



HOUSE, SENATE COMMITTEES GET HAWAIIAN STATEHOOD MEASURES

Washington
Statehood for Hawaii bills introduced in Congress have been referred to the Interior and Insular Affairs Committees of the House and Senate, reported the Washington Office of the Japanese American Citizens League.

Combination bills in the House for admitting both Hawaii and Alaska into the Union have been introduced by Reps. Clair Engle (D., Calif.), and John P. Saylor (R., Pa.).

Congressman Engle is chairman of the House Interior and Insular Affairs Committee and his Committee has now commenced hearings on the combined Hawaii-Alaska bills.

Congressman Saylor is the second ranking Republican on the same committee and the chairman of the former subcommittee which approved a Hawaii statehood bill in the

83rd Congress.

Mrs. Joseph R. Farrington, Delegate from Hawaii, who succeeded her late husband, introduced H.R. 49, a bill to admit Hawaii into the Union as the 49th state.

The major Senate bill, S. 49, would enable both Hawaii and Alaska to acquire statehood. This bill was introduced by Sen. James E. Murray (D., Mont.), chairman of the Senate Interior and Insular Affairs Committee, and 25 additional senators as co-sponsors.

After meeting in executive session the Senate committee assigned S. 49 to a subcommittee and announced that hearings would be started on the measure this Feb. 21.

Combined Statehoods

Members of the Subcommittee are Sens. Henry M. Jackson (D., La.), Alan Bible (D., Wash.), chairman, Russell (D., Nev.), Thomas H. Kuchel (R., Calif.) and Barry Goldwater (R., Ariz.).

Senator Jackson is one of the sponsors of S. 49. California Senator Kuchel supported Hawaii statehood last year.

Mike Masaoka, Washington JACL representative, declared, "Since statehood for Hawaii is one of the priority legislative objectives of the JACL and since any statehood bill to be given serious consideration by this Congress will be a combined Hawaii-Alaska one, the JACL is actively supporting the combined Hawaii-Alaska bills in Senate and House, respectively."

San Francisco CL guns for 1,000

San Francisco
The San Francisco JACL is also going after 1,000 members in 1955. (The Mile-Hi chapter in Denver announced a similar goal several weeks ago).

A membership drive tackled by seven teams is going after its 1954 rolls of 631 members with this year's announced quota at 700 regular members plus 45 in the 1000 Club.

"Just to make the team competition more interesting, we are setting our goal way over our quota," declared Sumi Honnami, membership vice-president.

Team captains of the drive are Fred Obayashi, Sumi Utsumi, Hatsuro Aizawa, Viola Nakano, Kay Kuwada, Alice Shigezumi, and Yukio Kumamoto.

A point system is being used for the contest: renewals 1; new members 2; 1000 Club renewals 4; and new 1000 Club members 10 pts.

Nisei family nearly dies from asphyxiation

San Mateo
A local Nisei family of five nearly died of asphyxiation last week. They had gone to bed in their window-locked home with the thermostat of the gas heater set at 85. A five-year-old child, Marjorie Iwasa, fell out of bed and awakened screaming. Her father got up, found the other two children unconscious in their beds and his wife crumpled beside the telephone where she too apparently had been overcome while trying to summon help.

After calling the family physician and staggering from window to window to let in air, he too collapsed. All were revived by an inhalator squad. Firemen said the gas heater in the window-locked home depleted the oxygen in the rooms.

Reorganization of I&N Service strongly protested by JACL

Washington
The JACL this week protested the recent reorganization of the Immigration and Naturalization Service in a letter to Rep. Francis E. Walter (D., Pa.), who is conducting executive sessions in a House Judiciary Subcommittee on the subject.

In the letter addressed to Congressman Walter, Mike Masaoka, Washington JACL representative, pointed out that the Immigration and Naturalization Service reorganization has resulted in reduced service while causing increased expense and delay for individual Japanese aliens.

Masaoka wrote, "We are very concerned with the elimination of the district offices in Honolulu, T.H., and Los Angeles, Calif., as well as the local offices in Fresno and Sacramento, Calif., and Phoenix, Ariz."

"Honolulu, especially as one of the major ports of entry into the United States in the Pacific, deserves at least a district office."

Japanese Affected

Persons of Japanese ancestry are adversely affected by the reorganization, Masaoka said, because "immigration from the Far East is relatively recent, for it was not until the enactment of the Immigration and Nationality Act of 1952 that the Asian nations were granted quota privileges. Accordingly, there are many questions that need to be answered relating to these new groups of immigrants from the Orient, many of whom enter through the port of Honolulu."

"Prior to the reorganization, considerable discretionary powers were vested in the district officer to make determinations regarding eligibility for admission, for example. Now, under the reorganization, most of these questions will have to be referred to the district office in San Francisco, then to the regional office headquarters in San Pedro, both in California, and finally to the central office in Washington, D.C."

"These additional administrative channels mean not only greatly increased expenses to the government and to the immigrant involved but also tremendous losses in time in determining the ultimate disposition of cases."

Naturalization

Noting that a similar situation exists in relation to naturalization problems, Masaoka pointed out that in the Territory of Hawaii "more persons of Asian ancestry reside than anywhere else in the United States."

The JACL also objected to the elimination of the district offices in Seattle, San Francisco and Los Angeles, all major ports of entry on the Pacific coast.

Demonstrating that the Immigration and Naturalization Service regions do not now follow logical geographical patterns for efficient service, Masaoka said, "Under the reorganization, such widely separated offices with entirely different problems as those in Honolulu; San Francisco; Los Angeles; Salt Lake City, Utah; Denver, Colo.; Tucson, Ariz.; and El Paso, Tex., are directed from regional headquarters in San Pedro, Calif."

"Seattle and Portland, Ore., on the west coast, as well as Alaska, are under the jurisdiction of the regional headquarters in St. Paul, Minn."

Greater Time Loss

The JACL letter also expressed

concern for the additional time and greater expense required for Issei to prosecute appeals in naturalization cases. The letter pointed out that "the 88 chapters of the Japanese American Citizens League in 32 states are particularly concerned about the naturalization of resident alien Japanese, all of whom became eligible for this privilege only two years ago, many of whom are aged."

Introduce civil rights legislation in 84th Congress

Washington
Civil-rights legislation was again dropped into the Senate and House hoppers in the 84th Congress, reported the Washington Office of the Japanese American Citizens League.

Sen. Hubert Humphrey (D., Minn.), along with 17 other senators, introduced the eleven major Senate bills.

Among the House sponsors of similar civil-rights legislation are:

Reps. James Roosevelt (D., Calif.), Adam Clayton Powell, Jr. (D., N.Y.), Earl Chudoff (D., Pa.), William A. Barrett (D., Pa.) and Charles C. Diggs (D., Mich.).

Congressman Diggs is the first Negro elected to Congress from Michigan and one of the three members of his race now in the House of Representatives.

Scope of Proposals

The civil-rights proposals were included in a series of bills (1) to establish equal opportunity in employment; (2) to establish a Commission on Civil Rights in the Executive Branch of the government; (3) to protect persons within the United States against lynching; (4) to outlaw the poll tax; (5) to prevent certain forms of discrimination in interstate transportation; (6) to strengthen existing civil-rights statutes; (7) to protect the right to political participation and to make it a crime to intimidate or coerce or otherwise interfere with the right to vote; (8) to create a joint congressional Committee on Civil Rights; (9) to reorganize the Department of Justice by establishing a Civil Rights Division under an Assistant Attorney General to strengthen the current laws with regard to peonage, convict labor, slavery and involuntary servitude; and (10) an omnibus civil-rights bill to strengthen existing civil-rights statutes.

Additional senators who have endorsed the objectives of the bills for equal opportunity in employment are:

Sens. Irving M. Ives (R., N.Y.), Herbert H. Lehman (D., N.Y.), Clifford P. Case (R., N.J.), Paul H. Douglas (D., Ill.), James F. Duff (R., Pa.), John F. Kennedy (D., Mass.), William Langer (R., N.D.), Warren G. Magnuson (D., Wash.), Edward Martin (R., Pa.), Pat McNamara (D., Mich.), William A. Purtell (R., Conn.), Wayne Morse (Ind., Ore.), Leverett Saltonstall (R., Mass.), James E. Murray (D., Mont.), H. Alexander Smith (R., N.J.), Matthew M. Neely (D., W.Va.) and Richard L. Neuberger (D., Ore.).

Senator Humphrey said, "I establish no priority system for our proposals that are strong links in the chain of liberty and democratic progress. These bills are being introduced today and will be referred to the appropriate Senate committees for study. It is our intention to press for hearings on as many of them as possible. It is then

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For these Issei, Masaoka wrote, "who hopefully waits for his naturalization papers, unnecessary and unseemingly delays result in the losing of interest in citizenship and of confidence in the land which he has adopted as his own."

"To the citizen relatives and friends of the immigrant or applicant for naturalization, these extra 'steps' and appeals are unnecessarily expensive and arbitrarily bureaucratic."

Concluding his letter to Congressman Walter, Masaoka summarized:

"We protest the recent reorganization of the Immigration and Naturalization Service and strongly urge that the former system be restored. It was at least based on more reasonable geographical and service considerations than the newly reorganized arbitrary administration."

Rep. Lane seeks alien report be changed to once

Washington
Elimination of the annual address reports by aliens was proposed in a House bill introduced last week, according to the Washington Office of the Japanese American Citizens League.

Introduced by Rep. Thomas J. Lane (D., Mass.), this bill would delete the Immigration and Nationality Act provision requiring all aliens in the United States to file their current address each January.

This proposed change in the law would still require aliens in permanent residence in the United States to register initially and, thereafter, report changes of address within ten days after such change. Provisions affecting aliens in temporary residence in the United States to report their current address to the Attorney General every three months would also remain unchanged.

ALAMEDA NISEI PENS NIPPON FOLK STORIES

New York
Another sprightly-written collection of Japanese folk stories for children, "The Magic Listening Cap" by Yoshiko Uchida will be published Feb. 24 by Harcourt, Brace and Co., Inc.

The Alameda (Calif.)-born Nisei retells and has illustrated folk tales still being read to children in Japan. She previously authored "The Dancing Kettle."

She has succeeded in capturing the wisdom and humor of the old tales without losing the sense of delicacy and poetry of Japanese landscapes.

A '42 cum laude graduate from the Univ. of California, she spent a year in Japan to write the book under a grant from the Ford Foundation.

Blinded by sun

Watsonville
Blinded by the sun, Masao Kimoto, 55-year-old rancher, wasn't able to see the oncoming switch engine early last week and drove his pickup truck into it. He was treated for head, chest and probable internal injuries.

Fracture leg skiing

Seattle
Attorney William Mambu, secretary to the National JACL Board, was recuperating at home following a fractured leg received while skiing Jan. 23 at Snoqualmie.

L.A. area I&NS 'nearly current' on Issei petitions

Los Angeles
Processing of Issei petitions for naturalization is "nearly current", according to information given to the JACL office by Immigration and Naturalization Service officials.

Issei prospective citizens may now expect to be called in for oral examinations within four to five weeks from the date their petitions are filed, it was learned. Temporary staff assignments have augmented the naturalization section in another speed up program now in effect, according to Ray E. Griffin, chief of the nationality and status section of the Los Angeles I&NS office.

It would be advisable for Issei naturalization candidates to be nearly completed with their Americanization courses before filing their petitions because of the stepped up processing, the JACL was informed by Sam Hozman, assistant to Griffin.

Special naturalization classes have resumed this past week at Hobart Blvd. School and Sixth Ave. School, organized by the Downtown and Southwest Los Angeles JACL chapters in cooperation with the city school system.

Eiji Tanabe is instructing at Sixth Ave. School on Tuesday and Thursday nights, 7:30-9:30 p.m. Miki Moriawaki is teaching at Hobart Blvd. School on Wednesdays, 7-9 p.m. Mrs. Ruth Kamii is instructor in English for foreign-born at the Sixth Ave. School on Monday and Wednesday evenings.

JACL keg champion rolls first 300 game

San Francisco
George Gee, Oakland Chinese bowling ace and winner of the National JACL tournament doubles title here in 1953, rolled his first 300 game Saturday at Oakland Broadway Bowl's monthly competition which offered a watch as first prize.

The 4 ft.-11 in. 105 pounder unleashed 12 consecutive strikes but failed to win the prize because of his low handicap.

VERY TRULY YOURS

Change of Scenery

By Harry K. Honda

All that was needed to clear away cobwebs that gather from sitting in one place too long was week-end spree in the invigorating climes of snow-covered Yosemite . . . Probably our San Francisco columnist, Haruo Ishimaru, would suggest the same effect might have been accomplished had I spent the day at nearby Turlock where some 200 gathered at the first quarterly session of the NC-WNDC . . . But that day in Yosemite was a rare day, indeed—bright, warm sun and only the slightest of winds to chill the unshined back. It's something even a die-hard Southern Californian (like me) admits is worth travelling 400 miles to enjoy . . . Unlike the previous jaunt through the majestic valley guarded by granite formations rising some 500 feet straight up, the roads were virtually desolate. In the spring and summer, the park is crawling with touring urbanites. Last week, we could stop anywhere and leisurely drink in Mother Nature in its immaculate white.

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This Sunday, on the other hand, we shall be present at the first quarterly session of the PSWDC . . . But all signs in the sky point to another day of the kind that beckons the wanderlust in a man.

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No sooner we remark that 12-pagers are to be suspended until advertising warrants it, our business office gives us the "green light" . . . It also helps to have the supply of pictures from our chapters and the excellent review of JACL bowling tournaments of the past . . . It appears now that 12-page editions will be published but not with any specific week in mind . . . We might even have two of them in a month.

OPINIONS

U.S.-Canada Nisei

Canada has always looked up to the United States as the more experienced brother. But the strong influence of the democratic republic in world affairs and the contrasting lesser importance of Canada has made the northern neighbor generally disdainful of the U.S. attitude of superiority (At least, many Canadians think the Americans feel superior).

We are only stating facts here. We are not stating any opinion on this relationship between the two countries.

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However, in confining the subject to the Japanese Am-

A Michigan embezzler, accused of making off with \$17,000, says he spent it on "high living, but no women or whisky." That's an awful lot just for song.

ericans and the Japanese Canadians, we do feel that there is not enough friendly communication between the two groups. Surely there would be much to be gained in brotherhood and in understanding the problems of the parallel situation if we were to know more about each other.

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Some statistics might be interesting: there are 140,000 Japanese Americans, 24,000 Japanese Canadians. JCCA's older brother, the Japanese American Citizens League, or JACL has some 12,000 members in 87 chapters, according to the Pacific Citizen, official JACL publication. The Canadian organization has about 25 local chapters in which probably half are regularly active (no figures on membership). —H.M. (New Canadian).



Convention board of the joint Eastern-Midwest District Council takes a short recess during a planning session. (Left to right) front row—John Katsu, Ben Nakao, Sets Kawashiri, Ruth Kuroishi (chapter pres.), Ira Shimasaki (EDC chmn.); second row—Dr. George Furukawa, Tad Masaoka (conv. chmn.) The convention will be held the last weekend in March at Washington, D.C. because of the tourist season in the Nation's Capital at the same time, reservations for hotel accommodations must be made before Feb. 20 with Miss Emi Kamachi, reservation chairman, 1310 Massachusetts Ave., NW, Washington, D.C.



House Judiciary Groups

House Judiciary Subcommittees Set

Though five weeks have passed since the 84th Congress convened, the Senate Judiciary Committee has not yet been organized. Reports have it that bitter, backstage, internal fighting has been going on among its members as ranking Democrats vie for subcommittee chairmanships.

Importance of the Judiciary Committee can be seen in the record that reveals that this single Committee handles more legislation than the rest of the 14 standing Senate committees combined. Of particular importance to JACL are the subcommittees that consider immigration and naturalization, claims, and wartime vested property.

On the House side, its Judiciary Committee is now organized and ready for business, even though it too was subjected to considerable wrangling before all of its five subcommittees were set up. Each subcommittee has jurisdiction over certain specified matters and general jurisdiction over bills assigned to it by the full committee.

As in the Senate, the House Judiciary Committee handles more legislation than any other standing committee by far. But the Senate Judiciary Committee has jurisdiction over wartime vested property matters and several other subjects that its House counterpart does not.

The House Judiciary Committee handles almost half of the bills introduced in their chamber, while the Senate Committee handles a little more than half of all Senate legislation.

Among the subjects over which the House Judiciary Committee has jurisdiction are immigration and naturalization, claims, patents, copyrights, revision of the laws, bankruptcy and reorganization, anti-trust matters, civil rights, and the judiciary.

Subcommittees One and Two are most important for JACL, for Subcommittee No. 1 has special jurisdiction over immigration and naturalization and Subcommittee No. 2 has special jurisdiction over claims.

The philosophy that dominates the membership of any given subcommittee, particularly that of its chairman, may well influence the trend of all legislation reported by that subcommittee. For this reason, the various interest groups all try to maneuver "their people" on to the subcommittees that handle problems of special concern to them.

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Chairman of Subcommittee No. 1 will be JACL's old friend and supporter, Rep. Francis E. Walter of Pennsylvania, co-author of the Immigration and Nationality Act of 1952 and sponsor and champion of most JACL legislation since the end of World War II. A veteran congressman since 1933, he reclaims the Subcommittee chairmanship that was his in the 79th, 81st, and 82nd Congresses.

His two Democratic colleagues are Michael A. Feighn of Ohio and Frank Chelf of Kentucky, third and fourth ranking Democrats. Both are entitled by their seniority to claim subcommittee chairmanships in their own right but both preferred posts on this key Subcommittee instead.

The ranking Republican, or minority member, is Miss Ruth Thompson from Michigan, the only lady member of the Judiciary Committee. Her colleague is Congressman DeWitt Hyde of Maryland.

Miss Thompson, a relative

newcomer who was first elected to Congress in 1950, replaces Judge Louis E. Graham of Pennsylvania as the ranking Republican on the Subcommittee.

Congressman Graham, like his fellow Pennsylvanian on the Democratic side, was an old-timer on the Committee and an ardent supporter of JACL's legislative objectives. Judge Graham was defeated last November after spending 16 years in Congress.

Only Congressmen Walter, Thompson, and Hyde were members of this Subcommittee last year.

The blue-ribbon Immigration and Naturalization subcommittee was not organized, however, without considerable maneuvering by ranking Democrats and Republicans. Chairman of the full Judiciary Committee, Emanuel Celler of New York, for instance, tried unsuccessfully to name himself chairman of the Subcommittee too, a practice indulged in by the late Senator Pat McCarran of Nevada in the Senate Judiciary Committee. If successful, Mr. Walter would have been relegated to a subordinate position on the Subcommittee or would have had to accept the chairmanship of another subcommittee.

The two ranking GOPsters, Chauncey W. Reed of Illinois, chairman of the full Judiciary Committee in the 80th and 83rd Congresses, and Kenneth B. Keating of New York, his immediate junior, both tried unsuccessfully to gain places on this work-horse Subcommittee by displacing Miss Thompson and Congressman Hyde, according to reports circulating in the House corridors.

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Congressman Thomas J. Lane of Massachusetts will be chairman of Subcommittee No. 2, which has special jurisdiction over claims. Elected to Congress in 1941 in a special election, he was the ranking minority member of the claims subcommittee in the last Congress.

Larger by two than Subcommittee No. 1, which has only five members, the other Democratic members are Peter W. Rodino of New Jersey, E. L. Forrester of Georgia, and Harold D. Donohue of Massachusetts.

The Republican members are William E. Miller of New York, Usher L. Burdick of North Dakota, and Chauncey W. Reed of Illinois. Though the ranking GOP member of the full Committee, Mr. Reed has the least seniority on this Subcommittee.

Congressman Lane, Rodino, Miller, and Burdick were members of the special claims subcommittee that held public hearings on the so-called Hillings Bill to expedite the consideration of the remaining evacuation claims in California last fall.

Judge Edgar A. Jonas of Illinois, who was chairman of the subcommittee last Congress, was defeated in his bid for reelection last November.

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Jan. Resume

This week and next, Congress will be at a virtual

standstill insofar as major business is concerned.

This is the traditional period for GOP speakers to stump the country for their so-called Lincoln Day speeches. Later on, the Democrats will take off for their Jefferson-Jackson Day dinners. By mutual consent, during these twin periods of political oratory, neither the House nor the Senate will consider controversial or major legislation.

As a matter of fact, with five weeks of the 84th Congress already on the books, about the only consequential matter thus far approved has been the near-unanimous approval of the "Formosa Resolution".

The February 1st "Congressional Record" contains a comprehensive resume of congressional activity for the first month of the first session of the 84th Congress.

It shows that from Jan. 5 to 31 the Senate was in session a total of 11 days, while the House was in session 12 days. In terms of hours spent in session, however, the Senate led the House by 41 hours to 25 hours and fifteen minutes.

A grand total of 4,686 measures were introduced in January, an average of more than a thousand a week. Almost a thousand—946—were introduced in the Senate and 3,380 in the House. More than a thousand bills were dropped into the hopper on the first day of the new session alone.

Aside from the fact that the House has more than four times as many members as the Senate, more bills are introduced in the House than in the Senate because its members may not join with or co-sponsor legislation as is permitted in the Senate. For example, 15 Illinois congressmen introduced 15 identical bills to authorize the City of Chicago to draw more water from Lake Michigan for the next three years. The two Illinois senators joined in a single bill for this same purpose.

While it is apparent to all who know that most of these 4,686 bills will never become law, members of the Congress introduce them, nevertheless, to satisfy constituents or supporters, to "educate" Congress and the public on the need for certain legislation, to promote a pet project, or for a combination of reasons.

Bills for almost every conceivable purpose are introduced.

Here are samples of just a few: to pay for the loss of a sampan, to establish a "National Humor Day", to designate the rose as the official flower, to build a monument to the designer of the present American Flag, to approve a blue stamp for surplus commodities, to bring practicing attorneys under the Social Security System, to lower the age for old-age pensions for women from 65 to 60, to force youngsters crossing the Mexican border alone to prove that they are not going over for narcotics, to penalize business firms that move to Puerto Rico to avoid paying federal taxes, to provide a five cent tax on the take at all dog and horse races, and for requiring all ships at sea to radio home their positions at least once a day.

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On Christian Ideas

LAWRENCE NAKATSUKA

Common impressions on Hawaii . . .

Hawaii has been "sold" abroad with so many labels that the average American today is likely to think of these islands only in those terms that capture the imagination.

The tourist literature describes Hawaii as the "Paradise of the Pacific"—a land of sunshine and swimming, moonlight and romance, hula and Honolulu.

The economists know Hawaii as a producer of sugar and pineapples.

The military mind thinks of Hawaii as a Pacific bastion.

Transportation people appreciate Hawaii as the mid-ocean stopping point for ships and planes.

Social scientists regard the islands as the meeting place of East and West, a happy home of cosmopolitan races.

But the facet of Hawaiian life that is relatively little known or publicized is the historical fact that Hawaii was the training ground in Christian philosophy and political democracy for some noteworthy persons.

Two names come to mind at the outset. Sun Yet Sen, who pioneered in bringing a modern political system to ancient China, gained his inspiration and early education in Hawaii.

Syngman Rhee, president of South Korea, spent his exile in Hawaii. Here he nurtured his obsession to liberate his homeland from Japanese rulers and to establish self-government for the Koreans.

Thousands of Asians influenced . . .

In smaller ways, Hawaii influenced the political thinking and cultural outlook of thousands of Asians who immigrated to Hawaii during the past century. Whether they were uneducated contract laborers or sophisticated visitors, Hawaii provided an environment where Western ideas inevitably left an impression upon the Oriental mind.

And when many of these transients returned to their homeland, they consciously or unconsciously spread the effects of their Hawaiian living in their old country.

Till now, Hawaii has been mostly a "window to the Orient" through which Western ways were interpreted to Asians.

More recently, in the post-war period, Hawaii "exported" specialists of all kinds to countries bordering the Pacific and to the many Pacific islands which came under American trusteeship.

From Japan to the Philippines, from Guam to Samoa, educators, agriculturists, public health doctors and nurses, government administrators, and similar technicians from Hawaii spread their influence in ever-growing spheres.

They carried with them more than the knowledge of their specialties; they were, in effect, emissaries of the Western civilization that had extended successfully to as far as Hawaii, where it found a harmonious environment of mingled Occidental-Oriental cultures and thought.

For these emissaries to extend this civilization to the area beyond Hawaii was as natural and fortunate as the conquering of the wilderness by American frontiersmen in the great Westward movement.

Two-way exchange of ideas beginning . . .

Even more fortunately, however, a two-way exchange of Western-Asiatic ideas is now taking hold. This is notable in the arts especially. Japanese paintings and drama, and now the movies, are being introduced, and appreciated belatedly, in American circles.

Times certainly have changed, when one notices that the American stage can successfully offer kabuki plays, or when the Atlantic Monthly publishes a thick supplement on "Perspective on Japan," or when Japanese movies can find large appreciative audiences in American theaters, or when Japanese architecture is being absorbed into the contemporary American scene.

Hawaii, the gateway to the Orient, will be rewarded with an exhibit of priceless art treasures from Japan, opening in Honolulu next week.

So it seems that in the broad exchange between the United States and the Orient, the Asians henceforth will be repaying with things cultural the political and technical contributions which they have been receiving from Americans.

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Nisei VFW posts meet Feb. 19-22 at San Francisco

San Francisco
Eight Nisei posts of the Veterans of Foreign Wars in California will be joined by representatives from Nisei posts in Seattle, Salt Lake City and Hawaii in the fifth annual National Nisei VFW convention here Feb. 19-22.

A complete program for the Women's Auxiliary has been drawn up also, it was announced by the Golden Gate Nisei Memorial Post 9879, hosts. Main sessions will be held at the Buchanan St. YM-YWCA with the convention banquet at the Hotel Whitcomb Sunday night, Feb. 20.

Nisei posts in California are: Sacramento, Fresno, Hanford, Los Angeles, Gardena, Monterey, Watsonville and San Jose.

Frank Dobashi is convention chairman.

Nat'l JACL credit union declares 5%

Salt Lake City
The National JACL Credit Union board of directors, at its Feb. 5 meeting, declared a dividend of 5 per cent for its members. Since Jan. 1, in order to handle the added amount of business being transacted, the following appointments were made:

Mas Horiuchi, ass't treas.; Patty Kishimoto, bookkeeper to assist Hito Okada, treas.

Under the new arrangement, the credit union office at 205 Beason Bldg. will be open even during the absence of the treasurer.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT
Period Ending Dec. 31, 1954

Assets	
Cash on hand & in banks	\$27,847.91
Personal Loans	113,293.95
Real Estate Loans	10,293.85
Furniture & Equipment (less depreciation)	417.77
Investments (U.S. Bonds)	2,145.31
\$153,998.80	
Liabilities	
Shares	\$144,704.83
Guaranty Fund	3,012.99
Undivided Earnings (1954)	6,280.98
\$153,998.80	

Total members—528
Number of borrowers—173

STATEMENT OF INCOME AND EXPENSE
Period Jan. 1 to Dec. 31, 1954

Income	
Interest on Loans	\$8,898.26
Income from Investments	50.00
Other Income	570.90
\$9,519.16	
Expenses	
Salaries	\$ 275.00
Insurance (group)	1,630.08
Depreciation	61.47
Other Expenses	573.74
\$2,540.29	
NET PROFIT \$6,978.87	
Distribution of Net Profit	
To Guaranty Fund (10%)	\$ 697.89
Undivided Earnings	6,280.98
\$6,978.87	

Loans made 1954—138 . . . \$97,224.66

Satoshi Nakamura, Canadian-born baritone, joined the Fujiwara Opera Co., for a role in Madame Butterfly. He recently returned to Japan from Rome, where he was filmed in the Italo-Japanese production of the same opera.

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The "All-American" Japanese family and long-time residents of Madison, Wis., are (left to right) Henry Toki, naturalized last summer; Mrs. Henry Toki, naturalized Jan. 15, and son Richard, Purple Heart veteran of World War II. —Courtesy Madison Capital Times.

Pioneer Japanese Wis. family now 'all-American' as wife naturalized

Madison, Wis.
The Tokis are an "All-American" family now.

Mrs. Henry Toki became the final member of the family to acquire American citizenship in naturalization proceedings conducted Jan. 18 by Circuit Judge Alvin C. Reis at the Courthouse here. Her husband was naturalized last summer, and the four children were American citizens because of their births in this country.

Toki has operated a truck farm near Madison, at 2832 Vest Broadway on Highways 12-18, for some 40 years. He was born in Japan and has

been in the United States for about 50 years. His wife, also born in Japan, has lived here for some 38 years.

The Toki's only son, Richard, served in the U.S. Army during World War II, and was given the Purple Heart for being wounded while fighting in Italy. He now helps his father on the truck farm.

The Tokis have three other children, daughters. They are Toshi Toki, employed with the federal government in Washington, D.C.; Mrs. Takeru Higuchi, 101 W. Lakeside St., and Mrs. Charlie Kagawa, Des Plaines, Ill.

War bride naturalized, can join her Chinese American husband in Germany

Cleveland
Petite Mrs. June Mochizuki Louis, 29, was particularly happy to be sworn in as a United States citizen at the federal court Jan. 14 because she can leave her new homeland to join her husband, Army M/Sgt. Samuel C. Louis, 46, now in Germany, with her daughter Deanna, 5.

The sergeant, a Chinese American born in California, has been in the military service since 1941. During World War II, he was an Air Force gunner in Europe. When the war was over, he decided to make the Army his career and was transferred to the infantry in 1947 and sent to Japan.

Two things happened to Sgt. Louis. He was wounded in the Korean war, in which he won the Bronze and Silver Stars; and he met and married June, an employee for the Army.

They came to California in late 1951 and Mrs. Louis applied for citizenship papers. Meanwhile, Louis was ordered to Germany. She couldn't go, not being a citizen.

What made these past three years so hard for the couple was that they couldn't correspond freely, for Louis can't read Japanese; his wife can't read English, although she can speak it.

A year ago, Mrs. Louis moved here to 1311 E. 92nd St. to be with relatives. Louis got a furlough to be here for the citizenship ceremony.

"I hate to leave the United States but I want to be with my husband," Mrs. Louis said after the ceremony. "And we'll be back."

San Francisco to host two Buddhist confabs

San Francisco
The 13th annual Western Young Buddhist League conference will meet here Mar. 25-27. Yone Satoda, convention chairman, said its program was up for cabinet approval this week and expects 750 to attend. The Western Young Adult Buddhist League convention is also being held here Feb. 20.

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● TV personality and newspaper columnist Tony Weitzel will emcee the tea reception marking open house at the Kenwood-Ellis Community Center, 4608 S. Greenwood Ave., on Thursday, Feb. 24., 7 p.m. State Sen. Marshall Korshak and Judge Henry Ferguson will be present also. A fellowship hour centered around the theme, "Meeting the Needs of Teenagers", will follow in the gym.

Around Windy City . . .

● Mrs. Romana R. Fierro, director of the Mexican American Council, revealed that many Mexican Americans are beginning to appear at the Council headquarters, inquiring about educational opportunities. "It is an encouraging sign," she said. "There are between 60,000 and 80,000 Mexican Americans here. Their problems are education, health, employment opportunity and civil rights. The problem in employment is partially discrimination and a lack of English speaking ability."

● Ralph H. Horton, deputy director of the San Francisco district, was named Chicago, district director of the U.S. Immigration and Naturalization Service. Elmer E. Poston of Honolulu had been originally named to replace Walter A. Sahli, now district director at San Antonio.

● Haitian President Paul Magloire visited Chicago and predicted: "Racial discrimination in America will very soon be only a bad dream."

● There are 1,345 streets in the maze that is Chicago . . . Honors for the shortest street are in dispute, but there are not many narrower than S. Ziegfeld St., a 10-ft. alley between Wabash and Michigan downtown. Longest is Western Ave., some 24 miles in length and often credited as the longest continuous street within one city in the world.

State Legislature . . .

● The Illinois division of the American Civil Liberties Union is protesting against rushing 1955 versions of the controversial Broyles anti-subversive bills in the state Senate. Copies of the new proposals were available only eight days in advance of hearings. Previously, there was a month's interval.

About People . . .

● Aki Terumoto, 908 W. Rascher, hails from Hilo and is a newcomer to the Enterprisers. He is engaged in the trucking business as partner-owner of American Assembly Agency and C & D Service . . . His brother, Kenneth, is interning in medicine at Charleston, W. Va. . . . His three sisters, all married and with children, are Dorothy (Mrs. Frank Arioli, Hilo realtor), Valie (Mrs. Don Jessmon, Honolulu civil aeronautics employee), and Teruko (Mrs. Ernie Ichida, Honolulu construction businessman).

San Diego chapter to sponsor booth at Pacific Flower show at Balboa Park

San Diego
A full dress turnout of the 1955 officers of the San Diego County JACL demonstrated their enthusiastic interest at a meeting held at the Buddhist Church here Jan. 31.

A goal of 200 members was announced and it was revealed that already 15 members had joined the 1000 Club.

Following participation in the second annual PSWDC Clinic on Feb. 13, the chapter's initial community activity will be the sponsorship of bonsai-ikebana booth at the Pacific Flower Exhibition of San Diego at Balboa Park on Mar. 3-6 with booth arrangements under the chairmanship of Dick Eejima assisted by Paul Kuyama, Moto Asakawa and others.

A monthly chapter bulletin supported by local merchants is



Gov. G. Mennen Williams of Michigan (standing) greeted Detroit JACLers and congratulated new chapter officers recently installed. Seated are (from left) Mrs. Williams, Sud Kimoto, chapter president; Mrs. John Laub, and John Laub, director of the Detroit Commission on Community Relations, who was guest speaker.

GOV. WILLIAMS OF MICHIGAN PAYS SURPRISE CALL DURING DETROIT JACL INSTALLATION CEREMONIES

CHAPTER MEMO

Pasadena JACL: Introduction and installation of the 1955 chapter officers will mark the St. Valentine dinner-dance tomorrow at Carpenter's Santa Anita in Arcadia. Dinner (prime ribs) will be served at 7 p.m. Admission will be \$2.50 per plate. Tom Ito was reelected president.

Chicago JACL: Harry Shigeta, honorary fellow of the Photographic Society of America, will be the main speaker at the March general meeting, Mar. 11, 8 p.m., at the Woodrow Wilson Room, 116 S. Michigan. Dr. Frank Sakamoto, program chairman, announced an amateur photography contest will be held that evening with pictures to be judged by Shigeta. Members wishing to participate in this contest should submit entries (any type of picture is eligible) to the JACL Office, 1200 N. Clark St., by Mar. 7.

Fresno JACL: Seichi Mikami and Dr. Henry Kazato were named as co-chairmen of the chapter membership drive now underway in Biola, Bowles, Caruthers, Clovis, Fresno, East Fresno, North Fresno, West Fresno and Monmouth areas. A goal of 300 was announced by Hugo Kazato, president, who added that house-to-house canvass will be launched during the last two weeks of February.

Mt. Olympus JACL: Membership chairman Lou Nakagawa reports that the 1955 campaign is nearly completed with a report to have been made at the February monthly meeting (last Feb. 5) at the LDS Mexican Ward House.

Hollywood JACL: A weekly class in ballroom dancing will start Tuesday, Feb. 15, 8:15 p.m. at the Hollywood Gakuen, 3929 Middlebury St., under direction of Sati Ohashi. The entire course of eight weeks will cost \$8 per student.

By KAY MIYAYA
Detroit
The installation of the Detroit JACL officers Jan. 22 was highlighted by the surprise visit of Michigan's energetic young governor and his lovely wife.

Gov. G. Mennen Williams and Mrs. Williams were in brief attendance during which time the Governor extended his greetings and congratulated new officers. He commented on the familiarity of the occasion having been present at previous installation ceremonies.

Guest speaker of the evening was John Laub, director of Detroit Commission on Community Relations. He gave an enlightening summary of the commission's work in human relations. The group was originally known as the Mayor's Interracial Committee, formed in 1943 as an aftermath of the notorious race riot that year.

Judge Theodore R. Bohn administered the oath of office to the 1955 cabinet headed by Sadao Kimoto, who was then presented the gavel from retiring president Kenneth Miyoshi.

Other guests present were: Mrs. Fern Gunkel, director of activities, International Institute; Mary Beck, Detroit's first city councilwoman; Mrs. John Laub, and

Mrs. Theodore R. Bohn. Violin solos were presented by Kenneth Okamoto, accompanied by Jeanne Tanase; an "odori" by Rose Kodama. Peter Fujioka was toastmaster. Assisting Minoru Togasaki, installation banquet chairman, were: Al Hatate, Peter Fujioka, Lloyd Joichi, Wally Kagawa, Roy Kaneko, Rose Leong, Arthur Matsumura, Betty Mimura, Kenneth Miyoshi.

RICHMOND-EL CERRITO INSTALLATION SLATED

Richmond
City Manager E. S. Howell of Richmond and State Assemblyman S. C. Masterson, author of the social welfare bill which would grant old age assistance to Issei, will be special guests at the Richmond-El Cerrito JACL installation dinner tomorrow at Tokyo Sukiyaki.

Haruo Ishimaru, regional director, will install the new officers headed by Marvin Uratsu. Recently naturalized citizens are also to be honored.

On the cabinet are: Heizo Oshima, 1st v.p.; George Sugihara, 2nd v.p.; Jiro Fujii, treas.; Meriko Maida, cor. sec.; Violet Kimoto, rec. sec.; Grace Hata, hist.; Dr. Yoshiye Togasaki, Tosh Nabeta, Sei Kami, Tamaki Ninomiya, Bill Akagi, John & Hannah Yasuda, Hideo Ajari (alt.), board of governors.

200 DELEGATES ATTEND QUARTERLY SESSION OF NC-WNDC AT TURLOCK

Turlock
The No. Calif.-Western Nevada District Council unanimously endorsed the program of the newly organized national committee to obtain speedy settlement of larger evacuation claims and took similar action on two issues in the Sacramento legislature.

Two hundred delegates and guests of the NC-WNDC met here last Sunday for the first quarterly session. Cortez and Livingston Merced chapters hosted. James Kirihara and Ernest Yoshida were co-chairmen.

The district council, after hearing the California legislative report from Haruo Ishimaru, unanimously passed a resolution supporting a bill removing the alien land law from the statutes and another bill to obtain old age assistance for resident Issei.

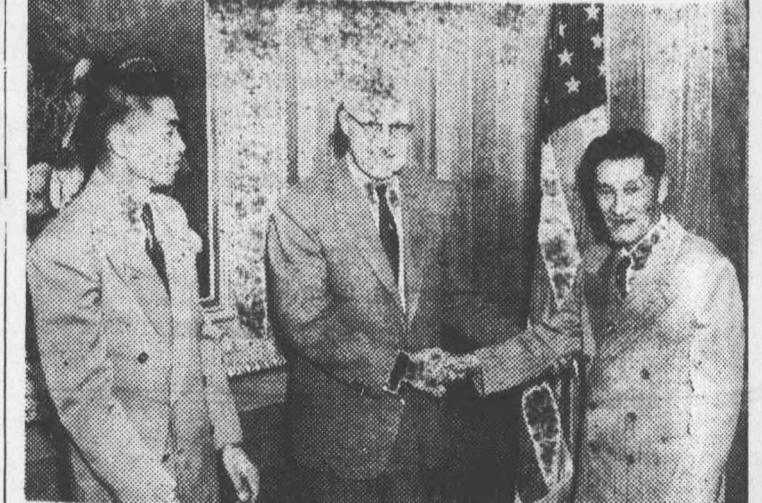
A program workshop was presented as a special feature to assist chapter officials in their local activities. Jerry Enomoto chaired, assisted by: Fred Hoshiyama, Vi Nakano, Joyce Nakano, Joyce Enomoto, Harry Fujii, ya, John Enomoto and Kenji Fujii.

The bid to host the second quarterly session May 1 at Berkeley was accepted.

Jack Noda, district council chairman, was a surprise recipient of the JACL Sapphire Pin, given for active and continuous service of 10 years or more. The coveted "chapter of the year" award was announced by Kenji Fujii, going to the San Francisco JACL for its spectacular program last year. Cortez and Sequoia chapters were runners-

up. George Yuge of Turlock, whose height was exceeded only by his humor and wit, emceed the banquet. Local civic and JACL dignitaries present were: State Sen. James A. Cobey, Hugh P. Donnelly, Assemblyman Ralph M. Brown, Turlock Mayor Kristoferson, George Inagaki, Kenji Tashiro (2nd nat'l v.p.) and Hiroshi Mayeda (CCDC chmn.).

Tatsuichi Shibata, currently manager of the Los Angeles branch of the Bank of Tokyo of California, was elected president, succeeding Matsujiro Takeshita who will return to Japan.



Mayor Sidney Herkner of Redwood City congratulates Mr. Okamura on becoming a citizen. New president of Sequoia JACL chapter, Hiroji Kajiya, stands at left.

Satow speaks at Salinas banquet, Tanda president

By HARRY SHIRACHI

Salinas
National JACL Director Mas Satow related the important works of JACL and lauded the contribution of Issei to America as main speaker at the Salinas Valley JACL installation dinner Jan. 29.

Honored guests included 32 newly naturalized Issei, Superior Court Judge Stanley Lawson, Assemblyman Alan Pattee and Mr. and Mrs. Frolicker of the Salinas Index Journal.

Judge Lawson talked on naturalization procedures in his court as well as other matters before the bench. Newly elected Assemblyman Pattee spoke of his experiences at the State Legislature.

H. Ikeda spoke on behalf of the Issei, thanking the JACL for its effort making naturalization possible for them.

Satow installed James Tanda as 1955 chapter president, who will be assisted by:

Kiyo Hirano, v.p.; Roberta Ura-be, cor. sec.; Tony Itani, rec. sec.; Harry Shirachi, pub.; Tom Miyanaga, del.; John Terakawa, alt. del. John Terakawa was presented a past president's pin for his fine work done the past two years in office. Tom Miyanaga was toastmaster.

'TANKO BUSHI' NUMBER FEATURE AT SOCIAL

Chicago
The "Tanko Bushi," novelty dance introduced to JACLers at the Los Angeles national convention last September, is one of the features of the "Sweet-heart Night" party of the Chicago JACL tonight at Woodrow Wilson Room, 116 S. Michigan Ave.

Assisting Mrs. Helen Mori, in charge of arrangements, are: Esther Hagiwara, Sachi Izumi, Kay Kuwahara, Mari Sabusawa, Dr. Frank Sakamoto and Sumi Shimizu.

Pocatello chapter elects Yamauchi

By NOVO KATO

Pocatello
William Yamauchi was installed as 1955 president for the Pocatello JACL at a festive dinner-dance at the Green Triangle Inn recently. District Judge Henry McQuade rendered the oath of office.

Other members on the cabinet are:

Jun Shiosaki, v.p.; Leo Hosoda, treas.; Ricki Nakashima, cor. sec.; Miye Morimoto, rec. sec.; Sanji Tsukamoto, Kinuko Sato, social; Novo Kato, pub.; William Kawamura, at.; Ronnie Yokota, del.; Jun Yamamoto, alt. del.; Miyo Yamada, Toshi Tsukamoto, special events comm.

Arthur Yamashita as membership chairman announced a goal of 150 for the chapter this year. Bill Yoden and George Shiozawa are co-chairmen of the JACL carnival tomorrow at the local Memorial Hall.

In the process of organization is a women's auxiliary aided by women members of the chapter cabinet. Over 30 attended the initial meeting Jan. 22, electing Miki Mori as president. Assisting her are:

Shirley Kawamura, v.p.; Lery Taniyama, sec.; Lena Yamada, treas.; Junko Yamashita, Miyo Yamada, Ayako Konma, Toshi Tsukamoto, program.



THE SOU'WESTER

By Tats Kushida

Points East and South

Sharp and clear describes the weather prexy CALLAHAN INAGAKI and the Sou'wester encountered on our recent trek through the southern outposts of the PSW district at month's end.

The desert eden of Indio being our first stop, we were repast guests of ALICE and HENRY SAKEMI (past PSWDC chairman) at their beautiful ranch home.

While George conferred with evac. claimants at the Sakemis, we met with officers of the Coachella Valley chapter at past-president TOM SAKAI's home. They were going over details of the Issei recognitions dinner scheduled for the following night at the Indio Women's Club. The Issei were to be presented a copy of the JACL's naturalization translation, a nice touch.

The annual installation will be held in late March, again with the bowling awards banquet. CHARLEY SHIBATA, custodian of the chapter's coffee pot treasury, paid up some financial obligations, cash on the line. Past president MAS OSHIKI and spouse MARY were also there as were prexy TEK NISHIMOTO, veep HARRY ARITA and HERB HIROHATA.

Many bulls were shot over Alice Sakai's strawberry (homegrown) shortcake.

'Governor Mac' lauds new Arizona citizens

It isn't every chapter that can boast the presence of a governor at its social functions. (We've just heard the Detroit JACL's joined the ranks). The Arizona JACL had on more than one recent occasion been honored with its top executive being present.

As usual, the Issei testimonial dinner held on Jan. 29 at the JACL hall in Glendale was a smasher of a success with some 200 attending, including many civic leaders.

The Hon. Ernest W. McFarland, former U.S. Senate Majority Leader, whom JOHN TADANO and other CLers now affectionately call "Governor Mac", gave a fine speech congratulating the nearly 80 Issei guests on their attainment of citizenship.

"I am happy that you have at long last realized your dream of citizenship, a realization resulting from your own hard work, achievements and rearing your children as patriotic American citizens who have distinguished themselves on the battlefield," the good governor said, adding that his support to override President Truman's veto of the McCarran-Walter bill was based on his belief that the provision to grant naturalization privileges to the Japanese far outweighed any objectionable aspects of the bill.

Both president TOM KADOMOTO and emcee KEN YOSHIOKA were adept with Japanese, but so was Callahan who extended greetings in Nihongo. We recall making our first and last speech in Japanese at this very place a year ago when these Issei had just completed their Americanization studies. Motto: if language doesn't come natural, lay off. Hence, "last", we hope.

The impromptu entertainment following the dinner and installation was precisely that. Some wiseacre (we suspect it was Z. Simpson Cox, chapter's legal counsel and VIP in Democratic party circles) demanded a Colonna performance, our only defense being lack of a moustache. Another local yokel, CARL SATO of Mesa, a former friend of ours, offered the use of his imported mink bow tie.

Result: our completely sober rendition of Ebbtide. We could not kick since we were presented with a check for \$790

to make up the Arizona JACL's 1953 quota deficit. But Gads, it's got so we staffers have to give a song and dance to raise JACL funds!

Next stop: druggist at 184' below sea-level

The "World's Lowest-down Drugstore" was our next stop—TAK MOMITA's shop in Calipatria, Imperial Valley, elevation 184 feet below sea level. We first made the acquaintance of this apothecary in Poston, Camp 1 a dozen years ago.

Always a staunch JACLer and now a 1000 Club member, Tak is the only Japanese in town. He is prominent in civic activities and is on the board of the local Lions Club and the C of C. His family has good looks plus brains.

His son, MILTON, is the president of the Calipatria High School. A nephew, REY MAENO, is president of the Eagle Rock high school while another nephew on his wife's side, GEORGE TANIGUCHI, is the great Nisei jockey making new records as an apprentice, now at Santa Anita.

S.D. prexy's wife tests gustatory buds

The huge slabs of blood-rare roast beef that GEORGE KODAMA carved for us at his Pacific Beach home would have surpassed any gustatory criterion. George is this year's helmsman of the San Diego JACL. His wife is a culinary artist. Neighbor SAM SUGITA and outgoing prexy HY NAKAMURA of nearby La Jolla got in on the beef deal, too. For once, we saw Callahan out-consuming us. It was a photo finish until he took a chaser of three helpings of rice and gravy! Haruo, watch out!

The Esdee chapter cabinet is a terrific JACL unit, every member showing up for the meeting at the Buddhist church even on Monday bowling league night (Some eventually went went bowling later).

We thought the Orange County JACL had the only all-male cabinet in the PSWDC this year but here's another one. They're both listed elsewhere in this issue, as are the new Arizona chapter officers. It's sure good to see a 100 per cent cabinet turnout plus all past presidents.

After the meeting, some of us adjourned to AL OBAYASHI's Miyako Restaurant for a spirited discussion of world problems, solving most of them.

Chapter revitalizing, keg tourney together

Another well attended cabinet session we witnessed of late was in Long Beach. EASY FUJIMOTO, 1955 chief of the Long Beach - Harbor District chapter, is also head of the local bowling league and chairman of the JACL ninth annual Bowling Tournament to come off on March 3-6. He has fine support from his crew, here again bulwarked with the presence of past-presidents FRED IKEGUCHI and MAS NARITA.

They are saddled with the double responsibility of re-activating chapter and also cooperating with the tourney committee to assure its success.

Easy's assistants, while they have been announced previously, merit listing again: TOMIZO (Blow) JOE, special vice-president; SMOKY IWASAKI, JOE SEKO and TED KADO, veeps 1, 2 and 3; HAJ FUKUMOTO, treas.; KAZU-KO MATSUMOTO, cor. sec.;

GEORGE ISERI, aud.; TAK URAGAMI, hist.; AIKO-BUTSUMYO, co-editor of the newsletter.

If enthusiasm is a barometer, here's a high pressure outfit.

Boalt Hall graduate heads Ventura chap.

We're glad to welcome a Cal man into our family of prexies. NUGGETS FUJITA, who got his law degree at Boalt Hall, heads the Ventura County JACL, having been installed by PSWDC chairman KEN DYU at the usual locale, Oxnard's Colonial Inn, Jan. 28. Nagao (short for nuggets) is a veteran of WW2 in Europe. Doc SAM TOKUYAMA whose wife (nee Alice Dote-moto) and ours were schoolmates, won his pearl-studded pin for his 1954 services.

Orange Co. initiates all-male cabinet

Getting back to all male (ugh!) cabinets, the annual installation banquet of the Orange County chapter was quite a production last Friday (the 4th) at the Imperial eatery in Garden Grove.

GEORGE ICHIEI (yep, one buck) turned in one of the finest jobs of emceeing we've seen in these parts, but then we've always known the O.C. JACL to turn out top grade toastmasters. This is the fifth time we've been honored to conduct the induction ritual here and recall past performers STEPHEN "Cap" TAMURA and last year's ERIE KAWAI as journeymen teeyems.

The O.C. chapter was one of the first to recognize the terrific community public relations value of this type of program. The most important people of the county are invited, and they come out, comprising in this case, a third of the 180 present. All are transfused with the JACL spirit.

Mutual respect, trust, understanding, friendship, and cooperation are gained and strengthened through this fellowship. The Japanese Americans of Orange County enjoy an excellent degree of acceptance—they are a community entity with definite status, thanks to JACL's instrumentality.

Judge JOHN AISO, one of many guests, gave an inspiring off-the-cuff speech congratulating the new Issei citizens. It's easy to see he is one of Niseidom's outstanding orators.

The new prez, GEORGE KANNO, gave a nice response as did outgoing but not retiring president KEN UYESUGI to whom was presented the Mikimoto pin. Sab Kido gave his usual top performance as principle speaker.

Santa Barbara CL assignment Feb. 12

Another installation assignment coming up tomorrow night, the eve of the PSWDC's second annual chapter clinic, will be in Santa Barbara. We'll have an opportunity to chew the rag on the district's fourth biennial postwar convention which the SB chapter will host on the May 15 weekend.

And here's one for the books, a combination installation-Issei testimonial banquet in West Ellay on Feb. 26. Why, for the books? 'Cause we've been requested by ELMER UCHIDA, '54 president of the WLA JACL, to deliver a congratulatory address in Japanese. We've done it before, viz. Ariz. Seems some people



John Naka, president of the Southern California Bonsai Club, trims one of the valuable specimens at his home. He is guest speaker at the next Southwest Los Angeles JACL meeting, Feb. 17, 8 p.m., at the Centenary Methodist Church. Colored slides will be shown depicting various classifications of bonsai or dwarf-tree growing, fast becoming popular among Southland Caucasians. Dr. Toru Iura, chapter president, said the meeting is open to all interested. —Ken Miura Photo.

don't mind Nihongo with a Midwest twang.

All-out for JACL funds: fashion show

JACL pulls no punches when it comes to fund raising, at least in Pasadena. Reports this chapter's attractive PRO, FLORENCE WADA, a benefit fashion show is scheduled in March featuring some pretty snazzy imported stuff with Nansai and Hakujuin models. Watch for particulars soon.

This will be a high-powered operation that should draw people and donations.

Incid., Flo and Ken Dyo are tackling a brotherhood speaking assignment at Pasadena's First Baptist Church on Feb. 20.

Brotherhood panel seat at Whittier

While on brotherhood programs, last week we got a call from Bernice Nosoff whom we hadn't seen since our Poston incarceration. Her husband, Ed, headed the leave office where we earned 19 bucks a month plus room and board. Their Nadina and our Pamela both are now thirteen and stand five foot three. Ed's in the fence biz in Boyle Heights but lives in Whittier. So. B. N. wants us to sit with a panel discussion for a program sponsored by the Human Relations Committee of the Whittier Coordinating Council.

Our office receives numerous requests for participation in such activities during February and we've been fortunate that local chapters and national officers have been willing to take on these speaking engagements.

'Seven Samurai' enjoyed thoroughly

The other day, we helped HENRY MORI use up a special invitation to pre-view Toho Film Co.'s "Seven Samurai" at the Ambassador. The picture has good plot and the histrionics aren't bad, either; the photography is superb, the sound mediocre. We thoroughly enjoyed this chambara which, fortunately for us, had better than usual English titles.

This particular version of the horse opera was a little different than most we're accustomed to seeing—it had a sexy angle, without which it still would have been first class entertainment. We can appreciate why this film won a prize at the international film festival in Venice, Italy, last year.

APL Yule party

Our friend MARVIN URATSU (Richmond-El Cerrito chapter) who is district agent-Japanese traffic for American President Lines, sent us a nicely printed Christmas program held aboard its luxurious President liners. The well-planned program makes the most of the yule spirit aboard ship and must have been an enjoyable party for the lucky third class passengers for whom it was given. APL really goes all out to make things homy-cozy for its customers.

Congrats to HARRY M. FUJITA, former president of the Downtown Los Angeles chapter, who has just been appointed assistant manager of the Pasadena agency for California-Western States Life Insurance Co.

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GOV. McFARLAND CONGRATULATES NEW CITIZENS AT ARIZONA FETE

Glendale, Ariz. Gov. Ernest W. McFarland congratulated some 80 new citizens of Japanese descent at a testimonial banquet held Jan. 29 in their honor by the Arizona JACL at the local JACL Hall.

Toastmaster Kei Yoshioka introduced various community leaders who were guests. Tom Kadomoto, retiring president, extended greetings as well as National JACL President George Inagaki and regional director Tats Kushida.

Z. Simpson Cox, chapter's legal counsel, spoke briefly on Issei achievements and then introduced Gov. McFarland, who was the main speaker. Responses were given by the Rev. K. Sagawa of the Free Methodist Church in English and by H. O. Yamamoto in Japanese.

New cabinet officers installed were:

Sat Tanita, pres.; Minoru Takiguchi, 1st v.p.; Tom Ikeda, 2nd v.p.; Mrs. Hatsuye Miyachi, 3rd v.p.; Ben Inoshita, treas.; Eva Oda, sec.; Lynn Takesuye, Frank Yamamoto, social; Mike Kobashi, ath.; Tom Tanita, Northside rep.; Kinya Watanabe, Southside rep.

The Rev. U. Sugiyama of the

Buddhist Church gave the benediction. The chapter presented a distinguished service award to Robert Uno for his outstanding chapter work during 1954.

Civil rights—

* From Front Page
Our intention to ask the Senate to debate and take up any or all of these proposals which appear to have a majority support in the Senate."

JACL in Support

Mike Masaoka, Washington JACL representative said in reference to these civil-rights bills,

"As an organization of citizens interested in promoting civil and human rights for all Americans, JACL will, as in the past, cooperate with every effort to increase the individual dignity of every citizen and to provide for all Americans greater opportunities for a better life."

✓ Motoji Kitano, who operates an apartment, was elected 1955 president of the San Francisco Nichi Bei Kai.



Rupert Hachiya, serving his second term as Salt Lake JACL chapter president, receives the pearl-studded JACL past-president's pin. Admiring the pin is Miss Sue Kaneko. Award was made at the January banquet at the Temple Noodle House. —Terashima Photo.

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George Yamamoto, oldest citizen honored at City JACL, receives carnation from Anna Imai, the January Recognition dinner of Salt Lake. —Terashima Photo.

Utah Japanese community lauded by prominent attorney, Salt Lake JACL tenders recognition to Issei citizens

By ANNA IMAI

Salt Lake City

The Salt Lake chapter JACL held its recognition dinner Jan. 28 for the local Issei who recently became American citizens. Out of the 23 new citizens, 20 were present to receive congratulations and honors from the 75 other members and guests present.

The local boy scouts, Troop 84, under the direction of Scoutmaster Jim Tanimine, presented the colors.

Among the distinguished guests present were: Mr. and Mrs. Herbert F. Smart, member of the State Finance Commission and Secretary of the Utah Wild Life Federation; Dr. Joseph Uemura, professor at Westminster College; Dr. Y. Yoshitaka, prominent dentist from Ogden, Utah, and member of the Utah Wild Life Federation; Dr. and Mrs. Henry Day, son of Senator Elias Day of Utah; and Mr. and Mrs. Emerson Smith, promotion director of radio station KALL in Salt Lake City.

Attorney Speaks

"May the Japanese people of Utah always be what I have ever known them to be... Outstanding exemplar of loyalty, morality, cleanliness, industry, and worthiness of toil," were the words of the main speaker of the evening, Claude Barnes, prominent attorney and businessman of Utah.

Henry Y. Kasai gave the congratulatory speech in Japanese in behalf of the JACL and Eddie Fujimoto gave the response in behalf of new citizens. Each new citizen was given a carnation and a tiny American flag designating their citizenship.

Chairman of the successful evening was Isamu Watanuki.

The following is the list of honored Issei citizens:

Mrs. Isami Fujioki, Daijiro Fujii, Shigeno Fujii, Jioichi Fujii, Frank Kumagai, Iwako Mizuki, George Yamamoto, Toru Shimizu, Aya Mary Kawakami, Frank Koda, Yoko Murakami, Buntaro Mitsunaga.

Hiroshi Nakahara, Yei Ito Mori, Shigenobu Mori, Hideyo Sasaki Kimura, Eddie Kanta Fujimoto, Tosuke Ota, Fred Akutagawa, Sai Shimizu, Tomie Kumagai, Ed K. Matsu-da, May K. Mori.

Yokozeki named chairman of L.A. JACL coordinating council for '55

Los Angeles

Attorney David Yokozeki, currently serving his second term as president of the Downtown Los Angeles JACL, was unanimously elected chairman of the L.A. JACL Coordinating Council of seven chapters last week. Jim Higashi, president of the East L.A. JACL and co-director of the JACL Club Service Bureau, was named treasurer. Yokozeki replaces outgoing chairman Mack Hamaguchi.

A major activity sponsored by the council this summer will be the annual Nisei Relays. Hamaguchi was appointed to organize a committee for its preparation.

The Coordinating Council represents the JACL in two community wide groups, the Los Angeles County Conference

on Community Relations and the California Federation for Civic Unity. Membership in the Council is made up of current and past chapter residents and other chapter leaders.

Present at the meeting were: Hamaguchi, Yokozeki, Higashi; Tom T. Ito (Pasadena), Miwako Yamamoto (Hollywood), Roy Yamadera (East LA), Toru Iura, Hiroko Kawanami (Southwest), Frank Suzuki, Lily Otera and Blanche Shiosaki (Downtown), Steve Yagi and Elmer Uchida (West LA) and Tats Kushida.

Kabuki Scotland bound

New York

Some 30 members of the Azuma Kabuki Dancers and Musicians will appear in the Edinburgh Festival in September, winding up their tour in the United States before returning to Japan.

Installation of chapter officers highlight January programs

★ SMOGLITES

On Waikiki

By MARY OYAMA

On the beach at Waikiki

On our initial day at the beach in front of the Moana hotel, we found ourselves approached by a small ring of curious kids—either because we were newcomers or the only so called "Oriental" guests there. Making the first overtures of friendship we inquired where each had come from and each replied variously with pride: "Seattle", "San Francisco", "Palo Alto", "Fullerton", (getting quite close to home).

"Seattle" was particularly cute with tousled hair, freckles on his nose, and about 12 years old (the age of our second son). He stared with that wide-open unabashed curiosity characteristic of all such kids. We discovered that his name was Guy and later learned that he had come with his grandfather, a retired professional man, who was wintering in the Honolulu sun for his health's sake. They were guests at the Moana which adjoined our Surf-Rider hotel.

Then there was a young quiet-mannered lady from San Francisco who stayed in one of the numerous cottages behind the big hotels. She was tanned and petite, attractive in visored cap, bathing suit, and terry-cloth beach robe of white which contrasted pleasantly with her tan. Feeling an instant rapport with our mutual interest in the small fry, we struck up a conversation. She revealed that she taught kindergarten, had attended San Francisco State Teachers' college, and that she once knew a very nice Nisei family whom she lost track of after evacuation. Said she, "I wish I knew where they were as I liked them very much. Their name was Okamoto (or Okamura)—I often wonder what happened to them."

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The 'big wig' from Lurlines

Another new beach friend was a balding portly man with paunch who sat sunning himself on the seawall, digging his bare toes in the sand or staring at the colorful coral-rose and yellow sails of a catamaran on the turquoise waters. In the informal manners of any friendly strangers at a resort beach, we drifted into small talk; the amiable gentleman disclosing that he was also from San Francisco but continually moving around the globe in his capacity as travel manager for the Lurline Lines. He spoke nonchalantly of: North Africa, Sweden, India, Alaska, etc., names which to us held all the glamour and exoticism of faraway places.

Suddenly in the midst of his recital, this travel promoter, switched off to ask if we had come via the Lurline? When we replied negatively, he looked faintly disapproving and launched forth on spiel extolling the superiority of the Lurline service over the President lines. We listened politely but chuckled inwardly thinking, "Same difference, Man, same difference! Considering the seasick sad-sacks we had been, all ships are the same. We HATE all ships. Period."

If the Man only knew that we already had made definite plans to cancel our return reservation in favor of flying home by plane—

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The 'Princess' from the East Indies

The most fascinating guests at the Surf were a charming young East Indian couple who seemed to be newlyweds. We would gaze down from our seventh floor windows to see them stepping out of a Cadillac convertible driven by be-turbaned, bearded, imposing Hindu gentleman, evidently their host & local friend. The beautiful lady always wore a small wreath of tropical blooms around the chignon at the nape of her neck and every day a different sari which fascinated us no end.

Whenever they appeared on the hotel grounds overlooking the ocean, daughter Bambi would follow, we also following suit but not working up quite enough nerve to lens-snap them. Nicknaming her the "Princess" we concluded that the glamorous lady must be a modern young actress, or a wealthy Indian belle, because she wore no black dot on her forehead but she DID laughingly pose with her husband in a kissing shot for her host friend of the Cadillac. (Yeh, we saw them from behind a coconut tree—)

Another guest was Hollywood star Terry Moore during the time of her notorious ermine-bathing-suit publicity but we never did encounter her despite the fact that she was on the sixth floor just below us. Not that we missed her—but one day Bambi flattered a lovely society girl in the elevator by asking if SHE were Terry Moore. She smiled sweetly and said no, while all the elevator occupants beamed.

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Poor little rich boy

Most hotel guests, being middle-aged or old, always made a big to-do over the few children guests. The latter were usually bored and lonely. We often encountered "Freckles" (Seattle) tagging listlessly around with his semi-crippled grandfather. And although the boy had "three boats of his own back home" according to the elder kin "he's already bored of being here and says he misses his school-mates of his home-town—He doesn't realize his good fortune.

"But he's a good kid though. All boy. Good student, good pianist. Wants to wear this same ole playsuit outfit everyday. I want to get him a new one so he won't look so wrinkled but he doesn't want a new one. Thinks he'll be embarrassed by looking conspicuous in a new clean one. Funny little guy."

Gramps pointed at him with a cane. Freckles sheepishly looked away—"You're going to get a new outfit tomorrow whether you want one or not."

Later Bambi remarked in appraisal, "He's a cute boy but stares at me too much. That's why I'm bashful to talk to him. Too bad he's not a girl".



Nine chapter presidents of metropolitan Los Angeles and their cabinet members were inducted into office at the fourth annual L.A. Coordinating Council installation ball by National President George Inagaki (upper left) before some 400 persons. They are (left to right): front—Easy Fujimoto, Long Beach-Harbor District; Tom Endow, San Fernando Valley; middle—Dave Yokozeki, Downtown Los Angeles; Miwako Yanamoto, Hollywood; Dr. Toru Iura, Southwest Los Angeles; back—Inagaki; Tom Ito, Pasadena; Steve Yagi, West Los Angeles; Jim Higashi, East Los Angeles; and George Isoda, Venice. —Courtesy Shin Nichi Bei



Planning the 1955 program for the Southwest Los Angeles JACL chapter are the following members of the cabinet (left to right): Hajime Inouye, 1st v.p.; Peter Yano, treas.; Homer Matsui, sgt.-at-arms; Misa Tanaka, rec. sec.; Hiroko Kawanami, hist.; Dr. Toru Iura, pres.; Pomeroy Ajima, 2nd v.p.; Grace Oba, cor. sec.; George Kakehashi, aud.; and Michi Kataoka, 3rd v.p. Absent for the picture was Ken M. Iura, pub. —Cut courtesy: Shin Nichi Bei



New cabinet members of the Eden Township JACL recently installed are (from left) seated —Kenji Fujii, pres.; Tom Kitayama, 1st v.p.; Dr. Keichi Shimizu, treas.; standing—Harry Kurotori, 2nd v.p.; Sho Yoshida, Shig Nieda and S. Kuramoto, board of governor members. —Cut courtesy: San Leandro Morning Sun

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Parlier CL plans 20th anniversary celebration Feb. 26

Organized in 1935 with 32 charter members, the Parlier JACL will celebrate its 20th anniversary at the Magnuson's Dining Room on Feb. 26. The chapter has concluded its 1955 membership drive with 419 members.

Harry Kubo and Mrs. to Okamura are co-chairmen of the banquet committee, assisted by: General Arrangements — Gerald Ogata, chmn.; Tak Kimoto, Kenso Tsuboi, Kaz Ohara. Banquet—Jim Kozuki, chmn.; Tomio Miyakawa, Harry Iseki. Entertainment — Bill Tsuji, chmn.; George Wada. Invitations—Kaz Komoto, chmn.; Noboru Doi, Rose Komoto. Publicity—Ralph Kimoto, chmn.; Aki Kimoto. Program — Kengo Osumi, chmn.; Charles Taguchi, Misao Takata, Toshiko Osumi, Harry Nakata. Reception—Byrd Kumataka, chmn.; Kiyono Doi, Sue Miyakawa, Alice Migaki, Eleanor Doi. Finance—Harris Tanaka, chmn.; Ted Katsura, Tad Kanemoto, Kay Yoshimoto, Don Nakadaichi Robert Yano, Ty Arifuku. Pledge of Allegiance—Tak Yorizane.

Coachella Valley JACL holds Issei testimonial

Indio

Thirty-two Issei were honored Jan. 29 at the Indio Women's Club at the Coachella Valley JACL testimonial dinner by some 200 chapter members and friends. Tek Nishimoto and Charles Shibata co-ceeded.

Hisako Shibata and Roy Watanabe, two Indio Issei, were congratulated on their recent naturalization by Elmer Suski in behalf of the chapter. Herbert Hirohata welcomed the

guests. Toyochi Shibata responded for the Issei.

Mrs. Mas. Oshiki was dinner chairman. Program closed with Japanese entertainment numbers.



Part of the 200 is shown attending the Parents Appreciation Night recently tendered by grateful members of the Mt. Olympus JACL chapter. The entire program was conducted in Japanese. —Photo by Shig Hoki.

MT. OLYMPUS CL-ERS TREAT ISSEI TO 'PARENTS APPRECIATION NIGHT'

By AIKO NISHIDA

Murray, Utah

"Parents Appreciation Night" was presented by the Mt. Olympus JACL Jan. 17 at the Murray B. Allen Blind Center. Under the direction of Toby Hirabayashi and George Fujii and their committee, the chapter treated their folks to an evening of fun, food and relaxation, to thank them for their support.

The entire program was conducted in Japanese with a special greeting message from '54 prexy Toby Hirabayashi. A special highlight of the evening was the donation of an American flag to the Mt. Olympus JACL by Mr. and Mrs. Kiyotaro Okubo.

President Mas Namba introduced the 1955 cabinet after the colors were presented by Boy Scout Troop 84 under the direction of Scoutmaster Jim Tammine.

Remainder of the evening was turned over to Master of Ceremonies Yukio Isaki and to Kiyu Matsumori and her committee who served the delicious turkey and ham dinner with all the trimmings to a crowd of 200 persons. The food was spe-

cially prepared by the married girls of the club, and assisting in serving were the single girls of the club.

Introduced was special guest "Hon. Yukus Inouye" who flew in from Japan for this special occasion to present gifts to M. Chiba, 78, as the oldest male Issei present; the oldest female present was Mrs. H. Yasukochi, 74; T. Kasuga for being in the State of Utah 54 years; Mr. and Mrs. I. Kaneko for 46 years of wedded bliss; Mrs. I. Kaneko as the first naturalized citizen present and to Mr. and Mrs. Sugiyama with the largest family of ten children.

Sansei offsprings of chapter members rendered their talents during the evening program. They included:

Lynn son of Mr. and Mrs. Russell Kano; Raymond, son of Mr. and Mrs. Hiro Yasukochi; David and Linda, children of Mr. and Mrs. Shaka Ushio; Donna and Jay Dee, children of Mr. and Mrs. Yukus Inouye.

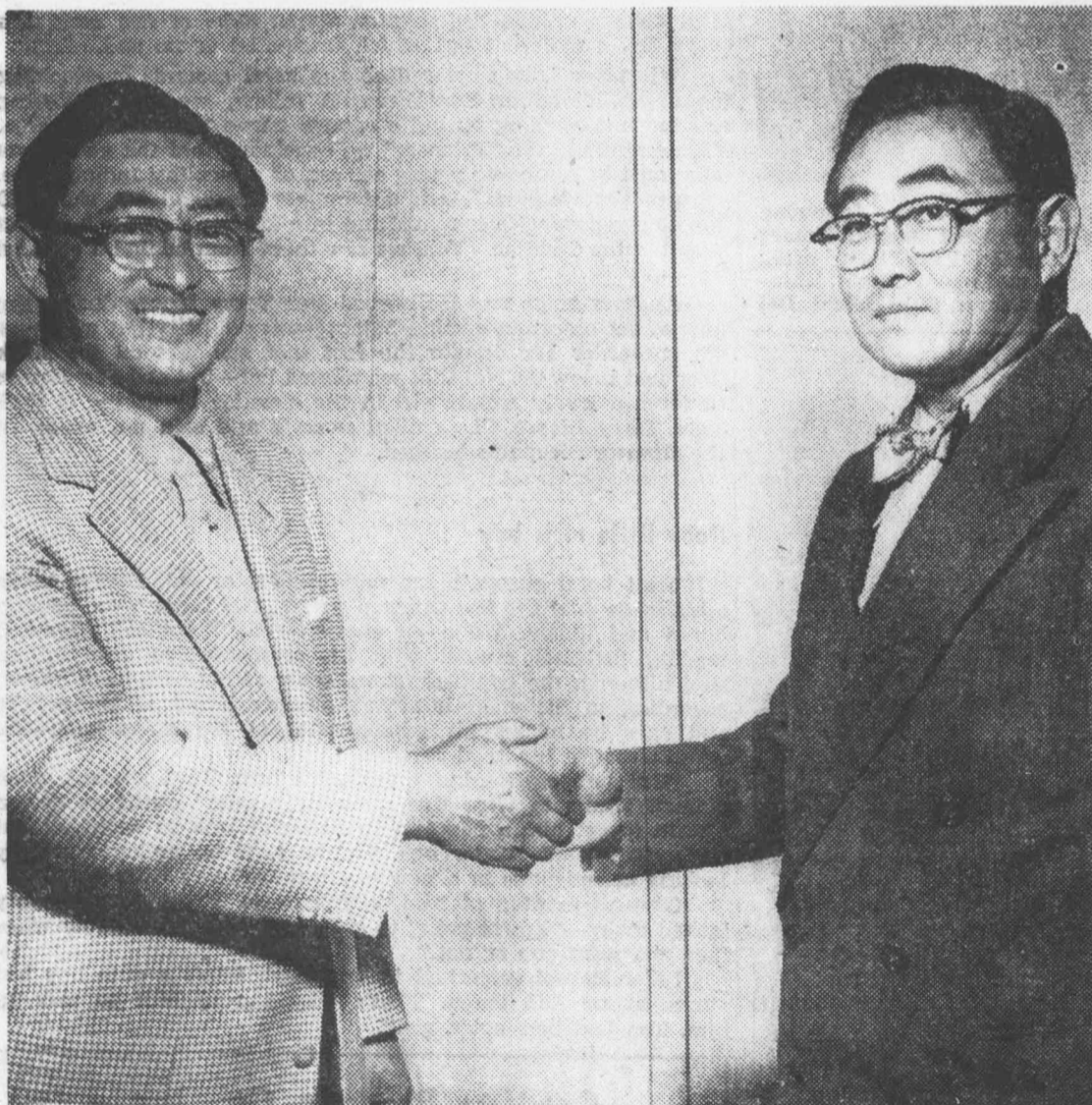
Members performing in skits and group singing were:

Selma Mori, Roy Tsuya, Min Matsumori, George Fujii, Chie Okazaki, Tomiko, Ruby, George Tamura, Frank, Amey and Fumi Harada; Mrs. Walt Bills, Sam Saito, Matt Tateoka, Lou Nakagawa, Nob Mori, Ida Tateoka; Toby Hirabayashi, Yukus Inouye, Mr. and Mrs. Sam Waki, Mrs. Tom Miya, Jimmy Kido, Mr. Saibara, and Tosh Iwasaki.



New officers of the Sequoia JACL recently installed are (left to right): John Enomoto, ex-officio and past president; Hi Inouye, del.; Hiroji Kariya, pres.; Yaeko Yuki, pub.; Pete Kashima, treas.; Jay Sasagawa, 1st v.p.; Yo-

neko Arimoto, hist.; Midori Kanazawa, rec. sec.; Tom Yamane, 2nd v.p.; Harry Higaki, alt. del.; Lorraine Inouye, cor. sec.; Gunji To-gami, alt. del.; and Shozo Mayeda, ex-officio.



Happy, smiling new president for the Pasadena JACL Tom Ito (left) is congratulating gloomy past chapter president Tom Ito. A veteran JACLer and referred to as "Stinky" by the Sou'Wester columnist Tats Kushida,

the Pasadena insurance man sets a fine example of new happy presidents entering office, or is it vice versa? The chapter holds its informal installation dinner-dance tomorrow at Carpenter's Santa Anita.

—Special Photography by Sat Yoshizato.

Orange County chapter fetes cabinet, hears Kido warn against complacency

Garden Grove

One of the most impressive banquets of the Orange County JACL was held here Feb. 4, when 1955 officers were installed before an audience of nearly 200 including some 50 community and civic leaders and 34 newly naturalized Issei citizens.

Principal speaker Saburo Kido, past National JACL president and publisher of the New Japanese American News, portrayed the formation of the JACL a quarter century ago outlining its objectives and purposes. He cautioned the Japanese American community against complacency about its present high status of acceptance.

Judge John F. Aiso, a special guest, congratulated the new citizens upon their attainment of citizenship after many years of perseverance and patriotic conduct.

Among the prominent guests introduced by Toastmaster George Ichien were:

James Musick, Sheriff, Orange County; Willis Warner, chmn., Orange County Board of Supervisors; Raymond Elliott, Superintendent of Huntington Beach Public Schools; M. Williams, v.p., Santa Ana National Bank, Superior Court Judge Morrissey; Mr. and Mrs. Harry Hayden.

Album for Janet

Sam Shosuke Nitta, the coun-

ty's first Issei citizen, led the pledge of allegiance. The invocation was given by Rev. George P. Greer. Popular songstress Karie Shindo Aihara accompanied by Toki Nitta sang two well-received numbers, "The Desert Song" and a Japanese song.

Janet Fukuda, JACL member from Anaheim and prominent USC coed, was presented a beautiful album from the chapter in appreciation for her representing the OC JACL in her role as Miss National JACL at the recent national convention in Los Angeles.

Installation was conducted by Regional Director Tats Kushida who also presented outgoing president Ken Uyesugi with the traditional pearl studded president's pin. Responses were given by both Uyesugi and the newly elected president George Kanno.

Gilroy bowlers feted

Gilroy

JACL bowling league champions were honored with trophies at the recent annual Gilroy chapter dinner. They include:

Tak Shiba, high series; Jim Sakamoto, high series (hcp); Jack Nakano, high game; Gilroy Hot Springs (Willy Iwanaga, Shoichi Morita, Jim Imagawa, Ben Noto, Don Masui), team.

★ SCENE FROM THE GOLDEN GATE ★

Long Voyage Home

HARUO ISHIMARU

The last two issues of the Pacific Citizen have carried stories of orphans from Japan being adopted by families in the United States. Since I know SACHI KAWAOKA, who recently escorted five children to this country, I called to inquire about her trip and the procedure for such adoptions since some friends without children have expressed an interest in these cases. Sachi's response was so warm and interesting that I invited her to write about her experience of bringing the children to their new parents. It is with great pleasure that I introduce guest columnist Sachi Kawaoka, who is secretary to ALBERT KOSAKURA, manager of the Japanese Division for Pan American World Airways in San Francisco—H. I.

Acting as 'mother' for 24 hours

By SACHI KAWAOKA

Just recently I had the thrilling experience of acting as "mother" for twenty-four hours to five orphans whom I accompanied to the United States from Japan. The two girls and three boys were all born of Japanese mothers and American fathers and were allowed entry into the United States under the recently enacted Refugee Relief Act. They were beautiful children, totally convincing me that children of mixed races are attractive and desirable.

My thanks go to Pan American World Airways—my employer—for giving me this assignment. Without any hesitation, I can say that the phone call assigning me to this job filled me with excitement from the start.

With splendid cooperation from the U.S. State Department and the Japanese Consulate General, I was ready to travel within twenty-four hours, and on the following day, which happened to be New Year's Day, I boarded the giant PanAm Clipper for my first flight. Just imagine, I was in Hawaii in about nine hours, Tokyo in less than 30 hours. The world certainly has shrunk!

I reported to the PAA office in the Marunouchi Building in Tokyo, and there I first met the children. They were still unfamiliar with their new names; they only knew that they were flying Pan American to join their new parents in America. They didn't know where America was; only that it was a wonderful country which they had already learned to love.

The time for departure arrived on Jan. 8. The children were the center of attraction, posing for photographers and reporters who surrounded them on all sides amidst the confusion at the airport. They looked completely different from the first time I met them, dressed in the latest Western clothes sent from their new parents especially for the trip. They were excited and yet bewildered. Traces of tears could be seen on their faces; the goodbyes to sisters and brothers with whom they grew up in the orphanage of the Lady of the Lourdes had not been easy.

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Taste of America: ice cream sodas

Each child carried a small suitcase which contained toothbrush and powder, one set of clothing and, to them the most important of all, pictures of their new families. They were rather frightened, which was to be expected, but it wasn't long before they started to get a little too energetic for me and the plane! But they were all simply marvelous; in fact, I have never seen a group of children so well behaved. They had their first taste of America in the short three-hour stopover in Hawaii—their very first ice cream soda!

It was 7:30 in the evening when we left Hawaii. They had only about four hours of sleep during the past 15 hours since leaving Tokyo and they needed a long rest to prepare themselves for the excitement that was waiting for them in San Francisco. Feeling quite confident that they would now easily fall asleep, I tried to put them to bed, explaining that in the morning they would be in the United States and that their parents would be waiting for them at the airport.

That was the worst thing I could have done. It was all just too wonderful for them and they repeatedly questioned me if they were really going to meet their parents. I didn't get any sleep either but their excited and happy faces more than made up the loss.

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To fill loneliness in some homes

Just the word "orphan" somehow rings with a lonely feeling, yet how sweet and lovable were these children. Thousands of such children, innocent and bright-eyed, are abandoned in Japan as victims of the war.

They all deserve the warm welcome of a home as any other child.

The United States, under the Refugee Relief Act, allows orphans to be adopted and admitted into our country and I sincerely hope that this group which I escorted will be the first of many to follow to fill the quota and the loneliness in some of our American homes.

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U.S. CONSTRUCTION OF INDUSTRIAL ATOMIC PLANT IN HIROSHIMA TO EMPHASIZE PEACE PROPOSED BY YATES

Washington

American construction of an industrial atomic plant in Hiroshima, was proposed in a joint resolution introduced by Rep. Sidney R. Yates (D., Ill.), last week.

Congressman Yates said that such an industrial power plant for peaceful purposes would demonstrate that this nation places its primary emphasis upon the atom "in the cause of peace rather than for the destruction which war brings."

Speaking on the House floor upon the introduction of his joint resolution, Congressman Yates declared,

"We can offer to the peoples of the world new hope and new life through tangible evidence of the fact that atomic energy can be a force for good, rather than evil, consecrated to the life of man rather than to his destruction."

Atom for Peace

"And in the case of Japan, what more concrete expression can we furnish of our friendship for the peoples of Japan than our desires to help erase the searing scars which the war-born atom brought them . . . than to make available the miracle of the atom fashioned in peace," the legislator from Illinois said.

Mike Masaoka, commenting on the industrial atomic power plant proposal, said that while this project introduced by Congressman Yates did not receive the publicity due it because of the congressional debate on the Formosan Resolution, authorization of an industrial atomic power plant for Hiroshima, could well be one of the most significant acts of this Congress.

It would be a tremendous economic asset for power-starved Japan and an outstanding monument for building goodwill between our two countries, he said.

Mayor Approves

Masaoka revealed that when he was in Hiroshima City last Christmas Day, he met with Mayor Shinzo Hamai and discussed the idea of a peace-time atomic energy plant for that city. Such a plant would not only mean millions of needed for that city but would also result in increased employment and new industries. Masaoka said that the Hiroshima Mayor approved the project.

"Ten years ago, the atom blast over Hiroshima heralded the dawn of a new age, but that dawn spewed only destruction. Now, if an industrial atomic energy plant can be established in the same city here the first bomb was dropped, it may well herald a new industrial era of peace and prosperity. What more appropriate symbol of America's intention to help Japan's reconstruction and industrial expansion could there be than this," Masaoka said.

For Japan, Congressman Yates declared before the House, "power is the blood of her industrial life. Cheap power offer the possibilities of providing benefits which not only raise the standard of living of an impoverished people, but will increase the nation's economic and political stability."

"Japan, a country about the size of California, has arable land amounting to only 17 per cent of its total. It has a population of 87 million people, increasing at the rate of one million per year."

Logical Answer

"With available farm land completely occupied, more people are moving to the cities wherein industry must expand in order to permit them to live. Even an expanded power development based on present type of electrical generation will be inadequate for many years to come to provide necessary fulfillment of Japan's power needs. An atomic reactor, occupying a small area and generating large quantities of power will be a logical answer to this problem . . ." Congressman Yates continued.

"I am advised . . . that construction of a nuclear power reactor in Japan would be feasible, practical and advantageous. Such a project . . . started this year (would be) completed within a few years."

"I have also been assured," the Congressman said, "that the level of technology in Japan is more than adequate for the construction and maintenance of such a project. We need only be reminded that it is Japan which has produced Dr. Hideki Yukawa, a world-renowned physicist who won a Nobel Prize for his work."

Spoke to JACL

Concluding his remarks before the House, Congressman Yates said, "Life goes on even with the threat of war hanging overhead and the efforts to maintain peace must be constant and unremitting. The atom must be identified with kilowatts, not killing; with balms for healing, not bombs for destruction. I have every hope that

the resolution I have introduced will help keep the peace."

Masaoka said that Congressman Yates has supported legislation benefiting persons of Japanese ancestry in the United States since his first election to Congress in 1948. He has been reelected to the 82nd, 83rd and 84th Congresses. Last fall he was the guest speaker at the Chicago JACL banquet honoring newly naturalized Issei citizens.

San Jose CL sponsors special meeting for social security talk

San Jose

Olin Kimbel of the social security office will explain regulations as they apply to farmers and the self-employed at a special San Jose JACL meeting, Feb. 18, 7:30 p.m., at the Onishi Banquet Hall, Fifth and Taylor Sts.

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The Univ. of California Japanese Alumni Association is taking steps to revive its active status as Susumu Nakamura, '36, associate professor of the Oriental Department at the local campus, was named chairman. Other members of the board are:

Victor Abe, '40, v.p.; Ari Inouye, sec.; Ted Ono, '41, treas.; directors—Dr. Tokuji Hedani, '40; Dr. Ernest S. Takahashi, '37; Ernest J. Kashiwase, '40; Harry Nakahara, '40; and Roy Watanabe, '36.

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Nat'l JACL keg tourney regarded in class by itself; meets Mar. 3-6

MASAO W. SATOW

(Less than three weeks remain until the first set of tenpins go crashing against the sideboards and alleys at the ninth annual National JACL Bowling Tournament at Long Beach, Mar. 3-6. National JACL Director Mas Satow, who has coordinated the entire series of tournaments from its humble start of some 20 teams to a possible 100 teams rolling next month, reviews past national JACL bowling meets for the record.—Editor.)

We welcome to this our Ninth Annual National JACL Bowling Tournament, the largest turnout of tenpin addicts in our Tournament's history. Bowling has achieved a popularity second to none as a participant sport among the Nisei, and the increasing number of high scores by the Nisei throughout the country show that we are attaining quality in our bowling as well.

Most all of us have participated in various tournaments, but this National JACL Tournament is in a class by itself. Along with the spirited competition and high scores, there have grown up a spirit of friendliness and rich associations which have come to be as important a part of the Tournament as bowling itself.

The story of our National JACL Bowling Tournament is the story of Nisei progress in the tenpin sport.

Beginning in 1947

It was in Salt Lake City in 1947 that those responsible for that year's Intermountain Nisei Bowling Tournament decided to expand the event into a National tourney under the auspices of the Japanese American Citizens League whose National Headquarters was then situated in the Mormon City. As we recall, among those who worked on that idea were Maki Kaizumi as Tournament Chairman, Bill Honda, then National JACL President Hito Okada, Choppy Umemoto, Jun Kurumada, and genial Doug Muir, manager of the Temple Alleys.

Twenty-two men's teams competed in that first National Tournament, the majority of them being from the Intermountain area, but Chicago, Seattle, and Los Angeles were also represented. In fact, Los Angeles JACL All-Stars romped off with the team title. The team was made up of Tad Yamada, the Ishizawa brothers of Tok, Nob and Paul, and Bowman Chung who anchored with a big 666 series.

Big Shig Hironaka of Ontario got his name inscribed on the huge All Events Perpetual trophy given by National JACL, and Dr. Jun Kurumada won the Singles title. The Doubles combine of Shorty Tanaka and Harley Kusumoto put Chicago in the money and gave the Tournament a geographic spread of champions.

Post-tournament spectators saw a special three-way match in which Okada Insurance of Salt Lake City downed Chicago and the newly crowned champion Los Angeles team with a 2905, which the day before would have taken the National Team championship.

A Women's Tournament was held in conjunction sponsored by the Salt Lake Nisei Women's League. Except for the Singles won by Betty Kurokawa of Salt Lake City, Denver dominated with Rosa Higashi of Denver emerging as the feminine star with the All Events title, pairing with Eiko Watanabe for the Doubles crown, and having a hand in the Denver team championship. Grace Ota of Salt

Lake City rolled into the Mixed Doubles title with Shorty Tanaka of Chicago.

This first National Tournament was climaxed with a rousing Award Dinner Dance which set the pattern for all future National Tournaments as an important must.

'48 in Salt Lake

The Second National Tournament was also held in Salt Lake City with entries increased to 32 men's teams and 10 teams participating in the women's division. Bowlers from San Francisco, San Jose, and Fresno added a greater scope to the Tournament which was chaired by hard working Bill Honda.

Chicago dominated this Second National Classic with Shorty Tanaka winning the All Events, the Doubles title went to Mush Matsumoto and Tak Fujiwara, and southpaw Harley Kusumoto pounded out games of 275 and 235 after a slow start to wrap up the Singles with a record 676.

Salt Lake's Okada Insurance came out on top for the team championship. Seattle's Main Bowl team got hot at the wrong time as they hit a 2980 in a post-tourney match game with Chicago.

The Salt Lake Women's All-Star won the Team event, but Denver's Amy Konishi donated the Women's play by taking the Singles, teaming with Helen Murasaki to cop the Doubles, winning the All Events, and pairing with Sam Kawanishi to top the Mixed Doubles.

George Sakamoto of San Jose knocked out a 275 game to record a noteworthy performance in the Mixed Doubles.

'49 in SLC again

The 1949 Tournament held for the third successive year in Salt Lake City featured the Team event where five teams went into the last frame of the final game with a chance for the Team championship. Yo Nomura and George Yasukochi punched out for 631 and 628 respectively to give Robertson's Nursery of Los Angeles the title. Choppy Umemoto was the Tournament Chairman.

This Tournament marked the first appearance of popular Eddie Matsueda and his colorful Hawaii contingent. Larry Mekata showed that the Islanders knew a thing or two about bowling by knocking down the most pins in the Singles. The Doubles team of Dixon Ikeda and Tats Nagase gave San Francisco its first National title, while Harley Kusumoto, now out of Los Angeles, edged out townsman George Kobo by six pins for the All Events crown.

For the first time a Sweeper was added as a Tournament attraction. This was an 8-game affair which young Frank Sehara of Denver won by hitting a 198 average for the route.

On the distaff side, Julia Wong of Los Angeles was the big show. Julia took the All Events, combined with Mickey Tsuruta for the Doubles crown, anchored the winning Los Angeles team with a 582, and then formed an unbeatable Mixed Doubles combination with husband Stanley. Masa Ikebuchi of Salt Lake prevented a clean sweep by winning the Women's Singles.

'50 in San Francisco

The 1950 Tournament moved to San Francisco's Downtown Downtown Bowl under Gish Endo's direction, attracting a record entry of 80 teams, 58 men's and 22 women's teams. For the first time, the Women's events became an official part of the regular Tournament. The team captains went unanimously on record to back up National JACL's participation in the fight for right of "nonwhites" to join the American Bowling Congress.

A National JACL Advisory Board on Bowling was set up to coordinate our efforts in this direction as well as put our National Tournament on a better organized basis. The following were named on the first National Advisory Board:

Fred Takagi, Seattle; Eddie Matsueda, Honolulu; Bill Matsumoto Sacramento; Gish Endo, San Francisco; Buzz Noda, Selma; Harley Kusumoto and George Kobo, Los Angeles; Dr. Jun Kurumada, Salt Lake City; Dr. Tadashi Mayeda, Denver and James Kozuma, Chicago.

The John S. Towata Flowers of Alameda fashioned a 2899 for a new Team record. Lead-off Dixon Ikeda's 662 in this Team event helped him in setting a new All Events record of 1809. Unheralded Gene Sato of Pocatello posted a 646 in an early Singles squad which stood up for the title, and veteran bowlers George Kobo and George Yasukochi of Los Angeles registered the highest Doubles score.

Clarence Matsumoto of Hono-

SACRAMENTO TO HOST KEGLERS THIS WEEK; 6 SQUADS L.B.-BOUND

Sacramento

Up to 48 squads are expected to roll this weekend at the semi-annual Sacramento JACL handicap bowling tournament, according to co-chairmen Bill Matsumoto and Dubby Tsugawa.

In the meantime, the Sacramento Nisei Bowling Association will be represented by four men's and two women's teams at the National JACL classics Mar. 3-6 at Long Beach.

Capitol Meat Co., which won the recent San Francisco Nisei Bowling Tournament, will head the male contingent. It sports a 940 team average and composed of:

Yulene Takai, Shig Imura, Ben Hom, Kenny Shibata, Ken yee.

Other entrants, according to Shig Sakamoto of the Association, include:

Holsum Egg Co. 938; Coffee's Strawberry Distributors 937; Blossom Shop Florist 905.

Japan wrestlers compete in Feb. 18 AAU event

Los Angeles

Six Japanese champions of six different classes will compete for National AAU titles, participating in the Feb. 18-19 western states championships at Venice High School. Over 200 entries are expected, according to John Drummond, member of the U.S. Olympic wrestling committee, who is in charge.

SPORTSCOPE

Tony Miyasako smashed a brilliant 699 series the last week of January in the Ontario (Ore.) Nisei Majors, the best mark since the leagues were organized some 10 years ago. He shot 288-232-239.

Tom Mukai will captain the Fowler JACL team entered in the National JACL bowling tournament, Mar. 3-6, at Long Beach. The squad won the Central California JACL tournament two years in a row.

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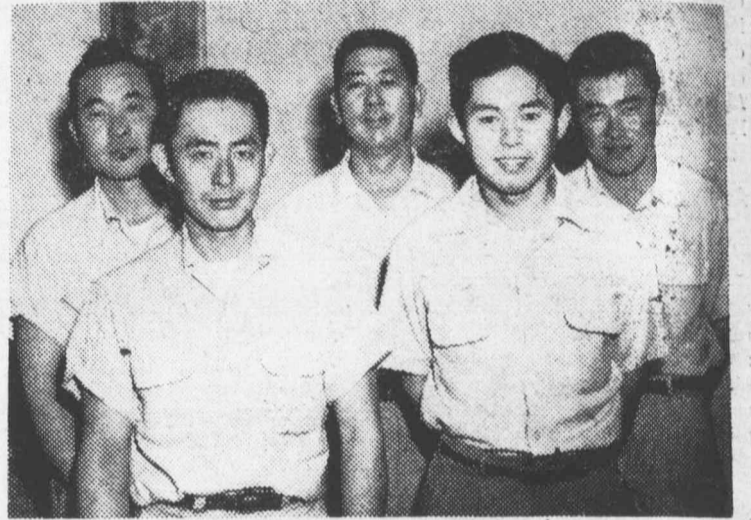
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lulu maintained a 198 average over eight games to take the Classic Sweeper. (We remember Clarence as a great competitor and a gentleman, and we mourn his untimely passing last year after a prolonged illness. We are happy to welcome this year, Mrs. Clarence Matsumoto who brings a women's team from Hawaii to courageously carry on after her late husband.)

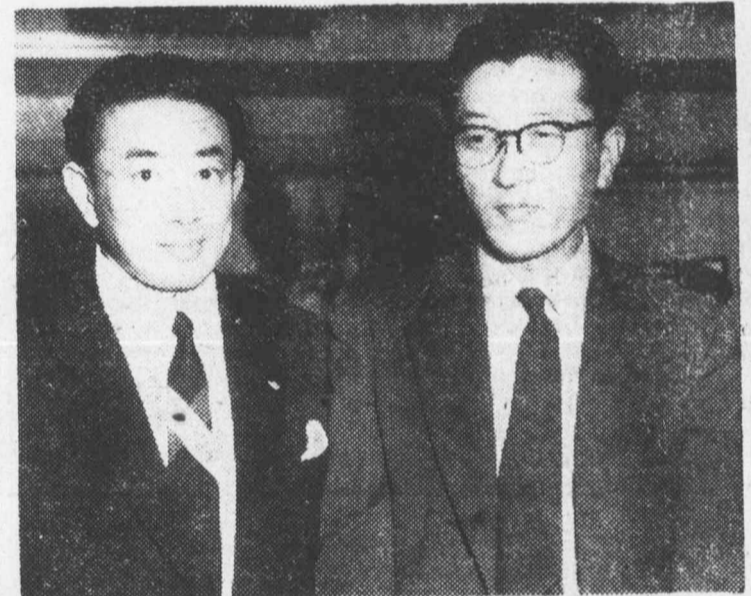
The women's team from Seat-

tle's Main Bowl broke into the win column, thanks to Fumi Yoshida's 587 effort. Seattle also took Konishi and Tak Shibuya, Yoyo Konishi and Tak Shibuya, Iris Weinfurter and Toshi Mizuno of Los Angeles boosted the Womens Doubles record to 1033. A big 584 in the Team event gave June Jue of Los Angeles the Women's All Events title, and Maxine Kato of Ogden registered a new high of 551 for the Women's Singles.

(Continues Next Week)



Cortez JACL's bowling team, rolling Monday nights in the Turlock American Winter League, won the first half championships and sport team high game and high series scores of 1003 and 2753. In the photo are (from left) Slug Yotsuya, Mas Uyekubo (holder of league's season high series at 643), Nog Kajioka, Jim Yamaguchi, and Kiyoshi Yamamoto (holder of season's high game at 244). Alternate Frank Oki is not pictured.



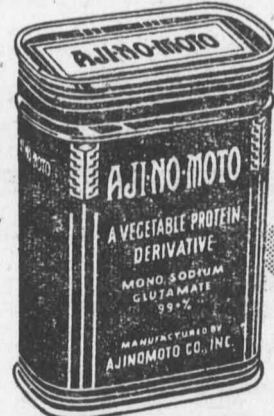
Readers of the Pacific Citizen have been introduced to two popular Nisei sports enthusiasts in Japan by Tamotsu Murayama, Tokyo Topics columnist, Cappy Harada (left), general manager for the Tokyo Giants, and Roy Saiki, well-known sports writer for the Tokyo Yomiuri, are touring with the Giants through Central and South America this spring and winding up their goodwill appearances in Miami, Washington, New York and Seattle. The Giants also have four other Nisei members on tour: Wally Yonamine, leading hitter; catcher Jun Hirota, pitcher Douglas Matsuoka, and third baseman Dick Kashiwada. Saiki, who covered the Helsinki Olympics, last year visited Australia to prepare for the Melbourne Games in 1956. —Nippon Times Photo.

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School Problems

By HENRY MORI

The ever-growing population problem in Los Angeles is playing havoc with those who are in the school system...



That was the situation described by Superintendent of Schools Claude Reeves one night last week during a dinner meeting...

It may surprise the most disinterested parents to know that half-day sessions for many of the elementary children are here to stay unless more school buildings are constructed...

At the same time, within 10 years the number of junior high school students will have doubled...

If figures mean anything, Los Angeles is growing by 500 persons each day. Most of the newcomers are either just young couples starting out in life or have a family of school children...

Reeves took a dim view on the sudden growth of many outlying communities and what hardship it will bring to the school system...

One bright afternoon we went to see that controversial statue in front of the new Police Administration Bldg...

One suggestion by Councilman Harold Harby, arch-enemy of modernistic brass sculpture, is to take the faceless, sexless, gutless figure across the street to the recently-occupied Health Bldg...

As far as dimensions go, we're pretty sure Sculptor Rosenthal is more aware of it than Harby or Gaspard put together...

We are of the same school of thought as Councilman Edward Roybal, who said: "Let's just wait until everything is completed. Then, let's pass a fair opinion."

One Nisei commented: "What a pity that we have to spend so much money on a statue." We say, "What a pity we can't appreciate something out of ordinary."

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Births

LOS ANGELES
AKINAKAS—Dec. 9, a boy Bruce Kei to the Isaac F. Akinakas (Yae-ko Gwen Yamaki).
CHOW—Dec. 18, a girl Violet to the Tommy J. Chows (Yasuko Flora Yamaguchi).
HASHIMOTO—Dec. 20, a boy Lewis Kei to the William Hashimotos (Fuyuko Matsumura).
HIRANO—Jan. 15, a girl to the...

Engagements
ASAKI-IMAGAWA — Aiko, Hanford, to David T., Long Beach.
DOI-AKIYAMA — Kimiko, San Francisco, to Yoshio, Oregon.
DORST-MAYEDA — Patricia Rae, Wausau, Wis., to Tadashi Andrew, New York.

Weddings
AOCHI-KONISHI — Feb. 6, Hiroji and Fusako Joan, both of Oakland.
WLA Ladies Guild: Community support is asked for the paper and rag drive on Feb. 20.

Deaths
FURUTA, Masayo: Watsonville, Jan. 31, survived by wife Natsuko, daughters, Joanne Hisako, Judy Setsuko, mother Mrs. Mitsuye Goishi, brother Sam, sisters Mrs. Chizuko Wakatsuki, Mrs. Mitsu Hama.



A new landmark in the Jefferson-Crenshaw shopping area in southwest Los Angeles is the new Tamura Bldg., one block east of Crenshaw Blvd., on West Jefferson Blvd. Featured are year-around values in all lines of radio, TV, appliances and furniture.

EDITORIALS

Malenkov ouster

A new premier, Marshall Nikolai Buganin, has been added to the roster of Soviet leaders this week after the ouster of Georgi Malenkov. The press and radio have been thorough in their attempts to explain the latest series of changes in Soviet domestic politics.

As startling as the turn of events appears, what matters the most is the reaffirmation of Soviet foreign policy as enunciated by Foreign Minister Molotov: the Soviet Union has developed hydrogen bombs with "such success that the United States could appear backward" and that a world war would mean the end of "blood-saturated imperialism". Red Russia is still bent on world domination.

Only a week earlier in Los Angeles, Gen. Douglas MacArthur was of the opinion that the next world war could be so disastrous, because of the scientific efficiency of its atomic weapons, that all-out war would not be attempted.

News out of Moscow this week certainly quiets all talk of peaceful co-existence. If we are to have peaceful co-existence, it would have to be on Soviet terms. And those have been announced in the Formosa question — Red China getting Nationalist China's seat in the United Nations and the U.S. Seventh Fleet leave its present waters. After that, it might be Okinawa and Japan.

There are other ramifications—such as the new budget heavy industries have been allotted in Russia — that compose this grave situation. Only an indifferent mind would ignore what the Russian Bear is devising.

The Nisei may be straddled with problems peculiarly his own today, but what good can come from its solution if, at the same time, outside forces negate the results. All aspects should be considered — even external pressures that, heretofore, shed less energy when the world appeared much bigger and peoples were more distant from each other. Modern invention has certainly squeezed the world into our own backyard, so to speak.

International politics has outgrown its early concepts of relations between neighboring countries. It envelops the entire family of nations in one swoop. If we seek a "better America for all Americans," it pays to keep an eye on the rest of the world.

FROM THE FRYING PAN
By Bill Hosokawa

Being 40, not so old

Denver
Some months ago a friend, let's just call him Bob Chambers, telephoned to invite us to be his guests at the annual reunion of the local Second (Indian Head) Division Association. So we attended. We were soon caught up in a great demonstration of good cheer, camaraderie and yarn spinning which is standard operating procedure at all veterans' gatherings. Such festivities seem to be intensified in proportion to the length of time that has passed since the men put away their guns. The vast bulk of these ex-soldiers, it must be noted, were War I vets.

Sometime during the evening, completely swept along by the good cheer, Bob happened to remember that one member hadn't actually served with the Second. But he had been decreed eligible by virtue of having spent some time with a Red Cross outfit attached to the Second. That gave Bob an idea.

"Bill," he said, "while you were in Korea as a war correspondent, you were attached to the Second Division, weren't you?"

"Well," I hedged, "yes and no. I wasn't really attached to them. But one hot day when I was too tired to go up to the front I wandered down to the docks of Pusan and watched some elements of the Second come ashore. No shooting, no nothing. They walked down the gangplanks and hiked over to some railroad cars. That's all there was to it. I couldn't even report the event because movement of military units was supposed to be secret."

"Hell," said Bob, "that's good enough. You were with the Second so you're eligible to become a member of our Association. Now if you'll fork over three bucks' dues, we'll declare you a buddy and full-fledged Second Division Association man."

So I forked over three bucks and became a veteran; so to speak.

The other day Bob called again to notify

me of a Second Division Association meeting. He assured me all the old buddies would miss their new buddy if he didn't show up for his very first meeting, so that didn't leave me much choice but to attend.

All the old buddies were there, all right. There was plenty of camaraderie again, and some fancy reminiscing. They talked about landing in Brest, and the battle of Argonne forest, and Bellau Wood, and the stinkin' red-headed major who got to hoisting too many of them in a French saloon while his troops stood outside in the bitter cold, and the day the Frenchmen came over in Spads to bomb the bridge with bombs they threw over the side out of the cockpits, and what a great bunch the marines were when they fought in the Second. All I knew was what I'd read in the history books.

After the war—the Big War—had been hashed over sufficiently, the old buddies started in on baseball. I perked up a bit, hoping that I could add a little to the conversation. Then to my dismay I found they weren't interested in young sprouts like Willie Mays, Yogi Berra and Johnny Antonelli. They were not even concerned with oldtimers like Jackie Robinson or Bobby Feller. Ruth and Gehrig? Nope, those youngsters were still in the upstart class.

But now, take Eddie Collins and Shoeless Joe Jackson, Cicotte, Chief Bender, Napoleon Lajoie, Ty Cobb and some of that class. They were real ballplayers before the rabbit ball spoiled the sport. The discussion stretched out long into the night. Eventually I had to take my leave—young fellows have to get their rest, you know.

My old buddies were still chewing away on the rag, talking about the good old days when I left for home. For me, being fat and forty didn't seem like being quite so old after an evening with my buddies. No sir, not old at all.



VAGARIES
By Larry Tajiri

U.S. drafts Nisei

Denver
Behind the star-spangled headlines earned by Japanese American GIs in World War II was the role of the Selective Service System in obtaining equitable and impartial treatment despite anti-democratic pressures to which the Nisei were subjected.

Some of this story is told in a monograph, *Special Groups*, issued by the Selective Service about a year ago. In this report, written by Col. Campbell C. Johnson, executive assistant to Director Lewis B. Hershey, some of the Selective Service System's dealing with the Nisei are told. *Special Groups* illumines some of the behind-the-scenes activities at the Pentagon level which related to the changing policies regarding the induction of Japanese Americans.

Japanese Americans—the third largest color minority group in the United States (Negroes and Indians as first and second) as the report stresses—were accepted into the army on the same basis as other Americans until Pearl Harbor. On Dec. 7, 1941, the report notes that Nisei GIs were among those who engaged the Japanese in combat at Pearl Harbor. Nisei national guardsmen in two Hawaiian regiments went through the Pearl Harbor attack, one being killed. Two of the Nisei captured the operator of a one-man enemy submarine which had grounded on a reef off Oahu and thus took the first Japanese prisoner of the war.

But after Pearl Harbor, all Nisei were ordered reclassified into Class 4-C, the same classification as that accorded enemy aliens. The 4-C classification was a stigma which was to be attached to the Nisei throughout most of World War II, although eventually 33,300 Japanese Americans, more than half from the continental United States, were to see service in the United States armed forces during the long conflict.

The Selective Service was cognizant of the discriminatory effect of the 4-C classification and notified local boards to reclassify in 4-F those Nisei who were found acceptable to the armed forces but were rejected for physical reasons. However, many local boards disregarded the instructions and the Selective Service, after receiving protests from the Japanese American Citizens League, eventually issued an advisory statement eliminating the 4-C class for Japanese Americans.

The role of the JACL in spurring action to open military induction to Nisei, after the post-Pearl Harbor ban, is acknowledged in the report which quotes the resolution trans-

mitted to Gen. Hershey after JACL's emergency national convention in Salt Lake City in November, 1942. This resolution, asking for the right of military service for the Nisei "on the same basis as other Americans" was adopted despite apparent opposition to the JACL's leadership in this regard from dissident elements in the relocation camps who opposed military service so long as the Nisei were confined in detention centers. The JACL's action was an expression of faith in democratic treatment. History records that faith was not found wanting.

The record cited by Col. Johnson in *Special Groups* shows that the Selective Service did its best to obtain fair treatment for the Nisei. It also notes that Selective Service policy was made virtually on a month-to-month basis and the relaxing of restrictions against Nisei inductions increased proportionately with news of the feats of Nisei GIs in combat.

The heroism of the 100th Infantry Battalion in Italy, and the splendid training record of the 442nd Combat Team, then at Camp Shelby, Miss., was responsible in great measure for the re-extension to the Nisei in November, 1943 of the normal processes of Selective Service. In contrast, Canada also denied to their citizens of Japanese ancestry the right of enlistment immediately after Pearl Harbor, and maintained the restriction throughout the war, although a special small unit of volunteers was recruited in 1945 to go to the Pacific as linguists after Lord Mountbatten had sent Ottawa glowing reports of the work of Japanese American intelligence specialists who were attached to his South East Asia command.

In all, more than 25,000 registrants of Japanese extraction were processed for induction by Selective Service during World War II, and more than 21,000 of these were inducted, the report notes. "In the light of the total number who served in the Army, even considering the size of the Japanese American population group, these figures are impressive," Col. Johnson concludes, "nor can statistics measure the quality of patriotic service rendered by Nisei citizens, only one generation removed from the rice paddies and temples of an oriental island empire."

"Selective Service," says Col. Johnson in referring to the combat records of Nisei GIs, "may take pride in the part it played on the making of such soldiery."

The story which *Special Groups* does not tell is the personal role which Col. Johnson played in Selective Service to win fair play,

MINORITY



Chicago
The Chinese American Civic Council, in helping Hong Kong refugees who escaped from the Chinese Communists, are placing migrants in Loop restaurants. If they stay in Chicago's Chinatown, they adapt themselves very slowly to American ways, according to J. W. Wang of the council.

New York
Affidavits from Mississippi NAACP leaders were submitted to the White House, accusing agents of the Farmers Home Administration (Dept. of Agriculture) of discriminatory practices in collaboration with economic pressure movement of the White Citizens Council of Mississippi.

Owner of cotton-producing farm was denied loans for operation "because of my activities in bringing in about 25 members in the NAACP," the affidavit pointed out. Last year, an operational loan from the FHA was secured, he swore.

DECADE AGO

Feb. 10, 1945

Four men face arson, attempted dynamiting charges for acts of vandalism on Doi farm; Watson brothers released on bail; two AWOL soldiers remain in jail; district attorney indicates teen-age girls will not be prosecuted.

Hood River post defies National Legion commander; refuses to replace names of Nisei soldiers; Scheiberling's recommendations ignored by Oregon group; newspaper ads used to carry views to people of area.

Chicago doctor quits hospital which refused Nisei; Dr. Shevin was member of Jackson Park staff for 17 years.

Relocation camps will close at year's end, WRA director says.

Nisei businessman challenges City of Ogden in denying him license as federal court suit filed.

Kido urges JACL chapters with funds to reopen coast of fishes to assist evacuees.

Wyoming bill bans evacuee fish permits.

Evacuee-owned land in San Diego area escheated to state; alleged owned by Masato Tanida.

CALENDAR

- Feb. 12 (Saturday) Pasadena — St. Valentine dinner-dance, Carpenter's Santa Anita, 7 p.m.
- Richmond-El Cerrito — Installation dinner, Tokyo Sukiyaki, 6:30 p.m.
- Montana — Installation dinner, Shantri-La, Billings.
- Feb. 13 (Sunday) PSWDC — Chapter Clinic, International Institute, 435 S. Boyle Ave., Los Angeles.
- Feb. 17 (Thursday) Southwest L.A. — Chapter meeting, Centenary Methodist Church, John Naka, spkr., "Art of Bonsai."
- Feb. 18 (Friday) San Jose — Special meeting, Onishi Banquet Hall, 5th and Taylor Sts., Social Security for Farmers and Self-7:30 p.m.; Olin Kimbel, spkr., "So-Employed."
- Feb. 19 (Saturday) Mile Hi — Chapter benefit, D-X club.
- Feb. 21 (Monday) Stockton — Chapter meeting, YBA Recreation Room, 8:15 p.m.
- Feb. 26 (Saturday) Parlier — 20th Anniversary banquet, Magnuson's Dining Room.
- West Los Angeles — Installation dinner-dance, Santa Monica Elk's club.
- Mar. 2 (Wednesday) Long Beach — Pre-Bowling Tournament mixer, Wilton Hotel.
- Mar. 3-6 Long Beach — Nat'l JACL Bowling Tournament; men's events — Virginia Bowl; women's events — Kenmar.
- Mar. 6 (Sunday) Downtown L.A. — Golf Open tournament, Rio Honda, C.C.
- Long Beach — Bowling Tournament dinner-dance, Wilton Hotel.

particularly on the local board level, for the Nisei and for other minority group Americans. Col. Johnson, incidentally, is one of the highest ranking officers of Negro ancestry in the U.S. Army.