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EDITORIALS:

Memorial day rites for Nisei

In keeping with tradition that began eight years ago when 50 national patriotic and veteran groups annually began to present wreaths at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier in Arlington National Cemetery, the Japanese American Citizens League and members of the Washington, D.C., chapter joined with them in the memorial services each Decoration Day of May 30.

JACLers and friends will also decorate the graves of 20 Nisei soldier dead of World War II buried there.

It is fitting that the D.C. News Notes, chapter newsletter, this week pays tribute with this unsigned poem entitled "A Prayer Away" on their front page.

To Soldiers far and near
who gave
To keep our country
free
We set aside each
Memorial Day
In remembrance of their
deed.
So, let us bow our heads
in prayer
This Memorial Day
And whether our
prayers be in
Gassho or amen—
They hear us a prayer
away.

As Mike Masaoka took time out to recall in his Newsletter last year after attending the 1955 ceremonies, "for all that persons of Japanese ancestry in the United States have, for all that the future holds for them and their posterity, they of all Americans should be proud of their soldier dead—proud and grateful enough to commemorate Memorial Day not on May 30 alone but every living day of their lives made livable because of those whose memory must be enshrined in their hearts".

We ought not forget those who paid that supreme sacrifice that we might live and enjoy the fruits of America today.

CLAIMS BILL CONSIDERATION IN SENATE HELD UP

WASHINGTON.—Though docketed for consideration, the Senate Judiciary Committee failed to consider the bill to expedite the final determination of the remaining evacuation claims when it met in executive session last Monday morning, according to the Washington Office of the Japanese American Citizens League.

The necessary quorum to conduct business could not be mustered and the controversial nomination of Solicitor General Simon Sobeloff to be a federal judge occupied the time of the Judiciary Committee members, it was learned.

Since the Judiciary Committee is scheduled to meet every Monday morning, the Washington JACL Office announced that it would attempt to have the evacuation claims measure considered next week if a quorum can be secured. The Lane-Hillings evacuation claims bill was approved on the consent calendar of the House on March 5 and has been in the Senate Judiciary Committee for consideration the past two months.

Milwaukee Sansei named to student goodwill study tour

MILWAUKEE.—To promote better relationship between European countries and the United States, the American Field Service sponsors students to be sent overseas for study and at the same time learn the customs and ways of a particular country by living with some family.

The Pacific Citizen this week was informed Gerald Sakura, 16, of Rufus King High School was among the 600 selected to leave New York shortly and stay in Europe until the second week of September.

Son of Mr. and Mrs. Chester Sakura, originally of Seattle and active JACLer from Eatonville days, Gerald Sakura was active in school affairs, ran the half-mile on the varsity, lettered in varsity football and carried a 3.5 grade average in studies.

The Nisei goodwill student will stay with the Henry Ranning family in Stockholm, Sweden.

Students are selected on the basis of character, service and merit, the sponsors pointed out.

Gerald's father, Chester, is engaged in TV repair service at his hown shop, Chet's Service, 4916 N. 56th St. His oldest son, David, 20, is a chemistry major at Wheaton (Ill.) College, while his other two sons Chester, Jr., 15, and Bruce, 10, attend local schools.

San Pedro Nisei awarded four-year scholarship

SAN PEDRO.—Hisashi Matsutani, 17, of San Pedro High School was awarded the Macneel Pierce Foundation scholarship valued at \$2,400 for a four-year college education this past week. He plans to major in dentistry at Univ. of Southern California.

The youth, who lettered in varsity football, was active in school and an honor student.

JUDGE GOODMAN SUGGESTS JACL CHANGE NAME BY DROPPING 'JAPANESE'

SAN JOSE.—A suggestion that the Japanese American Citizens League consider a change in its name was voiced by Federal Judge Louis E. Goodman, who was the main speaker at the League's Northern California-Western Nevada District Council banquet here Sunday night.

He said he thought the league should adopt a new name dropping the word "Japanese" entirely.

Hyphenated names of organizations are found throughout the United States, he said.

"They've been very prevalent in the past," he said. "We have the Spanish-American Society, German-American Alliance, the Italian-American club and so forth.

"True, these words are used for convenience. But it's time for us to forget hyphenated Americanism."

Judge Goodman said he did not "in any way mean to be critical of your (JACL) organization. It has done excellent work."

"But I'm sure many of you agree," he added, "better names could be found to signify the unity of the people of the United States."

He said he has told many persons studying for American citizenship they need not give up their affections or friendships for their homelands.

"That's because there's a difference between affections and friendships to a country and patriotic devotion," he said.

"But once citizenship has been granted, there's no longer a reason for nationalistic and racial distinctions."

Judge Goodman praised the Japanese who have earned American citizenship for "their eagerness and great devotion to reach a goal."

—Nichi Bei Times.

Methodist integration move well-received by Nisei Hawaiian minister

MINNEAPOLIS.—Actions of the Methodist General Conference recently conducted here on racial integration of its congregation proved very heartening to Rev. Dr. Harry Komuro, mission superintendent of the Methodist Church in Hawaii.

The conference removed obstacles to integration of racial groups by ending its own segregated administration structure.

Dr. Komuro has been a Methodist pastor in Hawaii for more than 20 years and was appointed superintendent two years ago.

Southland gardeners organize federation

Chartered as a non-profit corporation, the So. Calif. Gardeners Federation has been organized. Sueji Nishimura of Pasadena chaired the organization meeting.

The federation, hoping to obtain membership from some 16 Issei and Nisei groups, plans to provide landscape workers with sick bene, fits, educational program and a schedule of civic and group activities.

Also signing corporation papers with Nishimura were Paul S. Koga, Gardena; George Nagao, West Los Angeles; and Kiyoshi Kawanami, Uptown L.A.

MAJOR JACL LEGISLATIVE AIM MET AS BILL ON USE OF MONGOLIAN LABOR SIGNED

BY HELEN MINETA

WASHINGTON.—President Eisenhower signed the bill terminating the prohibition against employment of Mongolian labor in the construction of federal reclamation projects, and it is now Public Law 517, the Washington Office of the Japanese American Citizens League reported this week.

As one of the major JACL legislative aims for 1956, Mike Masaoka, Washington JACL representative, stated that so far as he knew the last vestige of discrimination by name against Mongolians had been erased from the statute books.

"It is gratifying," he said, "to see the end of an era in which Asians generally, and the Japanese particularly, were the targets of special discriminatory legislation."

The legislation which had been introduced by Rep. John J. Rhodes (R., Mesa, Ariz.) with companion bills had the unanimous endorsement of both the House and Senate Interior and Insular Affairs committees under the chairmanship of Rep. Clair Engle (D., Red Bluff, Calif.) and Sen. James E. Murray

(D., Mont.) and Senate Subcommittee of the Irrigation and Reclamation, Sen. Clinton Anderson (D., N.M.)

The Department of the Interior, in its appraisal of the bill, pointed out that the 1902 Act was inconsistent with current laws and wholeheartedly recommended the deletion of this discriminatory provision.

The House report, concurred in by the Senate, stated that "this archaic provision has no place on the Federal statute books today."

The JACL had first in 1948 discussed this problem with the Department of Interior with the understanding that under the recodification of the reclamation laws it would be possible to omit the discriminatory language by administrative action. It was later found that it could be erased only by amendatory legislation by the Congress.

Although this law has been on the books, it was the impression of the Washington office that it had not been enforced for the past decade or more.

Hawaii land return bill on President's desk; to aid AJA eleemosynary groups

WASHINGTON.—The House accepted the amendment proposed by the Senate to the Hawaii land return bill of eleemosynary organizations and the measure is now before the President for signature, the Washington Office of the Japanese American Citizens League reported last week.

As one of the major JACL legislative aims of 1956, JACL has supported this bill which was introduced in the House by Republican delegate from Hawaii, Mrs. Joseph R. Farrington.

The legislation would authorize any eleemosynary organization composed of persons of Japanese ancestry in the Territory of Hawaii which had conveyed its prewar real property to the government or its political subdivision during World War Two to file a claim within a two-year period in the Circuit Court of Hawaii.

The Senate amendment, which was inserted at the request of the Department of Interior, provides that the Territory of Hawaii or its political subdivision may bring eminent domain proceedings for condemnation of such property if it is needed for public use and that it should be entitled to any reimbursements for discharging any encumbrances upon the property, such may be setoff in the eminent domain proceedings.

The bill was under study by the House and Senate Interior and Insular Affairs committee under the

chairmanship of Rep. Clair Engle (D., Red Bluff, Calif.) and Sen. James E. Murray (D., Mont.) and the Senate Subcommittee on Territories under Sen. Henry M. Jackson (D., Wash.)

14,000 attending gakuen in Hawaii

HONOLULU.—Japanese language schools in Hawaii apparently have reached the height of their expansion since their revival during the postwar period.

In the past two years only four new schools have been added to the 74 which were in existence then—with only one of the four added to the Honolulu area.

Of the 78 schools in the Territory, 24 are within the City limits of Honolulu, according to Futoshi Ohama, president of the Hawaii Kyoiku Kai (Hawaii Japanese Education Association) and principal of Palama Gakuen, largest Japanese school in the Territory.

Even though Honolulu has less than one-third of the schools, its enrollment is bigger than all other schools together—with 7,380 students out a total roll of 14,041.

The enrollment for the Territory has increased by only 563 during the past two years.

The number of schools and enrollment for each area are Hawaii, 23 and 2,318; Maui, 10 and 904; rural Oahu, 15 and 2,890; Honolulu, 24 and 7,380, and Kauai, 6 and 549.

Ohama's school has an enrollment of 1,700 and the second largest enrollment is only 735—at Wahiawa Gakuen.

The Japanese school of today concentrates on two areas only, he said. They are language arts and moral education.

Classes are an hour long and many schools, like Ohama's work on two shifts—from 3 to 4 p.m. for lower grades and from 4 to 5 p.m. for upper grades.

Elected Lions president

FT. LUPTON.—Hirato W. Uno, active Ft. Lupton JACLer, was recently elected president of the Roggen Lions.

HOLLYWOOD GIRL NAMED TO PHI BETA KAPPA

BERKELEY.—Amy Teruko Iwasaki, 21, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Genichiro Iwasaki of Hollywood will graduate this June with Phi Beta Kappa honors in sociology from the Univ. of California.

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FROM THE FRYING PAN: by Bill Hosokawa



Guests at a luau

Denver

For some never fully explained reason, a surprisingly large number of students from the Hawaiian Islands attend Colorado universities and colleges. About 50 of them, banded together as the Hui O' Hawaii club at the University of Colorado, staged their seventh annual luau last Saturday night. A luau, so they tell me, is a Hawaiian type feast which requires that everyone sit on the ground and put away large quantities of mighty fine food.

Some of the men students get up at the crack of dawn to build a fire in a pit lined with stones. When the stones are hot enough, several whole pigs are placed atop them, covered, and allowed to bake until just before chow time, by which they've been transformed into mouth-watering morsels. Meanwhile, other members are preparing such delicacies as field ripened pineapple which, together with bushels of orchids and other exotic blossoms, have been flown to the University of Colorado campus in Boulder.

For some years past we've been fortunate enough to be guests at these festivities and it's been a pleasure indeed. The entertainment this year, featuring a comely young miss with expressive hands and hips, name of Jessica Kupau, was a genuine bell-ringer. Her hula number called *Singing Bamboo* all but carried the entire audience of more than 300 to the sandy beach of a tropical isle with palm fronds rustling in the caresses of the trade winds.

The Hawaiians have made a mighty pleasant contribution to the potpourri of American culture and it seems to me they're especially attractive because they seem to be having such a good time of it all. Hawaiian orchestras and dancers, from all appearances, are enjoying themselves completely and thoroughly. They're happy to be singing and dancing. They're proud of their culture without being self-conscious as the American deep south seems to be, or so obnoxiously obvious as the Texas culture always appears. What all these words mean is that I like Hawaii, Hawaiians, their music and hulas and happy outlook. As we say up here at Waikiki in the Rockies, Aloha to you-all.

SATOW VISITS IN DENVER

Those of us here in the backwash, so to speak, of Nisei activities, are likely to lose sight of the national Nisei picture unless we are reminded occasionally. Such a reminder came this week from Mas Satow, national JACL director, who dropped by en route to the midwest and east on a three-week JACL business trip.

I suppose if I had been paying attention I would have known it, but Mas amazed me when he said there are now 88 JACL chapters scattered over the United States. These chapters represent something like 15,000 members. Already this year, some 30 of the chapters have reported a membership greater than last year's.

Satow went on to report that there have been more than 1,600 members of the JACL 1000 Club, although not all of them are active at present. The 1000 Club, you may recall, was conceived as an organization of JACL supporters, each of whom would contribute \$25 per year to keep the national body solvent. The idea was that 1,000 members would kick in \$25,000 a year, but that was back in the days when a dollar went a long way farther than it does now, and the national JACL was not nearly so active as at present.

There are two opposing ways to view these figures. First, in the light of the tremendously significant work that the JACL has been doing and is continuing to do, the membership is surprisingly small. And second, in view of the magnificent adjustment that individual Nisei have been able to make economically, socially and culturally, giving them a sense of independence, it's a wonder that as many as 15,000 of them continue to support the JACL. From this distance, the Nisei response would seem to be an expression of faith and confidence in the JACL program, past and present, and a realization that the fight isn't over yet.

VERY TRULY YOURS: by Harry K. Honda

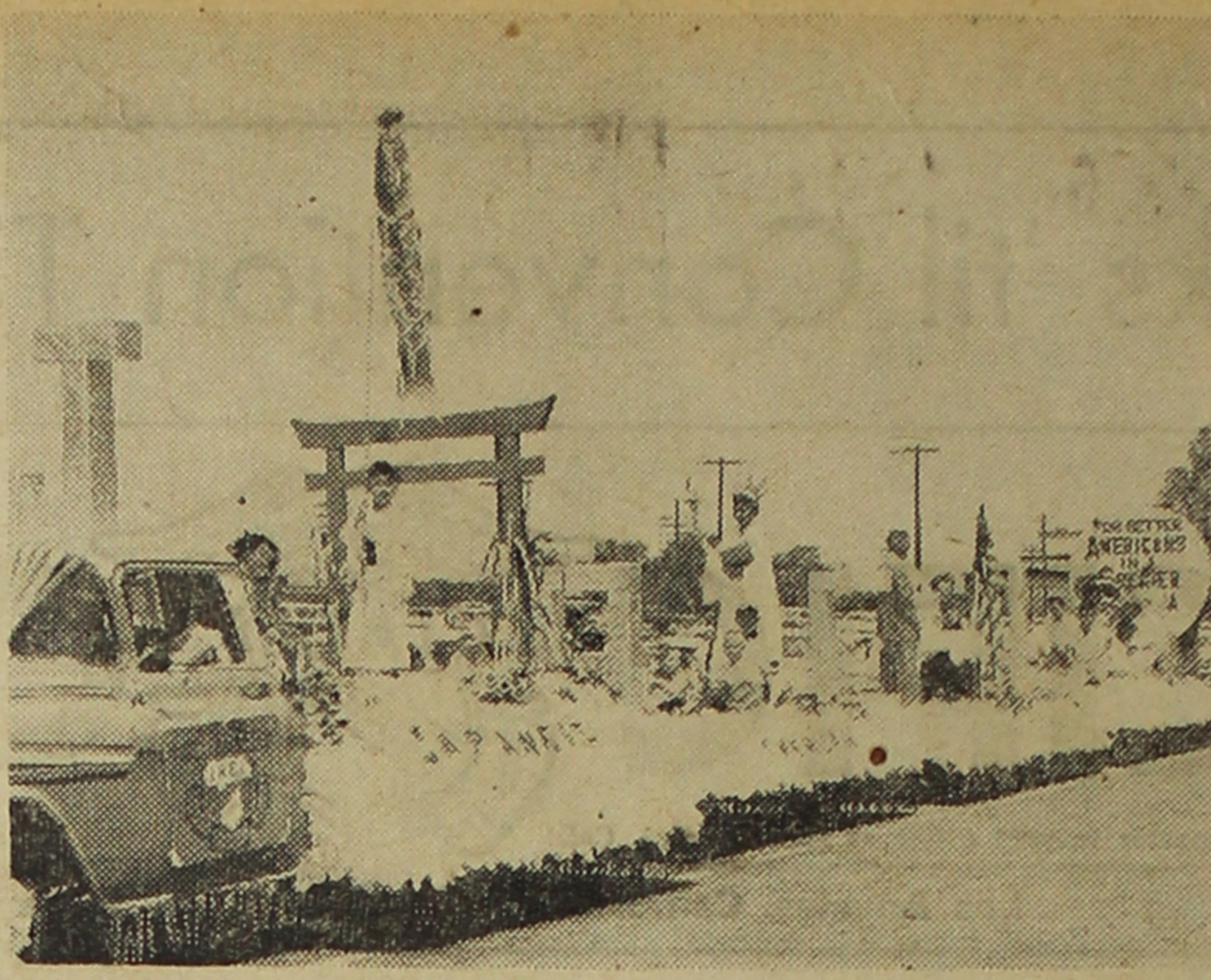


Grey Castle gone

Never underestimate the march of progress. . . . That lesson was keenly instilled in us this week when Archie Miyatake, number-one son of Toyo the photographer, and I decided Monday to shoot a picture of the Grey Castle on Franklin and Argyle, long the home of Japanese movie star Sessue Hayakawa, to illustrate *Vagaries* (see next page) this week. . . .

It's only a five-minute drive from Downtown on the Hollywood Freeway to that corner, the northeast corner of the intersection to the north of the freeway. . . . We drove by looking for that gargoyled wooden structure resting on top of a little hill. . . . We missed it and had to turn back, stopped at a gas station at the same intersection and inquired whatever happened to the Grey Castle. "Why, that house which used to belong to a Chinese actor has been down for two weeks," the oldtimer told us as he checked a calendar on the door. "They started on it the first of May. It didn't take them long. The structure was full of termites. . . . The oldtimer had mistaken Hayakawa to be Chinese, but there was no mistake about his house once standing there. . . . The bulldozer had levelled the hill. Two huge tanks were sitting on the property as evidence of another gasoline station under construction. There were wooden stakes imbedded here and there to indicate the laying

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The Parlier JACL entry in the annual Veterans Round-Up Parade last Sunday, witnessed by some 12,000 people, took the sweepstakes trophy. —Nurmi Photo, Reedley.

Parlier JACL float wins sweepstakes

By KAZUO KOMOTO

PARLIER. — A four-section float depicting the motto of the Japanese American Citizens League, "for better Americans in a greater America", was sponsored by the Parlier JACL in the 11th annual Veterans Round-Up parade last Sunday and won the sweepstakes trophy from the American Legion Post 36, parade sponsors.

The parade was viewed by some 12,000 people.

Ricky Kozuki, parade chairman, was assisted by George Kubo, Emi Furumoto, Betty Doi and Min Doi. JACLers, headed by chapter president Ralph Kimoto, and Auxiliary members worked a whole week preparing the float.

The blue and yellow color scheme was highlighted by lettering done by Lily Nishimura.

The first section (J) featured the Japanese torii and bamboo with Shari Ann Kimoto, 6, holding a parasol and Donald Okubo, 6, holding a red carp paper bunting. The second section (A) featured the Statue of Liberty. Seven second-graders in school clothes were David Doi, Dwight Buxman, Jeffrey Komoto, Bobby Groth, Kerry Kimoto, Betty Kozuki and Laura Adolph.

Mrs. Clyde Williams as clerk and Tom Yoshimoto, newly naturalized citizen, in the act of casting a vote rode the third section (C) float. The end section (L) signified the League of Nations with Doris Lee in Chinese dress, Nancy Kodama in kimono, Tad Kozuki, Leo Balaikian in school attire, Helen Vuori and Margo Nicholas in Spanish costume.

JACL to urge qualified Nisei government workers be upped for policy-making jobs

WASHINGTON. — The Japanese American Citizens League has accepted invitation to attend a one-day conference here on the general theme, "Equal Job Opportunity in the Federal Service", the Washington JACL Office reported. The invitation was extended by Ross Clinchy, executive director of the President's Committee on Government Employment Policy.

Since more than 5,000 Nisei are employed in the federal service in the United States and Hawaii, the national JACL will be represented by Mike Masaoka, Washington representative, and the D.C. chapter by President Ben Nakao.

Masaoka stated that JACL representatives will stress the improved employment opportunities in government service for Americans of Japanese ancestry but will urge that greater opportunity be given to qualified Nisei for openings in administrative and policy-making positions.

The conference was called in order to acquaint organizations in the field of inter-group relations with the work of this committee, and the conference program revolves around the points of view of the administration, governmental agencies, and private inter-group relations agencies.

The welcoming speech will be extended by Maxwell Abbell who is chairman of the President's committee with remarks by Maxwell M. Rabb of the White House,

who is the President's adviser on minority affairs.

Speakers at the morning session will include the vice-chairman of the committee, Dr. Archibald J. Carey, Jr., whose topic is "The Program of the President's Committee," and Assistant Secretary of the Air Force James P. Goode on "The Problem as Seen by the Government Agency," followed with open discussion.

Guest speaker at the luncheon will be Dr. Arthur S. Flemming, present director of the Office of Defense Mobilization and former consultant, Commission on Organization of the Executive Branch of the Government and former Commissioner of the U.S. Civil Service Commission.

The afternoon speakers, giving the point of view of private agencies, will be R. Maurice Moss, assistant director of the National Urban League, and Benjamin Epstein, National Director of the Anti-Defamation League, who will speak on the subject, "The Problem as Seen by the Inter-Group Relations Agency," followed with open discussion.

Takes San Diego job

WASHINGTON. — Roger Tsuda, who served as circulation manager of the D.C. Chapter News Notes, left here recently for San Diego where he is employed as electronic technician with Convair.

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Moses Lake Nisei bid by White House

MOSES LAKE, Wash. — News of an invitation from the White House to Ed Nishi, state Junior Chamber of Commerce vice-president, requesting his presence at the President's Conference on Occupational Safety May 14-16 was recently made known here. Due to urgency of spring farming activities, however, Nishi was unable to attend.

The Nisei jaycee leader, who has become a 1000 Club member of the Columbia Basin chapter, is planning to attend the 1956 national jaycee convention June 26-28 at Kansas City as official state delegate.

He is membership chairman for the Washington State JCC and immediate past president of the Moses Lake JCC.

50,000 volumes collected for UCLA oriental library

An Oriental library of more than 50,000 volumes has been opened on the UCLA campus.

Included in the collection are Japanese volumes secured by Prof. Richard C. Rudolph, chairman of the department of Oriental languages, Prof. Ensho Ashikaga, also of this department and Prof. Robert Wilson of the history department.

Many of the volumes were purchased by Prof. Rudolph during a trip to China in 1948. He had succeeded in getting 10,000 important Chinese works out of the country before Red China shut its doors to the Western world.

The Oriental library is exceptionally strong in art, archaeology, literature, history, folklore, Buddhism and religion.

Japan Society officers

NEW YORK. — John D. Rockefeller, III, had been reelected as president of Japan Society, Inc., it was announced today. Other officers of elected include R. C. Kramer, Yoneo Arai, and Prof. Hugh Borton, v.p.; Edgar B. Young, sec., and Mr. Paulino Gerli, treas. The Japan Society, a nonprofit, nonpolitical membership organization founded by Americans and Japanese in 1907, is interested in the furthering of cultural relations between the United States and Japan. Its present executive director is Douglas W. Overton with offices located in the Savoy-Plaza.

PRE-MEDICAL STUDENT WINS SCHOLASTIC HONOR

Among 82 UCLA students elected to the Phi Beta Kappa was Janice T. Kayahara, 20, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Seichi Kayahara of southwest Los Angeles. She has been accepted into UCLA Medical School in September.



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Hayakawa's Grey Castle

(In a series of guest columns Bob Okazaki, himself a veteran of some three decades of acting in Hollywood, has chronicled the fabulous histories of some of the Japanese pioneers in the American film industry. This week Bob's subject is Sessue Hayakawa who became one of the first stars of the world cinema. Hayakawa's career has spanned more than 40 years of the motion picture. His most recent appearance in an American film was in *House of Bamboo*, 20th Century, 1955. By a coincidence housewrecking crews recently started tearing down the Grey Castle, once Hayakawa's home and long a Hollywood showplace.—L.S.T.)

By **BOB OKAZAKI**

On a triangular island at Franklin Ave. and Argyle St., flanked by three approaches to the Hollywood Freeway, stands the "Grey Castle". Its battlements and towers, leering gargoyles, leaded glass windows, and heraldic ornaments are an anachronism of a fast changing Hollywood of new office buildings, clean-lined apartment houses, and swank hotels. Silent, ghostly, its once-proud landscaped gardens neglected, the Grey Castle is a remnant of a rococo period in Hollywood history.

Once the estate covered a full square block. When the Freeway was built, new roads sliced off sections where cherry trees bloomed and chrysanthemums lifted their heads.

This was the home and mansion of the legendary Sessue Hayakawa. In his heyday, he was the matinee idol of millions and the leading star in motion picture. The Grey Castle was the scene of some of the most celebrated Hollywood parties in that decade from 1917 until 1927 when Sessue was at the height of his career.

Now the housewreckers are tearing down this famed landmark to make room for a modern service station. The Grey Castle soon will pass into the limbo of Hollywood memories.

HAYAKAWA ZOOMS TO FAME

Sessue Hayakawa was born in Chiba, Japan. He was a track and swim star at Waseda University, and came to the U.S. at 19 to enter the University of Chicago. During a summer vacation he came to Los Angeles, joined a theatrical group in our Little Tokyo which put on an amateur play, *The Typhoon*, at the old Elks Hall at Third and Spring sts. Film producer Thomas Ince saw the play, made a motion picture of it, with most of the original cast. It turned out to be, and is still regarded, a history-making film. Hayakawa asked for, and got \$500 a week.

Within a year Hayakawa's salary skyrocketed to \$3,500 a week when he appeared in Cecil B. DeMille's *The Cheat* in 1915. This was the story in which a "butterfly wife" is branded by a wealthy Nipponese (Hayakawa) for not living up to her agreement to become his mistress after he has loaned her a considerable sum of money. It was the first of the domestic dramas of the well-to-do in their own surroundings and with their own problems, presented without moralizing and from their point of view. Audiences were entranced and producers thunderstruck. It seemed to make everything that preceded it meaningless. In it, Sessue and his leading lady, Fanny Ward, displayed a new, restrained, oddly eloquent, and indirect style of acting, absolutely unlike anything to be seen on the stage at that time. The simplicity of the acting, the luxuriousness of the settings, and, above all, the impassive mask of Hayakawa, presaged a new movie pattern. That film, odd though it may seem gave the cinema a new sense of proportion. And it was this Japanese, this Sessue, who made this contribution to motion pictures. Hayakawa zoomed to fame, and a \$5,000 a week salary.

It was in 1917, when he married Tsuru Aoki, the first Japanese motion picture actress in Hollywood, that he built the "Grey Castle" at a cost said to be \$100,000. They entertained lavishly.

INSIDE THE 'GREY CASTLE'

The Japanese consulate at the time was at Franklin and Gower, just one block down the street. Consul U. Oyama's social parties would often start at the Consulate, move to the gayer Castle, and there wind up in the wee hours in revelry.

At a time when there were no income taxes, steaks were 25c a pound, and Nipponese gardeners, hoses coiled about their shoulders and tools strapped to the handle bars, pedaled their rounds from house to house on bikes. Sessue rode to the studios in a chauffeur-driven town car behind a sliding glass partition, while a retinue of servants ran his errands. His hobby was collecting expensive Persian rugs which he bought, traded and gave away with careless abandon.

Fate played a hand in raising Sessue to the forefront of the entertainment field. As one historian explains it, "the crisis of the world war (1914-1918) led to a new policy regarding minorities. Inspiring all to rally around the American flag regardless of their race and blood, films extolled the immigrants who became citizens. The 'yellow peril' agitation against the Japanese and Chinese disappeared from the screen. Since these groups were now with the Allies, the Japanese were represented not only humanly and sympathetically, but romantically. Especially significant was the rise of Hayakawa. He became the leading star of the day, combining culture, sensitivity, exotic handsomeness, and refinement."

Indeed, Hayakawa is the only Nipponese who played romantic roles with American leading women. Here are titles of a portion of his starring vehicles in his most productive period.

1918—*The Call of the East, The Bravest Way, The City of Dim Faces, The Secret Game, The Honor of His House, Hidden Pearls, The White Man's Law, and The Honorable Friend.*

1919—*His Debt, Gray Horizon, Man Beneath, Courageous Coward, and His Highness—the Beggar.*

1920—*Li Tin Lang, The Devil's Claim, The Beggar Prince, The Tong Man, The Brand of Lopez, The Dragon Painter, The House of Intrigue, and An Arabian Knight.*

1921—*The First Born, Black Roses, Where Lights Are Low, and The Battle.*

1922—*Five Days to Live, The Swamp, and The Vermillion Pencil.*

1924—*The Danger Line and Daughter of the Dragon.*

Sessue formed his own movie company, the Imperial Pictures Productions. He wrote, directed, acted in and edited his own films. He wrote a novel, *The Bandit Prince*, which was made into a short three-act play in which he played the lead—

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Candidates for the title of Miss San Francisco JACL were honored last week at a tea at the home of Mr. and Mrs. David Hironaka and bade delegates at the NCWNDC quarterly meeting in San Jose to attend the June 16 dance at the San Francisco Surf Club to witness the judging of their contest. Winner will be a finalist for the Miss National JACL contest. On the front row (left to right) are Louise Yanagihara of Brighton, Colo.; Elaine Harada, Honolulu; Chiz Miyazaki, native San Franciscan who reigned as Miss Bussei in 1954; Jane Omura, Hawaii, and in the back are Barbara Watanabe, Washington State College's Sweetheart of Tau Kappa Epsilon; and Connie Takahashi, an active golfer. —Kami Studios, S.F.

Six San Francisco JACL queen candidates appear at NCWNDC quarterly session; due to honor athletes at Jr. Olympics

SAN FRANCISCO. — Bay Area residents will have several chances to see the six lovely candidates competing for the title of "Miss San Francisco JACL" before the final judging at the Summer Informal dance on Saturday, June 16, at the Surf Club.

Their first local appearance will be at the fourth annual JACL Olympics to be held on Sunday, June 3,

at Kezar Stadium. Olympics chairman Dick Nishi and his committee have invited the candidates to present trophies to the track meet winners. In addition, they will serve as hostesses at the dance following the Olympics.

Aspirants attended the quarterly NCWNDC meeting at San Jose last Sunday and were introduced during the business session by Jack Kusa-

ba, queen committee co-chairman, and later by Jerry Enomoto, 14th biennial convention chairman, at the dance.

Taking advantage of the warm weather, candidates were attractively attired in lovely summer frocks. Elaine Harada chose a brown and white shepherd check dress featuring an empire waistline and topped with a crisp white peter pan collar. Jane Omura wore a black basic dress with a flattering scoop neckline. The slim skirt was topped with a bouffant pastel-hued organdy overskirt. A perky red and white polka dot silk dress was worn by Chiz Miyazaki. This full gathered skirt was complemented by a fitted bodice which had a small roll collar ending into a low "V" in the back supplemented by a small bow out of the same material.

Connie Takahashi was nattily attired in a black skirt topped by a white overblouse with a big black Buster Brown tie as its high point. Barbara Watanabe selected a black sheath with a low, square neckline, which was topped with a black and white paisley print mandarin style coat. A very blue dress was fashioned of light weight wool to show off a pencil slim skirt.

Posthumous awards presented to airman

HAMILTON AIR FORCE BASE, — The Air Medal and Purple Heart were awarded posthumously to Airman 2/C Hidemaro Ishida in ceremonies here last Saturday.

The awards were presented to Airman Ishida's parents, Archbishop and Mrs. Nitten Ishida of the San Francisco Nichiren headquarters temple at 2016 Pine St.

Col. Wilton H. Earl, base commander made the presentation of the awards which is accompanied by a letter from Lt. Gen. Emmett O'Donnel jr., air force chief of staff in charge of personnel.

The San Francisco Nisei was a tail gunner on a B-29 superfortress which failed to return from a bombing mission on the Yalu river bridges on Jan. 29, 1953, shortly before hostilities ceased in the Korean war.

He was first reported as "missing in action" and later listed as "missing and presumed dead."

The ceremonies at Hamilton field were followed by a review and a demonstration of the breaking of the sound barrier by F-86 Sabre-jets based at the field.

First Mainland Nisei appointed for Air Academy by Denver congressman

WASHINGTON. — Ben T. Furuta of Denver was one of three successful Colorado candidates who recently competed in examinations for admittance to the United States Air Academy. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Ben Furuta, 2415 York St., and student at Manual High School where he was singled out as the outstanding ROTC student in

Denver high schools. Furuta was one of the 10 applicants chosen by Rep. Byron S. Rogers of Denver.

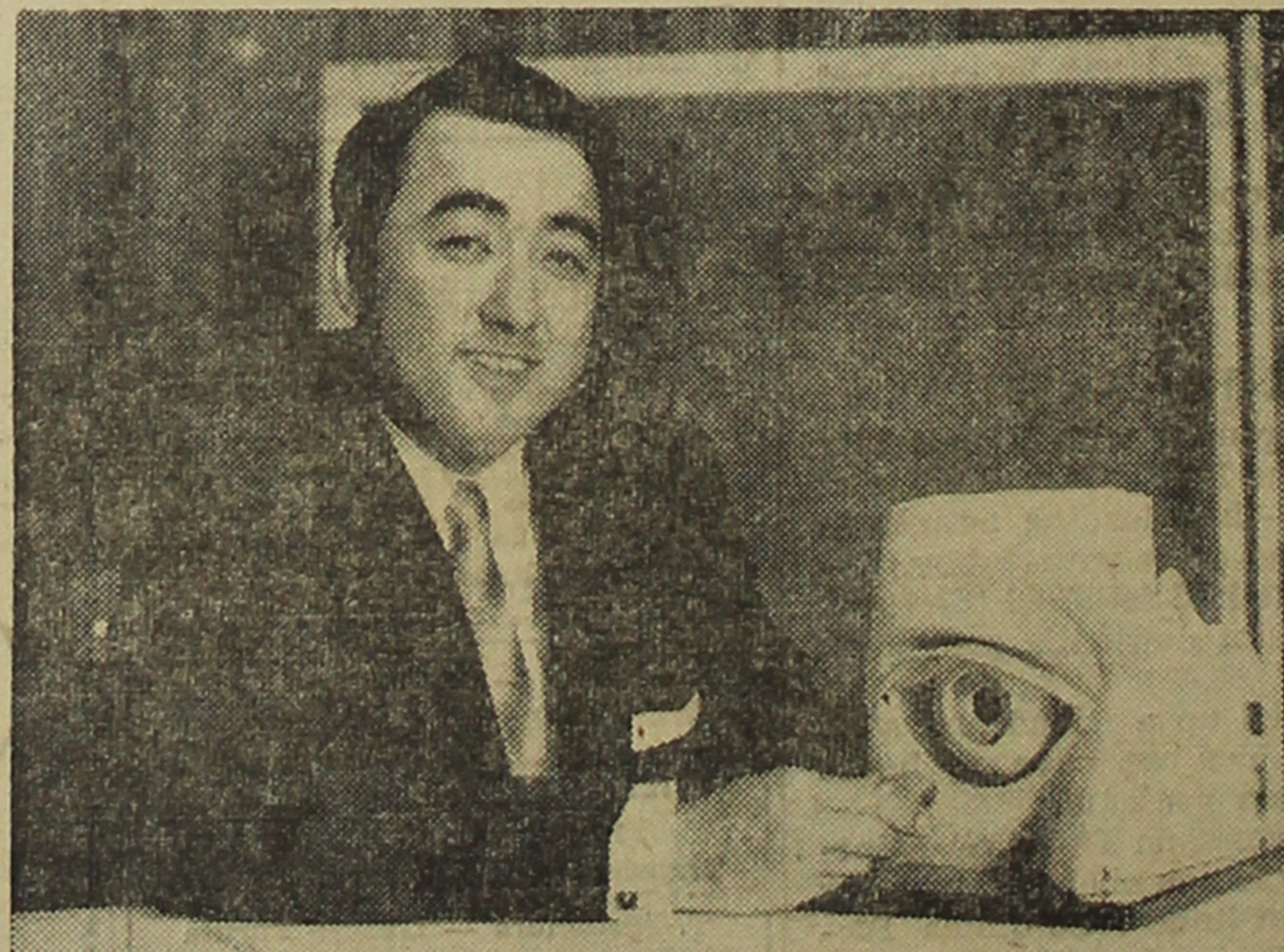
The two other successful candidates were William R. Jolly of Deertrail, who was on Senator Millikin's list, and Louis O. Cropp of Longmont, one of the 10 applicants chosen by Rep. William S. Hill of the second district.

The three appointees and the three alternates were the high men among the 60 nominees designated by the two senators and four House members from Colorado.

It is believed that young Furuta is the first Japanese American on the mainland to be chosen to the Air Academy. Last year a Hawaiian Nisei was nominated to the Academy.

NISEI PIANIST SOLOIST WITH BURBANK SYMPHONY

BURBANK. — Miss Yoshiko Niiya will play Beethoven's Piano Concerto No. 1 in C Major with the Burbank Symphony Orchestra under direction of Leo Damiani May 27, 8 p.m., at John Burroughs Auditorium, 1920 Clark Ave. It is open to the public and no admission will be charged.



Following a European research into contact lenses, Dr. Newton K. Wesley, 1000 Club JACler of Chicago and vice-president of the Plastic Contact Lens Co., explained the progress of contact lenses on Dave Garroway's "Today" show on NBC-TV recently. The giant pupped-operated eye which the Nisei doctor uses in many of his cross-country lens fitting courses and lectures is called "Sleepy".



perspectively yours,

by Jerry Enomoto



San Francisco
 ■ A healthy and hopeful sign for our 14th Biennial, is the increasing interest reflected in the manner in which JACLers in our area are supporting the quarterly sessions of the NCWN District Council. The trend toward great participation by "old hands", and newcomers alike, that began at the February confab in Richmond, was continued at the San Jose session last Sunday. Blessed by beautiful weather and warm hospitality, over 150 stalwarts sat in on the business session and Workshop, and considerably more took in the hop in the evening.

Delegates attending the parley were met by the words, "Let's Push Operation Mercury and Souvenir Booklet Ads", emblazoned on a 40 foot banner. This "little" plug for *Changing Perspectives* was the handiwork of SF Prexy Hats and Convention Special Events boss Taxy. This corner feels that, if the attendance and spirit of our Northern California DC supporters can be used as a sounding board, the 14th Biennial is assured of success.

TIME FOR REFLECTION

■ The serious thinking and deliberation that must be done by all of us as we prepare for *Changing Perspectives*, was well illustrated by the well chosen comments and reports of our National Director, Mas Satow, who pointed out several areas in which vital questions of policy must be dealt with, and other matters clarified. In these troubled times, critical issues have arisen affecting the welfare of other minority groups, and these are issues that necessarily involve Americans of Japanese ancestry.

We shall probably want to take another look at our National Bowling Tournament structure in the light of recent developments.

This corner would also add such important matters as better protection and security for our loyal JACL staff, as well as taking steps to translate into reality, the crying need for an appropriate headquarters building.

These are only a few illustrations of the areas in which the real meaning and concept of *Changing Perspectives*, can be brought sharply into focus.

WORKSHOP

■ Our old pal and namesake, Johnny Enomoto, did a very effective job as moderator of the DC Workshop session, but then we always felt that our training and guidance would someday bear fruit. Seriously though, Johnny was aided and abetted by timely and interesting observations on chapter programs made by Marvin Uratsu, Richmond-El Cerrito past prexy; Frank Oda, NCWNDC treasurer from Sonoma; and Frank Nakamura of Marysville. Excellent reports were presented on the annual picnic sponsored by the Richmond-El Cerrito Chapter, the Doll Festival presented by the Marysville Chapter. These the DC Convention hosted by the Sonoma County Chapter, and chapters ran 1-2-3 in the 1955 Chapter of the Year Contest, and delegates had the chance to get in on the essence of their successful programming.

CLIMAX

■ The San Jose festivities were climaxed by a very well attended banquet where we were privileged to hear Judge Louis Goodman of the U.S. district court. The message of Judge Goodman, a jurist of unusual vision, for whom we hold admiration and respect, was timely and well received. The evening program was capably chaired by San Jose barrister, Wayne Kanemoto.

An evening of dancing topped off a very enjoyable day. At the dance our good friend from the Capitol City, Bill Matsumoto, introduced a very attractive armful by the name of Gladys Ishii. Gladys is their candidate for "Miss National JACL". Not to be outdone, San Francisco dazzled the throng with its array of six lovelies answering to the names of Barbara Watanabe, Elaine Harada, Jane Ohmura, Louise Yanagihara, Connie Takahashi, and Chiz Miyazaki. Earlier in the day Sequoia presented two of its candidates, Yaeko Yuki and Shirley Yoshida, who put Sequoia very much in the running.

Thank to prexy Phil Matsumura and the San Jose Chapter for a job well done. Incidentally, it looks like our friends of the Sequoia Chapter are preparing a top notch program for us at the DC Pre-Convention Rally, to be held on July 22 at Rickey's Studio Club on the sunny S.F. Peninsula.

VAGARIES: by Larry S. Tajiri

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 ing role on a tour of the Orpheum circuit. In 1926, he appeared in a New York show, *Love City*. Life for Hayakawa was a "bowl of cherries".

On one of his frequent trips to Europe he became fascinated with the roulette wheel at Monte Carlo and dropped \$60,000. Two years later he went back to recoup his losses and dropped \$90,000 more.

FABULOUS LANDMARK TO VANISH

■ Back in Hollywood, he was confronted with a paternity case. He was on the deck of one of the NYK "Maru" ships at Wilmington when Ruth Nobie, a one-time leading actress in one of his productions appeared at the dock with a boy, undeniably Eurasian, claiming that Sessue had fathered the child. Detectives unceremoniously escorted him down the gangplank and the incident made headlines.

Not long after, he reportedly called up a friend and said, "I'm leaving for New York tomorrow. You can have my house if you want it. I'm giving it to you as a present".

After World War II he was discovered in Paris, oil-painting. He had suffered indignities in the hands of the French for what they called, "his pro-German attitude". Columbia Pictures brought him to Hollywood for *Tokyo Joe*. He played an important role in *Three Came Home*. But he no longer had a zest for acting. Now, in Tokyo, he heads a production company. And in Hollywood, wrecking crews are tearing down the "Grey Castle".

On Hollywood Boulevard at Highland, the wreckers are demolishing the famed Hollywood Hotel. And so two landmarks of a fabulous, unbelievable era will vanish forever.

DIST. COUNCILS BEGIN NOMINATING FOR 1956-58 NATIONAL JACL BOARD OFFICERS

SAN JOSE. — The Northern California - Western Nevada District Council nominated three prominent Nisei to National JACL offices but declined to name anyone for the top post of national president. Jack Noda of Cortez JACL was nominated for first vice-president; Dr. Harry Kita of Salinas Valley, third vice-president; and Jerry Enomoto of San Francisco, secretary to the board.

(Election of national officers will take place at the 14th biennial national convention in San Francisco, Aug. 31-Sept. 3. Nominations are due by June 30 from all eight district councils of the national organization.)

(The Pacific Southwest District Council has nominated Dr. Roy Nishikawa, present national treasurer, to the top office as well as a full slate of candidates for all six positions.)

Kenji Fujii of Eden Township chapter was appointed to fill a board vacancy created by the resignation of Heizo Oshima of Richmond-El Cerrito and Frank Oda of Sonoma County JACL was elected to replace Oshima as district council treasurer.

The district council meeting Sunday was another well-attended event with 139 delegates registered from 24 of the 25 chapters in the district.

Among items covered during the business session presided over by Yasuo Abiko, district chairman, were reports from many district committee and projects.

Frank Nakamura of Marysville gave a final accounting on the flood relief project and reported that slightly more than \$36,000 were donated to the joint JACL-Buddhist committee.

A report on the Alien Land Law committee which will handle the campaign for the passage of the proposition to repeal the 1920 initiative law was made by Victor S. Abe of San Francisco, committee treasurer.

Details of plans made to date for the coming 14th biennial National JACL convention in San Francisco over the Labor Day holidays was given by Jerry Enomoto, convention chairman.

The district meeting was called to order by Phil Matsumura, president of the hosting San Jose chapter.

In the workshop period held following the business meeting with John Enomoto of Sequoia chapter as moderator, representatives of the three prize-winning chapters in the 1955 district "Chapter of the Year" contest each reviewed their chapter's outstanding projects.

Marvin Uratsu, last year's president of the first place Richmond-El Cerrito, outlined his chapter's annual picnic which is also the group's fund-raising project.

The experience of the Sonoma County JACL in preparing for and presenting the successful district council convention last November was outlined in detail by Oda. The chapter called on not only its Issei and Nisei members, but also many other friends in cities in the area.

Marysville's Nakamura told of his chapter's many activities which have brought his group members

in closer contact with the community at large.

How San Francisco JACL's successful 1956 membership drive was organized and operated was related by Thelma Takeda, who conducted the campaign. She reported that the total chapter membership was now 1,131 with more still coming in.

Judge Louis E. Goodman of the San Francisco federal court, main speaker at the district council banquet at Kogura Hall, urged the Nisei and newly-naturalized Issei citizens to fight for the American way of life and to shun all foreign doctrines.

He also reviewed a number of cases on which he ruled, including the important Tule Lake draft and renunciant suits.

The Sequoia chapter was awarded the privilege of hosting the third quarterly meeting in Redwood City on July 22.

Awards for the golf tourney winners and 1955 "Chapter of the Year" were made at this banquet. Wayne Kanemoto was toastmaster, while Henry Uyeda headed the San Jose JACL committee for the banquet.

A dance followed in Onishi Hall where scores of local Nisei joined with delegates for an enjoyable social evening.

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Salow to address D.C. CL meeting

WASHINGTON. — National JACL Director Mas Satow will be present at the June 2 general meeting of the D.C. JACL chapter at the YW-CA here. It replaces the regularly scheduled May meeting.

Satow, who is on a three-week tour of the Midwest and Eastern District Council areas, will discuss national activities, biennial convention and activities at the chapter level.

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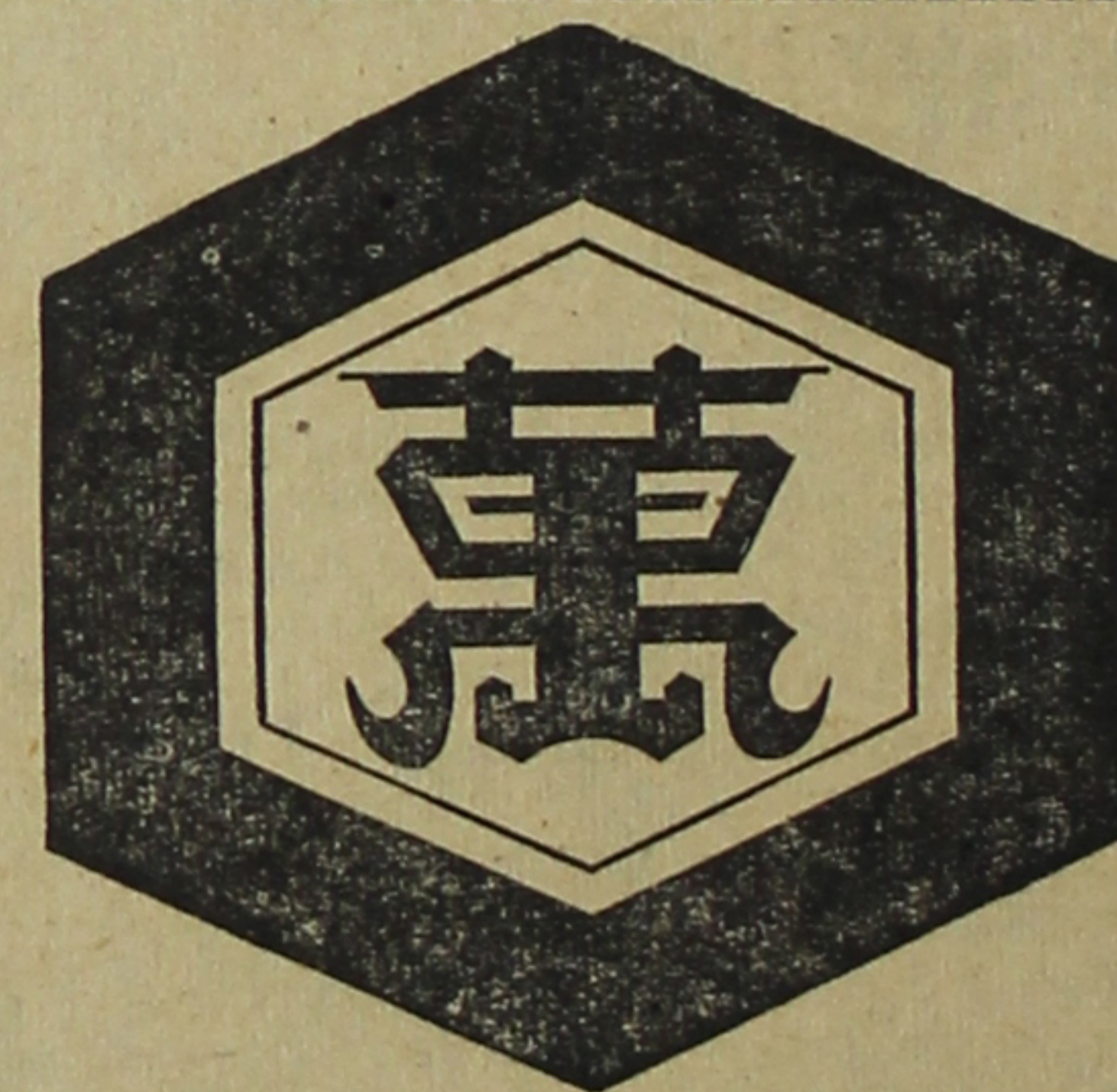
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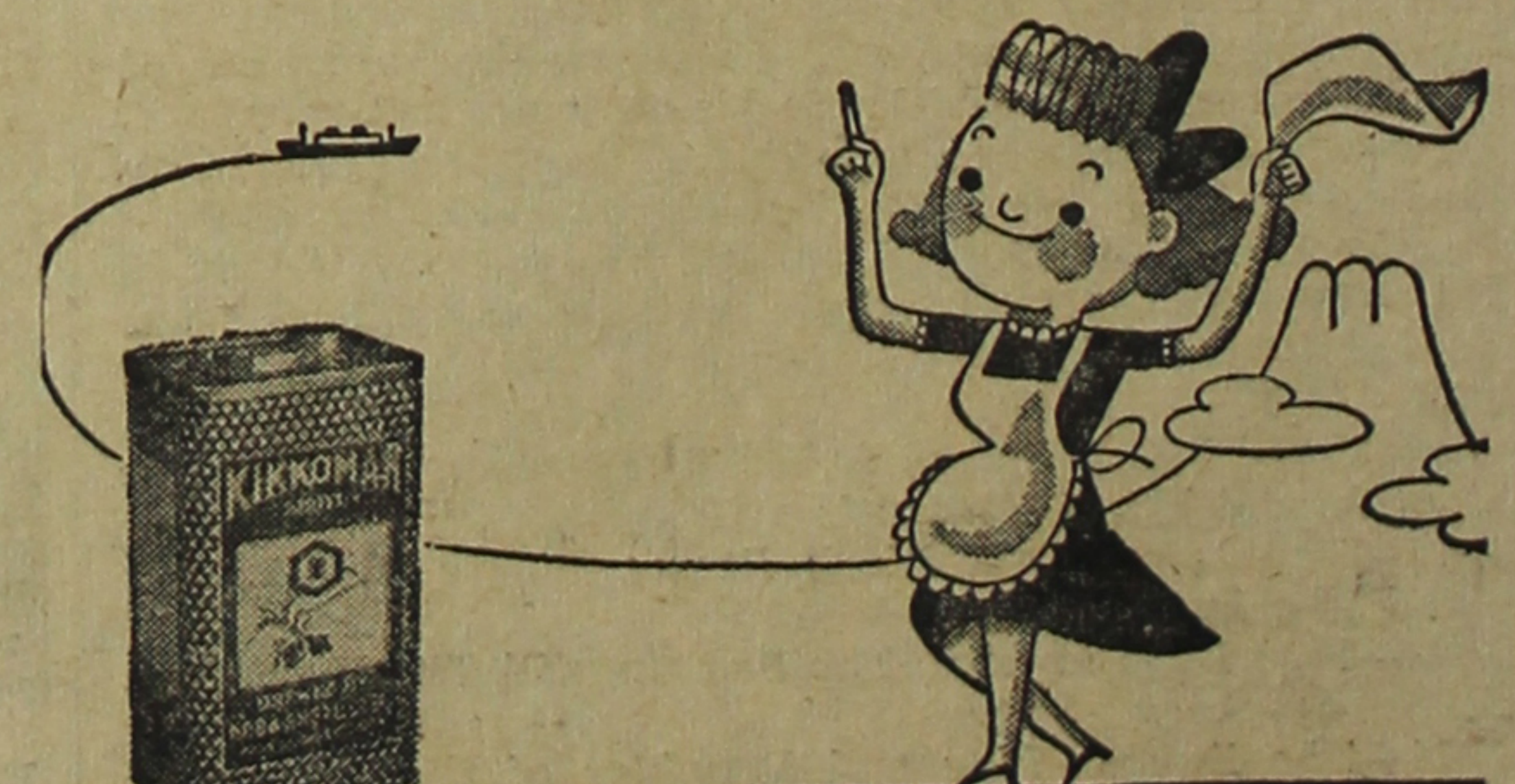
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● We've been accused of belaboring the subject of food but in our book, there simply isn't anything more pleasant to write about, with the possible exception of a well upholstered non-male chassis, but then again, we couldn't write about it.

Never had we dreamt of seeing in a single room such a beautiful spread of rare edibles as we did at the SoCal fujinkai's prog last Sataft at Koyasan Temple honoring 53 mothers of ten or more children. And such vast quantities of same, food that is, part of it made and contributed by the ELA and DTLA chapters.

Not only did we see it, we approached, smelled, handled, drooled and masticated and swallowed it, even envying our ruminant friends their regurgitatory ability to eat the same food twice. In short, we really had a ball, deliriously gorging ourselves with choice morsels from more than fifty platter varieties. Alas, how true that too many cooks spoil the figure. Besides, dieting is nothing more than wishful shrinking.

POW-WOW

● On the UCLA campus last Saturday, away from the boiling furor of fines and ineligibility in PCC sports, we attended the semi-annual meeting of the L.A. County Conference on Community Relations. Most Nisei aren't aware that the CCCR with which the JACL chapters in Ellay are affiliated, was organized in '46 to help ease community tensions in many areas directed against the return of the evacuated Japanese.

George H. Thomas, who was fighting similar anti-Japanese bigotry in Hood River, Oregon, with the famed fighting Methodist minister, Rev. Sherwood Burgoyne, was called to L.A. to become the exec. dir. of the CCCR. Thomas, incid., is a candidate as Assemblyman from the southwest area's 63rd assembly district.

On Tuesday, we sat in on a breakfast meeting of the L.A. County Committee on Human Relations, an official agency whose works supplement the CCCR's.

CBS radio has broadcast a couple of hour-long programs in a series designed to acquaint listeners all over America with the several elements making up the Los Angeles population, including programs on the Negro American and Mexican American communities here. In the offing is one on the L.A. Nisei, for which we were among the score interviewed on tape by Sarah Boynoff who's running the show. She used to be with the defunct L.A. Daily News, now absorbed by the L.A. Mirror, whose pub'r-ed is Virgil Pinkley, a champion of minority rights, who incid. was speaker for the breakfast meeting above.

ATSU-BO ONNA

● Which is our J. version of "Hot Rod Girl", Nacirema Production's second movie which Nisei investors saw at a studio screening last week. A nifty, fast-moving pic with real crazy music to set the leather-jacket crowd on fire. Wethinks it's got terrific commercial appeal and judging from audience reaction at a sneak preview at a theater in Burbank, it'll be a mint for the investors. N.P. prez, attorney Dave Yokozeki, also PSWDC chairman, says a third picture will come up soon and is willing to share the box-office loot with anyone who's got idle money to invest.

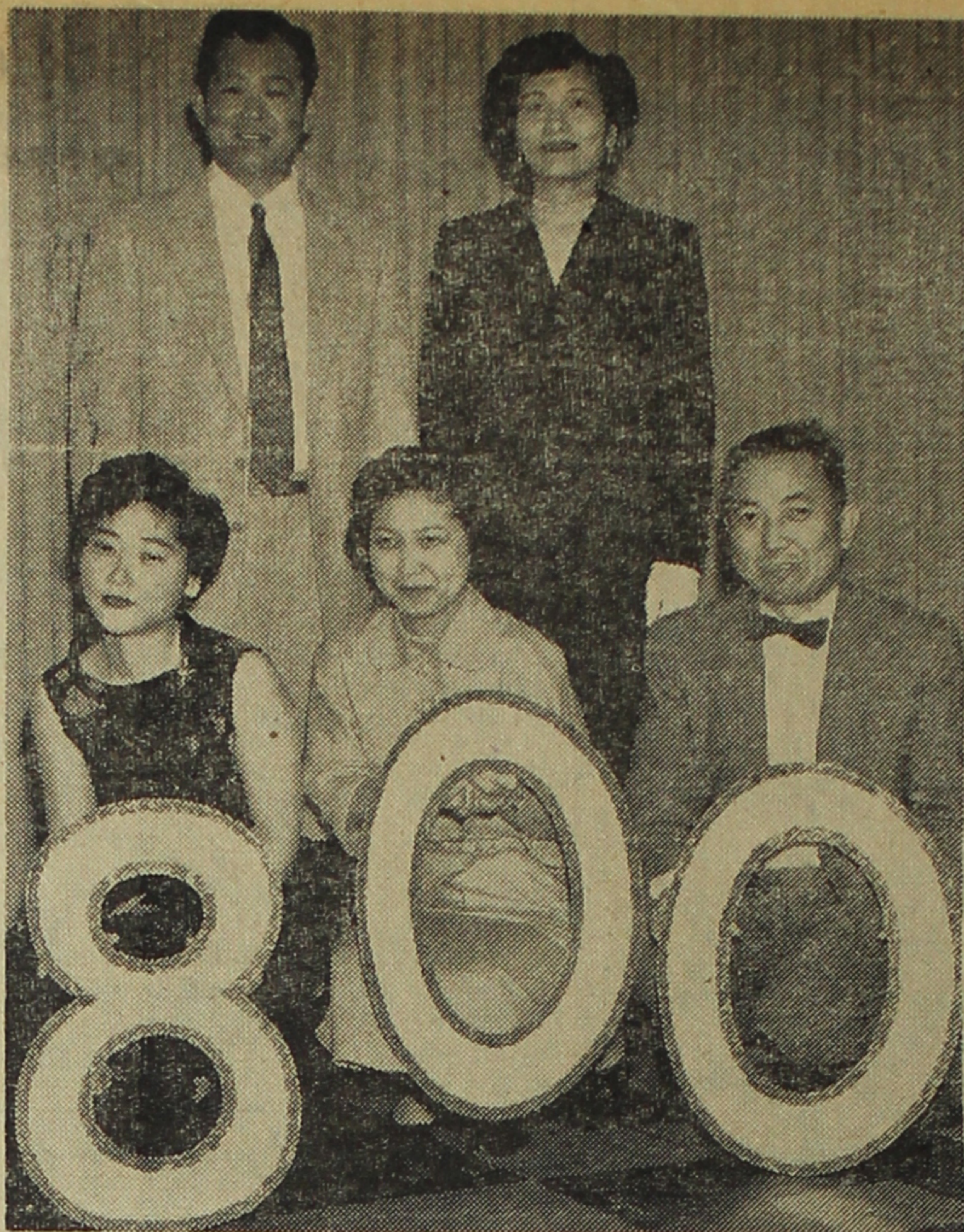
Meanwhile, Nacirema's firstie, "Sierra Stranger", under a new negotiation will be released by a major company, Allied Artists, and everyone concerned should soon be happy. This'll hit the silver screen shortly after H-R-G which is scheduled for release in about a month.

HI-OCTANE PREXY

● A new filling station is the current enterprise of Easy Fujimoto, prez of the Long Beach-Harbor District JACL and chairman of the nat'l JACL keg tourney last year in Elbee. With partner Fred Nakagawa, a 1000 Clubber like Easy, they will operate a Mobil gas emporium on the southwest corner of East Olympic and Lorena in east Ellay, the grand opening tonite, Sat and Sun.

● RECENT VISITORS: Hiroshi "Hershey" Miyamura of Gallup, N.M., sole living Nisei awardee of the Medal of Honor, and his 20-month old husky son, Mike, named after you-know-who . . . Wiley Higuchi, Chicago attorney and our fellow clansman of Enterprisers, Inc. in Chi, who's moved back to L.A. with wife Setsuko (Nomura) and 1 1/2 youngsters . . . Another Chicagoan, Fred Toguri, visiting former members of the 20 & 5, also an investment club in the Windy City.

Add'l contributors to the PC antivandalism fund: Smoky Sakurada, Masuo Kurihara (JAL), Tar Toyofuku, Mac Yamaguchi, Frank F. Chuman, N. Ahnee Mas.



Southwest Los Angeles JACL announced its chapter was nearing its goal of 1,000 members as the 800th and 801st members (standing), Mr. and Mrs. Hideo Ikeda, formerly of Hilo, Hawaii, who have been residents of Los Angeles for a year, joined the JACL for the first time. Below (left to right) are Kathy Sugimoto, Jean Utsugi of the membership committee and Tom Shimazaki, chapter v.p. and membership chairman. —Photo by Bill Hamamoto.

Southwest L.A. hits all-time high of 855 members, still eyes goal of 1,000

Southwest Los Angeles JACL hoisted its all-time high chapter membership of 855 late last week and canvassing was still underway as Tom Shimasaki, campaign chairman, optimistically predicted the goal of 1,000 members was within reach.

In the membership contest ending on April 30 the winning team, the Activators, captained by Min Toda brought in 285 points with top individual honors going to Terumi Yamaguchi with 55 points. The teams trailing the Activators were the Loafers with 167 points, the Jackpotters with 163 points and the Charmers with 138.

The Activators team will be guests of the losing teams at a dinner on Sunday, May 27, at the USC YWCA with individual membership awards to be presented, following which the chapter will hold its "Hayseed Hop." All members who participated in the membership drive are invited to the dinner with Sam Hirasawa taking reservations at RE 2-1957.

The members of the soliciting teams are:

Jackpotters: Dick Toyama (captain), Audrey Fujita, George Fujita, George Hiraga, Michi Kodama, Ellen Kubo, Saye Matsui, Hardy Miyaya, Tom Shimazaki, Hana Uno, and Jean Utsugi.

Activators: Min Toda (captain), Mas Kataoka, Satomi Kuramoto, John Masuda, Gene Matsumoto, Shig Matsuno, Kuniyoshi Mayeno, Shu Miyazaki, Irene Nishitsuji, Mabel Ota, Isao Sakurai, Tom Saruwatari, Hiro Shimamura, Roy Sugimoto, Chiyo Tanaka, Alice Watanabe, Kaz Yamaga, Ken Yamaga, Mary Jean Yamaji, Peggy Yamaji and Dina Yumiba.

Charmers: Sam Hirasawa (captain), Tosh Bingo, Sab Horiba, Teruo Hosaka, Rose Kanishige, Hiroko Kawanami, Ambrose Masutani, Monte Minami, Kathy Sugimoto, Kimi Tashima, and Ethel Yoshino.

Loafers: Hisashi Horita (captain), Grace Andow, Ike Hachimonji, Bill Hamamoto, Hajime Inouye, Jim Ito, Virginia Kawasaki, Ken Kubota, Mary Matsumura, Sumi Nerio, Jean Ogawa, Ruby Okubo, Chris Sumi, Hana Uno, Fumi Ushiyama, Lois Yagi, Terumi Yamaguchi and Peter Yano.

Ventura County Clers set for cemetery clean-up

OXNARD. — Toggled in working clothes, Ventura County JACLers are to meet at the Japanese cemetery here tomorrow morning to clean up the premises preparatory to Memorial Day services to be conducted next week.

The services, under JACL sponsorship, will be led by ministers from the local Buddhist and Christian churches, it was added by Tadashi Kanamori, chapter president.

Long Beach CL plans June 23 graduates' hop

LONG BEACH. — An orchestra dance for local graduates will be sponsored Saturday, June 23, by the Long Beach-Harbor District JACL, it was announced this week by Easy Fujimoto, chapter president.

With a theme of "You Never Walk Alone", the dance will be held at the Harbor Community Center. The orchestra is to be announced soon.

SCHOLARSHIP DEADLINE SET FOR MAY 31

SAN FRANCISCO. — Nominations for the 1956 Pvt. Ben Frank Masaoka Memorial Scholarship are being received now at National JACL Headquarters, which administers the scholarship at the request of Mrs. Haruye Masaoka, mother of the hero in whose honor she gives the award.

Now in its eleventh year, the scholarship is an outright grant of \$200 open to any Japanese American high school graduate of this year who is planning to continue higher education in the fall. However, the candidates must be officially sponsored by a JACL chapter. The candidates' high school scholastic records as well as extracurricular activities at school and in the community will be taken into consideration.

Deadline for the nominations will be May 31. Upon receiving nominations from the chapters, candidates will be sent blanks asking for information to guide the judges. Nominations should be sent to the Pvt. Ben Frank Masaoka Memorial Scholarship committee, care of JACL National Headquarters, 1759 Sutter St., San Francisco, Calif.

The 1955 Scholarship was awarded to Seiji Itahara of Chicago.

Selma JACL to sponsor booth at Selma Fair

SELMA. — The local JACL will sponsor a chowmein and soda-pop booth at the Selma Fair this weekend, May 24-26, at the Selma High School football field. George Baba, who was named event chairman, will be assisted by Yo Misaki, Helen Yamamoto, Mrs. S. Kobashi, Katherine Okazaki, Min Okubo and Roy Misaki.

The chapter is also planning a clam-digging outing on Saturday, June 9, at Oceano. Prizes are to be given for the biggest catches.

Membership list

SALT LAKE CITY. — The June issue of the Salt Lake JACL Bulletin will carry the names and addresses of chapter members, it was announced. Those moving since obtaining their 1956 membership cards should notify Sue Kaneko, 202 I St., of the change by June 1.

Utah co-eds honored at Campus Hall of Fame fete

SALT LAKE CITY. — Univ. of Utah co-eds honored at the annual Hall of Fame program recently included Josephine Matsumiya and Julia Kiyoguchi, who was Salt Lake JACL candidate last year for the Pvt. Ben Frank Masaoka scholarship.

Mis Kiyoguchi was elected to the Spurs, campus service group; while Miss Matsumiya received the Leah D. Widtsoe Award in recognition of significant contribution by a senior student to the home economics department.

PINE ST. METHODIST CHURCH TO OBSERVE 70TH

SAN FRANCISCO. — The Pine Methodist Church will celebrate its 70th anniversary June 22 during the annual Pacific Methodist Japanese Provisional Conference which will be convened at the church June 19-25, it was announced by Rev. Lloyd Wake.

'Dr. Randolph M. Sakada Memorial Award' established to honor outstanding JACLer of biennium; nominations to close July 31

SAN FRANCISCO. — The National JACL Convention this coming Labor Day weekend here will honor the outstanding member of the national organization who has contributed most to the strength and growth of the Japanese American Citizens League with the newly instituted "Dr. Randolph M. Sakada Memorial Award".

According to National JACL president George Inagaki, "The JACL National Board has designated this award to honor the memory of our immediate past national president, to encourage the selfless public spirited activities which filled his life, and to give recogni-

tion to our outstanding JACLer of the biennium."

The deadline for nominations for this award is July 31, and nominations should be forwarded to the JACL National Board, care of JACL National Headquarters, 1759 Sutter St., San Francisco.

Letters of nomination should specify the offices and responsibilities held by the individual at the chapter, district council and national levels, as well as describe how such responsibilities were carried out. Other specific contributions by the individual should be listed, his general all-around helpfulness, and how he has inspired

and encouraged others to active participation in JACL. Although specific JACL activities will be the primary emphasis, the nominee's activities outside of JACL which have helped to make JACL better known, understood and supported, and in what manner, should be noted.

The letter of nomination should also be accompanied by letters from other individuals and organizations in the community attesting to the nominee's role in realizing the fundamental purposes of JACL. Newspaper clippings will also be helpful to the judges.

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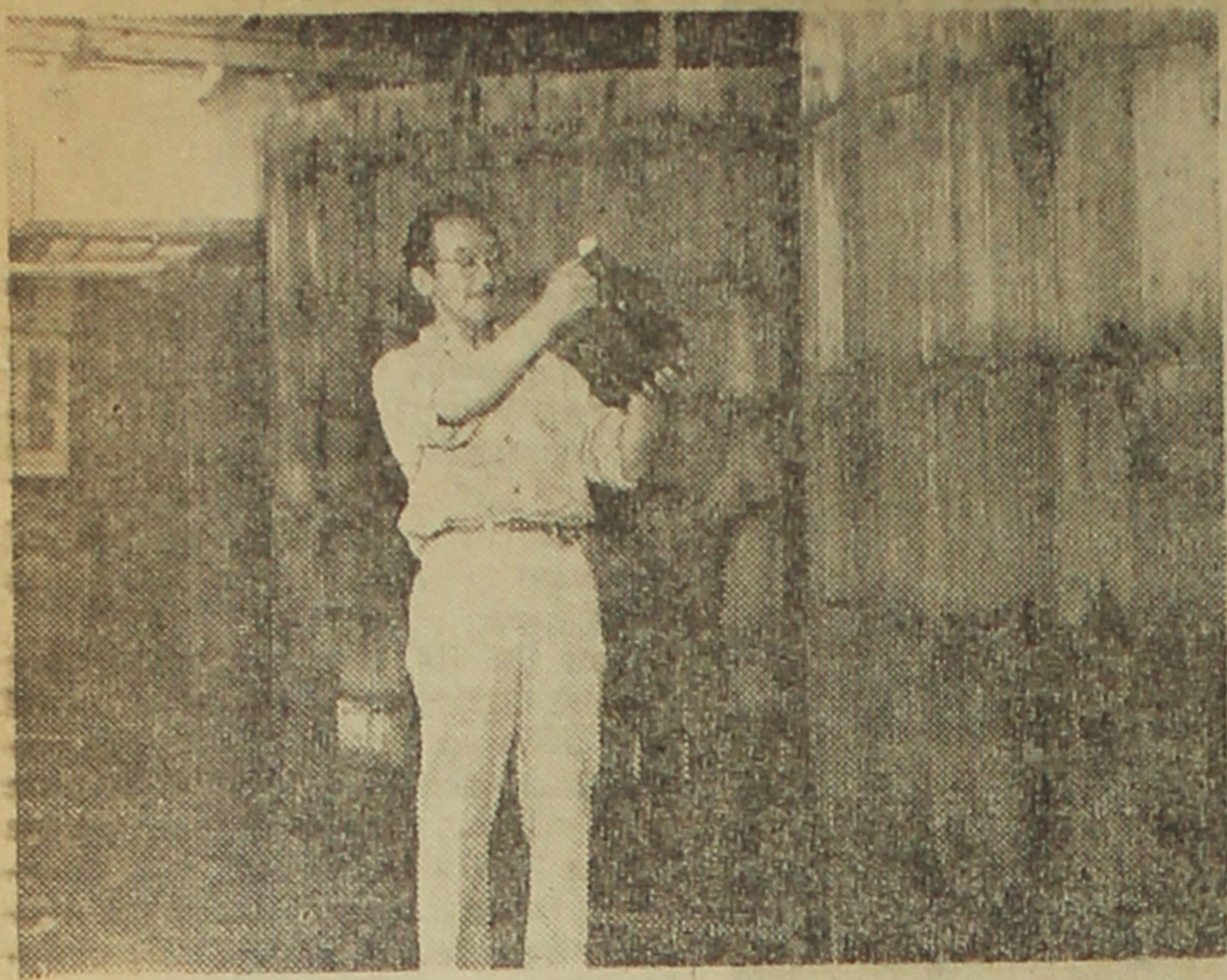


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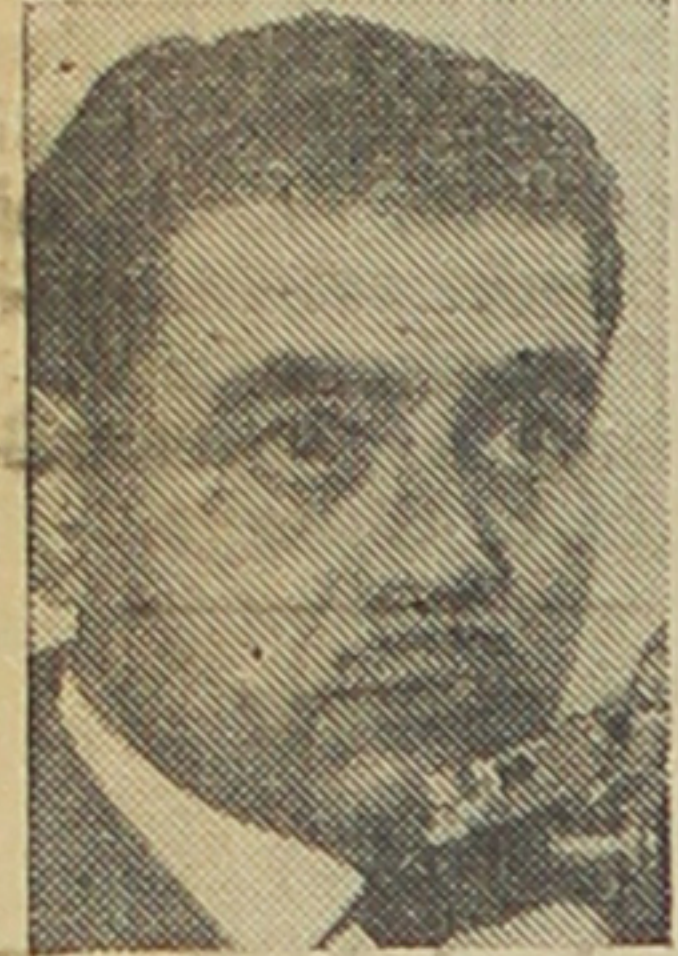
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Will this be the last of a fine old fashioned shoyu product which has been brewed in Seattle since War I? As the plant is being dismantled, Kaz Tsujimoto, brewmaster who just doesn't give a hoot about being a captain of industry, tells how it used to be done. It's not just a case of modern competition, and this brewer's art should not be lost, says the column.

THE NORTHWEST PICTURE: by Elmer Ogawa



Last batch of shoyu

Seattle
A long established soy sauce manufacturing firm here is passing out of the scene of commercial activity. It is regrettable for several reasons; a sad occasion to see the passing of a firm which represents some of the finest traditions of the brewing art. The loss of the industry is a loss to the community. And it's ironic that this should happen when the future for developing larger markets for soy sauce was never brighter.

In a market analysis, Compton Pakenham, chief of an American weekly's Tokyo Bureau, reports on some 20 Japanese products that Americans like and for which he predicts a favorable future if afforded the right kind of promotion. In remarks on the item listed as "Shoyu" he says, "Soy sauce is also sent by foreigners to friends because none of the varieties obtainable abroad taste anything like the original." And that's just my personal experience with friends and acquaintances who seek guidance in obtaining the more flavorful soy sauce in preference to the types found in small bottles in the super duper markets.

MADE THE OLD FASHIONED WAY

To get back to my good friend Kazuo Tsujimoto and his Northwest Manufacturing Co. Inc., 700 Jackson Street, I would like to point out that Kaz makes shoyu in the good old fashioned way having learned the process from a man who mastered the technique in Japan in the last century, and gave the business to his employee, Kaz, some three years ago as he neared the 80 mark and retired.

Tomojiro Kushi started making shoyu in Seattle just after World War I, with the help of his brother, the late T. N. Kushi, a cannery contractor. After War II and relocation, the old Kushi Shoyu Co. was moved from south Seattle to its present location, and reorganized as the Northwest Manufacturing Co. Inc., shoyu and noodles. Kaz has been employed in the business for eight years, and spent the first four years getting the feel of the thing, but a brewmaster "never stops learning" he says.

The old fashioned process requires from 8 to 12 months to brew and age a batch as compared to the newer chemically inspired short-cuts which take but a fraction of the time. Fundamentals such as the sweetness or saltiness of the product can be easily controlled, but all the difference in the world will show up in the aroma or bouquet of the products. In other words, "Boy, you can sure tell by the smell" which is the time honored brew and which is the quickie.

HOW SHOYU IS BREWED

Here's what it takes to prepare a brew in a 2,000-gallon vat, of which Kaz has four. Three tons soybeans, three tons wheat, rice yeast, salt and water. First he cooks the 3 tons of soybeans, adding water to keep from scorching when first in the vat. The beans are mashed with an implement similar to a cement mixing hoe. When the mixture is "working" the heat is turned off, for the beans will supply their own. Then after careful roasting, which is important from the flavor and aroma standpoint, the ground wheat is mixed in. Next comes the "Shoyu Koji" or rice yeast, and am told that a mere handful of "koji kin" when cultured, will make 600 lbs. of rice yeast, an indeterminate amount of which is spread on top of the batch. Then, an air hose is used for the first three or four months to stir the mixture, or it will form a hard crust and turn sour. Five to eight months of aging follows, and this brew will make 5,000 gallons of shoyu.

Why, then does not the firm prosper after all these years of pleasing the palates of Oriental food lovers? Trying to answer makes this one the toughest paragraph to write. Strangers would accuse us of being unnecessarily critical of friend Kaz. Just suffice to say that Kaz is a brewing artist, and just can't make like an enterprising go-getter, and just doesn't give a hoot about that green backed stuff. A mutual friend who was at the time in the wholesale food distribution business once told me that he had a trial order for a few hundred cases of Kaz's Kikko Tsuru shoyu from a super market chain, but it had to be put up in small bottles instead of those gallon jugs. "Too much trouble" was the answer.

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SAN JOSE COPS NCWNC GOLF TROPHIES, YOSHIOKA FIRES 72 TO WIN LOW GROSS

SAN JOSE. — Frank Yoshioka shot a 72 par for low gross over the Hillview course here Sunday in the third annual NCWNC golf tournament to lead his San Jose JACL squad for team honors. Some 86 golfers participated in the tournament which has grown in a major Nisei tournament with many top players among entrants.
Winning team score was Chic Hinaga 78-8-70, Frank Shimada 82-8-74 and Yoshioka 72-6-66.
San Jose was tied with Sacramento for low net team honors at 210 strokes each but the host chapter was awarded the district council perpetual and permanent cups on a lower handicap basis, 22 to 57 for Sacramento.
Hinaga and Kelly Komaru of San Mateo were runners-up to Yoshioka for low gross, both carding 78s.
James Maruyama of San Jose took low net in the open flight with nis 76-9-67. Wally Hamada of San Francisco with the lowest handicap among the five tying for first with net 68s won the First Flight. Tom-

First Nisei umpire in organized baseball makes debut in California League game

SALINAS. — Hank Shimada became the first Nisei umpire in organized baseball by calling the game between Salinas and Bakersfield of the California State League here Wednesday night.
Salinas won 5-4.
A veteran of the 442nd RCT, he became a familiar figure to post-war servicemen in Europe as an umpire in the "GI World Series" and other service baseball.
During his 10 years as an Army civilian employe following three years of combat Shimada studied the finer points of arbiting; under such major league umpires as Charlie Berry, Bill Summers, Artic Gore and Doc Conlon.
Just about all of them suggested that Hank get into U.S. professional baseball on his return from Europe. So he got back to his native California (he was born Oct. 21, 1923 in Vacaville) last January with a burning ambition and meanwhile joined a weatherstripping company in Santa Clara as salesman.
On Monday the ambition became a reality when California league president Ed Mulligan signed him on as the loop's newest man in the blue suit.
Now Shimada is all set for both phases of California's climate. The off-season in baseball happens to coincide with an off-season in the climate when the need for weatherstripping is sometimes brought very forcibly home to potential customers.
"I hope to devote full time to umpiring from now on during the (baseball) season," Hank grinned and when his facial expression drew a comment, he replied:
"No, I don't expect to have to do much scowling. I was very fortunate, had very little trouble as an umpire in Europe."

There was even less reason for the umpire's traditional stern visage yesterday. The contract meant that Shimada could send for his French bride, Denise, whom he married in Verdun last September. He's expecting her next month.

Expect 200 in S.F. Olympics

SAN FRANCISCO. — With 200 contestants anticipated for the fourth annual San Francisco JACL Olympics at Kezar Stadium Sunday, June 3, the track meet committee requested coaches and athletes to be on the field by 11:30 a.m.

Weigh-in for the B and C divisions will be held at the Buchanan St. YM-YWCA, 1530 Buchanan St., between 9 and 10 a.m.

The discus event will be held outside of the stadium at its west end from 11 a.m.

The Jr. Olympics awards dance will follow at the Buchanan St. YM-YWCA from 8 p.m. Nancy Moriguchi, dance chairman, will be assisted by Yvonne Fujimoto and her refreshment committee. The six candidates for "Miss San Francisco JACL" will be present to award team trophies. They will also act as hostesses.

MILE-HI DOCTOR WINS COLORADO SKEET TITLE

DENVER. — Dr. Isamu Ozamoto fired a four-gun total of 476 to win the Colorado skeet championship at a recent shoot held at the Wolhurst Country Club. He took all-gauge and small-gauge honors.

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Schedule, rules for L.A. Nisei Relays set; forms available

Entry forms for the 1956 JACL Nisei Relays are available at the JACL Regional Office in the Miyako Hotel, according to Arnold Hagiwara, relays chairman.

Entry fee is one dollar per person for the fifth annual track and field event which will be held June 24 at Rancho Cienega stadium.

As in years past, there will be two divisions—the Open and Junior—and the exponent system of age, weight and height will be used to determine those eligible for the Junior division.

Participants will be limited to two track and two field events plus the relays. No contestant will be allowed to compete in both divisions. Junior division athletes may compete in the Open division, but if they do so, they may not compete in any of the Junior events.

Open division will include the following events:

The 100-, 220- and 440-yard dashes, the 880-yard and one mile run, high and low hurdles, broad jump, high jump, shot put (12 pounds) and the 440 and 880-yard relays.

The Junior division will include the following events:

The 50- and 100-yard dashes, 660-yard run, low hurdles, broad jump, high jump, shot put (9 pounds) and the 440- and 660-yard relays. Special medals will be awarded to the first three places in each of the individual events and in the relays. Medals will be awarded to members of the winning teams. There will be also trophies to the high-scoring team and high-point man in each division.

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LOS ANGELES NEWSLETTER: by Henry Mori



The pies have it!

Los Angeles

When George Izumi was in the Army he said he did a lot of baking in the mess hall for the boys. We don't know if he had any plans then to start a bakery after leaving the service, but today he's among the tops in that business. He has added another gold trophy to his collection of two gold cups and six Award of Merit scrolls he has won since opening his Grace Pastry Shoppe in 1950.

In the annually-sponsored Industrial Bakers Forum, Izumi scored a grand prize in the pie division and Award of Merit scrolls in white bread and another pie. In previous years, he fared a gold cup in apple pie, 1951; and another trophy in cake donut, 1953. Last year, Izumi took two Awards of Merit for his layer cake and pies.

The Forum, besides having its two-day conclave, also had demonstrations in baking and featured booths representing 14 nations in a "Break Bread With the World" display at the Ambassador. Japan was well represented with Izumi supervising a simple but unique booth under the co-sponsorship of the Japanese Chamber of Commerce and Consulate-General.

George, who is vice-president of the Master Bakers Retailers Association of Los Angeles, is the lone Nisei officer in the organization. His next year's ambition at the bakers fair is to win a gold cup in white bread. "It's nice to be able to make good bread. After all, it's America's staff of life," he declared. More than 900 entries in some nine different divisions compete for top awards.

MUSIC GUILD SCHOLARSHIPS

Violinist Akira Endo and pianist Ryoko Katena, both from Japan, placed first in their respective divisions in the Nisei Music Guild-sponsored scholarship concert at the Los Angeles Union Church last Friday. They received a \$200 cash grant to further their studies here.

Endo, 16, made his local debut at the 13th biennial national JACL convention in 1954. Miss Katena is completing her year's grant given her by the California Baptist Women's Club and the Redlands Rotary Club at Redlands University.

Familiar names in the JACL circle who were runners-up in the adult classification were Yukio Ogawa, baritone, from Pasadena; and Uta Shimotsuka, soprano, from West Los Angeles, who received \$75 scholarships.

AGED ISSEI RETURNS TO U.S.

Thanks to some influential assist on the part of Sen. Thomas Kuchel, the American Legion, Commodore Perry Post 525 commander Soichi Fukui, and GOP Assembly figure Rollins MacFayden, an Issei woman who has lived in Japan the last 22 years will be able to return to the United States to rejoin her children.

Benji Wada, a member of the Commodore Perry Post, learned his mother is scheduled to enplane June 20 for the United States. Under second preference portion of the annual quota, Mrs. Kishino Wada of Wakayama would have had to wait several more years at least.

VERY TRULY YOURS: by Harry K. Honda

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of concrete. And to the side (where the Grey Castle once awed passing motorist) was placed a green out-house for the workers. The contrast almost tempted us to memorialize it with a picture.

On the Li'l Tokio corner of East First and Central Avenue, where Toyo Miyatake once had his studios in a rickety three-story wooden building, salvage crews have been tearing that structure down at a much slower pace. . . We had thought the same pace would be followed in dismantling the Grey Castle. Which is where we underestimated the march of progress. In Hollywood, they wanted the gas station to come fast. Down the street here, a parking lot isn't as demanding. . . In a week or two, Larry Tajiri will be revisiting Los Angeles for several days and he'll be amazed at the vast changes that have erased landmarks he once remembered as a youngster here. You might say the same thing (the march of progress) is taking place in every growing American city. Freeways, suburban tracts, new buildings, new industries and smog.

I'm not mad, Kats! Of course, this public reply is addressed to Mrs. Kats Kunitsugu, sparkling co-editor of the Southwest Los Angeles JACL newsletter, who cites our "masterpiece", in the forthcoming *Southwesterly*. She refers to the Detroit JACL article of May 11 where the chapter held "its bride tournament". This is a case where a proofreader drops his "g" and gets into a fickle. . . But, thinks editor Kats, "our social VP is missing a wonderful idea for a program which should attract a large crowd". . . The column also revealed Ken Miura wrote the Southwesterly piece (see PC Apr. 27) entitled, "The Dirt Behind the Dirt Behind the Dirt". . . The gal who edited the first PC Christmas edition here in 1952 is a Univ. of Wisconsin graduate in journalism, wrote a column on the *Heart Mountain Sentinel* and worked with the *Crossroads* before giving up deadlines for housekeeping. . . She still keeps her key-punching fingers agile handling publicity chores from her home for the Cienega PTA, SWLA chapter, Nisei Relays and Japanese American Democratic Club. She also typed term reports for her brother on economics and did another good turn for her husband's friend who had to have a paper on sewage disposal finished. . . Being that busy, our "masterpiece" must have struck her funny bone, so how can I be mad.



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When Mayor George M. Vermillion of Long Beach (center) presented an American flag to the Harbor District Japanese Community Center recently, the community center returned the mayor's visit by presenting him with a Japanese vase. On the committee were (left to right) Momota Okura, Mrs. Nobie Narita, Marlene Hada and Fred Ikeguchi, all active JACLers.

—Courtesy: Shin-Nichi Bei.

VITAL STATISTICS

Births

LOS ANGELES

- FUJIMURA, Kiyoshi (Mikie Honda)—boy Myles Sekio, May 23.
- FUKAWA, Koji (Kazumi Uwate)—boy Thomas Kho, Apr. 6.
- HIRATA, Yoshio (Jean L. Don)—girl Gail L., Apr. 7.
- KOBAYASHI, Ted O. (Tomiko Kumai)—boy Steve Saburo, Mar. 24.
- KURAOKA, Harry T. (Mildred T. Yoshinaga)—girl Harriet Toshie, Apr. 6.
- MIYAHARA, Hideo (Hiroko Nakahara)—girl Kim Ikuko, Apr. 8.
- MIYAKE, Jack K. (Masako Hata)—girl Kathryn K., Apr. 6.
- NAKANO, Henry Y. (Yaeko M. Abe)—boy Timothy J., Apr. 12.
- PORTILLO, Adolph (Sumiko J. Yoshikawa)—boy Darryl A., Apr. 4.
- SAKURAI, Masao (Kikuno Hirasuna)—girl Kim Misao, Mar. 31.
- SHIMADA, Shigeru (Kiyoko Ida)—girl Hitomi, Apr. 11.
- TAKUSHI, Hideo (Dorothy H. Nakama)—girl Patricia Akemi, Mar. 29.
- YAMAMOTO, Lloyd T. (Molly M. Ohashi)—girl Robin Koko, Apr. 6.
- YOGI, Hiranori (Toyoko Goya)—boy Walter Hidenori, Apr. 6.

STOCKTON

- SASAKI, Roy T.—boy, Apr. 27, Acampo.

PORTLAND, ORE.

- MAEDA, Francis (Takako Mukaida)—girl Laura M., May 16.

DENVER

- FURUKAWA, Don (Mary Nakamura)—girl, May 3.

- MATSUMOTO, Jesse—girl, May 8.

WASHINGTON, D.C.

- MAKINO, Roy—girl Karen Jan, Mar. 30.

Engagements

- KAWAHARA-OZAWA—Eleanor, Gardena, to Paul, Los Angeles.
- MATSUHARA-SAKAMOTO — Emiko to Shingo, Los Angeles, May 6.
- MAYEDA-SAWANOBORI — Yoko, to Yomei, Seattle.
- MURAMATSU-OUCHIDA — Grace to Mas, Portland, Ore.
- NODA-UBA — Lillian Yuriko to Dr. Mahito M., Denver.
- TSUDA-HAYAKAWA — Carol to Ken, Washington, D.C.

Deaths

- AKIYAMA, Gojiro, 72: Pacoima, May 12, survived by wife Tetsu, son Goichi, daughters Mmes. Kikuyo Miyake, Fujiye Naito, Tsukimi Okamoto.
- ASANO Tamaeichi, 75: Los Angeles, May 9, survived by wife Onui, sons Mikio, Fujio and Katsunobu.
- FUTAGAKI, Umetaro, 81: San Jose, May 16, survived by wife, four sons Roy, Shigeo, Tomio Fumio daughters Masaye, Mrs. Jose Shingai, and seven grandchildren.
- KIMURA, Zenichi, 72: Los Angeles, May 11.

FAMOUS SWIMMER PLAN

TO MARRY IN JUNE
NEW YORK. — Evelyn Kawamoto, 22, and Ford Konno, 23, who won fame as U.S. Olympic swimming stars, plan to be married June 9 in Columbus, O., where Konno is a senior at Ohio State University.

KUWAHARA, Denemon, 77: Los Angeles, May 10, survived by wife Takeno, sons Frank Kazuo, Roy and Tatsuya.

MATSUO, Ikuro, 75: Los Angeles, May 9, survived by wife Sakaye, sons Chick and George Akira.

NAKAMURA, Kenta, 81: Blackfoot, Idaho, May 12, survived by wife, three sons Tugi, Tack, T. J. four daughters Setsuko, Kimiyo, Mrs. Chiyeiko Kawata, Mrs. Midori Nagai.

OHASHI, Ryotaro, 87: Los Angeles, May 16, survived by wife Sawa, sons Den, Taro, daughters Sachiko Mrs. Satoko Kurahashi, Mrs. Yoshiko Kayashima, Mrs. Moriko Yamamoto.

OKIMOTO, Kirie, 55: Pasadena, May 9, survived by husband Tameichi, sons Paul, Joseph, Oaniel and daughter Rose Yoshiko.

ONISHI Utaka, 31: Garfield, Utah, May 12, survived by mother Ritsu, brother Hideo, sisters Masako (San Francisco) and Nobuko.

OURA, Yonetaro, 69: Gardena, May 15, survived by wife Shizuko, daughters Grace Ayako, Midori and Mrs. No-reen S. Yuge.

OKAZAKI, Zenjuro, 73: Portland, May 7, survived by wife, sons Hajime, Toshio, Noboru.

SAKANARI, Gentaro: San Francisco, May 21, survived by wife Kiriko, son George (Tokyo), daughters Mmes. Helen Fujiwara (Detroit), Grace Sugawara.

SHIMAMOTO, Mine, 77: Los Angeles, May 12, survived by son Seichi, daughter Mrs. Reiko Kitaura, Mrs. Hisano Kato.

TANI, Shinichi: Long Beach, May 15, survived by wife Haruyo, son Nobuhiro, daughters Keiko and Mrs. Midori Haraguchi.

TSUKAHARA, Choko M., 69: Los Angeles, May 12, survived by husband Iwao, son Frank Tetsuo Iwasaki, daughters Mmes. Mary Taeko Watanabe, Fumiko Nashiwa.

YAGI, Mrs. Mitsuko, 22: Oakland, May 18, survived by husband Shoji, father Mitsuo Fujisada (Sacramento), sisters Miyoko M., Nancy, Noriko, Vicki.

YOKOMORI, Eiji, 74: Hawthorne, May 11, survived by son George E., daughters Masako, Mrs. Heien Miyoko Yahiro.

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Sansei to take active role in Calif. Boys State

With California Boys State set for June 16-23 at the state capital in Sacramento, recent weeks have turned up names of Sansei who are being sponsored by various Los Angeles organizations.

Douglas F. Furuta, third son of Mr. and Mrs. George Furuta, 1000-er and Imperial Gardens sukiyaki host, has been named by the Wilshire Post of the American Legion. He lettered in football at Los Angeles High School.

Arthur A. Okutake, 16, and Robert T. Nishimura, 16, will represent Roosevelt High School, being sponsored by the Allied Post and O'Keefe & Merritt Post of the American Legion respectively. Okutake is junior class president, while Nishimura is cellist and only Nisei in the Meremblum Symphony Orchestra for Young People in Santa Monica.

From Garfield High School are Robert A. Masumura, 15; James Urata, 16; and Richard Kuruma, 16. Masumura, who played on the championship "B" football team, is sponsored by the East Los Angeles Kiwanis. Urata is sponsored by the ELA B'nai B'rith, while Kuruma was named by the Navy Post 278 of the American Legion.

A week of activities culminating with election of Boys State governor and other political officers to learn government precedes the meeting of the 48 Boys State governors at Boys Nation in Washington, D.C.

Publisher's daughter enrolls at Whittier

WHITTIER. — Fumi Maruyama, daughter of Nagatoka Maruyama, publisher of the Tokyo Asahi Shim-bun, is presently enrolled at Whittier College to learn American language and ways prior to attending an Eastern school for advanced courses in journalism.

Her father, who has played a key role in the cultural exchange between the United States and Japan in recent years, is one of the sponsors of the Los Angeles Philharmonic orchestra tour of Japan.

GIRL WINS TOP STUDENT POST AT WOODLAKE HIGH

WOODLAKE. — Yuriko Yamaguchi won the student body presidency for the coming fall semester at Woodlake (Tulare County) High School.

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WASHINGTON NEWSLETTER: by Mike Masaoka



Status of JACL bills

Washington

With only two months remaining before adjournment of this Congress, this is an appropriate time to report on the status of JACL's national legislative program and to make some predictions as to the possibilities for enactment. Accordingly, without listing them in the order of their importance, this is the congressional situation on all bills in which the JACL has a direct and substantial interest as the advocate of Americans of Japanese ancestry in this nation.

1. *Mongolian Labor Bar.* Passed unanimously by both Houses of the Congress and signed into law by the President last week, this Act repeals the prohibition against the employment of "Mongolians" on federal reclamation projects. Approved in 1902, when racism against the Chinese was rampant, its removal from the federal statute books marks the end of that era when it was popular and expedient to discriminate against those of Asian ancestry, including the Japanese. Its elimination means that there is no federal statute on the books which specifically singles out Orientals for legislative discrimination.

2. *Hawaiian Property Claims.* Passed by the House and approved by the Senate with an amendment in which the House concurred, this bill is presently on the President's desk awaiting his signature. The bill proposes to return, after proper findings by the courts, all lands and properties conveyed to the Territory of Hawaii or one of its political subdivisions by eleemosynary organizations of persons of Japanese ancestry during World War II. Its enactment represents another successful effort to erase some of the results of the hysteria and prejudice of that angry period.

3. *Horticultural, Agricultural Exemptions.* Though bills in both the House and the Senate to extend the same exemptions in air travel as horticultural and agricultural products enjoy in surface transportation remain in the committee files, an administrative determination by the Civil Aeronautics Board to the same effect has made unnecessary this legislative remedy. Thus, bills dropped into the congressional hopper and pushed vigorously have resulted in administrative rulings which had previously been denied and which serve the same purpose as the enactment of the legislation in question.

Evacuation Claims may pass . . .

4. *Evacuation Claims Amendment.* Approved unanimously by the House last March 5, the bill to expedite the final determination of the remaining evacuation claims is currently pending before the Senate Judiciary Committee. It is anticipated that the Judiciary Committee will favorably report this bill and that the Senate will pass it prior to adjournment.

5. *Appropriations.* Fiscal year 1957 appropriations for the Department of Justice, including those for the Japanese Evacuation Claims Section, the Immigration and Naturalization Service, and the Office of Alien Property, have been approved by the House and Senate approval should be forthcoming soon because, without these housekeeping funds, the normal operations of government would cease.

6. *Statehood for Hawaii.* When the House last session re-committed a combined Alaska-Hawaii statehood measure to the Interior and Insular Affairs Committee, it sounded the death knell for this legislation in this Congress. No action is expected either in the House or the Senate before adjournment.

7. *Immigration Act Amendments.* Although the President belatedly made his recommendations for needed amendments to the Immigration and Nationality (Walter-McCarran) Act of 1952, no action beyond possible minor administrative changes is anticipated. The President's proposals included a unique formula under which more than 500 Japanese immigrants would be admitted annually into this country for permanent residence under enlarged quotas.

8. *Refugee Relief Act Amendments.* Though the President suggested needed revisions in the last session, and renewed his requests this year, no action is expected. The JACL is urging an increase in the visas to be made available to Japanese refugees.

Vested property still tied up . . .

9. *Vested Property Return.* Though the Administration sponsored bill to return only up to \$10,000 and then only to natural persons and other bills for the complete and full return of all wartime sequestered property still in the custody of the Office Property have been filed in both Houses, no action beyond possibly that of the Senate Judiciary Committee is predicted for this session. The personal and business property of Issei and Nisei Americans, as well as of Japanese nationals, vested by the Government during and after World War II is involved.

10. *Social Security Coverage.* The House passed a bill lowering the age for women eligible for benefits but the Senate Finance Committee appears to be opposed to this liberalization, though some social security legislation will be enacted in this election year.

11. *Federal Civil Service Benefits.* Some legislation is expected to be approved soon which will bring to some 5,000 Nisei civil service employees, as well as other federal workers, increased pay and other benefits.

Civil rights program . . .

12. *Civil Rights Legislation.* Though the House Judiciary Committee has favorably reported the President's civil rights program, at best and then only because it is an election year, some relatively minor, though still substantial, civil rights legislation may be enacted in spite of the threat of a Southern filibuster in the Senate, though even this minimum is considered quite unlikely. The establishment of a bipartisan civil rights commission and the creation of a civil rights division in the Department of Justice under an Assistant Attorney General are suggested as possibilities.

13. *Other Legislation.* Other bills in which the JACL has more than a casual interest include low-cost public housing, federal funds for public school construction, flood and disaster insurance, foreign aid, and import restrictions against Japanese products. In one form or another, it is anticipated that most, if not all, of these bills will be enacted before the Congress adjourns to participate in the presidential and congressional elections this fall.

HEROISM OF CAPT. FUKUZAKI'S CREW RESCUING VICTIMS OF WESTERN EXPLORER BATTERED IN MEXICAN STORM RECALLED

LONG BEACH. — Without the heroic action on the part of Capt. George Fukuzaki and his crew of the Stella Maris, it was believed that those who were fighting for their lives in the fateful May 14 storm off the bleak Mexican island of Socorro would have all perished.

Survivors and the remains of crewmen of the Western Explorer returned home last Friday afternoon aboard the Navy icebreaker Burton Island.

With them came the story of the terrifying experience and the heroic action of the Stella Maris crewmen. Navy shore patrol and police officers were required to keep the crowd in order when the survivors were debarking.

Disregarding the danger of rocks,

wind, and swelling waves, Capt. Fukuzaki lowered one of the skiffs from the Stella Maris to pick up survivors from the sea.

Every survivor of the Western Explorer was injured.

Survivor Shigeru Nakaji, after swimming some distance to shore scaled a cliff with Ichiro Sato, where he and his companion were able to see Capt. Fukuzaki and his crew working the skiff in the boiling water picking up survivors and the dead. The water was littered with the broken parts of the Western Explorer making rescue operations hazardous.

(Shig Nakaji is the younger brother of Dr. Yoshio Nakaji of Santa Barbara, 1000er and longtime JACler. Shig and his wife were mem-

bers of the Long Beach chapter last year.)

The Stella Maris was still reported in the disaster area looking for the remains of the missing two — Kyoji Nakane and Gentaro Endo.

(The Stella Maris returned Tuesday night to their Wilmington berth after unloading fish caught in Mexican waters.)

Storm winds began to pick up about noon on Mother's Day and the Western Explorer and the other tuna clippers operating in the shark infested waters off Socorro island headed for cover. The wind and the storm picked up intensity with the hours. As the wind and storm direction changed they moved to the leeward side of the barren Mexican island.

The disaster occurred about 3 a.m. Monday, said Nakaji, when the high waves dashed the Western Explorer, skippered by Capt. Frank Manaka, into the rocks off shore. Before the vessel could be brought under control, it was smashed. It sunk in a matter of a few minutes.

Because of the strong wind, darkness and high waves, rescue work could not begin until about 11 a.m., when the Stella Maris which was some distance away with the other boats was able to move closer to shore.

Katsumi Manaka, the skipper's brother, was in the cold water for 13 hours before being picked up by the skiff. Capt. Manaka and Sennojo Yamagiwa both found refuge in a small cave on the rocky ledge after surviving the sea. Nakaji and Sato were found by the crew of the Stella Maris when the crew under Capt. Fukuzaki went ashore to see if any had been able to swim to safety.

Dockside onlookers saw tears of joy in some, tears of sorrow in others as the Coast Guard vessel which brought the survivors and the dead to Magnolia Landing in Long Beach after the crewmen of the Western Explorer were transferred from the Burton Island.

Family, relatives and friends of the survivors and the deceased lined the landing as the men were put ashore. Three Japanese American ministers, from the Grace Presbyterian, Nichiren and the Nishi Hongwanji churches were also present to give comfort to the bereaved families.

A Coast Guard inquiry was set for this week to determine the exact cause and the circumstances of the accident at sea.—Shin Nichi Bei.

Nisei skipper recommended for Carnegie medal for heroism by San Pedro C. of C.

SAN PEDRO. — The San Pedro Chamber of Commerce has recommended the Carnegie Medal for Capt. George Fukuzaki, skipper of the Stella Maris, for heroism in rescuing seven fishermen from the Western Explorer.

The proposal for the recommendation for the nation's highest medal for civilians was made Monday by Ira Kaye, board of director mem-

ber of the harbor area city's chamber of commerce.

Kaye said Wednesday he and his committee have contacted Congressman Cecil King (17th District) to look into the matter and requirements needed to qualify for this honor.

The Carnegie medal is presented annually to a person found most worthy by a panel of judges. It is presented for exceptional heroism at the risk of a person's own life.

When the Western Explorer was smashed on the rocks off Socorro island's early Monday morning, May 14, Capt. Fukuzaki piloted a small boat from his craft and saved seven of the 12-man crew.

Kaye added that if they are unable to qualify Fukuzaki for the Carnegie medal, his committee will endeavor to seek other national recognition for the Nisei skipper.

House Judiciary group endorses civil rights bill

WASHINGTON. — A majority of House Judiciary Committee members endorsed the Eisenhower administration's Civil Rights Bill Tuesday as an effort toward "the great American ideal of equality under law."

But seven Southern committee members—six Democrats and one Virginia Republican — denounced the bill as "absolutely shocking." They said it posed a "Frankenstein" threat against State and local governments.

The majority and minority reports reflected deep differences over the volatile civil rights issue. The minority report was made public Monday.

The bill, drawing more than usual attention this election year was approved by the 32-man committee on April 25. The vote count was not announced at the time.

The measure still awaits clearance by the House Rules Committee. Whether it will be sent to the House and win passage there remains to be seen.

Million dollar L.A. project set

Purchase of about 15 acres of undeveloped real property in Leimert Park in southwest Los Angeles for a \$1,000,000 by prominent Nisei real estate brokers was announced this week by Lynn Takagaki, attorney for Wilstar Realty and Seinan Realty.

It was regarded as the biggest project by a Nisei group for property along a major thoroughfare—in this case, Crenshaw Blvd., between Coliseum St. and 39th St.

Tentative plans are to construct custom deluxe single family and income units on part of the block and develop the 1,250 ft. frontage on Crenshaw for commercial purposes.

Wilstar, a partnership, is comprised of Joe Shigezane, Anthony M. Rizzo and Yoshio Takagaki; while Sam Miyashiro heads Seinan.

JACL honoree on ballot

George Thomas, who was honored by JACL for his outstanding work combatting anti-Nisei discrimination in Hood River, Ore., is a Democratic candidate for the California 63rd Assembly District.

Heading a "Committee of 17" to elect the human relations expert is Mrs. Kango Kunitzugu.

Race relations in law now covered

NASHVILLE. — Announcement of a new national publication, Race Relations Law Reporter, was made this week by Dean John W. Wade of Vanderbilt University School of Law, sponsors of the bi-monthly review dealing exclusively with race relations from a legal point of view.

The first issue, now off the Vanderbilt University press, covers the public school problem, decisions involving admission of Autherine Lucy at the Univ. of Alabama; the Ham Say Naim mixed marriage case, the Sgt. Rice (American Indian) cemetery discrimination in Iowa, and the Montana alien land law.

The new magazine will publish six issues a year at \$2 per subscription.

JANET FUKUDA PRESENTED TOP S.C. CAMPUS HONORS

Janet Fukuda, who was the first Nisei to reach a high campus office at Univ. of Southern California as president of Associated Students, was presented the Elizabeth vonKleinSmid award last week for most personifying service and character.

The Anaheim Nisei who reigned as Miss National JACL in 1954 was also named in "Who's Who in American Universities and Colleges."

Radio teacher picked for Stanford summer seminar

LIHUE, Kauai. — Katashi Nose, radio-science teacher at Kauai High School and amateur radio columnist for the Honolulu Star-Bulletin, was selected to attend an eight-week Shell Merit Fellowship seminar this summer at Stanford University.

He will be one of 60 science and mathematics teachers in the country selected to attend on the basis of merit and leadership. The program was developed to combat the critical shortage of scientists and engineers. Session begins June 25.

He operates KH6JL, is chief radio engineer of KTOH and his radio teaching program at the high school is regarded as outstanding.

CALENDAR

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May 26 (Saturday)
Fowler—5th Ann'y Supper, City Park, Sonoma County—JACL Bowling Award dinner, Green Mill Inn.
Stockton—Annual movie benefit.
Salt Lake City—Meeting (site to be announced), speaker from Fish & Game Dept.

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

May 27 (Sunday)
Southwest L.A.—Hayseed Hop, USC YWCA, 36th Pl. and Hoover, 7 p.m.
San Diego—Chapter outing, Pine Valley, 10 a.m.

May 30 (Wednesday)
D.C.—Memorial Day Services, Arlington Nat'l Cemetery, 9:30 a.m.
Salt Lake City—Memorial Service, SLC Cemetery.

June 2 (Saturday)
D.C.—Gen'l meeting, YWCA 3rd floor Assembly Room, 8 p.m.; Mas Satow, spkr.
Salt Lake City — Graduates dinner-dance (site to be announced).

June 3 (Sunday)
San Francisco—JACL Nisei Olympics, Kezar Stadium.

June 7 (Thursday)
Ventura County — Cabinet meeting, home of Yosh Toyohara.

June 9 (Saturday)
Selma—Clam-dig, Oceano.
Venice-Culver—Box lunch social (tentative).

June 10 (Sunday)
Detroit—Community picnic.

June 12 (Tuesday)
Pasadena—Cabinet meeting, home of Harris Ozawa.

June 16 (Saturday)
Florin—Graduation dance, Florin YBA Hall. Selection of candidate for Miss Nat'l JACL.

Berkeley—Graduates' prom.
June 17 (Sunday)
EDC—Special cabinet meeting, Philadelphia.

June 23 (Saturday)
Long Beach—Graduates' dance, Harbor Community Center, 8-12 p.m.

June 24 (Sunday)
East Los Angeles—Chapter picnic, Cincinnati—Community picnic.

Los Angeles—5th Nisei Relays, Rancho Cienega.
San Francisco — Community picnic, Speedway Meadows, Golden Gate Park.

June 30 (Saturday)
Orange County — Inter-Club Council carnival, Buena Park Recreation Park.