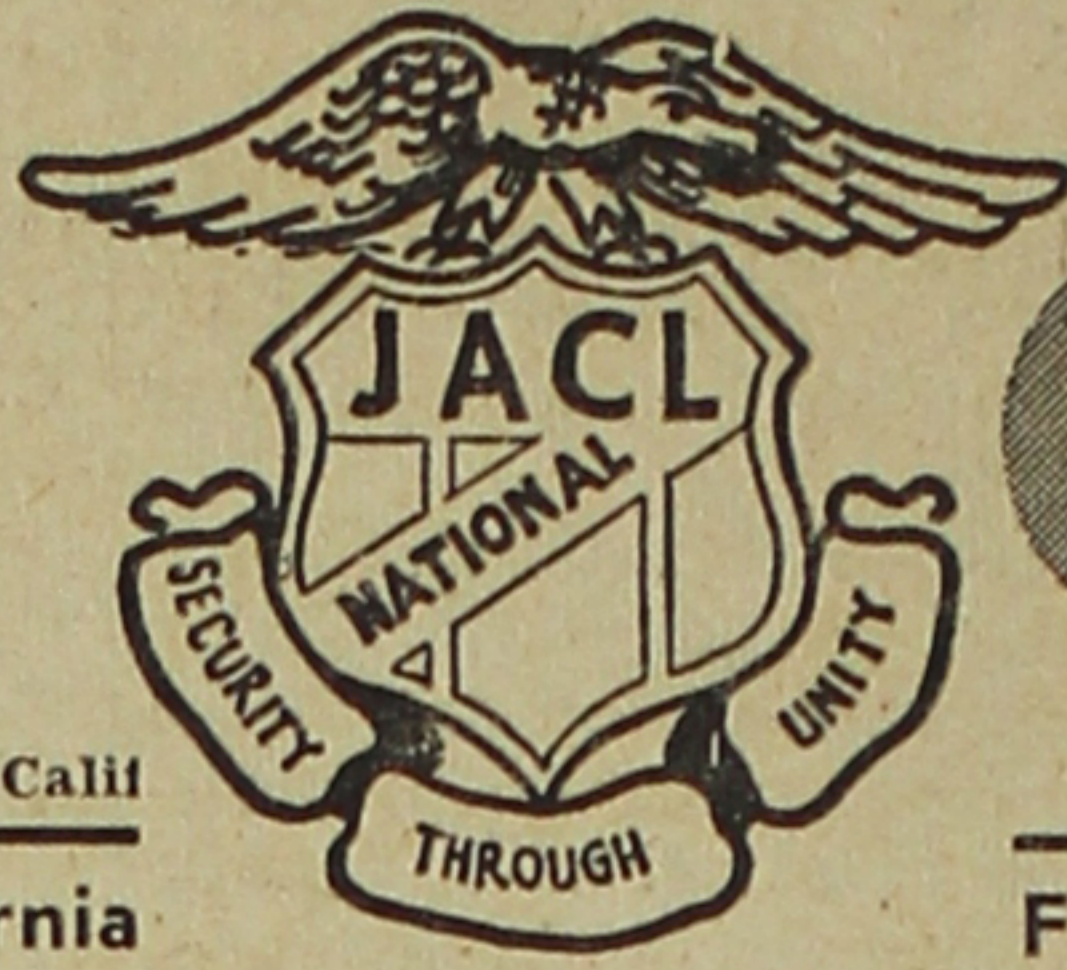


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PRESIDENT'S CORNER:

On developing PR with community press

Public relations has always been a focal point in JACL. And JACL chapters can assume a big role, and a worthwhile one, in the same field. One of the best means can be found in the local press—and I don't mean the Japanese vernacular press or Pacific Citizen. There is a community newspaper, be it daily, weekly or semi-weekly, that is widely read in your neighborhood.

In spite of radio and TV as means for mass communication, the newspaper still has an important part in each home. A chapter will miss a sure bet by not developing better liaison with the local editors.

The local newspaper is often divided into sections devoted to local news, a women's section of society and club news, feature pages and sports. There is no reason why Japanese American names can't be included. I'm sure the editors would welcome news of their Japanese American neighbors.

Therefore, we ought to develop this phase of local public relations. A chapter may well appoint someone to personally call on the editor and get acquainted. After this initial contact, the news item can be telephoned in. (If it's a long list of Japanese names, it may be wiser to mail it in to avoid misspelling.—Ed.)

When the publicity chairman types out his story for the Nisei vernacular or the Pacific Citizen, he might add another carbon and send a copy to the local newspaper.

Some of our chapters, on the other hand, have been successful in this respect. The PC editor says some of the chapters, especially in rural communities, have submitted clippings of their activities. The comments from your neighbors that follow publication of such a story are bound to please.

—George Inagaki.

Jr. JACL program adopted for 14th national convention

SAN FRANCISCO. — A panel discussion and social for Jr. JACLers and younger people attending the 14th biennial national JACL convention here with their parents was recommended to the convention board last week.

The program was suggested by a working committee composed of the younger group with Yori Wada, in charge of Younger JACL Activities, presenting the report to the board.

The panel will feature representative Jr. JACLers discussing the question, "What Does JACL Mean to Me". The evening social, to be arranged by the younger group, is expected to be open to regular JACL conventioners.

The Convention Board unanimously adopted the report, agreed to include these youth projects in the Convention program, and also to underwrite the social affair.

Outing Chairman Frank Dobashi announced that the Matassi Ranch in San Jose has been selected as the site for the Convention Outing.

Convention Chairman Jerry Enomoto announced the appointment of Mrs. Florence Dobashi as the Publicity Chairman for the Convention, and Dan Nakatsu for radio and television contacts.

Convention Board members attending the meeting were officially "shot" for the souvenir program booklet by Henry Omi, local commercial photographer.

Convention Board members, Lucy ent were: Mary Yonemoto, Lucy Adachi, Jerry Enomoto, Kei Hori, Dan Nakatsu, Sumi Honnami, Kathy Reyes, Scotty Tsuchiya, Kaz Sakai, Hatturo Aizawa, Sim Togasaki, Tosh Kubokawa, Mas Satow, Jack Hirose, Yori Wada, Dr. Tokuji Hedani, Yas Abiko, Frank Dobashi, and Mrs. Florence Dobashi.

San Francisco CL has 1,025 paid-up

SAN FRANCISCO. — The San Francisco JACL chapter officially went over the 1,000 member mark for 1956 this past week.

According to Thelma Takeda, chapter vice-president and membership drive chairman, a total of 1,025 persons have paid their dues to date.

Pledges have been received from many more and quite a number of renewals still remain to be contacted, Miss Takeda said.

Picture-bride practice reversed as eight Nisei fly to Japan to be married

(Forty years ago when "picture brides" immigrated to the United States to establish homes with pioneering Issei, it was understandable as eligible women were few in number. Today, when there appears an over-supply of eligible girls of Japanese descent in this country, a group of Southern California bachelors made international headlines by going to Japan to marry their "picture brides". Kenneth Ishii of International News Service in Tokyo writes the most poignant story of the week on this change of Nisei social pattern.—Editor.)

TOKYO. — Eight Los Angeles Nisei arrived in Japan (last Monday), five of them to marry and

GRESHAM-TROUTDALE HOST AT NEXT PNWDC QUARTERLY

PORTLAND. — Masao Satow, national JACL director, will attend the Pacific Northwest District Council meeting being hosted by the Gresham-Troutdale chapter on Sunday, Apr. 22.

Council meeting will start at 10 a.m., according to PNWDC chairman Dr. Kelly Yamada of Seattle.

Escheat case fight on appeal; JACL to sign amicus brief

Frank F. Chuman, national JACL legal counsel and chairman of the JACL Legal and Legislative Committee, announced today the Japanese American Citizens League will sign a "friend of the court" brief in the case of Mrs. Sue Ishida, Japanese alien, and point out that Superior Judge J. O. Moncur of Sacramento County did not properly interpret the statute passed by the 1953 Legislature, which permitted her to petition the court for compensation as a result of alien land law inequities.

Mrs. Sue Ishida, formerly of Modesto, is before the Sacramento District Court of Appeal on appeal from a Superior Court decision.

In 1926, some valuable orchard property in Sacramento County was acquired with funds furnished by Henry Ishida, an Issei, and a Lafayette Smallpage of Stockton. The title to this property was placed in the name of Smallpage because of the existence of the Alien Land Law.

When Ishida died in 1941, his interest in the property was taken by Sue Ishida, also an Issei. After Ishida's death, Smallpage purchased Ishida's interest.

In 1942, escheat proceedings were instituted against the property, naming Smallpage and Ishida as defendants. Smallpage settled the escheat proceedings with the State of California for \$25,000, later selling the same property to third parties for \$82,000.

In 1953, soon after the California Supreme Court declared the Alien Land Law unconstitutional in the cases of Fujii v. California and Masaoka v. California, the State Legislature passed a special statute that any person named as defendants in any prior escheat proceedings, which property had been compromised with the State, could file a petition in the Superior Court to recover the amount paid to the State in the settlement. Both Smallpage and Ishida filed petitions. The Superior Court of Sacramento

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JUSTICE DEPT' ORDERS CERTAIN CLAIMS TO BE HEARD BY EXAMINER

WASHINGTON. — The Dept. of Justice has informed the Washington Office of the Japanese American Citizens League that it is scheduling certain evacuation claims which it has heretofore set aside temporarily for hearing before its special hearing examiner in California.

Claims for wages and salaries, "anticipated profits," and pre-evacuation and post-evacuation expenses, and claims by profit and non-profit corporations and internees, which have not been previously dismissed, will be scheduled for early hearings in order to dispose of them, the Justice Department notified the JACL office.

Letters are being sent to the claimants advising them of this procedure.

Those who desire to make personal appearances will be afforded that opportunity, but only if they travel at their own expense to either San Francisco or Los Angeles, the designated hearing places. Others may submit their statements and documents for the consideration of the hearing officer by mail.

Should the Lane bill presently pending in the Senate become law, the claims and claimants which it will recognize as beneficiaries of the amendatory legislation will then have the opportunity to have their claims reconsidered, according to Justice Department plans.

Mike Masaoka, Washington JACL representative, and also spokesman for the Committee on Japanese American Evacuation Claims, deplored the government attitude which discriminates in favor of those claimants residing near San Francisco and Los Angeles.

The hearing examiner should be

Issei see cherry trees of D.C. instead of Japan

DENVER. — Instead of going to Japan to see cherry blossoms, 17 Japanese Americans left here Monday on a 10-day tour to see the famed cherry blossoms around the Potomac Basin in Washington, D.C.

Frank Torizawa, who operates the Granada Fish Market, said the group is composed of recently naturalized Issei citizens who were anxious to see the U.S. government in action at the Capitol City. Z. Kanegaye is tour leader.

Arizona flower growers praised

PHOENIX. — The Arizona Republic's Days and Ways magazine, roto-gravure Sunday supplement, last Sunday hailed the Japanese flower growers in the Glendale and East Baseline Rd. areas here with a gorgeous color cover of pretty Sandra Sakata amid multi-colored stock blooms of the Nakamura Farms.

Winter visitors, as well as natives, were being urged to view the handiwork now at their peak. "The awe-inspiring sight of gorgeous flowers, row upon row, is a spectacle no other part of the country can offer at this time of year," the magazine declared.

"Stock-raising in the (Salt River) Valley is as old as the Japanese gardeners' migration to Arizona. It is a special craft, bred of their love and knowledge of the good earth, and no one can compete with the Japanese-growers," it added in explaining the cover.

sent to other centers of Japanese American population, such as Sacramento, Fresno, San Jose, Portland, Salt Lake City, Denver, Chicago, New York City and Seabrook, claimant is given an equal opportunity to present his views.

Western Pioneer proxy row ends in compromise

OAKLAND. — Western Pioneer Insurance Co. management, which seemed split this past month because of the bitterest proxy battle in Nisei business history, was back on even keel with the announcement of its 11-man all-Nisei board of directors Monday night.

In the words of Howard Imazeki of the Hokubei Mainichi who attended the annual stockholders meeting here last week, "the internal struggle of Western Pioneer has ended in a compromise without expanding its proxy squabble to the bitter end as it was first feared."

A statement from the management was expected to be released outlining the points settled in a closed session Saturday. Working out the compromise were Gongoro Nakamura, John Maeno and Setsugo Sakamoto.

Named to the board were Dave Nitake, Hughes Tsuneishi, Kiyo Yamato, John Maeno, all of Los Angeles; Tom Shirakawa, Mike Iwatsubo of Fresno; Taul Watanabe, Gardena; Tim Sasabuchi, Sacramento; George Shima, Stockton; and Tad Hirota, Oakland. Iwatsubo, who still presides as chairman of the board until their next regular meeting, hoped enmity fomented during the proxy campaign would be forgotten.

Watanabe was named executive director of the board.

Among issues decided at the Saturday meeting that was besieged with both factions challenging proxy registrations was the method of selecting the new board. The Stockholders Committee was given the right to select five men to the new 11-man board while the management would have four with privilege to name two mutually acceptable directors.

Employment contracts given to three Caucasian company officers by the former board, which touched off the proxy fight, are to be honored for a period of three years with increased salaries instead of five and seven years, as originally negotiated, it was understood.

Approximately 100 stockholders and proxy representatives were present at the two-day meeting, which lasted four hours on Saturday night, recessed and ending Monday night.

Some 1,300 stockholders possess 30,000 shares outstanding with a face value of \$10 per share. It was being traded over the counter for about \$20-\$23.

OAKLAND. — Western Pioneer Finance Co., a subsidiary of eWestern Pioneer Insurance Co., held its annual stockholders meeting here last week and elected 15 persons to its board of directors.

Taul Watanabe, pres.; Kiyo Yamato, chmn.; Kay Kamiya, Keisaburo Koda Kihei Ikeda, v.p.; Kenji Ito, sec.; Bruce Kaji, ass't sec.; Tom Shirakawa, treas.; Mike Iwatsubo, Tad Hirota, Hughes Thuneishi, exec. comm.; and Preston Ericksen, counsel.

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Grand-daughter of Japanese emissary to Europe guest singer at Orange County JACL fete; to appear with Anaheim opera

BY GEORGE M. ICHIE

SANTA ANA. — Orange County JACLers and guests at the recent installation banquet were presented excellent renditions of both Occidental and Oriental songs by Frieda Harue Kajiya, a newcomer to the county.

Frieda gets her first name from her German grandmother. Her grandfather was a member of the emperor's royal court when he visited in Europe on a diplomatic mission. There he met Johanna, sending for her to come to Japan and to marry him a couple of years later. One of their children was Fritz, Frieda's father.

It was a well-to-do family. Before the war there were five servants and a cook in grandfather's European-type house where they lived. There were formal dinner parties and much music. Frieda's father was an accomplished pianist, and so was her mother. Frieda and her sisters were well trained

and made up a professional singing trio, traveling in Japan, Korea and China.

During the war the family moved to mama's music studio.

Frieda herself has performed in many places, can sing in seven languages and has a full operatic repertoire.

Her rich voice is too low for most soprano parts; so she frequently played second leads, except Carmen. There she was the fiery gypsy. And she's got both the dramatics and the voice to do it well.

During the occupation, Frieda sang in many service clubs, and it was there that Tom (Tosh) Kajiya, her husband-to-be, met her.

They were married in 1948 in Tokyo, finally wound up at the air force base near Condon, Oregon, where their first son, Jimmy, was born July 13, 1951. Their younger son, Freddie, was also born there on Feb. 28, 1953.

On a tour of duty overseas S/Sgt. Kajiya had expected to rejoin his family last fall, but was fatally injured in a jeep accident in French Morocco, North Africa.

His body was flown across the Atlantic and buried in Willamette national cemetery in Portland with military honors on Feb. 17, 1955. A memorial service was held in the Pilgrim Congregational Church in Condon, where Frieda sang.

She kept busy, taking on over 30 young piano pupils and began to sing occasional concerts in Condon

and neighboring towns. The Condon Community Guild took her under its wing and sponsored her in several appearances, as well as bringing her to Portland for a TV appearance.

Since moving to Orange County to be with her father-in-law in Anaheim some five months ago, she has been readjusting herself quite readily. In the near future she will appear in an opera to be sponsored by the American Legion in Anaheim; also, an audition on TV awaits her in Hollywood.

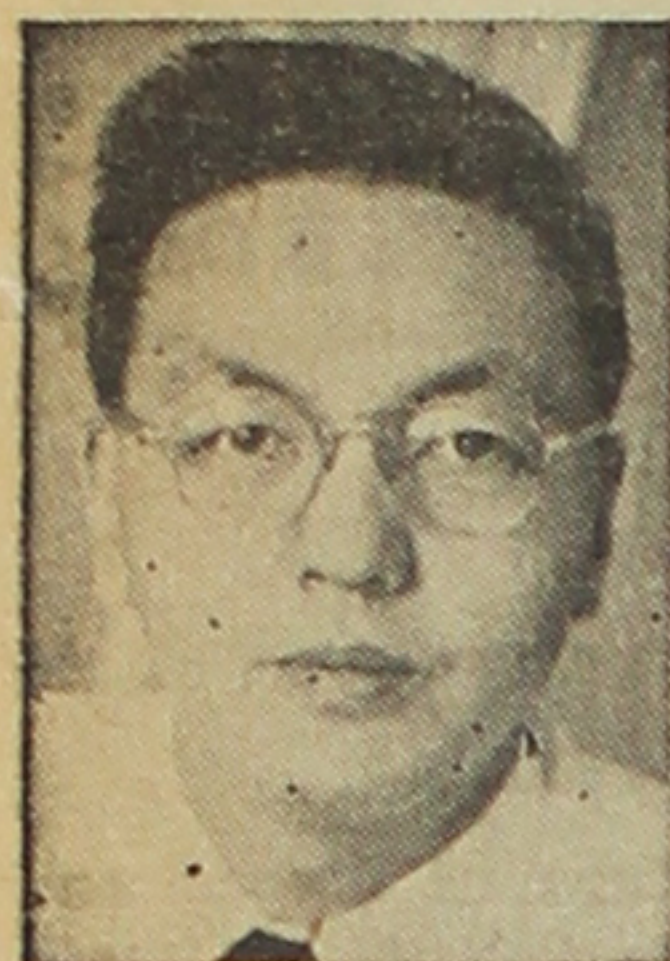
One of her main goals, however, is to begin taking in students for private lessons in piano. She has purchased a car and for the present is earnestly learning the art of vehicling, so that she may make the rounds to her potential students.

Frieda faces her problem, but is pretty sure she will stay in the States to honor her late husband's wish that his boys grow up in America.

—Santana Wind.

(This article was featured in the March issue of the Orange County JACL chapter newspaper, ably edited by George Ichien. The monthly reaches all residents of Japanese ancestry in the county.—Editor.)

FROM THE FRYING PAN: by Bill Hosokawa



Another paratrooper

Denver

First thing you know, Nisei ex-paratroopers will be dropping on us as thickly as if an invasion were under way. You may recall that a couple of weeks ago we wrote about Junie Kawamura who, in World War II, decided he wanted dangerous duty, volunteered for the paratroops, was accepted despite being a Ni-

sei, and made a number of combat jumps in the European theater.

Comes now another Northwesterner who had to learn something about the business of jumping out of a speeding airplane. His name is Kats Nakadate, M.D., formerly of Portland and currently of Walla Walla, Wash., where he is on the staff of the Veterans Administration hospital.

Dr. Nakadate dropped by on his way to Fort Sam Houston somewhere deep in the heart of Texas where he's putting in two weeks of active duty that is expected each year of reserve officers. He was wearing the silver oak leaves of a lieutenant colonel on his collar and a mess of brightly hued ribbons on his chest. Since we hadn't seen Kats for going on 20 years, nothing would do but that we get caught up on the details of his life.

The way Kats tells it, it seems he was graduated from the University of Oregon medical school and was taking his residency in a suburb of Detroit when the war came along. Kats had a reserve officer's commission and was sort of expecting to be called into active duty. But nothing happened. Eventually he moved on to East Chicago, Ind., and had opened a practice. No sooner that was done than he got his marching orders. Wearing the silver bars of a lieutenant, he reported to Camp Shelby where the Nisei 442nd was being whipped into a fighting team.

ASSIGNED TO 17TH AIRBORNE

You've heard, no doubt, that there were more dogfaces with college degrees in the 442nd than in any other unit of comparable size. The same went for doctors and dentists. They were falling over each other's stethoscopes, so to speak, and wondering whether they ought to open somebody up just to keep busy. The army fixed that one day. Somebody pointed at Lieutenant Nakadate and said you, you're just the man we want to volunteer for duty elsewhere. "Elsewhere" turned out to be a school of tropical medicine and immediately the rumor spread that the 442nd was going out to the South Pacific. They were wrong as usual.

The 442nd went off to Europe and Kats completed his course in tropical medicine. Whereupon he was assigned as battalion surgeon in the 17th Airborne, an outfit of chesty young fighting types. Kats was sure there had been a mistake. He'd hadn't volunteered to become a paratrooper, he couldn't see much without his glasses, and he certainly didn't consider himself the Geronimo-shouting swashbuckler. To make a long story short, they gave him two weeks of training in the fine points of parachuting, put him through five training jumps, and with all his knowledge of tropical medicine safely locked away, sent him to Europe with the rest of the 17th Airborne.

The outfit got there just in time to take part in the Battle of the Bulge. In the Battle of the Rhine Kats rode a glider down into enemy territory. Before Hitler gave up the ghost Kats saw enough action to win a Bronze Star and win a Purple Heart with three clusters. (He's still carrying an hors d'oeuvre-size piece of shrapnel in his back close to his spine.) He was among the first American troops in Berlin, came out of the service as a major, and got his lieutenant colonelcy four-five years ago.

NOT MUCH TIME FOR FISHING

Dr. Nakadate and his wife, the former Mary Marumoto, have four youngsters, ages 13 to 5, two of each sex. Kats joined the VA as an anesthesiologist, or whatever they call an expert in anesthetics, hoping he'd have plenty of time for fishing. Hasn't worked out that way, though. He's even thinking of going back into private practice so he can take off after trout or salmon whenever he wants.

VERY TRULY YOURS: by Harry K. Honda



An organized voice

Where have we heard this before? "It's up to the present members to work on problems and not to wait for the older Nisei to take the lead actively" . . . When it was explained that present workers were inexperienced and needed leadership, one old-timer countered: "We older Nisei were inexperienced, too, when we were active in the organization" . . . Another old-timer added that older Nisei with experience were "only as far away as your telephone". Still another held old-timers could help in an advisory capacity. "You have ambition and enthusiasm only in the early 20s," he added . . . Such were quotes found in the *New Canadian* covering a recent Toronto chapter meeting of the Japanese Canadian Citizens Association.

Big problem today for Canadian Nisei concerns immigration. "The bar on immigration from Japan casts a stigma on persons of yellow complexion everywhere," writes Henry Moritsugu, editor of the *New Canadian*. "The exclusion of Canadian Nisei from the United States, except under the immigrant quota for Japan, is a contradiction to Canadian citizenship" . . . Yet, there seems to be lack of enthusiasm by the majority of Canadian Nisei, since Moritsugu says "existing JCCA chapters carry on in lackadaisical fashion and activity reduced

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Frieda Harue Kajiya, who sang at the recent Orange County JACL installation, is a newcomer to the county. She was married to S/Sgt. Tosh Kajiya, who was fatally injured in a jeep accident in North Africa.

Sanger community picnic Apr. 15 at Kearney Park

SANGER. — The local Japanese community picnic will be held at Kearney park on Sunday, April 15, local JACL officers announced. The chapter also said that a donation was received from T. Hikiji.

Monterey VFW officers

MONTEREY. — Kazu Sugano was installed as commander of the Monterey Peninsula Nisei Memorial VFW Post 1629 recently, while Mrs. George Nakashima was initiated as the first president of the women's auxiliary.

JAPANESE PILOTS DUE TRANSPACIFIC FLIGHTS

Japan Air Lines said Japanese pilots on domestic runs will be assigned to the international flights across the Pacific by the end of this year in a program to replace all American pilots who have been employed since the first hop in February, 1954.

Outstanding Bussei named for Kyogoku Recognitions

FRESNO.—Top awards to laymen of the Buddhist Churches of America for the past year were announced by Dr. Kikuo Taira, chairman of the Rev. Kyogoku Recognition Award committee of the Western Young Adult Buddhist League.

Helen Hiroyo Yamada of Sen-shin (Los Angeles) Buddhist Church was named outstanding Jr. YBA member. Ted Takahashi of Clovis was chosen outstanding YBA member. Mrs. Shizue Asai of Cortez, farm-wife and mother of three children, was selected as outstanding Buddhist Sunday School teacher.

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VAGARIES: by Larry S. Tajiri



Japanese 'Barnum'

Denver

It's been our contention that Bob Okazaki, himself a veteran of more than 30 years before Hollywood's cameras, knows more about Japanese in American show business than anyone. Bob has an ear for an anecdote and a prodigious memory. This week, for a Nisei generation which may never have heard of them, Bob spins the stories of the fantastic showman, Kushibiki, and Tsuru Aoki, the first leading lady of Japanese ancestry in American films. Here is Bob Okazaki's story:

"At the turn of the century a Japanese showman who called himself 'Kushibiki' blazed across the American theatrical world. In the United States he was known as 'the Japanese Barnum'.

"Kushibiki established himself by supplying the St. Louis world's fair in 1904 with a Japanese village—an exotic collection of acrobats, magicians, dancing girls and a collection of freaks. He then went into the wholesale importation of Nipponese attractions of the vaudeville chains which, in those pre-TV, pre-movie days, supplied theaters in nearly every city, town and village in America. It seemed no bill was complete without a Nipponese juggler, wirewalker with the inevitable Japanese parasol, a bandy-legged acrobat or some other so-called 'dumb act' to open or close the stage show.

"At one time Kushibiki's fantastic operations from his San Francisco office covered the globe. He had a staff of more than 50 press agents, booking managers and advance men. He purchased 40 acres of Oakland waterfront where stage scenery, props, costumes, drapes and drops were sorted, hung, assembled and packed for shipment to the remote corners of his far-flung theatrical empire.

"Later, when the movies became popular and the demand for live talent slackened, Kushibiki returned to Japan and built the Akadama dance palace on Osaka's gay Dotombori. He called it the world's largest dance hall.

"I've often thought that some Japanese motion picture company should make a film based on the exciting exploits of this legendary showman.

JAPANESE TROUPERS STAY

"One of Kushibiki's earlier imports of theatrical companies from Nippon—in 1901—was a repertory group known as the Kawakami Dramatists, with Kawakami Sadayakko as leading lady. Their repertoire included not only the classic Japanese sword plays, but also Shakespeare in Japanese with wonderful costumes to match. Their cultural offerings, however, went totally unappreciated by audiences of farm hands, miners, railroad gandy dancers, ranchers and other horny-handed pioneers of the wild and woolly west. They flopped, miserably.

"Broke and discouraged, the Kawakami troupe awaited a homeward-bound ship at San Francisco. However, some Japanese businessmen in Seattle heard of their plight and delegated one of them, Tatsuya Arai (father of oldtime JACLer Clarence Arai) to bring the Kawakami company to Seattle. The businessmen wanted to introduce Japanese culture to the Pacific Northwest. Among these men were Ootaka Yamaoka (father of the international lawyer, George Yamaoka, and film veterans Iris and Otto Yamaoka) and Tetsuo Takahashi, father of Ted Takahashi.

"After a performance in Seattle the Kawakami were again advised to return to Japan. But in the group was a pretty little girl who played child roles. Her father, Hyosai Arai, an artist had accompanied the company because of his daughter, and had doubled as stage manager. He liked America and he decided to stay.

"Arai and his daughter, Tsuru, settled down in Pasadena, Calif., where the artist found a ready market along millionaire's row on Orange Grove Ave. for his paintings and sculptured pieces. Even today Hyosai's paintings of peacocks, framed in gilt, hang in the sedate homes along Orange Grove Ave.

"Tsuru grew up amidst the refinement of her Pasadena environment and became a protegee of Ruth St. Denis, then the reigning queen of the dance.

FIRST JAPANESE LEADING FEM STAR

"Tsuru had been on the stage since her 8th birthday. Now a young woman, she charmed audiences in her appearances as a member of the St. Denis company. She was discovered by the movies in 1913 and appearance in Keystone comedies opposite Fred Mace. The first girl of Japanese ancestry in Hollywood films, she soon became a star. Petite, utterly feminine and thoroughly Japanese, Tsuru Aoki was starred in a series of motion pictures tailored to her talent—*The Tokyo Siren*, *Locked Lips*, *Birthright*, *The Curse of Iku* and many others. Destined to be fateful was her 1914 starring vehicle, *Wrath of the Gods*, filmed at Inceville, a mile or so north of the Santa Monica beach. Her leading man in that film was another Japanese who was to become an important name in Hollywood. He was Sessue Hayakawa.

"Tsuru fell in love with Hayakawa. A friend, Shinichiro Segawa, probably the first student of Japanese descent to graduate from USC, learned of the romance. He took upon himself the real-life role of *baishakunin* and arranged the Arai-Hayakawa nuptials which took place later that year.

"After her marriage Tsuru Aoki relegated her own screen prominence to the background and concentrated on building her husband's career. When Sessue was secure in his stardom, relations had changed between them. Tsuru returned to Japan so that Sessue would be able to bask in his success, alone and unencumbered. In real life, Tsuru Aoki played her greatest role. . . . As for Sessue Hayakawa, that's another story. . . ."

Hilo Nisei doctor at Oak Ridge atomic energy laboratory honored in magazine article for successful skin grafts

OAK RIDGE, Tenn. — A major contribution to "the search for a successful means to graft skin and possibly whole organs from one human being to another," has been made by Dr. Takashi Makinodan of Hilo, T.H., honored in a recent article in the New York Herald Tribune.

In the doctor's experiment a mouse whose red blood cells were destroyed by X-rays was injected with a rat's bone marrow.

In a few days the marrow replaced the red blood cells, saving the life of the "mouse with 100 per cent rats' blood."

Ordinarily material cannot be transplanted among different kinds of animals.

In Dr. Makinodan's experiment, the transplanted bone marrow ". . . did not die presumably because the X-rays had killed the tissue in the mice which ordinarily produce chemicals (antibodies)

that destroy any foreign material entering the body.

"The experiment demonstrated that . . . the animal body can even stand tissue from another species, and that such tissue will grow and perform its usual functions," according to the Herald Tribune.

Dr. Makinodan joined the biology division of the Oak Ridge National Laboratory which is supported by the Atomic Energy Commission, in May, 1955.

His wife, who teaches at Oak Ridge, is the former Jane Ogane-ku of Honolulu.

The scientist's parents are Mr. and Mrs. Shinsuke Makinodan of Honolulu.

Their other children are Noboru Makinodan of Pahoia, Mrs. Shizue Kaya of Hilo, Mrs. Ellen Hamada and Akira Makinodan of Honolulu.

FRIEND ENTERS ORCHIDS IN MIAMI SHOW, WINS PRIZE UNKNOWINGLY

HILO. — Flowers entered without a local grower's knowledge won him a second-place award in a recent Miami (Fla.) orchid show.

Yoshiichi Nakagawa only intended to brighten up the South Florida Orchid Society Show by sending sprays of 10 different hybrid vandas to a Florida friend.

But the friend was so impressed he entered the orchids in the vanda class of the cut-flower division, and they took second place.

Nakagawa lost all his plants in the 1946 tidal wave, but has rebuilt his collection since then.

Granary explosion block away for Inouye hostel

PHILADELPHIA. — A devastating explosion Wednesday night last week which reduced a four-story granary to flaming rubble in the 30th and Market St. area occurred about a block from the hostel operated by Mr. and Mrs. Saburo Inouye, formerly of Sacramento.

The blast rocked a 35-mile area and as far as the eye could see there were broken windows, smashed automobiles and scattered debris.

The Inouye couple, who were on the West Coast two weeks ago to attend a wedding of their son George in Los Angeles, have been operating the hostel for Japanese Americans since 1944.

San Jose Intercultural festival ends Civic Week

SAN JOSE. — Several interpretative Japanese instrumental numbers by Shizu Tani and dances by a group of Sansei girls are included in the sixth annual Intercultural Festival Monday, Apr. 9, 8-10 p.m., at the IES Hall, 1401 E. Santa Clara St.

The program marks the climax to the city-wide proclaimed Civic Week sponsored by the local Council for Civic Unity in which the local JACL chapter is a member.

Arlene Ikemoto and Shirley Matsumura will be store-keepers of the sidewalk cafe where foods of different nationality groups are to be offered during the intermission period of the program. Other presentations will be made by talented persons from the Yugoslavian, Filipino, Indian, Mexican and Negro communities.

YOKOZEKI-MARUYA OPEN LAW OFFICE

Dave Yokozeki, who is PSWDC chairman, and George Maruya, Downtown L.A. JACL cabinet member, this week opened their law offices at 3324 W. Jefferson Blvd., Los Angeles.

Escheat case—

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County awarded the \$25,000 to Smallpage.

Mrs. Ishida filed an appeal with the District Court of Appeals that the trial court improperly awarded the sum to Smallpage, since it was the express intent of the statute to award the money to persons who had been injured by the existence and operation of the Alien Land Law and the escheat proceedings instituted under such law.

The 1953 special statute specifically provides that the court was to award the sum of settlement without regard to technicalities of title and to consider the equitable merits of the claim regardless of who actually paid the settlement sum.

Chuman stated that JACL had a proper interest in seeing that alien land law remedial acts were given proper judicial effect to express legislative intent and purpose.

The JACL had also been urged to enter as amicus curiae in the Ishida case by attorneys Gordon H. Winton, Jr. of Merced, T. Dean Itano and Tom Muraki of Sacramento, Sho Sato of Berkeley and Joseph Omachi of Stockton, who are well-known in their JACL chapters.

As consultant in the Ishida case is Joe Grant Masaoka, former regional JACL director who resigned in early 1951 to assist Nisei landowners who had forfeited their farms or compromised with the state in the escheat cases as legislative advocate in Sacramento.

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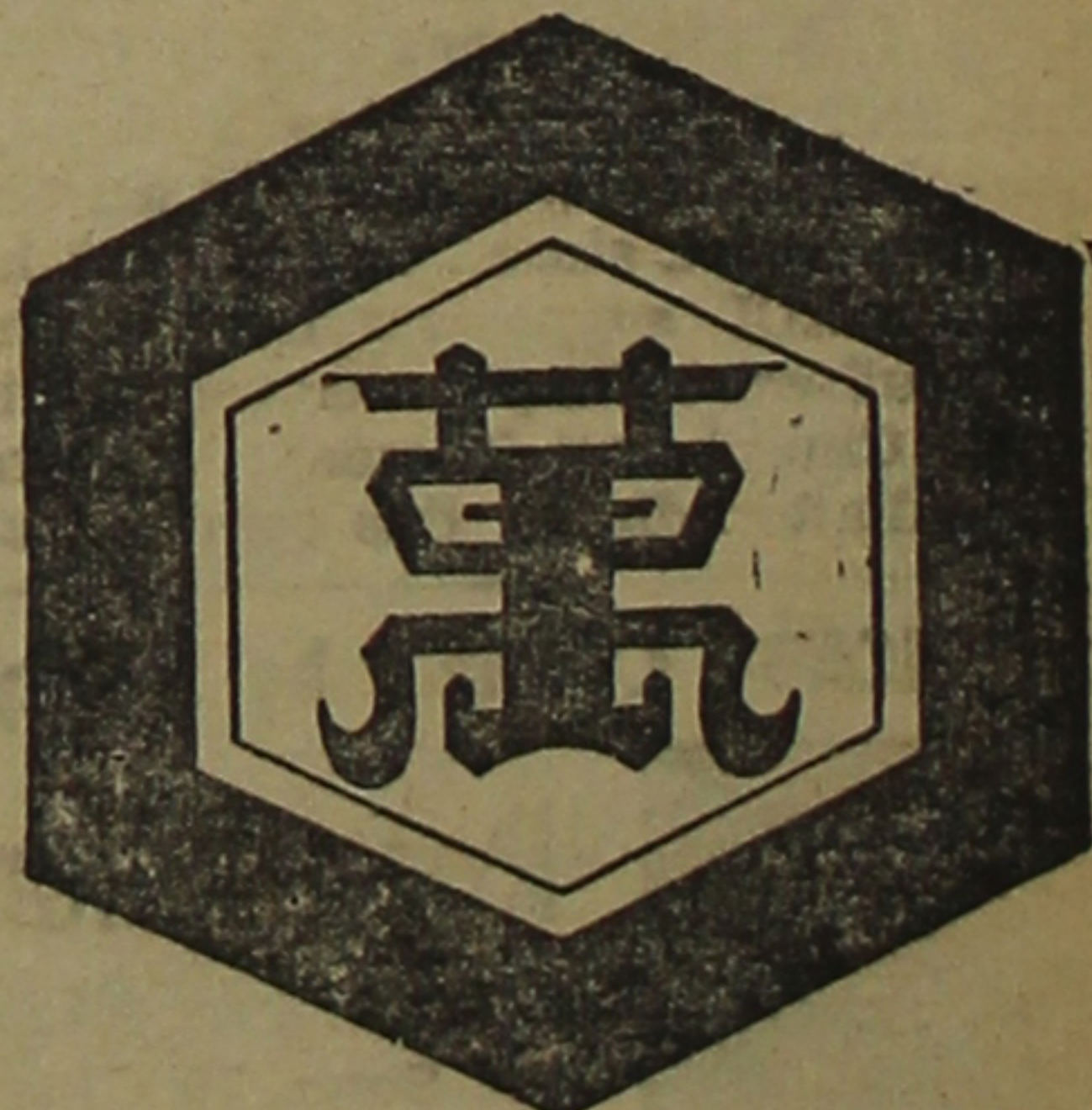
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SOU'WESTER: by Tats Kushida



Crank up No. 2

Los Angeles
 ● The second Nacirema film, "Hot Rod Girl", having wound up its 10½-day shooting sked on Monday, the boys threw another studio party that night which brought out some 500 movie-connected enjoiners of gratis grub and guzzle—producers, directors, writers, agents, actors and publicity people, mites and moguls.

And oh, yes, the forty or so Nisei investors in the two 100-G productions. The cast including Chuck Connors, Lori Nelson and John Smith, cameraman Sam Leavitt and director Les Martensen were taking bows for a top job that'll be packaged with a sexsational pic by American Releasing for a terrific double bill.

Which brings us to our linguistics. H-R-G, in J. phonetics, reads *huto rado garu*. Confluently, it's *hatoradogaru*, which, dissected, becomes *ha* (tooth), *Tora* (boy's name), *dog* (canine) and *aru* (there is). Translation: that boy's got fangs. Fact is, there are some wolfish teenagers, both sexes, in this pic which releases in May.

ROUGH RIDER

● It wasn't to avoid riding the Santa Fe streamliner to San Diego, the one that flipped fast on a slow curve, that we went Thursday by Greyhound. For some reason there just isn't a late train out of S.D. for L.A. So to get back the same night, you gotta bus it. And we did, pulling in around four ayem, our busdriver punching the clock at every jerkwater town enroute.

But the Issei recog banquet, the Esdee chapter's third annual, was a fine affair to attend. Prexy Tad Imoto emoted as emcee and intro'd the speaking guests, Fed Judge Jacob Weinberger, ass't to the mayor Phil Akers, and the S'w'er who got top billing in anticipation of a Japanese speech that didn't materialize. Other guests included three citizenship instructors, a deputy registrar and Revs. George Yahiro and Kenji Kikuchi, the former responding for the Issei citizens who made up the bulk of the 75 on hand. Third veepee, Bert Tanaka, did a competent job in presenting the entertainment wrap-up. Locale was the Lafayette Hotel where the chapter held a successful New Year's dance.

UN-SNAFU

● PC's circulation foul-up of late should be clear by now. The outfit making addressograph plates for our Speedaumat gives us snail service. Then the *dorobo* ransacking our files and records hasn't helped. But Bessie Yanamoto, the new gal who's now in charge of this department (circ., not robberies) is just about caught up with things. Apologies, especially to 1000 Clubbers who were inconvenienced.

HI-CO CONFAB

● That's the handle for a well-motivated weekend conference (two days, one night) of high school and college students designed to provide an experience with personal contact with students of different backgrounds, exchange ideas, encourage young people to undertake leadership responsibilities in school, church and community, and to conduct a sort of clinic offering tips on careers, among other things.

Sounds ambitious? Not for the serious conceivers of this project: our own Janet Fukuda, Miss National JACL ('54-'56) who's president of the Associated Women Students at USC, and Bill Marumoto, president of the student body at Whittier College. Both are leaders of the O.C. Jays, a junior CL group of active youngsters sponsored by the Orange County chapter.

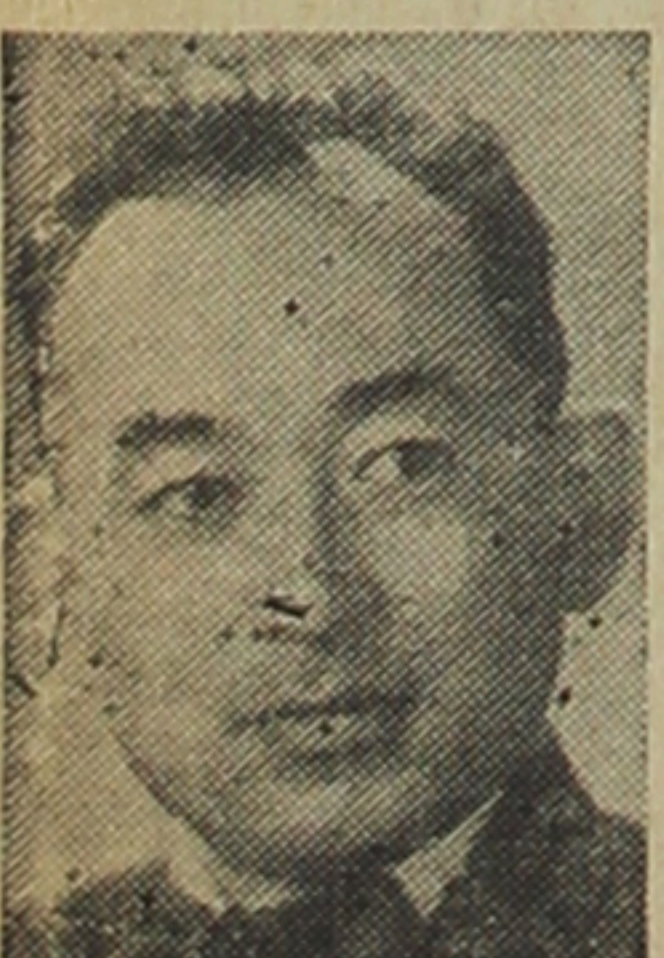
The S'w'er would like to see this HI-CO Conference go through, even with a modest start, once the problems of sponsorship (PSWDC, f'rinstance), nominal financing, chaperonage, transpo, resource consultants, supervision and programming are worked out. The group working with Jan and Bill have plenty of willing hands. Up to a hundred students, mostly from the Ellay area but open to all SoCal, would spend a weekend in the middle of June at Forest Home in the beautiful San Bernardino mountains at minimum cost to participants. They deserve much support and encouragement in their planning.

NEW PUBLICATION

● ASIA SCENE, ad for which you see in this week's PC, is a pretty nifty mag, the only monthly of its type we've seen. Lots of interesting, readable stuff about the Orient that's ideally suited for Nisei readers—pix essays, cultural and newsy items—printed entirely in flawless English. You won't go wrong on sending your four bucks to P.O. Box 2091 of the Terminal Annex in L.A. for a year's supply of this Sankei publication.

● RECENT VISITORS: Joe Yoshino, Frisco realtor, whose 17-year-old nephew was killed in a freight elevator accident in a downtown dept. store . . . Mr. and Mrs. Peter Fukunaga of Honolulu, JACL supporters from years back. MORE MEETINGS: Southwest Ellay voter registration night at St. Mary's Episcopal Church last Tuesday; Ventura County chapter's annual installation dinner this coming Sunday night in Oxnard.

CHICAGO CORNER: by Smoky H. Sakurada



Recognition fete

Chicago
 ● Some 70 CLers gathered at the Chicago chapter recognitions dinner on Mar. 24 at the Old Cathay restaurant to honor the 1954 and 1955 cabinet officers under Kumeo Yoshinari, two-term chapter president.

Abe Hagiwara, MDC chairman, accompanied by Tokuzo Gordon and his ever-present ukulele at song-time, was master of ceremonies at the Chinese feast. National 1000 Club chairman Shig Wakamatsu introduced Yoshinari, who hails from The Dalles, Ore., where he was president of the Mid-Columbia JACL at the young age of 18.

Dr. Thomas T. Yatabe, first national JACL president, bestowed the past-president pearl-studded pin to Kumeo. "Doc" hoped that someday he would have the honor of repeating with a sapphire pin.

In his response, Yoshinari spoke for a strong Jr. JACL program, a pension plan for loyal JACL staff personnel (such

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SOUTHWEST L.A. OPENS UP 1956 MEMBERSHIP DRIVE THROUGH APRIL

The Southwest Los Angeles JACL membership drive has been restricted primarily with renewals so far, according to Tom Shimazaki, vice-president in charge of membership, and it will shift into high gear this week.

An all-out door-to-door canvass has been launched for the month of April to conclude Apr. 30.

Armed with a long list containing names of virtually every potential JACL member residing in the Southwest and Uptown areas, four membership teams will be operating. The current SWLA count stands at 400, it was revealed in the monthly chapter bulletin.

Serving on the four teams, picking names starting with letters J, A, C, L, are:

- Jackpotters—Dick Toyama (capt.), George Fujita, George Hiraga, Bob Iwasaki, Ellen Kubo, Saye Matsui, Tats Minami, Hide Umino, Hana Uno.
- Activators—Min Toda (capt.), Kango Kunitzugu, Satomi Kuramoto, Shu Miyazaki, Gene Matsumoto, Shigeo Matsumoto, Mabel Ota, Tom Shimazaki, Roy Sugimoto, Alice Watanabe, Kaz Yamaga, Jack Yoshimoto.
- Charmers—San Hirasawa (capt.), Tosh Bingo, Sab Horiba, Terry Hosaka, Hiroko Kawanami, Rose Kunishige, Monte Minami, Tats Sumida, Kimi Tashima Janet Yamada.

Loafers—Peter Yano (capt), Koi Asano, Ike Hatchimonji, Bill Hamamoto, Roy Iketani, Jim Ito, Sumi Nerio, Christine Sumi, Fumi Ushiyama, Lois Yagi, Terumi Yamaguchi, Hisashi Horita Amy Yamamoto and Jim S. Yamamoto.

Plans for a potluck supper following the campaign were also announced with the losing teams treating the winning squad. A crew of 64 members donated one or more evenings compiling the list at Mack Hamaguchi's office, where copies of the reverse list telephone books from John T. Saito of Saito Realty, John Nishimura of Nanka Realty, and Chick Furuye of Asia Realty were utilized.

During the February membership drive conducted on a point-system, Monte Minami was declared winner with 22 points, followed by Mary Matsumura 16 and Miyo Yasukochi 12. They received dance lesson certificates from Gene Parker Studio. Kimi Tashima and Hiroko Kawanami were also recipients of certificates.

Greased pig chase planned as finale of Placer County JACL community picnic

BY ROY YOSHIDA

PENRYN.—Preparations for Placer JACL's eighth annual community picnic on Sunday, Apr. 15, at the JACL Recreation Park near here are rapidly being completed, disclosed Bob Kozaiku and Nobuya Nimura, co-chairmen of the special events committee.

This much-awaited county-wide outdoor festival, featuring races, games, concessions and a queen contest, is scheduled to start at 10 a.m., with a flag raising ceremony. Around 4,000 people, including many visitors from all over Northern California, are expected to attend this daddy of all community picnics.

Hiroko Kashiwabara, events chairman, said her committee is making plans to introduce many novel events this year, in addition to regular events for kiddies from six to 60. It was also announced that special emphasis will be placed on activities for children 8 years and younger, with an area set aside for this group.

Instead of the greased pole climb, Miss Kashiwabara hinted the committee is planning to have a greased pig chase for the final event of the day.

On picnic night there will be a gala Issei entertainment program at the Penryn Japanese hall. According to Masuo Masuda, Issei program chairman, entertainment will include Japanese movies, a

Nisei musical group and local talent. As an added attraction, valuable merchandise donated extra by the local Nisei merchants will be given as door prizes.

As a forerunner to the picnic program, a festive picnic ball is set for Saturday night, Apr. 14, at the Loomis Memorial hall, from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m., announced Koichi Uyeno, dance chairman.

Rollicking Ellis Miller and his band will furnish the music. Admission will be \$1.50 a couple or stag, with stagettes admitted free.

The candidates for the picnic queen contest will be introduced during the dance intermission, added Uyeno. He also said there will be a hospitality committee on hand to make sure all those attending will have an enjoyable evening.

Ed Yamashiro, ground arrangement chairman, and a crew of committeemen have already put in several Sundays of work getting the park in order for the picnic. Picnicking areas have been cleared of brush, obnoxious weeds and low hanging tree limbs, and the sanitation and water facilities, which were damaged by vandals, are being repaired.

Other major chairmen working on preparations are as follows:

George Hirakawa and Harry Kawahata, finance and prizes; James Uyeda, program; Frank Hironaka, concessions; and Roy Yoshida, publicity.

Monterey Peninsula JACL past leaders honored at March chapter installation

MONTEREY.—March was a busy month for the Monterey Peninsula JACL.

Starting out the month, the chapter-sponsored Boy Scout Troop 47 put on a benefit movie to purchase necessary equipment. At the movie, the Women's Auxiliary sold homemade cookies and proceeds were donated to the Scouts. The chairman for the cookie sale was Mrs. Kaz Ky Miyamoto, Mrs. Barton Yoshida, and Mrs. George Esaki.

During the second week in March installation dinner-dance was held at the Pacific Room of the Hotel San Carlos. Guests of the evening were: Mas Satow, Yas Abiko, Emmet McMenamin, and the newly naturalized citizens. Event chairman was Kay Nobusada.

Chapter President George Kodama and his cabinet members, and Auxiliary co-presidents Mrs. Mike Sanda and Mrs. Yo Takata, and officers were installed by the National JACL director Mas Satow.

Honored at this affair were the past presidents of the Monterey chapter who were given past presidents pins and commended for their past achievements. Those in attendance and receiving the pins were: Kaz Oka, James Tabata, Kay Nobusada, Henry Tanaka, Ken Sato, Harry Menda, & George Esaki.

The Women's Auxiliary is again helping with this year's Red Cross drive. Appointed as captain of Precinct 6 is Mrs. Rinzi Manaka and assisting her is Mrs. Yo Tabata and Mrs. James Takigawa.



'1000' CLUB NOTES

SAN FRANCISCO.—A total of 142 memberships and renewals was received during the month of March, 1956, by National JACL Headquarters. It was announced as the biggest month as far as the 1000 Club is concerned and current memberships stand at 1,010 members. The list for Mar. 15-30 is as follows:

- LIFE MEMBERSHIP**
Chicago—Harry Mizuno.
San Francisco—Frank M. Nonaka.
- EIGHTH YEAR**
Richmond—El Cerrito—Dr. Yoshiye To-gasaki.
- SEVENTH YEAR**
Chicago—Noboru Honda, Thomas T. Masuda.
Boise—Yoshio Takahashi.
- SIXTH YEAR**
Berkeley—Masuji Fujii.
- FIFTH YEAR**
Chicago—Dr. Frank Sakamoto.
Seattle—Kay Yamaguchi.
- FOURTH YEAR**
Mt. Olympus—Yukus Inouye.
Mile-Hi—George Mits Kaneko.
Seattle—James M. Matsuoka.
Southwest L.A.—Shigeru Nakano, Ta-tsuo Yata.
- THIRD YEAR**
Richmond—El Cerrito — Tosh Adashi, Taro Fukushima, Jun Honda, Minoru Mayeda, Tosh Nabeta, Tamaki Ni-nomiya, Heizo Oshima, Roy Sakai, Sam Sakai.
Delano—Sam Azuma.
Chicago—William Fujii, Jean Shimasa-ki.
San Francisco—Dr. Carl T. Hirota, William T. Kimura.
Detroit—Roy T. Kaneko.
Seattle—George Y. Kawachi, Ted A. Sakahara.
- CLEVELAND**—George Y. Ono.
- SECOND YEAR**
Cleveland—Robert E. Fujita.
Southwest L.A.—Dr. Toru Iura, Ma-tsumi Naruse, Carl M. Tamaki.
Seattle—Tom S. Iwata, Harry S. Ka-wabe.
Orange County—George Kanno, Mrs. Kiku Matsukane.
Chicago—Corky T. Kawasaki, Shigeru Nakahira (Madison, Wisc.).
Richmond—El Cerrito—Meriko Maida, Joe Ooishi, George J. Sugihara, Mar-vin Uratsu.
Sacramento—Kanji Nishijima, Dr. Al-win Sato, Noboru Shirai.
Detroit—James T. Shimoura, Mitsuyo-shi Uyeda.
- FIRST YEAR**
San Francisco—Takeo B. Utsumi, Mrs. Kenji Kasai, Joseph T. Kobokawa.
Richmond—El Cerrito—Dr. Thomas Oda.
Mt. Olympus—Dr. Dan Oniki.
Southwest L.A.—Roy H. Iketani, Frank M. Iwasaki, Fred Kohno, Dr. John T. Okada, Terumi Yamaguchi, Jim-mie S. Yamamoto.
Chicago—Frank Y. Takahashi, Frank Y. Doi, Ted Kawachi.
Detroit—George Matsushiro, Tom T. Tagami, George I. Takagi.
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San Francisco

Recently joined our National Director Mas and his missus on a weekend junket to the "Biggest Little City in the World". Mas was combining business with pleasure (there's no more exciting or intriguing a place to lose your hard earned money than at Reno), and we tagged along to ballyhoo "Changing Perspectives" and surrender our share to the "one armed bandits". We were treated to an excellent dinner at a spot called the Villa Sierra, and we can't recall a better filet in a long time. Our hosts were Henry Hattori, prexy of the Reno Chapter and Bill Ishida, chapter treasurer and Bay Area emigree.

Saturday night we met members of the Reno Chapter at a meeting held in the Chamber of Commerce Building, where Mas filled in the JACLers on national affairs and problems. This writer was called upon to bring them up to date on our coming Biennial. After the meeting we enjoyed refreshments at the Hattori home in Sparks. There we met Henry's wife, Mary, and got better acquainted with Eunice Oshima, active JACLer and one of the Silver State Nisei natives.

Easily a high spot in our Reno tour was renewing acquaintance with past Reno prexy and long time 1000 Club member Fred Aoyama. As always, Fred, Hana, and their two kids, Judy and Calvin, rolled out the red carpet, and were really hospitable. Fred's the official delegate for his chapter, and assured us that package deals will be forthcoming right quick. Incidentally, Fred is the "nisan" of Mickey Aoyama, secretary of our San Francisco Chapter and an active Women's Auxiliary member.

SOUVENIR BOOKLET EDITOR

Our efforts for a souvenir booklet, symbolic of the stature gained by JACL, and reflecting our convention theme, "Changing Perspectives", suffered a sad blow recently when Committee Chairman and Editor Yori Wada was forced to submit his resignation due to personal circumstances. An integral part of our total community through his active participation in the Democratic Party, VFW, and work as staff member at the Booker T. Washington Community Center, Yori has made his presence felt on the Convention Board. He had started the wheels rolling on the Booklet and authored a resolution urging that National Officers devote full attention to making the council sessions of our Biennial fully reflective of our theme, "Changing Perspectives". You don't substitute for a front line man like Yori easily, but we were encouraged by the fact that he has agreed to stay on as consulting editor. He will also stay with us as coordinator of our "youth project", which now seems to be shaping up a little. More about that next time.

CHICAGO CORNER: by Smoky H. Sakurada

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as Mas Satow and Tats Kushida) who continue to preserve the prestige of JACL and urged CLers to stay active. If one feels weary, he added, we only need to think of Doc Yatabe and his long years of service. He also has a warm spot in his heart for those who join the 1000 Club, too. Cabinet officers were presented with certificates of appreciation.

Among the CLers present was Dr. Toru Iura, past-president of the Southwest Los Angeles chapter, who issued the membership challenge to Chicago, on behalf of Roy Iketani, 1956 SWLA leader. Dr. Iura, rocket engineer for North American Aviation, was visiting General Motors in Detroit.

Paul Otake and his committee are to be commended for a job well done.

ABOUT PEOPLE

Vince Tamura, fourth-dan judoist named with Mits Kimura of San Francisco to represent the U.S. at the world judo tournament in Tokyo May 3-5, is the assistant and brother of Masato Tamura, head of the Jiu Jitsu Institute, 334 S. Wabash Ave. Vince is also studying business administration at Bryant Stratton.

Mrs. Grace Okuno, CLer, is visiting her parents in Hiroshima this past month and is due home Apr. 8. Her husband, Kats, a 1000er, is proprietor of Okay Wood Products.

The new mass migration of Negroes to the city is swiftly creating a new problem of merit-employment, which is renewing efforts of the American Friends Service Committee, of which John Y. Yoshino is its director of job opportunities. In a recent Chicago Tribune Sunday story, the former Alameda Nisei told the reporter that much has been done since 1942 by many agencies to extend employment to people irrespective of race, creed or color. He explained his program to break the ice where minorities have not been employed before by introducing a "pilot person", who has the basic skills for the job, plus adequate education, intelligence, poise and social adaptability. He feels such a person can allay potential fears which might arise and to an extent making the path smoother for those who might follow. Yoshino has had success with this approach in Loop financial institutions, retail stores and law firms. The job opportunities program was first launched in 1950.

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Mt. Olympus CL president to move to West Coast

SALT LAKE CITY. — Over 80 attended the "surprise" meeting of the Mt. Olympus JACL Mar. 20 at the LDS Mexican Ward where the men assumed chores of hosting the gathering. Leis were handed to all present to match the Hawaiian theme.

Toby Hirabayashi presided over the short business meeting, his last before departing for the West Coast to make his home. The gavel was turned over by the president to the first vice-president Ida Taeoka, who will fulfill the duties of president for the chapter.

A desk pen set was presented to President and Mrs. Hirabayashi by the chapter in appreciation for their timeless efforts.

Tomi Shiota, Betsy Shimato and Mona Tan presented several dance numbers of their native Hawaii.

Fresh Hawaiian pineapple flown in especially for this event through the efforts of Yoshio Katayama was served with other delicious refreshments by the fellows as auctioneer Yukus Inouye auctioned other pineapple to those who could not resist his keen salesmanship.

Dancing to the smooth rhythm of Myron Ottley and his orchestra was greatly enjoyed by all.

Chairman for this successful event was Frank Harada and assisting him on the committee were Shigeki Ushio, Yukus Inouye and Mas Namba.

Satow to address S.F. Auxiliary Sunday luncheon

SAN FRANCISCO. — Masao Satow, national JACL director, will be guest speaker at the San Francisco JACL Auxiliary luncheon meeting Sunday, Apr. 15, at Tokyo Sukiyaki. Marie Kogawa is luncheon chairman.

Twelve Auxiliary members participated in the 23rd annual Easter lily and seals campaign for the San Francisco Guild for the Crippled Children.

Volunteers who covered the Van Ness and Polk area as well as Japanese district were Mrs. Tomi Yasueda, Mrs. Fumi Hoshiyama, Mrs. Amey Aizawa, Daisy Uyeda, Dorothy Suzuki, Katherine Reyes, Sumako Fukumori, Kuni, Koga, Hana Abe, Vi Nakano; Mrs. Chizu Satow and Mrs. Nao Sugiyama provided the transportation.

Richmond-El Cerrito CL get-acquainted social to feature dance trials

RICHMOND. — A get-acquainted party will be held on Saturday, April 14, at the Richmond Youth Memorial Hall at 7:30 p.m., Sei Kami, local JACL president, announced.

Yoshio Ono will lead the group in ballroom dancing. Refreshments will be provided, according to Meriko Maida and Mrs. Sachi Yamada, co-chairmen.

If there is enough interest shown at this affair, dancing classes with Ono as instructor will be continued, announced Jim Kimoto, who was instrumental in obtaining Ono for this party.

Calif. absentee ballot information disclosed

SAN JOSE. — Phil Matsumura, deputy registrar of voters, was in charge of the recent San Jose JACL voters' registration service. While registrations for California primaries were closed Apr. 12, he said May 16 is the first day to apply for absentee ballots and May 31 as the last day. Primary election day is June 5.

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Long Beach CL sets first general meeting Apr. 9

LONG BEACH. — The first general meeting of the Long Beach-Harbor District JACL will be held next Monday, Apr. 9, 8 p.m., at the Harbor Japanese Community Center, it was announced by Easy Fujimoto, chapter president.

After 1956 cabinet officers are introduced, there will be a get-acquainted social with dancing, bridge, door prizes and refreshments.

Committeemen in charge include Fred Nakagawa, Marlene Hada, Helen Kobata, Virgie Iwata, Haj Fukumoto, George Iseri and Nobu Narita.

WLA chapter slates voter registration

BY STEVE YAGI

Following the successful installation dinner-dance held recently at the Santa Monica Elks Club, the newly-elected cabinet of the West Los Angeles JACL has planned another bang-up colorful program for next Tuesday, Apr. 10, 7:30 p.m., at the West L.A. Buddhist Hall, 2003 S. Corinth Ave.

David Akashi, newly-elected president, will preside at the short business session when various reports on finances, national JACL convention, and membership, are to be made.

Following the business portion, a program devoted to brief talks on "Why I Am a Republican" and "Why I Am a Democrat" will be made. Robert Iwamoto will chair. Colors will be posted by Boy Scout Troop 39.

This being an election year, the chapter will also have on hand that night the services of a deputy registrar of voters for recently naturalized Issei, who should bring their naturalization certificates at this time, and for Nisei voters.

Special feature of the evening will be the short subject movies on WRA Camp Life in color, travel log on Japan and others as time will permit. Also on display will be a special Japanese Boys' Day exhibit through courtesy of Japan Air Lines.

Dr. Kiyoshi Sonoda, social chairman, is being assisted by Midori Nishi, Dr. Milton Inouye, Ruth Miyada and Steve Yagi.

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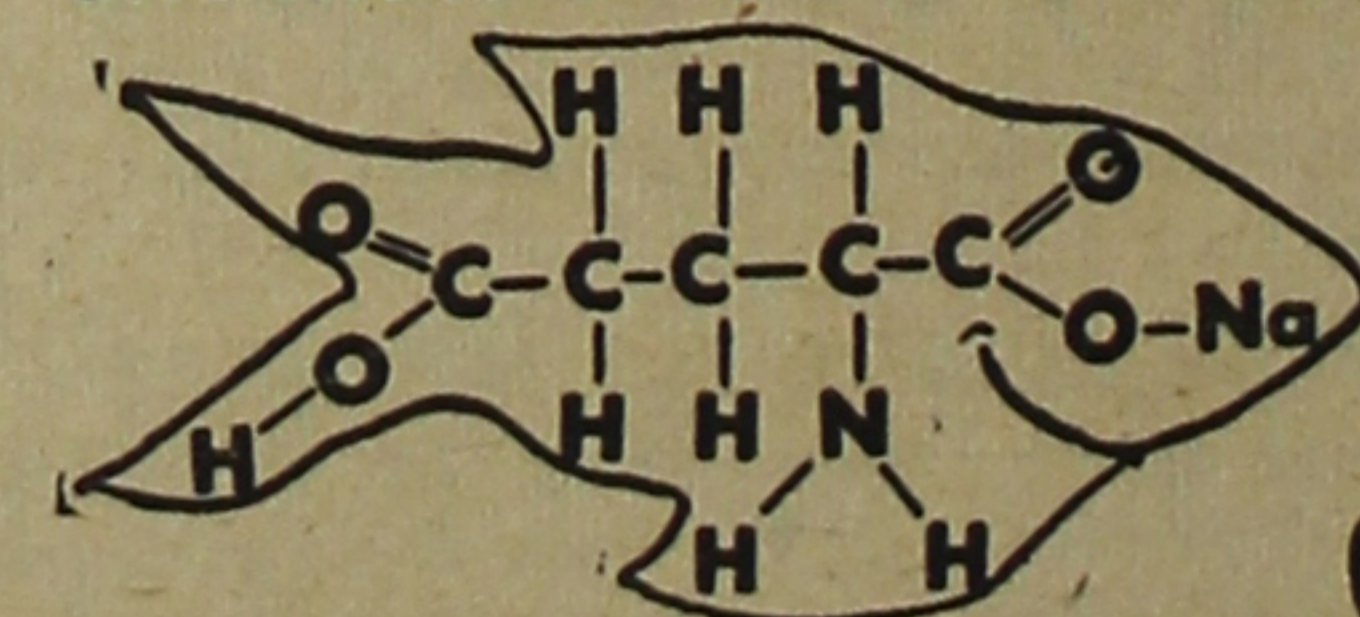
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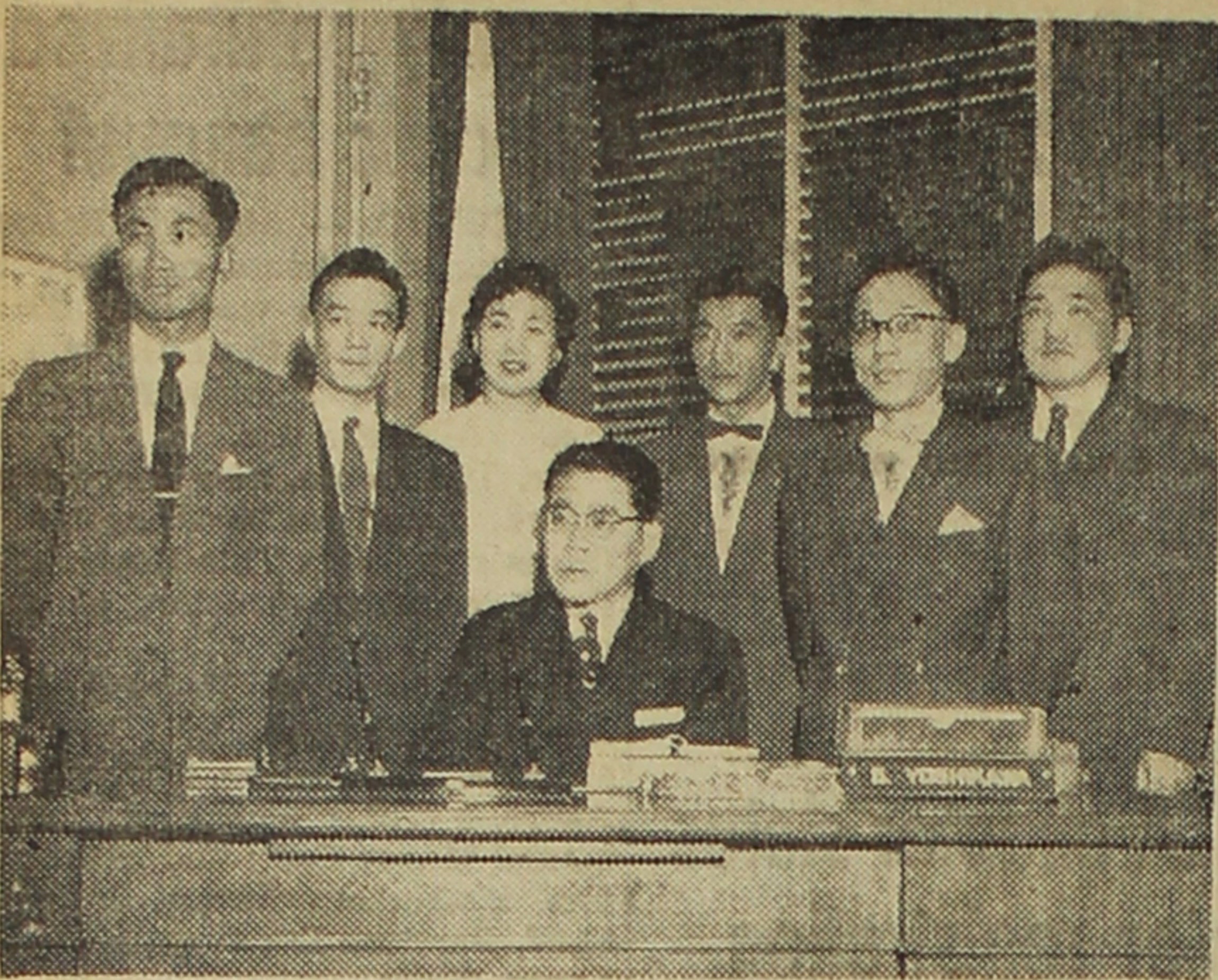
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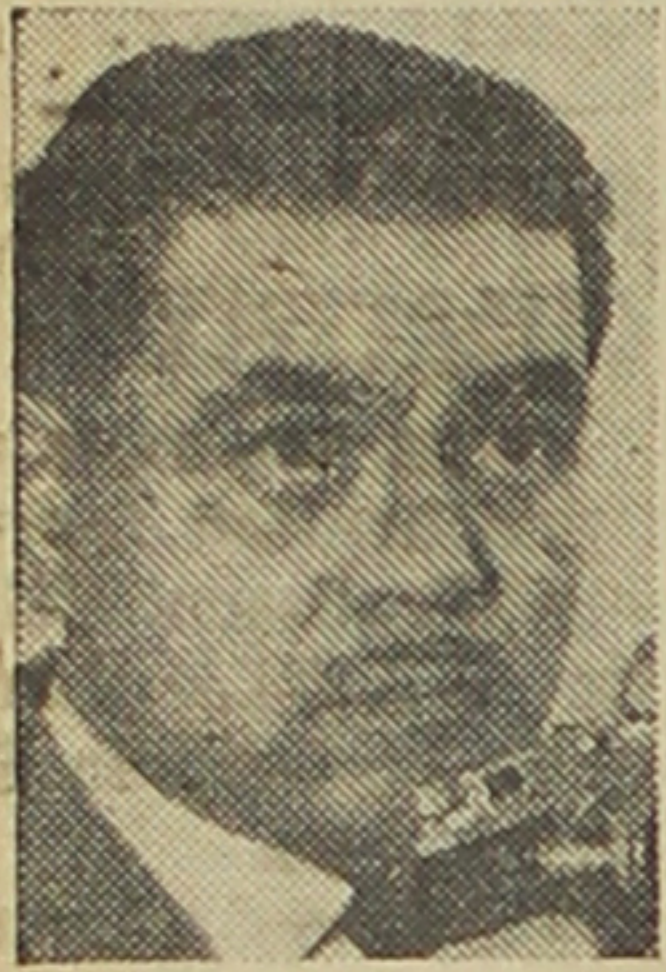
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The staff of Seattle's Japanese consular office, which beginning April 1 was elevated to consulate-general in recognition of this area's growing importance to the Orient, is headed by Consul General Shigezo Yoshikawa (seated). Standing (left to right) are Vice-Consul Ken Ikeba, commercial attache; Kazuo Satake, assistant to vice-consul; Miss Janet Yoshioka, secretary-receptionist; John Fukuyama, public relations officer; Vice-Consul Hisao Yoshioka, visa issuing officer; and Harley Hybridge, commercial consultant. Miss Yoshioka, Fukuyama and Hybridge are Nisei. —Ogawa Photo.

THE NORTHWEST PICTURE: by Elmer Ogawa



New consul-general

Seattle

A little item on the editorial page headed "From the P.I. files" dated sixty years ago, March 30, 1896, states that the Japanese Consul plans move from Tacoma to Seattle.

Those were the days when it was a matter of conjecture which of the two cities would grow to be Puget Sound's most important port. The controversy on whether the mountain should be called Mount Rainier or Mount Tacoma was at its height. The government had set up its tea testing station in Tacoma. Some of the railroads had selected Tacoma as their Pacific Coast terminus, and then a large number of Seattle citizens made it a community project to build with their own hands a spur line with a terminal on the Seattle waterfront, in order that this port would still be a contender in bidding for the trade of the Orient.

Sixty years later almost to the day from the time when the Japanese government wisely chose Seattle as the port of the future in which to locate its consulate, that consulate is elevated to the status of consulate general.

Those of us who take a personal interest in the history of Seattle as a principal interport to the Orient are proud to see the local consulate gain stature in this respect which ranks it with the consulates-general of New York, Chicago, Los Angeles, and San Francisco.

PLUSHIEST YEARS OF '20s AND '30s

In point of volume, the plushiest years were during the '20s and '30s when the silk trains at shipside loaded shipments worth millions and were dispatched to New York and the hosiery mills of New Jersey on passenger train schedules. For various reasons the romance of the silk trains is a thing of the past, but the new commercial development of Japan contributes to a healthy growth for the Port of Seattle. Japan's exports to Seattle have quadrupled since 1949 and Seattle ships 30 times as great a value of goods to Japan as it did in 1949. Seattle's Japanese imports in 1954, the latest complete yearly figures available, were \$12,594,926. The same year Seattle's exports to Japan totaled \$38,196,403.

The progress of Seattle since World War II has been characterized by many friendly gestures to Japan such as the annual International Trade Fair, the biennial Mayor's and Chamber of Commerce Presidents' Conference, and the Japan Institute.

Consul General Shigezo Yoshikawa has been head of the Seattle office since September, 1954. For years he studied as a foreign language expert in Peiping, China and served in consulates and the old prewar embassy at Nanking, as well as in London. Subsequently, and just prior to appointment to the Seattle post, he held important posts in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs which included the posts of Chief of Archives and Chief of the Telecommunications section. Mr. Yoshikawa is still a young man of 47. His wife Chie, 30 has taken up driving the family car as one of her many accomplishments since coming to Seattle. And at home there are two energetic small fry, Shuichi 6, and Izumi, 3.

SEATTLE CHAPTER NEARS 500 MEMBERS

On the JAACL front, incomplete returns show that the Seattle chapter is nearing the halfway mark in its drive for a membership of 1,000. Additional impetus now comes through the cooperation of the Japanese American Post, daily vernacular, and the Japanese Community Service organization under the leadership of Genji Mihara.

The newspaper plans an editorial broadside the first week in April to encourage new Issei citizens to register for voting. The paper is also printing circulars to this effect which will go as inserts to the regular carrier delivery, and is furnishing extra copies for the community service and for JAACL solicitors when they call on Issei prospects for Citizen League membership. Chapter President Jim Matsuoka reveals that plans are being made to facilitate the Issei registration and to provide instruction in the use of voting machines.

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18-year-old beauty reigns at SLC cage meet

SALT LAKE CITY. — Eleanor Yamamoto, 18, was chosen queen of the 21st annual Salt Lake Nisei Invitational Basketball Tournament during the "Welcome Night" festivities at the Murray B. Allen Center for the Blind last week.

Miss Yamamoto is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James M. Yamamoto. The other candidates were Una Kasai, 17; Tomi Tamura, 21, and Hana Ito, 23.

S.F. Saints keep Salt Lake cage crown fifth time

SALT LAKE CITY. — A nip & tuck battle down to the final split-second of the game marked the 61-60 victory by the defending champions, San Francisco Chinese Saints, over Hawaii Nisei A.C. in the 21st annual National Nisei basketball invitation tournament here last Saturday.

Albert Mock, SFCC star, paced the victors with 28 points while Hawaii's Bob Sosa was their high man with 23 points.

After the Hawaiians closed a 13 point spread in the second half and edging ahead with seven minutes to play, the Saints showed their championship mettle (their fifth straight title) by tying up the game and then staying ahead with four minutes remaining.

The crowd was treated to a final thrill in the last five seconds when

FIRST ROUND (Mar. 29)
S.F. Chinese Saints 67, Sea. Savoy 35
Hawaii A.C. 64, Angelus Bowling 44
S.J. Zebras 71, Rexburg Ramblers 54
Los Angeles 78, Salt Lake City 51

SECOND ROUND (Mar. 30)
S.F. Saints 73, Los Angeles 68
Hawaii A.C. 81, San Jose Zebras 58
(Consolation Bracket)
Salt Lake City 66, Seattle Savoy 41
Angelus Bowl 72, Rexburg Ramblers 40

THIRD ROUND (Mar. 31)
(Championship Game)
S.F. Chinese Saints 61, Hawaii A.C. 60
(Third-Place Playoff)
San Jose Zebras 56, Los Angeles 53
(Consolation Bracket)
Angelus Bowling 63, Salt Lake City 57

Itsuo Tomita stole the ball from the Saints' Clifford Wong, who was trying to freeze the ball, and nearly won the game for the Islanders. The final buzzer sounded as Tomita went in to lay up the ball in the hoop for what appeared to be the winning basket but the time-keeper disallowed the two points and the Saints were champions for the fifth straight time in as many years.

The wear and tear of playing games in eight days showed on the visitors from Hawaii. They headed for Chicago and New York, where they are slated to appear on Ed Sullivan's show.

In the third-place playoff, the San Jose Zebras nosed out the Los Angeles All-Stars, 56 to 53, with Dick Nagai, former USC player, swishing 26 points through the net for the losers.

Angelus Bowling of Los Angeles defeated the Salt Lake City All-Stars, 63 to 57, in the consolation finals.

Five players in the tournament were awarded all-star titles. They were Mock and Doug Hom of the San Francisco Saints, Itsuo Tomita and Rubert Chun of Hawaii and Hank Nose of the Zebras. Nagai was named the tournament's most outstanding player.

Name two Nisei for East-West prep gridfest

SAN FRANCISCO. — Herb Yamasaki, 190-lb. guard of Santa Clara High voted outstanding player in the Santa Clara Valley Athletic League last year, and Richard Takaki, Palo Alto tackle, were among 25 named to compete in the annual East-West all-star prep football game at Kezar Stadium Aug. 24. The East team has yet to be selected.

Yamasaki was also named to the first string SCVAL all-star squad at the end of the 1956 season. Takaki was on the all-Peninsula Athletic League team.

Sierra Nisei VFW

FRESNO. — Sam Yomogida, currently head of the Japanese Gardeners Association here, was elected commander of the Sierra Nisei VFW Post 8499 and will be installed

Konno hails new 1,500-m swim record; three Nisei tally in NCAA water finals

NEW HAVEN. — Ford Konno, former Ohio State swimming star and Olympic champion in the 1500-meters, hailed the performance of George Breen in that event at local Yale University pool Thursday night last week as "phenomenal."

Konno was a spectator at the record breaking race along with Italy's long distance star Angelo Romani.

(Both opposed Breen here in the National AAU indoor championships which opened last night with the 1500-meter event.)

Although barely mentioned in view of what happened, Breen's time at the 800-meter mark of his record breaking race was 9:35.2, less than five seconds off Konno's world record of 9:30.7 for that event.

Very few swimmers have negotiated the 800-meters that fast as Hironoshin Furuhashi of Japan held the record at 9:35.5 until Konno broke that mark at a Honolulu meet in 1951.

(Breen two weeks earlier broke the NCAA 1,500-meter record for the short course, held by Ford Konno of Ohio State, in the time of 17:44.5 at the short-course Cornell pool. Konno's mark made in 1952 was 18:11.5. There is no world mark recognized for the short-course pool.)

Experts see 1,500-m swim mark in 17-min. bracket

TOKYO. — Japanese swimming experts here expressed amazement over George Breen's world record breaking 18:05.9 performance in the 1500-meter freestyle event last week at Yale University pool.

But Masaji Tabata, president of the Japanese Swimming federation, confessed "Breen's wonderful performance did not come as a complete surprise to me because he has been making good time in the 1500-meters."

Breen had already surprised the Japanese sports world last year when he unleashed a terrific spurt to place second in the event in the U.S.-Japan dual meet in Tokyo. Breen's time was 18:38.6 as compared with Tsukasa Ohno's winning time of 18:31.2.

"Breen's time is all the more excellent considering that it was made indoors," Tabata said.

He recalled that Japan's Hironoshin set his mark in an outdoor pool in Los Angeles in 1949.

"We had figured that our swimmers would have to swim the 1500-meters in about 18:05 to win in the forthcoming Olympics at Melbourne in December," Tabata said. Now, they are gunning for a mark in the 17-minute bracket.

NEW HAVEN. — George Breen, 20-year-old Cortland State Teachers College star, Thursday night last week lowered the world's re-

cord for the 1500-meter swim by covering the distance in 18:05.9 in the annual NCAA championships in Yale's 50-meter pool.

Breen bettered the long course mark of 18:19 recorded by Hironoshin Furuhashi of Japan at Los Angeles on Aug. 16, 1949.

The highly favored Breen won easily. The runner-up was Peter Duncan, the South African from Oklahoma, who finished in 19:43.3.

Duncan was followed by Tetsuo Okamoto of Texas A&M, the Nisei from Brazil who finished third in the same event at the 1952 Helsinki Games behind Ford Konno (US) and Shiro Hashizume (Japan).

Okamoto also tallied a point for Texas A&M by finishing sixth in the 440-yd. freestyle. Richard Tanabe of Hilo finished second in the 220-yd. individual medley for Indiana. Ronald Honda, Hawaiian student at Indiana, was fourth for Indiana in the 200-yd. butterfly.

(Richard Tanabe was elected co-captain of the 1957 Univ. of Indiana swimming team along with fellow Islander Bill Woolsey.)

Dodgers sign Nishita to pitch in Canada

VERO BEACH, Fla.—Bill Nishita, Hawaiian Nisei pitcher, was signed by the world champion Brooklyn Dodgers to their highest farm team—the Montreal Royals—last week.

It was astonishing to sports circles as the 25-year-old righthander never pitched in organized baseball in the U.S. (he has two seasons with the Tokyo Giants of the Japanese Central League) and jumps into the triple A International League where the Royals are defending champions.

Fresco Thompson, Dodger vice-president in charge of the 13-club farm system, admitted the move as history-making. "It's a once in 10 year thing to take a boy who paid his own way here and who never played professional ball in the United States and send him out of here to a triple A club," he said.

Pitching in three games since his coming here three weeks ago, he threw four shut-out innings against Wichita Falls of the Texas League. He allowed one run and one hit in five innings against the Toronto Maple Leafs. He was up for another five against the same team with a shutout; thus allowing one run in 14 innings.

Nishita played college ball at Santa Rosa Jr. College in 1949 and with the Univ. of California at Berkeley in 1950.

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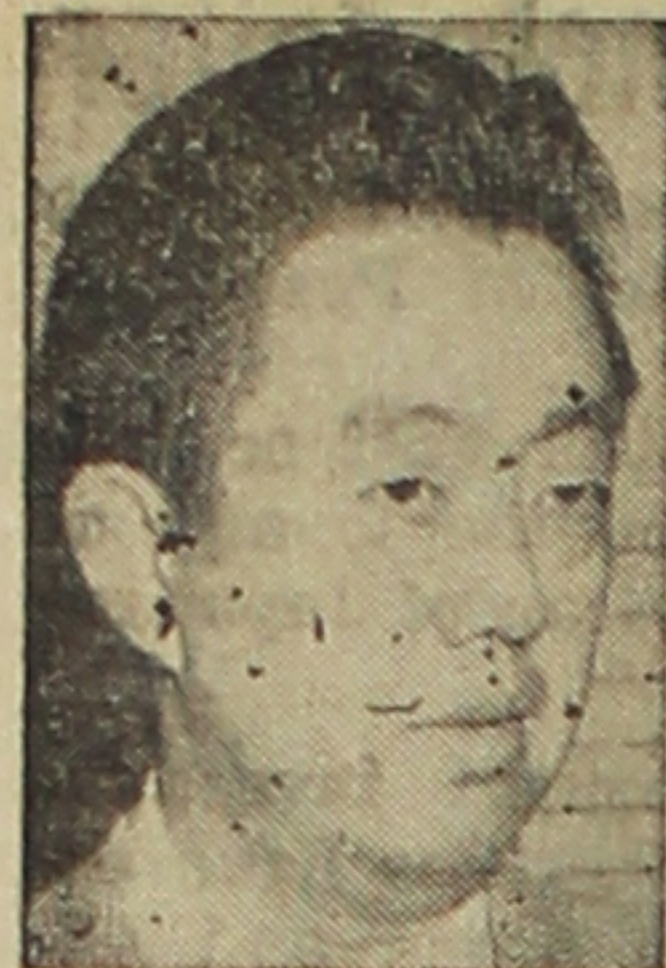
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LOS ANGELES NEWSLETTER: by Henry Mori



The Shonien

Los Angeles

Last week we were escorted through the facilities of the new Japanese Childrens Home of Southern California by its director Mike Suzuki, who did child welfare work in New York before coming to the west coast.

Mike has a very crisp and optimistic approach to the community-supported project, which is ready for operation in early May. The new home for the youngsters between the ages of six and 18 is situated on the old Shonien homesite at 1815 Redcliff St. Mike told us the word "Shonien" will be retained to give the program a traditional feel although the new system is entirely different from prewar methods.

Before World War II the institution presented an atmosphere of a relief agency where outcast or delinquent children whose parents lacked the economic ability to take care of them were housed together. The duration for the inmate was almost a sentence until they reached their age of majority.

Suzuki pointed out, during the tour of the ultra-modern institute which will have its dedication ceremony on May 5, that the new home will act as an in-between home provided for children who need readjustment before entering a foster home or returning to the family after a "cool-off" period.

NOT AN ASYLUM

Children who enter the new Shonien do not necessarily reflect the "good or the bad" of his character. It may mean that his parents are directly responsible for his misfortune in being forced to live outside his own home. It may mean that one of the parents has become ill and the father or the mother is unable to handle the minor children. Death in the family can be another reason for temporary shelter at the Shonien. It is a known fact that Nisei thinking of foster home system has changed since the war and many are voluntarily seeking an opportunity in serving unfortunate youngsters.

The new project at the cost of \$55,000 will accommodate 12 children; includes a private room for the house mother; a library; kitchen; and a huge cafeteria. Outdoor activities can be had at a sizable playground, adjacent to the building. Architectural and landscape work were done by Japanese American profession men and volunteers.

FUNDS STILL NEEDED

In round-figure operation, another \$50,000 is needed to start the first year's run of the Home. It will take \$25,000 for the initial 12-months' service; \$10,000 for additional equipment and furniture. In the words of Suzuki, the Shonien Board, headed by Nobu Kawai of Pasadena, would also like to pay off \$15,000 on its current \$40,000 mortgage before the year's end. To this end, donations have been received continuously.

The Nisei Pioneers recently wrote a check for \$900 toward the project with George Ono, president, making the presentation. Co-chairmen for the fund-raising campaign were Willie Funakoshi and George Inagaki, national JACL president.

All state and county public welfare agencies have given their full support in the Shonien work.

VERY TRULY YOURS: by Harry K. Honda

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to-community services" . . . The whole issue is boiling down to whether the JCCA should disband or reactivate on a national basis, instead of the presently constituted rotational basis, where each provincial (district) council assumes the work-load of a national executive committee for a two-year term . . . "If interested members will continue to talk while refusing to act," concludes the Canadian editor, "JCCA as a defender of Nisei rights may well disband. Non-existence seems preferable to the present indecision."

As despairing this impasse facing the Nisei in Canada might be, a ray of hope shines in the fact that some JCCA chapter operate even at the minimum service level . . . If ever the JACL meets a similar dilemma in its history, we ought to remember that so long as we remain identifiable by physiognomy, we fall heir to the culture brought to this country by the immigrant Japanese. It is a situation which is never without a problem in human relationships . . . And because of this possibility of problems, there is need for an organized voice . . . Modern society is so constructed that freedom becomes not a one-man endeavor but a joint venture of all who want to enjoy its blessings . . . And I sometimes wonder if it's wise for the Nisei to deny entirely their cultural heritage. What sort of an America would we have today if the early settlers from England, France, Spain and other nations did just that?

UNFORGETTABLE EASTER SUNDAY

Old-time Angelenos say one of the beauties of Southern California is the proximity of a variety of atmospheres at hand. Go no more than a 100 miles in either direction and you can enjoy the air of the mountains, desert, sea or lakes any time of the year . . . Easter Sunday this year will long be remembered in a special sort of way for us. We experienced a brilliant, crisp dawn; a warm and gay forenoon that did justice to the pleasing Easter parade; and a yen to drive to neighboring Kern County to see Mother Nature's charming color in wildflowers . . . But that motor trip ran the gauntlet of weather conditions—sun, rain, sleet, hail and snow—inside of 150 miles . . . Our new Ford glistened in the morning sun, then pelted with rain, sleet and hail through San Fernando Valley. Over the ridge, it dried up a bit. Then rising to the 3,000 ft. elevation, it began to snow . . . Big, wet flakes of snow—covering the purple and yellow lupines and orange poppies there . . . The vista of the valley below Grapevine was a sea of lupines and magenta-hued owl's clover, the best we've seen since 1952 . . . The foothill display east of Arvin up White Wolf Grade, where the scenic grandeur was heightened with other bright splashes of colors on a carpet of new spring green grass, was a floral extravanga only appreciable by first-hand observation . . . Cool temperatures and the slight rain should keep the flowers for another weekend.

After a day communing with the Risen Christ at Easter services and Mother Nature at its best spring, the sobering impact with modern civilization—Southern California style—was etched in the grim accident on the highway, backing up motorists for miles . . . It was no April Fool joke—seeing two ambulances carrying off victims.



Ed Nishi of Moses Lake, Wash., currently Washington State Jr. Chamber of Commerce Dist. 11 vice-president, was announced as candidate for the post of national director of the Jr. Chamber of Commerce. — Photo Courtesy: Columbia Basin Daily Herald.

Miss Nat'l JACL of 1954 engagement announced

ANAHEIM. — Mr. and Mrs. William S. Fukuda announced the engagement of their eldest daughter Janet to Sam Morita of Los Angeles. Miss Fukuda, who reigned as Miss National JACL at the 1954 JACL convention, will graduate this June as a dental hygienist from the Univ. of Southern California. Her fiancé is an engineering student at USC. Wedding plans have not been set.

Over 200 attend S.F. Auxiliary benefit dance

SAN FRANCISCO. — Drawing a crowd of 200 from every direction with several counties represented, the recent "fund raising dance" at the YBA gym sponsored by the San Francisco JACL Women's Auxiliary was described as another successful event. Elsie Uyeda, general chairman, was emcee.

The Auxiliary acknowledges with appreciation the following who assisted in publicity and selling of tickets in other cities: Allan Asakawa, Berkeley; Paul Nomura, Ken Toyofuku, Kenny Fujiwara, Oakland; Phil Matsumura, San Jose; Hid Kashima, Redwood City; and Herb Maruyama, Los Angeles.

The danceable records were made available through Babe Utsumi. Hostesses for the dance wore flowers donated by the Yoshioka Nursery of Hayward.

Home baked cookies and punch were served by Flo Higa and Hana Abe, co-chairmen, and Irene Hirano.

JACLer named chairman of Parlier Red Cross fund

PARLIER. — John Kashiki of Parlier JACL was named 1956 chairman of the local Red Cross fund drive. The city goal's has been set for \$1,540.

SHONIEN VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR APRIL 8

Thirty volunteers are needed Sunday morning, Apr. 8, to make final preparations for the May 5 dedication of the new Shonien. The garden maintenance and project clean-up will start at 9 a.m. with Nob Ishitani and Nob Kuwata in charge.

VITAL STATISTICS

Births

VISALIA
KITAUCHI, Shigenori—girl, Feb. 22, Orosl.
SHIBA, Kiyohiko—girl, Feb. 12, Custer.

HANFORD
SHIROYAMA, Mitsuo—girl, Feb. 21.

FRESNO
ARAKI, Manabu—girl, Jan. 24.
ARIKAWA, Fred—boy, Feb. 3.
FUKUDA, Kenji—boy, Jan. 13.
FURUTONO, George—girl, Feb. 24, Sanger.
HATA, Masuji—boy, Jan. 22.
HIRANO, Yutaka—girl, Feb. 19.
HIRATA, George—boy, Feb. 15.
INAHARA, Ben M.—boy, Jan. 7, Fowler.
KATAYAMA, Ben H.—girl, Dec. 14, Parlier.
KAWASAKI, Ben—boy, Feb. 23.
KIKUTA, Hideo—boy, Feb. 13, Fowler.
Stanley A., Feb. 23, Clovis.
NAGATA, Harry—boy, Feb. 24.
NAGATA, Nobuaki—boy, Jan. 10.
NAKAMOTO, Ben—boy, Feb. 10, Sanger.
SASAKI, Noboru—girl, Jan. 24, Bowles.
TAGAWA, Tom—boy, Dec. 26, Fowler.
TANI Yukio (Midori Sunada)—boy.
TSUTSUI, Takashi—girl, Feb. 20, Selma.
UYEMURA, Todd T.—boy, Jan. 28.
YAMADA, Yoshio—boy, Jan. 21, Kingsburg.

WATSONVILLE
KAJIHARA, Frank (Takiko Wada)—girl, Feb. 17.

SAN JOSE
FUKUMOTO, Jimmie T.—girl Debra M., Mar. 10.
HARA, Fred T.—girl Lori L., Feb. 4, Mt. View.
HIDA, Kumato—boy Edward K., Feb. 20, Campbell.
KADO, John—girl Shirlynn Teiko, Mar. 15, Gilroy.
KATAYAMA, Tsuneo—boy Mark, Feb. 16.
KAWATA, Chick—girl Linda, Feb. 20, Capitola.
KOJIMA, Kunikazu — boy Kenneth, Feb. 27.
MATSUURA, Mitsuo—boy, Mar. 2.
NISHIMURA, Henry M. — girl Lori Emi., Mar. 13, Cupertino.
SAWABE, Charles M.—boy Tim Kazuo, Mar. 6.
TANASE, Samuel—girl, Jan. 28.
TOGAMI, Terry T.—boy Stephen P., Feb. 27, Atherton.
TOKUSHIGE, Yoshio—girl Diane, Jan. 28.
UCHIMURA, John A.—girl Jackie L., Feb. 16.

MADERA
KOBAYASHI, Louis—boy, Jan. 24.

STOCKTON
KAGOSHIMA, Mitsuo—girl, Jan. 18.
NAKAMURA, Harry—boy Norman K., Feb. 7, Lodi.
SHIMAKAWA, Norman—girl, Mar. 3.
YONEMOTO, Roy Y.—girl, Feb. 24, French Camp.

SAN FRANCISCO
BABA, George P.—girl, Feb. 24.
FELLEZS, Andrew (Frances Koshiyama)—boy Glen Andrew, Mar. 19.
FUKAMI, Paul S.—girl, Feb. 4.
KAWAMURA, Osamu—boy, Feb. 10.
MASUOKA, Noboru T.—boy, Feb. 13.
MATSUI, Ben N.—boy, Feb. 6.
MATSUSHIMA, Victor M.—boy, Mar. 1.
OSHIMA, Shintaro—boy, Feb. 8.
SEO, Hideo—girl, Feb. 11.
SHINSATO, Yoshinori—girl, Mar. 5.
SONODA, Ray—girl, Mar. 1.
SUZUKI, Seiji—boy, Mar. 7.

OAKLAND
HONJIYO, John—boy, Mar. 6, Berkeley.
IWATSU, David K.—boy, Feb. 14.
MATSUTANI, Harry S.—boy, Feb. 12.
ODA, Sam M.—boy, Feb. 14, Berkeley.
SHIMADA, Yoshihara — boy, Mar. 5, Berkeley.
TOYA, Fumio—boy, Mar. 5.
UCHIYAMA, Hideo S.—girl, Feb. 16.

NAPA
YONESAWA, Takashi—boy, Mar. 10, Angwin.

SACRAMENTO
FUJII, Charles H.—girl, Feb. 13, Walnut Grove.
HISAMOTO, Kiyoshi — boy, Jan. 24, Florin.
HOSOKAWA, Tom T.—girl, Jan. 18.
IWATA, Herbert S.—boy, Jan. 28.
KAWANO, James—boy, Jan. 30.
KITAGAWA Tamiji T.—boy, Feb. 27.
KUBO, Kakichi—girl, Jan. 28, Ryde.
MIYATA, Manjo—girl, Feb. 2, Elk Grove.
MIZOGUCHI, Max T.—girl, Feb. 28.
NISHIMURA, Kenneth M.—boy, Feb. 25.
NISHIO, Eddie M.—girl, Feb. 12.
SAKAMOTO, George—girl, Mar. 1.
SHIMAZU, Glen S.—girl, Feb. 1.

SHIMOSAKA, Robert T.—boy, Feb. 24.
YAMASHITA, Joseph M.—boy, Feb. 5.
YAMAZUMI, George K.—girl, Feb. 28.
YOKOYAMA, R.—girl, Feb. 5.

YUBA CITY
KINOSHITA, Richard—girl, Feb. 14.
ONTARIO, ORE.
TAKAMI, Harry—boy, Mar. 5.

SEATTLE
ARITA Kenzo—girl, Mar. 14.
FUNAI, Aubrey—boy Gordon A., Jan. 15, Redmond.
HAMASAKI, Nobuyoshi—boy, Mar. 12.
HAYASHI Ted T.—girl, Mar. 11.
HIGASHI, Akira—boy, Jan. 16.
IKEDA, Victor J.—boy, Jan. 22.
ITAMI, Yoshi—girl, Jan. 18.
IZUTSU, Tetsuo—boy, Mar. 14.
KOJIMA, Masao—girl, Jan. 18.
KOSAI, Minoru—boy, Feb. 10.
KOZU, Sam I.—girl, Mar. 23.
MAYEDA, Ray—girl, Feb. 23.
MORI, Fred—girl, Mar. 15.
NAKATSU, Joseph—girl Colleen, Feb. 9.
NISHIDA, Shigeru — Jan. 26, Port Blakely.
NITTA, Rinji—boy, Feb. 11.
OKIMOTO, Frank—girl, Mar. 7, Kent.
OMOTO, Nobie—boy, Jan. 11.
OTANI, Shig—boy, Jan. 17.
TAKATSUKA, Bobby—boy, Mar. 17.
TANAGI, George J.—boy, Feb. 5.
TODA, Katashi—boy, Mar. 18, Tacoma.
TOMITA, Shigeru—boy, Mar. 6.
TOMITA, Yoshio—boy, Mar. 7.
UOMOTO, Ted—boy, Mar. 11.
WATANABE, George — boy, Feb. 8, Kent.
WATANABE, Shoji—boy, Feb. 13.
YAMAGUCHI, Jimmy—boy, Jan. 14.
YAMAUCHI, Hiroshi—girl, Jan. 15.
YORITA, George—boy, Jan. 27.

DENVER
FUKUMA, Paul—girl Karen J., Mar. 14.
HAYASHIDA, Henry (Taki Umezawa) —boy, Mar. 22.
KODAMA, Robert Y.—boy.
MATSUDA, Kenji—boy.
MIZUNAGA, Charles K.—twin boys, Brighton.
TAWARA, Tosh—girl.

CHICAGO
HIDAKA, Richard (Jane Sumida)—girl Gwen, Feb. 25.
KAWA, Don (Hideko Suzuki)—boy Brian, Feb. 27.
UJIYE, Bill (Barbara Fujise) — girl Donna Lynn, Feb. 28.

Engagements
IMADA-TAGUCHI — Michiko to Jiro, both San Francisco.
KIRA-KOMOTO — Sue, Selma, to Susumu, Parlier.
MURENO-TSUYUKI — Rose Midori to Joe Y., San Francisco, Feb. 11.
NAKAMURA-MASADA — Marion, San Jose, to Saburo, Watsonville.
YUKI-KASHIMA—Yaeko to Hid, both Redwood City.

Weddings
FURUYA-SASAKI — Mar. 3, Fumio and Haruyo, both Chicago.
FUTATSUKI-FUKUMORI — Feb. 6, Yoneo and Sawae.
HIDAKA-KINOSHITA—Feb. 25, Fred, Pueblo; Haruko, Sedgwick, Colo.
IBE-OMORI — Feb. 4, Gerald and Shirley M., both of Hawaii, at Mt. Pleasant, Iowa.
INOUE-NISHIZAKI — Feb. 12, Dan T., San Francisco; Margaret K., Ontario.
KATO-KAJIKAMI — Feb. 26, Roy and Grace, both San Mateo.
KIMURA-ICHIYAMA — Mar. 25, Geo. I. and Hisako M., both Fresno.
KINOSHITA-SUGIURA — Feb. 26, Kenneth, Denver; Yukiko, Blanca, Colo.
KUSHIHASHI-TAKAKI — Feb. 26, Albert S., North Platte; Grace K., Pueblo.
MURAKAMI-TACHIBANA — Mar. 25, Yoshikazu and Nobuko, both San Jose.
NAKAMICHI-NIINO — Feb. 18, Yutaka and Michiko, Fresno.
NAKAYAMA-OHARA — Mar. 25, Gerald I., Chicago; Kaye C., Seabrook, N.J.
NITAKE-YOKOTA — Jan. 30, Herbert H., Baldwin Park; Jeanne, Los Angeles, at Las Vegas.
OKAMOTO-YAMASAKI — Mar. 24, Yoshimi and Setsuko, both San Jose.
OMOTO-MIYAKAWA — Mar. 17, Clarence and Vitalis, both San Francisco.
SASAKI-KODAMA — Mar. 4, Louis, Los Angeles; Fumiko, Anaheim.
SATO-MORIIHIRO — Mar. 4, Shigeru and Barbara Setsuko, both Los Angeles.
SHISHIDO-OZAKI — Mar. 18, Tom and Kinu, Los Angeles.
SHOHARA-ARAKAWA — Mar. 3, Sei, Fresno; Yasuko, Bowles.

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WASHINGTON NEWSLETTER: by Mike Masaoka



Evacuation claims bill

Washington

A month ago, on March 5, the House unanimously approved the Lane Bill to expedite the final determination of the remaining evacuation claims. This measure was then sent to the Senate, where it was formally received two days later and referred to its Judiciary Committee.

Since that time, nothing has been done on this bill. It has not even been referred to a subcommittee, since the Senate Judiciary Committee, unlike its House counterpart, does not have a standing subcommittee on claims. This means that a special subcommittee must be appointed by the chairman from among the members of the full Committee to act upon this matter.

This lack of consideration for this bill in the Senate Judiciary Committee is due to many factors, two especially important ones being that no member has made this particular legislation a major item of importance to him and that the Committee itself is so overloaded with work that it is not in a position to give consideration to all bills pending before it.

Because of the latter, the former is crucial. The Senate Judiciary Committee has jurisdiction over more than half of all the bills considered by the Senate, including those dealing with constitutional amendments, civil rights, nominations to the federal judiciary, the judicial code, immigration and nationality, internal security, monopoly in business, juvenile delinquency, claims against the Government, and the like. Though it has the largest staff and is appropriated the most money, nevertheless its work load is such that only the more important matters can be cleared by them.

Since evacuation claims is of comparatively little importance to the national scene, especially in this presidential election year, it is most important that some members of the Committee be activated to champion its consideration not only in the Committee itself but on the floor of the Senate.

Geographical representation . . .

A quick glance at the makeup of the Committee membership is not encouraging, for there is not a single member who comes from a state in which evacuation took place. Indeed, because of design and seniority, all of the majority or Democratic members except one comes from the South or Border States and most of the minority or Republican members come from the midwest. The sole non-Southern Democrat is Senator Joseph C. O'Mahoney of Wyoming, and the non-Midwestern Republicans are Senators Arthur V. Watkins of Utah, Herman Welker of Idaho, and John Marshall Butler of Maryland.

The Democrats are Senators James O. Eastland of Mississippi, chairman, Estes Kefauver of Tennessee, Olin D. Johnston of South Carolina, Thomas C. Hennings of Missouri, John L. McClellan of Arkansas, Price Daniel of Texas, and Matthew W. Neely of West Virginia.

The Midwest GOPsters are Senators Alexander Wiley of Wisconsin, William Langer of North Dakota, William E. Jenner of Indiana, and Everett McKinley Dirksen of Illinois.

Some senators can be persuaded . . .

While no senator from the west coast is represented among the membership of the Committee, it is nevertheless gratifying to find that seven of the 15 members come from state in which JACL has at least one chapter. Accordingly, if the JACL chapters in these states can persuade their senators to actively demand action by the Committee on the Lane Bill, it is quite possible that the needed consideration will be forthcoming.

The St. Louis chapter is in Missouri, constituent state for Senator Hennings.

The Northern Wyoming chapter has as its congressional representative in the upper chamber with Senator O'Mahoney. Senator Alexander Wiley, the ranking Republican, comes from Wisconsin, where there is a chapter in Milwaukee.

Utah, represented by Senator Watkins, has three chapters—Salt Lake City, Mt. Olympus, and Ogden.

Senator Welker's state, Idaho, boasts four chapters—Boise Valley, Idaho Falls, Pocatello, and Yellowstone.

Chicago's chapter has as its senator-member Senator Dirksen.

Washington, D.C.'s chapter has several members in nearby Maryland, represented by Senator Butler.

Five up for re-election . . .

By coincidence, five of the members of the Judiciary Committee are running for re-election this fall and, therefore, should be particularly concerned with the legislative wishes of their constituents. The five are Senators Butler, Dirksen, Hennings, Welker, and Wiley.

Moreover, Nisei and Issei Democrats should observe that the ranking Democrat on the Committee is Senator Kefauver, a candidate for the presidential nomination on the Democratic ticket.

Two points to be stressed . . .

Action can be had on the part of the Committee on the Judiciary if the seven members who represent states in which JACL has chapters will make a concerted demand on the chairman and on the Committee to, first, appoint a special subcommittee to consider the Lane Bill and, second, urge an early and favorable report.

The five members who are campaigning for re-election should be especially responsive to this legislation as it is the most important single bill affecting American voters of Japanese ancestry likely to be considered and enacted this session.

What other JACLers can do . . .

Other JACL chapters should contact their own senators and urge them to also personally seek out the chairman and the members of the Judiciary Committee and urge them to expedite consideration of this legislation. Among those who should be able to exert considerable influence with the Committee are all of the senators from the evacuated states, California, Washington, Oregon, and Arizona, as well as every senator from every state in which there is a JACL chapter or member.

Legislation meritorious . . .

Inasmuch as this legislation is meritorious, nonpartisan, and noncontroversial, in all likelihood the various senators would appreciate having the opportunity to intervene for their constituents of Japanese ancestry. Thus, they may well welcome urgent letters requesting their aid for this long-overdue amendment to expedite the settlement of the remaining evacuation claims.

Influential American Legion post in Stockton raps Newsweek in unanimously-passed resolution for Lincoln Yamamoto letter

STOCKTON. — The influential Karl Ross Post No. 16 American Legion of Stockton has sent a protest to Newsweek magazine for "their failure to check" the "Lincoln Yamamoto" letter before printing it in their Feb. 20 issue.

The post adopted a resolution ex-

pressing their "confidence in the loyalty of the Nisei veteran" and protesting the use of the letter by the magazine of national circulation.

The resolution was presented at the post meeting Wednesday last week by Adriel Scott, a member of the post executive board, according to George Baba, past president of the Stockton JACL and a member of the Ross post for the past seven years.

The resolution said the letter "cast scurrilous reflection upon the loyalty of all Nisei" and said that "principles of sound and factual journalism require" that authorship of controversial letters be checked.

The resolution:

Whereas, the magazine of national circulation known as Newsweek in an issue dated Feb. 20, 1956,

printed a letter bearing the name Lincoln Yamamoto, of Pasadena, Calif., and

Whereas, the letter cast scurrilous reflection upon the loyalty of all Nisei, or American of Japanese parentage, and

Whereas, subsequent investigation by postal authorities has established that the name and address given in the letter are fictitious, and

Whereas, it appears that some person intent upon divisive and inflammatory purposes is responsible for the letter, and

Whereas, the principles of sound and factual journalism require that the authorship of all communications appearing in such publications of wide and general distribution be given the most exacting checks and tests to verify that the persons writing such controversial letters actually exist, and

Whereas, the members of Karl Ross Post No. 16, American Legion, of Stockton, Calif., are aware of the facts recited herein as well as the magnificent and loyal service rendered to the United States Armed Forces by the Nisei veteran,

Now therefore be it resolved: That the members of Karl Ross Post No. 16 American Legion of Stockton, Calif., in regular meeting of March 28, 1956, have expressed and do make known by means of this Resolution their confidence in the loyalty of the Nisei veteran, and do protest the failure of Newsweek to check such falsified letters.

Marriage—

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mu Hiraie and Tatsuo Kochi, all of the Los Angeles area.)

According to Shofu Kogure of the Asia Travel Bureau in Tokyo, who is handling the paper work for the husbands-to-be, the system of match-making by photographs between Nisei men and Japanese girls is becoming increasingly popular.

Kogure, who was on hand at Tokyo's airport to meet the latest group, said he had already handled 30 such cases this year.

"And there is no doubt that Nisei men will come to Japan in increasing numbers in the future to marry Japanese girls introduced to them through the exchange of photos," he added.

The eight arrivals Monday were part of a group of 65 Japanese Issei and Nisei who came to Japan by chartered plane to visit.

Thirty-year old Minoru Kamei, a farmer from Orange County, Calif., said in an airport interview:

"Yes, there're plenty of Nisei girls back home. The trouble is, many of them think they're too good."

Kamei said he has never seen his bride-to-be. He said he saw a photograph of her sent at the request of his parents.

"Now," he continued, "I hope to get married to her within about two months."

Twenty-four-year old Minoru Nakagawa of 12817 Grubens ave., Los Angeles, Calif., said he first met his bride-to-be, Shimeko Omoto, in 1941 in Japan.

Shimeko, who came from her hometown in Shiga, southern Japan to meet Nakagawa, posed reluctantly for photographers and shyly refused to answer how she felt about making her home in the U.S.

The courtships by mail started when the parents of Kamei met an attractive young woman in Japan and set up a correspondence and a photo exchange between the girl and their son.

The word of Kamei's plans got around to others and the letters and photographs began to flow.

One relative, Mrs. Chiyoko Nitta, who came to Tokyo to meet Yoshio Kawai, of 1432 Malvern ave., Los Angeles, said she had been asked to find a "suitable girl" by Kawai's parents.

Mrs. Nitta politely explained she thought it wouldn't be proper to have brought the girl to the airport to meet Kawai. But she added, "I hope he approves."

Minnesotan seeks data on Chinese American GIs

HONOLULU. — A Mainland man writing articles on the war time exploits of former servicemen of Chinese-American extraction is asking for information from Hawaiians.

The man, Albert N. Wold of Minneapolis, Minn., says he's writing on The Contributions of the American-Chinese to the United States.

He asked Kau-Tom Post 11 American Legion, to supply him with data concerning Chinese-Americans who served from Hawaii in recent wars.

Senate Judiciary Committee assigns Lane claims bill to staff member

WASHINGTON. — A professional staff member of the Senate Judiciary Committee has been assigned the Lane bill to expedite the final determination of remaining evacuation claims, Mike Masaoka, Washington representative of the Japanese American Citizens League and the Committee on Japanese American Evacuation Claims, announced after consulting with the committee staff director with jurisdiction over this legislation.

The Lane bill, passed by the House on March 5, authorizes the compromise settlement of all of the remaining evacuation claims, with the Court of Claims alternative for those not satisfied with the attorney general's compromise offer. In addition, timely postmarked claims, west coast internees, and corporations are recognized for the first time as qualified claimants under the statute.

The staff member, an attorney, will study the 1954 and 1955 public hearings conducted in California by the House Judiciary subcommittee on claims as well as the House subcommittee's reports on this legislation. He will also ana-

lyze the measure as approved by the House.

The results of his study and analysis will be presented to Sen. James O. Eastland (D., Miss.), chairman of the Senate Judiciary committee, who will then submit them to the full committee membership to determine whether the bill should be assigned to one of the standing subcommittees (though none are specifically designated for claims), to a specially appointed subcommittee, or considered by the full committee without reference to a subcommittee.

CALENDAR

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- Apr. 6 (Friday)
- Gardena Valley — Voters registration, Japanese Community Center, 7:30 p.m.
- Apr. 7 (Saturday)
- D.C. — Spring Dance (semi-formal), Airport Terrace Room, 10 p.m.
- Apr. 8 (Sunday)
- Ventura County — Installation dinner, Colonial House, Oxnard, 7 p.m.
- Delano — Community picnic.
- Apr. 9 (Monday)
- Long Beach — Get-Acquainted social, Harbor Japanese Community Center, 8 p.m.
- Marysville — Voters registration service, JACL Office, 7:30 p.m.
- Apr. 10 (Tuesday)
- West L.A. — Voters registration service, meeting, Buddhist Church, 7:30 p.m.
- Pasadena — Executive meeting, Community Center, 64 W. Del Mar.
- Apr. 11 (Wednesday)
- East L.A. — General meeting.
- Apr. 12 (Thursday)
- Richmond — El Cerrito — Get-Acquainted party, Richmond Youth Memorial Hall, 7:30 p.m.
- 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)
- Sanger — Community picnic, Kearney Park.
- San Francisco — Auxiliary meeting, Tokyo Sukiyaki.
- Placer County — Community picnic; JACL Recreation Park; Issei 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. 22 (Sunday)
- PNWDC — Quarterly session, Gresham-Troutdale chapter hosts.
- Apr. 27 (Friday)
- Twin Cities — Meeting.
- 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, Mieke 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.

National Civil Liberties clearing house conference held in Washington

WASHINGTON. — Representing the Japanese American Citizen League at the eighth annual National Civil Liberties Clearing House Conference held here Mar. 22-23 were Mike Masaoka, Washington JACL representative, and Helen, Mineta of the Washington office.

The conference theme was divided into two topics: on civil rights, "Equality under Law; The Balance Sheet Today," dealing primarily with the Negro problem and the problem of desegregation of the schools in the South; and on civil liberties, "The Free Exchange of Ideas and Present Restraints Thereon," dealing with the freedom of the press and the difficulty in obtaining information from the government.

The concluding panel was a report on "Seeking Solutions: Organizational Techniques for the Protection of Civil Rights and Liberties," which dealt with experiences faced by organizations which sought to protect civil rights and liberties.

Keynote speaker at the banquet was Senator Wayne Morse (D.,

Ore.) who spoke on "Who Guards Our Liberties," and the luncheon speaker was William F. Schnitzler, secretary - treasurer of the American Federation of Labor - Congress of Industrial Organizations, who spoke on "Apparent Conflicts between Freedom and the Desire for Security, as Exemplified by the Extension of Loyalty-Security Programs into Industry."

More than 100 organizations were represented at the Clearing House conference. The Clearing House is a voluntary association through which these national organizations share their knowledge, factual information and programs in the field of civil liberties, civil rights, intellectual freedom and other human rights. It is not an action organization but rather, endeavors to promote education and exchange of information in these fields so that constitutionally - guaranteed freedoms may be strengthened and preserved.

Chairing the conference was Dr. Earl F. Adams of the National Council of Churches.