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BY THE BOARD:

Resistance barrier of 1,000 JACLers eyed

Thelma Takeda and the San Francisco JACL chapter deserve a lot of credit for their outstanding performance thus far in the 1956 membership drive. With some 1,100 members, the chapter has boosted its membership by 50% over last year.

Hot on the heels of the leader in the national JACL membership race is the Chicago chapter, reigning champions since 1948. The Windy City boasts that "when the 1956 race is over, Chicago shall again reign supreme."

Our own Southwest Los Angeles Chapter, under new and vigorous leadership, is in the thick of the battle and has publicly proclaimed that they will take on all comers.

Dark-horse entries in the Membership Derby are the Mile-Hi chapter of Denver and the Seattle chapter.

This is the kind of local rivalry which can be encouraged and it is hoped that this commentary will throw more fuel on the flames! If other areas like New York, Seabrook, Sacramento and Fresno want to get into the act, more power to them!

For the first time in the history of JACL, it now appears that at least three or possibly five of our Los Angeles chapters will break the "resistance barrier" of one thousand members. Membership-wise, national JACL seems headed for its greatest year.

We haven't had the pleasure of meeting the energetic Miss Takeda of San Francisco, but we venture to say she has no "secret weapons" for this accomplishment. The secret of her success no doubt lies in the tried & true methods of (1) good organization, (2) good background and public relations, and (3) good hard work and "follow through."

Since greater membership makes for a stronger National JACL, it is hoped that all of our 88 chapters will catch some of the fire and enthusiasm of the San Francisco chapter.

BY ROY NISHIKAWA

EDITORIALS:

The Wronged Nisei

From time to time, our readers and JACLers have called our attention to news items and editorials of Nisei interest as found in their local newspapers. To them we are deeply grateful.

This past week, we note the *Kansas City Star* (probably the only metropolitan newspaper in the nation to do so) took a long look at evacuation in commenting on the recent House action passing the Lane-Hillings evacuation claims bill. Since it was a most welcome piece of writing, we are reprinting it in its entirety.

(Editorial: *Kansas City Star*, Mar. 14, 1956)

A reminder of one of the most shameful episodes in American History is contained in a piece of legislation recently passed by the House of Representatives. The bill is designed to speed up the settlement of claims resulting from the wartime evacuation from the West Coast of persons of Japanese ancestry. About 2,000 victims of World War II injustice are seeking the reimbursement of more than 55 million dollars.

Approximately 110,000 Japanese or Japanese Americans were living in the United States when the attack on Pearl Harbor came. Most were residents of California. The confusion and hysteria of those early war months led to a special and gigantic problem. Caucasians saw every person with Japanese blood as a spy or potential saboteur.

Policy-makers in Washington were still arguing while they moved into the frantic situation on a war emergency basis. Nine resettlement camps for the Nisei were established. All Japanese were evacuated from the West Coast military zone. The only exceptions were those suspected of being disloyal or actually labeled as such. They were sent to a concentration camp at Tule Lake, California. Later in the war, when such hysteria was fading, many of those imprisoned were released and allowed to live in places other than on the fear-ridden West Coast. But not until after VJ day were all free to return to their homes.

Certain intelligence safeguards were justified as long as there was any danger of an attack on this country. But cruel excesses were committed in the name of caution with a resulting record of harshly discriminating treatment for many thousands of innocents. The responsibility is collective for all America and the few tens of millions of dollars still to be given them as indemnity at this late date cannot possibly wipe out the massive wrong.

(This editorial was submitted voluntarily from Suds Mouri, prewar San Jose JACLer, who is now bursar at the Univ. of Kansas City, Mo., whose president is Dr. Earl J. McGrath, education commissioner in the Truman administration. Mouri is believed to be the only Nisei holding this kind of post in this country. A private college, it has an enrollment of 2,300 students.)

House approves \$588,000 for payment of claims in 2nd supplemental bill

WASHINGTON. — The House on Mar. 21 passed a second supplemental appropriations bill which included \$588,000 for the Justice Department for evacuation claims already or expected to be adjudicated for the current fiscal year ending June 30, 1956, the Washington Office of the Japanese American Citizens League reported.

In the supplemental appropriations bill of \$1,564,000 approved for the Justice Department by the House, \$600,000 has been designated for the evacuation claims program, or approximately one-third of the supplementary amount requested. It has been estimated that \$588,000 will be used to pay the evacuee claimants; \$12,000 of the \$600,000 has been earmarked for salaries in line with increases granted in the act passed on June 28, 1955.

The bill is now in the Senate where it is being studied by its Appropriations committee.

Dick Arimoto named president of Rotary Club in Redwood City

REDWOOD CITY. — Richard N. Arimoto has been elected president of the Redwood City Rotary Club, it was announced last week, and will assume his one-year term from July 1.

This is the first time that a Nisei has been named to head a unit of this service club in Northern California.

Arimoto was re-elected to the club's board of directors at a recent club election meeting and was chosen president at a board meeting on Mar. 15.

He is currently vice-president of the club which has a total membership of 58 prominent Redwood City leaders. He is the only Nisei member.

Arimoto is associated with his brother-in-law Hirosuke Inouye in the operation of Sequoia Nursery and is listed as a flower distributor member in the local Rotary club.

During the past year he has also been the unit's club service committee chairman.

Arimoto was the first president and current 1000 Club chairman of the Sequoia JACL chapter, past president of San Mateo County JACL, and was also the first Nisei to be elected to head a district bowling association when he was named to head the Peninsula Bowling Association.

Arimoto is the son of Mrs. Susie Arimoto who is one of the first Nisei born in San Francisco.

Festival of Progress float planned by S.F. Japanese

SAN FRANCISCO. — The Japanese community will enter a float in the Apr. 22 Festival of Progress parade. Representatives of the Nichibei Kai, Japanese Chamber of Commerce and JACL decided to raise \$2,000 for participation in the Apr. 18-22 festival commemorating the quake and fire that destroyed most of San Francisco in 1906.

SENATE JUDICIARY COMMITTEE URGED TO CONSIDER LANE-HILLINGS MEASURE

BY HELEN MINETA

WASHINGTON. — Sen. James O. Eastland (D., Miss.), chairman of the Senate judiciary committee, was recently urged by Mike Masaoka, Washington representative of the Japanese American Citizens League, that his committee give favorable and early consideration to the House-passed Lane-Hillings evacuation claims bill, which would expedite the final determination of remaining claims.

Masaoka informed Senator Eastland that under the amendatory legislation approved by the House, it would be possible to complete the evacuation claims program in a matter of a few years instead of prolonging the program for a decade or more.

He further pointed out that the provisions in the pending legislation were the result of two extensive hearings held in California by two House Judiciary subcommittees on Claims in 1954 and 1955. Of the more than 150 witnesses representing every facet of California life, members of the Congress, state, county, and city officials, businessmen, veterans, civic, church, and labor leaders, only one testified in opposition to the legislation.

He informed Senator Eastland

that the bill as approved on the consent calendar of the House on March 5 is non-controversial inasmuch as those provisions to which the Department of Justice took exception in the original draft were eliminated by the committee. All west coast senators and representatives and local and state officials have unanimously endorsed the bill.

The experience gained by the Department of Justice in compromising and settling more than 20,000 of the smaller claims will facilitate the proposed extension of the compromise-settlement authority for the larger claims, he said. At the same time, claimants who feel that the Attorney's General's offer is unfair or who desire a judicial determination, may seek recourse to the Court of Claims under the Lane-Hillings bill although it was not anticipated that many would use this alternative.

In addition to the administrative changes, three categories of claims now declared non-compensable by the Attorney General would be validated. These include the profit and nonprofit corporations, partnerships, associations, etc. who would qualify under the terms of the proposed bill, west coast internees who suffered losses as a consequence of evacuation, with timely filed claims, and some 75 timely postmarked claims which are validated as timely filed claims.

Masaoka urged that the Senate Judiciary committee take early action on the bill in order that the Senate may concur in the House action prior to the adjournment of this Congress.

Vandals blast mailbox of Nisei

AUBURN. — Vandals recently destroyed the mail box of Wilson Makabe, an instructor at Sierra college, at his home near Ophir, according to Lt. Jack Casey of the Placer County sheriff's staff.

Casey said the blast apparently was caused by a high explosive. Destruction of two other mail boxes in the Placer hills area is under investigation also.

One box of unknown ownership was found in the yard of Paul Keleher in the Meadow Vista area.

Makabe, an amputee veteran of the 442nd regimental combat team, is the immediate past president of the Placer JACL chapter.

Nisei picked president of Whittier College ASB

WHITTIER. — William Marumoto, son of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Y. Matsumoto, Santa Ana, has been elected president of the Associated Students of Whittier College for the year 1956-57.

A junior and sociology major, he was freshman and sophomore class president and served as yell leader and on the Associated Men's student cabinet as well as other offices in other campus service groups.

Marumoto, 1953 Santa Ana High graduate who won the "outstanding senior boy" award, is also active with Orange County JAYS, the Jr. JACL group.

S.F. JACL membership hits mark of 1,100

SAN FRANCISCO. — The local JACL now has 934 paid up members for the 1956 membership drive, according to latest figures compiled by Thelma Takeda, campaign chairman.

Including pledges secured by the volunteer workers during the recent drive, the total San Francisco chapter membership has now hit the 1,100 mark, she also reported.

'Key man' honors given to Ontarian

ONTARIO. — Mas Hayashi of this city was named "Key Man" of the Ontario Jaycees during the Boss's Night banquet on March 19. The annual award is made to a member who in the minds of the awarding committee has contributed most in promoting Jayceism in Ontario.

Hayashi, immediate past president and present state director of the organization, was cited for his unselfish and untiring work with the local organization. Special mention was made of his efforts in putting the club back on a sound financial program.

In accepting the certificate and key, Hayashi paid special tribute to his associates as being the basis for his apparent accomplishments. Hayashi, owner and operator of the Villa Park Market in Ontario, is formerly of Portland.

I-House celebrates silver anniversary

BERKELEY. — The International House on the Univ. of California campus here celebrated its 25th anniversary last Sunday with open house. Hundreds of students from Japan and Nisei have stayed at the "I" House since it was opened in 1930.

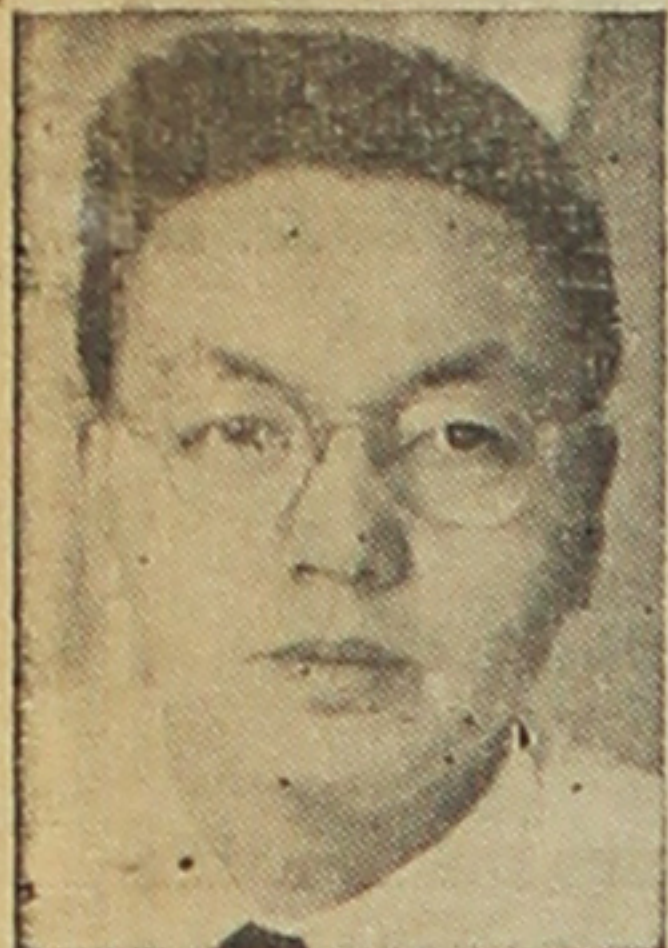
Allen C. Blaisdell, "I" House director, has also served as adviser to many Nisei groups, including the JACL.

He was one of the active members of the Fair Play committee to help evacuees during World War II and served on the JACL's Northern California advisory committee during the resettlement period some 10 years ago.

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FROM THE FRYING PAN: by Bill Hosokawa



A red-headed judoist

Denver

■ The little fellow was barefooted and he wore a padded judo jacket, a white canvas belt holding it in place. He strode purposefully to the center of the canvas-covered tatami mats. Hands held stiffly at his sides, he bowed from the waist in the traditional, courteous gesture of respect and greeting between judo opponents.

Then suddenly they grappled. The little fellow seized his opponent's jacket, shuffled about in seemingly aimless manner for long moments. All at once he gave a sharp soprano cry that sounded like "Yeeooooh." He whirled swiftly, jerked mightily and using his hip as a fulcrum, threw his opponent cleanly. The other boy crashed to the mat but outside of the chagrin that showed on his face the lad wasn't hurt. Then the two bowed to each other again and retired.

All this is routine in any judo tournament but there was something incongruous about this particular scene. The little fellow, the once we've been talking about, was redheaded and his face a mass of freckles. Judo was completely alien to his heritage, but there he was taking and giving the lumps as if his name were Suzuki or Yamamoto.

THE CONGRUITY OF IT ALL

As my eyes scanned the rows of boys squatting on each side of the mat, I couldn't help but see the sprinkling of tow-heads, redheads, brownheads among the kids with straight, bristly black hair. In fact the whole scene was incongruous. It was not being enacted in some dingy basement quarters where most judo clubs seem to wind up. This was the vast, cavernous Gymnasium No. 1 of Lowry Air Force Base, converted into a gym from what must have been an airplane hangar. There were close to a thousand spectators in the stands that climbed up the walls, about half Japanese, half Caucasian.

There was a large sprinkling of Issei on hand, too, men and women alike. They were obviously enjoying themselves. Incongruous? You bet. A few years ago you couldn't get an Issei within a mile of an air force base, or any military installation for that matter. They didn't want to make trouble. They didn't want to be suspected of espionage, or whatever, even if they didn't know the difference between a Piper Cub and a B-52 jet bomber. But this day they had passed through the check gate in droves and found their recreation within the premises of an American military establishment. That was okay, too. Most of them were American citizens now.

The incongruity carried over among the contestants. The tournament was being sponsored by the Denver Judo Dojo made up on Nisei and Issei dads and their youngsters with a goodly mixture of their Caucasian friends. A somewhat similar group had come over the mountains from Salt Lake City to take part. Then there was the American Judo Club of Denver, almost entirely Caucasian and headed by a Denver city policeman named Frank Goody. The other two entries were service groups—cadets and officers of the Air Force Academy, and a crack team from the Strategic Air Command headquarters in Omaha.

The audience reaction showed how different this was from an oldtime judo tournament. Back then, the spectators watched mostly in silence, indulging occasionally in a sharp grunt of satisfaction when someone made a spectacular throw. Now this was more like a baseball game. You could hear them shouting: "Come on, Red, flip him." "Give it to him, Ted, give him the works."

I suppose a sociologist would call this scene a comingling of cultures and find much of significance in what went on at Lowry's Gym No. 1 last Sunday. All I know is that it was fun and a thrilling, satisfying experience.

VERY TRULY YOURS: by Harry K. Honda



New word: acculturation

● The best link with things academic (including footnotes designating authority for practically every statement of fact) in my case is the membership in the American Academy of Political and Social Science, which publishes a scholarly bi-monthly publication, "The Annals" . . . The March, 1956, issue deals with "Racial Desegregation and Integration"—a subject with more than casual interest to the Nisei. There are three reports on Background, four on Desegregation, five Case Studies in Integration and four reports on the Principles for Planning . . . Dr. J. Milton Yinger and Dr. George E. Simpson, both professors of sociology and anthropology at Oberlin College, presented one of the reports in Principles for Planning entitled: Integration of Mexicans, Puerto Ricans, and Orientals . . . About the Japanese, the professors wrote that before the war the Japaense by hard work and thrift rapidly achieved a modest economic security. This "rapid acculturation" did not prevent discrimination. "If the Mexicans have been criticized for their lack of American ways, the Japanese have been attacked for their excess of virtues—they work too hard or strive too vigorously for education."

● I've been familiar with terms like prejudice, discrimination, segregation, integration, assimilation—but acculturation is new to me. Our desk dictionary fails to list it . . . But its meaning is not difficult to understand. For example: if acculturate means "to get used to the climate," then acculturation should mean "to get used to the culture" . . . I like the word: it has

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Members of the 1956 Stockton JACL cabinet were recently installed at a dinner also honoring new Henry Kusama, past pres.; Dr. Ken Fujii, 1st v.p.; Issei citizens. They are (left to right): standing—Yoichi Agari, 2nd v.p.; Tad Yanagi, sgt.-at-arms; Frank Shinoda, sgt.-at-arms; Dr. Dave Fujishige, program; Ed Yoshikawa, treas.; George Baba, past pres.; Ted Ishihara, Issei relations; seated—Mary Yamashiro, social; Toyo Ijuin, cor. sec.; Richard Yoshikawa, pres.; Mitsuye Kamimura, hist.; Alice Tsunekawa, rec. sec.; and Terry Yamaguchi, pub.

Japanese cultural heritage can enrich America, advises Issei naturalized citizen who teaches Japanese at U.C. Berkeley

(The author of this article, Mrs. Sugi H. Togasaki of Berkeley, is the stepmother of George K., Sim Togasaki et al. The California Teachers Association Journal, which published this eloquent essay on freedom under the title "Education Builds a Bridge" said she was attending a citizenship course at the Berkeley Evening School when she wrote the essay. She is now a naturalized citizen.—Editor.)

BY MRS. S. TOGASAKI

Freedom—the American kind of freedom—is of course the fundamental thing that makes me want to become an American citizen.

In the United States there is a really well organized form of government that respects the freedom of the individual and the rights of the people.

My citizenship course at the Berkeley Evening High School has given me an added understanding of how this freedom works and how it came to be. Of its roots in the Declaration of Independence, with the assertion that men are created by God and endowed by Him with the rights to life, liberty, and the

pursuit of happiness. Of its development in the Constitution. Of its re-statement in President Lincoln's Gettysburg address—"government of the people, by the people, and for the people." What a privilege to live in a civilized land founded and guided by such truly Christian principles!

But in addition, I have a number of very personal reasons for wanting American citizenship.

First and foremost, my son—my only child—is an American. He was born in this country; and under the law, though of Oriental descent, he gained by right of birth all the fortunate privileges of citizenship. When I first told him of my intention to become a citizen, his eyes sparkled and his face lighted up with joy.

At that moment I knew that he, too, felt as I did—namely, that by becoming a citizen I would be strengthening and deepening the bond between us.

My second personal reason is that I have had very close contacts with many American friends for almost half a century.

In Japan, I was in the Mission school and college for 26 years, 10 as a student and 16 as a teacher.

After that, I lived in the United States for the past 22 years. And in these 48 years, I have been drawn more and more toward an American point-of-view and an appreciation of the United States.

So I look upon becoming a citizen as a natural step, and one indeed that seems prepared for me by Providence.

And my final personal reason is this: Despite my long and happy years of residence here, I have always had a lonesome feeling in my heart. The feeling that comes from being an alien in a foreign country. By becoming a citizen, I would be an alien no longer. I would have found a place to spend the rest of my days in inner tranquility, in this land where I have loved to live—until at last my soul be taken to its heavenly abode and its celestial citizenship.

These, then, are the reasons why

I want to become a citizen of the United States. Some—like the wish for liberty, and the right to pursue happiness in one's own way—are the universal ones that have brought settlers to this country from the beginning. Others, as I have said, are highly personal.

And as I contemplate the privilege of American citizenship, I ask myself a question that is both general and personal: As a new American of Japanese birth and ancestry, what sort of a citizen should I be?

First of all, I—and other new

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Western Pioneer proxy fight to end at Mar. 31 meeting

OAKLAND. — The Western Pioneer Insurance Co. proxy battle continued with increased abandon this week as both sides campaigned in the final week prior to the annual stockholders meeting here tomorrow nig'l.

The campaign, which involved management issues at the beginning, deteriorated to personal issues that drew denials and countercharges of "false accusations".

Mike Iwatsubo, who was recently chairman of the board, issued what appeared to be the final appeal early this week to all stockholders in a letter asking for support of the present management. "The present fight for control is regrettable," he said.

The Stockholders Committee, on the other hand, continued to stress that they represent the majority of the stockholders and that members of their committee owe more stock in the company than officials now operating the firm.

There was every indication that the Mar. 31 meeting will draw more company stockholders than any other previous annual session.

Meanwhile, a Los Angeles brokerage firm reported Western Pioneer shares were "fairly active" over the counter. Y. Clifford Tanaka of Shearson, Hammill and Co., Wednesday reported shares were traded at \$28 per share. Suto & Co. reported a bid of \$22 was placed with the n.

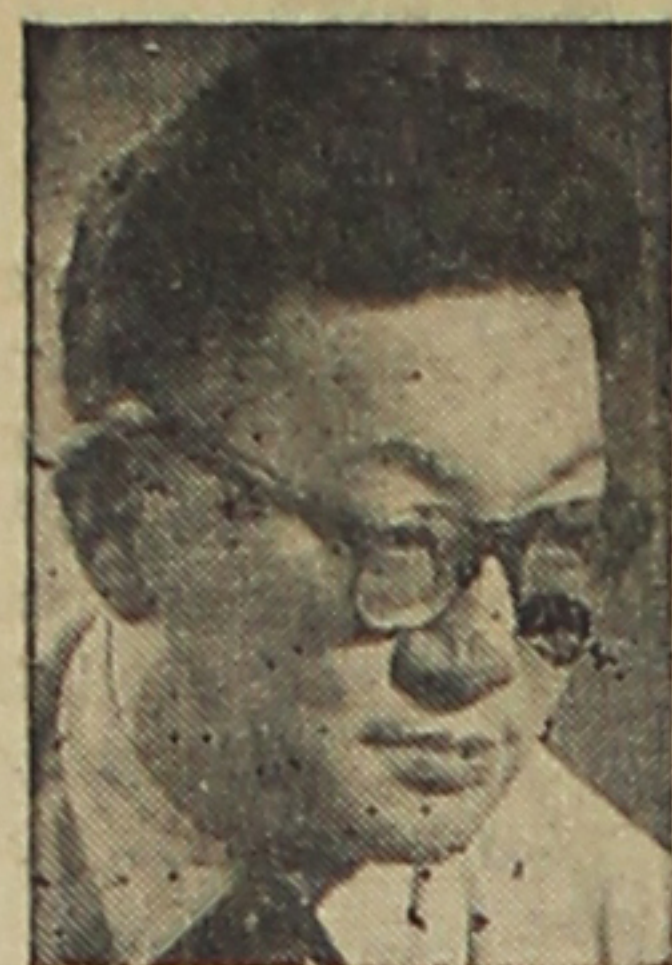
Sumitomo bank initiates expansion of L.A. office

Much of the noise in the Miyako Hotel Bldg., where the So. Calif. JACL regional office and the Pacific Citizen editorial office is situated, this week can be explained in the announcement made by the Sumitomo Bank this week.

Undergoing an expansion and remodeling plan, the bank (which has been a regular advertiser since its opening here several years ago) said it was being "forced" to expand its present Los Angeles facilities because of the popularity and confidence placed in the banking institution by the public.

The remodeling is expected to take three months. In the meantime, banking operations will be conducted as usual.

VAGARIES: by Larry S. Tajiri



Campus discrimination

Denver

All of the battles against racial segregation are not being fought south of the Mason-Dixon line. Last week in Boulder, Colo., the regents of the University of Colorado, after tortuous self-examination, voted to bar from the campus those fraternities and sororities with racial or religious discrimination provisions in the national constitutions, rituals or government. The Greek letter organizations were given six years in which to comply.

The vote of the regents was taken after a nine-hour public hearing in which 63 speakers, for and against the resolution, were heard. This issue of campus prejudice was first brought up by one of the regents, H. Vance Austin of Denver, in 1954. It has been a matter of constant debate since that time and a controversy which grew to statewide proportions. Among the speakers at the public hearing were representatives of labor, minority groups, religious faiths and the business community, as well as fraternity and sorority officials and other students.

In the end it might be said that this matter of campus discrimination was determined on political lines. Austin and Kenneth Bundy, the original sponsors of the anti-bias proposal, are liberal Democrats. They were joined in the final vote by two other Democrats, Thomas Gilliam and Elwood Brooks. Those opposed in the 4 to 2 vote were Charles D. Bromley and Mrs. Virginia Blue, Republicans.

The regents' resolution declared:

"There shall be no distinction or classification of students at the University of Colorado made on account of race, color or creed.

"After Sept. 1, 1962 the University of Colorado shall place on probation any fraternity, social organization or other student group that is compelled by its constitution, rituals or government to deny membership to any person because of race, color or religion. During such probation no rushing or pledging of new members shall be permitted.

"This resolution shall not apply to a student group organized in good faith for devotional purposes or for the study or propagation of a religious faith."

The resolution includes most of the suggestions made by Dr. Ward Darley, president of the University of Colorado, when he placed himself on record in opposition to discriminatory provisions in the national constitutions of fraternities and sororities.

The meaning of the regents' action is that nationally-chartered Greek letter social groups at the University of Colorado now will have to go back to their national organizations to obtain the rescission of discriminatory provisions, if they intend to continue on the Boulder campus. They will have six years in which to accomplish this. Fraternity and sorority spokesmen at Colorado have expressed pessimism that they can obtain any change in the policies of their national organizations. But their task will not be as complicated if the regents of other universities and colleges take similar action. It certainly is time the nation's colleges barred racial and religious discrimination from an important segment of campus life.

Colorado is the first university west of the Mississippi to adopt an anti-prejudice ruling. Among the few eastern schools which already have anti-discriminatory bans are Amherst, Dartmouth, Columbia, Connecticut and 27 campuses of the University of New York.

SCHOOL REGENTS URGED CHANGE

A significant fact in the University of Colorado situation is that the impetus for change came not from minority group students at the school but from within the board of regents itself. There probably is as little prejudice at Boulder as in any school in the land. The only discriminatory provisions are those extended to the campus in the constitutions of the nationally-chartered fraternities and sororities.

Led by Dr. Darley, the school's president, the faculty organization also supported the discrimination ban, as did *The Colorado Daily*, the student newspaper.

Opposition to the ban was organized by a hastily-formed Fraternal Educational Council, spearheaded by two Denver attorneys and a real estate man. Lawrence A. Long, a leader in the council, posed the case against the ban on a matter of a student's freedom to choose his "most intimate friends." Actually, however, the reverse has been true. Under existing provisions a CU student cannot choose a "most intimate friend" as a fraternal brother or sorority sister in most of the university's 40 Greek letter groups unless that friend was of the white race and the Christian faith.

Even when the anti-discrimination ruling becomes effective in 1962 it does not mean necessarily that a single student of Negro, Oriental or other non-Caucasian ancestry or of the Jewish faith will be pledged by any fraternity or sorority. But it does mean that these social groups will be able to pledge whomever they wish regardless of arbitrary restrictions. This, is true freedom of choice.

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new look for an idea that has been mauled rather thoroughly by such words as integration and assimilation . . . Acculturation might also mean the very thing Mrs. Togasaki mentions in her article in this week's Pacific Citizen—that of being able to enrich American life with adaptable aspects of Japanese culture.

The Yinger-Simpson paper also credits activity of the Japanese American Citizens League as among factors that improved the status and acceptance of Japanese on the West Coast after the war . . . The fact that over 6,000 Japanese became citizens after 1952 was regarded as "a symbol of the extent of integration" . . . The one grim aspect the same authors had to say was "the shifting of hostility (from the Japanese) toward Negroes and Mexicans". If hostility is forever shifting, a cold thought now comes: we can be victimized again. If we can stem its flow now, then everyone can benefit.

Citizenship—

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citizens of Japanese origin—should give absolute allegiance and loyalty to our new country, the United States of America.

At the same time, we should not forget the cultural heritage we have brought with us from another land, but should contribute what we can of it to our new home. Japanese literature, drama, art, music—these are all gifts with which we can enrich the life of America. So I think we will make better citizens if we do not forget our origin, but rather remember it. That way we can also help to promote a better understanding between the two nations, the land of our birth and the land of our new allegiance.

I myself have been teaching Japanese in the Far Eastern Language School of the University of California for the past seven years. And during that time, it has often given me pleasure to think that I was serving as a small part of a bridge across the Pacific Ocean—a bridge of better understanding between two countries.

That, it seems to me, is the best way we Japanese-born can become good citizens of the United States: not to forget our original culture, but to contribute it for the benefit of our adopted homeland, and for a greater harmony between nations. America, after all, is a land settled by many races and peoples from many parts of the world.

And just as the harmonized colors of the rainbow are far more beautiful than a single color alone, just as a great orchestra has a far richer sound than a single instrument, so a harmony of many cultures makes a still happier America.

And ultimately, we pray, a bet-

Attorney Wirin of L.A. leaves for Japan

A. L. Wirin, prominent Los Angeles civil liberties attorney, has left for Japan. With a brief stop at Honolulu, accompanied by his wife, Alpha, Wirin is scheduled to arrive in Tokyo on Tuesday morning, April 3, via Pan American Airways.

While in Japan, Wirin will confer with clients concerning their American citizenship status, particularly those "stranded" whose citizenship has been questioned because of their service in the Japanese Armed Forces.

He will also, at the request of Roger Baldwin, chairman of the International League for the Rights of Man, confer with representatives of the Japan Civil Liberties Union, an organization Baldwin helped found when he was in Japan shortly after World War II at the invitation of General MacArthur.

ter and more peaceful world — where all the nations may one day, under the blessings of Almighty God, walk hand in hand.

PC advertiser pushes sales through television

SAN FRANCISCO. — Kikkoman Shoyu, imported by Pacific Mutual Sales Co. of this city, is now being marketed all over the country. Locally it is being advertised on television.

Fay Stewart introduced the imported shoyu several times on her 8:30 a.m. show on KPIX while Del Courtney on the same station has mentioned it on his program.

WYBL attendance record

SACRAMENTO.—A new attendance record was established at the three-day 14th annual Western Young Buddhist League conference here Mar. 16-18 with a total of 1,305 delegates, it was announced.

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NAT'L DIRECTOR'S REPORT: by Masao Satow



Building for Hq

From time to time various JACLers have informally expressed the desire to see JACL-Headquarters housed in a building of our own, especially those who visit our humble quarters on the second floor of 1759 Sutter for the first time—after catching their breath from the steep climb up rickety stairs. So far this idea has been only in the talking stage, for we have concerned ourselves primarily with keeping the organization going, plus trying to assure its future by building up our National JACL Endowment Fund. Now comes this week a check for \$50 from Ben Kumagai of Gardena earmarked for "JACL Building Fund" to give this idea a practical beginning. No doubt the National Council this year will want to plan further on this.

Checking on our financial operations over the past two fiscal years reveals a "surplus" of slightly over \$3,000. According to provisions of our National Constitution, this "surplus" has been added to our reserve. However, to call this "surplus" is misleading, for this implies an excess income. The actual story is that we have of necessity denied ourselves certain budget items in order to live within our uncertain income, and the so-called surplus is really a forced savings. The total amount in reserve will eventually allow us to shift our fiscal year to coincide with the calendar year and take up the three months difference now existing without calling upon our chapters to budget for a fifteen-month period.

WE GET RENO-VATED

Upon invitation of our Reno Chapter we drove out to the "biggest little city" with the Mrs. as co-pilot. National Convention Chairman Jerry Enomoto and Joyce went along for the ride and to personally deliver Operation Mercury tickets, but we put Jerry to work to report on Convention plans.

Chapter President Henry Hattori goes about his responsibilities with the efficiency of a Federal Internal Revenue man that he is, and is doing a fine job in keeping up the chapter interest. Incidentally, Chapter Treasurer Bill Ishida also checks books for Uncle Sam. There is talk in Reno of again sponsoring a quarterly meeting of the Northern California-Western Nevada District Council. The last time this happened in '52 brought a hundred delegates from California over Donner Summit who found no lack of extracurricular activities. The chapter is also toying with the idea of sponsoring a fishing derby and inviting fishermen from other chapters.

In our own extracurricular wanderings we ran into Ike Ikegami as we usually do. His job is to roam around Harold's and keep an eagle eye on possible sharpies who try to put something over on the house by extra-legal means. Says you would be surprised at the number of normally respectable people who try to get away with such doings. As ever, we wound up with our old friend, One Thousander Fred Aoyama, who in two decades in Reno has learned a thing or two about the town.

TWENTY-SIXTH 1000 CLUB LIFER

We welcome Harry Mizuno of Chicago as our newest 1000 Club Life Member. Rather than charge us the full amount for the attractive 1000 Club brochure printed by his Disney Color-Ad, Inc. ("creative advertising in color"), he has donated back a Life Membership. We are deeply thankful for Harry's concern and interest which date back to prewar days in the Salt Lake City Chapter.

For the month of March we already have a record 112 One Thousander Club memberships and renewals. Since there were 77 expirations during the month, the net gain added to the 990 at the beginning of the month gives us a total of 1,025 One Thousanders in current good standing.

JACL CHAPTER ADJUNCTS

We are pleased to see that the Placer County and St. Louis chapters have now joined Sequoia, Orange County and Salt Lake City chapters in sponsoring Junior JACLs. This encourages our hopes of having some special program for this group at our Convention.

In addition to the Juniors, we are getting an increasing number of Chapter Women's Auxiliaries, with Pocatello being the latest to organize. We may wind up with a special session during the Convention for this group where the women can get acquainted and exchange ideas on this phase of JACL. We find ourselves scheduled for the pleasant task of addressing the San Francisco Women's Auxiliary come next weekend.

WE GET ENLIGHTENED

Through Attorney Mas Yonemura of Oakland we spent a pleasant luncheon period with a group of fifty up and coming Negro business and professional men who call themselves Men of Tomorrow, telling them about JACL. Since we shared the program, we had an opportunity to hear some of the sidelights of what is currently happening in Alabama.

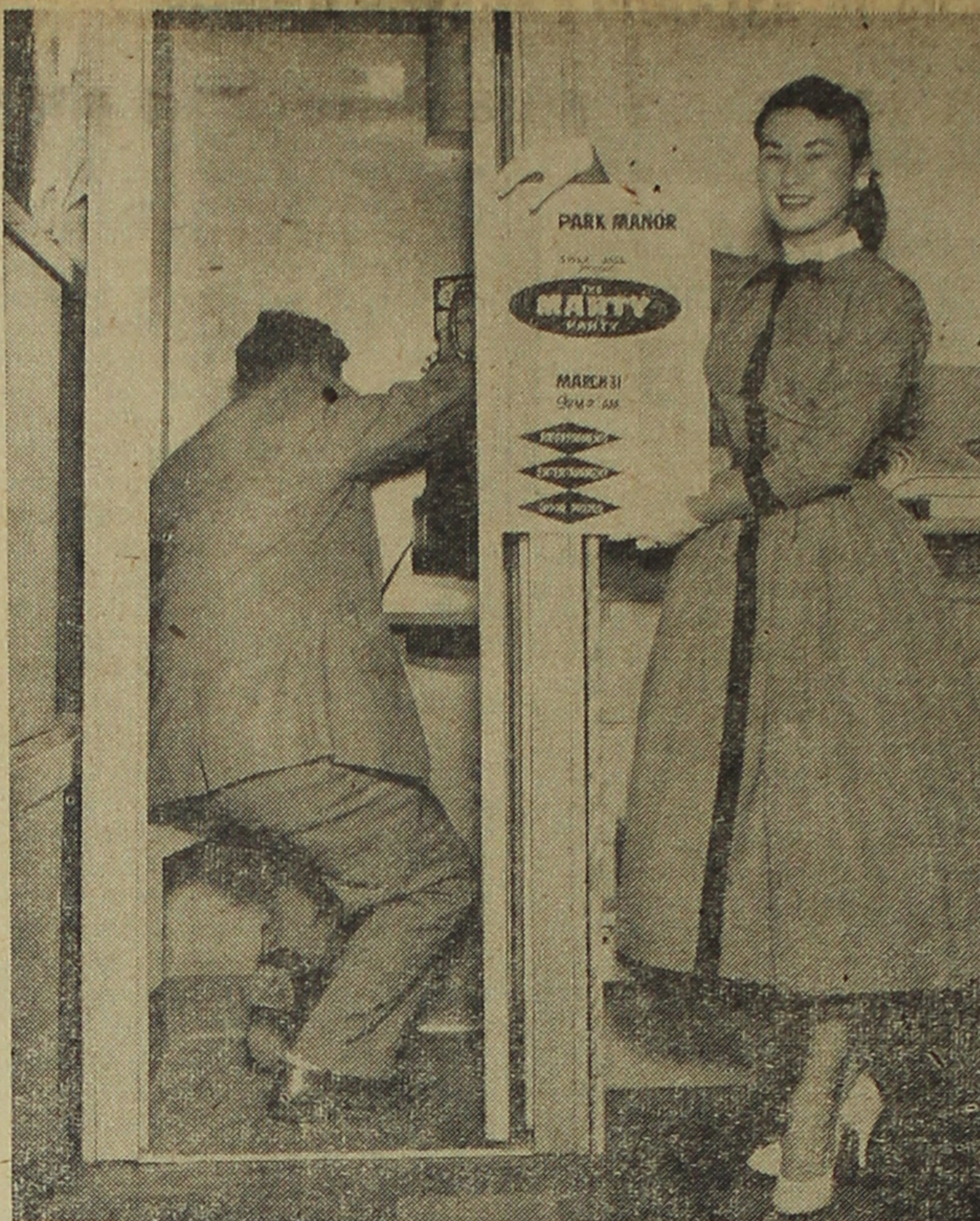
HOME AGAIN

Our attention has been called to various Nisei throughout the country receiving pressing letters from the author of HOME AGAIN after being sent the book on a trial basis, and upon delaying either the return of the book or the remittance of payment therefor. This particular promotion is done by the author entirely on his own in the hopes of acquainting many Nisei with the book and giving them an opportunity to obtain the book conveniently. Neither National JACL nor the local chapters are officially involved, either in suggesting this method of distribution or in supplying names of prospects. The names have been culled from local directories.

RECOGNITION TO OUR TENPIN TOURNNEY

Mo Katow of Berkeley, our 1957 National JACL Bowling Chairman, informs us that the official magazine of the Bowling Proprietors of America will feature our recent Tournament in a forthcoming issue complete with pictures.

Belatedly, we want to publicly acknowledge with thanks the services rendered our tournament by members of the Salt Lake City and Utah State Women's Bowling Associations. Despite long hours of keeping score, they enthusiastically rooted for the bowlers on their respective alleys, encouraging them to do their best. Their wonderful spirit added much to the tournament's success.



If the figure at left (Tom Shimazaki's back) is reminiscent of illustrations memorialized by Oscar-winning movie "Marty", it should remind Southlanders of the Southwest L.A. JACL spring-season dance, "The Marty Party", tomorrow night at Park Manor. Pretty thing to the right is a Narbonne High school teacher, Chris Sumi, holding the sharp gray-black poster announcing the stag-stagette affair with music by Abe Most and entertainment.

—Photo by Mike Hatchimonji.

Spring-summer activities of Cortez JACL headed by Red Cross drive, Boy Scouts

TURLOCK. — Organization of the Cortez JACL's participation in the local Red Cross drive and approval of the chapter's co-sponsorship of a boy scout troop were among items covered by the chapter at its meeting here recently.

Although several of its members had attended the chapter-sponsored snow outing to Pinecrest on that same day, a large number attended the meeting at which Gordon Winton, attorney from Merced, was guest speaker.

The Red Cross drive was organized under Yeichi Sakaguchi, vice-president, and districts assigned for a house-to-house canvass.

These same solicitors were also designated to receive donations for the annual community picnic sponsored by the local JACL and tentatively set for Sunday, April 29.

Sponsorship of the boy scout troop with the Ballico American Legion post was approved by the members.

Proceeds from the benefit striped bass derby sponsored by the Citizens League recently were allocated to local organizations.

Groups receiving cash benefits were Turlock Firemen, Cortez Young People's club, Denair and Graton boy scout and girl scout troops, Delhi-Ballico Lion's club

and Ballico American Legion auxiliary.

A portable sewing machine was given to the Ballico 4H girls sewing group through this derby fund.

President Albert Morimoto announced that Ballico American Legion Post 668, Turlock American Legion, and the Northern Merced County Democratic Club were contacted and they sent letters to Newsweek protesting the Lincoln Yamamoto letter.

It was announced that the annual Spring dance of the chapter will be held at Ballico American Legion building Saturday, May 12.

Winton, the featured speaker for the evening, discussed the making of a will and the various facets of inheritance taxes.

During the meeting pamphlets on the new school bond issue for a multi-purpose addition to Ballico school were distributed and explained to members.

Marysville community picnic planned May 6

MARYSVILLE. — The annual Marysville community picnic will be held at Yuba foothills Sunday, May 6, 10 a.m., according to George H. Inouye, local JACL president. Games and races are features for the day.

Isao Tokunaga and George Yoshimoto were named co-chairmen for the event.

Woodbury College scholar

PASADENA. — George M. Hotta, son of Mr. and Mrs. M. Hotta, 17-94 Newport, majoring in higher accountancy at Woodbury Business College, was awarded the Phi Gamma Kappa honor scholastic fraternity gold pin recently for his achievement of best grades in six quarters.

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Gardena chapter to aid voters

GARDENA. — Naturalized Issei citizens may register as voters on Friday, April 6 at the Japanese Community Center, it was announced by the Gardena Valley JACL.

Nisei deputy registrars will be present to give free registration service to all new citizens as well as to Nisei who have not yet registered to vote.

Representatives from both the Nisei Democratic and Republican clubs in Los Angeles will make brief presentations in Japanese explaining the advantages and benefits of their respective parties, it was revealed.

Naturalized Issei are requested to bring with them their naturalization certificates required by law to be shown for their first voting registration.

The service will begin at 7:30 p.m.

D.C. chapter to hold semi-formal hop Apr. 7

WASHINGTON. — A semi-formal dance jointly sponsored by the D.C. JACL and the Jades will usher the spring social season Saturday, Apr. 7, 10 p.m., at the Airport Terrace Room at the National Airport Terminal.

Music will be furnished by Tiny Meeker and his orchestra. Entertainment and door prizes will be offered.

Detroit spring dance set Apr. 21 at Elk's

DETROIT. — The local JACL will sponsor a spring dance, Apr. 21, at the Elks Hall, it was announced by Chiyo Togasaki, third v.p., with Bebe Horiuchi and Irene Hatake appointed as co-chairmen of the event.

A floor show has been planned and dance music will be furnished by Tom Sheridan. Refreshments will be served. Tickets are \$1.75 per person or \$3 per couple.

Cleveland Jr. Matrons

CLEVELAND. — The Cleveland Jr. Matrons are preparing for their Karamu Theater party in April, the annual dinner in May and June picnic in outlining its future program. The March meeting featured Chinese cooking demonstrations by Mrs. Gam Louie.



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San Francisco

Stopped to pass the time of day with our national boss Mas Satow, who's really earning his keep these days. He recently covered the Intermountain areas, and mixed a little bowling with JACL business, by participating in the National Tournament. He's now anticipating operating from home base for a while until he hits the Midwest and Eastern chapters in May. As national director, Mas is the key adviser to our Convention Board, and has been making all advance arrangements with the Sheraton-Palace Hotel, which will be headquarters for "Changing Perspectives".

Things have been going very smoothly, and Mas has been getting an able assist from Marshall Sumida, our General Arrangements Chairman. Marshall is an embryonic lawyer, who's going to law school, and working part time as an investment counselor. He's another of our energetic and capable San Francisco Chapter leaders.

GIVE HOUSING SOME EARLY THOUGHT.

We don't think it's too early to beat the drums to encourage all you conventioners to enjoy the comfort and convenience of the Sheraton-Palace while here for "Changing Perspectives".

We feel that the 25% discount over the Labor Day holiday weekend affords a splendid opportunity for saving on your room bills. We have a selfish motive too, in that we want to do all we can to meet the minimum guarantee on rooms so that we may obtain the use of the other hotel facilities gratis. We'll be sending you specific information about reservations soon.

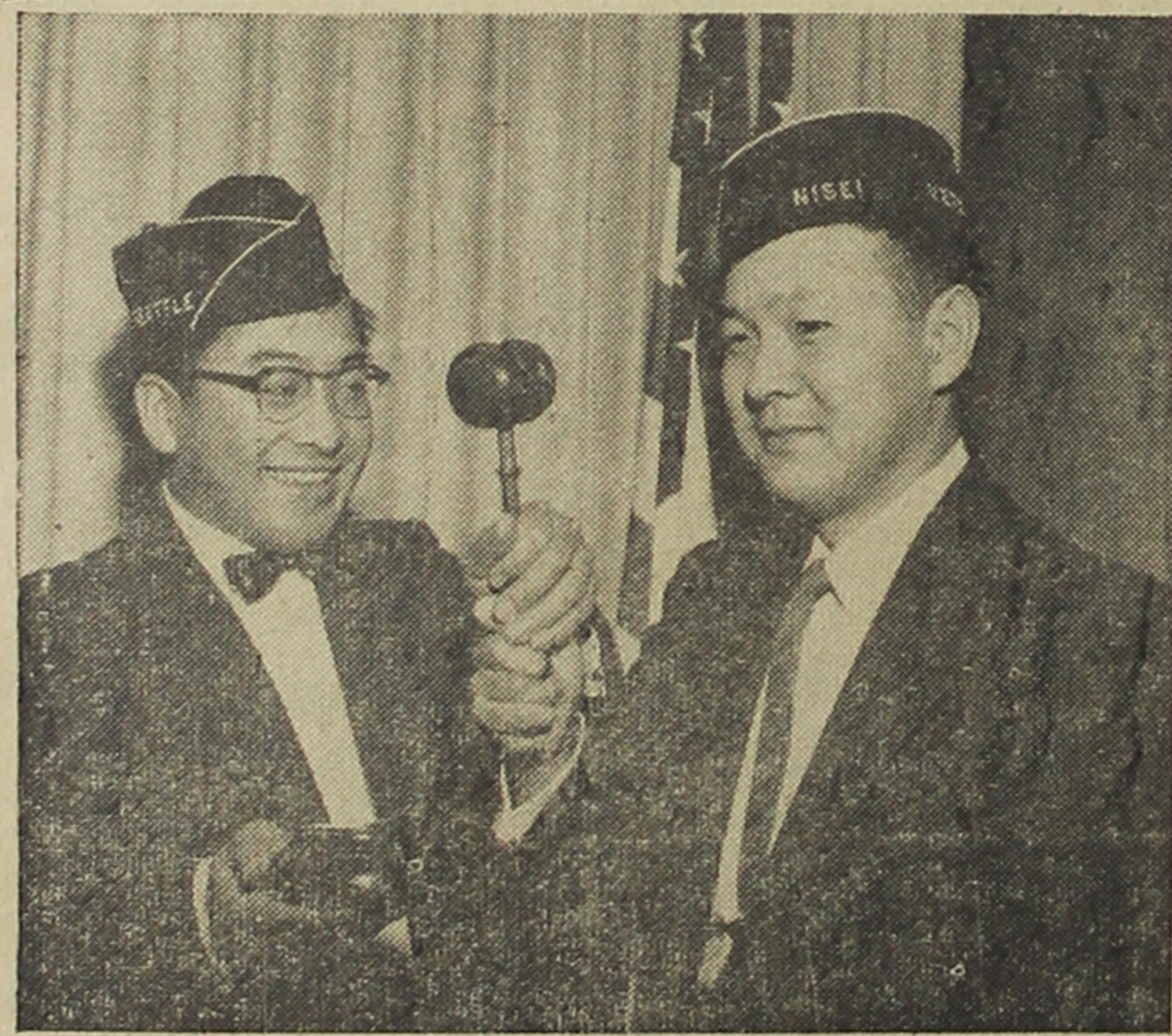
SUPERLATIVE FASHION SHOW LOOMS

We were very pleased with the selection of Haru Hedani for the chairmanship of our Convention Fashion Show. We realize that, with our good friend Tok already serving in a vital role as our Treasurer and adviser, the family will have its hands full juggling its timetables.

However, we think that Haru will prove that all the ability and imagination in the Hedani family doesn't belong to the old man. Haru played the major part in organizing our new potent Women's Auxiliary, and with the spirit that gang has been showing, we should have a superlative show.

BON VOYAGE

Sumi Utsumi, our Hospitality chairman; Kaye Uyeda, our Queen Contest chairman; pretty songstress and beautician Rosie Takushi, and Jo Ann Kataoka of Aki Hotel, are among a group of Nisei lasses leaving for cherry blossom land shortly. We wish you gals nice flying weather, happy landing, and a very enjoyable tour; to say nothing about good looking pilots, and romantic Japanese men.



Installation ceremonies are scheduled for Apr. 21 at the Chamber of Commerce with Charles C. Ralls, former VFW national commander, as main speaker at the dinner-dance. Nishimura, chief accountant for the Seattle Housing Authority, is the 11th man to hold the office.

—Elmer Ogawa Photo.

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Pasadena JACL hears talk on investments

BY MACK YAMAGUCHI

PASADENA.—The local chapter's Everyone Invited meeting at the Kensington St. Presbyterian Church last week featured Y. Clifford Tanaka who spoke on "Investments".

He mentioned the great value of building a systematic investment plan and asserted that 10 per cent of one's earnings, if possible should be invested for the future. The question & answer period also proved most enlightening.

Announcements of future chapter activities made by Harris Ozawa, chapter president, included the cabinet meeting Apr. 10 at the local community center, and the Apr. 28 chapter benefit movie at Cleveland School aud.

The next Everyone Invited meeting is scheduled for Thursday, May 17, when speakers for the presidential primaries ballot will be invited. Interpreters for Issei will also assist at the political rally. Locale will be announced.

Ken Dyo was named chapter representative to the PSWDC legislative committee. Ozawa will also serve on the same group.

Warmup duplicate bridge tournament for JACLers set

SAN FRANCISCO.—A warmup duplicate bridge tournament for the coming National JACL convention is being planned for April 6, it was reported by Dr. Tokuji Hedani. This first warmup affair will be by sign-up only to see what kind of response there is to such a duplicate bridge tournament.

Signups may be made with Dr. Hedani at Walnut 1-9423, or Dr. Wilfred Hiura at PRospect 6-2342.

Japanese history topic at N.Y. JACL meeting

NEW YORK.—Minoru Shinoda, Hawaiian Nisei student of Columbia University and Brooklyn College, was to be the main speaker at the New York JACL chapter meeting last night at the Japan Society Room in the Savoy-Plaza Hotel.

One of the few Nisei in America regarded as an expert on Japan, his topic was on "Japanese History". If interest was sufficient, the chapter plans to start a series of lectures on various aspects of Japan and Japanese life.

The chapter is also considering a bridge class for beginners and a tournament for those who play. Joe Imai (MO 6-6337) is chairman.

S.F. pioneer dies

SAN FRANCISCO.—Miyota Tanbara, 79, native of Okayama, died of heart attack while visiting his relatives in Japan on Mar. 12. He came to this country in the early 1900s and resided in the Bay Region here until evacuation. He resettled in St. Paul, Minn., before returning here in 1953. He is survived by his son Earl K., St. Paul; and daughter Mrs. Grace M. Kurihara.

Fudenna brothers plan \$500,000 shipping firm

FREMONT.—An Irvington Nisei produce shipping outfit will be one of the three firms that will operate a giant \$500,000 produce shipping center here.

The Fudenna brothers of Irvington will occupy this new shipping center with Pacific - Gamble - Robinson co. of Seattle and Hugo Miller & Sons of San Jose.

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DETROIT BREAKS CHAPTER MEMBERSHIP RECORD WITH 368 SIGNED UP FOR 1956

BY YOSHIKO INOUE

DETROIT.—All records were broken in the Detroit JACL membership drive this year with a total of 368 with several late canvass reports still due, it was announced by Fred Yoshida, 2nd v.p., at the Mar. 18 chapter meeting here.

The chapter last year boasted 351 members.

Charles Yata, co-chairman of the drive, also presented the names of the membership committee in the two successful drives of 1955 and 1956.

Abe Hagiwara, MDC chairman, in a chapter visitation spoke on the role of minority groups in the next few years. He reported on the functions of the Midwest District Council and informed the chapter on the program for the year.

After a buffet supper, the children were heralded to an adjacent room by Mrs. Janice Ouchi for movies and other activities while the business meeting was called to order by Mrs. Miyo O'Neill, president.

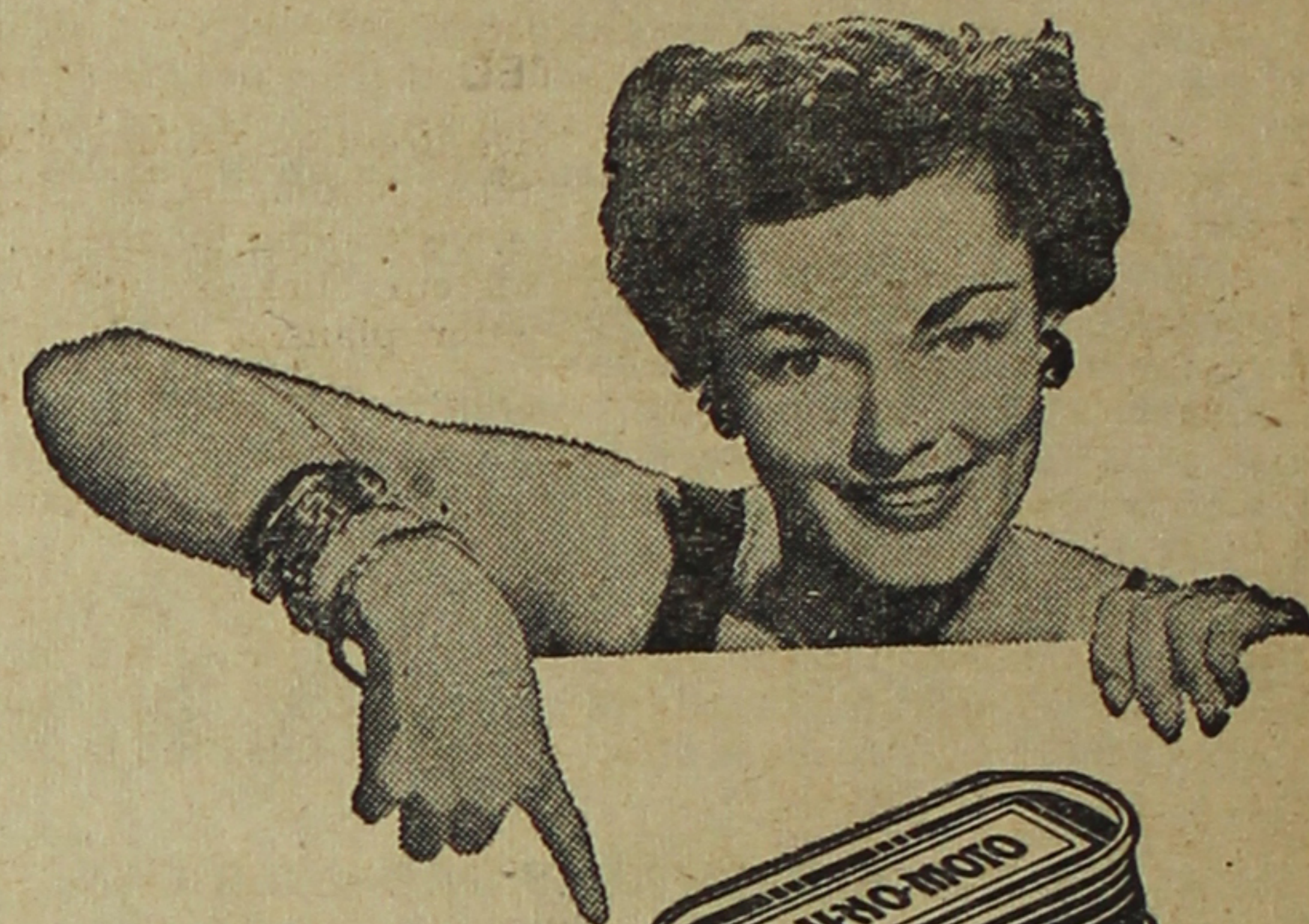
Walter Miyao, 1st v.p., gave a resume of the National JACL legislative program for the current year, followed by the membership report.

After the meeting, the chapter hosted Hagiwara at the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. R. O'Neill in Birmingham.

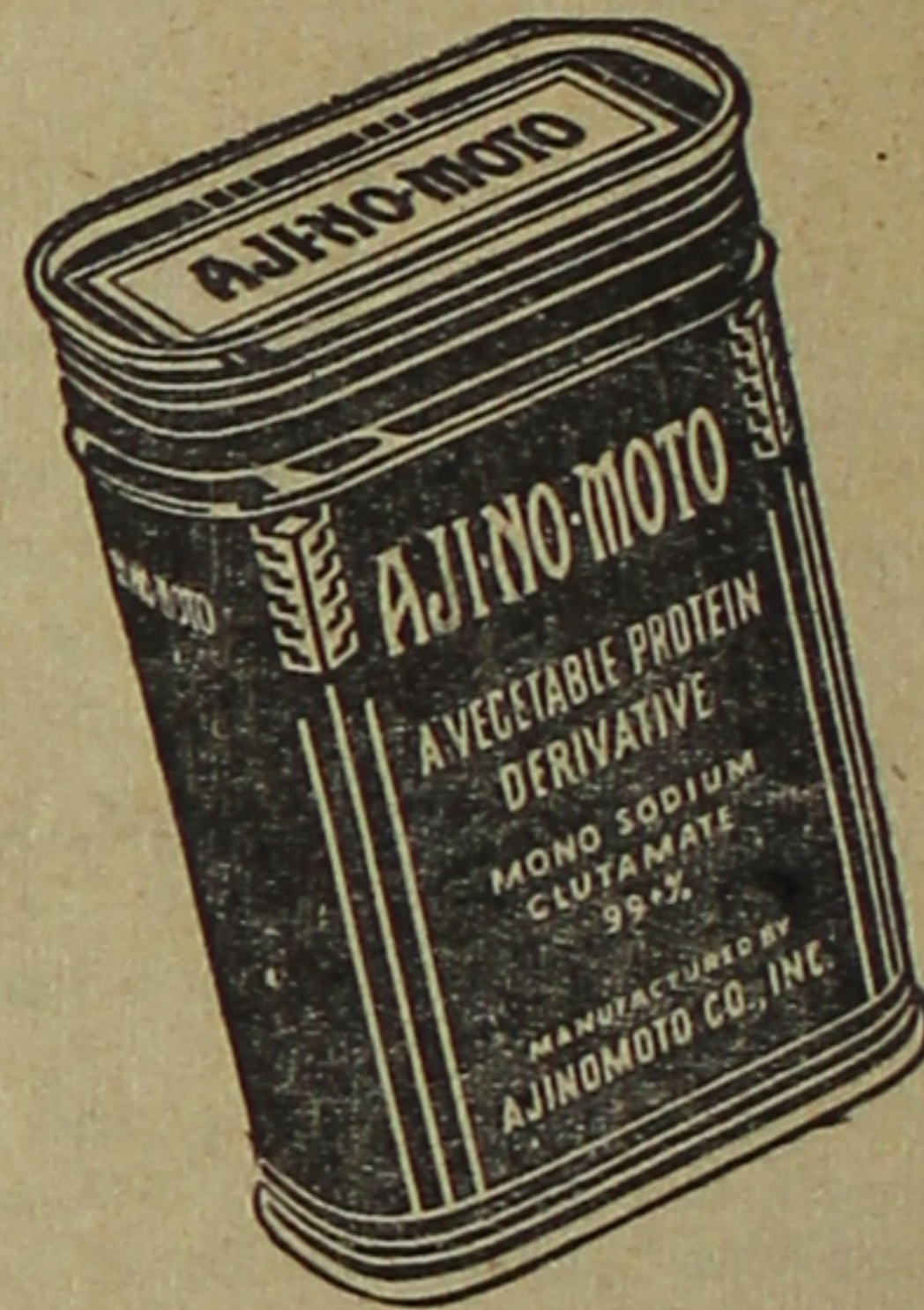
Inagaki deputized as registrar of voters

Growing is the list of Nisei field deputy registrar of voters in Los Angeles this week with the recent addition of George J. Inagaki, national JACL president. He and Tats Kushida will be present at the Venice-Culver JACL voters' registration meeting tonight, 7:30 to 9 p.m., at the Venice Gakuen, half block west of Centinela Blvd. on Braddock Dr.

WATSONVILLE.—Mrs. Helen Iwanaga has been deputized as registrar of voters in Santa Cruz county, the Watsonville JACL reported.



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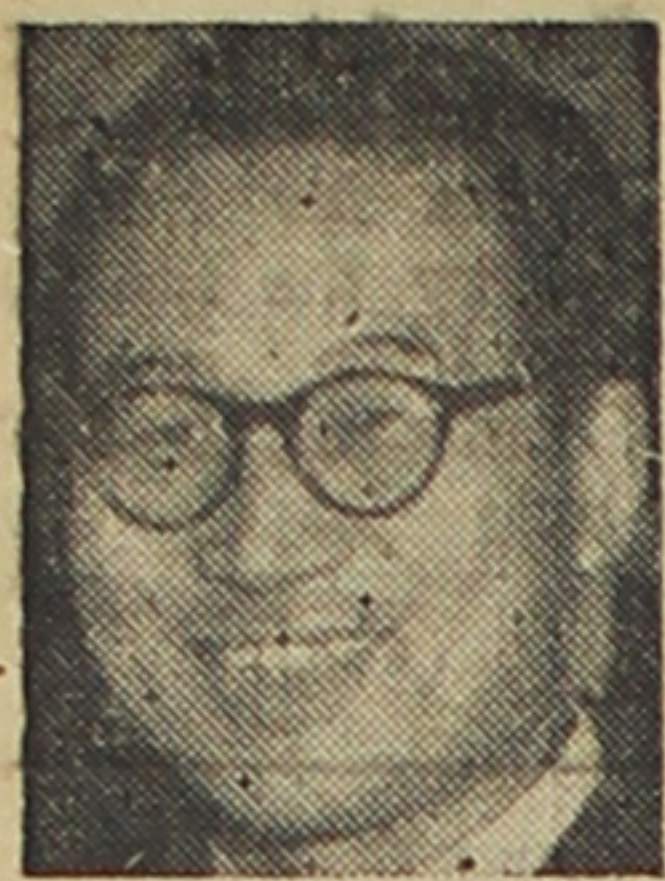
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This reflects primarily the popularity and confidence which the public has placed in our banking institution during the past three years since our beginning. They have, indeed, far exceeded our own expectations so that to continue operations within the limitations of our present space and personnel without inconvenience to our customers is obviously impractical. May our first thanks go, therefore, to the people of this community and your patronage which has "forced" this latest development, and to the immediate neighboring merchants for their cooperation in facilitating our expansion program.

During the next three months of remodeling and expansion, we shall conduct our banking services as usual, endeavoring, of course, to minimize the possible inconveniences which the constructions may impose from time to time. With our hopes for your continued patronage and sharing in this event, may we ask your indulgence during the construction. We are confident that the improvements in our facilities with the additional space, modernized equipment and personnel will make the Sumitomo Bank one which you will be proud to call your own bank.

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TOKYO TOPICS: by Tamotsu Murayama



Hearst visits Japan

Tokyo

Members of the famous William Randolph Hearst family were here on an inspection tour of the Far East earlier this month. W. R. Hearst, Jr., and his wife were received in audience with the Japanese Emperor. It was his father who was regarded as the outstanding anti-Japanese propagandist in America. Since

then, times have changed completely and the visit of America's best-known journalist family here is of deep significance.

This reporter had an opportunity to speak with Hearst, Jr., for some two hours at the Imperial Hotel. He gave me the impression of being very alert and brilliant, frank about everything and one who would put all the cards on the table for discussion. I was very glad to have met with him.

So far, he is the only American who has sensed the precipitating danger of the future crash in Japan. The political situation is near chaos: Socialists and Communists are trying to grab power hastily while the nationalistic and rightist elements are trying to swing the pendulum back.

I felt this constant pressure for power all along, but no American correspondent was able to point it out to me. Young Hearst smelled it although he stayed here for less than a week.

COMMUNIST PRESSURE OMINOUS

The pressure of communism is ominous since it is disguised as democracy, freedom and humanity. This sugar-coating for communism is indeed dangerous, but very difficult to point out to the young people of Japan. This poison is slowly but surely penetrating into the rank and file of the country—yet many Japanese have not realized the gravity of the situation.

The only salvation for present Japan, as Hearst was able to point out, is to educate the young people of Japan properly. Yet, the teachers have been thoroughly organized by the Japan Teachers Union, a Communist organization if there ever was one even if the organizers deny they are communists. Even worse is the lack of any united effort to combat communism here. Life is so easy-going.

We came to the conclusion that a youth movement like the Boy Scouts is very vital in Japan because it teaches the fundamental principle in the dignity of human life. Mr. Hearst thinks there should be a strenuous effort to support this kind of movement.

JAPANESE BASICALLY PRO-AMERICAN

He couldn't understand whether so-called "pro-Americans" are really pro-Americans in view of the recent war, air raids and the A-bombs. However, I explained that the Japanese as a whole are pro-American when one compares the general ill-feeling a Japanese has toward Red China or Soviet Russia.

About this time, Roy Howard of the Scripps-Howard newspapers in Tokyo had this sentiment to say about Japanese-American relationships:

"It is impossible for anybody familiar with American history to fail to be struck by the fact that the wounds of the last war seem to have healed more quickly than in other major wars in which the United States has participated.

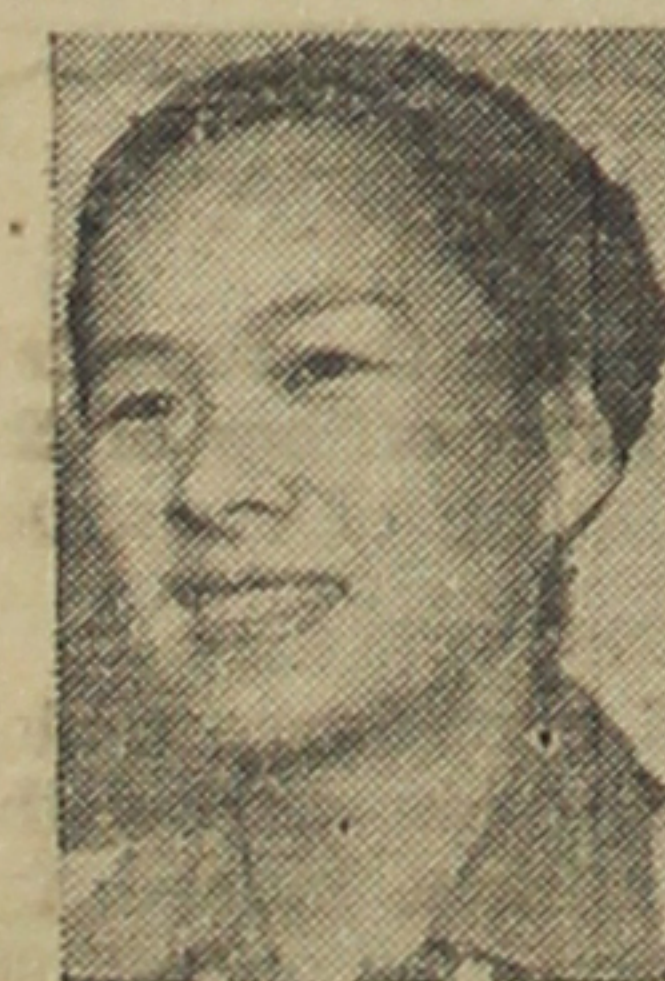
"The bitterness engendered between the Japanese and American people in the last war is something everybody understands as comparable to the bitterness that developed in the United States during the Civil War when the issue was slavery.

"It was thirty to forty years before the wounds of the Civil War healed. Today, despite all the development in the world, I am very sincere in the belief that possibly because of the opportunity for contact which has been offered so many Americans since the war, and because of the present day recognition of the fact that we are enlisted in a common cause against communism, the interest in and friendship between the Japanese people and the American people is, in my judgment, much greater than ever before."

PROBLEMS OF PROMOTING UNDERSTANDING

As for a method of promoting better understanding and friendship, we chatted on immediate methods such as inviting the Americans living in Japan into homes of Japanese here. We might speak on friendly terms, discuss problems of mutual interest. But it seems that Americans living in Japan are by themselves as an extension of U.S.A.-in-Japan. There is also the problem of living standards of the Japanese to consider—poor appearances in the home and, lack of money to host lavishly.

SMOGLITES: by Mary Oyama



A new prexy

Los Angeles

Several years ago when a new family moved into their newly constructed charming home atop our hill, we wondered who the latest neighbors were. And finally when a housewarming was held one Sunday we were invited to their home to meet their friends, immediate neighbors, and to partake of their lavish refreshments. We were pleasantly impressed to see that not only were their Japanese and Nisei guests present, but also their Mexican-American neighbors who were enjoying the "Sushi" as well as the sandwiches.

The hostess, as we reported later to our family was most pleasant, democratic, friendly person with a lean, tall, nice quiet husband. "I think she's Nisei," we added "because she speaks fluent English and she's young as well as attractive." One would never know she had a grown son who was a vet and had been a member of the Southwest chapter of the JACL prior to their moving into our Eastside neighborhood.

"His name is Fred," we concluded, "a good prospective member for our chapter—an intelligent, modest, unassuming person." (So that's how we met Mr. and Mrs. P. Takata and their son Fred who is 1956 president of the Eastside chapter.)

ALL ABOUT THE BOY

Fred Takata is one of those sincerely modest persons who Continued on the Next Page

LUCKY DOKS WIN CALIF. NISEI CAGE CHAMPIONSHIP

The West L.A. Lucky Doks won the California Nisei basketball championship Sunday by turning back the bid of the San Jose Zebras, No. Calif. NAU titlists, 86 to 71 at Los Angeles City College gym.

The So. Calif. NAU champions were paced by Dick Nagai of USC varsity fame who hit the hoop for 35 points. Hank Nose of San Jose State led the Zebras offensive with 23 points.

In the Saturday warmups, the Zebras bested Angelus Bowling 57-49. Danny Fukushima, coaching basketball at James Lick High in San Jose, was high point man with 12 points for the victors.

Chicago golf clubs organize council

CHICAGO. — Representatives from 11 Japanese American golf clubs here met to organize a Nisei golf association here recently.

Though unnamed as yet, the group has several projects under consideration for the coming season, the Chicago Shimpo reports.

It was primarily organized for the purpose of centralized purchase, scheduling of round-robin tournaments between clubs, uniform handicap, rules and regulations.

Also planned are golf clinics with top-notch golfers appearing and demonstrating.

Representatives present were from: Cavaliers, Chicago Fairway Club, Clippers, Club 100, Eagles Golf Club, Hawaiian Golf Club, Lakers, Midwest Golf Association, 19th Hole Golf Club, Rainbows and Topflites.

George Koyama of the Lakers was elected as its first chairman. Members of the cabinet include Ben Nagata of 19th Hole Golf Club, v.c.; Arie Oda of Chicago Fairway Club, sec.; and Bill Fujii of Clippers, treas. The council is comprised of two representatives from the 11 clubs.

(In Los Angeles, where golf is an all-year affair and where a majority of the best Nisei divot diggers live, there are eight Nisei clubs with Top Notch, the oldest of the group now incorporated by Fox Hills Country Club and quietly seeking recognition by the United States Golf Association.)

SAN FRANCISCO NISEI CHAIRMAN OF NATIONAL AAU JUDO COMMITTEE

SAN FRANCISCO.—Mitsuho Kimura, 37, and sixth-dan black belt judoist, is now chairman of the National AAU judo committee, it was reported last week, succeeding the late Henry A. Stone, U.C. wrestling coach, who was the first judo commissioner since the sport was first recognized by the AAU in 1952.

The top ranking judoist was also named to a two-man U.S. team with Vincent Tamura of Chicago for the world judo tournament in Tokyo come May.

Oregon Nisei bowling tournament winners named

PORTLAND.—Kibe Produce Subs captained by Tom Shiiki, knocked over a record count of 2989 pins to win the 10th annual Oregon Nisei handicap tournament at East Side Bowl on Mar. 10-11.

Other champions were Cliff Nakamura, sweeper; George Ota, 17-86, all-events; Mam Noji-Cliff Nakamura, 1167, doubles; Hiro Fujii 650, singles.

Humboldt State College appoints Nisei to faculty

EUREKA. — Hank Yamagata, 23 of Los Angeles, who starred as halfback at Humboldt State College between 1951-54, was appointed to the teaching staff of his alma mater's physical education department this semester.

As the youngest member of the faculty, he is currently working for his M.A. degree in physical education. In 1954, he won the Inspirational Player award for his accomplishments on the gridiron.

JACL track meets being planned for San Francisco and Los Angeles

The 1956 edition of the JACL Nisei Relays may well be the greatest array of Nisei tracksters ever

assembled and plans to invite high school track and field athletes from the entire state of California are being formulated.

The initial meeting of committee last week at the UCLA campus was presided by Arnold Hagiwara, newly-elected chairman. Rancho Cienega will be the site and a tentative date of Sunday, June 17, was announced.

The Japanese American Optimist Club will sponsor the junior division and its members will again volunteer as meet officials. Dr. Foru Iura was named chairman of the Nisei Relays queen contest. Other committeemen include Dr. Bob Watanabe, meet director;

Steve Okuma, finance; Kango Kunisugu, publicity; and Tats Ku-shida, adviser.

SAN FRANCISCO.—The San Francisco JACL will again sponsor the annual JACL Nisei Olympics on Sunday, June 3, at Kezar stadium, it was reported last week. Dick Nishi is meet chairman.

High school athletes will be able to finish their school track season by this date as the annual California Interscholastic federation meet is being held this year in Chico on the previous day, Saturday, June 2.

In previous meets the meet included three classes — unlimited, lightweight and girls.

Another class for 110 lbs. or under may be added this year to foster track among youngsters.

Igaya successful in defending NCAA slalom title, upset in downhill race

WINTER PARK, Colo. — Dartmouth's Chick Igaya successfully defended in his NCAA slalom title here this past weekend. He was second in the 1956 Olympic slalom as a member of the Japanese team earlier this year.

Igaya's individual win was a thing of beauty. He far outclassed the 62 other entrants in the event for the two runs down Hughes Trail, a 2,200-foot course dropping 600 feet, with a time of 2:07.8, 4.9 seconds ahead of Henning Arstall, the Norwegian ace of Denver University.

Igaya raced the tricky first run,

Chicago squad drops from SLC cage invitational, another L.A. team named

SALT LAKE CITY. — Chicago Huskies, one of the eight teams entered in the 21st annual Nisei Invitational basketball tournament sponsored by the local JACL, has withdrawn and Angelus Bowling of Los Angeles has accepted the bid to play this weekend. Dr. Shig Matsukawa, tournament chairman, announced.

San Francisco Chinese Saints, four-time tournament champions, will be defending their title. In the tournament starting with the first round scheduled last night at Judge Memorial gym are Hawaii Nisei A.C., Los Angeles All-Stars, San Jose Zebras, Seattle Main Bowl, Idaho Rexburg Ramblers and Salt Lake All-Stars.

Difficulty in raising travel finances was given as the main reason for the Chicago withdrawal.

Added to the tourney is also the Denver Girls vs. Salt Lake Sr YBA girls, to be played tonight. Incidentally, last year the Denver girls thoroughly trounced the Salt Lake girls, but this year, under the able guidance of Coach Tom Akimoto, reports are that these hostesses are in top form to avenge last year's loss.

Girls vying for tournament queen title were Eleanore Yamamoto, Una Kasai, Hana Ito and Tomi Tamura.

Tamanaha wins Hawaiian marathon in new time

HONOLULU.—Norman Tamanaha, 49-year-old marathon veteran, won the 1956 Hawaiian AAU marathon on Mar. 18 a new course time of 3h.16m.4s., which improves his own mark made last year by some 20 minutes. Only three of the original eight finished the gruelling race.

The champion has competed in five previous Boston marathons in 1947, 1952-55, and Dr. Richard You, chairman of the long-distance committee here, said every effort will be made to send Tamanaha to the Apr. 19 Boston run.

Girl rolls triplicate

SALT LAKE CITY.—Cookie Takeshita, 145 average keglerette for Eastbay NBA, tallied a triplicate in the recent JACL tournament here—an identical score of 423 in the single, doubles and team event

over an icy course, in 1:07.9, then posted a sizzling :59.9 second run when the course was altered to make it faster and cut out some of the bad spills which marred the morning run.

The Dartmouth star had no trouble in either run and made it look simple as he repeated as college champion.

His first in slalom, a third in the downhill event made him the repeat champion in the Alpine combined. Igaya was also defending the downhill NCAA title but was upset by a pair of Univ. of Washington skiers.

Igaya couldn't hide the disappointment on his face when the times were announced. Winning time was 1:30.6; Igaya's was 1:32.2. The downhill course stretches a steep mile and a half with a drop of 1,700 feet. Skiers are said to be flapping at 65 miles per hour downhill.

Igaya also competed in the jumping event and finished 10th. Denver university won the team title, nosing out Dartmouth 582.01 to 541.77 points.

BREAKS WORLD RECORD IN 220-YD. BUTTERFLY

NEW YORK. — Jiro Nagasawa of Japan, a member of the Yale university swimming team cracked the world's record for the 220-yard butterfly event during an invitational meet at the New York Athletic club last Friday.

Nagasawa was timed in 2:20.1, surpassing the existing mark of 2:26.1 set by Phil Drake at Chapel Hill, N.C., last year.

Name Nisei to play in benefit grid game

Bob Kubo of Narbonne High was selected as center to the South team, which plays a North team in the annual Shrine benefit football game sometime in July at the Coliseum.

The 5 ft.-10 in., 170-lb senior was graduated earlier this month. He was the first Nisei to be named to the all-city first string at center.

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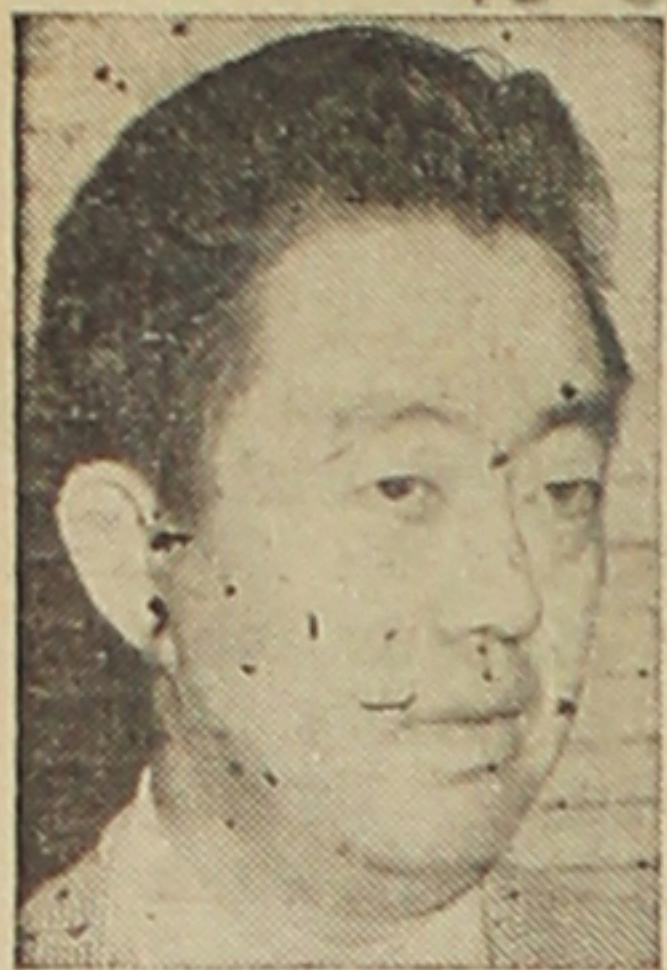
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LOS ANGELES NEWSLETTER: by Henry Mori



Respect for parents

Los Angeles

■ Paul Coates' Sunday night television program, "Confidential File," on persons of Japanese ancestry was indeed complimentary and at the same time a rude awakening of what Nisei parents are doing to bring up their children properly. His program held a warm spot in our heart as we watched his documentary film on the home life of a second generation Japanese family; and interview "live" such persons as Tats Kushida; George Y. Katow, a former relocation officer at the Los Angeles WRA office in 1945; a wife of a Nisei Methodist minister, Mrs. J. K. Sasaki of West Los Angeles; and "Butch" Yuba, Sansei "star" of the film.

The "File" dramatically recorded some of the reasons for the low juvenile delinquency rating among persons of Japanese descent. Coates commented at the conclusion of his show that while we need not accept entirely the culture from the Orient in the matter described of family loyalty, unity and parental obedience, there remains a question: what are we doing, if anything today, to minimize juvenile delinquency whose source no doubt stems from family discord.

We must admit that the Issei did a better job in bringing up their offspring with their Oriental background of respect for elders, their proven test in close family ties, and overall obedience to their father and mother.

TEACHING SANSEI FAMILY DISCIPLINE

■ How much of this discipline of family relationship has been sustained by the Nisei and taught to their children remains to be seen. We know that the crime rate here among the younger Nisei and the Sansei is becoming noticeable although not as great as the "average" in comparison to other racial groups. Before the war, it was almost safe to say the problem of delinquency among the Japanese was little.

It would be hard to distinguish whether this rise in the number of Japanese American delinquents could be attributed to the deterioration of Issei-Nisei ties or to the conditions of time and world. Where the Issei parents might have had time to keep their children on the straight and narrow, the second generation Japanese differ quite a bit in their thinking and approach. In the words of elder Katow, the Issei mother seldom had to work outside the family. It was the father who labored alone to support his family. That problem, of course, is nothing new to any family today. In many a household, the husband-wife income has become a necessity for survival.

We suddenly realized how much we owe to our alien parents for whatever achievements or well being we enjoy now. Their struggle to raise the second generation Japanese into good citizens must have been a hectic one in spite of their numerous limitations.

LISTENING TO YOUNG MINDS

■ While there may be a rise of delinquency among the Nisei and Sansei, young minds, focused in the right direction, are stimulating to any adult mind.

Let's look at the ambitious undertaking planned by a group of high school and college students. Led by Bill Marumoto and Janet Fukuda, both of Santa Ana, a handful of campus leaders are discussing a summer workshop aimed to help those in need of vocational guidance or leadership training.

What they all expect out of this conclave may not materialize, but the meetings they've held so far are a source of relief in that their ideas are fundamentally sound and not filled of frustration or destruction. We certainly wish them luck in their new venture.

SMOGLITES: by Mary Oyama

Continued from the Preceding Page
would shudder at this type of publicity, but who truly deserves some mention as he is that quiet, hard-working dependable who likes to accomplish things without flair or fan-fare. When we called to congratulate him for his election to presidency, he laughed off any deserved compliments on his ability by declaring that he had been "railroaded". But he added, "The cabinet members promised to help me all they could and I'm sure they will. Without them and their help, I'd be nothing—they're so good with their cooperation. If I make good in fulfilling my duties, it will be because of the cabinet and the swell cooperation of all the members. . ."

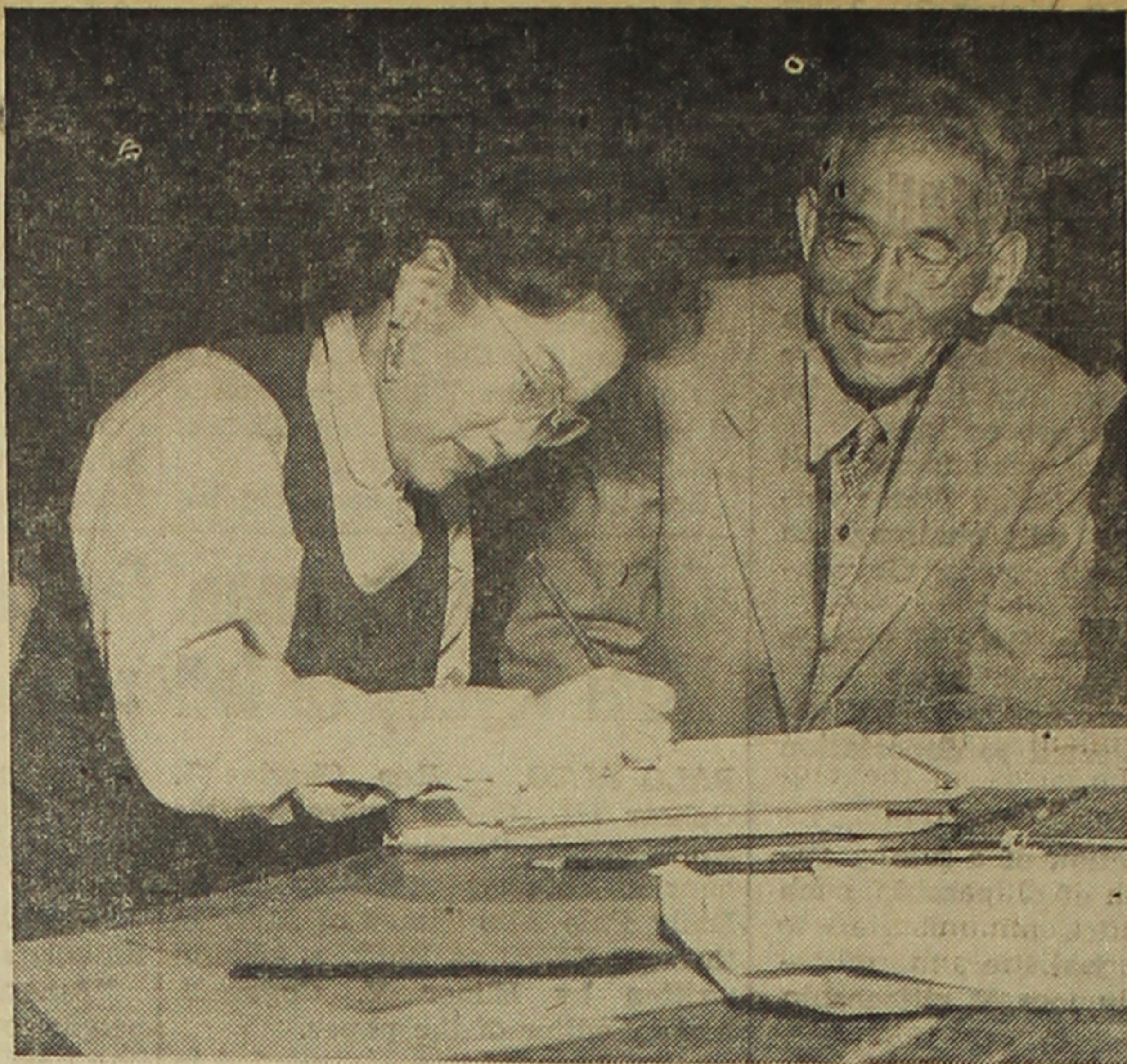
That's the kind of guy he is.

This tall, well-built, affable man is a thirtyish eligible bachelor who is the owner of the flourishing Crown markets on the Eastside. A native son of L.A. he received his elementary schooling in this city, attended Poly High, then finished at South High in Denver during the Evacuation period without "going to camp" (i.e. relocation centers). Shortly after his graduation at 18, he was inducted for overseas service in Italy, Germany, France, and achieved a sergeant's rating. After several years service he return to civilian life and active leadership in the community through the Young Buddhist Association circles, youth sports groups, and the JACL.

Besides his chapter prexy duties he is still active in YBA but manages to find time from his business and club-work to indulge in his favorite hobbies of bowling and fishing, occasional dancing. Eastside CLers feel they have chosen well for 1956.

PRESS NOTE

■ Naomi Kashiwabara, Cal Tech grad and navy engineer who recently married, is now editor of the San Diego JACL's monthly Bulletin which under his guidance has a stimulating interest-provoking tone. "Kash" is an L.A. boy who often writes eye-opening articles, short-stories, and sketches under various pseudonyms. Anybody recall his story in the holiday edition of Crossroads about a Nisei "yogore" named Gootch at a Nisei (or should we say "bootchie") dance?



Blanche Shiosaki, office secretary at the Los Angeles JACL office and deputy registrar of voters, assists naturalized Issei citizen Henry K. Watanabe at a Pasadena JACL voters registration night at the 64 W. Del Mar Community Center. The chapter has assisted some 60 Issei in recent weeks. —Photo by Sat Yoshizato.

VITAL STATISTICS

Births

LOS ANGELES

ABE, Louis I. (Deana H. Hanafusa)—girl Nora J., Jan. 17, Gardena.
ARAKI, Harry T. (Nobuyo Mishima)—boy Robert M., Jan. 25, Gardena.
ARASHIRO, Joe S. (Akiko Yatomi)—boy Steve Seiji, Dec. 31.
ARIYASU, George (Bettie T. Hamamoto)—boy Reginald, Jan. 18.
ARIZA, Tom T. Edith Setsuko Shintaku)—girl Charlene L., Jan. 26, Puente.
BAKER, Thomas F. (Michiko Kakinuma)—boy Steven M., Jan. 26.
BENITO, Jesus P. (Fujiko Sakata)—girl Margie S., Jan. 23.
D'ANNA, Frank J. (Teru Ueno)—boy Michael J., Jan. 25.
EGUCHI, Kazunori (Yoshiko Kurokawa)—girl Elaine Mio, Jan. 2.
FEICK, Elmer W. (Amy Kamioka)—girl Ann M., Jan. 25.
FERSTER, Harry V. (Kimiko Masuda)—boy Timothy, Feb. 19.
FUJIHARA, Frank M. (Katsuko Saito)—girl Patricia Masae, Jan. 3.
FUJIHARA, Michio (Yoshie Kushida)—girl Maura L., Feb. 17.
FUJIHARA, Raymond H. (Yoshiko Nobuyama)—girl Dawn Asayo, Jan. 12.
FUJIMOTO, George M. (Nobuko Suto)—girl Carla Mitsuye, Feb. 19.
FUKUSHIMA, Takeshi (Teiko Akiyoshi)—girl Debra Keiko, Jan. 30.
HASHIOKA, Henry K. (Yoiko K. Sakazawa)—boy David K., Jan. 24, Pa-coima.
HIRAMOTO, Noriyuki (Tomiko Murakami)—boy Thomas Kenji, Jan. 12.
HIRANO, George Y. (Shizuko Kawamata)—boy Paul S., Feb. 21, Gardena.
HIRASHIKI, Tami (Yayoi Okuno)—girl Glenda Yuri, Feb. 5.
HOKODA, Katsumi (Mary M. Takayama)—boy Mark Yasuo, Feb. 1.
HORINOUCHE, Rev. Isao (Florence H. Nakayama)—boy Keith M., Jan. 12.
IKEDA, Takagi (Setsuko Sugiyura)—girl Kathie Sanaye, Jan. 29.
IKEDA, Kenji (Kikuye Ikeda)—boy John Noriyoshi, Jan. 31.
IKEMOTO, Bill T. (Masako Osaki)—boy Gary Tsutomu, Feb. 16, Gardena.
IMAI, Yoshimi (Shizue Hamano)—girl Wendy Shizuka, Jan. 26.
ISHIMARU, Richard K. (Fusako Hachiyu)—boy Richard Jr., Jan. 24.
ITOH, Masaru (Terry T. Okura)—girl Emily Jo Mitsuko, Jan. 13.
IWAKI, Takio (Yoshiko M. Yasumoto)—boy Steven Hiroshi, Jan. 29.
JONES, Earle W. (Elsie T. Tamanaha)—girl Debra J., Jan. 2, South Pasadena.
KANEKO, Hayao (Yoshiko Kawaguchi)—boy Clyde Hitoshi, Jan. 13.
KANEMOTO, Haruo H. (Aiko Nakayama)—boy Randall K., Feb. 4.
KAWAKAMI, Frank M. (Sumiko Takeuchi)—girl Kary S., Jan. 24.
KAWAMINAMI, Jim M. (Sakaye Fujiwara)—girl Donna A., Jan. 5.
KAWASAKI, George H. (Satoye Okuji)—boy Gregory Yukio, Feb. 21.
KAWATA, Joe S. (May S. Maruyama)—girl Jan Toyo, Feb. 16.
KIKUCHI, Isamu (Tama Hoshizaki)—girl Linda Kiyo, Jan. 13.
KOTAKE, Seigo (Miyoko Shizumura)—boy Clifford Masaji, Feb. 21, Norwalk.
KUKITA, Soichi (Nobuko Ikeuye)—twin boys Lonnie Tadanori and Kertie Tadayuki, Feb. 6, Sun Valley.
KURUSHIMA, Masato (Meri Yamashita)—boy Jeffrey T., Feb. 15.
KUSUMOTO, Richard (Hanako Kawakami)—girl Linda S., Feb. 6.
KUSHI, James I. (Kasuye Shibata)—girl Annette Yoshiye, Jan. 19.
KUWATA, Hiroshi (Sumie Mori)—girl Janis Masako, Jan. 23.
LEE, Kwong R. (Rae J. Nishiguchi)—boy Edwin Ping, Jan. 8.
LEM, Jr., Arthur (Betty F. Ikeda)—boy Ronald, Feb. 6.
MAEDA, Hajime (Masako Zaimoku)—boy Howard Keiji, Jan. 18.
MAEHARA, Tsutomu (Kinuko Shiraga)—girl JoAnn S., Feb. 1.
MAETANI, Myron M. (Yaeko Kawakami)—boy Kyle Masaki, Jan. 9.
MATSUMOTO, Tamotsu (Taeko Nabeta)—boy James Shoji, Feb. 9.
MATSUZAKI, Shiro (Kiyoko Nagaki)—boy Robert Kiyoshi, Feb. 21.
MAU, Yin H. (Barbara Okabe)—girl Christine Michiko, Feb. 24.
MINATO, Kiyoshi (Rikie Hirota)—girl Jeanne Mitsuko, Feb. 5.
MIYAMOTO, Frank A. (June Nagasawa)—boy Norman Takao, Jan. 13.
MOCHIZUMI, Minoru (Hana R. Imai)—girl Sheryl V., Jan. 26.
MORIMOTO, William (Masako Wada)—boy Kim W., Feb. 21.
MURAKAMI, Moses M. (Mae K. Hayakawa)—boy Moses Jr., Jan. 3.
MURAOKA, Richard S. (Aiko Nagami)—boy Richard D. Seiji, Jan. 28.
MURATA, James M. (Emi Kawaguchi)—boy Paul J., Feb. 15.
NAGAI, Fred M. (Miyoko V. Sakai)—boy Dan Tetsuo, Feb. 25.

NAGAI, Tohoru (Hideko Ota)—girl Akemi, Feb. 1.
NAGANO, George M. (Mary Saitow)—boy Mark Masakazu, Jan. 22.
NAKANISHI, George J. (Elizabeth A. Parks)—boy Guy, Jan. 31.
NISHIKUBO, George (Kazuko K. Kawamoto)—boy John Satoru, Feb. 25.
NISHIMORI, Minoru (Chiyo N. Hiji)—boy Craig Kiyomi, Jan. 13, Gardena.
NISHIMOTO, Ben (Helen Neishi)—girl Donna R., Dec. 23, Lancaster.
NORIHIO, Ray R. (Florence Yanase)—boy Michael R., Jan. 19.
OGANEKU, Richard N. (Myrtle Miyashiro)—girl Petra M., Jan. 26.
OGATA, Hitomi (Kiyoko Kanazawa)—girl Denna Izumi, Feb. 2.
OGATA, Morito (Chizue Taguchi)—girl Marjorie Mihoko, Jan. 24, Pasadena.
OGAWA, Hidemi (Kiyoko Tatsukawa)—girl Janet Naomi, Jan. 5.
OGIMACHI, Teruma (Yumiko B. Iwamoto)—boy Terry Satoru, Jan. 16.
OKIDA, Terry T. (Mary Y. Rikimaru)—boy Richard Ryo, Jan. 24.
OISHI, Jiro (Anna Y. Makino)—boy Kim Mitsui, Jan. 17, Pasadena.
OSHIRO, Raymond Y. (Dorothy A. Higa)—boy Randall Yukio, Jan. 6.
ROBINSON, George F. (Tokie T. Kikudo)—girl Georgene Sanae, Feb. 12.
SAKAGUCHI, Thomas Y. (Suzuko Yokoi)—girl Tommie L., Jan. 14.
SMITH, Ellsworth (Mitsuye Oshita)—boy Don Mitsuya, Jan. 22, Burbank.
SOTOMURA, Joseph Y. (Fumiye Hamada)—boy Joseph, Jan. 14.
SUGIHARA, Toru (Miyoko Takanashi)—boy Perry C., Jan. 16.
SUGIMOTO, Masaki (Michie Kubota)—girl Janice Kaori, Jan. 2.
TABE, George Yoshito (Yasuko Matsumura)—boy Paul Hiroshi, Jan. 30.
TAKAGAKI, Lynn N. (Shizue Marumoto)—girl Pamela G., Feb. 18.
TAKATA, Jim S. (Helen T. Shinoda)—girl Paula Jo, Jan. 4, Monrovia.
TOCHIHARA, Richard Y. (Sumiko Suzuki)—girl Sandra Kim, Feb. 10.
TORII, Francis S. (Michiko Kamachi)—girl Frances A., Jan. 7.
TSUSAKI, Willie (Sumiko Shirafuji)—boy Donald Masao, Jan. 25.
TOYOSHIMA, Sam S. (Yayoi Shimada)—girl Betty J., Jan. 29.
UEDA, Nobuyoshi (Lily Kageyama)—boy Richard Tadashi, Jan. 4.
UWATE, Tomio (Mary Kawagishi)—boy Ray, Feb. 13.
VARGAS, Miguel (Gloria A. Katataye)—boy John M., Jan. 6.
WATANABE, Tomio (Chieko Harada)—boy Robert Tsutomu, Jan. 31.
YOSHIDA, Juzo (Kimie Nomoto)—boy Thomas Mamoru, Feb. 14.
YADA, Kinji (Yoko Hirano)—boy Hiroyasu Michael, Jan. 24.
YAMAMOTO, Mitchell M. (Amy Y. Sakurai)—boy Daniel, Jan. 2.
YASUDA, Isa (Marian M. Nagata)—boy Ronald Shigeru, Jan. 20.
YOSHIMURA, Masami (Sachiye Murakami)—girl Denise Jun, Jan. 7.
SANTA ANA
MURAKAMI, Y.—boy, Feb. 2, Anaheim.

Engagements

KAWAHARA-YAMADA — Suzie to George, both Pasadena.
NAKAGAWA-ERFURTH — Lily E. to A/3C Elmer, both Los Angeles.
SHIGEZANE-FUKUI — Yuriko to Shigeru, both Los Angeles, Mar. 17.
TAKAHASHI-ASAMOTO — Fusaye, Gardena, to Bob Hawthorne.
TAKAHASHI-YAMASHITA — Betty Etsuko, Los Angeles, to Takashi, Santa Ana.

Weddings

FUKUMAN-EGUCHI — Feb. 26, Tsugio, Lomita; Hatsue, Los Angeles.
HASHIMOTO-HOZAKI — Mar. 11, Paul M., Los Angeles; Kinuye K., Pasadena.
HASHIMOTO-SAKAEDA — Feb. 18, Ted and Dorothy, Los Angeles.
INOUE-FUJITA — Mar. 17, Dr. George T., Los Angeles; Marlene M., Gardena.
ISERI-KURUSHIMA — Feb. 26, Richard, Long Beach; Pauline, Los Angeles.
ISHII-SHINMACHI — Mar. 18, Akira and Tess, both West Los Angeles.
KAMEI-KUROSE — Mar. 3, Hiroshi and Tami, Garden Grove.
KAWAMOTO-HIRAKAWA — Mar. 10,

Carolyn Okada teaching ballet

SEATTLE. — Carolyn Okada is teaching modern dance and ballet at Sally's School of Dance, 2410 1/2 Beacon Ave., where private instructions and classes are held for all ages from pre-schoolers to adults.

In private life she is Mrs. Art Watanabe, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Hito Okada, and a mother of two girls, Gale and Caren.

As a background for teaching modern dance, she was a member of Virginia Tanner's Children's Dance Theatre, summer session at Connecticut College and New York University Dance College, danced under Jose Limon and Valerie Bettis, and has special recommendation from Doris Humphreys. She has had her training in ballet as a member of the University of Utah Ballet Theatre under William Christiansen of the San Francisco Opera Co., four years in summer musical productions in Salt Lake City, Cornish School and Mary Ann Wells School in Seattle, and has taken part in Aqua Theatre productions for two years.

Opening date of new Shonien Home announced

A community-wide fund campaign in April will spearhead the grand opening of the new Shonien Child Care Center May 5, according to Nobu Kawai, Japanese Children's Home board president.

Goal has been set for \$50,000, needed for equipment, furniture, first year of operation and partial payment of a \$40,000 loan for building construction costs.

While Red Feather membership is anticipated, the cost of first year services and expenditures for equipment must come from direct community support, Kawai explained. The fund drive headquarters will be at the new Shonien, 1815 Redcliff St., Los Angeles 26.

Frank F. and Chiyo, both Pasadena.
KITA-OHARA — Mar. 10, Bill S. and Marian M., both Torrance.
KUWAHARA-NAKATSU — Feb. 5, Nobue and Suzie, both Gardena.
NAGANO-HIGASHI — Mar. 11, Richard K., Los Angeles; Alice Y. Long Beach.
NAKAGIRI-NAKAGAWA — Feb. 26, Shigemitsu J. and Donna Setsuko, Los Angeles.

Deaths

CHOGYOJI, Hatsu, 80: Los Angeles, Mar. 9, survived by son Kazuma.
FUKUNAGA, Harry R., 71: Salt Lake City, Mar. 20, survived by wife Ko-ma, son Ken (Tokyo), stepson Ben Sugihara, stepdaughters Chieko, Yukie, Mrs. Janet Matsura (Blackfoot, Idaho), Mrs. M. Okuda.
ISHIKAWA, Chiyeo J., 37: Los Angeles, Mar. 1, survived by mother Mrs. Yoshiko Ishikawa, brothers George, Henry, sisters Mrs. Kimiya Izumo, Mamie Torimaru.
KAWATO, Taro, 29: Los Angeles, Mar. 17, survived by parents Mr. and Mrs. Kazo, brothers Yukio and Katsumi.
KOBAYASHI, Seichi: Whittier, Mar. 12, survived by wife Yoshi, sons Isamu, Sadao, daughters Mmes. Toshie Suzuki and Sumie Kobayashi.
KOBAYASHI, Zenichi, 62: Los Angeles, Mar. 12, survived by son Jack, daughters Mmes. Toshie Suzuki and Sumie Kobayashi.
KUROKI, Zenjiro, 70: Los Angeles, Mar. 10, survived by wife Sayo, sons George Shigeru, Jack Yukio, daughters Mmes. Ruby Sakayue, Kay Yamashita.
MIYAKO, Tsuru, 83: Los Angeles, Feb. 28, survived by son Yasutaka, daughters Mmes. Frances Ishizaka, Florence Hayashi.
NAKANO, Koichi, 70: Salt Lake City, Mar. 17.
NAGAO, Mtazo, 79: Rosemead, Mar. 15, survived by son Mataka.
OGAWA, Sakichi, 80: Los Angeles, Mar. 1, survived by wife Mika, sons Saichi, Tatsuo, Iwao daughters Mmes. Nobuko Otsubo Misaye Mukumoto Chiyoko Sanemitsu, Fumiko Imeri.
OKAMOTO, Seichi, 56: Santa Ana, Mar. 19, survived by wife Yae, sons Ben and Alfred.
OTA, Ryoji, 73: Draper, Utah, Mar. 13, survived by wife Yaeno, sons Harry H., Joe Y., Jack (Los Angeles), daughters Mrs. Shizuko Akagi.
SHIMAMOTO, Kiyozuchi, 80: Gardena, Mar. 2, survived by wife Shizuno, sons Yoshio, George, Shiochi, daughters Mmes. Isako Ueyehara, Hatsue Nishimoto, Shizue Nagai.
TERADA, Shiochi, 77: Santa Ana, Mar. 11, survived by wife Hatsuno, sons Tsuneo, Yoshio, daughters Mmes. Kimiyo Sumida Yachiyo Hata, Masayo Okita.
YAJIMA, Waichi, 70: Los Angeles, Feb. 25.
YANO, Sadao, 55: Los Angeles, Mar. 19, survived by wife Tsutako, daughters Hisako and Toyoko.
ZAIMA, Hatsuiko, 55: Los Angeles, Mar. 13, survived by husband Frank M., son Thomas T., daughters Helen Miyeko, Mrs. Martha N. Ichisaka (Seabrook), Mrs. Chieko Okura.

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WASHINGTON NEWSLETTER: by Mike Masaoka



Tokyo Rose deportation

Washington

The Immigration and Naturalization Service has ordered Tokyo Rose to leave this country by Friday, April 13, or be subject to deportation proceedings.

Her attorneys have announced that she will not leave the United States voluntarily and that she will challenge in the courts the authority of this Govern-

ment to deport her.

Tokyo Rose, a native Californian, was convicted of treason and served six and a half years of a ten year sentence.

Her case will be a precedent-establishing one, for no native-born American has ever before been subjected to deportation proceedings.

For any native-born American, conviction of a felony automatically results in the loss of the rights of citizenship, such as the right to vote and to hold public office, but not the loss of citizenship itself. Conviction of treason, however, the greatest felony of all, results in the mandatory loss of citizenship itself.

The original mandate that native-born or naturalized persons shall lose their citizenship by committing any act of treason was written into the Nationality Act of 1940. The Immigration and Nationality Act of 1952 merely codified this section within its comprehensive scope.

The automatic loss of citizenship would presumably create the status of alien, and it will probably be on the basis of having been convicted of a crime involving "moral turpitude" and of being an "undesirable resident", both designated grounds for deportation, that the Attorney General will seek to deport Tokyo Rose.

Accidents of circumstances . . .

Tokyo Rose happens to be Iva Ikuko Toguri D'Aquino, born and educated in California. And, since she is of Japanese ancestry, some questions have been asked as to whether any racial prejudice dictated that a person of Japanese origin be selected as the first to test the Government's power to deport an American convicted of treason.

This writer is convinced that considerations of race and ancestry had nothing to do with her present deportation orders, for she is the only American convicted of treason in World War II who is currently in the situation in which she now finds herself.

Mildred Gillars, the so-called Axis Sally, is still in prison; Robert Best who also broadcast for the Nazis died in jail; Douglas Chandler who did the same remains imprisoned; so is Tomoya Kawakita, convicted of brutalizing GI prisoners of war in a Japanese mine. Kawakita was originally sentenced to death, but President Eisenhower commuted the sentence to life imprisonment.

As a matter of fact, no American has ever been executed for treason under federal law, with the possible exception of John Brown of Civil War fame. But, neither has a convicted traitor ever lived to return to freedom, as news commentator Eric Sevareid observed some time ago, until Tokyo Rose was released from the Federal Women's Prison at Alderson, W.Va., last January 28.

So, the accident of circumstances makes her the first to qualify to test the constitutionality of the 1940 and 1952 statutes relating to the loss of nationality for conviction for treason.

Sole question for court . . .

The sole question to be decided by the courts is whether an American born citizen may be deported, when stripped of citizenship.

Unfortunately, however, because the person ordered deported has been convicted of treason, the prejudices against the heinous crime of treason may be the determining factor in the ultimate conclusion of the courts.

Certainly, the newspapers, radio, television, and other information media will "play up" the treason aspect and perhaps so inflame the general public that the impartial and detached attitude so essential to fair judgment cannot prevail.

Furthermore, because Tokyo Rose is of Japanese descent born in California, ugly smears and implications against the loyalty of all Americans of Japanese ancestry may once again be revived by the hate mongers, even though the record is clear that not a single act of espionage or sabotage was committed before, during, and after the attack on December 7, 1941 by any resident alien or citizen of Japanese ancestry either in Hawaii or in the United States mainland.

Tokyo Rose was stranded in Japan by the war. She was just one of the six or more broadcasters who called themselves "Tokyo Rose". Following a lengthy trial, with the jury unable to reach a verdict for several days, she was convicted only of one of the eight alleged overt acts in the indictment. Sentenced to ten years, she was paroled for good behavior after serving six and a half years.

Nationality status . . .

Since under the law Tokyo Rose has lost her United States citizenship, just what is her status: Japanese, if she had dual nationality at the time of her conviction; Portuguese, if she acquired the nationality of her husband at the time of her marriage to a Portuguese national; a stateless alien; or a stateless person? All are terms used to describe her nationality status.

If she is held to be Japanese, for example, is the Japanese Government obligated to issue her a passport and to re-admit her to Japan as a Japanese national?

Theoretically, Japan as a sovereign nation can refuse to acknowledge her Japanese nationality on the grounds that she was imprisoned and returned to the United States for trial as an American citizen; had she been a Japanese citizen, she could not have committed treason against the United States. Practically, however, Japan has no alternative but to accept her, since the immigration law specifically prohibits the issuance of immigration visas to the United States to any nationals of any country that refuses to accept nationals deported to that nation.

This is not to be construed as either a defense or condemnation of the deportation proceedings against Tokyo Rose; this is simply an effort to explain the situation in which she now finds herself.

Newsweek reply to statements made by Calif. congressmen, Sen. Kuchel and Rep. Roosevelt, disclosed to colleagues

WASHINGTON. — Sen. Thomas H. Kuchel (R., Calif.) and Rep. James E. Roosevelt (D., Calif.) posted their colleagues in Congress, on the sequel to the Lincoln Yamamoto letter, the Washington office of the Japanese American Citizens League reported this week.

Senator Kuchel in recalling his

original statement in the Senate on the affair commented that he had called to their attention "a sneering, slurring, slanderous letter purportedly written by a man paradoxically name Lincoln Yamamoto, addressed to Newsweek magazine. I do not know whether there is such a person. The state-

ment was a willful untruth."

Senator Kuchel then read to his associates the letters which appeared in the March 5 issue of Newsweek sent in by Nisei which he prefaced by stating: "... Some of our fellow citizens who are Nisei spoke up righteously. . . and denounced the alleged Yamamoto canard for what it is: a base lie."

The letter of Dwight W. Norris, written for the editors of Newsweek, answering the letter of George K. Kayano, commander of the Townsend Harris Post, No. 438, of the American Legion, San Francisco for its members who were not satisfied with Newsweek's March 5 rejoinder was also included.

Wrote Norris: "We wish to assure you that our expression of regrets was sincere and intended to be full and complete. We hope that on further consideration you will agree with us."

Congressman Roosevelt informed his colleagues of a letter also from Dwight W. Norris of Newsweek in response to his letter rebuking Newsweek that "more care was not given in checking the responsibility of such a communication before publication."

Mike Masaoka, Washington JACL representative, stated that letters have been received from the Postoffice Department as well as the FBI, but it was impossible to disclose its contents.

LETTERS

Whereabouts sought

Editor: I am writing for a Rev. Thomas Grubbs, who is a missionary to Japan. He had requested to us to contact two brothers who have not been in contact with their mother (80 years old) in the last 10 years. She is in need and ill.

Their last known addresses were: Satoshi Enya, 1219 N. Clark St., Chicago; and Aisaku Enya, Rt. 2, Box 456, Sierra Vista Ranch, Delano, Calif.

Mrs. Enya's address is Ahzuka Cho 1087, Hiroshima City, Japan. —Mrs. Minoru Mochizuki Dearborn, Mich.

CALENDAR

- Mar. 29-30-31
Salt Lake City—21st Nat'l Nisei Basketball Tournament, Judge Memorial High School gym.
- Mar. 30 (Friday)
San Francisco—Movie Night, Friends Service Center, 1830 Sutter St., 8 p.m.
Venice-Culver — Voters Registration night, Venice Gakuen, 12448 Braddock Dr., 7:30 p.m.
- Mar. 31 (Saturday)
D.C.—Potluck supper, Joppa Lodge, 4209-9th St. NW.
Orange County—Easter Egg hunt, Irvine Park, 1:30 p.m.
Southwest L.A.—Marty Party, Park Manor, 607 S. Western.
- Apr. 1 (Sunday)
Gilroy—Community picnic, Uvas picnic ground.
- April 7 (Saturday)
D.C. — Spring Dance (semi-formal), Airport Terrace Room, 10 p.m.
- Apr. 8 (Sunday)
Delano—Community picnic.
- Apr. 6 (Friday)
Gardena Valley — Voters registration, Japanese Community Center, 7:30 p.m.
- Apr. 10 (Tuesday)
Pasadena — Executive meeting, Community Center, 64 W. Del Mar.
- Apr. 11 (Wednesday)
East L.A.—General meeting.
- Apr. 14 (Saturday)
Placer County—Picnic ball, Loomis Memorial Hall.
- Apr. 14-15
EDC — Convention, Seabrook Community House and Cumberland Hotel, Bridgeton, N.J.; Seabrook JACL hosts.
- Apr. 15 (Sunday)
San Francisco—Auxiliary meeting, Tokyo Sukiyaki.
- Placer County — Community picnic; JACL Recreation Park; Issel program, Penryn Japanese Hall.
- Apr. 19 (Thursday)
Chicago—General meeting, Woodrow Wilson Room, 116 S. Michigan.
- Apr. 21 (Saturday)
East Los Angeles—Skating party.
- Detroit—Spring Social, Elk's Hall.
- Apr. 27 (Friday)
Philadelphia—General meeting, International Institute, 645 N. 15th St., 8 p.m.
- Apr. 28 (Saturday)
Pasadena—Benefit movie, Cleveland School Auditorium, "24 no Hitomi"
- Chicago—Bridge-scrabble party.
- Apr. 29 (Sunday)
French Camp — Community picnic, Mickle Grove, 10 a.m.
- Cortez—Community picnic (tentative), May 2 (Wednesday)
- East L.A.—General meeting.
- May 5 (Saturday)
East Los Angeles—Emerald Ball, Santa Monica Elks Club.

Calif. congressman Gubser upholds Nisei loyalty to letter to columnist

PALO ALTO. — Rep. Charles S. Gubser (R., Calif.) expressed his confidence in the loyalty of Americans of Japanese ancestry in the Daily Palo Alto Times of Mar. 15 through "EVC at Bat", a column written by Elinor V. Cogswell, former editor of the paper.

Miss Cogswell had commented in the Feb. 23 column on the Lincoln Yamamoto letter and believed it to be a genuine Nisei expression to touch off a flood of testimonials. The column:

(From Palo Alto Times)

The old saying, "If I've done anything I'm sorry for, I'm glad of it," fits the case exactly.

I am sorry that anyone misunderstood my column on Tokyo Rose, with its incidental reference to a proposed Nisei welcome for her, but I am glad I touched off such a flood of testimonials to the loyalty and patriotism of the Americans whose ancestors were Japanese. They are fine tributes to people for whom I have great respect and warm liking.

To the ones that have been published, in the Forum and in a previous column, I should like to add two. One arrived yesterday, air mailed from Washington by Charles S. Gubser, 10th district representative in congress.

It says: "Allow me to join the many who, I am sure, are rallying to the defense of the Nisei in connection with the unfortunate 'Lincoln Yamamoto' incident."

(A letter signed by this name appeared in a national magazine purporting to be by a Nisei proposing a hero's welcome for Tokyo Rose on her release from prison, where she served a term for treason.)

"Having been reared in a community heavily populated by Americans of Japanese ancestry, I know the Niseis well," Congressman Gubser continues. "I know them as industrious, respected citi-

zens whose loyalty to their native country, the United States, is beyond question. The 'Lincoln Yamamoto' letter, obviously a fake contrived to stir up anti-Nisei sentiment, should not deceive anyone.

"Americans who are historically people of heterogeneous ancestry can be justly proud of the Niseis."

The other tribute is from a man who knows many Nisei as though business competitors — John L. Beall, vice-president of a local greenhouse firm and officer of several state and national florists' organizations.

"I have been following your Tokyo Rose story," he writes, "and feel compelled to speak my piece and do what I can to correct a mistaken impression created by the letter in Newsweek Magazine."

"I have worked with the Niseis, gone to school with them, done business with them, bought from them, and sold to them. As a flower grower, they are my competitors and my friends."

"I and my brother both spent time in the Pacific as volunteer enlisted men in the United States Marines. My brother was on Guadalcanal, Bougainville, etc. I was on Saipan, Iwo and Okinawa. We are as patriotic as we know how to be."

"We think the Niseis as a group are more patriotic than the average non-Nisei. They show more community spirit and are more law-abiding than the average. Their war record would be hard to beat and their peace record is hard to beat."

"I don't know enough about Mrs. d'Aquino to judge the rights or wrongs of the case, but I know the feeling of a great many Japanese Americans that I grew up with and that I do business with day by day. They demonstrate their sincere patriotism and community spirit in our trade organizations and daily living."

Column That Was Misunderstood

(This is the column which drew reaction in the San Francisco peninsula area in late February when the Daily Palo Alto Times columnist Elinor V. Cogswell regarded the Lincoln Yamamoto letter in Newsweek to be a genuine Nisei expression.)

Palo Alto Times, Feb. 23

The case of Iva Toguri D'Aquino illustrates the old contention that one's friends may be one's worst enemies. It also shows that one's enemies — ex-enemies, at least — may be one's best friends.

Mrs. D'Aquino is better known to the public as Tokyo Rose, the name applied by servicemen out in the Pacific to the several females who broadcast to them from a Japanese station in Tokyo during World War II.

It takes a lot of courage to stand up for someone who has been convicted of treason, but an Ohio American Legion post has that kind of guts.

Members of the Cultice-Ward Post in Springfield have passed a resolution asking that Mrs. D'Aquino be restored to American citizenship and allowed to live peacefully in the land of her birth. It declares that "there is no record

that Tokyo Rose ever convinced a single fighting man of a single statement she made, but rather was a source of entertainment to hundreds of thousands of those fighting men."

Such a resolution from men who, directly or indirectly, were the enemies to whom Japan aimed her broadcasts will undoubtedly carry weight with the Department of Justice.

The same cannot be said of the all-out welcome reportedly being planned for her in Los Angeles by some over-enthusiastic Nisei. A brass-band homecoming for a woman who served a nation at war with the United States, even if she is viewed as a victim of circumstances, is not so much courageous as ill-advised.

It cannot help stirring up the elements that forced her trail, long after the Justice Department had declared it was not interested in prosecuting her. It cannot help reinforcing the prejudices of those who feel that the Nisei are pro-Japanese under all circumstances.

San Francisco picnic planned for June 17

SAN FRANCISCO. — The San Francisco joint community picnic will be held on Sunday, June 17, it was announced by the local Nichi Bei Kai, Northern California Japanese Chamber of Commerce and the San Francisco JACL, co-sponsors.

Locale for this year's event will again be Speedway Meadows in Golden Gate park.

Seedless watermelons

MEXICO CITY. — Japanese seedless watermelons are reported to be prospering at subtropical Cuernavaca. They were introduced in Mexico under test conditions by Dr. Naruo Kondo, director of the experimental division of the Tokyo Agricultural University.