



EDITORIALS:

Review of 1955 Holiday Issue

This issue reaches subscribers, it shall matter of a day or when our 72-page Holiday Issue follows.

This is the week when we manage to get two issues off the press, thanks to the fast-minute assistance of a corps of volunteer proof-readers, mailers and a 18-hour day on the part of key personnel.

We are pausing in the midst of layout work on the 72-page edition to show a glimpse of the Silver Jubilee Issue. Dorothy Sakabe has submitted a gold-orange frosted letter-tied JACL 25th Anniversary birthday cake for our two-color cover—the first time PC is using two-color cover since the 1940 Christmas Issue.

The first section will feature sketches of our national presidents—all seven of them. We held our breath till Tuesday when the last two reports made our absolute-of-absolute deadline. Bill Hokawa's profile on the late Jimmie Sakamoto will prove inspiring. Shig Sakamoto will surprise many with his story on T. T. Yatabe's early years with the American Loyalty League. Mary Suma tells of Suma Suma's first lobbyist in Washington, and many others were wondering what had happened to Sugi.

The second section will highlight the roll of chapter presidents. We should here the list is not complete and trust it may be completed by readers who can fill us in with missing data. Chapter reports were heavier by some than in previous years.

Ermer Smith's "behind the scene" story of JACL, which he prepared in 1951 after going through Headquarters and old PCs, is the highlight of the "Silver Jubilee" Issue in the third section.

We have one short story this year, which is the eyes of proofreaders glued to copy, temporarily forgetting the blue pencil.



Rep. Clair Engle (center) of Red Bluff addressed some 300 persons attending the 15th annual Placer County JACL goodwill dinner Nov. 21 at the Roseville Veterans Memorial Hall. He said the record of the 442nd RCT would be a contributing factor in the ultimate statehood for Hawaii. Also extending greetings was Roseville Mayor Paul Lunardi (left) and chapter president Wilson Makabe, disabled 442nd veteran. —George Makabe Photo.

Canada admits aged parents of Nisei

(Toronto) Believed to be the first Japanese persons to benefit from the Canadian government ruling to reunite aged parents with their Asiatic Canadian children are Mr. and Mrs. Fujimatsu Tanaka, 78 and 70, respectively.

Mothers over 60 years of age and fathers over 65 are being permitted to enter Canada for permanent residence in a one-year experiment.

Mr. and Mrs. Tanaka left Stevenson, B.C., about 20 years ago, and lived in Wakayama.

DETROIT ELECTS FIRST WOMAN CHAPTER PREXY

(Detroit) Mrs. W. R. (Miyo-ko) O'Neill, elected president of the 1956 cabinet at the special elections meeting held Nov. 26 at the International Institute, will be the first woman to head the Detroit Chapter. She will also serve in the Chapter's 10th anniversary year.

FRED TAKATA NAMED TO HEAD EAST L.A.

(Los Angeles) Fred Takata was unanimously chosen to head the 1956 East Los Angeles JACL at recent elections held at International Institute. He and his cabinet members, except for publicity chairman Roy Yamadera, are filling chapter executive positions for the first time, it was revealed.

The retiring president is Jim Higashi.

ALBUQUERQUE C.L. INSTALLATION DEC. 31

(Albuquerque) George Matsubara, 7017-4th St. NW, was elected as 1956 president of the Albuquerque JACL at its November meeting.

Installation ceremonies of the new cabinet will be held during the New Year's Eve party, it was announced. Donald Dowler will be master of ceremonies.

CLAIMANTS URGED TO CONSULT OWN ATTORNEYS ON TEN-DAY CHOICE OF HEARING FROM GOV'T

Special to Pacific Citizen

(Los Angeles) Evacuee claimants should consult with their attorneys regarding their election of formal hearings or informal hearings for the tentative determination of their evacuation claims, Mike Masaoka, Washington JACL representative visiting in Los Angeles, declared in response to inquiries relating to the latest developments in the evacuation claims program.

As Masaoka explained it, the field offices in San Francisco and Los Angeles, respectively, are sending all claimants and their attorneys in California letters notifying them to elect either formal hearings or waiving their right to such hearings within ten days.

Since their attorneys are in the best position to determine which adjudicative procedure is best suited for their individual claim,

Masaoka declared that claimants should consult with their attorneys before replying to the letters sent out by the San Francisco and Los Angeles offices.

In addition to electing either formal or informal hearings, Masaoka suggested that every claimant request that final action on his claim be withheld pending congressional decision on the Lane-Hillings Bill to liberalize and expedite the evacuation claims program.

If Congress does liberalize the law, then the Government will adjust the claims upward accordingly, Masaoka said. On the other hand, if no changes are approved next session, the amount tentatively determined will then be paid. In either case, the claimant will not lose out and has much to gain by requesting that the final determination of his claim be held up pending congressional

action on the proposed amendments.

Since it is five years since the evacuation claims act became law, it is not unreasonable for the Department of Justice to insist that the claimants and their attorneys make known their election regarding their desire for either formal hearings or informal hearings, Masaoka said, in defending the Government action in sending out letters demanding that the claimants select one of the alternatives offered them under existing law.

By this time, the claimants and their attorneys should be aware of all the records and witnesses available to support their claim and of the other factors affecting its presentation; therefore, it should not be any hardship to decide whether a formal hearing or an informal one is best for the particular claim, Masaoka concluded.

Second edition of 'Beauty Behind Barbed Wires' published; postscript added by author Eaton telling of JACL's role

(San Francisco) The second edition of Allen H. Eaton's "Beauty Behind Barbed Wire" is now available, it was announced by National JACL Headquarters.

The edition is identical as the first one published in 1951 except for a three-page postscript calling attention to the "corrections of evacuation" and giving credit to the Japanese American Citizens League for making it possible.

The book tells the story of the arts and crafts in the relocation centers with dramatic photographs. It also recounts the forces which caused evacuation, the way evacuees responded and of the acceptance of Japanese Americans in this country.

"Most of the books dealing with the evacuation story tends to make us mad all over again," JACL Director Mas Satow commented, "but this book leaves us with a sense of pride and a feeling that this book will evoke appreciation for Japanese Americans rather than sympathy."

(JACLers may obtain a copy through Headquarters, 1759 Sutter St., at \$5 per copy. It lists for \$6.)

(Allen H. Eaton has added this "postscript" in the second edition of his "Beauty Behind Barbed Wires". It was prepared last September.—Editor.)

When the last lines of Beauty Behind Barbed Wire were written in 1951, we were in the ninth year after the evacuation, out of which all that is recorded here had come. To those sensitive citizens who had earlier recognized this event as "our worst war-time mistake" have been added hundreds of thousands of Americans who, learning the truth about evacuation, have felt increasingly the wrong we had done a small minority group in our population, a wrong which the conscience of our people must, as far as it could, help set right.

Without in the least condoning this great mistake, or ever permitting ourselves to forget it, yet it will profit us all to remember that evacuation and its aftermath have revealed to us, as perhaps no other event in our history ever has, the great principle upon which democracy rests, and which distinguishes it chiefly from the totalitarian state. That principle is that, whenever our government

makes a mistake or does what is believed to be a wrong, any citizen or any group of citizens may set about in whatever ways they can within the law to correct the mistake or right the wrong.

This Postscript is concerned with some of the "corrections of evacuation" which have been made since the first printing of the book in 1951. No group in our population has ever used its constitutional and legal rights more consistently and effectively in fighting its battles for freedom, and in so doing fighting the battles for all of us, than have the Nisei through their national organization, the Japanese American Citizens League (JACL) whose national slogan is "Better Americans in a Greater America." Theirs is a record of which every American who knows it must be proud; for no group of comparable size has ever rendered our country so great a social and political service.

When in 1942, evacuation came to the Pacific Coast, the Nisei, speaking through the JACL said, "if, in the judgment of military and Federal authorities, evacuation . . . is a primary step toward insuring the safety of the nation, we will have no hesitancy in com-

plying". But, if it is motivated by something else, "we . . . demand equitable judgment on our merits as American citizens . . ." In 1944, a voice speaking for the "fifty thousand citizens still inside barbed-wire fences," a voice trying to reach the America outside, said, "The tragic experiences of evacuation, the unwarranted hatred engendered toward us . . . we write off the ledger . . . We only seek to join the drive for Victory . . ." In 1946 the war over, and many a Nisei having paid in full on the battle front for the privilege of citizenship, the broken ranks of JACL were closed up again, and, at their Denver national convention they formed a new fighting line to work for and through democracy. On January 22, 1947, JACL set out to try (in the next ten years) to help correct, through Congress and in our states and cities, some of the things of which the people of Japanese ancestry had been victims; and which, as American citizens, they hoped they could help improve.

Three specific objectives were formulated: (1) To help recover some of the money losses caused

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Civic dignitaries of Denver and Colorado attended the Mountain-Plains District Council convention, Nov. 27. They are (left to right) Mike Masaoka of Washington, D.C., Lt. Gov. Stephen L. R. McNichols; Dr. Roy Nishikawa of Los Angeles; Robert McCullum, assistant to the mayor of Denver; and Bill Hosokawa of Denver, who was banquet toastmaster. —Tom T. Masamori Photo.

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by the mass evacuation of all per-
sons of Japanese ancestry in the
spring of 1942. (2) To eliminate
discriminatory laws directed
against persons of Japanese an-
cestry in the United States. (3) To
achieve citizenship, through nat-
uralization, for the fathers and
mothers of the Nisei and all Issei
who could qualify.

Following (in eight years' time)
are some of the results; as an Is-
sei put it, some of "the miracles
of democracy."

First: Our government has
awarded over twenty-five million
dollars in the many smaller claims
for losses due to evacuation, with
most of the larger business and
agricultural claims yet to be ad-
justed.

Second: More than five hun-
dred federal, state and local laws
which circumscribed the lives of
all persons of Japanese ancestry
have been completely nullified
either by court action or by re-
medial legislation. For the first
time in American history, there
is not a single "anti-Japanese
law" in effect anywhere in our
country.

Third: The dream of all dreams
has come true. All Issei are now
eligible for citizenship on the
same basis as other lawfully ad-
mitted immigrants. In the first
two years after the privilege of
naturalization was extended, ten
thousand Issei have become nat-
uralized, "the finest record for
early naturalization of any people
ever granted this privilege." The
average age of the naturalized
Issei is sixty-five, and their av-
erage residence in the United
States is almost fifty years. The
overwhelming majority of these
new citizens have sons who served
in World War II and Korea. Al-
though the waiver of the English
language requirement for citizen-
ship to those over fifty years of
age did help in a few instances
they were exceptions, and most
of the Issei took the regular ex-
aminations in English. It is esti-
mated that 97 per cent of these
passed on their first attempt. Several
Issei, so the Immigration and Nat-
uralization Service reported, cele-
brated their new privilege by
learning the Declaration of In-
dependence and the Constitution
of the United States by heart.

Race has been eliminated not
only as a qualification for nat-
uralization in our country, but as
a bar to immigration. The same
legislation that extended natural-
ization privileges to all resident
alien Japanese also repealed the
Japanese Exclusion Act of 1924
which many students and histori-
ans believe to have been one of
the major factors contributing to
the recent war in the Pacific. Now
immigration quotas are provided
for Japan and all other countries
of Asia.

While many citizens, and groups

**Overpopulation in Japan poses critical
problem; but not many want to emigrate**

BY TAMOTSU MURAYAMA

(Tokyo) This city was a lonely
village of some 100 thatched hous-
es in 1590, when Tokugawa Iye-
yasu established his seat of gov-
ernment here — then known as
Yedo. Twenty years later, the
population was up to 150,000 and
a hundred years later, it had
reached the one-million mark.

It was in 1939 that the popula-
tion soared past the 7,000,000 mark
and continued to increase until
1942. With the war, however, the
populace was scattered by mass
evacuation and great masses of
men were being recruited for war.

The population of Tokyo
dropped to 3,320,000 in 1945 —
about half of the record figure of
1942. With hostilities over, many
former Tokyo residents returned
home. Fortunately, my home was
intact and it was a happy reunion
for the family. But for many
thousands, they were no homes.

The ecological limit of Tokyo
is said to be the 8-million mark,
which has been reached. The
problem of sustaining its citizens
is compounded by the fact that
the birth rate is one per 3½ min-
ute. The net increase is two per

of citizens, publicly and privately
have given indispensable help in
all these achievements, it has been
through the foresight and plan-
ning, the deep faith in the pro-
cesses of democracy, and the in-
teligent and patient leadership of
a small band of comparatively
young citizens of Japanese ances-
try, only one generation removed
from their Asiatic homeland, that
most of the important things got
started and gone.

Last, but far from least, of the
contributions of our citizens of
Japanese ancestry is their influ-
ence upon the growing friendship
between their ancient homeland
and the United States. This
friendship between two countries
so recently at war with each other
is unprecedented in human his-
tory. It is a high hope for one
world in the making.

A.H.E.

Crestwood, New York.

10 minutes. At this rate, Tokyo's
population will reach the 10-mil-
lion mark in seven or eight years
without more people coming into
the big city to live.

Japan's population is expected
to reach the 100-million mark in
15 years, in spite of abortions and
strenuous campaigns by planned
parenthood groups. Previously,
the Japanese were able to migrate
to Manchuria, China, Korea, For-
mosa and other parts of Asia
without much trouble. Today red
tape has kept the Japanese within
its borders.

While Japan enjoyed its best
rice harvest (80 million koku or
12 million tons) in 3,000 years, the
crop is still insufficient to feed
the many mouths of Japan. Yet, it
was encouraging to note this won-
derful harvest for the first time.

Japan is facing a great social
problem of over-population. To
allay this situation, Japan is try-
ing to send emigrants to Brazil,
which is the only country outside
the United States to accept im-
migrants each year. It is Japan's
hope to have 5,000 Brazil-bound
each year, but the program has
bogged down for the lack of ade-
quate campaigns to educate pros-
pective emigrants with the spirit to
pioneer.

What Japan can well use is this
pioneer spirit to alleviate the
present population crisis. The Ja-
panese press has not been coop-
erative over the Brazilian offer.
After all, even press sees no bed
of roses in Brazil. The readers
also know. The virgin land is
jungle-fested but least of all, the
Japanese have no will to win nor
to become pioneers.

**ESTIMATE 89 MILLION IN
JAPAN, INCREASE NOTED**

(Tokyo) The newspaper Asa-
hi last week estimated Japan's
population as of October this year
to be 89,283,823 or nearing six
million more than five years ago.

Asahi based its estimate on lo-
cal census returns still untabu-
lated by the national government.

FROM THE FRYING PAN: by Bill Hosokawa



Anything I can do?

Denver

Sometimes one small anecdote tells
more about a man's character than a
column of type. Such an anecdote was
related to me this week by Chet Gibbon
of *The Seattle Times*. It has to do with
Jimmie Sakamoto, whose death after be-
ing struck by an automobile, was reported
last week.

John Closs, a *Seattle Times* photographer, was on his way
to work when he noticed what appeared to be a car-pedestrian
accident. Closs stopped his car, grabbed his camera and jumped
out. He was shooting a picture of the victim, lying in the street
with a blanket over his shoulders and being comforted by a
police officer, when he recognized the man as Jimmie Saka-
moto. They were long-time friends, had associated frequently
at the Washington State Press club.

"This is Johnny Closs, Jimmie," said the photographer.
"You'd better lie real still until the ambulance gets here."
"Oh, hello, Johnny," said Jimmie. "What happened?"
"You got hit by a car."
"Can I get up now?"
"No, you'd better stay where you are. They've phoned
for an ambulance."
"Are you taking a picture, Johnny?"
"Yes."
"Good work! Attaboy, Johnny. Anything I can do for
you?"
"No, just lie still, Jimmie, you'll be okay. I'll phone your
wife and tell her you had an accident."
"That's a good idea, Johnny. Thanks a lot."

But the St. Vincent de Paul salvage bureau, where Jim-
mie was going to work, already had telephoned her. Four hours
later Jimmie Sakamoto was dead, his skull fractured.

It was characteristic of Jimmie Sakamoto that he should
wax enthusiastic—"Good work! Attaboy Johnny"—on hearing
that a friend was engaged in carrying out his professional
duties, even though Jimmie himself was the victim to be pho-
tographed. Jimmie Sakamoto was the most selfless man I ever
knew. That, no doubt, was one of the main reasons his news-
paper was never a financial success. He was too busy helping
others, thinking of the welfare of others, to do much about
his own troubles. That was the very reason he made such a
success of his job with the salvage bureau. He never consider-
ed himself unfortunate; there were so many others who needed
his help.

"Anything I can do for you?" Let that stand as an epitaph
in memory of one of the most remarkable personalities it has
been my privilege to know. Let me remember those words
when I'm feeling sorry for myself.

BIT BEFORE CHRISTMAS

Since this is the last regular column before Christmas, I
know Jimmie won't mind sharing what remains of this space
with our 7-year-old Pete who still wants to believe in Santa
Claus but sometimes has his doubts. We were talking about
Santa the other day and Pete got around to expressing his
ideas about what would be ideal in his stocking come Christ-
mas morning.

"Oh," said Pete, "I don't want much. Sure would like to
get three things, though—a bottle of olives, a jar of peanut
butter, and a loaf of nice, soft bread."

Incidentally, Pete is known in the family as Chunk.
Pete is also the character who wanted to know what kind
of fish a barracuda was after we had broiled and done away
with a large section of one the other night. Mike, the family
expert on fish, described the barracuda as a lean ferocious,
savage beast of the deep definitely dangerous to man.

"What else could you expect," asked Pete in that deadpan
manner of his, "from something out of the bear family?"

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GARMENTS OF CHRISTIAN SAMURAI

The heavily embroidered red woolen coat, being held by Mrs. Nancy Oyama, wife of Wesley Oyama, was used by Don Felipo Francisco Tokuemon Hasekura, first Japanese emissary to the Holy See. The mission left Japan on Oct. 27, 1613, and was received in audience by Pope Paul V in October, 1615. The first band of Japanese Catholics reached Rome via California, Mexico and Spain. The famous Spanish explorer Sebastian Vizcaino guided the mission as far as Mexico. Hasekura returned to Japan via Mexico and the Philippines in Aug. 20, 1620. As Japan was then persecuting the Christians, the samurai remained a quiet man until death in spite of his first hand knowledge of the western world and civilization. The garments are now in the possession of the Wesley Oyamas. Other articles shown are the deer-skin hakama and a beautiful samurai hat that is lacquered.—Nippon Times Photo.

TOKYO TOPICS: by Tamotsu Murayama

1956 scout jamboree



Tokyo
The fourth national Boy Scouts of Japan jamboree will be held for five days starting Aug. 3, 1956, at Karuizawa. In reality, it will be "international" since many American and Asian nations will participate in the huge scout jamboree to strengthen the scouting movement in this part of the world.

Karuizawa is a famous summer resort, some 3,000 feet above sea level, about a three-hour ride from Tokyo. It is situated on a plateau in Nagano prefecture. This spot is ideal for a summer jamboree as Tokyo and its environs are usually stuffy and suffocating then.

Since diplomatic and social functions of Tokyo are moved to Karuizawa during the summer months, there should be no worry weather-wise for foreign visitors coming to the scout jamboree.

As a matter of fact, there is usually a good sized foreign community enjoying their summer vacations at Karuizawa. It was primarily developed as a summer resort for Tokyo residents by foreigners some 70 years ago. Its growth since 1920 has been outstanding.

It might be added that Karuizawa is also known for its winter sports as hundreds are attracted by its ideal skiing conditions.

This 1956 jamboree will be the biggest in Japan from the standpoint of foreign scouts participating.

A report from Honolulu has indicated that Japan Air Lines will fly charter groups from the United States for the jamboree, followed by a tour of Japan after the five-day gathering.

The Japanese Scout headquarters in Tokyo is also planning to entertain foreign guests. Los Angeles and San Francisco have informed the Tokyo Scout headquarters of their plan to attend. Dr. Jorge Vargas, president and chief scout of the Boy Scouts of the Philippines, recently assured a Filipino contingent would join. Japan is also expecting scouts from China, Korea, Indonesia and India.

The Japanese government is also standing by to assist in the scout project.

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It appears to be a fine opportunity for Nisei and Sansei scouts to visit Japan and join hands with Japanese scouts here for the promotion of better Japanese-American friendship.

One final note: Japan's chief scout is Michiharu Mishima, a former viscount. Other officials are Hidesaburo Kurushima, Dowa Mining Co. president, acting chief scout executive, who is in charge of the jamboree and currently president of the Tokyo Council; assisted by Yoriaki Matsudaira, a former count, who is assistant jamboree chief.

Supreme Court decision invalidating 'separate but equal' facilities of public parks, beaches hailed by JACL

[Washington] A principle which the Japanese American Citizens League has long espoused was again reaffirmed by the United States when it ruled on Nov. 7 that discriminatory practices should not be tolerated on the basis of race or color.

The Court sustained a judgment of the Fourth Federal Circuit Court of Appeals—that Baltimore and the State of Maryland could not segregate whites and Negroes at public parks and bathing beaches—and it vacated a decision of the Fifth Federal Circuit Court of Appeals—that Atlanta could legally segregate the races on public golf courses if Negroes were provided with facilities equal to those available to white persons.

Although the JACL could not submit briefs because of the latest regulations of the Supreme Court on the submission of amicus curiae briefs, it has been an official party of interest in these and other cases involving segregation and racial discrimination.

Fortified by its decision of May 17, 1954 in which the Supreme Court ruled that pupils in the public schools could not be segregated on the basis of race or color, the Supreme Court again applied this principle to public recreational facilities in unanimous rulings as brief per curiam.

No formal opinions were handed down.

From time to time information has come to the Washington JACL Office that some of the nearby Maryland, Virginia beaches have denied admission to persons of Japanese ancestry. It was felt, therefore, that this decision would clear up that situation.

BALTIMORE-MARYLAND CASES

By the rulings on the Baltimore-Maryland cases, segregation at all recreational centers publicly operated in Maryland was removed in view of the decision of the Supreme Court that "the motion to affirm is granted and the judgment is affirmed." The decision disposed of the appeals of both Baltimore and the State of Maryland when the Fourth Circuit Court of Appeals last March affirmed the Supreme Court's ruling on the school segregation cases that the "separate but equal" doctrine was unconstitutional.

In the Baltimore case the city authorities refused to permit Robert M. Dawson, Jr., and other Negroes to use bathing and recreational facilities at Fort Smallwood Park in 1950. In April, 1951 the latter took their case to the Federal District Court for Maryland.

The District Court ordered the Negroes to be admitted on certain days since there were no separate facilities available. Subsequently "separate" and facilities physically "equal" to those provided for the whites were built.

The lawyers for the Negroes argued that the "separate but equal" doctrine denied them their constitutional rights and was in conflict with the Supreme Court decision on the school segregation case.

In July, 1952 a group of Negroes sought admission to Sandy Point State Park near Annapolis which was reserved for whites on the basis that the East Beach, reserved for Negroes, did not provide equal facilities. In the suit which was filed, Judge Calvin W. Chestnut ruled that equal facilities were not available, and as a consequence the park was closed to make for such improvements. After the East Beach facilities were improved, the Negroes maintained that racial segregation denied them their constitutional rights.

After the Supreme Court decision on the school segregation cases, the two cases were consolidated and tried before Judge Roszel C. Thomsen of the United States District Court for Maryland.

Judge Thomsen sustained the "separate but equal" doctrine applied to recreational facilities, and the school segregation decision by the Supreme Court was inapplicable. This ruling was appealed to the Fourth Circuit Court of Appeals.

In its ruling, the Court of Appeals said, in part: "It is now obvious that segregation cannot be

justified as a means to preserve the public peace merely because the tangible facilities furnished to one race are equal to those furnished the other. . . ." and rejected the lower court's interpretation.

ATLANTA CASE

The Atlanta case involved the attempt of Dr. H. M. Holmes and his two sons, Alfred and Oliver, to use a public golf course, which was denied them because of their color. On July 6, 1954, a Federal District Court ruled that to deny admittance to players on the basis of race was to practice "forbidden discrimination," and ordered substantially equal facilities "while preserving segregation". The United States Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals in New Orleans affirmed this decision.

The Negroes argued that their constitutional rights had been abridged by the "separate but equal" doctrine and that it no longer had force in view of the U.S. Supreme Court decision on public school segregation.

The Supreme Court formally accepted the appeal and then ordered these judgments vacated. The case was remanded to the Federal District Court with instructions to enter a decree in favor of the plaintiffs in conformity with the ruling on the Maryland cases.

The enforcement of the latest Supreme Court decisions on segregation will presumably follow the

course in the school segregation cases in which the question of procedure was left to the lower Federal Courts.

In the school segregation case decision of May 17, 1954 Chief Justice Earl Warren said the doctrine of "separate but equal" had no place in public education and that "separate education facilities are inherently unequal".

OFFICIAL REACTION

Governor Theodore R. McKeldin of Maryland said, after the decision was handed down: "Officials of Maryland have never to my knowledge questioned the supremacy of the law of the United States Constitution or the interpretations of that document by the Supreme Court, and I see no reason to do so now."

Maryland's Attorney General, C. Ferdinand Sybert, said that the Supreme Court was the "court of last resort," and added that "there is nothing else for law-abiding citizens to do except abide by its decisions."

In Georgia Governor Marvin Griffin said that Georgia would abandon all state parks before "co-mingling of the races" would be allowed. He said:

"Co-mingling of the races in Georgia state parks and recreation areas will not be permitted or tolerated. While I cannot speak for

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Hospital race bias

Chicago

Discrimination against Negro patients by private Chicago hospitals is one of the city's worst human relations problems, according to Francis W. McPeck, executive director of the Chicago Commission on Human Relations. It was pointed out that three tax-supported hospitals (County, Illinois Research and Municipal Tuberculosis sanitarium) cared for 61 per cent of the Negro maternity cases here in 1955, compared with 58 per cent in 1954.

The report was made at the 10th annual awards luncheon, where three organizations and three individuals were cited for their efforts toward better interracial understanding.

McPeck, a former Congregational clergyman, went on to say in his year-end summary of Chicago's intergroup relations:

"That anyone as gravely in need of medical care as a mother bearing her child should be turned away from a hospital simply on the grounds of race is an intolerable offense against public decency and morality, to say nothing of religion."

He urged public support of an ordinance, endorsed by the commission and now pending in City Council, that would prohibit hospitals from discriminating against patients on the basis of race.

His report hailed the amount of time citizens are devoting to human relations work on a volunteer basis.

More business organizations than ever before are asking the commission how to set up merit employment programs, how to go about "employing people from groups never employed before," he said.

He also praised Chicago police for their "notable day-in-day-out job" on the "human relations front."

McPeck pointed out that 300 policemen are on daily racial details—"the most unpleasant assignment."

He reported that there has been an "encouraging" sharp reduction of incidents at Trumbull Park homes project although this does not mean "a solution on the human relations level."

"Wise and conservative leaders in real estate, industry and commercial life," McPeck pointed out, "increasingly see the relationship between the city's future and its human relations attitude."

"It seems useless to talk about physical conservation or redevelopment unless in the same breath we talk about improving intergroup attitudes," he said.

In order to participate in the next local elections, county clerk Edward J. Barrett reminded voter registration closes Mar. 12, 1956. The election office in room 230, County Bldg., will be open weekdays 9-5, Saturday, 9-12.

The Chicago JACL Christmas Nocturne social will be held in place of a regular meeting, Dec. 23, 8 p.m., at the Monroe YWCA, according to Helen Mori, chairman. Assisting her are Tomi Domoto, Bill Fujii, Mike Hori, Shizuko Inbe, Max Joichi, Jane Miyake and Kenji Nakane.

DATELINE NORTHWEST: by Budd & Arlene Fukei



Babe of Bethlehem

Seattle

What does Christmas mean to you? Bright wrapping paper and gay ribbon? Tired feet and flat pocketbook? Carols and Santa Claus?

Somewhere along the way we have almost forgotten that Christmas is the celebration of the birth of a Babe in a stable in Bethlehem some 1,900 odd years ago because there was no room in the inn. A Babe whose influence reached out to touch the whole world.

This Babe was worshipped by lowly shepherds of the surrounding hills and by Wise Men of the East who journeyed almost a year to find Him. We do not know from whence these Wise Men came or how many there were, but they brought three gifts—gold, frankincense and myrrh.

Throughout the centuries, dignified and learned men, humble and unlearned ones have bowed to the charms of an infant. But the Wise Men of the East and the humble shepherds of Judea saw more in the Babe of Bethlehem than just an infant. They sensed that this Child was more than a child, and their hearts were filled with hope.

His actual followers now number only a small percentage of the population of the globe, but His hand has touched the life of almost every human being living today. Our calendar, universally accepted for business, legal, and political transactions, is dated from His birth. On Sunday, symbol of His resurrection, million enjoy a day of leisure, many of them unaware of the day's significance.

His followers have carried modern methods of education, ideals of literacy, scientific medicine and hundreds of other innovations to share with those who lacked them. Others of His disciples have created written languages for peoples who had none, that they might read of His life and deeds. Our own Pilgrim fathers, seeking religious freedom, fostered the idea of free education so that their children might read of His teachings—the principle which has had so great an effect on our nation's progress.

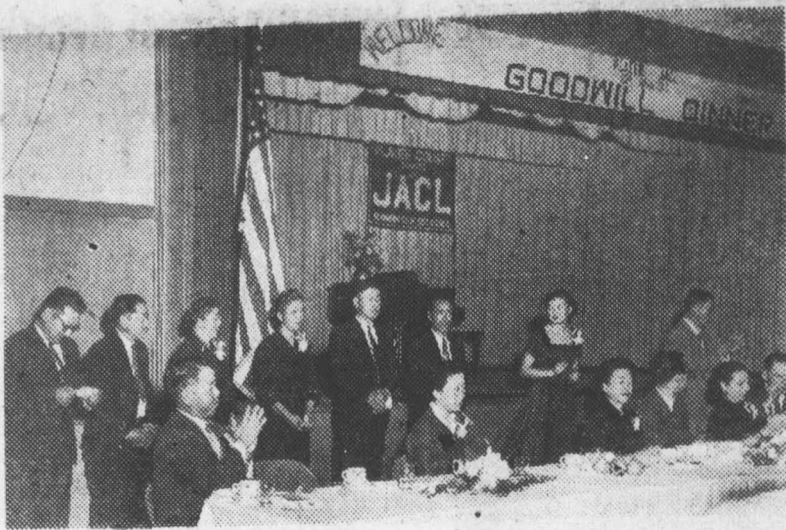
The Wise Men brought gifts to the Babe, expecting nothing in return.

Our modern gift exchange at the Christmas season is gradually becoming a web in which one becomes more entangled with the passing years.

We can learn from the Wise Men. We can concentrate our giving generously and unselfishly to the orphans, the aged, and the poor rather than to those friends who have no need of gifts and to whom we give "because they gave us something." By doing so, we will, in return receive the joy and satisfaction of sharing with the less fortunate.

Whether or not we are His disciples, it is fitting that we pause and reflect upon this tremendous event that has had such a profound influence on the world. We should remember the Babe of Bethlehem, and make sure that this year there is

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Tom Yego (extreme right) of Placer County, who is national JACL 1st vice-president, was assisted by Sumiye Hirota, Miss Placer JACL of 1955, in presenting 25-year membership pins to six Placer County CLers: (left to right) Herbert Tokutomi, Roy Takemoto, Mrs. Kay Takemoto, Mrs. Unichi Sunada, Shigeki Matsumoto and Robert Asazawa. The awards were made in the recent Placer County goodwill dinner. Seated at the head-table are (left to right) George Itow, general dinner committee chairman; Mrs. Tom Yego, Mrs. Chiz Satow, Masao Satow, Mrs. Clair Engle and the main speaker Congressman Engle. —George Makabe Photo.

Sonoma County CL elects Ohki head, to push membership

(Santa Rosa) Active CLer Edwin Ohki of Santa Rosa was elected 1956 president of the Sonoma County chapter at the Dec. 2 general meeting.

He and his board will be installed at a community New Year potluck dinner tentatively set for Saturday, Jan. 7, 6 p.m., at the local Memorial Hall. The date was originally announced for Jan. 2, but postponed to this more convenient time. Women auxiliary officers are to be installed the same day.

Tak Kameoka was appointed installation dinner chairman. Chapter awards are to be presented as well as a program of talent and skits. The affair is open to the public, announced chapter president Kanemi Ono.

Following the elections, the chapter laid elaborate plans for the 1956 membership drive. A survey of the 1955 rolls indicates that only a few families living in Sonoma County were not members of the JACL, according to president, elect Edwin Ohki. In order to equal or surpass the 1955 membership figure the area of solicitation has been enlarged to include Ukiah in Mendocino County to the north and as far east as Napa. As has been the past custom the drive will be conducted on a door-to-door basis.

Assisting in the membership campaign will be Miyo Masaoka, George Hamamoto, Kanemi Ono, Frank Oda, Beth Yamaoka, Johnny Hirooka and Jim Miyano. Ohki has reminded all solicitors that the first progress reports on the membership campaign will be due Jan. 7 at the installation dinner. All solicitors are asked to turn in unused membership cards. The membership drive will be concluded as soon as possible with Jan. 31 as the deadline.

Alameda names Ushijima as 1956 chapter prexy

(Alameda) George W. Ushijima, well-known Nisei produce merchant of Oakland, was elected 1956 Alameda JACL chapter president at the organization's final meeting of the year Dec. 2 at the Buena Vista Methodist Church here. The newly-elected cabinet will be

Christmas party for So. Alameda youngsters

(Centerville) The Southern Alameda County JACL will again present a Christmas party for the young Nisei population here at the Warm Springs Grammar School Auditorium tonight from 7 p.m. Mmes. Kimi Asakawa and Sumi Motozaki will be assisted by the following committee members: June Handa, invitation; Hisako Mizota, refreshments; Dorothy Kato, entertainment; Michi Handa and Sam Yamakawa, gifts.

French Camp Auxiliary in gala Yuletide party

(French Camp) The annual French Camp JACL Community Christmas Party will be held at the local JACL Hall tonight.

The chapter women's auxiliary is in charge with Mrs. Fumi Higashiyama and Mrs. Florence Shimromizu as co-chairmen. Chapter members who are in charge of the different phases of the project are:

Lydia Ota, Michi Egusa, Martha Shimasaki, Tomi Takahashi, Mari Hayashi, Irene Nakano, Dorothy Ota, Ayako Tsugawa, Lawrence Nakano, Harry Ota, John Fujiki, Bob Ota, George Ogino, Fumio Kanemoto, Hito Murata, Tosh Hotta, Hiroshi Shinmoto, and Kiyoshi Hayashi.

New Year's eve dance for Mile-Hi JACLers set

(Denver) Irving Matsuda, acting president of the Mile-Hi JACL, announced that Lou Graco's orchestra has been obtained for the annual JACL Inaugural Ball to be held New Year's eve, Dec. 31, in the Silver Glade Room of the Cosmopolitan Hotel. The dance will commence at 9 p.m. and last until 1956.

The festivities will commence with an annual Recognitions Dinner at the Cosmopolitan Hotel, honoring JACLers who have contributed to the welfare of the local Japanese American community.

installed at a banquet Jan. 15 with Mrs. Harue Maevama in charge of arrangements. The locale is to be announced. Haruo Imura is the retiring president.

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Speaking at the Issei Recognitions dinner Oct. 29 was Helen Burke (standing), director of Human Relations Commission. Sitting at the left are Bob Horiuchi, recently elected Mountain-Plains district chairman, and John T. Horie, Americanization class instructor. The event was attended by 300 persons. —Tom T. Masamori Photo.

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(To keep the records of 1956 cabinet officers clear, the following changes denote additions, corrections and changes that have been reported to this column since the list was originally published. Further changes will be appreciated.—Editor.)

DELANO (See PC: Dec. 2, 1955)
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FRESNO (See PC: Nov. 18, 1955)
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Emi Kuwamoto Women's Div.

SELMA (See PC: Dec. 2, 1955)
Mrs. T. Misaki 3rd V.P. and Aux. Chmn.

U.S. flag pins sent to Colorado Issei

(Denver) The Mile-Hi JACL announced that Issei who were naturalized as U.S. citizens during the past year have been presented with gold-filled American flag lapel pins, provided such Issei attended the Issei receptions held by the JACL. Lists were compiled of Issei attending, and every Issei who attended with mementoes of their citizenship.

However, Harry H. Sakata, president of the Mile-Hi JACL announced that Issei who desired to have one of these jewel-like flag pins may write to the JACL, 1225-20th St., Denver 2, and the chapter would be happy to send a pin.

The Mountain-Plains JACL office noted that most Issei have now become naturalized, and that it is improbable that similar Issei reception-dinners will be held in the future.

VERY TRULY YOURS: by Harry K. Honda



Something new

● Actually this is one week when we get out two issues of the *Pacific Citizen*—the regular Dec. 16 issue of eight pages and the special Silver Jubilee holiday number dated Dec. 23 . . . This is our third year battling two deadlines at the same time. I suppose the best reason one could give is that the challenge is daring and we like 'em this thick . . . At the time of this writing, the pages still need to be dummied, the additional proofs of copy and advertising to be checked and sizes of photographs to be determined.

● But what was strange this past week, in the midst of all of the PC Holiday Issue preparations and the big story of Jimmie Sakamoto's accidental death, was the query: what will the 1956 Holiday Issue be like? . . . If there is a continual decrease in the number of advertisers and an increase in the number of one-line greetings (which is this year's trend, although I haven't all the figures compiled to prove this point), why can't the year-end issue become a directory of JACLers and friends? The one-line greetings are becoming popular each year. We see names of couples who proudly add the names of their children and often times the name & address extends into a second-line. We don't mind. In fact, we'd like to see the names of all the youngsters in a family . . . This idea is still cold. I'm just bringing it out for the first time as I pound on my little Underwood portable at home . . . But it will mean the passing of traditional holiday numbers where long stories, big pictures and special art work played a prominent role . . . Revenue-wise, the directory of JACLers and friends each year has distinct possibilities . . . And rather than get caught in the holiday rush when the printers are loaded with work, it may be published in the middle of the year—and the one-liners could be solicited at the time of membership campaigns. It may even prompt membership campaigns to be finished before May of each year . . . There are many aspects to this business that need study, but I'm trying to present something different.

● In connection with election stories reaching our desk of late, we'd appreciate a line or two about the chapter president. What he does for a living; schooling, age and years of previous JACL service, other offices he may have held in the chapter and affiliations with other groups . . . A name is a name, but so is a name on a tombstone. Unless someone tells us who he was and what he did, it fails to come to life.

MINORITY WEEK

■ The Los Angeles Chapter of the National Red Cross on Nov. 21 wrote a letter of apology to the NAACP for inserting an ad in the Oct. 7 issue of the Los Angeles Times calling for a "Clerk-typist White."

Following a protest by Atty. Thomas Neusom, president of the NAACP, Bowen McCoy, Red Cross manager, sent the following letter:

"The insertion of this ad calling for a Clerk-typist White was unauthorized by a responsible official of this organization and the placement of the ad with such a designation was completely contrary to the policies and practices of the Los Angeles Chapter, American National Red Cross.

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NATIONAL DIRECTOR'S REPORT: by MASAO SATOW

Our typewriter slower than our traveling—Fortnightly column misses schedule due to district conventions, chapter fetes



Idaho State Senator Vernon Daniel (left) introduced and pushed through the bill in the legislature which wiped off a 28-page alien land law from its statutes. JACL Director Mas Satow presented a certificate of commendation on behalf of the organization at the recent Intermountain District Council convention at Ontario, Ore. —Harano Photo.

San Francisco
We goofed on our last regular fortnightly report because of the inability of our typewriter to keep up with our rapid moving around. Incidentally, we can't figure why we are unable to recruit staff members in the face of opportunities to travel around, meet people, see the country, get well fed-and oiled, and generally spoiled by a lot of wonderful folks who comprise our membership. We must admit, however, there are times when the going gets a bit rugged, like when the Idaho Falls delegates insist upon the National flunky meeting with them at three in the morning at the tail end of a strenuous three day convention.

Tacoma
The Pacific Northwest Convention was highlighted by Washington's Senator Warren G. Magnuson. This makes number two for him since he also spoke at the joint EDC-MDC affair in Washington DC earlier this year. The senior west coast Democratic Senator came out strongly in pledging his support of the claims amendment and rates on air transportation for horticultural products, a bill which he introduced in the first session. It was gracious of him to drive down to Tacoma on a wet night, although for a good half hour it looked like any one of us at the head table would have to pinch hit.

Seattle-ites were especially amused when he stated that the only two felony cases among the Japanese he had come across as special prosecutor for Kings County involved their sale of worthless stocks to their fellow countrymen.

Convention co-pilots Tom Takemura and Bob Mizukami found

out what it's like to sweat out the banquet attendance, and were much relieved when the crowd came to within one of their calculations. Was good to see old time JACLer Kaz Yamane around and active again after being laid on the shelf for a couple of years by illness. Two young attractive Sansei gals, Jane Otsuka and Eleanor Yoshioka, graciously volunteered to record the minutes of the business sessions and were enthusiastic about what they learned about JACL in the process.

Dr. Matthew Masuoka really deserves to go back to his salmon fishing after serving as DC Chairman for almost three years. Newly elected Chairman Dr. Kelly Yamada proves again that once the JACL bugs get you, you can't let go. Kelly was always very much in evidence at the prewar National Biennials, and recently Mayor Rishell of Oakland publicly recalled Kelly pestering him as prewar Oakland Chapter prexy. Kelly also served a stint as Seattle Chapter head a couple of years ago.

Ontario, Ore.
The IDC Convention was a rugged affair which somehow the Deacon managed to survive. George Sugai did such a good job co-chairing this with "Wabash Cannon Ball" Joe Saito, that he was elected the new IDC boss. Members of the Snake River Valley Chapter really put out and spent many hours in preparation to details: examples—table decorations of miniature women's hats at the very fine fashion show by the ladies of the chapter, and George Hashitani and his dance committee converting the community hall to a gayly decorated ballroom.

As Mam Wakasugi drove us to Ontario from the Boise airport, the local evening newscast told about the coming three day convention of the Japanese American Citizens League. Mam, by the way, was the chairman of our 5th National Biennial at Portland in 1940. All delegates were given courtesy stickers for their cars to assure they would not be tagged, and Mayor Bopp of Ontario announced that the Chairman of the City's Budget and Finance Committee—our own old time JACLer Tom Iseri, would take care of any fines. Tom is an example of how well the Nisei in this area have become an integral part of this area.

Former National Treasurer Kay Terashima gave a masterful talk in Japanese to the Issei, so much so that Japanese Consul Imajo of Portland not only publicly commended him but restricted his own remarks. The Issei got a big bang out of Chapter President George Iseri who said he was advised in greeting the Issei to say only three words, "Yo kita no". Tom Itami proved to be an able bilingual toastmaster.

Idaho State Senator was moved by our presentation for his efforts in wiping the State's alien land law off the books. Said in his years of public life, JACL is the first to express such appreciation. The IDC deserves a lot of credit for seeing that the alien land laws of Utah, Oregon and Idaho, are now by the boards—a 1000 per cent batting average.

Orchids to Pil Sugai. This hard working gal put out three sumptuous banquets three nights in a row, and her Eastside Cafe's warm hospitality made the place convention hq. every night until the wee hours.

Central Cal
We are always impressed with the fine public relations programs of the Central California chapters as evidenced by the representative turnout at the DC banquet. At least half a dozen mayors and many other civic dignitaries were on hand to be exposed to the Masuoka eloquence and to witness the mass installation of some 85 chapter officers, extending halfway around the spacious Hacienda Motel banquet hall including newly elected DC Chairman, barrister Jin Ishikawa. Congressman B. F. Sisk practically bid for the next JACL National Biennial for Fresno. The CCDC chapters have a consistently fine record of meeting or oversubscribing their national quotas.

Placer County
Another fine example of public relations is the Placer County annual goodwill banquet. It is getting to be a problem to find a place large enough to accommodate all those who look forward to this event. At this 15th Annual banquet Congressman Clair Engle voiced his support of our program and especially statehood for Hawaii in his capacity as Chairman of the House Committee on Interior and Insular Affairs. The Placer Chapter antedates the national organization by two years, having been organized 27 years ago as the Newcastle Chapter.

Marysville
We ran up to Marysville where the chapter under President Dan Nishita is wasting no time preparing to host the District Council quarterly meeting in February. The 21st anniversary of the chapter will be celebrated in conjunction, with the DC bowling tournament being run under the new policy of making this a JACL family affair. Entry fees will be kept at a modest minimum, participants will register for the entire meeting, and provisions are being made to take care of non-regular bowlers. Available will be two spanking new alleys with twenty two lanes. 1000 Clubber George Okamoto has a proprietary interest in the one with the automatics. We also found out at the IDC that Seichi Hayashida, ex-

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PC gospel

Los Angeles

● For lack of maize, leave us sermonize this week; we gotta bit of fodder.

To all too many Nisei including JACLers, the PACIFIC CITIZEN, judging from curbstone samplings, is unknown or too heavy in reading and/or lacks a "happy tone" and/or has only stale news.

Proceeding in reverse, which is our specialty anyway, may we say anent non-fresh news, the PC is after all a weekly publication and can never hope to compete with the dailies for news. Fact is, JACL provides a substantial part of the news being used by the daily vernaculars. Our Ellay office averages four or five nat'l JACL news releases per week sent to all Japanese newspapers in the U.S. and Hawaii, and without which many vernaculars would be hard pressed for copy.

Another fact is JACL does not save its scoops for the PC but shares them with other papers via said releases as soon as Blanche can cut the stencils and translations made for our ditto duplicator by Tets Sato and Kiyoshi Yano, Japanese editorial writers of the *Shin Nichi Bei* and *Rafu Shimpo* respectively. This, even if it means the PC will have to run the same story stale a couple of days after it appears in the *Nichibei Times* and *Hokubei Mainichi* of Sanfran or the *Utah Nippo* in Salt Lake City.

On a few exclusively JACL programs, activities and personalities, however, the PC reserves priority rights and will legitimately scoop other papers.

UNHAPPY PAPER?

The PC, some charge, is an "unhappy" newspaper, focussed only on "sad" Nisei experiences in discrimination, prejudice, legal restrictions and other handicaps. We admit the tone of a good part of the PC is serious but what can be more serious than reporting on the denial or abridgement of Nisei-Issei rights, privileges, equal consideration and fair treatment, and what the JACL is doing to remedy them. And it's PC's job to report them.

On the other foot, the PC, perhaps more so than most other publications, likes to tell its readers about the individual group attainments of the Nisei—their promotions to positions of responsibility, respect and honor, their winning of scholastic awards, their athletic prowess, their recognition by fellow Americans for outstanding contributions to community and country, their achievements in the fields of art, drama, science and commerce and, within the decade, in the armed forces. That, to us, is "happy" news reporting.

PC's purport in keeping its membership and the public informed of these happenings perhaps makes its reading appear on the heavy, lackluster side. Admittedly, the PC is not geared to accommodate a grade school mentality (although if random reactions mean anything, a certain column on page 6 is written by a borderline case). At least the readership so far seems to enjoy PC's scope of news coverage, vital stats and columns unless criticisms and brickbats are all lost in the mail. So, apparently, are bouquets.

HORROR STORY

On the final item, while the PC hasn't much hope of getting new subscribers from among the drugstore cowboys that inhabit Li'l Tokio's non-cultural spots, we, speaking as PC's b.m., and this abbreviation was not lifted from a sickroom, and the PC-JACL board are something less than overjoyed about the horrifying fact that only one-third of the JACL membership subscribe to the paper.

From the way the PC gets around to quintuple its readership over its subscribers, however, probably a majority of JACLers do eventually read it, albeit a month after publication in some remote desert outhouse. We hope to do a column some day on the fantastic places we've run across this org organ.

You don't need all this gospel since you're a regular reader. But if you believe as we do that the PC should be read by more people including Nisei and JACLers, not simply for the reading of its contents but as well to gain an appreciation and understanding of the problems among Japanese Americans and of what JACL does and is trying to do about them, why not lend a hand and get your friends and neighbors to subscribe. Maybe a gift subscription, maybe? And in PC, they'll get the mostest for the leastest.

Natch, we expect some readers to take issue with our point of view and because we didn't cover all gripes. We welcome comments, provided they're constructive. Editor Honda is constantly trying to improve the PC and this shorthair feels he's gone well in three years at the helm. Your letter'll also assure the Sou'wester he's gained by one on the seventeen readers of his column as of a year ago.

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prexy of our Boise Chapter and also 1000er operates the Nampa Bowl in Idaho and distributes the new Ebonite Tornado.

Mountain-Plains

Of course, we could not be present at the Mt. Plains affair in Denver which ran simultaneously with the IDC meet, but national was well represented by Mike Masaoka, and National Treasurer Dr. Roy Nishikawa was initiated into the rigors of a several day convention away from home. We regret to see the closing of the Mt. Plains Regional office, but we simply cannot continue to ask Min Yasui to carry the load as Regional Director on a voluntary basis which he has been doing for the past five years.

We welcome Robert Horiuchi, long time active Denver JACLer, as our new National Board member from this district. In an unprecedented move, the chapters elected Harry Sakata as honorary District Council Chairman, in appreciation for his many years of JACL effort including carrying on this past year as President of the Mile Hi Chapter despite his illness.

'56 Memberships

To Washington DC Chapter goes the distinction of turning in the first 1956 membership under the drive of Dr. George Furukawa. What is more, Ira Shimasaki, Chapter 1000 Club chairman has seen to it that every Thousander in the chapter has renewed membership although not due for several months.

Henry Kato of Gresham Troutdale, the newly appointed 1000 Club Chairman for the PNW, has done the same for his chapter.

We also want to acknowledge our latest 1000 Club Life Member, Dr. Kiyoshi Sonoda, former President of the West LA Chapter. It always turns out that those who put in the work for JACL also give the support financially.

Pax Vobiscum

We counted it a high privilege to represent the national organization in paying last respects to Jimmie Sakamoto. The last PC notes the high esteem in which he was held by JACLers. In due time, others will come to realize that in characteristic fashion, during the bewilderment and confusion of evacuation and early days of camp life, he voluntarily took the rap for the disorganization and ineptness of the administrative powers that be.

We regret that the sapphire pin presentation to Ted Nakamura of Ontario had to be posthumous, for only a few hours before the IDC convention was to open, death struck him down. Ted was to have presided over one of the convention luncheons. His active leadership in the Puyallup Valley Chapter before the war won him a bid to the historic JACL meeting in Salt Lake City in November of 1942 as a delegate from Tulelake Relocation (before segregation).

The inspiring example of these JACLers will always be with us to help us carry on.

Nisei investment group elects 1956 officers

(Sacramento) Syndicate Land, Inc., with holdings in various Southern California business enterprises, held its first annual stockholders meeting here Nov. 11-12. Assets were increased by 75 per cent and total earnings 30 per cent of the invested capital, it was chairman.

Officers elected for the new term are:

Taul Watanabe, chmn of board; Kay K. Kamiya, pres. & dir.; Tim Sasabuchi, Dr. Norman Kobayashi, Dr. George Baba, Y. B. Mamiya, v.p. & dir.; Kiyo Yamato, sec. & dir.; Tom Kunibe, ass't sec. & treas.

Calif. pharmacists

(San Francisco) Seven Nisei were licensed as registered pharmacists, following a state board meeting in October. They were: George H. Morimoto, San Francisco; Gloria E. and Judy S. Nomura, both Oakland; Keiji Shimizu, Earl Kobayashi, San Mateo; Shigemi M. Kato, Walnut Grove; James M. Otani, Fowler.

NISEI PUCKSTER ON WASHINGTON LIONS NOTED FOR HEFTY HUSTLE

(Washington) Adding color and hustle to the Washington Lions is Frank Toyota, 23, who is regarded as the pack's pluckiest puck-pusher this season.

Early this season Jack Riley, retired hockey player and Lions manager, got up one of those "Did You Know?" lists of his players. About Toyota, Riley said: "He's show a lot of courage in playing, despite several attacks of asthma."

Playing the rightwing position, he stands 5 ft.-6 in., weighing 165. A native Californian who grew up in Toronto, he drives a cab off season, is in his second year with the Lions.

He's made his share of goals

this season but nothing approaching his performance last year when he was the team's top two-goal-a-game man.

Thus far, Toyota's contribution has been in the hustle, which has broken up many an attack by the opposition. In fact, one sportscribe writes, "it is suspected Toyota sometimes thinks the stick is a Samurai sword, the way he slashes it into charging enemy, pucksters".

Okimoto bros. win state NASCAR title

(Detroit) The Okimoto brothers—1000er Sam, George, Roy and Shiro—who own the Stone Front Garage at Walled Lake, Mich., have won many outstanding successes in stock-car racing. All are Detroit JACLers and hail from Fresno, Calif.

Recently, their 1948 Mercury with a full race flat-head engine driven by Mickey Katlin won the National Association of Stock Car Auto Racing Michigan state title in the sportsman class. The same entry holds titles in the Flat Rock Racing championship, tri-state championship and Motor City track championship as well as 27 other feature races this past year.

The brothers hold many 10-30 lap track records, competed in the Pinecrest Speed way (Toronto, Ont.) International championship and established an unofficial one-lap track record of 13.69 seconds for a quarter-mile asphalt track.

17-pounder wins Florin JACL striped bass derby

(Florin) Roy Kihara, formerly of Florin, copped the eighth annual Florin JACL bass derby Nov. 26-27 in the Kawashimo region with a 17-pound eight-ounce fish.

A close second in the annual event was Dutch Mollet, local grammar school bus driver, whose catch weighed in at 16 lb. 12 oz. Roy Watanabe hooked a 16-pounder for third.

Committees in charge of the derby were Bill Tsukamoto and Bill Okamoto, co-chmn.; Jack Kawamura, Fred Matsumoto, Bill Kashiwagi, Judy Gotan, Kae Nakamura, Fumi Okamoto and Oscar Inouye.

Parks, beaches—

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city officials, I can make the clear declaration that the state will get out of the park business before allowing a breakdown in segregation in the intimacy of the playground."

The governor of South Carolina, Gov. George Bell Timmerman, Jr. also stated that "there will be no mixing of the races in our state parks."

At Leland, Mississippi, authorities hoped to circumvent the Supreme Court ruling by selling the city park to the Lions Club for \$1, and turning it into a private project.

Former governor of Georgia, Herman Talmadge said: "It (the decision) will probably mean the end of most public golf courses, playgrounds and things of that type. The city (Atlanta) could lease or sell these facilities to private individuals at its discretion."

"I think the court of last resort is the people, and if the people don't comply, there's little people can do about it."

Georgia's Attorney General, Eugene Cook, believed that this ruling was a campaign to force intermarriage, stating: "It is obvious that the N.A.A.C.P. (National Association for the Advancement of Colored People) is able to obtain from that (Supreme) court any decision respecting segregation that is designed to further its program to force intermarriage."

Retail clerks union

(Gardena) Joe Yamamoto, 37, produce department manager at market here, was elected recently to a five-year term on the Local 905, AFL Retail Clerks Union executive board.

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LOS ANGELES NEWSLETTER: by Henry Mori



Prosperous 1956

Los Angeles

U.S. economists and political aspirants are predicting bigger take-home pay and less taxes in 1956. That kind of a statement makes any working man sit up and take notice.

And 1956 being an election year, the Republicans will be out in full force pushing for such a formula while the Democrats will be staying the GOP-led country is enjoying the fruits of 20-year labor produced by them.

Whichever the case may be, next year shouldn't be too different from any other year for the average man. He'll probably pinch, budget and try very hard to keep his head financially above water, if such thing is possible these days.

On the wage scale, it may be a comfort to know that you'll be making \$280 billion after taxes before 1956 is over. This year, you've cleared something like \$272 billion.

One of the biggest issues in the 1956 presidential race will be the continuous decline in farm prices and income. Someone will have to cure the situation quick or more bad news will follow.

There appears to be some consolation in the matter of food prices. They are not expected to go up too sharply in the next 12 months. The problem of making a living hinges on how much one has to pay for necessities.

True, no one starves these days but \$20 grocery trips aren't what one may consider an easy thing to do on a minimum budget.

Election years always have their jitters and 1956 will be no exception. Even if the Democrats don't come back, the nation will be pretty solvent.

It may even put the brakes on a possible run-away inflation.

CHRISTMAS CHEER CLEARS GOAL

East Los Angeles JACL president, Jim Higashi, is to be commended for his great directorship in making the eighth annual Christmas Cheer a roaring success.

It seems he had less help this year but he did well to help the less fortunate persons of Japanese ancestry. He stayed up many nights compiling the weekly donations in monies and staple foods and toys and such. It's a pretty hard thing for anyone to give so much of his time unless he likes to do it.

The Christmas Cheer Committee has always kept faith with the community by keeping its record open at all times. Higashi is able to account for the last pennies collected.

Today's contributions are not all from the local areas. They come from individuals out of state who heard of the good work being done to aid the needy.

The 1955 Christmas Cheer project was completed this week. When final tabulations are made next Monday, the annual goal of \$2,000 would have been past, according to Higashi.

East Los Angeles and Southwest JACL chapters have contributed funds to the project by conducting box lunch benefits. They, too, deserve a real hand. Dr. Toru Iura heads the latter chapter.



The Utah Japanese American community observed Nisei Soldiers Memorial Day on Oct. 30, an annual event sponsored by the Salt Lake JACL with co-operation from the Christian and Buddhist churches. Lt. Col. Merle Scheffler (standing at left), assistant operations officer, Utah Military District, who was the main speaker, paid tribute to the courage of the Nisei GI and added that the Nisei were highly deserving of the honor when they were selected to lead a victory parade on VE day

in Italy. Others in the picture are (left to right), W. R. Bradshaw, Salt Lake VFW commander; Bishop S. Aoyagi, Nichiren Church; the Rev. S. Sunada, Buddhist Church; Rev. T. Ota and Rev. George Hirose, Japanese Church of Christ. Mrs. T. Mori (in front), representing the Gold Star Mothers, laid the wreaths presented by VFW Nisei post and Commander Bradshaw.

—Terashims Photo.

SMOGLITES: by MARY OYAMA

Christmas and New Year: some personal JACL testimony bared

This being the holiday season, we're reminded of various odd bits of phenomena and information—

For instance, how the commercial aspect of Christmas manifests itself in ads as early as pre-Hallowe'en (mind you!) And at least we can brag that a friend sent us a greeting card with little gift token enclosed as early as two weeks before Hallowe'en. (She wanted to be done early before she left on a big trip covering November and December, so we reciprocated by mailing our first greeting of the season before the Jack-O'-Lantern and Trick-Treat business.)

What made us chuckle today was a straight (or serious) article on the Gardening Page of a local newspaper suggesting a really worthwhile and truly appreciated gift: a sack of fertilizer, or a generous supply of pest destroyers. To us, a non-gardener, this may sound funny; but no doubt to a true gardening enthusiast these down-to-earth items would be ideal gifts.

About the only wish we could make for Christmas is a trite one wished by many others, but nevertheless a sincere ONE: that people everywhere could have the kindly Christmas season spirit every day of the year.

And re: New Year

Time was when one could go out and celebrate all night long at a dance or party, but now that we're old, burdened with kids and household responsibilities, we're content to usher in the New Year quietly at home. What a contrast to the Eve, for instance, away back in 1933-34 (wasn't it?) when a bunch of us young 'uns went way out to Compton to a dance only to be marooned by a torrential rainstorm and flood.

Our poor mom waited up for all of us till almost 4 a.m. worrying and we got the devil too for coming home so late— And yet our party of youthful Nisei were the luckier ones, for at least we arrived home before dawn. Many other less fortunate Nisei did not get home until 8 a.m., and some even not till 12 noon. Their cars had been stalled by flooding waters. We recall driving east over the East First Street bridge only find the street on the eastern side of the bridge submerged in a fair-sized ocean. There was nothing to do but turn around and re-route ourselves over the Seventh Street bridge. No foolin'

kiddoes, them wuz the daze.

And re: New Year, the Japanese people believe in having all debts paid before the old year is gone—which remind us that we owe certain debts of acknowledgements and thanks to certain people and fellow JACLers.

So before we forget, our thanks to all the swell cooperative girls in the East Los Angeles JACL who helped us by contributing canapes to the Issei Citizenship Recognition dinner. While setting the attractive little sandwiches on the tables we actually said a silent prayer of thanksgiving for the manner in which the girls came across. The tidbits were most attractive and carefully made. Also to prexy Jim Higashi and the chapter, we must belatedly acknowledge that we did attend and enjoy the annual Membership Dinner at the International Institute which we attended earlier in the year representing our chapter. It was interesting and an honor to be connected with two such worthy organizations both as representative and as participating guest.

Coincidentally, we were pleased to have been seated right opposite Dr. and Mrs. G. Takeyama, the latter being one of the Board members of the I.I.

Speaking of JACL

New Year's would be an appropriate time for any and every JACLer who has worked for the organization to give a testimonial as to what the experience has netted him. Like a true Christian or "soldier of the Lord" at an old-

fashioned prayer meeting, we can testify in all sincerity that:

1. The more one works for and with JACL, the more one realizes its true value and worth, its worthy aims and purposes, its accomplishments to date in advancing the welfare of the Nisei citizens.

2. The better one understands the organization, the more one really realizes that most of the criticism against the JACL is NOT VALID because the criticism of outsiders and non-members is most ALWAYS based on misinformation or ignorance, or total lack of knowledge on what the JACL is and how it functions.

3. The more experience one has after working with and for JACL the better able one becomes to answer any and all criticisms.

4. The more contacts one has in working on committees etc., the better one likes the fellow associates and realizes that these idealistic yet practical, community-minded Nisei are definitely a cut above the average Nisei in character, personality, leadership quality, and potential ability to integrate more fully into the larger (not Nisei) all-American community.

5. We like the JACL because of its democratic progressiveness in including among its membership: Buddhists, Christians, Catholics, Protestants, mainland "katonks", Hawaiian-born Nisei, Kibei and "han-sei" Issei, "hakujins" (Caucasians), Americans of Chinese, Armenian, Negro, Jewish, Korean, Mexican, Spanish ancestries and faiths; students, professional men, white collar boys, and workers, farmers and city dudes, well-heeled and modest income groups, Democrats and Republicans, you and me, he and she.

(This kind of an org we like.)

VITAL STATISTICS

Births

- FRESNO
AIBE, Ben—girl, Oct. 30, Selma.
FUJII, Joe—girl, Oct. 28, Reedley.
FURUMOTO, Roy—girl, Oct. 24, Sanger.
MORISHITA, George—boy, Nov. 5, Del Rey.
OKADA, Shigeo—boy, Nov. 7, North Fresno.
SASAKI, Susumu—girl, Nov. 1, Reedley.
TAIRA, Shigeki—boy, Oct. 5, Fowler.
SAN MATEO
ISHIDA, Sodats—boy, Nov. 8, Sharp Park.
SAN JOSE
MIYAHARA, Kazumi—girl, Joyce K. Nov. 10.
SAKAMOTO, George—boy, Nov. 10.

OAKLAND

- OKAMOTO, Kiyonaga—boy, Nov. 9, El Cerrito.
TOJI, Gary—girl, Nov. 20, Berkeley.
YABUKI, Masao—boy, Nov. 13.
YAMABA, Ichi—boy, Nov. 20.

Deaths

- KITAJO, Harry T., 64; Seattle, Nov. 3, survived by wife Tamako, sons Ben, Ted M., Gray, daughters Martha Mmes. Jean K. Sakuma and Peggy Shoji.
SHIMIZU, Ben; Clovis, Oct. 27, survived by wife Mary, sons Eugene, Craig, daughters Carolyn, Beverly, father Wakichi, five brothers Johnson, George, Tadashi, Sadami, Hisao, three sisters Mmes. Misaki Yamoto, May Hirasuna, Alice Hirasuna.

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Detroit's architect

Denver

Just about the last time we saw Min Yamasaki was on Dec. 7, 1941 back in New York City, and Min was wondering what the war the Japanese had started that day would do to him and his fellow Nisei. Min was just starting out then as an architect. In the intervening years he has become recognized as one of outstanding young men in his field. He has a firm in Detroit and has designed Michigan's new capitol, the American consulate in Kobe and hundreds of industrial and commercial structures. He and Isamu Noguchi are responsible for the decor of the lobby of the Time-Life building in New York City.

The other week we read in Time magazine that the New York, New Haven & Hartford Railroad was going to do something about its "dark and dingy" stations in the commuter belt around New York City. The line's president Patrick B. McGinnis had hired Architect Yamasaki to "perk up" the road's drab stations, and Min was riding up and down the railroad's routes out of New York getting ideas for the transformation.

PAPER NEAR GOOD FISHING

Ben Kuroki is back at the work he loves best, as a country editor. Ben worked as a reporter this year on the North Platte, Neb., Telegraph-Bulletin after selling out his interest in the Blackfoot Daily Bulletin in Idaho in 1954.

Ben and his wife, Shige, bought the York, Neb., Republican after Ben graduated from the University of Nebraska school of journalism. In the two years they ran the paper they more than doubled its circulation.

On the Blackfoot paper Ben started out as circulation manager and farm editor and wound up as publisher in two years. He always hankered to have another paper of his own and nearly closed a deal for a paper in the San Francisco peninsula area.

The Williamston Enterprise, which Ben bought last month is an 83-year old weekly, located in a small town east of Lansing, the Michigan state capital. It has a population around 2,000 and its main industry is the manufacture of brick and tile.

Ben always said he wanted to buy a paper near good fishing. At Williamston he's only a few hours away from trout, muskies and pike in northern Michigan.

LEAD IN 'TEAHOUSE' TROUPE

Reiko Sato, who used to play the west coast night clubs in a dance act with Don Takahashi, now has the distaff lead in the second national company of Teahouse of the August Moon, which stars Larry Parks. The Parks troupe has been playing the Midwest and recently completed a successful stand in Pittsburgh.

Miss Sato has been in many motion pictures. One of them showed up on the TV circuit the other day. It was Woman on the Run, starring Ann Sheridan and Dennis O'Keefe and Reiko played a Chinese American dancer who is murdered by O'Keefe in a San Francisco night club.

Teahouse, with more than 800 performances is Broadway's longest-run attraction. Most of the dozen or so performers of Japanese ancestry who were in the original cast of the John Patrick play more than two years ago are still with the company, including Mariko Niki, the feminine lead. Among them is Dick Akagi, who was formerly the Midwest regional representative of JACL-ADC and was Mike Masaoka's assistant for a while in Washington.

Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer, as the papers have reported, is transcribing Teahouse to the screen with Marlon Brando and Eddie Bracken, and has signed Machiko Kyo to play the geisha. Miss Kyo probably is Japan's best-known actress, as far as the rest of the world is concerned, having starred in Rashomon, Ugetsu and Gate of Hell. MGM will start making the picture, come February, at the Daiiei studios in Tokyo.

FINAL BASEBALL ADD

The originally apparently has fallen through, but the New York Yankees reportedly are still sincere are signing ball players in Japan for their organization. The Yanks had their eyes on two performers who had impressed them during their recent Japanese junket, a third baseman and a left-handed pitcher.

The players concerned were two of the most prominent in Japan, and the feelings of the Japanese fans had to be considered. The deal have been equivalent to some foreign team signing away Willie Mays and Robin Roberts, though the Japanese players naturally aren't in the same class with the other two.

The Yankees, however, believed the two Japanese capable of playing Triple-A ball and were prepared to assign them to Denver of the American Association.

TIN PAN ALLEY GIMMICK

The other day a Nisei girl in a kimono was pulled through Times Square in ricksha. The occasion marked the launching of a tune called The Japanese Farewell Song by a Tin Pan Alley house.

The song, a hit in Japan, was written by Ansegawa Yoshida and English lyrics had been added by Freddy Morgan. It's been recorded by Kay Cee Jones on the Marquee label and by Leroy Holmes on MGM. Other major record firms are said to be following suit.

DATeline NORTHWEST

Continued from Page 4 room for Him in the inn.

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PURELY PERSONAL PIFFLES: Howard Sakura and Clarence Arai were kind enough to gather the necessary information for our eulogy on Jimmie Sakamoto whose contributions to the JACL and the Japanese cannot be measured properly in accomplishments or words . . . as if they didn't have enough trouble, the Japanese farmers in the area were hit hard by the recent cold snap; the papers came up with the chilly report that \$11-million damage was done to the berry crop . . . now we learn that Edwin Watanabe, a Nisei, earned a fuzzy numeral as a member of the UW frosh football team —BF

In memoriam: Jimmie especially remembered for initiating this writer to Nat'l JACL; encouraged frank discussions

San Francisco

Last week's Pacific Citizen featured well-deserved tributes to the late James Y. Sakamoto, of Seattle, Washington, so there is little that I can add to the eloquent eulogies paid his memory except that I too want to be counted among those whom he inspired.

Blind though he was in his eyes, he was not blind to the challenging problems facing Americans of Japanese ancestry and their resolution.

Particularly in pre-World War II days, his persuasive pen and his masterful oratory helped lay the foundation for the JACL which enabled our organization to not only meet the exigencies of war but also the demands of the post-war period. Few contributed more to the JACL credo that was the hallmark of our organization during its decade of greatest travail.

Blind in sight, he most certainly was not blind in his vision, his faith, his courage. And, like so many others who are afflicted, his was a kindly, pleasant spirit that could only inspire admiration, not pity.

Jimmie, as he was called by his many friends, will be especially remembered by me, for it was he who initiated me into the National JACL.

He was our National President when the National Convention was held in Los Angeles in 1938. That year, I was president of the Salt Lake City, Utah, JACL, though, at that time, the chapter was not affiliated with the National organization. While visiting my family, I was introduced to Jimmie Sakamoto who invited me to attend the National Convention in order that I might gain an insight into the spirit and the program of the then west-coast JACL. He also encouraged me to speak out frankly regarding what I might feel to be shortcomings of the organization.

The rest, of course, is part of JACL folklore which need not be repeated here.

But, I shall be ever grateful to Jimmie Sakamoto for inducting me into the organization that has given me so many opportunities and so many friends, as well as fashioning a way of life for me.

James Y. Sakamoto has gone from this arena, in which he was a true champion, to another where we trust he will find, at long last, welcome peace and quiet beauty. His deeds and words, however, will remain with us to guide and cheer us on our way in this troubled world, albeit a world made the better because he lived and worked among us.

THREE STRIPES IN THE SUN

While on this hurried trip to California, late one night, I managed to see "Three Stripes In The Sun", a movie starring Aldo Ray and introducing Mitsuko Kimura.

Though this particular motion picture received many fine reviews, it has not been exactly box-office, for the stars are not well-known and the theme a bit off-beat.

It tells a heartwarming story of an embittered GI who learns to love the Japanese. It is the kind of show that every American ought to see because it may help him understand why so many of his fellow Americans who were on duty in Japan have returned with an admiration for Japan and things Japanese. It is a contribution to promoting better international relations.

Some Nisei have, in a sense, "passed over", believing that by deliberately cutting themselves off from Issei and Nisei and their problems they are demonstrating how well assimilated and integrated they are. Perhaps this movie, without preachment, may help them realize that their evaluation is faulty and that the "best" American is one who contributes his share out of his ancestral culture to the common heritage of

America.

Other Nisei and Issei who are prone to be prejudiced against other races, creeds, colors, and nationalities should also see this picture. It may reveal to them the absurdity of their bigotry, for we cannot on the one hand demand equality and work for equality and acceptance, while denying same consideration we seek for ourselves.

Though not a "great" picture done in the grand Hollywood manner, it nevertheless sensitively treats one of the "great" problems of present day existence, how one people by learning to know another may overcome prejudice and hatred and misunderstanding.

"The Stripes In The Sun" should be on the "must" list of every Nisei and Issei. Even we can learn something of the Japanese and their culture, and this motion picture may be a helpful eye-opener.

BEAUTY BEHIND BARBED WIRES

Allen H. Eaton's telling documentary—"Beauty Behind Barbed Wire" has just been released in its second printing, one of the few books dealing with evacuation to have been so well received as to necessitate another printing.

First published in 1952, the latest edition features a "Post-script" that devotes three pages to JACL's leadership in the post-war era in performing a "miracle of democracy".

In many ways, "Beauty Behind Barbed Wire" is the perfect book to be presented to non-Japanese because, by reporting on the arts and crafts of the evacuees and by illustrating their workmanship, a remarkable story is told of how victims of hate and war found beauty even in the barrenness of their desert camps. Surely people with the love of beauty and the urge to bring beauty to the drabness of internment are the kind of people to be admired and respected is the thesis of Allen Eaton's documentary.

It is also a book that every Issei and Nisei should have in their library, to pass on to our children and our children's children for never again can such a book be written.

Unlike "Home Again", another "must" book, "Beauty Behind Barbed Wire" is not directly hard-hitting and emotional; it is, nevertheless, a dramatic and inspiring story that in its quiet impact may be more persuasive and telling than any other book published on the evacuation and Americans of Japanese ancestry.

It is also about the most "complete" of any publication on the subject, for in addition to its main theme, it includes a "Forward" by Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt; and "Introduction" by the author, who, incidentally is a member of our New York JACL chapter; a Post-script" on the JACL; a summary history of evacuation that is as authoritative and compelling as any written thus far; and an annotated selective "Bibliography" on Japanese Americans.

Eighty-eight photographs, pictures, and illustrations, several in color, together with the brief commentaries of the author, make "Beauty Behind Barbed Wire" an outstanding book by any standard.

The jacket cover describes this volume better than I can in the following words:

"This is a story without parallel in this country. It tells how more than a hundred thousand people of Japanese ancestry, most of them American-born citizens, brought beauty into their lives when they were evacuated from their West

Coast homes in World War II; how they turned to varied arts to help them face with dignity and strength the strange, uncertain life before them.

"Placed in barracks, most of them in desert areas, these evacuees turned to crafts, creating—out of almost nothing—objects of beauty from blowing sand, sagebrush, and slabs of wood. Improvising tools from discarded metals, they produced sculptured articles from bits of wood and stone. Native plants were transplanted to make gardens around bleak quarters. Packing cases were turned into furniture for crowded little cubicles in the barracks and unraveled grain bags became beautifully woven rugs . . ."

Reading "Beauty Behind Barbed Wire" makes one proud of being an American of Japanese ancestry.

For the "perfect" gift to friends, both non-Japanese and Nisei and Issei, and for libraries, schools, and public officials, "Beauty Behind Barbed Wire" cannot be surpassed. Its giving will denote good taste and thoughtfulness.

And the approaching holiday season, with its spirit of Christmas, compliments the appropriateness of "Beauty Behind Barbed Wire" as a gift selection.

Christmas Cheer sees \$2,000 goal

(Los Angeles) The 1955 Christmas Cheer campaign conducted by the JACL Club Service Bureau was expected to pass its \$2,000 goal last night. Last week, proceeds of cash and grocery-gift items amount to \$373.50 for a total of \$1,908.37.

Donors acknowledged as of Dec. 11 are as follows:

- \$25—Pasadena Gardeners, Senshin YBA, Mrs. George Koike, Accents, Fukuoka Kenjinkai, Nisei Veterans Ass'n.
- \$21.50—Chi Alpha Delta.
- \$20—Dr. Kiyoshi Sonoda, W. Adams Christian Church and Fujinkai, Higashi Hongwanji, Hiroshima Kenjinkai.
- \$15—K. Miura.
- \$10—Mr. & Mrs. Shigemi Aratani, Kashu Mainichi, George Shimokawa, Windsors, Luknes.
- \$5—Frank F. Kagiwada, Fumi Miyata, Cordeleens, Mrs. Shizue Takahashi, Toyo Printing, Mrs. F. Matsu-mura, Chushiro Abe, Kakuo Tanaka, Mrs. Hisako Ikeda.
- \$3—Boy Amimoto, Harry Hayashi-gawa.
- \$2—Richard Wedaa, Mas Ashimoto, Shikazo Mano.
- Canned goods—Senshin Bukkyo Fujinkai (\$50), WLA Community Methodist Church (\$25), Cordeleens (\$25).
- Books—Gardena Baptist Church (\$5).

Monterey's best social of year slated Jan. 1

(Monterey) The Monterey Peninsula JACL's 22nd annual New Year's dance will be held in the new ballroom of the Hotel San Carlos located in the heart of old Monterey on Sunday evening, Jan. 1, 1956, it was announced by Mush Higashi, committee chairman.

An announcement is expected shortly as to which of two orchestras presently under consideration will be chosen to perform for the Peninsula Nisei's biggest annual social event.

Among the other JACLers helping Higashi to make this the "best ever" semi-formal ball are Jimmie Tabata, Oyster Miyamoto, Takeko Enokida (representing the JACL's Women's Auxiliary), Frank Tanaka and George Kodama.

CALENDAR

- Dec. 16 (Friday)
 - Fowler — Christmas party, Buddhist hall.
 - Idaho Falls—Christmas Party, JACL Hall.
- Dec. 17 (Saturday)
 - Twin Cities—Christmas party, JACC.
 - Sonoma County—Christmas party, Memorial Hall, 7:30 p.m.
 - San Francisco—Auxiliary Christmas party, AFSC, 8 p.m.
- Dec. 18 (Sunday)
 - Stockton—Christmas pot-luck.
 - Dayton—Christmas Party, Dr. H. Yoshihara residence, 3 p.m.
 - Philadelphia—Christmas party, International Institute.
- Dec. 31 (Saturday)
 - San Mateo—New Year's Eve dance, Buddhist hall, 9 p.m.
- Jan. 2 (Monday)
 - Sonoma County—Installation banquet, Memorial hall.