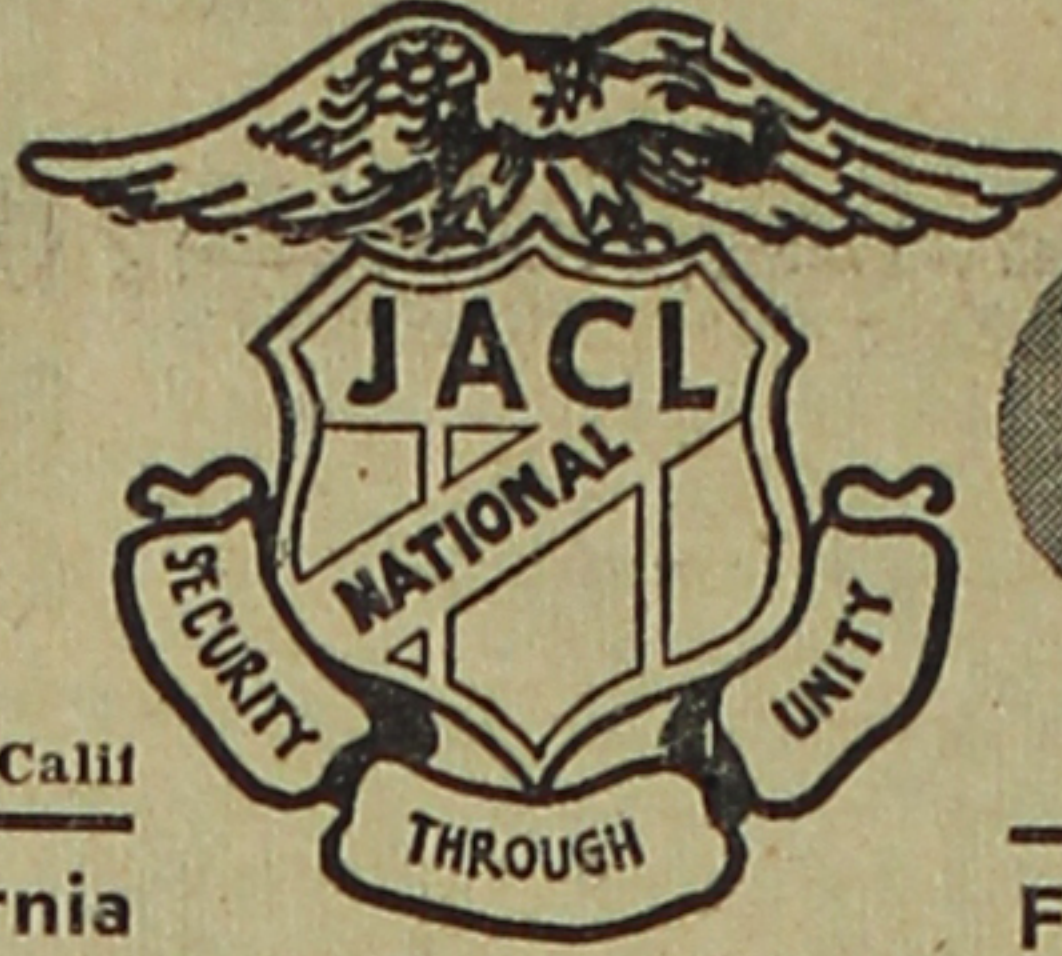


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BY THE BOARD:

Director's visitation of Midwest inspires

Visits by a national staff member to an outlying chapter or district council meeting has always been welcomed as a "shot in the arm" by local JACLers.

The current itinerary of national director Mas Satow to chapters in the Midwest and Eastern areas and his participation at the recent Cincinnati MDC meeting is a case in point.

Chapter delegates and leaders listening to the director's first-hand report of what is happening in-&-behind the national scenes generates understanding and quality that can never be captured from individual perusal of correspondence and reports. Through question and answers, enthusiasm soars in the knowledge that the local program was both relevant and an important contribution to the total national JACL program.

No one will deny that regular visits to the chapters by the professional staff is an indispensable process of knitting together and keeping knit a strong national organization. Yet, at the last national JACL convention because of a "lack of funds", the budget for travel was curtailed drastically. Fortunately through expert management, a virtuous habit acquired by necessity long ago, Mas Satow has been able to get around to satisfy the bare minimal requirements of organizational health.

At the coming national convention, delegates should be prepared to reinstate traveling expenses into the budget. Furthermore, the time has come when we must add an assistant director to the national staff. He would serve as field director, to visit with local chapters strengthen their program, advise in public relations, etc. It would be a challenge to some capable young man. It will also challenge JACLers to support such a course of action, the better through the 1000 Club.

—Shig Wakamatsu.

MAYOR TAFT CITES C.L. FOR PROGRESS OF NISEI IN U.S.

CINCINNATI. — The address of Mayor Charles P. Taft of Cincinnati at the Midwest District Council banquet May 27 was the outstanding feature of the weekend conference that drew 116 delegates and boosters to the Netherland Plaza Hotel.

A wartime national sponsor of the Japanese American Citizens League and brother of the late Sen. Robert A. Taft, he gave JACL credit for the progress and advancement of Japanese Americans in the United States.

He also declared that JACL should continue as an integral part of the American way of life.

National JACL, through national director Masao Satow of San Francisco, presented Mayor Taft with a scroll of appreciation as one of the distinguished Americans who served as national JACL sponsor.

Kaye Watanabe of Cincinnati was in charge of the banquet. Mas Yamasaki of Dayton was toastmaster.

The Midwest District Council, during its business sessions, unanimously approved nomination of Shig Wakamatsu, Kumeo Yoshinari, both of Chicago, and Dr. Ruby Hirose of Dayton, to national JACL offices. (The PC was not informed of the specific offices.—Ed.) Each has shown outstanding leadership qualities and contributed much toward furthering the purposes of JACL. Wakamatsu is serving as national 1000 Club chairman; Yoshinari and Dr. Hirose are both immediate past chapter presidents.

Because this was an off-year conference of the Midwest District Council, no major decisions were made regarding chapter quotas to the national JACL budget. Delegates from all eight chapters of the district, however, agreed to continue their support of the current budget which includes maintenance of the Midwest Office in Chicago. Many did express grave doubts as to its ability to assume increases should the National JACL council decide to increase its budget at the San Francisco convention.

There was some discussion at the national JACL planning committee level which recommended (1) a retirement program for JACL staff members, (2) increased travel allowances to enable National Board members to furnish better service to local chapters, and (3) employment of an assistant to National Director Satow to provide professional assistance to district councils not presently served by a staff.

The chapter clinic was another highlight of the weekend meeting. Chapters had an opportunity to share experiences, problems as well as successes in programming.

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Dr. Harry Kita reports home burglarized

SALINAS. — A house burglary in which \$90 in cash and a \$115 watch were taken was reported to Salinas police Wednesday afternoon last week.

Officers said the theft occurred in the home of Dr. Harry Kita, 480 E. Romie Lane Tuesday night while the family was out.

The burglar took pains to leave the house looking undisturbed so the loss was not discovered immediately, police reported. All the loot was taken from one bedroom. A smaller amount of cash was left behind as were several valuable objects.

SEABROOK CHAPTER HITS ALL TIME HIGH AT 320

SEABROOK, N.J. — The Seabrook JACL reported an all-time membership high of 320 for 1956, it was announced by chapter president George Noda.

Runoff elections seen for California legislative seats

SACRAMENTO. — The battle for party control in the state legislature will continue through the coming months till the November general election day as returns from Tuesday's primary election indicated runoff races in most crucial districts.

The current legislative lineup has Republicans in the majority of both houses, 22-18 in the Senate, 43-33 (plus 4 vacancies in the Assembly).

A former Republican seat was taken by a Democrat in the 31st Assembly District when Merced attorney Gordon H. Winton, Jr., won both party nominations for the seat vacated by Assemblyman George Clark. (Winton is an active member of the Livingston-Merced JACL.)

Considerable Issei-Nisei interest was stirred in the Southwest L.A. area where National JACL honoree (George L. Thomas), a Korean American (Alfred Song), Southwest L.A. JACLer (Sam Jonas), and Issei naturalization class helper (Don A. Allen) were running in the primaries of the 63rd Assembly District. The final returns:

261 Precincts out of 261

Democratic

Allen Sr. (D)	7,929
Jonas (R)	1,368
Jones (R)	692
Osborne (D)	1,301
Song (D)	1,601
Thomas (D)	6,252

Republican

Allen Sr. (D)	3,158
Jonas (R)	8,297
Jones (R)	2,176
Thomas (D)	1,260

(Short Term)

261 Precincts out of 261

Allen Sr. (D)	10,877
Jonas (R)	8,773
Jones (R)	2,552
Thomas (D)	7,188

Letter to San Francisco editor bares discrimination against Nisei home-buyer

SAN FRANCISCO. — Another instance of housing discrimination against a Nisei seeking to buy a new home was disclosed June 2 in a letter to the editor of the San Francisco Chronicle.

The writer of the letter did not give the identity of the Nisei and the Chronicle did not give the city or town from which the writer, Arthur Klimack, mailed his letter.

Klimack wrote: "I live in a 'modern' tract in a fast-growing town. Most of the families are young, with children, are veterans, and 'on the way up' and very much aware of it.

"There is a lot of community activity, civic pride, and we think of ourselves as being young, modern, enlightened Americans.

"Recently a nearby home was put up for sale. The owner placed it in the hands of a real estate agency, which brought a young Japanese American family to look at the place.

"They liked it and requested the real estate agent to inquire among the neighbors if they would be acceptable. He did so and received no negative response.

"However, no sooner had he gone to close the deal when a group of

Nisei vet bucks housing bias in Las Vegas

LAS VEGAS. — A Nisei veteran faced with racial discrimination in housing in this mecca for pleasure-seekers this week received support from California sources to help resolve his problem, the JACL regional office in Los Angeles made known today.

Jerry Ushijima, 30, a European veteran of World War II, had paid a deposit toward the purchase of a new tract home in the Twin Lakes section of this city in March. He was assured that only a nominal waiting period of six weeks to check on his credit standing and income was required before he could move into his new home.

Following the six weeks period, Ushijima checked with the tract as to his loan being approved and was given what was to be the beginning of four weeks of "run-around" finally being informed that there was

no bank or lending institute that would carry the loan on his house and that his deposit would be returned, he wrote in a letter to JACL regional director Tats Kushida explaining his predicament and asking the JACL's assistance.

The veteran, father of two small children, who is employed as manager of the produce department of Modern Market, was told, however, that if he could get financing elsewhere, he could still purchase his home.

Soichi Fukui, commander of the Commodore Perry Post of the American Legion in Los Angeles, and Rollins MacFadyen, Legion official and prominent Republican leader, have made known their concern and assured their assistance to Ushijima in overcoming the discrimination, Kushida reported.

PRESIDENT EISENHOWER SIGNS HAWAII LAND BILL, 2-YEAR PERIOD ESTABLISHED

WASHINGTON. — President Eisenhower signed the bill which authorizes any eleemosynary organization composed of persons of Japanese ancestry in the Territory of Hawaii which had conveyed its pre-war real property to the government or its political subdivision during World War II to file a claim within a two-year period in the Circuit Court of Hawaii, the Washington Office of the Japanese American Citizens League reported last week.

It is now Public Law 542.

JACL supported this bill, introduced in the House by Republican delegate from Hawaii, Mrs. Joseph R. Farrington, as one of its major legislative aims for 1956.

The act provides that within 60 days following its approval there will be published periodically over a 3-week period in a newspaper having Territorial circulation a notification of the general purposes of this act and the manner in

which claims may be filed.

It also provides that rules of the Circuit Court of the Territory of Hawaii shall apply to the proceedings, including payment of court costs, and the Court will sit as a court of equity without a jury to hear and determine claims as set forth under the provisions of the act.

The Court shall expedite action on claims filed pursuant to this act with the understanding that the Territorial attorney general may intervene in the proceedings when necessary.

Valuation of the property shall be as of the time of the taking of the property, at the option of the Territory, which is in accordance with the standard practice of the government. The power of eminent domain will be exercised by the Territory of Hawaii, and authorization of funds will be made by the territorial government.

The bill was favorably reported by the House and Senate Interior and Insular Affairs Committees under the chairmanship of Representative Clair Engle (D., Calif.) and Senator James E. Murray (D., Mont.), and the Senate Subcommittee on Territories under Senator Henry M. Jackson (D., Wash.).

Larry Tajiris honored at Downtown L.A. meeting

Larry and Guyo Tajiri of Denver, visiting friends in Los Angeles, were honored at a luncheon meeting of the Downtown L.A. JACL yesterday at San Kwo Low. PC columnist Tajiri has been visiting friends here since Monday after spending a week with his wife in San Jose and San Francisco.

Introduced by George Inagaki, he spoke before a group of 40, relating his experiences as a newsman.

OREGON NISEI FINISHES HARVARD MEDICAL SCHOOL

ONTARIO, Ore. — Oscar Iseri, son of Mr. and Mrs. Mat Iseri, will graduate from Harvard medical school, Boston, June 14, with a degree of doctor of medicine. After majoring two years in chemical engineering at Oregon State in 1947, he served two years in the Army at Tokyo. He then was graduated from Antioch College in 1952 when he entered Harvard.

—Editor.

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FROM THE FRYING PAN: by Bill Hosokawa



Henpecked husband

Denver

Friend of mine, who shall remain nameless for his own protection, is about the most henpecked husband I know. Somewhere early in their marriage, his wife discovered he could be twisted around her ring finger. Maybe he was trying to be too good and accommodating a husband. A lot of fellows I know have

made that mistake. At any rate, one thing led to another and soon it became apparent that he wore the apron and she put his pants, at least in their home life. After slaving away all day at his job, he'd come home and help with the cooking, wash the dishes, and then put the kids to bed. Of course she just figured he was doing his part of the household chores. She would have had him doing the ironing, too, except that he was so unspeakably clumsy at it that she couldn't stand him messing around. I have a sneaking suspicion that about the time he started to get mixed up with the ironing he also had gotten wise and purposely botched up the shirts.

CONFIDENTIALLY SPEAKING

Well, anyway, my friend has taken to downing a few drinks, on the infrequent occasions when he can slip away from his chores, perhaps to bolster his own estimation of himself. He was in his cups the other night when he confided his troubles to me and spoke as follows:

"The housework, I don't mind," he declared. "After all, it's a husband's duty to help his wife and I'm completely happy to be dutiful. Call it being hen-pecked if you want. I don't care. But what gets me down is all this propaganda about how dutiful Japanese women are, what wonderful wives they make, how fortunate Japanese husbands are that their wives are trained from childhood to become obedient, thoughtful, loving women whose sole aim in life is to serve their menfolk.

"Take the other day. New fellow in the shop just got back after a tour of duty with the army in Japan. He'd been around. Visited Japanese homes, went around with Japanese girls. Of course things have changed over there, too, since the war. But compared to women of the U.S. of A., Japanese girls are A-1 experts when it comes to making a man feel like he owns the world. So he comes back with some pipe-dream ideas. He tells all the other guys in the shop about how wonderful Japanese babes are, and now all of them are figuring I'm fixed in the same kind of fat deal, me and my wife being Nisei."

WORST OF U.S. WOMANLY WAYS

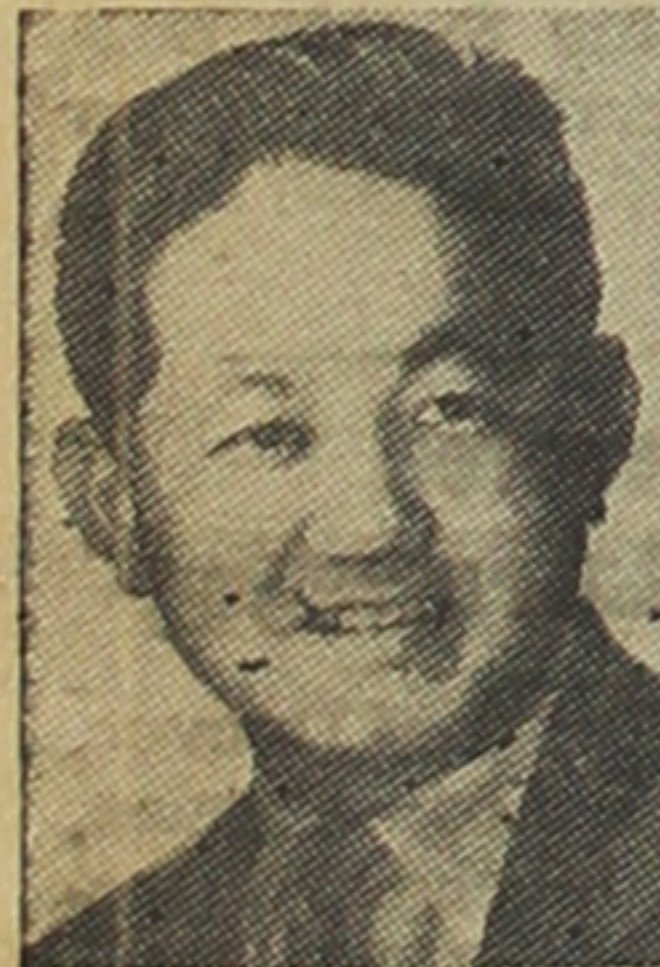
What doesn't get through to the fellows in the shop, the way my friend tells it, is that Nisei women didn't inherit much of the old country's traditions about "love, cherish and obey." Matter of fact, he contends, they went overboard the other way. They saw their mothers who, as a group, were a pretty long-suffering and patient bunch getting old quick from letting Pop be lord and master. And so in the manner of most second generation Americans, they went off the deep end in revolt against tradition.

"They acquired," my friend said, slurring over the last word, "the worst of female American ways. Too many American women figure their husbands are built-in housekeepers, dishwashers and baby-sitters. But what I want them to know is that just because I'm a Nisei, it doesn't mean I have a subservient, docile, patient little woman whose sole mission in life is serving me. So I can't stand to have them envying me my happy marriage. Understand?"

I understood.

Or did I? Sometimes it seems to me that I'm in the same boat as my friend. At least one thing is sure. My wife is not a hen-pecked woman by any stretch of the imagination, hers or mine.

VERY TRULY YOURS: by Harry K. Honda



Membership roster

This past week we came across a membership list of the Southwest Los Angeles JACL with some 850 names and addresses (plus telephone numbers), which was prepared by their corresponding secretary, Ellen Kubo. We understand she spent an entire Sunday afternoon to carefully typewrite 7½ pages of single-spaced listings... Other chapters, in the past, have published similar membership rolls in their chapter bulletin. Some have mentioned names during the course of their membership campaign... But none can compare with the masterful presentation of the SWLA attempt, as far as this desk is concerned... The Pacific Citizen would certainly appreciate similar listings from other chapters, and this is the reason why. When stories reach our desk, we naturally try to tie in JACL membership... It brings a story a little closer to "home" when you read someone in the chapter has been honored by some group, or has had triplets, or has met with some unfortunate tragedy, or has accomplished something of particular merit... Now that membership drives in most areas have been more or less concluded, I trust this request can serve as impetus to have the secretary submit a checklist of members indicating address, telephone number and an asterisk denoting 1000 Club membership. We would certainly appreciate it.

I suppose when one studies any membership list of a JACL chapter, the presence of non-Japanese names is stimulating... One wonders how they became interested—like the Bassetts, Daly, DeQueiroz and Kwan in the SWLA chapter...

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Clovis Nisei float wins first prize

CLOVIS. — A flower bedecked horse-drawn cart, entered in the annual Clovis Day celebration parade by the local Kyowa Kai and JACL, won first prize in the horse-drawn pleasure vehicle and western divisions recently.

Eugene Shimizu and Maggie Ikeda, dressed in western outfits, and Lorraine Takahashi and Anthony Yamamoto, dressed in the old centennial costumes, were riders on the entry which won a trophy and cash prize.

Women of the Kyowa Kai set up a booth in the city park here during the celebration to sell tacos, tamales, cold drinks and coffee. Proceeds from this sale has been given to the local hospital building fund.

The Kyowa Kai also participated in the Clovis Mother of the Year contest with Mrs. Hatsumi Shohara representing the group. She was escorted by her husband, Naochi, and her daughter, Janet, to the banquet for all nominees held during this event.

Utah painter's collection reviewed

SALT LAKE CITY. — Carol Selby, art critic for the Salt Lake Tribune, noted the gradual and logical shifts in the paintings of John Mizuno that were on exhibition this past month at 122 S. Main St.

"The earlier works are loose and airy with a swimming, atmospheric quality against which calligraphic forms seem to float," she commented of the show. "Gradually the composition has become firmer, the colors began to be restricted and localized, the shapes became more solid and a sense of perspective, of vistas down corridors and through apertures entered. The transfer of his style to oil paints brought a new solidarity and a sense of iridescent surfaces to work.

The Nisei artist is the older brother of Harry Mizuno, 1000 Club life member now in Chicago.

Fresno Auxiliary assists chest X-ray mobile unit

FRESNO. — Sixteen members of the Fresno JACL recently assisted the local chest X-ray mobile unit. They were:

Mesdames Sumi Saito, June Toshiyuki, Tak Yamaguchi, Jin Ishikawa, Neva Saito, Masako Inada, Edna Yabuno, Ai Kimura, Aiko Matsui, Setsu Nikaide, Setsu Hirasuna, Fusa Mikami, Alice Takahashi, Kimi Jitsumyo, Chico Taira, and Dr. Robert Yabuno.



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TOKYO TOPICS: by Tamotsu Murayama

Nisei public relations



Tokyo

When it comes to ventures to improve friendly relations between the United States and Japan on this side of the Pacific ocean, the Nisei in Japan fall short of what their brothers are doing in the United States. Nisei public relations in politics here just doesn't exist.

Twenty-three years ago, which were the pioneering years of the American Nisei in Japan, various Hawaiian and Mainland groups were able to promote public relations to fight anti-Japanese measures in America. But with time, these old timers faded away and their groups disappeared. What remains sheds very little light.

Even more significant is the total lack of understanding among the Japanese as to the strength and integrity of the Japanese American Citizens League in spite of its 25-year history. There are some quarters here who still regard these now-defunct pioneer groups as dominant forces for the Nisei. And some officials who served with Japanese consulates on the Pacific Coast who know of JACL's purposes, constantly underestimate JACL in terms of numbers and prestige.

It was recently learned that a very important meeting was held at the Tokyo Foreign Office where matters concerning Japanese in the United States were discussed. It was very surprising to learn that JACL was introduced as a minor organization, representing a negligible segment of the Japanese population of America.

JACL Belittled

There are some here who intentionally publicize the fact that JACL is but a "segment" of the Japanese in America. It is understandable because of the so-called psychology of island-minded Japanese to sneer at others when not present. Such is happening to JACL. They think there are no JACLers in Japan.

Congressman Judd, who visited Japan late last year, has praised JACL in Congress and recognized its achievements during its 25 years of organization. But it hasn't changed the attitude of Japanese officials bent on belittling JACL. Probably, it is time for us to do something for the Nisei in Japan. Once this reporter had plans to

write a book on the Nisei in America in Japanese but no publisher would accept the story. Then another attempt was made after the war, but material on Nisei achievements since 1945 could not be sufficiently rounded up to make the story. In view of this serious misunderstanding of JACL, it appears very vital to have some sort of publication in Japanese on JACL and Nisei in general. It would help public relations. It could tell what Mike Masaoka is doing in Washington and what other JACLers are doing to improve U.S.-Japan relations.

Tokyo Chapter?

Nisei here are also not trying to cooperate or help each other in their own interests.

Nisei who were stranded in Japan during the war have lost their U.S. citizenship and feel they are not a part of the Nisei community on a technical basis. They behave differently from the post-war Nisei who have gained fortunes and honor here. Yet, the Nisei here since pre-war years realize the importance of continued friendship between Japan and U.S.

A Tokyo JACL chapter could be organized if postwar Nisei thought differently and tried to cooperate with prewar Nisei for sake of Nisei public relations.

This reporter has no particular solution to improve Nisei public relations at this time, but something must be done. We can't sit around idly when there is such intentional misrepresentation of JACL.

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VAGARIES: by Larry S. Tajiri



Tenney defeated

Los Angeles

Buried under a plethora of election results late Wednesday were the following statistics.—judge of the Los Angeles municipal court, office no. 18—From 3467 of 4268 precincts—Williams, 262,489; Tenney, 61,383. The office being contested was not one with national significance, and none of the wire services carried the news. But the balloting was not without a certain interest, especially for the Nisei and members of other minority groups. In the California primaries of June 5 the voters of Los Angeles repudiated, by better than a 4 to 1 margin, the attempted comeback of a man who had made a career of racist demagoguery. Jack B. Tenney was a headline figure in the World War II years as he hounded and harassed the Nisei, and sought to prevent the return of Japanese American evacuees to the coast. His California senate committee on un-American activities, nicknamed the "Little Dies" committee, ranged the length and breadth of the state, providing a rostrum for the hatemonger as well as for sincere but misguided citizens who thought their particular world would be better off if the Nisei were excluded from it forever.

HIS POLITICAL STAR SETS

Jack Tenney, as state senator from Los Angeles, sole upper house representative of the state's most populous county, was a powerful figure in California affairs until as late as 1954 when the Republicans slapped him down for straying from the party corral in 1952 and running for vice-president of the United States under the Christian Nationalists banner. Tenney lost renomination for his state senate seat. Now, two years later it is apparent his political star has set. He has been defeated in his attempt to grab a municipal judgeship.

It is to be hoped that Jack Tenney is the last of the rabble rousers. In California politics he has outlived his time and his usefulness. For more than six decades, the Yellow Peril—first the Chinese and then the Japanese—was a major factor in California's political affairs. Careers were built and sustained on the anti-Oriental issue. There was a time when the Yellow Peril was part and fabric of the region's mores. Bret Harte gave it literary status with his litany of racist derision, *The Heathen Chinese*, and generations of white supremacists recited his warnings against the Chinese and their "ways that are dark."

ANTI-ORIENTALISM AND SOUTHERN NEGROES

Anti-Orientalism was once a part of California's culture, every bit as much as biracialism, with its consequences of inferiority for the Negro, is an everyday factor, even on this day in 1956, in the American South. In *Life* magazine recently Gov. James Byrnes of South Carolina was quoted as making a somewhat wistful observation in which he compared the campaign against desegregation with California's legal discrimination against the Japanese. Gov. Byrnes, who once wore the exalted robes of a Supreme Court justice, implied that what was right for California was proper for the Deep South—and there long has been an affinity between southern bigots and the professional native sons from California. But Gov. Byrnes like Jack Tenney has missed the parade. The Yellow Peril is cold, cold dead in California.

Someday the Neanderthal mentality of the southern extremists may awaken to the fact that they are anachronisms in a more enlightened time. We humans are a long time out of the caves and tribal warfare is a thing of the past.

CALIFORNIA RIPE FOR HOUSECLEANING

Speaking of anachronisms, the voters of California will be given an opportunity to clean up some statutory deadwood at the November elections. They will be given an opportunity to repeal the anti-Japanese land law—the Alien Property Initiative Act of 1920. Designed to bar ownership of real property by persons ineligible to citizenship, it was made inoperative by the California Supreme Court decision outlawing it and by the Nationality Act of 1952 which removed arbitrary race restrictions from American naturalizations.

The Yellow Peril mongers are gone, but the Alien Land law remains, obsolete though it may be. A statewide committee has been mounted by persons close to the JACL to help remove this final vestige of the Yellow Peril from California's statutes.

The climate is right for housecleaning in California. The Los Angeles electorate has dispatched Jack Tenney. The state's voters can clean up the shame of the Alien Land Law, and give a lesson in political morality to Gov. James Byrnes of South Carolina.



Active JACLer Kathleen Iseri, former WAC during World War II and presently employed with the U.S. Geological Survey in Washington, D.C., with D.C. chapter president Ben Nakao, WW2 veteran and accountant, are being escorted by the guard of honor to present the National JACL wreath at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier on Memorial Day.

JACL participates in traditional May 30 ceremonies at Arlington nat'l cemetery

WASHINGTON. — The Japanese American Citizens League was represented in Memorial Day rites held at the Arlington National Cemetery to honor the Nation's war dead.

Laying the presidential wreath at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier for President Eisenhower was Secretary of the Army Wilber M. Brucker who was later principal speaker in the consecrated services held in the Amphitheatre at Arlington Cemetery under the sponsorship of the Grand Army of the Republic Memorial Day Corporation.

Kathleen Iseri, accompanied by D.C. chapter president Ben Nakao, placed the wreath for the JACL which has for the past nine years participated at this solemn occasion.

Miss Iseri was a WAC and Nakao was a member of the Armed Forces during World War Two.

JACLers met prior to the services in the Amphitheatre to decorate the graves of the 20 Nisei soldiers interred at Arlington. Earlier in the week a flag and red poppy had been placed on each of the 90,000 graves in Arlington Cemetery, spread over 400 rolling acres, by units of the 3d Infantry Regiment.

Ira Shimasaki, chairman of the National JACL Arlington Cemetery committee, stated that pictures taken at the gravesite of the Nisei war heroes will be sent to next of kin shortly.

SALT LAKE CITY. — The Japanese community here paid tribute May 30 to the memory of departed family members, friends and comrades-in-arms at the Nisei War Memorial in the Salt Lake City Cemetery.

The service was sponsored by the Salt Lake JACL chapter in cooperation with the Japanese churches in Salt Lake City. Participating in the program were Rev. G. Hirose, Japanese Christian Church (Nisei), Bishop S. Aoyagi, Salt Lake Nichiren Church, Rev. T. Ota, Japanese Christian Church (Issei), and Rev. S. Sanada, Salt Lake Buddhist Church. Speakers were introduced by president Rupert Hachiya.

PORTLAND. — Maj. L. Bolton, chaplain of the 41st Division was the main speaker at Memorial Day rites at the Rose City cemetery. Sixteen Japanese American organizations and churches, including the local JACL, sponsored the annual

Bookkeeper admits theft from doctors, \$10,000 involved

SAN FRANCISCO. — Grand theft charges were lodged against Jerri Mead, bookkeeper receptionist for Dr. Kazuo Togasaki and two associates, by the district attorney this week.

The district attorney's office said she admitted taking between \$4,000 and \$6,000 from the physicians who employed her at 516 Sutter St.

She was placed under citizen's arrest last Saturday by George Anderson, attorney-husband of Dr. Frances Foster, one of the associates, after he questioned the 32-year-old brunette about shortages of fund. She was hired 18 months ago.

Anderson estimated she took more than \$10,000. The books are being audited to determine the exact loss, police said.

Shortages were discovered when she took a vacation and her substitute noticed some discrepancies in billing to patients.

Two boys charged with arson for Denver fire

DENVER. — Two boys, 7 and 9, who admitted starting a two-alarm \$15,000 fire May 27 that raged through the Fresh Vegetable Package Co. plant, 4535 Jason St., have been charged with arson in juvenile court.

Kody Kodama, president of the firm, said the losses were fully insured.

Boys told detectives they bought a box of matches at a drugstore and were lighting them three at time and throwing them away. It started a pile of sacks on fire at the loading dock.

USC MEDICAL SCHOOL GRADUATE HONORED

Tommy T. Maeda, 2235 Amherst Ave., who graduates tomorrow from the Univ. of Southern California School of Medicine, was initiated into the Alpha Omega Alpha national medical honor society. Selection is based upon the top 15 per cent of the graduating class by scholarship.

First Reedley JACL scholarship winner named, for local college freshman

REEDLEY. — Agnes Yamakoshi, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. F. K. Yamakoshi of Reedley, has been awarded the first \$50 scholarship to Reedley College given by the Japanese American Citizens League.

The JACL plans to make the scholarship an annual award to seniors in Reedley High School planning to attend Reedley College, says Dr. James Ikemiya, chapter president. Competition for the scholarship is open to all seniors.

Miss Yamakoshi is an honor student in high school, a pianist and organist, and teaches piano. She has received the good citizenship award of the Daughters of the

American Revolution, was chairman of the California Scholarship Federation fall conference, class president in her junior year and class treasurer as a freshman, and has a long list of additional student activities. She plans to become an elementary school teacher.

The standards set up by the JACL for the scholarship award place 50 per cent emphasis on scholastic attainments, the remainder on character, personality, citizenship, leadership, service and need.

The committee which made the final selection included Dr. Ikemiya, Dr. Akira Tajiri, Toru Ikeda, William Rowley, counselor at the high school, and principal Paul Goodwin.

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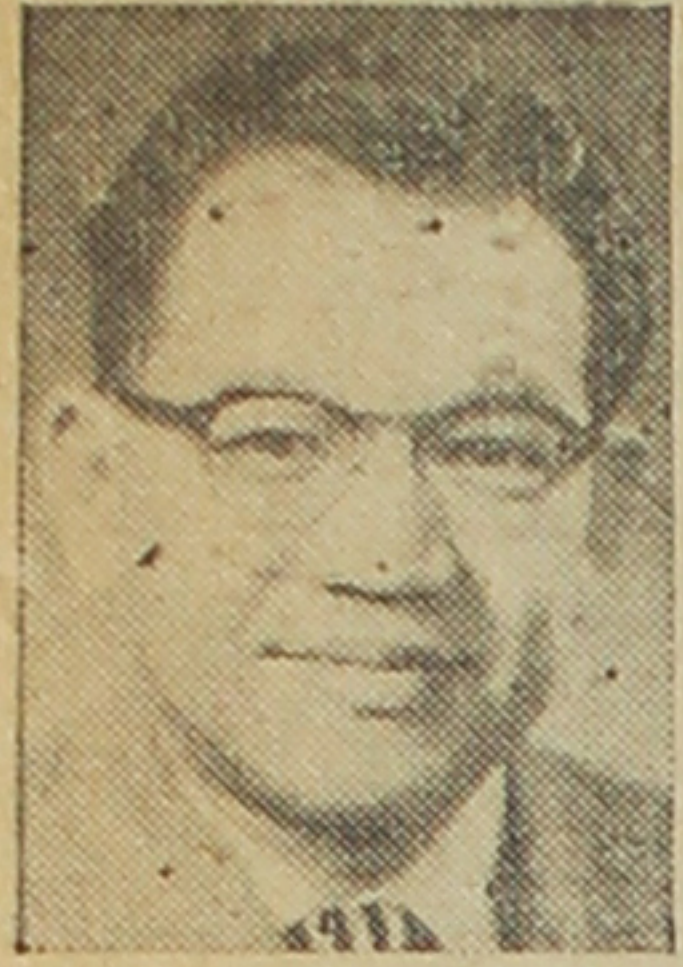


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NAT'L DIRECTOR'S REPORT: by Masao Satow



Rainmaker

Washington

Here we are in the Nation's Capitol after being greeted at the airport by Mike and Tad Masaoka and Chapter President Ben Nakao. Incidentally, it was raining upon arrival, so this gives us a 1,000 batting average of bringing rain to every stop we have made on this trip. Rural area chapters should take note and sched-

The night of our arrival the good people here saw to it that we were really occupied. We had a nice dinner with the Chapter board members, a good general meeting, followed by what Mike terms a "prayer meeting" for the Deacon. We have a good group of staunch JACLers who have been of invaluable assistance to Mike and the Washington Office during the ten years of its existence. Being right here where our representations to the government and to the Congress take place, the members here can appreciate more fully just what is involved in these.

With other JACLers we helped to warm Mike's new home, and it was especially sweet of Etsu to make this occasion a welcoming reception for us complete to the special "Welcome Mas" cake.

We will remain here for several more days to discuss national matters before flying out to Detroit and Cleveland, and making another stop in Denver on the way home. We will be in Denver at the appropriate times.

EASTERN CHAPTERS

After making the round of our Eastern chapters, we are highly encouraged at the strength and enthusiasm of our members out here. The turnouts at the various meetings have been wonderful, and we have entirely too many members who simply spoil the National Director.

EDC Chairman Bill Sasagawa saw that we were taken care of in Philadelphia, including using his many connections to angle free passes from the Philly management for the Phillies-Dodger ball game on Memorial Day. We are indebted to Chapter President Sim Endo, Dr. Tom and Marion Tamaki, John and Ann Nitta, Sue Sasagawa, and Dr. Warren and Dr. Mary Watanabe, for seeing to it there was nary a dull moment for us. It was nice to see Henry Tani, who was formerly our national vice-president. Henry is chairing the next chapter meeting on the interesting topic, "Your Culture is Showing—How Japanese Are You?"

Seabrook's President George "Pug" Noda was so concerned and conscientious about letting us know about the arrangements there that in company with Kiyomi Nakamura he attended the Philadelphia dinner meeting and thus got a double dose of our national report. Seabrook reports an all time high of 320 members this year. We had a very pleasant dinner meeting followed by an informal gabfest at Vernon Ichisaka's. Vernon and our old time LA friend, Dick Kunishima, insisted on escorting us back to Philly and got us on the train for New York.

Tom Hayashi was having pups awaiting our arrival in Manhattan. He thought it might be nice to talk over the National Nomination between innings of the Yankee-Senators ball game, but because of our late arrival, we had to meet at his office. Despite what some people may think about the big city's impersonal indifference to strangers, for us it was a warm and friendly reception from our JACLers. President Sam Kai in his second term of office is a newlywed, and wife Misa gives enthusiastic and loyal encouragement. Membership chairman Viola Sugahara indicates that the membership is above last year, and the general meeting turnout was most encouraging.

Doug Baker, business associate of Sam Kai, and formerly with the U.S. State Department showed a film entitled "Letter From California", being an account of the experiences of one of the visiting Japanese farmers on learning about American farming methods in California. And who should be his first host but George Yuge, ex-prexy of our Cortez Chapter and good Thousander, looking as big as he is. In another portion of the film we saw some of our Livingston-Merced members, including chapter 1000 Club Chairman Frank Suzuki. After the meeting about half of those in attendance, approximately a score, adjourned to a Chinese restaurant for an informal snack and post mortem session to get better acquainted. It was good to see former National staff member Sam Ishikawa back from Japan. And many thanks to Aki Hayashi for the ride out to LaGuardia airport the next morning.

MIDWEST DISTRICT COUNCIL

We came away from the Midwest DC meeting in Cincinnati greatly encouraged at the sense of unity and the concern for the national organization displayed. The meeting was co-chaired by two Doctor Jameses, Takao of Cincinnati and Taguchi of Dayton. Dr. Mark Nakauchi is doing a swell job in Dayton and Mrs. Mutsu Takao, who was our personal reception committee, has shown that our women know a thing or two about running an organization.

The affair started with an informal social mixer Friday night under the direction of Stogie Toki. It was so easy for all of us to make congenial fools of ourselves in a nice way and get acquainted. In designating the chapter from which each one came on the name tags, the reception committee wrote "Hobo" on ours, pronounced ho-bo, of course. The good attendance bespoke well for the publicity work of Marvin Yoshikawa who also handled registration, and Fred Morioka as pre-registration chairman. Mrs. Hideo Yoshihara of Dayton made it easier for meeting Treasurer Joe Sugawara by doing a good job on the MDC "fuku-biki".

A great deal of the success of this meeting and the general spirit of the Midwest Chapters is due to MDC Chairman Abe Hagiwara whose background of group work and affable personality has been a real asset. Representing National Headquarters he has visited all the chapters in the area, and in this program he has been aided by JACL stalwarts Kumeo Yoshinari and Shig Wakamatsu.

Kaye Watanabe took care of the banquet, the highlight of which was Mayor Charles P. Taft as guest speaker. Mayor Taft reads the PC regularly, and we were privileged to honor this illustrious member of a distinguished family with a scroll of appreciation from National JACL as one of the distinguished Americans who served as a National Sponsor of our organization during wartime. Mas Yamasaki of Dayton did a smooth job as banquet toastmaster.

We thought that the dance set up by Hy Sugawara would

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Reno CL restores graves of early Nevada Japanese

RENO. — Old and neglected graves of the community's first Japanese settlers were being cleaned and restored in a project started by the Reno JACL two weeks ago.

Many of the graves have deteriorated with age while others have been destroyed by vandalism, League officers said.

One grave was of particular interest, the grave of a Wm. Takahashi who died October 8, 1907 at the age of 61. According to the headstone, Takahashi was the first Japanese to land in the United States having landed in 1867.

As in previous years, the group was guided by Mr. and Mrs. K. Ishii, long-time residents of this community and well acquainted with the locations of the very old graves.

Prior to the clean-up project on May 20, members met at the Circle RB for breakfast.

Members participating were Oscar Fujii, Fred Aoyama, Ken Katananagi, Henry Hattori, William Ishida, George Kobayashi, and Dewey Fukui.

Plans were also made at the May general meeting for the eighth annual community picnic to be held in the rear of the California building July 1.

Philadelphia CL maps summer season events

PHILADELPHIA. — "Your Culture Is Showing—How Japanese Are You?" is the theme of the general discussion planned tonight at the JACL meeting at International Institute. Henry Tani will be discussion leader.

The chapter is planning its outing in July with Mary Toda and Alice Mitsudo in charge. Date and locale are to be announced.

The annual community picnic will be held Aug. 18 at the Friends Central School grounds with rain date the following Saturday. Tom Murakami and his picnic committee are already making plans for this gala affair.

Chicago carnival set

CHICAGO.—The Chicago Buddhist Church, 5487 S. Dorchester Ave., will hold its twelfth annual carnival on June 29-30 and July 1. Doors open at 7 p.m. on Friday June 29, and noon on Saturday and Sunday.

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MILE-HI CHAPTER SIGNS UP 500TH MEMBER

DENVER. — An even 500 members have been signed up by the Mile-Hi JACL as of May 20, it was announced by membership chairman Miekko Mayeda.

Sam Y. Matsumoto, who has been assisting in tabulating the campaign, says the reports are not final. Betty Suzuki was listed as the leading solicitor with 107 members, followed by Ruby Sakayama with 58; Sam Matsumoto, 39; Tom Masamori, 37; Mike Tashiro, 27; and remaining campaigners with less than 20 each.

MDC—

Continued from Front Page membership, finances, public relations and civic affairs. Reports from Satow and national committee chairmen added greater insight and knowledge of JACL problems.

National JACL committeemen present were Patrick Okura of Omaha, planning; Harold Gordon, legislative-legal; Shig Wakamatsu, 1000 Club, and Abe Hagiwara, MDC chairman, public relations. Other MDC officers attending were Dr. James Takao, Dr. James Taguchi, vice-chmn.; Sumi Teramoto, rec. sec.; George Ono, treas.; Mrs. Miyo O'Neill, hist.; and Harry Hayashi, pub.

Official delegates were Dr. Frank Sakamoto, William Fujii, Chicago;

Fowler CL holds 5th anniversary dinner

FOWLER. — More than 175 persons turned out for the fifth anniversary celebration of Fowler JACL at its barbecue steak dinner in the local city park May 26.

Bill Hashimoto was in charge of the evening program which was planned as a means of better relationship within the community.

On the food committee were Mrs. Tom Shirakawa, Mrs. George Miyake, Mrs. George Taniguchi, Mrs. Betty Mayebo and Mrs. Rose Nakamura.

Others on the committees were Tom Kamikawa, refreshments; Joe Yokomi, barbecue equipment; Mrs. Ada Yamamoto, notices; and Kay Hiyama, program.

The local chapter had been organized five years ago with Dr. George Miyake as its first president. Succeeding officers were Harley Nakamura in 1953, Howard Renge in 1954 and Tom Kamikawa in 1955.

Tom Shirakawa is presently serving as president.

Mrs. Mutsu Takao, Masaji Toki, Cincinnati; Bill Sadataki, Cleveland; Dr. Mark Nakauchi, Mrs. Matilde Taguchi, Dayton; Mrs. Miyo O'Neill, Jiro Shimoda, Detroit; James Momoi, Milwaukee; Richard Henmi, Dr. Joe Ohmoto, St. Louis; Tomo Kosobayashi, Twin Cities.

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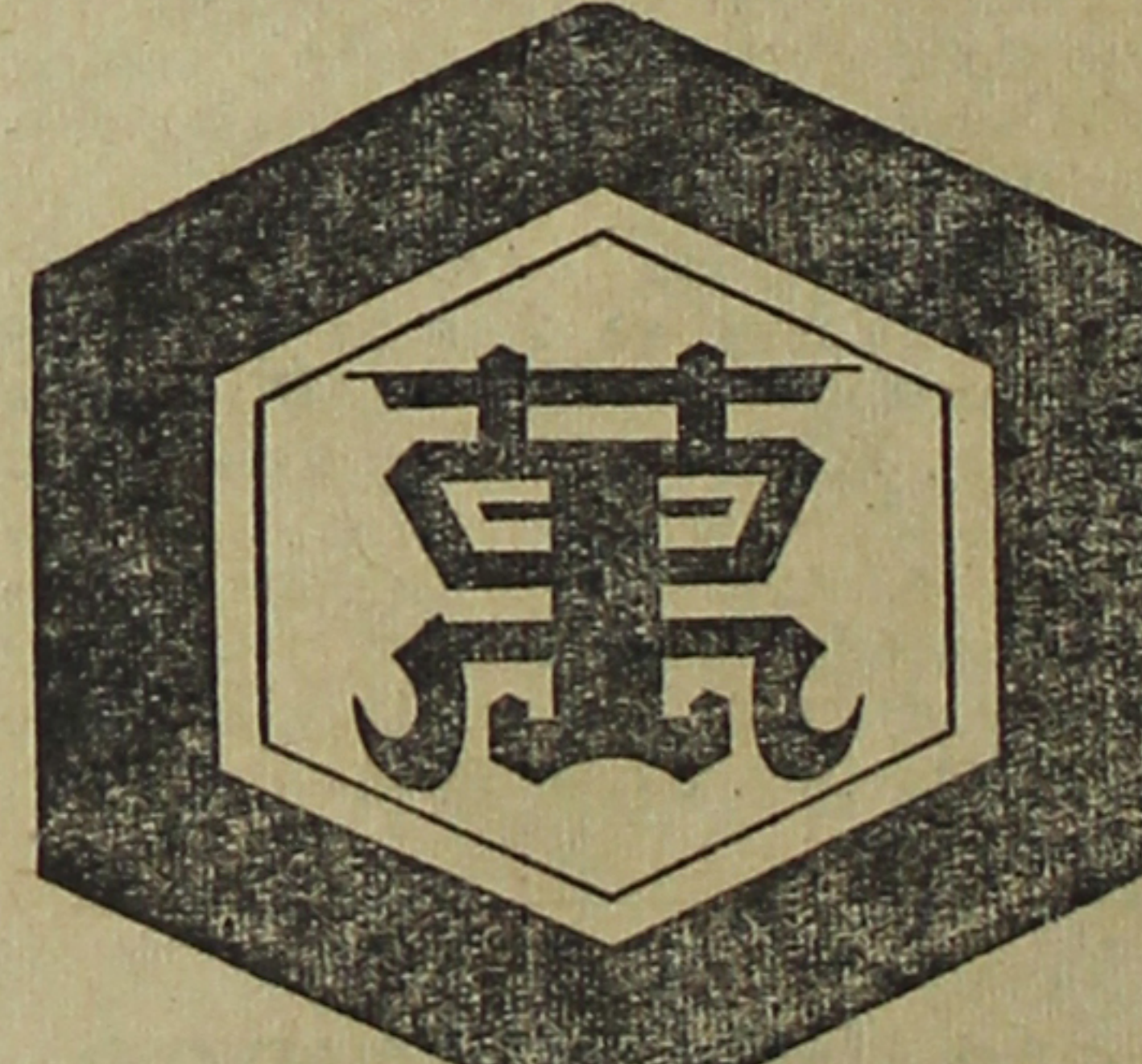
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The latest in a long series of strategy planning sessions of the "brain trusts" at the helm of *Changing Perspectives* was held recently. A quick look at the present picture tells us that the various committees are busily engaged in polishing off the rough edges on their events. This can be a difficult proposition, as our good friend, Fred Hoshiyama, Opening Ceremonies Chairman, can testify. In his usually efficient manner, Fred has worked up a timetable for opening night right down to a "T". However, since some of the details on the highlights of his program have yet to be resolved, he must maintain an air of mystery.

WATCH THE BIRDIE

Flashbulbs will be popping at the Buchanan St. "Y" this week, as all the lads and lassies who are on the firing line on *Changing Perspectives* committees, will get their "mugs" shot. Pete Asano, kid brother of former SF Chapter Board member, Sets Ogami, will be the man behind the camera. These pics will decorate the pages of, what we hope will be, the best Convention Souvenir Booklet yet published. It will certainly have plenty of professional "savvy", as the art work will be under the eye of local artist, Hats Aizawa, and the overall guidance of Convention Art Coordinator, Hisashi Tani. To assure plenty of editorial "meat", Editor Thelma Takeda, is burning the midnight oil, and it looks like she has a host of good ideas. Yori Wada, sparkplug of our Youth Project, and an old hand at convention booklets, is backing up Thelma as Consulting Editor.

AN IDEA BEARS FRUIT

Some time ago the idea of a "Jr. JACL" program, to be held during the 14th Biennial, was planted in our minds by our National Director. After weathering some rough seas, this idea now seems to have taken hold. Thanks to the contacts and initiative of our project chairman, Yori Wada, ably assisted by Toshi Koba, considerable interest and enthusiasm has been found among local young folks. These "kids", displaying commendable social perception, have developed a tentative program revolving a keynote talk, followed by informal discussion in small groups. "What does JACL mean to me?" has been one of the proposed topics for discussion. Inasmuch as the continued growth of JACL will necessarily depend upon the continued transfusion of new blood, this evidence of some serious thinking on the part of tomorrow's leaders is indeed encouraging.

Adding to the significance of this Youth Project is the fact that, several chapters have developed the interest of their younger members to the point where some will be official delegates to *Changing Perspectives*.

This writer had the pleasure of meeting two youthful booster delegates from the Placer County Chapter at the recent DC meeting in San Jose. Their problem seems to be, not who will come to the Convention?, but how many will come? Past Placer County Prexy, Koe Uyeno, staunch JACLer and nice guy, tells us that their junior group is a real live bunch. A toast to the Youth Project, may it truly reflect the philosophy behind *Changing Perspectives*.

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be the windup of the two day meeting, but Dr. and Mutsu Takao generously invited all the delegates to a Sunday noon luncheon to give everyone a good sendoff. Pat Okura of Omaha was good enough to come over from St. Louis where he was attending a conference in order to set up some plans for the National Planning Committee.

WINDY CITY

We spent a couple of days in Chicago prior to the Cincy meeting checking on national matters. Thanks to Gladys Ishida and her mother, we were able to take care of most of our discussions in one evening after a delightful home cooked sukiyaki dinner. It is always reassuring to meet with Doc Yatabe, a grand guy whose interest in JACL only increases with each year.

The figures on our 1000 Club tell the story of Shig Wakamatsu's efforts but not the complete story of hours of time and thought. Every time Shig starts speaking, you can be sure it is about the JACL 1000 Club. Sumi Shimizu has voluntarily given much time in helping Shig get out the 1000 Club correspondence which she feels is just her small contribution to the total effort. In her regular job Sumi is Attorney Tokuzo Gordon's secretary, Chairman of our National Legislative-Legal Committee.

Chicago is losing John Yoshino, Chairman of our National Committee for the Aging, but he will still be pitching nationally from Washington, D.C. where he is assuming a responsible government post. Long time JACLer Kumeo Yoshinari is heading up the joint MDC-EDC Convention slated for Chicago the Labor Day weekend of next year, and already has had several meetings.

Esther Hagiwara is doing a wonderful job as secretary of our National Midwest Office. Besides her regular responsibilities, she has been keeping up to date the 1000 Club records for Shig Wakamatsu, and with over a thousand current Thousands, this entails a great deal of paper work.

Also spent a pleasant evening with Chicago President Dr. Frank Sakamoto and his cabinet. The Chicago Chapter is the basic strength of our operations in the Midwest.

MOUNTAIN-PLAINS

Manual Matsunami, Omaha Prexy, took time off from work to give us the VIP reception there. We merely pass the word along that Nebraska corn fed steaks are the choicest in the country bar none, according to Manual, just to make Tats Kushida's mouth water. Omaha Chapter consistently has the largest percentage of non-Nisei members of any of our chapters.

Enroute to the midwest and east, we attended the regular meeting of the Denver Chapter cabinet at President John Sakayama's after a trout dinner at Mt. Plains Chairman Bob Horiuchi's place. Bob admitted that his son Bruce is the better fisherman in the family. With John Sakayama we conferred with Mr. Z. Kanegae, long time enthusiastic supporter of our national program in setting up a special meeting on June 10 which will be our last stop on this jaunt.



International Smorgasbord, sponsored by the Westchester Committee of American Field Service to assist foreign students, included a Japanese booth manned by the Venice-Culver JACL recently. Assisting were (left to right) Darlene Imazu, daughter of MGM art director Eddie Imazu; May Koro, Florence Hayashida and Miki Chikasawa.

Venice-Culver CL's Japanese food booth attraction at International Smorgasbord

VENICE. — Aiding the Westchester Committee of the American Field Service to raise enough money to sponsor one foreign student, the Venice-Culver JACL willingly provided a Japanese booth at the International Smorgasbord May 19 at the Westchester Community Bldg.

Five countries were represented, serving traditional foods: sushi, senbei from Japan; shishkebab with rice pilaff from Armenia; chicken-rice and garbanzas with sausage from Spain; spaghetti from Italy; and items from China. All booths were gayly decorated and the JACL booth was a bright spot of the evening.

A long line of hungry guests was delighted when girls in kimono graciously served senbei to ease their appetites. They were Joyce and Darleen Imazu, Janie Kunimoto, May Koro, Janet and Julie Kitagawa.

Also on hand assisting were Frances Kitagawa, Mary Wakamatsu, Margie Furuya, Fuji Burns, Betty Yumori, Miki Chikasawa, Florence Hayashida, George Isoda, Steve Nakaji, Dr. Tak Shishino, Kiyoshi Kagawa, George Inagaki and Roy Sugimoto.

The chapter acknowledged assistance from Mitsuba Sushiya, Modern Foods Co., Joseph Ito, Japan Air Lines and Imperial Gardens.

Foreign students from UCLA entertained with music and dancing during the entire evening.

The American Field Service conducts an international scholarship program to bring students in*the 16-18 age group from 28 nations to the United States for their senior year of high school. American citizens act as foster parents and take a student into their home for a year while the student attends school to promote better understanding among nations of the world.

Each high school who has had a foreign student for the school year is eligible to nominate four candidates for the summer program when one or more is selected to live in a foreign home for two months. (See PC, May 25—Gerald Sakura of Milwaukee was selected to live in Stockholm this summer.)

The International Smorgasbord is sponsored as the fund-raising activity to support the program in Westchester.

Charles H. Bernhard, chairman of the Westchester Student Exchange committee, in a letter to the Venice-Culver JACL, said, "We wish to take this opportunity of thanking you for your very real contribution to the promotion of better understanding among the nations of the world through supporting our International Scholarship program."

Gardena Valley calls general meeting to reactivate CL

GARDENA. — A community-wide meeting is being held tonight at the local Japanese Community Center, 2000 Market St., to reactivate the Gardena Valley JACL chapter.

Meeting notices and invitations were extended to all Japanese American residents of the area expressing the need and value of a JACL chapter in the community whose population has greatly increased in recent years.

While the letters, bearing the signatures of prominent Nisei community leaders, were mailed to available lists from various organizations, those who by inadvertent omission may not have received the letter were nevertheless urged to attend the meeting.

The signers were Paul Koga, president of the Gardeners Association; Dr. John Koyama, president of the YABA; Tats Kushida, JACL Regional Director; Sam Minami of the Gardena Valley Baptist Men's Group and Tom Miyawaki, Commander, VFW Nisei Memorial Post No. 1961.



'1000' CLUB NOTES

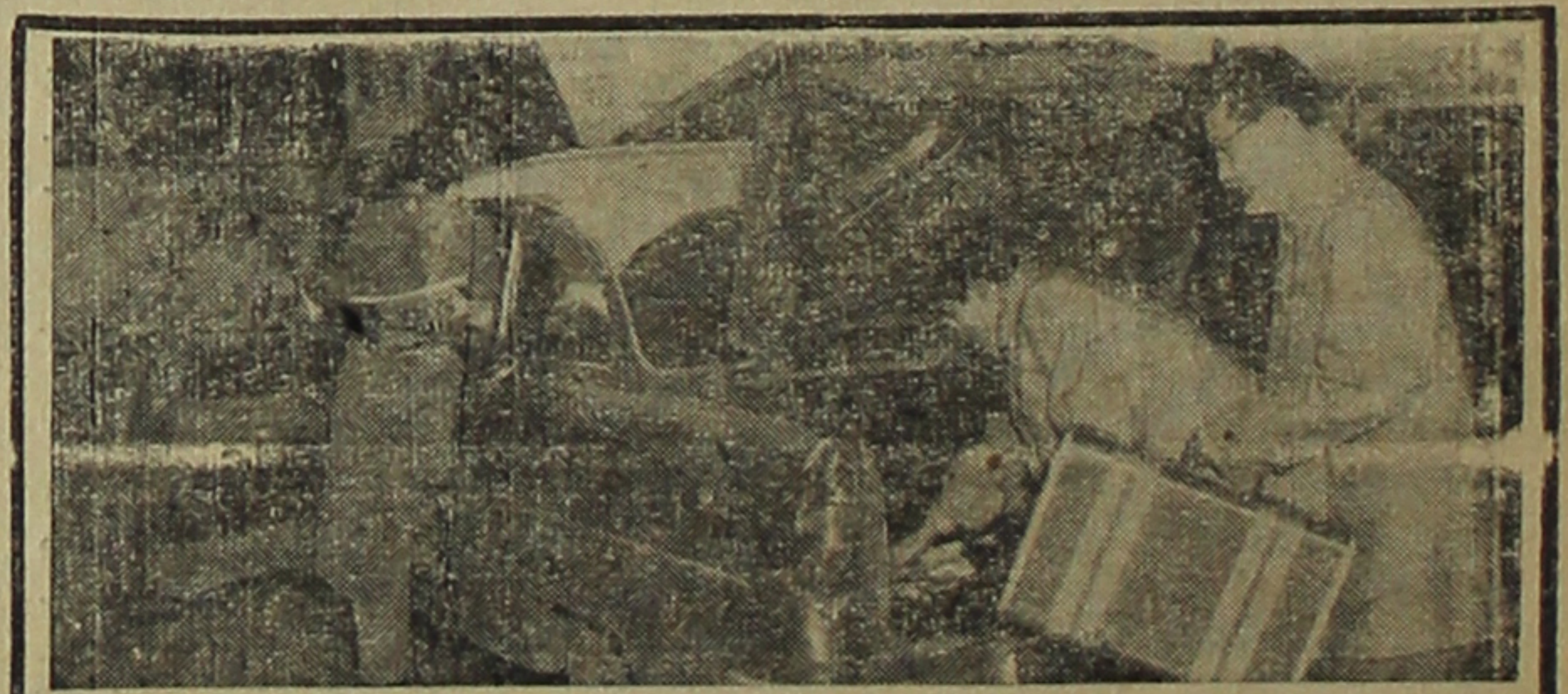
SAN FRANCISCO. — National JACL headquarters this week reported 78 memberships and renewals for the second half of May, making for a total of 131 received during the entire month. The current number of 1000ers is 1,095 as of May 31.

- NINTH YEAR
Fresno—George S. Mochizuki
- EIGHTH YEAR
Southwest L.A.—Dr. Roy Nishikawa
- SEVENTH YEAR
Sanger—Johnson Kebo
Denver—George Ohashi
Southwest L.A.—Fred Ota
Gardena Valley—Paul Shinoda
- SIXTH YEAR
Portland—George I. Azumano
Southwest L.A.—Mack Y. Hamaguchi,
San Diego—Tsumotom H. Ikemura, Tom Kida
- FIFTH YEAR
New York—Sam Ishikawa
San Jose—Dr. Tokio Ishikawa
Cincinnati—Dr. Yasuo Sasaki
Southwest L.A.—Al S. Tanouye
- FOURTH YEAR
Hollywood—Noboru Ishitani
San Diego—George S. Muto
Seattle—George T. Okada
Twin Cities—Mas Teramoto
Idaho Falls—Kay Tokita
Mt. Olympus—Shigeki Ushio
Downtown L.A.—David T. Yokozeki
- THIRD YEAR
Southwest L.A.—Charles Asawa, Mrs. Michi Kataoka Asawa
San Francisco—David Taxy Hironaka
Hollywood — Charles K. Kamayatsu, Robert K. Kato
San Diego—George Kodama, Leo Owashi
- CHICAGO—Bunji Takano, George Tanaka, George S. Yoshioka
Seattle—Minoru Yamaguchi, Tad Yamaguchi, Kazie Yokoyama
- SECOND YEAR
Chicago—Ray Ikegami, Minoru Kawano, Tosh Noma, George Ikegami
Gardena Valley—Bruce T. Kaji
Downtown L.A.—Dr. George K. Karabara, George K. Sayano, Gichi Takata, Dr. Y. Yoshimura, Annabelle H. Akita, Freddie Funakoshi
Seattle—Frank H. Kamihachi
Southwest L.A.—Masamichi Kataoka, Herbert T. Murayama, Henry Yamamoto
San Diego—Saburo Muraoka, Hiomi Nakamura, Roxanna C. Takehara, Dr. Peter Unekubo, Moto Asakawa, Ainosuke Esaki, Dr. Shigeru Hara, Paul Hoshi
- WASHINGTON—Dr. Leo Nakayama
Hollywood—Kenneth T. Sato
Reedley—Masaru Abe, Marshall Hirose
- FIRST YEAR
Columbia Basin—Ed Nishi
Reedley—Dr. James M. Ikemiya
New York—Murray Spring
San Diego—Henri Honda, Tad Imoto
Santa Barbara—Harold M. Sumida
Orange County—Jim S. Okuda, Ben Takanaga
Philadelphia—Tomomi Murakami
Chicago—Masaru Odoi, Roland Hagio, Miki Hayano, Bob M. Matsumoto, Hiro Mayeda, William T. Mitsuchi, Richard M. Nomura, Dr. Arthur T. Shima, Tom Tajiri.

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

Past chapter treasurers handle Mt. Olympus social

SALT LAKE CITY. — Past treasurers of the Mt. Olympus JACL presented the regular May meeting at the LDS Mexican Ward branch after the business portion was conducted by president Ida Tateoka. Yukus inouye headed the past treasurer's committee which had square dancing called by talented Skip Tabata.



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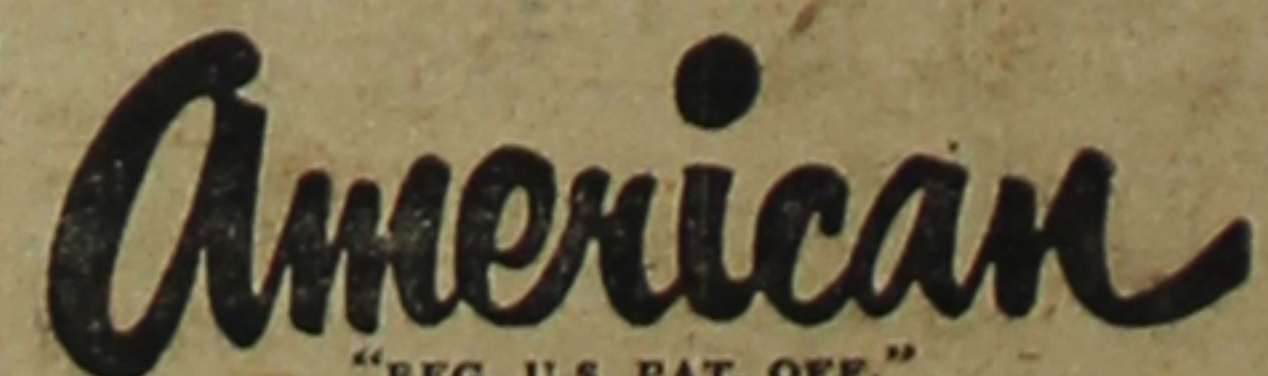
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DOWNTOWN L.A. WINS NISEI OLYMPICS AGAIN AS 16 MARKS SHATTERED; S.F. CEES AID IN CAPTURE OF PERPETUAL CUP

SAN FRANCISCO. — Records topped in wholesale fashion in the fourth annual San Francisco JACL Olympics last Sunday at Kezar Stadium. So many fell (16 out of 20 plus six records established by new events) that it might be well to mention the ones that stood.

Pole vault: E. Yamada (SM), 12 ft. 6 1/4 in., 1953; 880: Henry Kawamoto (LA), 2 m. 7.4s., 1955; Mile: Henry Kawamoto (LA) 4m. 53s., 1954.

An unseasonal icy wind didn't bother the athletes from all sections of California performing before a hardy crowd of some 300 fans. Downtown Los Angeles edged crosstown rival West Los Angeles 76 1/2 to 72 2/3 for team honors in the composite standings. But San Francisco won the perpetual trophy (limited to NCWNDC chapters) with 66 points, acquiring 50 1/2 of them in the new C division.

Downtown L.A. won the class A title, Sacramento the B crown and San Francisco the C championship.

Individually, DTLA's Bob Kameoka set the pattern for the day with three new records. He sped to better marks in the 100 and 220 in 10s and 22.6 and soared to a new

standard in the broadjump. He also added points in the hop, step and jump as well as running a leg on the winning 880 relay team to be the high point man.

Kameoka set his new 100 mark in the qualifying heat but took a second in the finals behind a 10.2s time by WLA's Ray Sugiyama, who got the jump on the field. In the furlong, Kameoka turned the tables on Sugiyama despite another "swift" start by the latter. The decision was by two yards.

The heralded duel in the weight events between Fowler's Tom Sano and San Jose's Herb Yamasaki proved to be a dud as Sano proved his mastery in both events with a pair of new records. Sano had nearly all his throws in the shot put near the 55 ft. mark but kept fouling until he uncorked his winning 54'9" toss. Yamasaki's put also broke the old mark but it wasn't good enough to get more than second.

Johnny Kanaya of San Jose and Harvey Kondo of Reedley tied in the high jump though Kanaya could have been the winner. The San Jose jumper agreed to a tie after Kondo was forced out with an eye injury while both were still eligible to continue.

After the agreement, Kanaya went on "just for fun" and cleared six feet.

Fighting a stiff breeze on the back stretch didn't hold Stockton's Jim Tominaga from setting a new record in the quartermile event around one turn in 53.7.

The favorite in the race, DTLA's Vic Mitsuno was boxed in and finally forced out when he was bumped against the railing which runs around the track. He was bitterly disappointed as he was aiming for a new mark in his favorite event.

San Francisco's Keith Yagi was a surprise winner in the 880. He sped around the two laps in 2:13. Yagi was one of the men responsible for the local squad's high finish in the meet.

The 70 yards high hurdles saw another new record when Shoji Yasuda of WLA skipped over the barriers in 9.3, a step in front of Clyde Ikuta and Dave Yamada of DTLA who were both under the old mark.

San Jose's Paul Uenaka leaped to a new mark in the hop step and jump with a leap of 44 ft. 5 1/2 in.

Downtown Los Angeles' relay teams broke records in both the class A and B with clockings of 1:37 and 47s.

In class B, it was the same story as records were broken in the 50, 120 low hurdles, high jump, broad jump and shot put.

DTLA's "iron-man" Beebe Kataoka clipped the 50 mark with a

time of 5.6 with his two step win over Sacramento's Harry Ito.

Terry Nakamitsu, San Mateo's one-man team turned in a solid performance scoring in several events while on his way to new marks in the shot and broadjump.

The summaries:

CLASS A

180 lows—Won by Sakamoto (R), Saito (WLA), D. Yamada (DTLA), P. Uenaka (SJ), Hirotsuka (Seq), 20.5s. (New record: old mark 21s. by Jimi Abe, DTLA, 1955.)

70 highs—Won by Yasuda (WLA), Ikuta (DTLA), Yamada (DTLA), Uenaka (SJ), Mikami (Seq), 9.3s. (New record: old mark 9.5s. by Ronald Fujita, SM, 1954; Jimi Abe, DTLA, 1955.)

880—Won by Yagi (SF), Ando (WLA), Miura (R), Tominaga (St), Nishimoto (WLA), 2:12.2.

Pole vault—Won by R. Miura (R) 11-6, K. Matsuno (SF) and H. Tsugawa (St) 10 ft., S. Yasuda (WLA) 8-6, H. Fukushima (SF) 7-6.

Hop-step-jump—Won by P. Uenaka (SJ) 44-5 1/2, B. Kameoka (DTLA) 40-9 1/2, G. Yamasaki (SJ) 39-4 1/2, M. Kumagai (SJ) 38-11 3/4, Kuratsuchi (SJ) 38-7. (New record: old mark 41 ft. 1/2 in. by Floyd Kumagai, Seq, 1955.)

100—Won by Sugiyama (WLA), Kameoka (DTLA), Iwasaki (R), Ueda (DTLA), Kumagai (SJ) and Matsumoto (St), 10.2. (New record of 10s. set by Kameoka in semi-finals. Old record, 10.5 by Bob Watanabe, WLA, 1954.)

220—Won by Kameoka (WLA), Sugiyama (WLA), Mitsuno (DTLA), Ueda (DTLA), Saito (WLA), 22.6. (New record: old mark 23.6, by Bob Watanabe, WLA.)

440—Won by Tominaga (St), Ando (WLA), Yagi (SF), Sasaki (DTLA), Yamada (DTLA), 53.7. (New record: old mark 53.9 by John Nakamura, F, 1955.)

Discus—Won by Tom Sano (F) 147-1, Herb Yamasaki (SJ) 111-5, Larry Iwasaki (R) 111-3, T. Yasuda (WLA) 110-10, H. Kondo (R) 101-1. (New record: old mark 138-10, by T. Sano, 1955.)

Broad jump—Won by B. Kameoka (DTLA) 21-8, D. Yamada (DTLA) 20-8, J. Tominaga (St) 20-7 3/4, P. Uenaka (SJ), H. Fukushima (SF). (New record: old mark 21-7 3/4 by Floyd Kumagai, Seq, 1954.)

Shot put—Won by T. Sano (F) 54-6, H. Yamasaki (SJ) 52-9, T. Yasuda (WLA) 48-1 1/2, S. Yasuda (WLA) 40-9, C. Yamasaki (SJ) 38-4. (New record: old mark 52-1 by T. Sano, 1955.)

880 relay—Won by Downtown L.A. WLA, Reedley, 1:37. (New record: old mark 1:37.3, 1954.)

High jump—Won by Harvey Kondo (R) and John Kanaya (SJ) 5-11 C, Ikuta (DTLA) and D. Endow (DTLA), D. Yamada (DTLA) and Eloy Maeki (B). (New record: old mark 5-9 by Kei Nomura, DTLA, 1954.)

Mile—Won by Ken Ando (WLA), J. Tominaga (St), David Fujita (B), Jerry Baba (SF), Kurato Shimada (SJ), 5:13.

CLASS B

50—Won by Beebe Kataoka (DTLA), Harry Ito (Sac), Bob Tomita (Sac), Ed Hayashi (Sac), John Iwasaki (DTLA), 5.6. (New record: old mark 5.9 by Dan Hayashi, St, 1954.)

100—Won by George Negumi (WLA), Ed Hayashi (Sac), J. Iwasaki (DTLA), B. Kataoka (DTLA), Ken Okubo (SJ), 10.7.

660—Won by Harry Ito (St), J. Iwasaki (DTLA), B. Kataoka (DTLA), Ted Abe (WLA), Susumu Suemoto (R), 1:33.7. (New record—new event.)

Broad jump—Won by John Itagaki (DTLA) 20-6 3/4, W. Otani (Sac) 20-5, E. Hayashi (Sac) 20-4 3/4, H. Kanazawa (Seq) 20-1 3/4, K. Okubo (SJ) 20-1. (New record: old mark 19-9 by Kanazawa, 1955.)

High jump—Won by Tomo Tsuda (R), 5-5, six-way tie for second by R. Adachi (B), T. Kozuki (R), K. Suemoto (R), W. Otani (Sac), B. Tomita (Sac), Frank Ishihara (WLA), 5-4. (New record: old mark 5-4 1/2 by Kanazawa, 1955.)

Shot put—Won by Terry Nakamitsu (SM) 44-11, H. Kanazawa (Seq) 44, K. Okubo (SJ) 42-10, J. Takeuchi (St) 42-7, T. Nozaki (R) 42-2.

Pole vault—Won by Frank Ishihara (WLA), 10-2, J. Nakagawa (WLA), Tats Nishimura (SJ), Ronald Arakawa (R), no fifth. (New record—new event.)

120 lows—Won by Jim Ishimaru (R), Dave Sato (WLA), T. Nakamitsu (SM), Osamu Takeda (Sac), Roger Kame (WLA) 13.8. (New record: 13.7s. set in semi-finals by Ishimaru; old mark 14.1 by H. Kanazawa, 1955.)

440 relay—Won by West L.A., Downtown L.A., Sacramento, 47.3. (New record: 47s set in semi-finals by Downtown L.A.; old mark 49.1 by San Francisco, 1954.)

CLASS C

(New division, all new records) High jump—Won by Hiroshi Fukuda (SF), Yukio Manabe (St), H. Nakai (SF) and Tanaka (SF), N. Haraguchi (B), 5-1.

Broad jump—Won by Roger Tanaka (SF), H. Fukuda (SF), H. Nakai (SF), Tom Sakai (St), Nobu Oshidari (St), 18-2 1/4.

50—Won by Fukuda (SF), Roy Akagi (B) and Nakai (SF), Manabe (St), 6.1.

100—Won by Nakai (SF), Tanaka (SF), Fukuda (SF), Sakai (St), Manabe (St), 11.6.

440 relay—Won by San Francisco, Stockton. No time reported.

Abbreviations: B—Berkeley; DTLA—Downtown Los Angeles; F—Fowler; R—Reedley; R-E—Richmond-El Cerrito; Sac—Sacramento; SF—San Francisco; SJ—San Jose; SM—San Mateo; Seq—Sequoia; WLA—West Los Angeles.

CLASS A

D'town L.A. 50 1/2 Stockton 18

West L.A. 45 S.F. 15 1/2

San Jose 32 Fowler 10

Reedley 24 1/2 Berkeley 6 1/2

Sequoia 2

CLASS B

Sac'to 31 1/2 San Jose 8

West L.A. 27 3/4 San Mateo 8

D'town L.A. 26 Sequoia 6

Reedley 17 1/2 Stockton 2

Berkeley 1 1/2

CLASS C

S.F. 50 1/2 Stockton 14

Berkeley 3 1/2

COMPOSITE

D'town L.A. 76 1/2 Sac'to 31 1/2

West L.A. 72 3/4 Berkeley 11 1/2

S.F. 66 Fowler 10

Reedley 41 5/8 Sequoia 8

San Jose 40 San Mateo 8

Stockton 34 Rich-El C 9



Seattle JACL president James M. Matsuoka places JACL wreath at Memorial Day observances at Lakeview cemetery. Inscribed on the monument are the 55 names of World War II dead of the Seattle area.

THE NORTHWEST PICTURE: by Elmer Ogawa



Memorial for Issei

Seattle

Another Memorial Day has come and gone. And under the leadership of the Nisei Vets Committee, the annual observance was held at the Nisei Vets monument in Lakeview Cemetery.

It turned out to be the warmest day of the year with the mercury climbing to 88 in the afternoon. That is HOT for Seattle, and even in the comparative cool of the forenoon, many of the seats were moved to the shade of the trees about the cemetery where so many of those attending chose to stand. An audience of some 250 or better were thusly grouped amongst the shade trees. It is impressive to note that the Issei faces become fewer and fewer each of the eight years the annual service is held at this same monument. It can only be said to be a manifestation of the passage of the years, for even some of the younger generation of Nisei are no longer with us.

But something should be done to create a lasting memorial to those of the courageous older generation who came here to a strange land, uncertainty and trepidation in their hearts, but with a determination to succeed in the workaday world, and with a pride-born of a cultural heritage centuries old.

'CHARLIE, WHAT SMELLS?'

Eager to become adaptable, they adopted the wearing of stiff collars, derby hats and high button shoes. Although hot cakes, ham and eggs, T-bone steak and corned beef and cabbage were pretty good chow, reversion to established eating habits was frequent. Sometimes a problem was created, as for example carrying home store bought *takuan* in the street car. It would likely bring such a remark as, "Charlie, what smells—is that something to eat?" There were other words, but the use of the word "Charlie" was one of the more friendly stereotypes.

There were, for sure, some fabulous personalities among the early day Issei who built public utilities, formed trading companies and excelled in the professions. Even they, were many times addressed as "Charlie", but little things like this can be said of almost any immigrant group. A documentary history of this generation would help. Perhaps some artist could form a composite figure representing the farmer astride the furrows of his leased land, arms laden with bountiful produce, the railroad section hand, the sawmill workers, the fisherman, the cook—make a great statue representing them all and label it "Charlie". Was really serious, but in a sense of frustration, digressed a bit.

The many international socio-political and economic changes that occurred during the 1940s wrought a change in the Issei group characteristics. Some were able to resume life in the postwar years, just about where they had left off. But for so many, those few years with the consequent loss of savings, security and means of livelihood brought about changes which made elders of those recently in the prime.

Less than a year ago, a party was given honoring the 75 year olds. The gesture befits our sentiments but is not all inclusive enough, nor is just the memory of a banquet permanent enough. The Issei, as ever contribute generously of time, effort and money to each community endeavor or worth while enterprise. What can we do for them? It hardly seems as if any answer to that one is hardly good enough.

BASEBALL CLINIC FOR YOUNGSTERS

In the field of Little League athletics, the Nisei Vets have come up with a commendable new twist. It was suddenly decided to not sponsor a Li'l League baseball team this season, perhaps on account of a proposal for pooling the players or something. But now the NVC is sponsoring a baseball school for the youngsters.

The school is under the guidance of Tom Tsukiji who has played high school and semi-pro ball in Denver before coming to Seattle. An able staff will assist; such as old timer Joe Kesamaru, George Shimizu and Ray Saito.

The result of instruction such as this staff is able to give, will be interesting to watch. Already, the results of recently formed Li'l League activity has started to pay off. Six regulars of this year's Garfield High team are graduates of the playfield organizations, and this is only the beginning.

Says Royal Brougham of the PI's "Morning After" column: "In another season or two the Little League alums will be dominating high school ball; later they'll improve the caliber of play as members of college teams. That many a youngster with exceptional talent and ambition will eventually replace some of the present New York Yankee and Brooklyn Dodger stars is a foregone conclusion." But, R.B. points out, the prime purpose of leagues for the little tykes is to provide clean, wholesome, character-building fun, not to produce stars for the big leagues.

36 pros join 110 Nisei in golf meet

Thirty-six professionals and 110 Nisei golfers combined to glamorize Southland Nisei golfdom in the second annual Pro-Am affair at Fox Hills Country Club last Sunday. The tournament was hosted by the So. Calif. Nisei Golf Association.

Grable Duval and George Fukushima of Top Notch paired with 32-31-63 to win the pro-am competition, followed by Chuck Rotarmashie Bessho 31-33-64; and Harold Riddle-Tets Bessho 32-32-64.

Winners of the flight competition where each pro was teamed with Nisei golfers include:

Championship — Harry Bassler-Tats Nakase, 31-34-65; Aye—Bob Wolfe-Frank Onishi, 34-31-65; Bee—G. Duval-David Arakaki, 32-34-66.

Weightlifter Kono loses AAU title

PHILADELPHIA. — Tommy Kono was dethroned as the middleweight champion in the National AAU weightlifting championship at the Univ. of Pennsylvania Palestra last Saturday by Clement Warner of New York.

The new champion pressed 270 lbs., snatched 250 and clean & jerked 350 for a total lift of 835. Kono pressed 290, snatched 280, but went uncredited when he failed to successfully clean & jerk on his tries at 350, 365 and 375.

Kono lifted an aggregate of 900 pounds in the 181-lb. division in the Hawaiian AAU championships at Nuuanu YMCA to win May 19, despite a bad shoulder which he injured a week earlier. He pressed 265, snatched 285 and clean & jerked 350 for his 900.

Twin Cities schedule fishing derby July 15

MINNEAPOLIS. — The Twin Cities UCL fishing derby will be held at Forest Lake No. 3 on Sunday, July 15, it was announced by George Yanagita and Shig Iseri, co-chairmen of the event.

NISEI KEGLERS WIN IN MOSES LAKE LEAGUE PLAY

MOSES LAKE, Wash. — United Produce No. 2, composed of Mike Hattori, Bill Utsumomiya, Dale Wise, Hiro Yamamoto and Tony Mayeda, grabbed the lead in Major Bowling here last month and won the crown by two games.

FUZZY SHIMADA ROLLS 747 SERIES FOR PRIZE

BERKELEY. — Fuzzy Shimada, a ace Nisei bowler, socked a 737 scratch series to win third-week prize in the O'Hara Singles Classic at Albany last week. With his 10 handicap, the big series wiped out the previous tournament high series of 696.

COLORADO NISEI SETS 100-YD. RECORD IN 10.1

ALAMOSA, Colo. — Robert Fujimoto of Alamosa High School broke the district (class A) track record in the 100 yd. dash with his 10.1s effort. The old mark was 10.2.

At the recent state meet at Boulder, he finished sixth in the finals and was fifth in the 220. He and his brother Larry teamed on the Alamosa 880-yd. relay team which placed third.

Robert, son of Mr. and Mrs. Y. Fujimoto of La Jara, has received a scholarship to Univ. of Colorado. He also starred in basketball and football, receiving all-state honorable mention for the latter.

Tommy Umeda fails on comeback trail

SAN JOSE. — Tommy Umeda, one-time California bantamweight titlist, failed to make the "comeback trail" last Saturday at the Civic Auditorium main event in losing a 10-round decision to Larry Bataan of Manila.

The clever Filipino, making his American debut, won every round, according to sole judge-referee Vern Bybee who scored it 100-86 in favor of Bataan. Umeda was knocked down for a 9-count in the second with a combination left hook and right cross.

Bataan weighed in at 121 lbs., Umeda a pound heavier.

LOS ANGELES NEWSLETTER: by Henry Mori



Nisei politicians active

Los Angeles
With each passing of Federal, state, city and county elections, we find more Japanese Americans actively participating in campaigns to get their men into office. Tuesday's primary in California was no exception. We see a definite growth in Nisei stature as candidates from both parties recognize the value of bidding for their votes.

Meanwhile, Edison Uno, who is the son-in-law to attorney Saburo Kido (PC's general manager), backed Sam Jonas, also in the 63rd Assembly race.

As a matter of fact, that political rally that night had six candidates indicating their desire to run for this office, vacated by Delbert Morris.

We can thank Soichi Fukui, commander of the Commodore Perry Post 525 of the American Legion, and Rollins MacFadyen of the Los Angeles County Republican Assembly for "introducing" incumbent Sen. Thomas Kuchel to the local community.

In Northern California, the Anaheim Republican was feted by Nisei leaders there. He also showed great interest in the work of the National JACL, judging from the picture he took with Mas Satow, national director.

NATURALIZED ISSEI CONSCIENTIOUS

New Issei citizens really take pains to learn the ropes in voting. It will be the first time they'll vote for a president of these United States next November.

One of the Republican sparkplugs in Li'l Tokio is Gongo Nakamura. He and Katsuma Mukaeda, JACL members and 1000 Club supporters, were instrumental in creating political interest among the new citizens around First and San Pedro Sts. area.

Times have changed to say the least. You have but to search the pages of the congressional hearing on Special Committee on Un-American Activities prior to World War II to find names like Nakamura and Mukaeda, wrongfully accused of disloyalty and nefarious acts against America.

And the JACL was branded as merely a "tool" of the Central Japanese Association which "influenced the votes of the members of the JACL."

The heroic records established by the Nisei fighting men later on proved how wrong Martin Dies, then chairman of the special hearing, and his committee were.

And thousands upon thousands of former alien Japanese who are now naturalized and are actively taking part in community affairs and politics continue to indicate how they have felt right along until they finally were given their citizenship.

NISEI WEEK QUEEN RACE STARTS

The Japanese American Club of San Fernando has selected Marilyn Eiko Ito as queen candidate to vie in the Aug. 11-19 Nisei Week Festival in Los Angeles.

The East Los Angeles JACL is in search of its candidate, according to Fred Takata, chapter president. Long Beach may soon submit its choice.

VERY TRULY YOURS: by Harry K. Honda

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Conspicuous among the Inouyes and Yamamotos are surnames like Cleveland, Hum, Pulone, Smith, Swartz and Winn in the Venice-Culver chapter. "These folks are our non-Nisei members who believe in JACL," comments the chapter newsletter "Spotlight" this week.

The Omaha chapter has for years signed up all eligible Nisei in the area for JACL, but its roster kept growing because they interested their non-Nisei neighbors.

Now that most membership drives are over, it might be well for solicitors and campaigners to mull over their strategy and prepare for 1957 in the most effective manner.

25,000 JAPANESE MARRIED TO AMERICAN SERVICEMEN SINCE '47, EMBASSY REPORTS

TOKYO. — American servicemen in Japan are now marrying Japanese girls at the rate of 100 a week, according to data released this past week by the American embassy here.

Over 25,000 GIs have been taking Japanese as wives since 1947 when such marriages were first permitted by U.S. military authorities.

Consul James R. Riddle, who performs GI marriages at the embassy, said that early last year only "six or seven couples" a day were coming to him. "By the end of the year, the number had increased to 14 or 15 every day."

He added that this high rate of marriage is continuing through this spring.

Riddle was unable to account for the sudden upsurge in mixed marriages but agreed that it might reflect the fact that many servicemen recently have been reaching the end of their tours in Japan.

"A large number of GI's marry during the last six to eight months of their tour," he said. "Most of the servicemen are around 20 or 21 years old"

United States. According to an Army spokesman, "very few" requests for permission to marry are rejected. Most rejections, he said, are for medical or security reasons. He added that the Army makes no moral judgments on the girl regarding her personal background. One Army officer attributed the large number of GI marriages to the fact that many servicemen "are lonely" away from home. Another said that the Japanese girl "puts the man on the pedestal" instead of the reverse, and "the American GI loves it."

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Births

LOS ANGELES
KAJIMOTO, Shoichi (Fumie Maruko)
-girl Diane Chiyoko, Apr. 20.
MARUMOTO, Hitoshi-girl, Apr. 21,
Long Beach.
NAKAGAWA, Roy (Shizuko Yamada)
-girl Julie Asako, Apr. 13.
OTSUKA, Yoshio-boy, Apr. 10, Long
Beach.
FRESNO
HATA, Makoto-boy, Apr. 12.
MOCHIZUKI, Edward Y.-boy, Apr. 13.
TANOUYE, Henry Noboru-boy, Apr.
16, Kingsburg.
SAN JOSE
FURUKAWA, Bill W.-girl Jenneth M.,
May 25.
HIGASHI, Frank S.-girl Jane Hiro-
mi, May 14.
KAWAMOTO, Roy S.-boy Lester Mi-
kio, May 17.
MORIYAMA, James S.-girl Coleen Mi-
neko, May 21.
NAGAHARA, James R.-girl Doris L.,
May 18.
SAKAGUCHI, James-girl Kim, May
20.

Santa Maria; Motoko, San Pedro.
TATU-HANADA - June 9, Francis,
Washington, D.C.; Marian, Orosi.

Deaths

FUKUNAGA, Uden, 71: Lomita, May
25, survived by wife Misao, daughters Mmes. Katsumi K. Ishibashi
Mitsuru Honbo, Sumiye W. Lee.
FURUSHO, Suekichi, 74: Portland, May
21, survived by wife, son George,
daughter Mrs. Mary Iwasaki.
GOZAWA, Mitsuko, 38: Sunland, May
16 (of childbirth at Army Hospital,
Fukuoka, Japan) survived by husband Jimmy Sadakazu, son Mark A.,
daughters Patty, Joanne.
KADOTA Maruo, 71: Baldwin Park,
May 24, survived by son Hayao,
daughter Mrs. Yoshiye Kadota.
KASAI Phyllis L.: Berkeley, May 26,
survived by parents Mr. & Mrs. Fred.
MATSUTANI, Ise, 47: San Pedro, May
27, survived by husband William M.,
sons Shin, Hisashi, Osamu father
Keian Yoshino brother Shoichi Yano,
sisters Mmes. Akiko Hamada, Fumiko
Fukunaga, Kiyoko Tajiri, Kazuko
Matsuo.
SAKAI, Mrs. Mitsu, 65: Stockton, May
21, survived by husband Hachiro,
sons Masao, Mitsuo daughters Mmes.
Yaeko Hanyu (San Francisco), Mu-
tsuko Fujiki.
SAKANARI, Gentaro: San Francisco,
May 21, survived by wife Kiriko, son
George daughters Mmes. Helen Fu-
jiwara (Detroit), Grace Sugawara.
SAKAUYE, Iwakichi, 81: San Jose,
June 1, survived by wife Tameya;
sons Eichi, Kenji Isao daughters Ki-
miko Mrs. Ayako Nakanishi.
SHIMODA, Moritaro, 78: Los Angeles,
May 24, survived by wife Msuye,
sons Larry S., Yoshio, daughter Mrs.
Ayako Takizawa.
TOKUNAGA, Tomiye: San Jose, May
25, survived by husband Kamekichi,
son Lincoln, daughters Mmes. Carol
Sashihara, Helen Yamauchi, Leah
Shiozaki.
YAGI, Mitsuko, 23: Sacramento, May
18, survived by husband Shoji, father Mitsuo Fujisada, sisters Miyoko,
Nancy, Vickie.

Engagements

KATO-MORIGUCHI - Chiyeko to
Dick, both San Francisco, May 19.
OMI-ARAKAWA - Jeanette Shizuko,
San Francisco, to Kiyoto, Fresno.
SAKAI-YAMAGATA - Yoshiko, Par-
lier, to Yoshikazu, Reedley, May 25.

Marriage Licenses Issued

FUKUI-MORITA - Ted M., Wheat-
land; Mary, Nicolaus.
ODA-UCHIKURA - Gene and Ethel,
San Francisco.
SEKIGAHAMA-ISHIBASHI - James,
Fremont; Eleanor, San Jose, at Reno.
UMEDA-UEDA - Sam H. and Michi-
ko, Stockton.

Weddings

FUJII-MINOR - May 5, Richard M.
and Patricia A., Detroit.
HIYOSHI-FUKUDA - June 1, Charles
and Betty K., Los Angeles.
KINOSHITA-KAWAKAMI - June 3,
George, Albuquerque; Unis, Denver.
MIYOSHI-SUGIHARA - June 2, Buck,

WOMEN'S WELFARE SERVICE BENEFIT AT KOYASAN HALL

The Women's Welfare Service of Los Angeles, currently active in sending nylons to Japan, will present a benefit program at Koyasan Hall in Li'l Tokio June 9, 7 p.m., featuring the Tokyo fashions of Mrs. Aoki. Japanese dances, songs and instrumentals are also planned

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WASHINGTON NEWSLETTER: by Mike Masaoka



President's 'Must' bills

Washington

Two weeks ago, the President, through his assistant press secretary, listed 28 bills which he considered "very important to the country" and which he hoped the Congress would enact prior to adjournment sometime in July.

Since his enumeration, the Congress has approved a compromise farm bill which the President has signed into law.

All told, only five major bills have been approved thus far this session by both Houses of the Congress, and of these only three have become law. Both the natural gas bill and the first farm bill were vetoed. Only the corporate tax extension, a measure to develop the Colorado River storage basin, and the (second) agricultural act are on the statute books as major accomplishments of this Second Session of the 84th Congress.

The snail-like pace of the present session, however, cannot be taken as an indication of the final record to be, because traditionally and actually most legislation in every session is approved in the final hectic weeks and days and hours prior to final adjournment. Moreover, many major bills have cleared either one or both Houses and are in Conference to compromise differences in the House and Senate versions.

11 bills of special interest to Nisei . . .

Eleven of the 27 bills remaining on the President's priority list have special significance to Americans of Japanese ancestry.

1. *Foreign Aid.* In committee in both Houses. The need for economic aid to help the undeveloped areas of free Asia and military aid for the defense forces of Japan and other Far East nations on the western frontier of the free world are appreciated by Nisei Americans.

2. *Highway Construction Bill.* Approved in different versions by both Houses and pending in Conference to iron out the differences between the House and Senate approved bills. As avid users of the highways for business and pleasure, with most Japanese Americans residing in areas and states where modernization of highways is essential, this legislation is looked upon as vital and necessary.

3. *Federal Aid for School Construction.* Bugged down in the House Rules Committee. With more Nisei and Sansei school children attending public schools percentage-wise than perhaps any other minority group in this country, Japanese American parents feel the inadequacy of educational facilities and personnel most keenly.

Adequate low-cost housing . . .

4. *Housing Bill.* Passed by the Senate, with hearings under way in the House. Adequate low cost public housing is of primary concern to members of all minorities who have difficulties in finding decent homes at rents they can afford to pay.

Congressional observers consider the prospects for these bills as excellent or reasonably good, though not all will pass in the form or amount recommended by the President.

5. *Refugee Relief Act Amendments.* In committee in both Houses. Inasmuch as there are perhaps 3,000 qualified "refugees" in Japan who have assurances of employment and housing in this country and who cannot receive nonquota visas under this legislation because the numbers allocated to the Far East have been used up, the need for additional visas for Japanese and other Asian "refugees" is apparent.

Congressional observers believe that the prospects for this legislation are doubtful at best, though still possible this year.

'New seed' Japanese immigrants . . .

6. *Walter-McCarran Act Amendments.* In committee in both Houses. So long as American citizens are separated from their Japanese alien parents, brothers, sisters, sons and daughters, so long will there be an urgent need for either larger quotas or nonquota status for these particular Japanese nationals in order that family units may be united in this country. In addition, "new seed" immigration from Japan should also be encouraged.

7. *Authorizing United States Membership in the Organization for Trade Cooperation.* In the House Rules Committee. Appreciative of American's leadership in the free world and the necessity for "freer" international trade, Nisei Americans advocate as in the national self-interest of the United States participation and leadership in movements to encourage trade and commerce between free nations.

8. *Customs Simplification.* Passed by the House; bogged down in the Senate Finance Committee. Aware that the United States exports far more to Japan than Japan exports to us and that Japan must trade with us to survive as a free and democratic nation, Japanese Americans favor legislation that tends to encourage "freer" world commerce.

9. *Civil Rights Proposals.* Reported by House Judiciary Committee. As Americans who have experienced the loss of civil rights, Nisei Americans are particularly concerned that all Americans regardless of their race, creed, color, or national origin should enjoy equal rights and opportunities with all other Americans.

Statehood denial reflection on Nisei . . .

10. *Hawaiian Statehood.* No action planned in either House. Denial of statehood to the deserving Territory of Hawaii is a reflection, among other issues, on the Americans of Japanese ancestry residing in this Pacific Paradise.

11. *Health Reinsurance.* No action planned in either House. Because of their average income, Japanese Americans can ill afford serious sickness or hospitalization for injuries.

Congressional observers have practically abandoned hope for any of these measures this session.

Senate amendment to evacuation claims bill to raise ceiling of compromise to \$100,000 draws no JACL, COJAEC objection

WASHINGTON. — The Senate Judiciary Committee met in special session Thursday last week and ordered reported its favorable action on the evacuation claims bill which would expedite the final determination of remaining claims with the addition of one amendment to the House-passed bill, the Washington Office of the Japanese American Citizens League learned.

Since the Senate did not meet June 1, it received official notice that the bill was favorably reported on Monday, June 4.

The amendment proposed by the Senate limits compromise settlements by the Attorney General on claims "in an amount not to exceed \$100,000." Anything in excess of \$100,000 must be considered by the Court of Claims.

The proposed amendment limiting compromise settlements up to \$100,000 would take care of all but 69 of the claims now pending before the Attorney General.

Mike Masaoka, Washington JACL representative, stated that he did not know exactly when the bill will be considered by the Senate on its Call of the Calendar but anticipated it would be soon. In the meantime he plans to contact various senators urging its passage, and is hopeful that it will be passed some time in June.

"Neither JACL nor the Committee on Japanese American Evacuation Claims has any objections to the Senate amendment," he said, "since it appears to be one of technicality."

It is his understanding that in claims of over \$100,000 the cases will be referred to the Court of Claims. If both the Attorney General and the claimant agree to a compromise settlement of the claim, the Court of Claims may approve the mutually agreed upon settlement.

Claimants with less than \$100,000 claim dissatisfied with the compromise offer of the Attorney General may appeal to the Court of Claims for a judicial review of their claim.

The evacuation claims bill as approved by the Senate Judiciary committee and passed by the House also provides for the inclu-

sion as compensable claimants profit and nonprofit corporations, partnerships, associations, who would qualify under the terms of the proposed bill, west coast internees with timely filed claims who suffered losses as a consequence of evacuation, and some

75 timely postmarked claims which re validated as timely filed claims.

If and when the Senate passes the evacuation claims bill, it will have to be returned to the House for its approval of the Senate amendment to the bill, the Washington JACL office reported.

CLOSE TO 4,000 JAPANESE ADMITTED AS PERMANENT RESIDENTS TO U.S. IN 1955

WASHINGTON. — The total number of Japanese admitted to the United States for 1955 was 3,984, the Washington Office of the Japanese American Citizens League reported.

There were 413 who were admitted under the Refugee Relief Act of 1953.

Of the total 3,784 non-quota immigrants, 2,843 are wives of U.S. citizens; 125, husbands of U.S. citizens; 299, children of U.S. citizens; 7, spouses, children of na-

tives of the Western Hemisphere; 1, person who had been a U.S. citizen; 53, ministers, their spouses, and children; 413, refugees.

There is a discrepancy in the total which may be accounted for in various categories not listed.

Although the quota immigrants allotted by the Immigration-Nationality (Walter-McCarran) Act of 1952 for Japan is 185, the quota immigrants who entered in 1955 numbered 200, a carry-over from 1954 visas.

Visas to indigenous Asian refugees under Refugee Relief Act almost exhausted

WASHINGTON. — Recent figures released by the Refugee Relief Program administrators indicate that of the 3,000 visas allocated to indigenous Asian refugees under Sec. 4 (a) (12), 2,583 have been issued already and it was anticipated that all of the visas under this category would be exhausted shortly, the Washington Office of the Japanese American Citizens League reported.

Mike Masaoka, Washington JACL representative, has stated that there are hundreds of applicants in Japan who qualify as refugees under the Refugee Relief Act of 1953.

To date, 3,088 assurances have been verified and sent to the field for the consular area in Japan. Of this number, 1,777 have been sent to Fukuoka; 616 to Kobe; 35, Okinawa; 4, Sapporo; 342, Tokyo; 249, Yokohama; and 654, Nagoya.

Masaoka has urged Refugee officials as well as congressmen to consider the possibility of reallocating the quota now allotted to non-indigenous Asian refugees to indigenous Asian refugees. It is unlikely that more than 500 of the 2,000 allotted under this category will be used up by the expiration date of the act in December since up to the present time only 152

visas have been issued.

About 1,000 Japanese orphans have been granted visas for admission to the United States under a special group for orphans, under 10 years of age, with a world-wide quota of 4,000.

Under the Refugee Relief Act all enter as non-quota immigrants.

Rep. Walter thanks Colorado Issei

DENVER. — Z. Kanegaye, past chairman of the Kika Kisei Domei, received a personal letter from Rep. Francis E. Walter of Pennsylvania, thanking the local JACL and the Japanese American Association for their appreciation of his efforts to win citizenship for Issei.

Congressman Walter wrote from Washington, D.C., and stated in part that "it is gratifying and encouraging in deed to know that Americans of your association are such stalwart friends."

"The Americans of Japanese ancestry demonstrated on more than one occasion their appreciation of my activities on their behalf, and I am proud indeed to count them all among my real friends."

The JACL and the Japanese American Association, under the presidency of Dr. F. Hayano, sent a personal message of thanks to Congressman Francis E. Walter when he was in Denver last month.

CALENDAR

June 9 (Saturday)
Cleveland—New Citizens Night, Hotel
Selma—Clam-dig, Oceano.
Venice-Culver—Box lunch social (tentative).

June 10 (Sunday)
San Francisco — Auxiliary visitation, Laguna Home, 1 p.m.
Mid-Columbia — Auxiliary Mother & Father's banquet.
Detroit—Community picnic.

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

June 16 (Saturday)
Sonoma County—Graduates dance, Memorial Hall, Santa Rosa, 9 p.m.

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.

July 1 (Sunday)
Sonoma County — Community picnic, Doran State Park, Bodega Bay.

Cleveland — Community picnic, Weiland's Lake Park.

July 4 (Wednesday)
Ventura County—Community picnic.

Clovis JACL holds potluck to honor naturalized Issei

CLOVIS. — Recently naturalized Issei citizens and local Issei pioneers were honored at a potluck dinner May 26 at the Veterans Memorial Auditorium. Some 120 attended the Clovis JACL-Japanese Community Organization sponsored event.

Leading the list of civic officials present were Mayor John Weldon, Judge Ben Boulton and others including William Atkins, Wayne Rall, Charles Preuss and M. A. Hinkley.

Jin Ishikawa, Central California District Council chairman, and his wife were also present.

Judge Boulton presented scrolls to the following naturalized citizens: Mrs. Akino Abe, Al Hida, Kunichi Nakagawa, Yoshitsugu Koda, Teizo Masuda, Mr. & Mrs. Kaname Hirasuna, Roy Oto, Takashi Shintaku, Mr. & Mrs. Naochi Shohara.

The Rev. Norio Ozaki of Fresno gave the invocation. Fumio Ikeda was toastmaster. Kiyu Yamaguchi opened with the Pledge of Allegiance. Chapter president James Miyamoto extended greetings, followed by a solo from Misa Hatakeda accompanied by Mrs. Atkins.

Al Hida responded for the newly naturalized. Ishikawa spoke on the purposes of JACL and its work. Naochi Shohara emceed the second half of the program of colored slides taken by Kunichi Nakagawa and movies by Yoshito Takahashi. Tokuo Yamamoto, head of the local community organization, spoke a few words.

FISCAL ACCOUNTANT GETS MAN OF THE MONTH AWARD

SAN FRANCISCO. — S. Frank Sakurai, 39, who has been with the customs service here since 1948, was honored at the "Custom's Man of the Month" for May.

The Stockton-born Nisei is employed in a supervisory capacity as fiscal accountant. Aside from his geniality, the office citation pointed out he administers smoothly and accurately without too many hitches and inadvertent delinquencies.

North Carolina merchant group issues mild slap on Japanese textiles

WINSTON-SALEM, N.C. — The North Carolina Merchants Assn. backed down on a resolution to slap a state-wide embargo on Japanese textile imports.

The embargo move passed, but the association rescinded its action and passed a milder resolution calling for a federal study of possible limitations on the Japanese textile imports.

COURT REPORTER TO SPEAK NISEI LEGAL SECRETARIES

Yoshiye Yamada, official court reporter, and Mrs. Connie Ebinger of Metropolitan News will address the Nisei Legal Secretaries Association dinner-meeting June 12, 5:30 p.m., at San Kwo Low.

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