-27.

Unfortunately with the illness of chapter president Harry H. Sakata, planning of the conference has not progressed to the final details. Acting president Irvin Matsuda, 1st v.p., presided at a convention planning meeting last night at the home of Mr. and Mrs. John Sakayama.

Mt.-Plains district chairman Floyd Koshio and Tik Matsushima, Ft. Lupton JACL president, have been invited to assist the Mile-Hi JACLers following previous years when the two chapters co-sponsored a convention.

## Beautician official

[Salt Lake City] Mrs. Mary Kawakami, American Fork, was elected fourth vice president of the Utah Associated Beauticians as elections highlighted the 22nd annual convention of the association last week.



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# See 1,000 active Thousanders by time Holiday Issue honor roll

By SHIG WAKAMATSU

Chicago

● Been looking over the performances of various chapters and there are notable ones, to mention just a few:

Livingston-Merced, Orange County, Southwest Los Angeles, Albuquerque, Sacramento, Stockton, San Diego, Washington, D.C., Philadelphia, Seattle, San Francisco, Richmond-El Cerrito, Chicago—all of which have done remarkably well in maintaining and increasing their 1000 Club memberships.



The gold star, however, goes to Downtown Los Angeles chapter for their sizzling and unrelenting drive during this year. Beginning with 106, they were able to increase it past 130 or running at the rate of 70 per cent of its entire chapter membership. Take a bow, chairman Frank Suzuki and his team!

Overall, we are now within striking distance of the 1,000 active membership goal by printing time of the 25th Anniversary Pacific Citizen Holiday Issue, but every chapter will have to put on a real campaign starting right now to achieve this.

The deadline is Nov. 15 for the listing of all members in good standing. Therefore, we are asking all Thousanders whose memberships have elapsed or will lapse by November or December to send in their renewals by that date to National Headquarters.

This goes ditto for all new 1000 Club memberships in the hands of the chapters.

## FILING SYSTEM REVISED

● Incidentally, we did a complete change-over in our filing system with the cooperation of National Headquarters and the Midwest Office staff, so the listing of members in the P.C. will be by chapters. We are now able to supply a lot of information to chapter 1000 Club chairmen for their follow-up work. One of our problems is to insure a higher rate of renewals from our first, second and third-year members. Our master files show 1,381 different individuals have joined the 1000 Club at one year or another since its inception. Of this number, 860 are members in good standing as of September 1 as Mas Satow has pointed out.

We are hopeful that now with proper information as to who they are each month, our chapter chairmen can tactfully keep the renewals coming in. Mas Satow has written over 375 special letters in July and August to those who were once Thousanders, and to date 24 have responded with renewals. We hope that all who received this letter can make a special effort now to rejoin the Order of the Tie and Garter.

## LIFE MEMBER No. 19: TAKASHI HORI

OTHER BITS OF INTERESTING DATA: We have now 19 life members, nine eight-year members, 33 seven-year members.

● The 19th Life member, Takashi Hori of Seattle, was forwarded by our old friend Toru Sakahara, Pacific Northwest 1000 Club chairman. Takashi was a two-year member out of Seattle, and although we haven't met him, we sure send thanks and bravos for this generous boost.

Hori, 37, is proprietor of the Panama Hotel, 605½ Main St., since 1940. He was graduated from the Univ. of Washington in 1940 with a degree of Bachelor of Business Administration. For a number of years, he was secretary of the Seattle Japanese Hotel & Apartment Association and recently elected treasurer of the Jackson St. Community Council, a Red Feather Community Chest agency in Seattle. An active member of civic organizations, he has a deep sense of responsibility for community service. His wife's name is Lily and they have a daughter, Susan, born last June 17.

● Found out Sonoma County (Calif) grows Gravensteins as good or better than we used to around Puget Sound. We received a luscious box of them from our roving 1000 Club Gal Tuesday—Sumi Shimizu. Her brother Tosh, a former Mikado star, grows 'em with Sonoma County chapter president Kaname Ono . . . Brent, our 3-year-old, was in his glory chomping away on those apples . . . La Shimizu should be heading back now, after spending two gay months up and down old Californy.

## 'OPERATIONS BREAKTHROUGH'

● For the biennium goal of 2,000 by National Convention time in 1956, we have a master plan to submit—hereafter known as OPERATIONS BREAKTHROUGH. It is simple, reasonable and one that would gain the objective with every chapter sharing in the work.

1. Each chapter will be assigned a 1000 Club membership goal of 17 per cent of their 1955 chapter membership, based on the Sept. 1 membership bulletin (yellow sheet) from National Headquarters.

2. Every new member and renewal secured, beginning last September through August, 1956, will be counted toward the chapter goal. Thus, our active 1,000 mark by Nov. 15, 1955, will be a part of this general one-year campaign.

We tried for a year without a definite individual chapter goal and we found the results spotty. We hope this will let each chapter chairman know what is expected and what to shoot for in doing his best. We checked with the Chicago chapter, because of its large membership, and the response from chairman Ron Shiozaki, seconded by president Kumeo Yoshinari, was readily affirmed.

This is a crash program to break through the vicious circle of inadequate finances that plague the national organization. If it can be demonstrated that it is possible to reach a level of 2,000 Thousanders at \$25 per year, it will be possible to unfreeze and expand many important projects that National has in store.

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Four charter Issei members of the Southwest Los Angeles JACL chapter are (left to right) Tokuji Shibuyama, Mrs. Mary Yamamoto, Shikazo Mano and Hitsuji Chuman, meeting with Naational JACL Treasurer Dr. Roy Nishikawa and Dr. Toru Iura, chapter president to increase naturalized Issei membership.

## Judge Aiso declares new state law on 30-day evictions unconstitutional

[Los Angeles] Legislation giving Small Claims Courts jurisdiction in eviction cases involving one month's tenancy and less than \$100 unpaid rent was declared unconstitutional by Municipal Judge John F. Aiso.

The judge, sitting in Small Claims Court here, held the Legislature violated both the State and Federal Constitutions in drawing the bill, which went into effect Sept. 7.

In a lengthy opinion read in court, Judge Aiso attacked the bill, which was sponsored by small apartment owners, as a "legislative hybrid" without force as a law because of its constitutional defects.

He picked the law apart on seven counts, most of them dealing with the particular functions of a small claims court and the fact that all other types of eviction cases except those for nonpayment of rent are handled in higher courts, where right to counsel and trial by jury are inherent.

The bill is "arbitrary and discriminatory" he said, and makes it possible for a tenant to be

"deprived of possession of his home before he has had the opportunity for his constitutional day in court."

The judge gave his opinion on a case brought before him under the new provisions. He dismissed the case.

## POLITICAL RALLY FOR S.F. OCT. 21

[San Francisco] A political candidates' rally has been scheduled Friday, Oct. 21, 8 p.m., at the Buchanan St. YM-YWCA by the San Francisco JACL. Keen interest has been noted in the city mayoralty race and the two major candidates for office, George Christopher and George Reilly, have stated they would attend and present their platform.

Candidates for the county board of supervisors expected to attend are John J. Ferdon, Clarissa S. McMahon, Roy C. Hall, Harold S. Dobbs, Charles A. Ertola, Thomas Mulvihill, Matthew Boxer, Nicholas Klunis, William Britton and James L. Halley.

## Hollywood CL barn dance looms as best social

[Los Angeles] One of the gala social events of the Hollywood JACL will be the barn dance Oct. 29 at the Hollywood Community Center, 3929 Middlebury St. Tets Bessho and his combo will supply the music, it was announced by Charles Kamayatsu, chairman.

Festive games are being planned and prizes will be awarded to the Halloween costume. Gentlemen will be charged \$1, the ladies admitted free. Assisting on the committee are:

Edna Oku, ref.; Terry Kuwata, dec.; Midori Watanabe, pub.

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## PSWDC TO HONOR ASSEMBLYMAN AT NOV. 12 SESSION

[Los Angeles] The final 1955 quarterly session of the Pacific Southwest JACL District Council will be held on Saturday, Nov. 12, at the New Clark Hotel, 428 S. Hill St., it was announced by Dave Yokozeki, chairman.

Business sessions commence at 2 p.m., with the Downtown L.A. chapter hosting. The PSWDC testimonial banquet honoring Assemblyman Edward E. Elliott begins at 6:30 p.m., to be followed by the "BIG" dance at 9 p.m., conducted by the Southwest L.A. chapter.

Seven chapters of the Los Angeles JACL Coordinating Council will be host at the banquet. Miwako Yamamoto (Hollywood) and Frank Suzuki (Downtown L.A.) are co-chairmen.

## ROOF GARDEN DANCE

Billed as a major chapter social, Southwest L.A.'s president, Dr. Toru Iura, said the dance following the banquet will use both the hotel ballroom and adjoining roof gardens.

Elliott, serving his fifth continuous term in the Sacramento legislature, has long been identified as a champion of legislation concerning welfare and interests of Japanese Americans and other minority groups.

He initiated the move to have the legislature consider extending old age assistance to Issei in the 1951 session and this year authored the bill to remove the alien land law by the November, 1956, referendum. Elliott represents the 40th Assembly District.

## TV productions

[Hollywood] Four Star Productions, which made an excellent biographical TV film on Dr. Ralph Bunche for Cavalcade Theater last week, is scheduled to make "The Boy Who Walked to America", true-life yarn of a Korean war orphan adopted by an Air Force group and sent to Boys Town. Also on tap is the life of Kotaro Suto, the Issei who beautified Miami Beach.

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## The Sou'wester

BY TATS KUSHIDA

### SILVER ANNIVERSARY

December 23 will be the date printed on this year's PACIFIC CITIZEN HOLIDAY ISSUE. The PCHI will feature highlights of JACL's ¼-century of achievement and give a run-down on as many chapter leaders of this period as available records provide.

'Dja know, f'rinstance, that 1st Nat'l veep Tom Yego of Placer County was one of the founders of the JACL?



We're glad to see chapters getting their PC ad soliciting projects into gear. Smoky Sakurada, PC rep in Chi, has already sent in some batches of ads and greetings. The first chapter ad received is from Santa Barbara. We hear tell the San Francisco JACL has held a special meeting to map out PCHI plans. The actual first ad is from our Seattle stalwart, Albert Bonus, who's just sent us another PC gift subscription for a university libe. The Stockton chapter reports PC co-chairmen Sam Itaya and Ted Salki are ready to roll.

We really appreciate early ads—makes things easier for us and helps avoid the deadline longjam. The d-1 of Nov. 15 assures best location and grouping of community ads. Nov. 30 is the abso-final deadline.

Rates are same as last year: \$5 per column inch, like the size of Sim Togasaki's "Cherry Brand" ad at the bottom of the page. One-line name and address greetings will remain at \$2 per name. If your chapter's PCHI committee overlooks calling you, give 'em a buzz and order your greetings by phone. If you don't belong to a chapter, drop a card to the Sou'wester who'll see that your greeting makes the PCHI.

### MORE CREDITS

Another board-staff quickie was held at Roy Nishikawa's Monday nite when nat'l director Masao William Satow flew in from Frisco with Myku M. to hash over org matters. Mas, we recall, did an A-1 job in scheduling witnesses to testify at the Lane Subcommittee's hearings on evaclaims last month. Counsel Chuman did same in Ellay and Mike M. Masaoka neatly wrapped it up as the final witness.

Matter of fact, a couple of good CLers in S.F., Setsu Tsuchiya and Sue Honnami, hosted the subcommittee wives and secretaries on shopping and sightseeing tours, just as did Merijane Yokoe in Ellay. These gals, sez Mike, in their own way contributed much to the success of the hearings in both cities.

With not even a smog-green alert on in L.A., the congressional group took in a lot of see-do in three days, including lunch at the new and fabulous Beverly Hilton Hotel, a tour of 20th Century Studios, dinner-dance-show at the famed Moulin Rouge night spot, an afternoon at Disneyland and the famous fried chicken of Knott's Berry Farm. In S.F., "the meal" was at Yamato Sukiyaki which drew the well-deserved compliments of the visiting dignitaries. The Rams-49er game in S.F., and in Ellay's Coliseum the USC-Texas and Rams-Pittsburg games were seen by some of the group. The easterners, we're glad to report, seemed to enjoy this western brand of hospitality.

More should be said about the S.F. JACL. This potent chapter is assuming a large load for the 1956 nat'l convention. Prexy Jerry Enomoto who's a senior sociologist at the Cal-pen at San Quentin, is one of JACL's mostest.

### CHAMBARA

Japan's answer to America's horse opera is the *chambara*, which will be one-half of a double feature on two evenings this weekend at a fund-raising benefit show by the Gardena Valley JACL.

The big attraction for both nights, however, will be the first local appearance of a talented soprano, coloratura no less, from Japan, Miss Shige Yano, now studying at Santa Barbara's Music Academy of the West under coach Lotte Lehmann. She confirmed her rave notices when she sang before the PSWDC convention audience last May. A real charmer.

Getting back to *chambara*, we are most intrigued with the etymological possibilities of this unusual word, which means a movie about a sword-swinging feudal hero who is decked out in a chon-mage, a truncated pony-tail and forerunner to the Iroquois coiffure.

A dubious but genteel homonym for *chambara* is a tea garden, based on *cha* (tea, *m* (fortune pronounced *un* as in "uh peso" by Tijuanians, and *bara* (rose). Fortunes have been told as well as lost over tea leaves in some rose-bowered seclusion. Interestingly, *ba* is also the word for saloon. Adding to this inconsistency is our preferred breakdown: *chamba* (Japanese version of a standard sick-room receiving set) and *ra* (the letter "L" taken from *rafu*, or L.A.-Los Angeles). Frankly, we admit this is an L of a derivation.

## Very Truly Yours

BY HARRY HONDA

### CHAPTER PRESIDENTS' ROLL

To date, five chapters (Mile-Hi, Milwaukee, Salt Lake City, Detroit and Boise Valley) have submitted their chapter president's roll for the 1955 PC Holiday Issue . . . In the meantime, from available records on hand, we are attempting to compile a complete list and the efforts have been most revealing—some of the chapters have had men and women who took their first steps in organizational work in JACL and are prominent in their local circles in business and profession . . . We are trying to wrap up the list as of 1955 by the first of November and people responsible for preparing the list might add a paragraph or two on "how" and "why" the chapter was formed and the date of organization and number of charter members, if available . . . The "who's who" of chapter presidents may prove to be the most choice reading for any Holiday Issue in years.



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## Stone lantern from Yokohama set in San Diego zoo

[San Diego] An 1,800-lb. goodwill gift from the people of Yokohama to the people of San Diego was dedicated and mounted inside the main entrance of San Diego Zoological Gardens last Monday.

A hand-hewn granite lantern, 4½-ft. high, was unloaded last Sept. 26 at the Navy Pier from the destroyer tender USS Prairie.

It was shipped here following arrangements made by Saburo Muraoka, Chula Vista vegetable grower and San Diego JACL vice-president, during his recent trip to Japan. He had asked Mayor Ryoza Hiranuma of Yokohama to send the lantern as a gift. Hiranuma had attended a conference of mayors here several years ago and was acquainted with many local city officials.

The gift is inscribed: "May this lantern help light the way to everlasting peace". The Monday ceremonies were telecast and covered by the national press associations, according to arrangements by George Muto, chapter PR officer.

The lantern is of the Yuki-mi design, used to light gardens during and after a snowfall to lend added beauty to the landscape, it was explained.

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## Unique Chicago 1000 Club golf tourney offers prize to nearly all participants

[Chicago] A unique but amusing Chicago JACL 1000 Club golf tournament at Glendale Country Club Sept. 25 wound up with nearly all participants taking a prize.

Best score under the Peoria system—a 70—was turned in by Harry Mizuno, followed by efforts of Dr. Bill Hiura, Kiko Konagimitsu (tournament director), Kay Sunahara, Ronald Shiozaki and Helen Hori.

Low gross went to George Koyama, who shot a 75 while Michie Shimizu's 107 was low for the women.

In the blind bogey, Lincoln Shimizu's 79 took top prize. Other prize winners were:

Ronald Shiozaki, Kay Sunahara, Earle Yusa, Mike Hagiwara, George Okita, Ken Yoshihara, Tom Teraji, Mas Nakagawa, Kay Sunahara, George Yoshioka, Hank Morikawa, George Cook, Dr. George Kittaka, Ky Isono, Bill Fujii, Tad Fujii, Dr. Joe Nakayama, Sam Ozaki, S. Saiga, Tahei Matsumura, Ken Matsumoto, James Nishimura, Oliver Noji, Mas Odol, Corky Kawasaki, Helen Hori, Michie Shimizu, Ariye Oda, Jackson Kitahata, Harold Takahashi, Dr. Bill Hiura, Harry Mizuno, Kiko Konagimitsu, Alma Mizuno, Roy Iwata, Aki Tani, Dr. Koyama, George Koyama, Tom Masuda, Tom Okabe, Noboru Honda, Mas Menda, Henry Ishizuka, M. Miwa and Jack Kawakami.

Special award winners were: Closest to the hole on the 13th hole—Corky Kawasaki.

Longest drive—George Koyama. Foursome with the lowest score (Peoria)—Harry and Alma Mizuno, Ken Matsumoto and Hank Morikawa. Shortest drive—Tahei Matsumura. Honest golfer—Helen Hori.

Foursome with the highest score (Peoria)—George Koyama, Ariye Oda, Michie Shimizu and Helen Hori.

Shig Wakamatsu, 1000 Club national chairman, and Tokuzo Gordon, past chairman, were official tournament hecklers and kibitzers. At one hole they took one shot for each contestant and there was one hole where contestants could use only two clubs excluding the putter.

Assisting Konagimitsu on the committee were Bill Fujii, Harold Gordon, Harry Mizuno and Shig Wakamatsu.

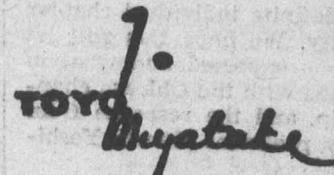
George Mizuno won the Los Angeles Topflite match title by besting Fred Matsumoto 1-up last Sunday at the Rio Hondo course. Gross scores were 83 and 87, respectively.

### Mt. Olympus CL keg

[Salt Lake City] Mas Namba, Mt. Olympus JACL chapter president, announced the formation of a chapter mixed fivesome league rolling on Thursdays, 9 p.m., at Ritz. Officers in charge are Lou Nakagawa, pres.; Kiyo Nishida, sec.; and George Tamura, treas.

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The Sacramento Nisei Golf club will sponsor its first Valley Nisei Invitational Nov. 6, chairman George Otani announced. Some 75 golfers from Fresno, Turlock, Stockton, Marysville and Sacramento are expected to compete in the 18-hole medal play at Swenson Park, Stockton. George Kawasaki, 1415-5th St., is accepting entries at \$7.50.

One of the largest turnouts in a Chicago Nisei golf tournament was registered Oct. 2 when 123 participated in the Chicago JACL Open at Midwest.

Bert Nakano posted a gross 77 to win the championship flight with a net 64. Tom Sasamoto's 71 was low gross. Mrs. Hiroko Nishi was the women's flight. Bob Tarumoto was in charge, assisted by Helen Hori, Tomi Domoto, Mike Hori and Joe Maruyama.

The Cardinal Golf Club was organized among Palo Alto Nisei golfers recently. Arthur Okado is president.

Ed Takei, outstanding short-stop for the Oakland Technical High School nine last season, has been enrolled in the Univ. of California and is expected to be a candidate for the frosh baseballers when the baseball campaign begins next spring.

### Mt.-Plains district keg

[Denver] John Sakayama and Willie Mikuni are working on plans for the Mountain-Plains JACL bowling tournament to be held in conjunction with the district council convention here Nov. 25-27.

The Omaha JACL mixed bowling league, rolling on Sunday nights, has 24 members participating.

### IDC bowling tourney

[Ontario, Ore.] A bowling tournament open to all JACLers registered for the eighth biennial Intermountain District Council Convention, Nov. 25-27, here will include team, singles & doubles for both men and women. A mixed doubles is also on tap.



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Los Angeles Newsletter

BY HENRY MORI

L'I TOKIO OPTIMISTS EYE TOKYO

The eighth annual Christmas Cheer drive gets underway next Monday by the Club Service Bureau, an affiliate of the So. Calif. JACL regional office.



added joy to the kids.

Last year the Cheer committee, supervised by Jim Higashi, president of East Los Angeles JACL and Virginia Kawasaki, past CSB chairman, ably collected \$2,582.22 in cash and nearly the same amount in value of canned foods, staples and toys.

The figures dwarf the first year's project in 1948 when Sam Ishikawa, then director of the So. Calif. regional office, Mary Ishikawa (no relation to Sam), and yours truly gathered \$434 in cash donations, \$250 worth of food items and \$50 in toys.

The 1955 goal is \$2,000, as was last year's. But the quota is expected to be oversubscribed what with the increase of enthusiasm shown by the donors every Christmas time.

The So. Calif. JACL regional office at 258 E. 1st St. will again be the headquarters, indicated Tats Kushida, director and conductor of Sou'Wester.

\$2,000 CHRISTMAS CHEER GOAL

Between trips of Eiji Tanaka, charter president of the Japanese American Optimist Club of Los Angeles, who went to the Orient last year, George Nakatsuka of Modern Food Import Co., who has returned from there on a business trip, and one pending for Kiyo Yamato, something should come of the planned Optimist International group in Tokyo.

The L'i'l Tokio unit is indebted to the Highland Park Optimist Club for its organizational sponsorship. Since all units are "obliged" to perpetuate the Optimist creed by establishing another, the first and only Nisei outfit is endeavoring to start the initial one in Tokyo.

According to the three men, the latest venture will not be limited to English-speaking stragglers or Nisei in Japan but will be extended to businessmen and civic leaders in that country.

Yamato, who is scheduled to leave Tuesday for San Francisco and then to the Orient on the Japan Air Lines plane, will establish more contacts during his 45-day trip in the Far East. Incidentally the latest businessmen's tour of the Orient will have Yoshio Katayama, Salt Lake City patent attorney, as the guide.

Dateline Northwest

BY BUDD FUKUI

PRINCESS SUMI JO REIGNS

Seattle

Our household has a new boss.—Princess Sumiye Josephine, lovingly known to her subjects as Sumi Jo.

Princess Sumi Jo assumed her reign on Sept. 27, after spending the first four days of her life at Providence Hospital, where she was born on Sept. 23. Within a few hours of her arrival at the household, there was no question concerning her ability to rule.

Within less than two weeks, Daddy Budd has been completely wound around her little finger. He has become quite adept at bottle warming, burping, and floor walking, with diaper detail the next project to be conquered.

It is surprising how an infant princess can so radically change adults into willing slaves in such a short space of time.

PURELY PERSONAL RIFLES: . . . the present Administration has done remarkably well in stabilizing our country's economy, but the little farmers—particularly those Japanese in the White River and Puyallup valleys—are experiencing tough sledding.

SMOGLITES: by MARY OYAMA

After five weeks of malahini-like experiences in Hawaii, you finally become something of a kamaaina—a native islander

live and learn. Like any newcomer too, we were delighted at the melodious names of the streets. For instance; the Surf-Rider and Moana hotels were located at the intersection of Kalakaua and Kamehameha and the Hotel Delmar where we met "Mrs. Grouchy-Puss" on Kapahu-lu street near Kapiolani Park.

There was that time on the beach at Waikiki when the shipping company big-wig perked up at our mention of having dined at an Italian place and asked about its location. Said he, "Now I wouldn't mind having some pizza myself—where was this place?"

"Oh," we replied vaguely, "I can't remember the name but it was some where in that direction —, I think" (pointing toward the mountains) "uh, or maybe this way" (up and down by the hotels).

Trying to come to our rescue he motioned toward the front of the Moana hotel, "You mean there on the 'Main Drag'?" Yeh, we replied weakly feeling sillier each second at our own dumbness, we thought maybe it was on the "Main Drag." A lot of help WE were!

Much later we discovered that Kalakaua Avenue was the Main Drag where all the hotels were and which lead from Waikiki into the heart of the downtown Honolulu. Still later we learned that the charming open-air pizza place was located on Kalakaua. It was

and San Francisco) welcomed us to her attractive studio-apartment in Waikiki, she was clad in a charmingly informal pakei-style (Chinese type) pajama outfit. The kind called lounging p.j.'s or hostess p.j.s, quite glamorous yet comfortably informal.

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Our gracious hostess Grace Hishiguchi (formerly of San Mateo

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Being Roman

And there were also such problems as learning by experience what type of clothes to wear in the tropics. We remember the first invitation to a friend's home when we debated about informal cotton versus dress-up woolen (oh yes!) garbar-dine suit. Go informally native or go conventionally "Stateside"?

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We 'Arrive'

Come to find out: the conventionally attired office employees at the sugar refineries in Ewa (pronounced "eh-va") must have thought us one real gone mad tourist when a group of us mainlanders made the sight-seeing rounds.

No fooling, Daddy-oh, you saw it at the JACL National convention's outing at the Royal Palms last year. On that occasion the Entertainment Chairman tapped us to enter the "Loud Shirt Contest".

One momentous day on Kalakaua Avenue after more than four weeks in the Islands, we were clad in the poi-pounder when a middle-aged lady tourist stopped to admire it. "My deah, are you a native here?" the haole lady asked, "and where you get that darling outfit? I'd like to get one just like it."

Jr. Matrons cabinet

[Cleveland] Terry Nakashige was elected president of the Cleveland Jr. Matrons, succeeding Kay Furukawa. The club is planning a children's Halloween party and bake sale.

Kazuo (Japan). HAMADA, Mrs. Taki: San Francisco, Sept. 12, survived by husband Masataro, daughters Kiyo and Kayo; KATSURA, Mary T., 66: Berkeley, Sept. 11, survived by wife Taruru, sons Tomio, Michio, Toshiro, Yoshio, Ichiro, daughters Kimiko and Mrs. Fumi Watanabe.

VITAL STATISTICS

Births

- LOS ANGELES BROWN—Aug. 22, boy James Leroy to Donald A. Browns (Kaoru Iwaeshi), Van Nuys. CHIANG—Sept. 2, girl Christine to Sze Chiang (Atsuye Katagiri). FURUICHI—Aug. 19, boy James Toshio to Hisashi Furuichis (Tomoe Yoshida). HASEGAWA—Aug. 30, boy Alan Akira to Frank H. Hasagawas (Kiyoko Hirata). HAZAMA—Sept. 9, boy to Yoshiaki Hazamas, San Gabriel. HONDA—Aug. 30, boy Steven Akira to Shigeru Hondas (Kazuko Shibuhara), North Hollywood. KAWAMURA—Aug. 21, girl Shirley Kumiko to Masao Kawamuras (Yoshihiko Hori). KISHI—Sept. 9, boy to Roy Y. Kishis, Pasadena. KUROSE—Sept. 6, girl Suzanne Miekko to Yoshinobu Kuroses (Mitsuye Masuda). LEE—Aug. 11, girl Laryn D. to Robert Lees (Doris Hata), Rivera. MASUDA—Aug. 19, girl Kathy Reiko to Ken Masudas (Marjorie Ninomiya). MATSUOKA—Sept. 16, boy to Tomoo T. Matsuokas, Pasadena. MITORI—Aug. 28, boy Michael Masao to Masami T. Mitoris (Mayme Hamagata). MIURA—Aug. 27, boy Nolan A. to Toshio A. Miuras (Ruri Ishigami). MORIMOTO—Sept. 23, girl to Masao Morimotos, Monrovia. MUTO—Aug. 30, boy Stanley Hisao to Hiroshi Mutos (Shigeno Sato), Paicoima. OSAJIMA—Sept. 4, girl Kathleen to Paul T. Osajimas (Hatsumi Nakamura). OSHIGE—Aug. 17, girl Tomiko Jane to Noboru T. Oshiges (Teruko Maeda). OTANI—Aug. 26, girl Darlene Fusako to Yoshio Otanis (Ruriko Yokoyama). OYAMA—Aug. 22, girl Kathleen Tomiko to Daniel M. Oyamas (Greta H. Asato). SAKAMOTO—Aug. 15, girl Lynn Setuko to Charles T. Sakamotos (Yoshi Takayama). SUZUKI—Aug. 30, boy Andrew D. to Takashi Suzukis (Ellen S. Oshiro). TAMURA—Aug. 25, Danny M. to James Y. Tamuras (Betty Hatsuko Shimamura). UYEDA—Aug. 26, girl Kathleen Masumi to Saburo Uyedas (Alice Nishimine). WADA—Aug. 11, boy Robert S. to Robert Wadas (Shirley Hamaguchi). WALLACE—Aug. 23, boy Chester L. to Joe H. Wallaces (Nobuye B. Kawasaki). YAMAGUCHI—Aug. 18, girl Patricia Emiko to James H. Yamaguchis (Taye H. Okamoto), Gardena. YOSHIKAWA—Aug. 2, girl Doreen Yoshiko to Henry T. Yoshikawas (Maria Sanico).

- SAN DIEGO MORITA—Aug. 21, girl to Richard Y. Moritas. TAKASHIMA—Aug. 6, boy to Katsumi Takashimas.

- SACRAMENTO ERSU—Aug. 27, girl to Yoshio F. Ebusus. FURUKAWA—Aug. 25, boy to George S. Furukawas, Florin. HIGASHINO—Aug. 26, boy to Haruki Higashinos. MURAOKA—Sept. 11, girl to Tom T. Muraokas.

- FRESNO KIMURA—Aug. 21, girl Deborah A. to Noriho Kimuras (May Takakuwa). MURATA—Aug. 23, boy Dennis W. to Robert Muratas (Miyoko Sugita). SHIROYAMA—Sept. 1, girl to Fumio Shroyamas, Laton. YAMAMOTO—Aug. 24, girl to Masami Yamamotos.

- DOWNTOWNVILLE (Sierra Co.) SET—Aug. 31, boy to Elio Seis, Loyalton.

- MARYSVILLE OKAMOTO—Sept. 23, girl to Albert Okamotos.

Engagements

- OKIMOTO-WATANABE — Janet to John, both Los Angeles. TAKECHI-TADA — Dorothy, New York, to George Takuji, Los Angeles.

- Marriage Licenses Issued CHING-SUZUKI — Walter S. and Enid Tatsue, both McClellan AFB. HIRATA-HARA — James, 30, Palo Alto; Irene, 29, San Francisco. MANALO-TSUCHIYA — Leon M., 21; Hiroko, 24, both San Francisco. TANAKA-TAKAKUWA — Eichi, 27; Kazuko, 21, both San Francisco. TOMITA-BABA — Hirowo, 34; Tomie, 33, both San Francisco.

Weddings

- ICHIYAMA-KINOSHITA — Sept. 24, George and Aki, both Los Angeles. IKUTA-NAKASHIMA — Sept. 3, Charley and Mary, both San Jose. ISHIMOTO-WADA — Sept. 18, Takao, Los Angeles; Rosie, Long Beach. KANEKO-UNO — Sept. 16, Edwin T. Kona, Hawaii; Kay, Los Angeles. KODAMA-MIZOUE — Aug. 12, Bob and Marie, both Denver. MATSUNO-AIZAWA — Sept. 18, Shioo and Misako, both Los Angeles. MAYEKAWA-MASUDA — Aug. 20, Kazuo and Mitsuko, both Fresno. MIYAMOTO-IKEDA — Sam, Monterey; Teruko, Vancouver, B.C. NAKAMURA-NISHIZAKI — Aug. 7, Tetsuo, Paia, Maui; Emma, Ontario, Ore. NAKAMURA-SAKAMOTO — Sept. 17, George and Nancy, both Los Angeles. NAKASUJI-TSUBOKAWA — Sept. 17, Tohoru, Los Angeles; Yoshiko, Gardena. NISHIHARA-ENDO — Sept. 25, Shigeo and Jayne Nobuko, both Los Angeles. NOGUCHI-HONJO — Aug. 21, Yoshio and Yoshiko, both Sacramento. OGATA-NATSUHARA — July 23, Mitsuo and Suwako, both Sacramento. OTOTAKAGI — Aug. 13, Kiyoshi and June, both Sacramento. PARK-YOSHIDA — Oct. 8, Lawrence and Beti, both Los Angeles. SAKAMOTO-MIYAMURA — Sept. 4, James, Arroyo Grande; Haruye, Penryn. SASAKI-NAGATA — Sept. 18, Conrad S. and Joyce S., both Sacramento. SHIMASAKI-MATSUMOTO — Oct. 2, Kenji, French Camp; Eiko, Stockton. SHINODA-KAWANISHI — Sept. 18, Hideo, Stockton; Doris, Concord. TAKEI-SHIMADA — Aug. 14, Mamoru, Berkeley; Yukiko, Richmond. TANABE-TAKITA — Sept. 10, Masato, San Francisco; Miyeko, Berkeley. TANIZAKI-TSURUTA — Sept. 3, Susumi, Gilroy; Tomiko, San Jose. TANJI-UYEDA — Sept. 18, Nobuo, Santa Monica; Michi, Los Angeles. TERAKAWA-ARITA — Aug. 27, Shigeru, Salt Lake City; Margaret Keiko, Honolulu, at New York. TOYOSHIMA-YAMAICHI — Sept. 4, San Jose; Suyeko, Berryessa. YAMAKAWA-MACHII — Aug. 27, Dr. Kazuo A., San Jose; Shizuko, Los Angeles. YOSHIMOTO-SHIMIZU — Aug. 28, William and Yoriko, both San Mateo.

Deaths

- ENDOW, Yukio, 34: San Bernardino (formerly of Layton, Utah), Sept. 11, survived by wife Betty June, sons Owen, Edward, Tommie, daughters Lynette, Shauna, parents, three brothers and four sisters. FUNANOKI, Mizuemon: Stockton, Aug. 31, survived by wife Umeye and son

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Vagaries

BY LARRY TAJIRI

PLAGIARISM SUIT DISMISSED

Denver

Gene Fowler's *Minutes of the Last Meeting* (Viking, 1954) is a book about a group of Hollywood figures (John Barrymore, W. C. Fields, John Decker and Fowler) who determine to write the biography of Sadakichi Hartmann, one of the most fabulous characters of the American century. It is not a biography, in any sense, but a collection of anecdotes about Hartmann and his Hollywood friends.

*Minutes of the Last Meeting* recently was the subject of \$300,000 plagiarism suit filed by the estate of Sadakichi Hartmann against Fowler, and an accompanying \$300,000 suit against the Viking Press, publishers of the book. Attorneys for Mrs. Wisteria Linton, one of Hartmann's 13 children, last month obtained dismissal of their actions against Fowler and Viking. A "petition in compromise" was filed by lawyers for the estate after Fowler had made an out-of-court settlement of \$2,500. The petition revealed that the smallness of the compromise sum resulted from the fact that Fowler's profits from *Minutes of the Last Meeting* had been grossly exaggerated.

Although it was on best-seller lists for a time, sales of the book dwindled soon after its publication in 1954.

The complaint had charged Fowler had copied, embodied, used and appropriated material from an unpublished autobiography written by Hartmann. Back in 1941 Fowler had signed a contract with Hartmann, giving him permission to use the unpublished biography for reference purposes. The contract expired prior to Hartmann's death in 1944, at a time when Fowler had stopped work on the book because of the war situation which he believed made it inexpedient to publish a book about a person of Japanese ancestry.

In dropping the suit the Hartmann estate stated that the book, *Minutes of the Last Meeting*, was an "entirely original work of Mr. Fowler" and that litigation concerned terms of the contract between Fowler and Hartmann.

Gene Fowler used only highlights from the fantastic career of Sadakichi Hartmann. The full story is written but remains unpublished in a trunkful of manuscripts which Sadakichi left behind.

AUTOBIOGRAPHY REMAINS UNPUBLISHED

Now the autobiography of Sadakichi Hartmann probably never will be published. Hartmann, born in Japan of a Japanese mother and German father, lived for 62 of his 75 years in the United States. He was an author, poet, playwright, painter and art critic. He wrote the first *History of American Art*. He produced more than a score of other published works, including several plays and books of poetry, and painted some 400 canvases.

Hartmann came to the United States, friendless and alone, at the age of 13 in 1882. His father had given him \$3, put him aboard a steamer at Le Havre, France, and bade him goodbye. "You must learn to shift for yourself," father Hartmann said.

Two weeks later the boat arrived at Hoboken, N.J., and Sadakichi disembarked, becoming one of the first persons of Japanese ancestry to immigrate to the United States. He spent his first days on American soil walking and hitchhiking to Philadelphia where he had the address of a granduncle. The latter gave the 13-year old boy lodging in the attic and got him a \$3-a-week job at a lithographer's and then, according to Gene Fowler, charged Sadakichi \$3 for room and board.

In his early Philadelphia days the young Sadakichi lingered often on the brink of literal starvation. He went to night school and whatever money he managed to obtain was spent for books. Such were the humble beginnings in America of a man whose influence was to be considerable, for a time, in arts and culture of his adopted country.

Within five years of his arrival, then only 18, Hartmann had met and been befriended by some of America's leading literary figures. He met Whittier and Whitman and had written an article about the latter for the *New York Herald*. This article was later published in expanded form in 1885 under the title, *Conversations with Walt Whitman*.

In the cafes of New York and in the bistros of Paris Hartmann became known as a wit and raconteur, a man with many talents with sharp, perceptive insight into every field of human endeavor. Wherever he went he had a capacity of surrounding himself with artists and writers. He reigned as Greenwich Village's King of Bohemia, a title to which he is said to have become attached, and functioned similarly in art colonies in San Francisco and Hollywood.

Sadakichi Hartmann saw his plays *Christ* and *Buddha* performed in Boston in the 1890s. He wrote *The Last 30 Days of Christ*, *Shakespeare in Art*, *The Whistler Book* and *Japanese Art*. He published a number of books of poetry, including *Drifting Flowers of the Sea*, *My Rubaiyat* and *Tanka and Haiku*.

Plagued by asthma all his adult years, Hartmann came to the San Geronio Pass country of Southern California to live in 1923. He set up housekeeping in a desert cabin on the Morongo Indian reservation near Banning. There he lived intermittently until January, 1944, when he left to visit a daughter in St. Petersburg, Fla. Sadakichi was not caught in the mass evacuation of persons of Japanese ancestry from the west coast in 1942, and remained in his hermitage. Hartmann had become a naturalized American citizen in 1894 but he felt increasingly uncomfortable because of his ancestry and was restricted in his movements. Gene Fowler writes that Hartmann meant to go to New York, "where the Japanese were not so conspicuously hounded as in California." He did go east, not to New York, but to a death-bed in Florida.

Minority Week

Two Negro women were hired recently as sales clerks in the May Co. Crenshaw store, according to the Los Angeles Urban League, to culminate a seven-year attempt to convince department stores that hiring the best qualified, regardless of race, is not only good public relations but also good business. Nisei and Mexican American girls are also in evidence at its downtown and Crenshaw stores.

Inevitable questions on new claims law, lump-sum indemnity, date of passage, extending deadlines processing studied

San Francisco

What kind of law will be passed? Will it be substantially like the Lane-Hillings Bill? Will lump sum payments for all evacuees be included?

All legislation is the result of compromise, and this legislation, if and when it is enacted into law, will represent such compromises as may be necessary to secure its passage.

While all of the House Judiciary Subcommittee members who participated in the hearings are generally sympathetic to present provisions of the Lane-Hillings Bill, legislative draftsmanship and political realities of the present Congress will have much to do with the final form in which any measure is approved and sent to the White House.

Dictates of economy, of attempting to balance the budget, will be important considerations. Every liberalizing substantive amendment proposed will cost the Government money. Accordingly, the more that is authorized by this legislation the less other programs and projects will be allocated. In other words, the so-called dollar sign may be the determining factor in whether the Lane-Hillings Bill or any comparable legislation will be enacted next year.

Since every evacuee under the present language of the Lane-Hillings Bill will be entitled to a lump sum indemnity for pre-evacuation and post-evacuation expenses, including transportation costs, this single proposal has gained the attention of all evacuees, some 110,000 in number. Under the present \$150 for adults and \$50 for children formula mentioned in the Bill, it is estimated that this provision alone will cost the Government 10 to 15 millions of dollars.

Some Subcommittee members and attorney-witnesses have questioned the amount and there will probably be much discussion about the totals before any such lump sum, more or less automatic payment program will be written into any bill.

And, though it is not considered likely at this time, in view of the Dept. of Justice's objections to much of an earlier bill containing the provisions of the Lane-Hillings Bill, one should not discount the possibility of a presidential veto if too generous a measure is approved by the Congress.

Timetable for Bill

What is the timetable for congressional activity? When can the claimants expect to have their claims processed under the new Act?

It is hoped that the Subcommittee will be able to submit its report on a final bill that it can endorse to the full Judiciary Committee early in the next session, preferably in January; that the full Committee will accept the report of its Claims Subcommittee and will report the final bill to the House; and that the House will pass the final bill before the end of March.

This timetable is based upon wishful thinking and the hope that no major obstacles to the favorable consideration of this legislation will be raised. In this connection, it is only fair to point out that the more restrictive and less costly the legislation proposed by the Subcommittee is, the better the chances for speedy consideration. So, the factor of time versus dollars is all-important.

Based upon past experience, the real problem will be in the Senate.

DECADE AGO

Oct. 13, 1945

Washington.—Requests received from Nisei renunciants at Tule Lake who have changed their minds and hope to regain citizenship, Justice Department reveals.

Sacramento.—Grand jury acquits Watson brothers of federal charges in coast terrorism trial.



The Senate Judiciary Committee, unlike its House counterpart, does not have a permanent Claims committee. The Committee head designates three to five members of the full Committee to sit as a special Subcommittee on any particular claims matter. Thus, the makeup of the Subcommittee that considers evacuation claims legislation will be crucial. This is not meant to suggest that any member of the Judiciary Committee are unfriendly.

But, what is important is the availability of the members to consider this legislation, for many senators have many committees and subcommittees of which they are members and the question of scheduling such relatively "minor" bills always is a real problem.

The Senate Judiciary Committee has never held hearings on the west coast on evacuation claims. The members of the special Subcommittee that approved the basic Act in 1948 are no longer on the Committee. There is no member with a special interest or concern for this problem on the Committee roster. And, traditionally, the Senate is more restrictive and conservative on claims programs of this character than the House.

Next year is the Second Session of the present Congress. It is also an election year. Since Congress cannot postpone action on any legislation until the following session without "killing" it, there will be a major push on every bill, some 10,000 in number. And the political implications will be studied by every member before he acts.

No action by the Subcommittee or full Committee in either the House or Senate will save the congressmen from recording themselves on this legislation which involves a measure of "civil rights" as well as considerable money, running into the millions.

No one can foretell when this legislation will be enacted. But all claimants can rest assured that the JACL and COJAEC, as always will be using every available and legitimate means to secure favorable passage next year before summer adjournment.

How Much Involved?

As of the end of the 1955 fiscal year (June 30, 1955), there were 632 claims for amounts up to \$6,800 for a total of \$1,952,908; 222 claims in the \$6,800-\$10,000 category for \$1,886,310; 654 claims in the \$10,000 to \$25,000 category for \$10,689,524; 334 claims in the \$25,000-\$50,000 category for \$11,605,553; 164 claims in the \$50,000 to \$100,000 category for \$10,974,454; and 71 claims over \$100,000 for \$17,942,741.

Added up, as of the first of the present 1956 fiscal year (July 1, 1955), the Dept. of Justice had 2,077 claims pending for a total amount claimed of \$55,051,492.

During the hearings, figures were introduced to indicate the approximate amount involved in some of the substantive amendments proposed in the Lane-Hillings Bill. Since in a general way, the bulk of the items involved are presently considered "noncompensable" by the Dept. of Justice, these figures are interesting as an indication of what the proposed liberalizations may cost the Government.

As of Sept. 1, 1955, according to these statistics, there were 632 claims involving "corporations" for a total of \$9,292,205; 348 claims involving "annual crops" for \$3,958,474; 376 claims involving "perennial crops" for \$5,333,731; 386 claims involving realty or "fair rental values" for \$2,894,356; 393 claims involving "conservation" costs for \$293,332; 281 claims involving "management" expenses for \$3,139,048; and 591 claims involving "evacuation" expenses for \$426,154.

These figures, of course, are very conservative, for they do not

include west coast internees who would be made eligible under the Lane-Hillings Bill or the 110,000 evacuees who would qualify for lump sum payments in lieu of the pre- and post-evacuation expenses under this same legislation.

Late Filing

What about those claims that were filed after the January 3, 1950 deadline? What about claims which for one reason or another were never filed?

The Subcommittee appeared to consider as timely filed only those 75 claims that were postmarked before the statutory deadline but received after that date by the Attorney General in Washington.

None of the members expressed any enthusiasm for reopening the program and inviting those who filed late or failed to file any claim at all to file claims by extending the deadline; in fact, several expressed themselves strongly against such an extension on the grounds that then the program would never be completed and that those who would be given the opportunity to file would enjoy advantages over those who took the time and trouble to file their claims according to the law.

Law makers historically are opposed to extending filing deadlines, as are executive and administrative agencies, for obvious reasons. In the case of evacuation claims, an 18-month period was provided for filing claims. Greater publicity was given to the filing deadline than for most claims programs, including notices in every post office. And, after all, prospective claimants should accept the burden of finding out the facts regarding deadlines, for it is hardly conceivable that it is the Government's duty to locate every claimant and insist that a claim be filed against the Government.

But most important is the fact that those who took the time and trouble to timely file would be penalized by a filing extension, for these new claimants would have the benefit of the experiences of other claimants and of the interpretations of the law as promulgated by the Dept. of Justice.

There may be extenuating circumstances for a few who filed late or who failed to file altogether, but it is difficult at this point to conceive of such cases offhand. In any event, the question of these untimely claims should be deferred until after the present program is completed. Then, perhaps a review of the situation can be made. But, the final determination of the remaining claims should not be jeopardized by introducing this age-old problem of late filing.

CALENDAR

- Oct. 14-15 Gardena Valley—Benefit Movies, Community Hall; Shige Yano, guest singer.
- Oct. 14 (Friday) Chicago—Meeting, 116 S. Michigan Ave., 8 p.m. "Nisei Faces Housing Discrimination". Philadelphia—Movie night, International Institute, 645 N. 15th St., "Kunisada Chuji".
- Oct. 19 (Wednesday) San Diego—Gen'l meeting, Japanese Congregational Church.
- Oct. 21 (Friday) San Francisco—Political Candidates rally, Buchanan "Y", 8 p.m. So. Alameda County—Harvest Bar-BQ, Warm Springs School, 7 p.m.
- Oct. 22 (Saturday) Venice-Culver—Pre-Hallow'en potluck dinner, Braddock St. Comm. Center, 7 p.m. East L.A.—Jac' Lantern dinner-dance, Swally's Restaurant, 6:30 p.m.
- Oct. 22-23 Chicago—JACL Carnival, Olivet Institute, 1441 N. Cleveland.
- Oct. 29 (Saturday) Hollywood—Hallow'en dance, Hollywood Community Center, 9 p.m. Tetsu Besho's combo. Cincinnati—Hallow'en Social, First United Church.
- West Los Angeles—Hallow'en Dance, 2566 Overland Ave., 9 p.m.
- Nov. 5-9 NWNDC—Quarterly session, Sonoma County Chapter hosts, Sebastopol and Santa Rosa.
- Nov. 6 (Sunday) East Los Angeles—Issel Recognition program, International Institute, 7:00 u.m. Rep. Chet Hoffield, spkr.
- Nov. 12 (Saturday) Cincinnati—Chapter elections, 1st United Church.
- PSWDC—Quarterly session, Clark Hotel, 428 S. Hill St., Los Angeles; banquet, dance.