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BY THE BOARD:

Permanent home for Nat'l JACL urged

Our National Director reported in one of his recent columns (PC, Mar. 30), in which he mentioned receiving a check from Ben Kumagai in the amount of $50 as the initial contribution toward a National Headquarters building fund.

Probably it attracted little more than passing notice from the great majority of JACL membership.

But the fact of the matter is, it should have attracted great interest. And I am sure it would have, had every member been properly apprised of the much less than modest state of the office we called National Headquarters, or better still if each had occasion to personally visit our office some time in the past.

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Those of us who are aware of the deplorable physical condition of our headquarters have no doubt been heard on more than one occasion to make it the butt of our jokes. I believe, however, that the time has come for us to set aside our facetious remarks in this regard and to give serious consideration to establishing JACL in a permanent home. Our present cramped and musty quarters certainly are not commensurate with the dignity and prestige of our organization. Furthermore, the gratifying growth and strength of JACL, attested by the rapid increase in 1000 Club as well as general membership, will soon make it mandatory to expand our office facilities.

Although we cannot, of course, hope to affect a relocation or erection of a permanent home of National Headquarters in a matter of a year or two, steps certainly can be taken now towards establishing a building fund.

I believe it is now incumbent upon the National Council when it meets in San Francisco for the Convention to formulate the necessary plans to make our long cherished dreams of a permanent JACL home a reality. —Kenji Tashiro

OVER $36,000 IN AID RECEIVED BY FLOOD VICTIMS

MARYSVILLE. — Generous contributions to Issei-Nisei flood victims in the Yuba City area, devastated by the Christmas Day flood, have totaled $36,060.75 as of April 1, according to Frank Okimoto, treasurer of the local Japanese Flood Disaster Relief Committee.

More donations are still trickling in, he added.

He said donations came from individuals, including many from non-Japanese, organized flood relief committees, religious, fraternal and many other organizations all over the United States.

"Everywhere we go we are asked to express thanks and extend grateful acknowledgment for the generous outpouring of aid as we go around to distribute the fund," Okimoto said.

Special appreciation was voiced by the Yuba City committee to the National JACL headquarters and the headquarters of the Buddhist Churches of America, both in San Francisco, for rallying their chapters and churches to send relief contributions to the flood area.

"The Issei and Nisei in Yuba City whose homes and farmlands were flooded last December are even at this date just recovering from this most disastrous catastrophe in this area's history," Okimoto reported. He added:

"Many people are still living in temporary housing or literally still camping in their damaged homes as they are first taking care of the immediate and more urgent task of clearing their orchards and farmlands of debris, planting crops and performing other spring chores.

"Peach, walnut and almond growers were hit hardest by prolonged immersion in high water as their trees were killed by soursap.

"As one rides through the usually lush green Tudor area, on the southern end of the flooded area, bare trees are grim evidence of the extent of the damages caused by the flood," Okimoto said.

Naturalized Issei called for L.A. jury duty

In another Southern California "first," Katsuna Mukaeda, legal counselor, was named to serve on the Los Angeles Superior Court jury for a period of six months, commencing Aug. 1.

The naturalized citizen, who was sworn in May 22, 1953, is probably the second former alien Japanese to be called. Tameji Eto of San Luis Obispo served in similar capacity last year.

Mukaeda is vice-president of the Los Angeles Japanese American Republican Assembly, active in local politics and cabinet member in the Downtown L.A. JACL.

'Go for Broke' editor

HONOLULU. — Jack Kawamoto, who edited the Go For Broke bulletin for the 442nd Veterans Club here since its inception in September, 1954, resigned his position earlier this year to engage in social work at Palo Alto, Calif. Robert M. Sasaki is the new editor.

SACRAMENTO NISEI ON SUMMER PROJECT-INDIA

BERKELEY. — Carolyn R. Miyakawa, child development major at U.C., of Sacramento was among eight students named on a Project to tour India-Pakistan-Ceylon.

Return of wartime vested property to Japanese seen as goodwill bid

BY HELEN MINETA

WASHINGTON. — Mike Masaoka, representing the Japanese American Citizens League, urged the Senate Judiciary Subcommittee on the Trading With the Enemy Act to report legislation returning all Japanese, German property vested by the United States during and after World War II.

The subcommittee, under the chairmanship of Sen. Olin D. Johnston, (D., S.C.), was considering several bills providing for full and partial return of this sequestrated property still in the custody of the Office of Alien Property of the Department of Justice.

Other members of the subcommittee who heard Masaoka's plea were Senators William Langer of North Dakota and Everett McKinley Dirksen of Illinois, both Republicans.

Masaoka stated that "because the property rights of a substantial number of American citizens of Japanese ancestry and their relatives and friends are at stake, and because the good will existing between the United States and Japan can be strained," it was important that the long over-due remedial legislation be passed.

Stating as reasons why the vested property should be returned Masaoka said: "As Americans who believe in the sanctity of private property as a cornerstone of our economic and political philosophy, we cannot condone any statute that negates this cardinal principle by insisting that the private property of individuals shall be confiscated to meet the public obligations of a sovereign nation."

"Secondly, in the light of the billions in which Americans have invested in foreign countries throughout the Free World, we cannot defend any legislation which invites other nations to expropriate United States properties abroad."

Masaoka pointed out the discrepancy in the provision among the Treaty of Peace with Japan, the Treaty of Peace with Italy, and the Bonn Agreement with West Germany regarding compensation for vested property. In the Italian treaty there was full and complete return of wartime vested property to both natural and corporate Italian persons provided that its government paid a sum of $5 million to pay American war claims against Italy.

In the Bonn Agreement West Germany agreed to compensate her nationals for vested property not returned.

But in the Japanese Treaty no such provision was included. The Japanese government has further declared that she cannot compensate her nationals for property confiscated by the United States because she is not in a position to compensate her nationals for the losses suffered in former possessions as Manchuria, Korea, etc.

Such discrimination should be eliminated and all vested property belonging to Germany and Japan and her nationals be returned or payment in full made forthwith, Masaoka declared.

Since the Treaty of Peace with Japan does give some hope in that it provides that the disposal of such private property should be exercised in accordance with the laws of the Allied Powers concerned, he urged the full and complete return of the confiscated property.

So far as damages to American property in Japan was concerned, under the Treaty Japan was required to establish a procedure whereby claims of property vested, damaged, or lost during the war would be paid and such are now being adjudicated or paid.

Said Masaoka, "If Japan is so doing, even though under treaty obligations, we look askance at the policy of the United States in holding the vested Japanese property in this country."

Furthermore, he stated that seven nations have already taken the lead in announcing that property

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JUSTICE DEP'T FAVORS HOUSE-PASSED LANE BILL, SENATE GROUP INFORMED

WASHINGTON.—Sen. Everett M. Dirksen (R., Ill.) Wednesday informed the Japanese American Citizens League here that the Dept. of Justice has sent its report to the Senate Judiciary Committee generally favoring the House-passed Lane bill which would expedite the final determination of evacuation claims.

The Department of Justice objected previously to some of the provisions of the original Lane bill, namely those items providing for a more liberal interpretation on management and conservation expenses, crop losses, and fair rental value.

In order to secure passage of the Lane bill during this session of the Congress, the House Judiciary committee deleted the liberalized interpretation of the foregoing items of loss but instead in its House report recommended that it be subject to interpretation in the Court of Claims should the claimants wish to press the suit further.

These items of loss, if they can be proved as a loss due to evacuation, are currently being compensated for in accordance with the present interpretation by the Department of Justice of the Evacuation Claims Act of 1948, as amended.

Senator Dirksen also informed the Washington JACL office that he has contacted the leadership of the Senate Judiciary committee, urging that the evacuation claims bill be favorably considered by the committee at an early session, and he is hopeful that it will be called up soon, possibly within the next three weeks.

"We are grateful to Senator Dirksen," said Mike Masaoka, Washington JACL representative, "for his quick vigor in responding to the request of the Chicago JACL chapter and in working with the leadership of the Senate Judiciary committee to request an early report from the Department of Justice and prompt action by the committee on the Lane evacuation claims bill."

POLICE IMPERSONATORS REPORTED BY ISSEI

FRESNO. — Because Yoshio Takeda, Lone Star Issei resident, did not have $2 to pay for a trumped-up charge while driving home one night and released when he asked for a citation instead, local police authorities said the men who had forced him to stop were impersonating law enforcement officers.

Name Dr. Sasaki to second term as county supervisor

ANN ARBOR, Mich. — Six representatives on the county board of supervisor were selected Apr. 16 by appointment for the first time. Incumbent Dr. Joseph D. Sasaki, 44, optometrist here since 1945, was appointed for a two-year term from the second ward.

Appointments were made by Mayor William E. Brown, Jr., with city council approval. Supervisors had been elected until the new city charter was adopted providing the appointive process.

Dr. Sasaki, one-time Fresno JACL president and 1000 Club member of the Detroit chapter, was first appointed to the board last November to fill the first ward vacancy.

He and his wife are active in county Republican circles.

CBS radio show answers to slur against Japanese Americans, no harm intended

NEW YORK. — Mitchell Miller this past week acknowledged a letter from Mrs. Ina Sugihara Jones, who had called attention to the use of the word, "Jap", by Hoagy Carmichael in a recent radio show over the Columbia Broadcasting System.

In his reply to the onetime JACL representative in the Eastern District, Miller conceded:

"You are right to be disturbed by Hoagy Carmichael's 'off-hand' and 'unrehearsed' expression—but I'm sure that he had no harmful intentions—and that it was an extemporaneous remark. I'm also sure it shocked him as much as it did you when I called it to his attention after the broadcast."

Because Mrs. Jones had cited CBS's vigilance in avoiding derogatory remarks concerning any national group, it was Miller's opinion that "any correction on the air now would only service to compound a stupid statement made by a performer who wasn't using his 'democratic brain'.

The former Long Beach (Calif.) Nisei had cautioned against the use of derogatory remarks since "it can be harmful if heard by large number of persons who have not had any contact with Japanese Americans or with education concerning minority groups."

Miller, however, felt that Japanese Americans have so distinguished themselves in the U.S. armed forces and in every field of endeavor "that no unthinking expression by a provincial mind could hurt their stature one bit".

Carmichael was being interviewed by Miller on his radio show Mar. 5 and heard to say that there were no "Japs" around at one time to do the gardening so that he had to do it himself.

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FROM THE FRYING PAN: by Bill Hosokawa

Artichokes for supper

Denver

■ Don't know how it is out in the sun-kissed land, but here in the mountain those odd looking vegetables known as artichokes are a delicacy to be enjoyed only on rare occasions. For one thing, they cost quite a few pretty pennies, especially when there are four young ones to feed. And to the price of artichokes themselves must be added the butter that makes them taste so good.

Our small fry likes artichokes so well, they'd rather sit around eating them than leave the table to see Disneyland on the electronic screen. Not even steak, rare, which is greatly enjoyed but seldom seen around our house, has the same kind of appeal.

Another notable thing about having artichokes at our house is that the milk consumption drops off. "They make them taste funny," says Christie with a kindergartener's disregard of syntax. I'm not quite sure whether she means the artichokes make milk taste funny or vice versa, but it winds up with the artichokes being eaten and the milk neglected. Shucks, you can get milk anytime.

A GOOD HABIT

■ A few weeks ago the boys and I drove down to Boys Ranch, which is in the parched, rolling country about midway between Amarillo and Dalhart in the Texas Panhandle. Boys Ranch is sort of like Boys Town in cowboy boots. Its residents are mostly an unfortunate lot with a history of broken homes and delinquency, but it doesn't take them long for the boys to learn local customs. One of them is to show respect to adults by saying "Yes, sir," or "No, ma'm."

We hadn't been around the ranch very long before I became embarrassingly aware that from the viewpoint of courtesy ,my own two lads were the worst trained boys on the premises. When an adult would ask them a question, they'd grunt "Uh-huh," or "Yah," and soon I found myself cringing everytime they opened their mouths.

On the long drive home we talked his matter over and we decided by a two to one vote (the two boys voted against me, but I won anyway) that hereafter they'd add "sir" and "ma'm" to all their "yes" and "no" replies. At this stage I cannot say that the battle is won, but about half the time they're talking like polite young gentlemen. We'll have to keep working on that for a while, I'm afraid, before "sir" and "ma'm" become habit. A good habit.

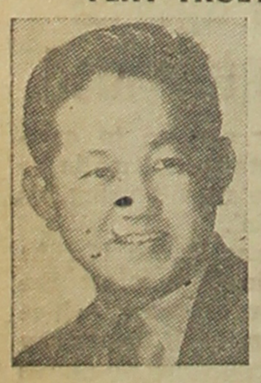
PUPPY FOR THE HOME FRONT

■ The last dog we owned was a dachshund named Stanislaus. He was an appealing little sawed-off type of pup and we were quite fond of him. One day he disappeared and we never saw him again. Since he stayed pretty close to home normally, we figured someone was smitten by Stan's adoring brown eyes and swiped him.

One reason that we've never acquired a dog again is that we have some allergies in the family. Some of the youngsters are allergic to horses. Get aboard a horse and Mike and Pete soon break out with a rash, sneeze, and all but get their eyes swollen shut. Susan can get along fine with horses, but she's allergic to cats. Once when she was much younger, we got her a little jacket with a fur-trimmed hood. Every time she put it on she displayed all the symptoms of cat-allergy. We'd thought the fur on the hood was rabbit, but it must have been cat because Susan was okay after we got rid of the hood.

Pete was the one most seriously allergic to dogs, but we feel that he's outgrown his sensitivity. He mixes with the dogs owned by some of his many young friends and he doesn't seem to be any the worse for the contact. So Alice hinted the other day that maybe, pretty soon, we might possibly, just possibly, be willing to get a dog. Pete needed no further encouraging. He promptly started a "dog fund." He put 50 cents, which he'd been hoarding, into the pot to sort of start it off. He's been after every member of the family since to contribute to his dog fund. As of tonight, there's about $3.15 cash, and about another buck pledged.

VERY TRULY YOURS: by Harry K. Honda



V-V Day

● The free world knows the meaning of V-E Day and V-J Day, two events ending hostilities in World War II and it seems hardly possible that ten years have slipped by since . . . We now offer V-V Day, which is reckoned by the Pacific Citizen circulation staff and JACL regional office here in no jubilant fashion as V-E or V-J. It has now been two weeks since the "Vandal Virus" tattoed the desktops and typewriters with mimeograph ink, hand lotion and duplicating fluid . . . Photographs of the staring mess published last week have evoked immediate comment from our friends . . . Several have suggested moving out of the hotel and setting shop where our nocturnal raiders might be less tempted as our present premises is no impregnable bastion as the six visits prove . . . From the standpoint of providing service to the Japanese American community in Southern California, the corner of First and San Pedro is distinctly most advantageous and practical. The flight of stairs to the second floor where the regional office is situated may not have the ready convenience of a ground-floor approach, but when you consider the higher rent there, the current base of operations is adequate . . . It's just that someone with a heavy chip against JACL can work him or them-

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Arizona strawberry growers enjoy one of the best years, acreage being thinned as subdivisions make heavy inroads

PHOENIX. — While subdivisions are gobbling up the fields, the Glendale area Japanese American farmers (northwest of this city) say this year's strawberry crop is one of the best, notes Jerry Eaton in a feature story last week in the Arizona Republic.

The article featured two huge photographs spread across six columns of Terry Tadano, 3, son of Mr. and Mrs. Tadashi Tadano, popping a luscious berry into his mouth, and his parents and Mrs. Frank Tadano holding huge No. 1 berries at the shed.

Pickers in fields on E. Glendale Ave. are working daily now, filling pint boxes with the luscious, red berries.

Just five years ago the painstaking Japanese farmers planted some 300 acres to strawberries. But, since then, fields have become neighborhoods, and this year's crop totals 110 acres.

Frank Tadano, who has farmed in the Glendale area for 29 years, pointed out two of his 40-acre tracts. "Next year houses will start to be built here," he said.

Then, he pointed to fields to the south. "Soon we'll move over there to farm," he explained.

Tadano, who has 23 acres of strawberries this year, says "Oriental know-how" is responsible for this spring's thriving corp. On his weedless, heavily irrigated field ¼-mile south of Glendale Ave. on 35th Ave. Tadano supervises operation of his share of colorful Strawberry Row.

Annually, when strawberry season starts, visitors flock to Glendale to buy the berries from the Japanese. Their palm frond huts are almost filled with trays of the berries, and they will be for another month, Tadano said.

John Tadano, a Phoenix vegetable shipper, said the berries were exuected to reach a peak late this week. He claims Glendale-area berries are sweeter than those grown out-of-state.

Farmers and retail outlets were asking 25 to 30-cents per box. Prices are expected to be slightly higher this week, John Tadano said.

Large berries are classified as No. 1, and it takes about 60 of them to fill a pint box. Some 80 smaller No. 2 strawberries fill a box.

Already, the strawberries are being trucked to such points as Salt Lake City, Denver, Tucson, Yuma, and California. Airplanes whisk the fruit to markets as far east as New York. Texas is another shipping point for Glendale strawberries.

Some Japanese farmers have only one or two acres planted to strawberries and the entire family works long, hard hours weeding, irrigating, and generally pampering the hard-to-grow plants.

Strawberry plants bear 14-months after they're set out—weather permitting. The farmers have an incentive for their back-breaking work. They know the dollar yield per acre is rewarding. Tadano estimates farmers will sell $4,000 in strawberries from each acre.

But, too much rain brings plant killing minerals to the surface. And, too much wind batters the delicate plants. Too much or too little sun also can ruin a crop. Last year a fungus disease destroyed some crops. But, farmers say it is not as widespread this spring.

It's not hard to spot the Japanese strawberry stands on or near Glendale Ave. Some of the farmers also are selling flower stocks—blue, red, and white—which also vanish like hotcakes.

Glendale strawberry growers include Dave Mitokawa, Ben Komatsu, Ken Tsunoda, Jim Takesuye, Floyd Yamamoto, M. Yamamoto, Tad Teraji, Y. Hikita, Mas Tsutsumida, George Matsumori, Scarla Farms, Y. Takemoto, and Tom Inoshita, many of whom are active JACLers here.

Utah co-ed active

SALT LAKE CITY. — Josephine Matsumiya, active on the Univ. of Utah campus as senior representative on the AWS council, was recently awarded the Mortar Board and AWS scholarships. A dietetic majors, she is serving her second year on the council.

Oscar-winning Japanese film due Denver showing

DENVER. — "Samurai," the Japanese film which was voted the "best foreign film" by the Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences for 1955, will be given its first Rocky Mountain showing for two weeks, starting May 3, at the Esquire in Denver under the joint sponsorship of the Mile-Hi JACL chapter and the Denver Film Society.

Part of the proceeds of more than 1,500 tickets placed on sale by the JACL will go to the chapter. The Mile-Hi JACL has previously sponsored Denver showings of two other prize-winning Japanese features, "Rashomon" and "Gate of Hell."

Mrs. Thomas Kobayashi is in charge of ticket sales.

"Samurai", which has commentary by William Holden, is the story of the legendary 17th century warrior, Musashi Miyamoto, and the film is taken from the popular novel by Eiji Yoshikawa. Photography is in Eastman color.

The picture stars Toshiro Mifune as Miyamoto and Kaoru Yachigusa of the Takarazuka revue. Miss Yachigusa recently played Cho-Cho-San in the joint Italo-Japanese production of "Madame Butterfly."

San Jose celery shipper accepts post as agricultural consultant in Puerto Rico

SAN JOSE. — Takeo Tad Tomita, 42, prominent local celery shipper has been named to a $15,000 per year position as special agriculture consultant in the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico.

The former Stockton Nisei is planning to leave for the Caribbean island post by Sunday, April 29, via New York. He will be accompanied by his wife and three children.

Tomita, graduate of Univ. of California at Berkeley, is associated here with John Maurer. His contract is for two years and he will be stationed in San Juan, capital of Puerto Rico.

Tomita said he planned to introduce California type agriculture to Puerto Rico if he finds it suitable to the island. If so, he may ask a number of Stockton and San Jose area Nisei to join him in training the Puerto Rico farmers.

It was learned that Tomita was recommended for the post by a former associate who worked with him in a farm cooperative in Baltimore during the war. Consulted by Puerto Rican officials, this man told them he knew just the person in San Jose. The bid to Tomita followed.

Tomita is currently vice-president of the San Jose Buddhist Church and has been active in both Bussei circles for many years.

Arizona senate fails to act on accommodation bill

PHOENIX. — An accusation was made last week that the Arizona State Senate patted bigotry on the back when it adjourned without taking action on House Bill 186, the public accommodations measure.

The charge came in joint statement by Joseph Stocker, state president of the Arizona Council for Civic Unity; Thelma C. Evans, NAACP executive secretary; the Rev. Walter H. Dugan, chairman of the Christian Social Relations Department of the Arizona Council of Churches; and William Gordon, chairman of the Arizona State Anti-Defamaton League committee.

The senate took no action on the bill that was passed 54-12 in the house of representatives, they said.

"The bill was a simple statement which declared it to be contrary to state policy for places of public accommodations to discriminate against persons because of race, religion, or national origin. The house previously had eliminated both penalty and civil liability clauses from the bill."

Record crowd at Placer CL picnic

LOOMIS. — Lovely Yoshiko Kono of Loomis was crowned queen of the eighth annual Placer county picnic sponsored by the local JACL chapter Sunday by Sumi Hirota, 1955 queen.

Judges for the contest were Superior Judge Leland Propp of Auburn, Lloyd Beggs of Auburn, and Harold Struble of Loomis.

The largest crowd ever to attend the local picnic filled the recreation ground of the organization.

Contests and games for persons of all ages filled the program.

Robert Kozaiku and Noboru Nimura were co-chairmen of the outing.

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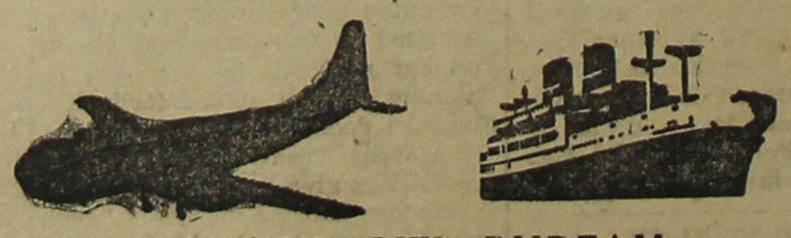

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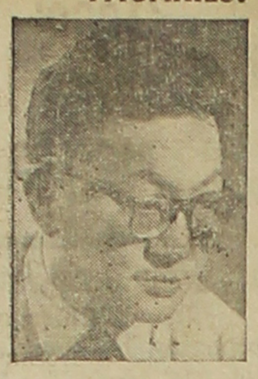

Query from Munich

Denver

■ This past week we completed some correspondence with a man in Munich, Germany. His name is Dr. Kurt Rabl and his concern is with discriminatory legislation against persons of Japanese ancestry during World War II in the United States. Dr. Rabl wrote some time ago for information on legalized prejudice against Japanese Americans, which he hoped to incorporate into a study of the various problems of European and American public and international law during World War II.

When Dr. Rabl's letter arrived we could think of few actual legislative actions taken against persons of Japanese ancestry by the various states—the mists of 13 years, most of the anti-Nisei legislative activity was threatened in 1943, obscured the images of prejudice. A study of *Pacific Citizen* files, however, disclosed that there were many attempts to formalize the racist hysteria of the times.

Dr. Rabl is not the first citizen of the outside world to express a considerable interest in the wartime treatment of Japanese Americans. It might be recalled that India's Jawaharlal Nehru was dismayed by news in 1942 of the mass evacuation of Japanese Americans in a nation considered the citadel of individual freedom. There were similar reactions, particularly in the non-white countries, just as today many Americans recoil at *apartheid*, the cult of white supremacy in South Africa. And although tremendous progress has been made in race relations in the United States in the past decade, the almost blanket refusal of the southern states to honor the Supreme Court's ruling for school desegregation makes a mockery of democracy. The spectacle of an Alabama mob howling for the blood of an Autherine Lucy or the attack upon singer Nat King Cole are isolated instances of violence which emphasize that *apartheid* has its adherents in the back alleys of America.

WW2-BORN HYSTERIA AGAINST JAPANESE

■ Early in 1943, when war-born hysteria against Japanese Americans reached high pitch, racism's advocates shouted for restrictive legislation. In Congress a bill to authorize concentration camps (not the relocation centers which already were a reality) for the Nisei was pushed in the Senate by Tom Stewart of Tennessee and in the House by John Rankin of Mississippi. Three investigating committees, representing the House, the Senate and the California legislature, made headlines. Out of the welter of threats came some concrete action.

Arkansas, with a tradition of Jim Crowism and alarmed by the presence within its borders of some 15,000 persons of Japanese ancestry in the Rohwer and Jerome camps, passed a vicious measure which was signed by Governor Adkins and provided that from henceforth no person of Japanese ancestry could own real property in the Razorback state. The bill became law despite the warnings of legal authorities that it was patently unconstitutional.

In California, a flock of bills were tossed into the hopper by politicians who added their voices to the racist chorus. Only a few of the bills and resolutions received serious attention, however. One memorial to Congress was sponsored by three legislators, one of whom has changed his mind about the Nisei menace and has, in later years, supported remedial bills on behalf of Japanese Americans. This memorial called for the disenfranchisement of American citizens on the basis of racial ancestry and was aimed obviously at the Nisei. The Engle bill to tighten provisions of the state Alien Land Act was passed and signed by Governor Warren. These amendments later became the basis of escheat suits filed by the state against Japanese American property owners. Another resolution by Assemblyman Lowrey—the sponsor of a number of anti-Nisei bills—demanded government requisition of agricultural property left behind by the evacuees. It was passed.

UTAH'S ALIEN LAND LAW

■ At Salt Lake City, Governor Herbert B. Maw vetoed a Utah anti-alien land law, aimed at Japanese aliens, but later signed a watered-down compromise. The amended version prohibited ownership of land by Japanese aliens but permitted year-to-year leases. The law, which was never enforced, later was repealed by the Utah legislature at the behest of the Japanese American Citizens League.

Discriminatory legislation also was proposed in Arizona. A resolution which opposed the relocation of Nisei students outside the camps was passed and sent to the White House, and an amendment was approved tightening the state's already-stringest Alien Land Act to restrict business dealings by persons of Japanese anchestry. The latter measure was an effort to appease the state's business community which feared competition from Japanese American in the Poston and Gila River relocation centers.

Colorado is one of the few western states without an alien land law. In 1943 an effort was made to pass one directed against Japanese aliens. It was passed in the House, 48 to 15, but was defeated in the Senate by a 15 to 12 vote .

Idaho and Iowa both entertained resolutions barring the relocation of Nisei students in the state, while a bill was introduced in the Wyoming legislature to prohibit relocated Japanese Americans from voting in the state's elections.

MOST STRINGENT STATE MEASURE

■ Perhaps the most stringent of all restrictive measure passed during this period of legislative imbalance was the action of the Oregon state senate which voted 21 to 9 in favor of the wholesale deportation of all persons of Japanese ancestry from the United States after the war and asked by a 16 to 14 tally to ban Japanese Americans from the armed forces.

This plethora of restrictive legislation was indicative of what the politicians considered to be the public temper at the time. It is of academic interest today, particularly when contrasted against the remedial legislation which has been passed since the war for the benefit of the Japanese American population. It is a good barometer by which to judge public attitudes, then and now.

Japanese to be added as regular course at Belmont (L.A.) High next fall; 150 students showing interest mostly non-Oriental

A radical but encouraging departure in the teaching of foreign languages in the city high schools was noted this week as permission was granted by the Los Angeles Board of Education to have Japanese and Chinese added to the regular foreign language curriculum at Belmont High School.

Mrs. Gjertrud Smith, principal, disclosed Japanese classes, to be conducted as a two-year course, would be taught beginning next September. Chinese is to be started later.

Carlos Morrison, Ph.D. candidate at the Univ. of Southern California, was announced as instructor of the Japanese class.

According to Mrs. Smith, a preliminary survey of Belmont High students was taken to support her plea with the Board of Education to have the courses approved. Surprisingly, the 150 students interested in Japanese and Chinese were mostly non-Oriental who hoped it would assist them in foreign trade and missionary work in the Far East.

With permission granted, Mrs. Smith revealed the nature of the courses would largely be functional with emphasis placed on conversation. She also hoped the Japanese American community would assist.

Saburo Kido, Shin Nichi Bei president and veteran JACL leader, recalled that JACL in the 1930s strived to have Japanese taught at high school level in Northern California. In discussions with office of the State Superintendent of Education at Sacramento, the teaching of Japanese at high schools was regarded as preferrable over French, German and Italian languages for the Pacific coast, he added.

Support for teaching of Japanese was also obtained from the late V. S. McClatchy, publisher who pushed the anti-alien land law, Kido revealed. McClatchy had recognized the importance of Japanese as a subject of high school study on the west coast.

While this new course in September is to be the first time Japanese would be taught since the war as part of the regular curriculum in a public high school here, the Board of Education has been conducting several Japanese classes in the Adult Evening division at Dorsey and Hollywood High Schools where Mrs. Ruth Kamii is currently instructor.

Before the war, George Williams was instructing practical Japanese at Roosevelt High School between 1936 and 1940.

Mrs. Smith's interest in Japanese stems from her association with Nisei students as principal at Foshay Jr. High School in the moderately - Japanese populated area of southwest Los Angeles.

Belmont High now has a student body of 1,800 students including some 450 foreign students.

Masunaga on ballot for San Jose school post

SAN JOSE. — Shigeo Masunaga, incumbent school board trustee in the Orchid elementary district, has filed for re-election at the May 18 election, according to the list of candidates announced by Santa Clara county authorities.

As he and another incumbent will be the only candidates on the ballot, his re-election is virtually assured. Filing candidacies for board posts were closed last week.

Johnson Kebo to head West Fresno Optimists

FRESNO.—JACLer Johnson Kebo was elected president of the Optimist club of West Fresno which was officially chartered recently.

The new organization was formed under the sponsorship of the Optimist Club of Greater Fresno.

Also serving on the cabinet will be Kaori Komoto, secretary-treasurer.

Returns home

PORTLAND. — Mary Minamoto, who spent three years in Japan with American Red Cross, returned here April 11.

JOHN MAENO'S DAUGHTER NAMED TO GIRLS STATE

Vivien K. Maeno, daughter of attorney John Maeno, was picked by the Eagle Rock Legion auxiliary to represent Eagle Rock High School at the June 20-28 Girls State at Sacramento.

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San Francisco

■ Some weeks ago this corner spotlighted the Pasadena Chapter as the first group to come through with package deals for "Changing Perspectives". Pasadena was soon followed by our neighbors from Cortez. Now we would like to salute the Sequoia, Detroit, and San Benito chapters that recently joined this very select honor roll. Keep 'em coming JACLers, because the more "packages" we get the more faces we'll see come Aug. 31. Also this keeps our finance chairman Jackson Hirose and treasurer Dr. Tok Hedani very happy because the more dollars we get, the easier our pre-convention financing becomes.

Pasadena continues to occupy a spot near our hearts, because we got wind of the fact that 10 more package deals were forthcoming from that very active and loyal chapter.

Incidentally, here's a plug for the host city. Each and every member of the San Franicsco Chapter Board of Governors, 20 strong, has pledged to take out package deal. Ditto the Convention Board. The cold cash is being rounded up right now by our right hand gal, Lucy.

FESTIVAL OF PROGRESS

■ While we're passing out accolades we might as well do the job up right by reporting on an excellent community relations job recently done by our San Francisco Chapter. Last Sunday the City by the Golden Gate commemorated the 50th anniversary of the historic earthquake of 1906. The climax of that memorable occasion, appropriately named "Festival of Progress", was a gala parade in which San Franciscans of all races and creeds participated. Among the large marching unit of Nisei and Issei was a beautiful float featuring a Japanese drum bridge and torii, designed by Chapter Prexy Hats Aizawa. The Japanese community participation grew out of the combined efforts of the San Francisco Nichi Bei Kai, No. Calif. Japanese Chamber of Commerce, and the local JACL chapter. Hats and chapter board member Sam Sato spearheaded a crew of JACLers who were largely responsible for the construction of this float; Hats supplying the artistic touch, and supervising an enthusiastic crew of laborers.

Relationships in the Japanese community, and public relations in the larger metropolitan community in which we live, continue to be improved through JACL's role in team efforts such as this.

A FEW NOTES

■ It begins to look very favorable for our proposed Women's Auxiliary get-together, reported in this column last week. This opportunity for members of auxiliaries throughout the country to meet and exchange ideas, will very likely be squeezed in after the Saturday Luncheon and Fashion Show . . . Also being toyed with, is the possibility of a golf tourney for the ladies. This however, is *very tentative* . . . In the hopper for release shortly is a tentative schedule of events for "Changing Perspectives". This will give all you chapters a glimpse into how our coming parley is shaping up.

THE NORTHWEST PICTURE: by Elmer Ogawa

Eventful week passes

Seattle

■ The third week of April was an eventful one, especially for some neighbors of whom we are justly proud. On Tuesday evening, Arthur L. Solomon Jr., quiet talking, congenial efficient headworker of Neighborhood House was chosen "Man of the Year" by the Jackson Street Community Council at its tenth annual banquet. Wednesday evening, William Y. Nishimura was elected 2nd vice-president of the Seattle Junior Chamber of Commerce, and Mrs. Nishimura was made secretary at a Wives Club meeting in an adjoining room at the Washington Athletic Club. Then on Saturday it was Bill Nishimura again who was installed as commander of the Nisei Veterans Committee at the annual installation dinner-dance at the Chamber of Commerce.

Youthful looking Bill Nishimura appears years younger than the 33 that he is. He served in War II having returned to the Philippines with MacArthur, and later served with the Air Force in occupied Japan. A home town boy, he is the son of one of Seattle's senior old timers, Kisaburo Nishimura, now 83. He graduated from Gonzaga University and for six years has been working for the Seattle Housing Authority, where he is now chief accountant. The Nishimuras have two little ones, Susan, 4½, and Bruce, seven months.

Bill first started to take a really active part in Nisei Vets affairs when the Junior C. of C. appointed the Nishimuras as official personal hosts of the Hershey Miyamuras when the Miyamuras visited Seattle as part of the "Ten outstanding young men" annual awards. Everyone is happy that Bill found time for Nisei Vet activities, although the Nishimura family lives in West Seattle. He has served outstandingly as publicity chairman and as recording secretary for the Vets, and heads the publicity committee for the National 15th Anniversary reunion of Nisei Vets in 1958. The 1956-57 term under his leadership promises to be one of achievement.

In the Junior Chamber, prior to his elevation to the vice-presidential seat, Nishimura had completed a successful year as treasurer during which time the J.C. sponsorship of the week-long winter ice carnival added a great deal to the success of the treasurer's tenure. The Jay-Cees also perform many community services like the vigorous anti-litterbug campaign during the Seafair events when over a quarter million spectators turn out on the shore of Lake Washington to watch the hydroplane races.

NEIGHBORHOOD HOUSE HEAD WORKER

■ Arthur L. Solomon Jr., who describes himself simply as "over 21", is a veteran of 28 years of social work. He has been head worker of Neighborhood House for eight and one half years, and came to Seattle from San Francisco where he had

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WHO'S WHO ON THE CHAPTER CABINET:

Southwest (L.A.) Confidential: the dirt behind the dirt behind the dirt

(The above is the provoking headline in a recent Southwest L.A. JACL newsletter representing a sketch of their 1956 officers. What follows is a reprint of the colorfully-written report.—Editor.)

This then is the real dope "behind the coonskin curtain", the hush-hush stuff going on "inside Southwest L.A. JACL", the unexpurgated, confidential lowdown on what goes on within the sanctum sanctorum.

The building which houses the brains, malice and hindsight of the SWJACL Co., the same concern that achieved such phenomenal growth last year, is bounded by Wilshire to the north, Fairfax to the west, Slauson Ave. to the south and Figueroa to the east.

As you enter the headquarters, notice the crest adorning the glass doors—a Davy Crockett hat superimposed over a big "D".

The presidential suite is occupied by Roy Iketani. The handsome engineer with Hughes Aircraft Co. (recently he resigned this post.—Ed.) and manager at the Kashu Insurance Agency can be seen hard at work any night until 1 or 2 a.m., keeping the SW JACL & Co. going at a furious pace.

True to modern business procedure, the outfit has no less than six vice-presidents. Executive V.P. is Bob Iwasaki, a lawyer by trade. His beautiful wife Susie (nee Shinohara) was a Nisei Week queen attendant.

Administrative V.P. is George Hiraga. "Let George do it" will be a frequently heard call for the tax searcher with the Title Insurance and Trust Co.

Membership in the SWJACL & Co. should multiply like nuclear fission with membership V.P. Tom Shimazaki on the job. Tom is a nuclear reactor expert.

Program V.P. Mabel Ota will be found running a three-ring circus with her duties as teacher at the Carthay Center elementary school and as the mother of two girls Madeline and Candice.

Four lovely young private secretaries hath Jim "Yamie" Yamamoto, one more than the president of the organization. Social V.P. Jim is a quietly witty and wondrous fellow who loves work and is a technical illustrator by trade.

Public relations V.P., an impressive title, is held by Kango Kunitsugu, who literary and artistic works have appeared in many Nisei publications. He shares adjoining offices with his wife Kats who edits the SWJACL monthly, the Southwesterly.

Another feminine member of the executive staff is Fumi Ushiyama, who aside from her duties as recording secretary for the organization is secretary with the Dept. of Water and Power. She is studying to become a draftsman—correction, a female draftsman.

Also on the secretarial staff is corresponding secretary Ellen Kubo. Ellen attends night classes in preparation for becoming a social worker.

Handling the money bag is the job of that Top Notch golfer and photographer Terumi Yamaguchi.

Tats Minami, who has installed in his offices the hi-est of the fi music systems, is the auditor. It has been reliably reported that his hi-fi system is flat from head to foot with a signal-to-noise ratio of 60 women.

Keeping tab history-wise is Kaz Yamaga, who being a registered pharmacist, also dispenses aspirin and ulcer pills to the execs.

Down the hall apiece in the production office of the Southwesterly can be found the co-editors Roy Sugimoto and Ken Miura. They both have the job of "teachers", Roy handling literature and Ken instructing motion picture sound.

In suite 63 you'll find the publicity co-chairmen Tats Sumida & Monte Minami. Tats is an agent for the Occidental Life Insurance Co., while Monte is a partner in the Cal-Asia Employment Agency. He promises quick replacement for any executive who might be replaced by automation in the SWJACL.

In conclusion of this report, may we state that all names used herein are true in order to protect the innocent. (End of report from the Southwesterly.—Editor.)

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Now that most of the chapter cabinets have been listed in past weeks in the "1956 Cabinet" column, we shall glean from various chapters newsletters a personality sketch of the current officers. If such information has not been previously published, we trust chapters will inform the Pacific Citizen as soon as possible.—Editor.

Milwaukee JACL plans fashion show-card party

MILWAUKEE. — A fashion show-card party will be held on Friday, May 4, 8 p.m., at the Westminster Presbyterian Church, 2308 E. Belleview Ave., it was announced by the Milwaukee JACL, sponsors.

Clothes will be presented through courtesy of the "Clothes Horse," a noted dress shop here. Models will be Helen Jonokuchi, Lorraine Nakano, Madge Hisamoto, Fay Tanouye, Kicki Momoi and Lil Kataoka.

There will be a $1 donation asked for this fund-raising affair.

CHUMAN JOINS ADLAI FOR PRESIDENT CAMP

Frank Chuman, head of the Japanese American Democratic Club, has announced his support for Adlaid Stevenson in being named to a committee of California lawyers.

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'1000' CLUB NOTES

Big News Slips By

Chicago

This will probably be the first and only guest column ever written w.o. permission of the regular columnist . . . But I couldn't ask for permission, because if our modest 1000 Club chairman had any inkling of the content, he'd hit me over the head with his iron hat.

As a former wearer of this honored black derby, however, I simply couldn't let the BIG NEWS slip by almost un-noticed . . . The dream goal of pappies **Callahan Inagaki** and **Hito Okada** has been reached . . . THE 1000 CLUB HAS SIGNED UP ITS 1,000TH CURRENT PAID-UP MEMBER . . . In my opinion, this news should have made a Page 1 Banner Head, but all it got was an almost incidental mention on page 4 . . . **Frank Y. Takahashi** of Chicago was the 1,000th among 142 new and renewed members in March (also a new record).

The membership reached a high of 1,010 paid-up . . . We let off steam at Los Angeles in '54 at the 1000 Club whing-ding when the total number of members joining since '47 passed the 1,000 mark . . . But with renewal failures, the current paid-up at that time was only 721.

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The big moguls at the '54 convention were racking their brains to come up with a top man to fill the important post of NAT'L 1000 CLUB CHAIRMAN, then had a happy inspiration—**Shig Wakamatsu** . . . And the results since have made the choice look better with each passing month . . . Shig went to work like a hungry beaver. The 1000 Club records at the Midwest Office were completely reorganized and systematized. A filing system was set up by districts and chapters, so that a member's card can be located instantly . . . Each month letters go out to renewing members. Copies go to the chapter 1000 Club chairman and also to each District Council 1000 Club chairman . . . If the renewals fail to come in, a follow-up goes out the following month with copies to all chairmen for personal follow-up . . . All lapsed members since '47 are in process of being contacted (a total of 1,555 have now joined at one time or another since '47).

Every Tuesday night from 8 till midnight, Shig dictates to his loyal volunteer secretary **Sumi Shimizu,** and thus keeps up a personal contact with his District and Chapter chairmen . . . During the week, **Essie Hagiwara** follows up with the renewal letters and mimeo work.

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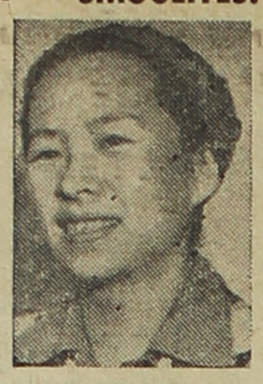
OPERATIONS BREAKTHRU was conceived when Shig decided that the goal of 1,000 (based on the '47 budget) had been out-grown and the JACL should shoot for a goal of 2,000 (more in line with the '56 budget) . . . Then appeared a follow-up brochure which he wanted made up in the true 1000 Club spirit . . . Finally to keep things pepped up, a 1000er (bulletin) goes out every month to each chapter and chairman showing membership statistics to date and goals to be met . . . Response for the most part has been enthusiastic and if the few chapters which have failed to appoint a 1000 Club chairman (and which ignore mail) had any conception of the time and effort ONE MAN is putting in because he loves and believes in JACL, I'm sure they would quickly get on the ball . . . Shig has great hopes for his 2,000 goal by '56 Convention time . . . One out of overy six members in the 1000 Club shouldn't be too much to ask, he muses, with that ol' JACL light in his eyes. And I agree, it shouldn't be and I doff my hat to a truly hard-core JACLer.

—TOKUZO

(Harold R. Gordon)

If it's time to renew your 1000 Club membership this month, remit directly to National Headquarters, 1759 Sutter St., San Francisco.

SMOGLITES: by Mary Oyama



Dearie, d'ya remember?

● Grandma being in a reminiscent mood today, we'll recall some by-gone days—. Who, for instance, would remember when founder, charter member, national bigwig Dr. Thomas Yatabe was a U.C. Berkeley student working his way through college? He was quite a personable collegian who, during the summer months, worked in the fruit ranches around Suisun, Fairfield, Vacaville in Northern California.

In case you don't know, these are small towns with surrounding rural districts engaged in the culture and production of pears, peaches, prunes, etc. Nisei collegians, even as they do today, took summer employment on these fruit ranches which were usually tenant-farmed by Issei Japanese. (Nowadays, Nisei farmers own similar orchards.) And we recall Tom being a "shed boss" at Neitzel's where the "hakujin" girls, including the boss's daughters, used to rave about him.

They liked his ready smile, politeness, and pleasing personality. One of Tom's fellow home-towners was "Sim" Susumu Togasaki, another JACL old-timer, who in those days was lean and thin, and full of jokes and witticisms even as today. Though now rotund, he still has his humor intact.

THE PIANO AND I

● Our mom used to take all six of us kids to Mitoma's on the Neitzel ranch during the summers where we spent our vacations cutting fruits (peaches, pears, apricots) and getting a taste of country life which we hugely enjoyed. We recall leisure hour lulls when we kids would plunk on Mitoma-san's huge old four-legged, table-type piano, which would now be considered a charming antique with its eagle-clawed (clutching a crystal ball) legs. This Victorian piece was later superseded by a more modern player-piano with mechanical rollers which banged out four-handed marches like *The Stars and Stripes Forever* and the latest "jazz", which the boss's daughters considered out of this world.

Mitoma-san, a charming Issei character with gentle soul and a love for music, often pounded out untutored but jolly tunes with his fists (like a masseur) solely on the black octaves. He probably loved his pianos even more than we did.

One day when we succeeded in picking out by ear a whole verse of *My Country 'Tis of Thee*, collegian Tom who had been listening from another room, walked in and applauded. "That's pretty good," he encouraged, "go ahead—play some more." But being at that gangly, self-conscious age, we suddenly became tongue-tied and covered with confusion. Sitting dumbly at the piano, we could play no more.

INTRODUCING OUR SABURO

■ A decade or so later, through a Hawaiian school-mate, we met another Cal man who became a JACL founder. This young rosy-cheeked, baby-faced fellow was Sab Kido who was active in the Hawaii Club of San Francisco. Though still a student he had already acquired his moustache to add age and dignity to what he considered his "too youthful" looks which our girl-friend from the Islands considered "very cute". At this time the cute young man was dating a very pretty girl from Riverside named Mine Harada, who is Mrs. Saburo Kido today.

Through our same Hawaiian friend Lois Tanisue (now Mrs. Eric Manthey of L.A.), we met another Hawaiian collegian who took us to a dance "across the Bay" in Berkeley at Stephens Union. Though recollection fails as to whether the fancy affair had been a Hawaii Club social or a "Cal" one, we remember it and the escort for one special reason.

■ In those days, the ferry boats still plyed across the waters

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been with the San Francisco Public Housing Authority. A native New Yorker, he graduated from George Williams College in Chicago, and is a bachelor who is married to his work and just never had time to get married, as he puts it.

The president of the Jackson Street Council, Mrs. R. J. Aronson in making the award said: "He has been a leader in this community for more than eight years and has been active in all movements for its betterment. He lives and works in this community. Perhaps his greatest strength lies in the fact that he lives the attitude that we all endorse."

Some of the activities of Neighborhood House include a citizenship class of 23 in which there are 14 Issei. There is an English class, classes for retarded children, the Evergreen Club for those over 55, crafts and hobby clubs and social events. There are three Nisei on the Neighborhood House Board of Directors.

Art Solomon's list of memberships reads like that of a Nisei. He is a member of the JACL, Nisei Veterans, Cathay Post of American Legion, Jackson Street Community Council, the Washington State Press Club of which he is a life member, Urban League, American Friends Service Committee, and the NAACP.

Art Solomon just recently resigned from his post at Neighborhood House, and while waiting for the effective date to come around his many friends in this negihborhood hope that he will choose to stick close by.

Long Beach ready for 2nd PSWDC quarterly session

LONG BEACH. — The second quarterly meeting of the Pacific Southwest District Council will be held at the Harbor Japanese Community Center on Sunday afternoon, May 6, according to Easy Fujimoto, president of the host Long Beach-Harbor District JACL.

Delegates and members from the 18 chapters of the PSWDC will attend the meeting scheduled to begin at 1 p.m. with district council chairman David T. Yokozeki presiding.

Following the afternoon meeting, all persons attending are invited by the host chapter as guests to a pot luck dinner after which the first social dance of the year for the Long Beach - Harbor District chapter will be held. Tets Bessho's new orchestra and vocalist Mas Hamasu will be featured.

Highlighting the afternoon discussion will be the Alien Land Law initiative measure to appear on the November ballot.

Under chairmanship of Fred Nakagawa and his committee, an elaborate evening of entertainment has been planned.

PORTLAND JACL SLATES TWO ELECTION MEETINGS

PORTLAND.—Two meetings to inform the Issei-Nisei community of issues in the forthcoming May 18 Oregon primaries have been scheduled by the local JACL.

For benefit of Issei voters, the chapter will sponsor a meeting May 1, 7:30 p.m., at the Nikkeijin Kai. Several JACLers will explain the various measures on the ballot and present a brief sketch of candidates.

A comprehensive report on the measures and appearances of several candidates are planned for the May 2 political rally at the Central YWCA. The meeting, cosponsored with the Veledas, starts at 7:30 p.m.

Rummage sale committee workers announced

SAN FRANCISCO. — Committee members for the rummage sale sponsored this Saturday by the San Francisco JACL Women's Auxiliary have been announced by Thelma Takeda, chairman. The sale will be held at the Macedonia Missionary Baptist Church, 2135 Sutter St., from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Sectional heads include Mrs. Fumi Hoshiyama, Miyuki Aoyama, Kuni Koga, Mrs. Yo Hironaka, Alice Shigezumi, Bessie Sonoda and Viola Nakano. Also assisting will be Mrs. Amey Aizawa, Tess Hideshima, Louis Endo. Sumi Honnami, Hana Abe, Janice Muramoto, Sumako Fukumori, Wanda Komachi, Carol Tanaka, Dorothy Suzuki, Kathey Reyes, Ryo Ichikawa, Kathy Asano, Emi Yokogawa, Florence Higa, Mary Yonemoto, Mrs. Joyce Enomoto, Mary Hamamoto, Daisy Uyeda, Mrs. Tomi Yasueda, Jane Omura, Alyce Yasukawa, Fumi Azuma, Margaret Ishino.

Marge Shigezumi will be in charge of collection for donated items to the sale. Serving on her committee are Mrs. Chiz Satow, Mary Yonemoto, Lucy Adachi, Sumi Honnami and Mrs. Misa Sumida.

CIVIC DIGNITARIES CONGRATULATE 75 ISSEI CITIZENS OF LONG BEACH

BY NOBIE NARITA

LONG BEACH. — Gov. Goodwin J. Knight of California congratulated 75 newly naturalized Issei citizens honored last Sunday by the Long Beach-Harbor District JACL at its recognition dinner at the Harbor Japanese Community Center.

In a telegram read in English with a Japanese translation following, the governor said:

"I am pleased to have this opportunity to extend greetings to the recently naturalized Americans of Japanese descent being honored by the Japanese American Citizens League Sunday evening. California's fabulous past and promising future are largely the results of cooperation of all our people working together in mutual respect with common aspirations for the well-being of our state. We have benefitted tremendously from the loyalty, enthusiasm and industry of those who have come here from Japan to make their homes and raise their families. My warm personal regards to his honor, Mayor Vermillion, and to all others present on this auspicious occasion."

A beautiful nylon flag of the United States was presented to the community by Long Beach Mayor and Mrs. George Vermillion, which was accepted by William Matsutani.

Congratulations to the new citizens were extended by Judge Martin De Vries, of the municipal court; Dr. Roy M. Nishikawa, National JACL Treasurer; Tats Kushida, director of JACL Regional Office; D. Patrick Ahern, city councilman; Momota Okura, who also read the translation of the telegram from the Governor; William Matsutani, president of the Nikkeijinkai; and Easy Fujimoto, JACL president. Eizo Morita responded on behalf of the new citizens.

Highlighting the evening was the showing of beautiful color slides by the mayor of scenes taken in Hawaii and Japan, when he and his wife made the trip to Japan for the Pacific Coast Mayor's Conference in Tokyo.

Akira Endo played three violin selections: Traumerei, Humoresque, and the Bee. Fukuji Higashi sang "Stout-Hearted Men" and "I Believe." Accompanist was Miss Stella Graves. Miss Joy Tanigawa played two piano selections: First Movement from Sonata in C Major by Haydn, and Reverie by Debussy.

The dinner was prepared by the Harbor Japanese Women's Association under the direction of Mrs. O. Nakanishi, cooking committee chairman, and Mrs. Helena Tanigawa, president of the Women's Association. Others who assisted were Mmes. Kobata, Fuji, Matsutani, Kotsubo, Furuta, Uchida, Hora, S. Nakamura, Y. Nakamura, Okita, Okubo, Odama, Nojima, and Sakamoto.

The color guard detail from the VFW Nisei Memorial Post No. 1961 presented the colors. They were Ken Nakaoka, George Kobayashi, Tosh Takahashi, Ulysses Aoki, and Roy Yasumura.

Toastmaster of the evening was Mas Narita, who was also general chairman of the affair. Invocation was given by the Rev. Nicholas Iyoya of the Grace Presbyterian Church, and the benediction was given by the Rev. Kosai Osada of the Buddhist Church.

Among those attending were Max Horowitz, chaplain at the Long Beach Naval Shipyards, who presented Rev. Iyoya and Rev. Osada with a copy of the New Testament Psalms, with his wife and son; Mrs. Bernice Tay, who has started a pen pal movement between 1,000 American and Japanese children within the last year; Mrs. Agie, past president of the Long Beach Democratic Women's Study Club; Mr. and Mrs. Bob Dilday and his family; Mr. and Mrs. Dick Dilday; and Mrs. Hallie Nye, precinct chairman of the North Long Beach Republican Women Federated.

Hostesses under the chairmanship of Marlene Hada were Kay Matsumoto, Frances Ishii, Helen Kobata, Virgie Iwata, Dorothy Iseri, and Frances Okura.

Haj Fukumoto and George Iseri were in charge of decoration and general arrangements. Assisting were Tomizo Joe, Peggy Motoyasu, Lorna Nakamura, Alice Ueda, Stanley Umetsu, and Easy Fujimoto. Fred Ikeguchi arranged for the guest speakers and the entertainment.

Frank Ishii of the Flower Shop made floral presentations to the new citizens. Harold Kobata translated the telegram, wrote the Japanese section of the program, and made the placecards.

Gov't labor film set for Chicago CL

CHICAGO. — George B. McKibbin, lawyer and member of the President's Committee on Government, will be the guest speaker in a meeting of the Chicago JACL Chapter on Thursday, May 10, at 8:15 p.m., in the Woodrow Wilson Room, 116 S. Michigan Ave., according to program chairman for the evening, John Yoshino.

The meeting to examine the causes, effects and the methods of elimination of racial and religious discrimination in employment will feature the showing of the motion picture film, "Commencement," prepared by the President's Committee on Government Contract. The 20-minute, 16 mm film graphically illustrates the many reasons that bring about discrimination in employment. The picture emphasizes the purpose of the Federal government to ensure that government contractors adhere to non-discrimination policies.

Thomas Masuda, Nisei lawyer, will introduce McKibbin at the meeting.

McKibbin is currently chairman of the Illinois Public Aid Commission. He has served both as president and as a member of the Board of Trustees of Chicago YMCA, and is now national vice-chairman of the National Conference of Christians and Jews, after having served as co-chairman of the Chicago Chapter.

He is past president of the Civic Federation of Chicago and of the Cook County School of Nursing, a member of the Board of Trustees of Chicago Wesley Memorial Hospital, Iowa Wesleyan College, Lake Bluff Children's home and chairman of the Board of Trustees of St. James Methodist Church. He lives at 5811 Dorchester Ave.

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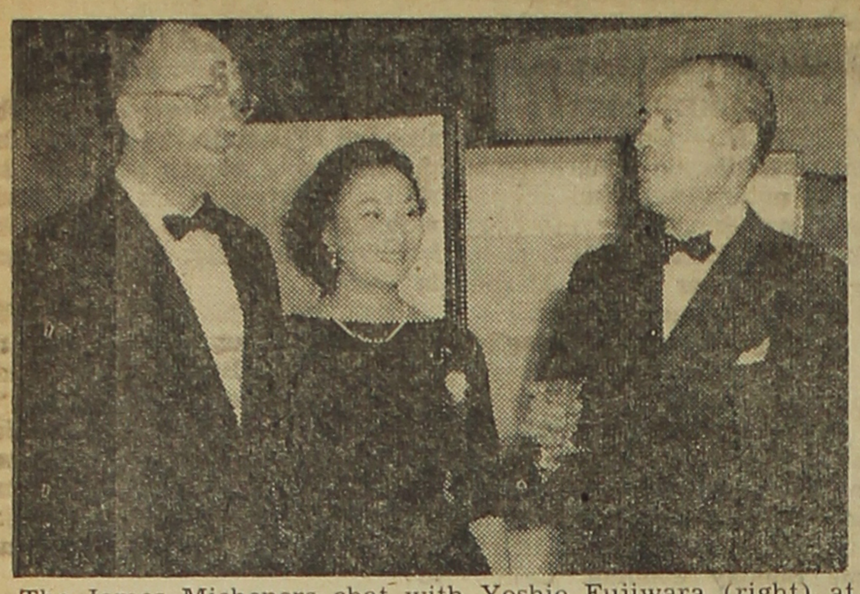

The James Micheners chat with Yoshie Fujiwara (right) at the Tokyo Press Club reception for the Pulitzer Prize winning novelist and his wife, the former Mari Sabusawa of Chicago.

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TOKYO TOPICS: by Tamotsu Murayama

The James Micheners

Tokyo

● I saw Mrs. Mari Sabusawa Michener, wife of the Pulitzer Prize winning novelist James Michener, coming toward me with her big and broad smile at the Tokyo Press Club where she hosted for a reception. I thought she was going to shake the hand of a person who was following me. To my great surprise, she turned to me and said: "Mary Minamoto and I were talking about you!" I must have appeared as a bashful maiden being introduced to some prominent figure in Japan.

One of the luckiest Nisei girls in the world who was on her most extended honeymoon came to Tokyo and I wanted to meet the famous couple for journalistic reasons. Earl Finch (in Tokyo about the same time) had already intimated the Micheners were a very busy couple because so many wanted to meet them. I decided not to meet them if they were too busily occupied. Then came this invitation to a reception at the Tokyo Press Club.

Present were many members of the foreign press associations, Gov. Eikichi Araki (former ambassador to U.S.) of the Bank of Japan, Kimpei Sheba of the Asahi Evening News, singer Yoshie Fujiwara and others.

Mari said her honeymoon started in late October from Chicago, headed for San Franicsco, then to Hawaii, Australia, Singapore, Colombo, Bombay. In India they were guests of the Maharajah of Mysore. They winged to Bangkok, Hong Kong and landed quietly at Iwakuni airport before driving into Tokyo by early March.

● Since Mari's record in JACL has been strong and sound, it might be said that through her marriage we have a Pulitzer Prize winner belonging to our group.

It may also be appropriate to note that this famous author's pen may present Japan in such a fashion as to be understood by Americans. In the past, we had Lafcadio Hearn (who became Japanese citizen taking the name of Koizumi Yakumo) and other noted writers who did much to introduce Japan of old. We need someone to present the living picture of modern Japan. James Michener may be that man.

● Mari herself can be a great interpreter of Japan to her husband. We're reminded of Dr. Inazo Nitobe who authored *Bushido* in order to explain Japan's philosophy and way of life to his Caucasian wife. Japan has so much to present to the Western world. Japan may be poor in resources and world goods, but there is something that has fascinated and enchanted her visitors from foreign lands for nigh on a century.

HOW THEY FIRST MET

● One Tokyo newspaper featured Mari upon her arrival here. It recalled the December meeting of Mari and Michener at a luncheon given by Life magazine. She recalled that after Michener gave his speech, she had a copy of his latest novel, *Sayonara* (which she hoped to have him autographed), tucked under her arm. The first thing she ever said to him is typically forthright of Mari. "I'm not sure I like the ending of *Sayonara*, you know," she said. "You don't seem to hold out much hope of happiness in marriage for people of different cultural backgrounds, do you?"

To this day, she also remembers that Michener looked flabbergasted, somewhat taken aback by the comment, and he remarked that in writing *Sayonara* he had, after all, been telling a story. "And as a story," he concluded in defense of his novel, "it just happened to end that way."

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Tamanaha runs Boston marathon in 2:38.46 –best individual time but places 25th

BOSTON. — A Finnish army sergeant, Antti Viskari, fashioned the fastest marathon ever run — 2h.-14m.-14s.—in the 60th Boston A.A. classic last Friday, bettering last year's mark of 2:18.22 by Hideo Hamamura of Japan.

Though there is no world record in marathoning because of the differences in the courses, Viskari's effort was more than three minutes better than the previously recorded all-time low of 2:17.39 by Jim Peters two years ago over a flat course in his native England.

While there were no competitors from Japan, one perennial Japanese American name—Norman Tamanaha—appeared in the summaries, finishing 25th in the time of 2:38.46.

It was his best effort in spite of the late finish. In preparing for this event, the 49-year-old veteran from Hawaii paced a field of eight men in the Hawaiian AAU marathon last Mar. 18 to win in record time of 3:16.4, which happens to be 20 minutes better than the 1955 record for the new course. The 115-lb. runner covered an easier route in 1953 in 2:51.35.

The Hawaiian champion has competed in six Boston marathons: 1947, 1952-56 editions.

Nakase cops WLA JACL golf tourney after 3-way tie

Two putts when they were needed pulled Tats Nakase through to grab low gross honors in the fifth annual West Los Angeles JACL golf tournament last Sunday at Fox Hills.

At the end of the regular eighteen holes, Nakase, Yas Tatsumi and Fred Ikeguchi were tied with 78s for the honors.

In the sudden death playoff, with Tatsumi and Nakase, on the green in two strokes, the latter putted twice to plunk the pellet in, while Tatsumi needed three swings for second low gross.

Ikeguchi, who landed in a sandtrap, won low net honors with his net 69.

In the Aye flight, Ted Niiya and Charles Hirata tied for low net honors at 65. They will play off next Sunday over the 18 hole route.

Awards were presented at a luncheon after the matches.

CHAMPIONSHIP FLIGHT

Fred Ikeuchi TN	41-37	78- 9	—69
Henry Yamagata TF	42-37	79- 9	—70
Kaz Hori TN	41-39	80-10	—70
Tats Nakase K	37-41	78- 7	—71
Yas Tatsumi TF	40-38	78- 7	—71
John Endow W	42-37	79- 8	—71
George Endo TF	43-39	82-10	—72
Duke Ogata TF	42-39	81- 9	—72
Bob Asato A	40-43	83-11	—72
Beach Morita TN	39-40	79- 7	—72
Ray Obayashi TN	45-39	84-11	—73
George Wada TN	42-38	80- 7	—73
Rich Nimura W	44-40	84-11	—73
David Yamamoto B	45-39	84-11	—73
Mas Miyazaki W	42-41	83-10	—73
Kyu Yamahata TN	43-39	82- 9	—73

AYE FLIGHT

Ted Niiya OC	43-38	81-16	—65
Chas. Hirata TF	39-39	78-13	—65
Hank Hayashida A	39-41	80-12	—68
Satsuki Shigekawa TN	42-40	82-13	—69
Sho Nomura B	41-42	83-14	—69
Roy Hayashi B	41-41	82-12	—70
Kayo Kuratani TF	43-41	83-13	—70
Tets Bessho TN	47-38	85-15	—70
Tad Ochiai TF	43-42	85-14	—71
Ken Oba WLA	42-43	85-14	—71
Isao Kudow M	43-42	85-14	—71
Terry Okida		83-12	—71

Legend: TP—Top Notch, TF—Top Flight, W—Western, A—Air Flite, B—Brookside, OC—Orange County, M—Max Flite, K—Kyodo, WLA—West Los Angeles.

Nisei gridder reports for Washington practice

SEATTLE. — Of the 72 football candidates reporting last week for the Univ. of Washington varsity as spring practice opened was Ed Watanabe, 19, of Honolulu, one of eight tackles.

A frosh numeral ('55) winner, the lone Nisei gridder here weighs 210 lbs. It also marked the debut of new head coach Darrell Royal.

Bowling official

DENVER. — Dr. Bob Mayeda was elected 1956-57 president of the local Nisei Bowling Association.

Japanese radio program on air four times weekly

Half-hour of Japanese music can be heard three times a week on Pasadena's station KWKW (1300 kc) from 8:30 p.m. on Monday, Wednesday and Friday with Matao Uwate as disc jockey. His Sunday morning program starts at 8:30 over KALI (1430 kc).

Next week's program:

Sunday—KALI: 8:30 a.m., Naniwabushi, hit tunes; 9, lecture on Buddhism. Monday—KWKW: 8:30 p.m., classic music; 8:45, My Favorite Melodies. Wednesday—KWKW: 8:30 p.m., Hit Parade; 8:45, folg songs. Friday—KWKW: 8:30 p.m., instrumental; 8:45, old time hit tunes.

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Taniguchi spilled again breaking collar bone at Tanforan racetrack

SAN BRUNO. — Misfortune struck George Taniguchi twice as he suffered a fractured left collarbone when thrown from his mount, Stepping Jan, leaving the starting gate in the fourth race Apr. 20 at Tanforan.

It was the same as that suffered by the Nisei jockey last April while galloping a horse for Main Chance Farm at Belmont, N.Y. He was sidelined for two months in that spill and rode only a few races in the East before returning to Hollywood Park.

His doctor said he would be confined to the hospital bed for a week and then side-lined from six to eight weeks. Taniguchi had 15 winners at the Tanforan meeting until the accident.

NISEI BOXER FIGHTS LIKE OLYMPIC CHAMP TO COP NCAA 119 TITLE

MADISON, Wis.—A Michigan State boxer, Choken Maekawa, has a good chance to win an Olympic championship this year, according to a 30-year veteran of ring judging.

"He fights an Olympic type fight," said Frank Gilmer, of Chicago, who watched Maekawa win the NCAA 119-pound championship here April 14. "He's a skillful boxer who doesn't get hit much. Some of these other boys who haven't got much polish may be disqualified under Olympic rules as too rough."

Maekawa isn't in the Olympics yet, though. He and nine other NCAA winners qualified for the final U.S. trials next October against National AAU and armed forces winners.

Maekawa outpointed Sammy Macias, of Nevada, who had won nine bouts in a row, to take MSU's lone NCAA title. Wisconsin won the team championship with a record 47 points, while the Spartans were fourth.

66-YEAR-OLD GOLFER SINKS HOLE-IN-ONE

SEATTLE. — George Shimizu, 66-year-old veteran, scored a hole-in-one April 15 at the 170-yard sixth hole at Jefferson with his four-iron. In the foursome were Kay Arai, Kay Yoshino and Paul Kasegawa, the Post-Intelligencer reported.

Rolls 300 Game

Kazunori Katayama, well-known nurseryman and athlete, of Los Angeles became the 10th Nisei to roll a perfect 300 game Apr. 21 in the Examiner Singles Classic qualifying round at the Vogue Bowl. It climaxed his three-game effort of 190-205-300—695, good for the top $100 series of the week in the Class A divison.

—Cut Courtesy: Rafu Shimpo.

Detroit kegler hits 779 for all-time Nisei high series

DETROIT. — Kay Takahashi rolled an all-time high of 779 on games of 236-267-279 (one pin shy of a stout 260 average for three games) in finishing the season in the local Nisei Mixed League this month, according to Lucy Yasuhiro, league secretary.

The previous high in the Midwest area was a 756, posted by Tom Yasuhiro of Chicago in late December, 1955. Takahashi hails from Berkeley.

Takahashi's effort is conceded to be the best Nisei series in competition since bowling became a popular sport some 20 years ago.

Canadian golfers

VANCOUVER, B.C. — Pacific Golf Club is the new name of the Nisei group at the Langera course here. Plans are underway to enter the Northwest Nisei golf tournament this year.

LOS ANGELES NBA AA BOWLING RECORD SET

LABCC No. 1 shot a 1076 for the season's high game in the local NBA AA bowling league at Vogue Apr. 11, winding up with a net 3034 team series.

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LOS ANGELES NEWSLETTER: by Henry Mori

The Narita family

Los Angeles

■ This column is prompted by news from the So. Calif. Japanese Womens Club to honor Issei mothers who have given birth to 10 or more children. So far, they know of 23 such families — the largest being headed by Mrs. Asano Kamei of North Hollywood who has 16 with 13 of them already out of college.

Maybe we can start a list of large Nisei families with the Mas Naritas, both very active JACLers in Long Beach, with five girls and two boys ranging in age from 1½ to 9.

Mrs. Narita, who edits the chapter publication, The Tideings, is the former Nobuko Emoto, and daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Emoto. The Emotos, we recall, once lived at the wartime housing project in Long Beach. When they attempted to purchase a brand new home in Carson Park tract they were turned back by racial discrimination. Their daughter Atsuko, an ensign in the Navy, found many friends as a result the shabby treatment received by her parents. The Emoto couple finally won in the end and are today living in Carson Park. But back to the Naritas.

I suppose one of the virtues of being a good parent is having a lot of patience. Nobie and Mas have them and also enough time and energy to take an active part in community affairs.

Mas is saddled with organizational work as president of the Long Beach Gardeners Association, vice-president of the board of the Nikkeijin Kai in the harbor area, and first vice-president of the LB-HD JACL, among other activities.

The couple are 1000 Club supporters and have been members for the last four years. "We're now in our fifth year as 1000 Club members," Nobie said proudly. Any young couple who can do so well with as many as seven youngsters is a real credit to society.

So that the Narita kids aren't left out—bless them—we like to mention that they are: Charlene, 9; Judith Ann, 8; Susan, 7; Robert, 5; Richard, 4; Lisa Jane, 3; and Patricia, 1½. The eldest four are enrolled at Longfellow Elementary School. They happen to be the only Japanese American children at school, too. Robert, of course, is in kindergarten. Charlene is a fifth grader.

■ Last week's Sou'Wester mentioned something about a brush with the law and had to pay a fine for traffic violation. The same thing happened to this demented mind two Sundays ago which kept on whispering "go through that red light, you fool."

They say that only in California does the hand of the law lay in waiting in some shady corner of an intersection and grab you as you pass by. And when that orange light turned red and we failed to stop and a State Highway Patrol car came tearing down. (Dangerous, isn't it?) What was there to say? It turned out to be an expensive Sunday afternoon ride. But we no doubt should be thankful that no one was hurt, although the escapade dented the deflated pocket book more.

■ National JACL legal counsel Frank Chuman was listed as among supporters in the newly organized Lawyers Committee for Adlai Stevenson. Attorney General Edmund G. Brown, state primary campaign chairman for the former Illinois governor, made the announcement. Chuman, whose name was up for Democratic candidacy in the 63rd state assembly district, is president of the Japanese American Democratic Club. He declined to run because of his busy law practice schedule.

■ Su Igauye, who operates plumbing shops in Li'l Tokio and the Southwest L.A. area, was among eight top winners here in the sale of glass-lined water heaters the first three months of this year. A faithful 1000er, Su thinks galvanized heaters are on their way out because of "no rust, no corrosion, longer life and high trade-in value".

VERY TRULY YOURS: by Harry K. Honda

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selves into the suite without much detection by night. After six times, however, it was too much and the next V-V Day may never strike as necessary precautions against its recurrence have been adopted.

● The masterpiece in the way of suggestions to foil the vandals comes from our past editor Larry Tajiri. ". . . we ought to start a dollar for PC campaign to help clean up the mess left by the six-time vandals," he writes. "It should be a spontaneous response on the part of the readers to the PC and the JACL" . . . What does justice to his suggestion is the possibility that "if the vandals learn that the only result of their vandalism is that the JACL and the PC are getting money, it might serve to discourage them" . . . Larry asks, "What do you think?" . . . The best answer there is up to our friends who applaud Larry's suggestion . . . Sequel to V-V Day No. 6: typewriter damages—about $200; and a new item to the So. Calif. regional office budget, a burglar alarm system which is only obtainable on a rental basis.

● If everything works, maybe the next V-V Day can be as jubilant as V-E or V-J Day with the culprits apprehended.

SMOGLITES: by Mary Oyama

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as our means of transportation in that pre-Bay Bridge era; and we young set Nisei always caught the very last one-o'clock ferry on the return home after midnight's "last dance". Once we barely made it, rushed back to the dorm after curfew, only to find it locked. Being in a hurry, and already having dismissed our escort (so he could rush home too), we were chagrined to discover that somehow our nervous jiggling of the key failed to unlock the door.

Since it was after curfew, quiet jiggles were necessary. This entailed frantic twistings of the key only during those intervals when the clattering street-car rumbled by with camoflaging noises. In the interim between the car-trips we meditated on the forlorn prospects of seeking dubious shelter in the darkly deserted laundry-room, IF the basement windows could be noiselessly raised. But finally the key worked.

We "snuck" in softly, removed our dancing shoes, crept warily up the creaky dormitory stairs, safely at last to our room. Made it! Active JACLer, Dr. Charles Ishizu of Oakland would probably never remember taking us to a dance but we remember him because of this shoe-in-hand episode.

Miss Kaye Uyeda, an active leader in the JACL, leads a group of 15 Nisei to Japan during the cherry blossom season. The group spent a whole day in Honolulu sightseeing before leaving for Japan April 5. After their tour which ends in Hiroshima, the members will remain in Japan for about one month. Some will go further to Hong Kong before returning. The photo shows part of the group just prior to boarding the Pan American Clipper in San Francisco. Shown are (left to right) Toshi Kataoka, Miyeko Nishi, Kaye Uyeda, Sumi Utsumi, Chizu Ishii, Rose Takushi, Joanne Kataoka, Sachi Kawaoka and Albert Kosakura, Mgr., Japanese Department, PAA, holding banner..

VITAL STATISTICS

Births

LOS ANGELES

AKIRA, Bill N. (Sadami Tanaka) — girl Patricia Kei, Mar. 9.
AMEMIYA, Takeharu (Tomiyo Fujino) girl Frances Takeko, Feb. 26.
AREDAS, Daniel (Donna Kuroki) -- boy, Apr. 2.
BARTON, Donald R. (Mitsue Okada)— boy James W., Mar. 1.
BESKOROVAN, Alex (Yoshiko Fujii) —girl Ione, Feb. 29.
ENDOW, John (Florence M. Ohta)— girl Bonnie L., Mar. 3.
FUJII, Shoji (Midori Inaba)—boy Steven Yasuo, Mar. 8.
FUJIKAWA, Jim H. (Grace Okamoto) —girl Sandra Fumiye, Mar. 8.
FUJISATO, Kenji (Masako E. Fuchigami)—girl Shari Fujie, Mar. 16.
FUJITA, George (Jean H. Yoshizaki) —boy, Feb. 18, Norwalk.
FUNAI, Tsutomu (Nancy A. Yamamoto)—boy Daryl Kazuo, Mar. 18.
GOTO, Tosh (Tamiko Kodama) — girl Evelyn Sumiko, Mar. 1, Pasadena.
HAMAMOTO, Dennis C. (Janice T Matsumoto)—boy Patrick Q., Mar. 19.
HASAMA, Isao (Hoshi Oishi) — boy John N., Mar. 3.
HATTORI, Tadashi F. (Haruko Oka) —girl Susan Chiyeko, Mar. 6.
HORIMOTO, Ssus (Yoko Goto)—girl Jean Harumi, Mar. 7.
HOSHIZAKI, Robert K. (Irene F. Inouye)—girl Lori Mitsuko, Feb. 27.
ICHIHO, Daisuke (Akemi M. Ochi)— boy Riki Mitsuo, Mar. 5.
ICHINOTSUBO, Tadao (Mildred H. Hayashi)—girl, Mar. 18.
IIDA, Nogi (Kikue Shimokaji)—girl Sachiko, Feb. 28.
ISOZAKI, Tamotsu (Masuko Tamura) —boy Donald J., Mar. 9.
JUE, Jim H. (Terry Mayemura)—girl Suliene P., Mar. 25.
KAMON, Takashi W. (Margaret Handa)—girl Joanne, Mar. 26.
KANDA, Mamoru E. (Kiyoko S. Iino) —boy James Mitsuo, Feb. 25.
KATSUDA, Lester K. (Tomie Murabata)—girl Sally Noriko, Mar. 11, Venice.
KAWAKITA, Sachiro (Midori Yamane)—boy Kevin Takeshi, Mar. 7, Pasadena.
KAWANAMI, George I. (Doreen Armstrong)—girl Donna L., Feb. 29.
KAWAOKA, Paul N. (Amy Hashiguchi) —girl Beth Namie, Mar. 18.
KAWASAKI, Masahi (Sachiko Suzuki) —girl Donna Reiko, Mar. 7.
KIKKAWA, Kikuma (Tomeko Nakchi) —girl Georgia Etsuko, Feb. 22.
KOBAYASHI, Shizuo (Mary Y. Nozawa)—girl Kathleen, Mar. 16, Long Beach.
KOSHIMIZU, Yasuo (Ayako Kawamoto)—boy Ronnie Toyoshi, Feb. 26, Compton.
KUNIBE, Thomas S. (Alice Abe) — girl Lisa Sono, Mar. 9, Gardena.
KURACHI, Edward S. (Hanako Hamaguchi)—boy Clyde E., Mar. 10.
KURANAGA, Harry H. (Alice K. Hamada)—girl Sharon Keiko, Mar. 4.
KUWATSUKI, Rev. Bunpo (Chiyeko Takahashi)—boy Anari Ann, Mar. 17
MASUMIYA, George H. (Fumi Adachi)—twin boys Curtis D. and Craig R., Mar. 19.
MATSUDA, Don (Kimiko C. Ogata)— girl Mariko J., Mar. 8.
MAYEDA, George T. (Toshiko Minami)—twin girls Joyce and Janice, Mar. 15.
MIURA, Kazuo (Masaye Mizuno)—boy Gary C., Mar. 7.
MIYASHITA, Hiroshi (Yoshiko Tanase)—boy Arthur Koji, Mar. 7.
MURAOKA, Ken M. (Patricia T. Tamura)—girl Sharon L., Mar. 15, Gardena.
NAKAKI, Hideo (Atsu Tanaka)—girl Linda Reiko, Mar. 19.
NAKAMURA, Masaichi (Yayeko Nishihara)—boy Glen Geichi, Mar. 14, Pacoima.
NISHINAKA, George M. (Kazuko A. Itomura)—girl Debra D., Mar. 20.
NOBUTO, Tsugio (Masako Togawa)— boy Wesley Katsuji, Mar. 4.
OCHI, Sei (Hideko Iwamoto) — boy Lane Masakazu, Mar. 6.
OGAWA, Masahiko (Yaeko Nakano)— boy Russell Shizuo, Mar. 15.
OKA, Dan H. (Alice Kumagai)—girl JoAnne Yone, Mar. 5.
OKURA, Yoshiro (Yoshiko Hiraga)— girl Elaine S., Mar. 6.
OLNESS, Julian E. (June K. Kamiya) —girl Julie A., Feb. 20.
SAITO, Yasuo (Tsuruko Tanaka) — boy Ray Rikio, Mar. 10.
SALAS, Raimundo R. (Caroline Tsutsumi)—girl Karen M., Feb. 23.
SATO, Genju (Kiyoko Oodo) — son George Tsutomu, Mar. 66.
SAVAGE, Euen G. (Michiko Tanoue) —boy John A., Feb. 15, Northridge.
SAWAMURA, Timothy M. (Blanche Yoshida)—girl Darlene Kei, Mar. 5.
SCHULTZ, Donald C. (Joan M. Yamaguchi)—girl Eileen Mariko, Mar. 5, Puente.
SHIMABUKURO, Shigeichi O. (Fumie Nishihira)—boy Keith Haruo, Mar. 23.
SHINSATO, Tadao (Toshiko Adachi)— boy Alan Mitsuo, Feb. 25.
SUMIDA, Minoru (Chiyeko Mikuriya) —girl Lynn Emi, Mar. 3.
SUZUKI, Shigehide (Shizu Sonobe)— boy Shigeyuki, Mar. 13.
TADOKORO, Akira (Shigeko Kawasaki)—boy Robert Hiroshi, Feb. 28.
TAKAHASHI, George Mitsuo (Valerie H. Kishimoto)—girl Iris N., Mar. 13.
TAKASHIMA, Kazue (Reiko Onuki)— boy Yuji, Mar. 18.
TAKETANI, Gerald T. (Kazuko Tsutsumida)—girl Cynthia Kei, Mar. 3.
TAKEYAMA, Raymond A. (Florence Y. Kagiwara)—boy Paul Jun, Mar. 9.
TANAKA, Tadao (Kyoko G. Nishi)— girl Joni Lynn, Mar. 9
TERADA, Ken (Haruko Abe) — boy Steven Masayoshi, Mar. 11.
TSUCHIYAMA, Hiroshi J. (Ida C. Morimoto)—girl Wendy Emiko, Feb. 28, Gardena.
TSURUTA, Yoshio (Tamura M. Shojo) —boy Kenji S., Mar. 16.
UCHIGOSHI, Toshio J. (Mikio Kiyomura)—boy Gary, Mar. 6.
WATANABE, Toshio (Keiko Konami) —boy Bryan Toshio, Mar. 14.
WATAOKA, Shoji (Aki Kojima)—boy Wright Shoji, Feb. 24.
YADA, Charles (Edna E. Nagata) — girl Elaine N., Mar. 28.
YAMASAKI, Tsuneo (Haru Miyazaki) —boy Gary, Mar. 6.
YAMASHITA, Shuichi (Yoshie Maruko)—boy Richard Sadao, Feb. 29.
YOKOBATA, Tamotsu (Megumi Osaki)—girl Kathy Emi, Mar. 1.
YORITA, Fumi (Tomiko Tanaka)—boy Steven Tadashi, Mar. 4, Pasadena.
YOSHIDA, Sock S. (Louise A. Sasano) —boy Scott R., Mar. 24.
YOSHIHARA, Fredrick (Jene H. Higashida)—boy Philip Kaoru, Mar. 3.

SAN DIEGO

OBATA, James K.—girl, Feb. 8.

ARIZONA

TANITA, Susumu—girl, Apr. 10, Glendale.

HANFORD

SHIROYAMA, Mitsuo—girl, Feb. 21.

WATSONVILLE

UMEDA, Ben (Yoko Kawasaki)—girl, Apr. 11.

STOCKTON

FUKANO, Fred T. — girl, Mar. 27, Tracy.

SAN FRANCISCO

ASAHINA, Saburo—boy, Mar. 17.

WOODLAND

OJIMA, Masakazu—girl, Apr. 6.

SACRAMENTO

HAMAMOTO, Goichi J.—boy, Mar. 22.

AUBURN

HATA, Frank K.—boy, Apr. 3.

ONTARIO, ORE.

MIZUTA, George—boy, Jan. 23.

SEATTLE

ARAMAKI, Shigeto—boy, Jan. 30.
HASHIMOTO, Kiyoto—boy, Apr. 12.
MIYAMOTO, Tak—boy, Apr. 11.
TOYOHARA, Kazuto—girl, Apr. 10.
UYEJI, Toshio—boy, Jan. 30.
YAMASAKI, Kazuo—boy, Mar. 21.

Engagements

NAMBA-INOSHITA — Vi Tokiko to Ted T., both Lodi, Mar. 31.
WASHIYA-KAMIKOCHI — May, Sanger, to Tom M., Castroville, Apr. 14.
YOSHINO-HERBERTSON — Jane to Elmer, both Los Angeles.

Marriage Licenses Issued

EKUNI-HARADA — Ben J., 72; Matsue, 64, Seattle.
FUJITA-ITO — John and Shizue, Seattle.
KONOITAKAMOTO—Sam I.; Jane M., both Sacramento.
MANO-FUJII — George, 26; Irene M., 23, Seattle.
MOLENA-SHIBATA — Lauriano, 52; Sadako, 35, Seattle.
NOMURA-SHINDE — Hideso J., 37; Chisato, 29, Seattle.
SHIZUHARA-NAMBA — Nobuo, 28; May K., 24, Seattle.

Weddings

HATAKEDA-ASAKAWA — Apr. 14, Ben, Sanger; Misa, Fowler.
INOUYE-OATO — Mar. 31, Fred Yutaka and Jane Yukino, Los Angeles.
KOYAMA-BELDON — Apr. 7, Dr. William K., Portland; Dr. Miriam R., Seymour, Ind.
MAYEDA-OKAMOTO — Apr. 1, Stanley M. and Lillian T., Stockton.
MIKURIYA-MIYASHIRO — Mar. 31, Mickey Isao and Kay Kiyomi, Los Angeles.
OKI-YATA — Mar. 25, Masao, Los Angeles; Chiyoe, Torrance.
OHTA-IKEDA — Apr. 7, George M., Sun Valley; May Michiko, Pasadena.
OSHITA-UKAI — Apr. 22, Rev. Y., Santa Maria; Toyoe at Tokyo.
SHIMATSU-SATO — Mar. 25, Iruharu Fred and Shukuko, Los Angeles.
SHIRAGA-IZUMI — Apr. 8, Toshiyuki, Hawthorne; Marie M., Los Angeles.
TAKAKI-WADA — Apr. 1, Minoru, San Fernando; Mitsuye, Sun Valley.
YASUMURA-MARUMOTO — Mar. 25, Mutsuo, Long Beach; Sandra Saeko, Los Angeles.

SLC Auxiliary plans fashion-tea affair

SALT LAKE CITY. — The Salt Lake JACL Auxiliary fashion show and tea for Mothers' Day, May 13, will be held at Manor Heights, 201 N. Main, starting from 2 p.m.

The committee, headed by Auxiliary chairman Mrs. Tomoko Yano, is planning what is hoped to become an annual affair. "Fashions Around the Clock" will be the theme, featuring outfits appropriate during morning, noon and evning.

Members of the Auxiliary and their daughters will model clothing from leading Salt Lake stores and some that they have designed tthemselves. It is hoped everyone interested in fashions will attend this affair to help inaugurate the new activities of the Salt Lake JACL Auxiliary. Light refreshments will be served. Admission is free.

Parlier Auxiliary moves to enlarge cabinet

PARLIER. — Plans to expand the Parlier JACL Auxiliary cabinet to include four district chairmen in 1957 were approved at the last membership meeting held at the home of the Ty Arifukus with chairman Sue Miyakawa presiding.

The current officers will constitute the nominations committee which will meet in October to offer a slate for seven posts. Also on the agenda was the Auxiliary assist to the chapter with its Veterans' Round-Up float for the May 20 parade. Twenty-one members attended.

Fumi Oshita, home economist, was the meeting speaker. Refreshments were served by Mrs. Irene Kozuki, chairman, assisted by:

Mmes. Flora Doi, Mitzi Osumi, Kimi Doi, Yumi Arifuku, Chika Komoto.

A letter from Allan Boyd, who spoke at the March meeting on interior decorations, was read. The Auxiliary will hear Dr. Loeffler at the next May 15 meeting.

Farm Bureau berry post

BERKELEY. — George Nakagawa of Modesto was re-elected vice-chairman of the California Farm Bureau federation's Northern California strawberry section at a meeting last week.

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WASHINGTON NEWSLETTER: by Mike Masaoka

Civil rights battle

Washington

The Administration's civil rights programe, introduced two weeks ago, has touched off an election year congressional battle.

Many liberal Democrats question the timing of the Administration's proposals, late in the congressional session in an election year, with Republicans reminding those who will listen that the President in his State of the Union message last January, at the beginning of the session, called for a bipartisan study commission on civil rights.

The stakes are high, with the pivotal Negro vote in certain Northern and Midwest and Western States perhaps dependent upon which party makes the better record on civil rights legislation. At the same time, the specter of a disenchanted South haunts the Democrats.

Democratic view, Republican retort . . .

The general attitude of the liberal Democrats is summed up in the comment of Chairman Emanuel Celler of the House Judiciary Committee during hearings at which Attorney General Brownell explained the Administration proposals: "(They) are good as far as they go, but I don't think they go far enough. It's like using a bean-shooter when you should be using a gun."

The GOP retort, as expressed at these hearings by the ranking minority member, Rep. Kenneth Keating, is "if we try to report out a bill that goes too far, we will simply face defeat . . . as we have done year after year. If we try to bite off too much, we won't get anything at all."

Brooklyn Democrat Celler, considered one of the most "liberal" men in the House, is the author of his own omnibus civil rights bill which includes all of the Administration proposals except one and several other provisions not included in the Administration's program.

Up-State New Yorker Keating, considered a "liberal" Republican, has introduced the bill implemeting the Administration's recommendations.

Celler's omnibus bill . . .

Last week, when the full House Judiciary Committee considered civil rights legislation, by a 14-13 vote Chairman Celler's omnibus bill was referred back to Subcommittee with instructions that the Administration proposals be added to it.

The next day, the Subcommittee was able to draft a compromise bill that includes all of the Administration's recommendations as well as most of the major Celler proposals. This compromise bill is supposed to have been the subject of consideration last Tuesday by the full House Judiciary Committee.

This new Subcommittee draft includes the Administration requests for a congressionally approved bipartisan civil rights study commission, a civil rights division in the Department of Justice under an Assistant Attorney General, and authority for individuals and the Attorney General to bring civil suits against interference with anyone's civil rights. The emphasis is on the protection of the right to vote.

The Celler proposals which were made a part of the Subcommittee bill adds (1) severe penalties for any segregation or discrimination in interstate travel, (2) broadened criminal civil rights statutes, increased penalties for violations, and the elimination of some of the loopholes in the present laws, and (3) a joint congressional committee on civil rights.

The final bill as approved by the Subcommittee substituted the language of the Administration bills for Chairman Celler's on matters covered by both bills, but left untouched the broader provisions of his bill.

Strategy in the Senate . . .

There is considerable optimism that some civil rights legislation will be approved by the House this session.

But, the stumbling block remains the Senate, where other civil rights legislation in other years has been pigeonholed.

Senator Thomas Hennings' Judiciary Subcommittee on Constitutional Rights has reported four civil rights bills to the full Judiciary Committee, but no action has been taken on them. It now appears as if this Subcommittee will be bypassed and the full Committee will consider civil rights legislation without reference to any Subcommittee.

At least this seems to be behind the announcement of Chairman James Eastland of the Judiciary Committee that the full 15-member Committee will hold public hearings in the "near future" on the Administration's proposals and all other civil rights bills pending before the Committee.

More than a dozen different civil rights bills have been referred to this powerful Committee, including those dealing with anti-poll tax, anti-lynching, and anti-segregation matters. The more controversial fair employment practices bills are pending before the Senate Committee on Labor and Public Welfare however.

Election year pressure noted . . .

Mississippi's Senator Eastland has long been known as a spokesman for the conservative Southern Bloc which has opposed all civil rights legislation as an invasion of states rights. On the other hand, Senator Estes Kefauver, the "liberal" presidential aspirant, is on record for most civil rights measures.

On the GOP side, ranking minority members Wisconsin's Alexander Wiley and North Dakota's William Langer are generally sympathetic to civil rights pleas.

All in all, seven of the eight Democratic members are from either the Deep South or the Border States, the only exception being Wyoming's Senator Joseph O'Mahoney. Of the seven Republican members, four are from the Midwest, two from the Rocky Mountain States, and one from the East Coast.

Viewed from the standpoint of traditional positions, it would appear that civil rights cannot muster enough votes to even clear the full Committee. But, this is an election year and with five of the seven Republican members up for re-election this November, it is quite possible that a less significant bill or two on civil rights may be reported by the full Judiciary Committee.

The threat of filibuster, however, dooms any real hope for any civil rights legislation this session.

Vested property—

Continued from Front Page

seized during the late war would be returned to the Japanese people. These countries include Argentina, Brazil, Chile, Peru, Ceylon, India and Pakistan.

"It would be ironical," said Masaoka, "that the United States which was forced into the role of leader of the Free World after World War Two should face the criticism that she cannot lead the way when the purse strings of confiscated private property are involved."

According to Masaoka there were two basic reasons why the JACL vigorously supported the return of the confiscated property: one was political and the other economic.

He noted that our pro-America allies in Japan were the businessmen who had established the prewar enterprises in this country, who knew America best and advocated a national policy of close cooperation and amity with the United States.

"By retaining these confiscated properties of private Japanese individuals and businesses," he said, "we alienate our best friends, those who are most qualified to preach the doctrine of free enterprise in Japan's new democratic society, and we require a comparatively few to bear the whole burden of the entire nation's 'war guilt'.

"Had the Japanese government been required to pay reparations, the people of Japan would have been taxed to bear the 'war guilt,' and not the confiscated property of a few."

Masaoka brought several questions to the attention of the Senators:

"Can we afford to confiscate the private property of a now friendly ally which might instead provide the incentive to spur its dubious economy and bolster the sagging economy of Southeast Asia?

"Are we to default to government confiscation of private property while the Russians offer economic aid to the newly independent countries of Southeast Asia?

"Do we preach the virtues of private property and dynamic capitalism, the people's capitalism, and confiscate private property?

"Insofar as our right hand ignores what our left hand does, we subject our foreign policy to undue criticism and to the dubious intent of sincerity voiced by our government.

"The new look in Soviet Russia's foreign policy is not infiltration through military subversion but through economic assistance."

He urged that one of the most effective policies the United States could possibly launch would be to return or to pay German and Japanese owners for the property seized in wartime.

The United States cannot afford to alienate the ties which bind the Free World together, and Japan and the West German Republic are the frontiers of that area, he explained.

The economic reasons were the following:

The return of such vested amounts, though relatively small, could well strengthen their war-wrecked economies.

And to the extent that their economies show signs of stability, to that extent the American taxpayer would have his burden lessened while at the same time Germany and Japan could better able ward off communist lures.

Further trade and commerce between the United States and Japan could be enlarged by returning their assets.

Another compelling reason for returning the vested property advanced by Masaoka was that "we cannot afford to continue to hold German and Japanese property confiscated during a war and risk the precedent of expropriation by other governments on one pretext or another."

The United States has investments of $26 billion abroad with an annual interest of $6 billion to American investors whereas the amount involved in vested property is $500 million.

Masaoka urged that "we reverse our present policies and return to our historic tradition regarding the inviolability of private property, thus better assuring the sanctity of American private property in foreign countries."

CLAIM SAN FRANCISCO ISSEI INVENTED DIAL TELEPHONE SYSTEM

CAP STE. MARTIN, Que. — An Issei market gardener here claims a San Francisco Issei invented the automatic dial system now in wide use in telephones.

In a letter to The New Canadian, Manzo Yoshida said he drew blueprints of the original dial system invented by Yukinosuke Shibata, who devoted 40 years of his life in San Francisco to this invention. Shibata came to the U.S. from Fukuoka-ken and held the first patent for 16 years near the last turn of the century, Yoshida claims.

Stockton community picnic

STOCKTON. — The annual Stockton community picnic, sponsored by the local JACL, will be held on Sunday, May 13, at Micke's Grove. There will be swimming, baseball, races for children.

Named to the picnic committee were Henry Kusama, Harry Hayashino and Shago Muraoka.

Japanese float in San Francisco Festival of Progress wins top prize

SAN FRANCISCO. — The beautiful float entered by the Japanese community in the San Francisco Festival of Progress parade last Sunday was awarded the first prize of $750 by the parade judges, it was announced Tuesday by Charles P. Teevin, parade general chairman.

A check for this amount is being mailed to joint community committee, he informed Sadae Hamada, N.C. Japanese Chamber of Commerce executive director who made all arrangements for entering the Japanese unit in the parade competition.

The Chamber of Commerce cosponsored the community representation in Sunday's parade with the San Francisco JACL and local Nichi Bei Kai.

Teevin also revealed that two trophies and another check for $50 was won by the Issei and Nisei unit.

The huge massed Boy Scout drum and bugle corps, composed of over 150 boys from Troops 12, 29 and 58, placed second in the junior drum and bugle corps division to win the $50 award.

The entire Issei and Nisei unit was also judged the best participation by a nationality group and awarded a trophy.

The second trophy was won by the four majorettes as the best junior majorettes in the parade. The four, all from San Mateo, were Maxie Furuike of the S.F. 49er baton troupe; Carole Takahashi, Geraldine Komaru and Patsy Yamaguchi.

The float, designed by Hatsuro Aizawa, local commercial artist and current president of the San Francisco JACL chapter, was clearly the most elaborate and distinctive in the parade.

The three groups raised over $2000 to finance the float and other expenses for the unit. About $1500 of the amount was expended on the float itself.

"We weren't expecting any prize money back when we originally decided to enter, so we did excellently, both financially and from the publicity standpoint," Hamada said Tuesday.

'La Casa de Te de la Luna de Agosto' choice for Pan-American goodwill tour

NEW YORK. — With Tei Ko in the role of Lotus Blossom and Mara Kim as Higa Jiga, the South American road show of "Teahouse of the August Moon" flew last week to Havana where it will open a tour that will cover most of the South American countries and possibly the Central American republics.

The show is unusual in several respects. It is the first theatrical group to be sponsored by the State Department to be sent overseas. Its purpose is to develop Pan American good-will.

The leading role of Sakini is being taken by a woman, Rosita Diaz Gimeno, Mexican actress, who appeared in a Mexico City production of the Broadway hit.

The play will be given in Spanish. The leading actors had to brush up on their high school Spanish in order to speak their lines. The 13 actors of Oriental descent will also be speaking Spanish.

Of all the hits on Broadway, "La Casa de Te de la Luna de Agosto" was selected by ANTA (American National Theater and Academy) for this important tour.

The cast is a melting pot of races and nationalities, including Negro, Caucasian, Chinese, Spanish, Japanese and Puerto Rican.

Each of the actors and actresses had to join Equity, according to Jerry Fujikawa, who will double as Sumata in the play and as assistant stage manager. At off-stage functions, such as dinners, dances and receptions, he will have to wear formal dress.

"I wonder how it will feel," he said.

To Tsunematsu Ikari, 77-year-old naturalized American citizen, the trip will give him a chance to visit his son in Sao Paulo. He also said it made him happy to be of service to his country, of which he had only recently become a citizen.

In the cast are Mark and Alice Satow (she is a sister of Charles Kikuchi), and their two children, Rickey and Claudia, as well as Tsunao Sato, brother of Mark.

Others include James Kitayama, Teru Masumoto, Tom Kikuchi and Yu Wing Lee. — Hokubei Shimpo.

INSURANCEMAN EARNS NISEI WEEK BOOK BID

Insurance salesman Victor Ikeda, who managed the publication of the 1955 Nisei Week souvenir booklet, received a similar contract to head the 1956 edition due in August. Other bidders were cartoonist Tom Okamoto and newspaperman Wimp Hiroto.

CALENDAR

Apr. 28 (Saturday)
Seattle—Meeting, Collins Playfield, 8 p.m.
San Francisco — Auxiliary rummage sale, 2135 Sutter St., 9 a.m.-5 p.m.
Pasadena—Benefit movie, Cleveland School Auditorium. "24 no Hitomi"
Chicago—Bridge-Scrabble party, Monroe YWCA, 8 p.m.

Apr. 29 (Sunday)
French Camp — Community picnic, Micke Grove, 10 a.m.
Cortez—Community picnic (tentative).

May 1 (Tuesday)
Portland—Pre-election meeting for Issei, Nikkeijin Kai, 7:30 p.m.

May 2 (Wednesday)
Portland—Political rally, Central YWCA, 7:30 p.m.
East L.A.—General meeting.

May 4 (Friday)
Milwaukee—Fashion show-card party, Westminster Presbyterian Church, 2308 E. Belleview Ave., 8 p.m.

May 5 (Saturday)
East Los Angeles—Emerald Ball, Santa Monica Elks Club.

May 6 (Sunday)
PSWDC—2nd Quarterly Session, Long Beach CL hosts, Harbor Community Hall, 1 p.m. Potluck dinner and dance, 6 p.m.
Marysville—JACL picnic, Yuba foothills, 10 a.m.
Sacramento—Community picnic, Elk Grove Park.

May 9 (Wednesday)
East Los Angeles—Political rally.

May 10 (Thursday)
Chicago — Meeting, Woodrow Wilson Room, 116 S. Michigan Ave., 8 p.m. George B. McKibbin, spkr.

May 11 (Friday)
Philadelphia—Board meeting; Mas Satow to be present (tentative).

May 12 (Saturday)
Cortez—Annual Spring dance, Ballico Legion Hall (tentative).

May 13 (Sunday)
Detroit—Mothers' Day tea.
Stockton—Community picnic, Micke's Grove.
Salt Lake City—Fashion show & Mothers' tea (site to be announced).

May 15 (Tuesday)
Parlier—Auxiliary meeting.

May 16 (Wednesday)
Salt Lake City—Film on Japan (site to be announced).

May 17 (Thursday)
Pasadena—General meeting.

May 20 (Sunday)
NCWNDC—2nd Quarterly Session, San Jose CL hosts. Golf tournament at Hillview C.C., 10 a.m.

May 25 (Friday)
Cincinnati—MDC "Hello Mixer".

May 26 (Saturday)
Stockton—Annual movie benefit.
Salt Lake City—Meeting (site to be announced), speaker from Fish & Game Dept.

May 26-27
MDC—District convention, Cincinnati-Dayton JACL co-hosts; Netherlands-Plaza Hotel, Cincinnati.

May 30 (Wednesday)
Salt Lake City—Memorial Service, SLC Cemetery.