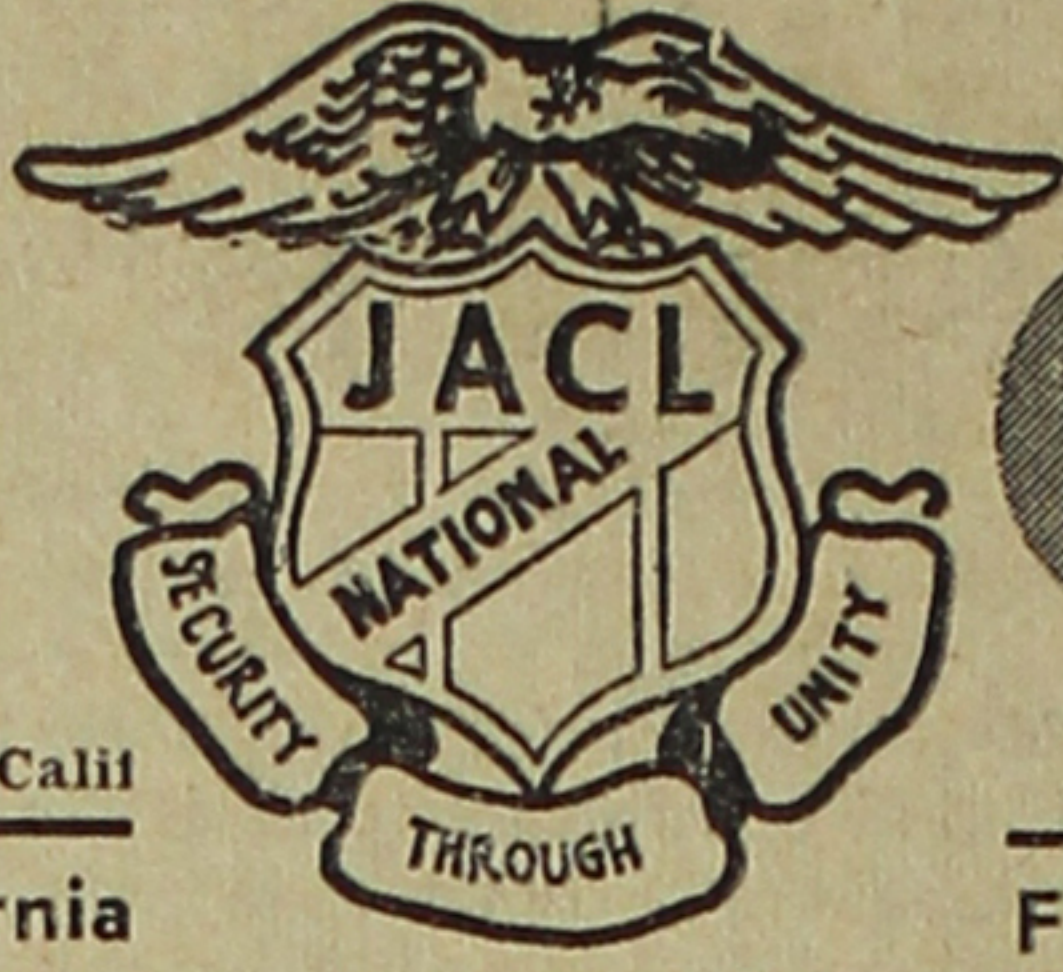


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PRESIDENT'S CORNER:

Looking forward to the S.F. convention

Many visitors to our national JACL conventions in the postwar years have expressed surprise at the scope of its program and how hard delegates work in council sessions. In their minds JACL conventions are outstanding as conventions go among like organizations.

I have attended but a few outside conventions but comparing them with ours, I must admit JACL's is far superior both in preparation and effort expended by delegates.

This may sound as if JACL conventions are "all work and no play". Actually, it is far from that because some of my most enjoyable and lasting memories are of these conventions. I suspect this is true with others who attend time after time.

Just what it is that makes these JACL conclaves so memorable is difficult to pin-point. It may be in the council sessions where Nisei leaders with like concern for welfare of Japanese Americans are gathered from four corners of the United States; it may be in the heated committee discussions; it could be in the fellowship at the outing, or in the hilarious 1000 Club whing-ding. It could be all of these put together. Whatever it is, all I can say is that there is nothing quite like a national convention.

From all indications, the 14th Biennial due in nine weeks at San Francisco will be the best yet and with hundreds of others I am certainly looking forward to it.

My biggest thrill there will be as it always has been. It's in looking around the council room and realizing that under one roof and under one organization are assembled leaders from every Nisei community in the United States.

When you come to the 14th Biennial, pause a moment and think about this. I'll guarantee you the biggest thrill and boost of your life.

—George Inagaki.

House concurs with Senate on claims

JACL to urge President to sign evacuation claims amendment bill

By HELEN MINETA

WASHINGTON. — The House concurred last Wednesday with the Senate approved amendment to limit the Attorney General's authority to compromise and settle evacuation claims to \$100,000 and cleared the JACL-COJAEK sponsored bill to expedite the final determination of the remaining evacuation claims for the President's signature.

Acting Chairman of the House Judiciary subcommittee on claims, E. L. Forrester (D., Ga.) secured recognition from the speaker and asked for unanimous consent to take up the evacuation claims bill.

After obtaining the necessary unanimous consent, he moved that the House recede from its position and concur in the Senate amendment to the Lane-Hillings bill. Republican floor leader Joseph B. Martin of Massachusetts, former speaker of the House, demanded an explanation of the Senate amendment.

Rep. Forrester explained that the

Senate amendment would simply place a \$100,000 limit on the amount which the Attorney General could award in compromise settlement of the remaining claims, while the House approved version contained no limitation whatsoever.

When GOP leader Martin was assured that the bill had been cleared with Rep. Kenneth B. Keating (R., N.Y.), ranking minority member of the House Judiciary Committee, and with the entire House judiciary committee, Martin withdrew his reservations and allowed the House to accept the Senate amendment.

The bill was expected to be processed and sent to the White House within two days (by today) for the President's signature.

On Tuesday, the House Judiciary Committee unanimously agreed to accept the Senate amendment and to recommend that the House concur in that amendment.

Rep. Edwin E. Willis (D., La.) who was a member of the subcommittee which held public hearings in California last September, made the motion that the committee agree to the Senate amendment.

Mike Masaoka, Washington JACL and COJAEK representative, expressed gratification that the House had approved the Senate amendment without requesting a conference.

He declared that he did not anticipate a veto of the legislation by the President but would nevertheless contact the White House to explain the bill in detail and urge the President's signature.

Congressional enactment of this bill represents the achievement of JACL's major legislative objective for the 84th Congress as mandated by the 13th biennial national JACL convention in Los Angeles two years ago.

Radio report on resettlement set

"The Exile's Return", dealing with resettlement of Japanese Americans in Los Angeles, will be aired on radio KNX this Sunday, July 1, 10-11 a.m.

Through taped interviews, members of the Japanese community who will tell how they fared since their return will include Saburo Kido, George Inagaki, Tats Kushiida, Henry Mori, Soichi Fukui, Gongo Nakamura, Ken Dyo, Stanley Uno, George Taniguchi, Dr. James Hara and Yaemitsu Sugimachi.

It marks the third and final in the series called "Minority Report" prepared by the KNX-Columbia Pacific Radio Network News staff with cooperation of the Fund for the Republic.

The first report dealt with Negroes and the second on Mexican Americans.

ALBUQUERQUE NISEI WINS GIRLS STATE POST

ALBUQUERQUE. — Michi Yamamoto, daughter of Mr. & Mrs. M. Yamamoto of Albuquerque, was elected a county clerk at the recent American Legion Auxiliary sponsored Girls State held at the Univ. of New Mexico.

She was one of three girls selected to represent Valley High School for her outstanding leadership, scholarship and popularity.

14TH BIENNIAL CONVENTION PROGRAM ANNOUNCED BY JACL HEADQUARTERS

SAN FRANCISCO. — The National Convention Board of the Japanese American Citizens League this week released its full program for the four-day conclave here Aug. 31-Sept. 3.

A thousand delegates and boosters are expected to attend this 14th Biennial national meeting at the Sheraton-Palace Hotel.

National President George Inagaki is calling a special JACL national board meeting on the day prior to the convention proper on Thursday, Aug. 30, to evaluate the activities of the past biennium and point up some of the issues facing delegates.

Although the official opening ceremonies of the convention will not be held until the evening of Friday, Aug. 31, the official delegates will begin their National Council sessions starting with Friday morning, and continue through the afternoon in national committee sessions.

A special forum discussing the future of the organization will be held in the afternoon under the sponsorship of the JACL national planning committee, and there will also be a special report to the Issei given at their session that same afternoon.

The opening ceremony at 7:30

p.m. will be followed by an informal get acquainted mixer social.

SATURDAY, SEPT. 1

9 a.m. to 12 noon—National Council session; 12 noon-3 p.m.—Convention luncheon and fashion show; 3 p.m.—Junior JACL forum and seminars; Meeting of women's auxiliaries; Resumption of National Council session; 6:30 p.m.—JACL One Thousand Club shindig - Surf club.

After this affair members will join in with the special social being hosted by the Junior JACLers as part of their program.

The National JACL golf tournament will play 18 holes on Saturday morning at the Sonoma County Golf course, with the second 18 holes scheduled the following day at the Hillview Course in San Jose.

The convention salmon fishing derby will also be held Saturday morning.

SUNDAY, SEPT. 2

All afternoon and evening convention outing at the Blackberry Farm near Los Altos. Games, swimming, barbeque supper and dancing in the evening.

There will be a special meeting Sunday morning of all the California JACL chapters to discuss the California Alien Land Law Repeal campaign.

MONDAY, SEPT. 3

9 a.m.-noon—Final session of National Council; Afternoon—Convention duplicate bridge tournament; meeting of newly elected national board; 6 p.m.-9 p.m.—convention banquet; 10 p.m.—traditional Sanyonara ball.

GIRL SEEKS CAREER AS ARCHITECT ENGINEER

PORTLAND, Ore. — Judy Sakurai, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. M. Sakurai, was awarded the \$100 Veleda scholarship.

Finishing second in her class of 400 at Lincoln High, she plans to major in mathematics at Reed College and become an architectural engineer.

Expiration date of Watkins Act for Nisei voting in Japan elections due July 20

WASHINGTON. — The Watkins Act, which provides expeditious naturalization of Nisei who voted in postwar Japanese elections, expires on July 20, 1956, the Washington Office of the Japanese American Citizens League reminded this week.

The law provides that any Nisei who lost his American citizenship solely by reason of having voted in any political election or plebiscite held in Japan between September 2, 1945 and April 27, 1952, inclusive, and did not subsequently commit any act which would have operated to expatriate him or disqualify him under the Nationality Act of 1940 and subsequently under the Immigration and Nationality (Walter-McCarran) Act of 1952 could regain his American citizenship through naturalization proceedings.

Under the Watkins Act for a period of two years after the enactment of the Act on July 20, 1954, a Nisei who lost his American citizenship can before any naturalization court specified in the Walter-McCarran Act or before any

diplomatic or consular officer of the United States abroad take an oath of allegiance to the United States. Certified copies of such an oath would be transmitted by such court or such diplomatic or consular officer to the Department of State and to the Department of Justice.

In addition to the oath prescribed in the Immigration and Nationality Act, he must first take an oath that he has done nothing to promote the cause of communism.

Nisei in Japan who have lost their American citizenship as a result of having voted in the postwar Japanese elections and are desirous of regaining their citizenship are urged to apply before July 20, 1956, the expiration date.

The law was sponsored by the Japanese American Citizens League and introduced by Senator Arthur V. Watkins (R., Utah). A similar bill was introduced in the House, also at JACL request, by Congressman Chet Holifield (D., Calif.).

Teenage gang war breaks out

Four carload of teenagers from southwest Los Angeles swarmed through International Institute, 435 S. Boyle Ave., Tuesday night with zip guns to stage a gangwar with the Koshakus, who were about to leave from their meeting.

Frank Tanioka, 16, and Donald Morishita, 17, both unarmed, were injured in the fray. Tanioka was treated for a bullet wound in the ankle; Morishita, a broken leg when he dropped 30 feet through the brush in an attempt to escape the attackers.

Koshakus (meaning "dukes" in Japanese) were holding a regular meeting, Institute officials said. Invaders were identified as the Dominators, a mixed group without adviser or sponsor.

The incident was streamered in the afternoon metropolitan press.

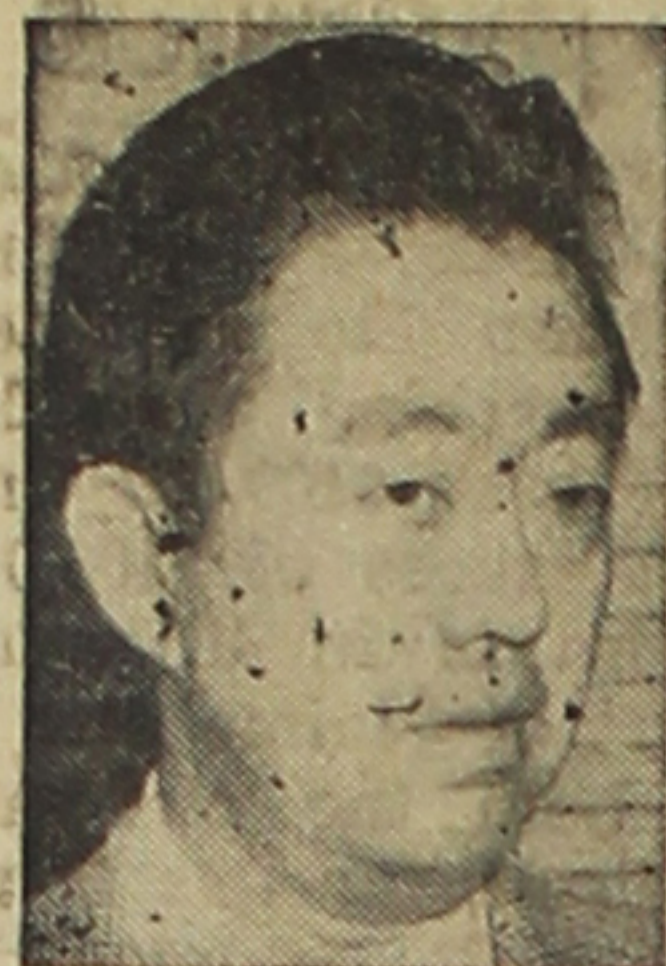
ACLU scores federal housing program lag

NEW YORK. — The American Civil Liberties Union scored the federal housing program last week for lagging "far behind" other anti-discrimination campaigns and called on two Congressional committees to hold local hearings to observe "directly the evils and results of segregated housing".

ACLU views were contained in a letter sent to Sen. John J. Sparkman (D., Ala.), chairman of a Senate housing subcommittee, and Rep. Albert Rains (D., Ala.), chairman of a House housing subcommittee.

The lack of an affirmative program to promote open occupancy and to refuse aid to builders who do not adhere to such a policy has retarded the over-all progress being made in the campaign against discrimination, the ACLU said.

LOS ANGELES NEWSLETTER: by Henry Mori



Gardenans honored

Los Angeles

Japanese American leaders and pioneers who have resettled in Gardena Valley since 1945 were honored last Friday by the Gardena Chamber of Commerce for their accomplishments over the past 10 years. It was the first time in California history where a chamber of commerce has singly paid tribute to one group of a racial minority.

We thought that Albert Greenberg, president of the Gardena Chamber of Commerce, summed up the whole theme of the program by declaring: "Their fine display of determination has proven to be Gardena Valley's greatest asset."

So it was that more than 200 persons gathered to pay homage to those persons of Japanese ancestry who came back from relocation centers to build their homes and businesses in the ever-growing valley west and south of Dominguez Hills.

Onetime evacuees who have returned to their old homesteads—and some have "relocated" to Gardena since the war—have become a part of the community and most of them are homeowners. Counted prominently among the leaders are men like Kay Kamiya, who before the war was a Gakuen instructor, and Taul Watanabe. Today, Kamiya's success is measured in the number of tract homes he has developed in the area. He also takes active part in civic affairs of both Caucasian and the Japanese American groups. Another financier who has developed a once-quiet little community is Watanabe, who last year completed a \$150,000 shopping center in the heart of Gardena.

PROFESSIONAL MEN CITED

In the list of men who were cited were Dr. John Koyama, optometrist; Dr. Mike M. Horii, dentist; Dr. Norman Kobayashi, physician and surgeon; Ryo Komae, pharmacist; Frank Yonemura, nurseryman; George Kobayashi, television and appliance dealer; Sam Minami, sporting goods shop operator; Yo Kobata, florist; and Frank Toshinori Yamauchi, retired rancher, whose residence in Gardena has been more than 40 years. A naturalized Issei, he came to the United States in 1905.

Tats Kushida, So. Calif. JACL regional director; Paul Koga, active JACLer; and Shigetoshi Fujii were recognized during the banquet. Two Gardena-born ex-servicemen, who fought in World War II, Seiji Imamura, 442 RCT; and Lloyd Sato, in the Pacific with the MIS, were also honored.

OVER 4,000 JAPANESE

The appreciation night dinner was highlighted by the appearance of Mayor Thomas K. Ware; and guest speaker Supervisor Kenneth Hahn who lauded the spirit of brotherhood in the city of 86,000 persons of which over 4,000 are persons of Japanese descent.

MOTHER REJOINS FAMILY

It must be a wonderful feeling to be reunited with loved ones after nearly a quarter-century separation. It happened to Mrs. Kishino Wada, 73, late last week when she returned safely from Japan by air to rejoin her seven children. Back in 1933 after the death of her husband, Mrs. Wada went to Waka-yama to take care of her spouse's mother. Through some oversight, her application for a visa had not been considered since 1951 as consular authorities classified her in the second preference quota.

It took some cabling and help from Sen. Thomas Kuchel in Washington to cut through the red tape. The combined efforts of the Commodore Perry Post 525 of the American Legion and the Republican Assembly Committee, had to be used to alert the Kobe consulate to expedite her return as a non-quota resident citizen.

VERY TRULY YOURS: by Harry K. Honda

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and late news are set on Wednesday. That night, all eight pages are locked up and ready for the press late Thursday afternoon . . . Any big stories that break Thursday can be inserted before press time . . . Pictures that are engraved at the Shin Nichi Bei are made by Wednesday night . . . Our linotyping is done by a single operator—Jerry Ogata who became a proud father of a baby girl last Sunday—after finishing his work with "daily" news copy. This arrangement has been very satisfactory to me personally, although often times stories that reach us Wednesday from chapters are edited so as not to have too much "overset" . . . It so happens that chapter publicity reaching us Monday would get the best consideration.

The Pacific Citizen is printed after the Thursday run of the Shin Nichi Bei, or between 4:30 and 5 p.m. After running off our 5,500 copies (about a two-hour run), the addressed PCs go to the post office not later than 7 or 7:30 p.m. . . . What happens after it is deposited at the post office terminal annex is something we have no control. If service is poor, readers are urged to complain to the post office—not us . . . If a person has subscribed and has not received his copy within two weeks, the complaint should be sent to us. We are trying our best to undo all the turmoil caused by the vandals on six occasions and hope to have it cleared by the first of August . . . We have Mrs. Miki Fukushima, who has had previous experience with circulation management on the Crossroads, on our business staff eliminating all discrepancies and handling current business.

In recent weeks, discussion started on making the PC, the official JACL publication, more the "house organ" that it was intended to be. And feeling that the national membership should be informed on a regular basis was noted when one chapter suggested reviving the old JACL Reporter . . . Both ideas manifest an apparent void—a direct link with the national organization . . . While our office files show about 75 per cent of PC readers are JACL members, only a third subscribe. Some chapters have faithfully kept their membership apprised of JACL activities through newsletters . . . A need for an informed membership seems to be the cry. It can be one of the interesting issues to be mooted at the 14th biennial.

"Changing Perspectives"

Sheraton-Palace Hotel * San Francisco * Aug. 31-Sept. 3, 1956

Vital Statistics

Births

LOS ANGELES
 AKIYAMA, Harry Y. (Reiko Nomoto)—girl Paul Yoneko, May 8.
 FUJISAKA, George T. (Aiko Siina)—girl Barbara G., Apr. 30.
 FURUSAWA, Johnny M. (Helen S. Furumoto)—boy Michael Masaji, May 13.
 HIRATA, James S. (Thelma N. Takamori)—girl Patti J. Tomi, May 7.
 INO, Kay (Hideko Takehara)—girl Evelyn Kana, May 14.
 KAKIMOTO, Masami (Sumiko Nishi)—girl Kuniyo Annette, Apr. 28.
 KANE, George K. (Ruth Y. Ozaki)—boy, Apr. 20, Torrance.
 MADISON, William W. (Elsie T. Ito)—boy Alan C., May 7, Puente.
 MATSUOKA, Iwao (Yoshie Kurokawa)—boy Jon Kei, May 14.
 MIYADI, Al T. (Gladys F. Yoneda)—boy Scott Toru, Apr. 30.
 MIYATA, Junji (Yoshiko Nakamura)—girl Donna Harumi, May 6.
 NAKADA, Morimatsu (Grace M. Ige)—boy Steven Mori, May 9.
 NAKAWATASE, James (Yoshiko Kubota)—girl Norrie, Apr. 28, Gardena.
 OGATA, Jerry (Fujie Fujimoto)—girl Jocelyn Yoshie, June 24.
 SAKAMOTO, Hideaki (Mieyko Kinoshita)—boy Hidemitsu Frank, May 2, San Gabriel.
 TAKEMOTO, Rev. Arthur A. (Kazumi Sanwo)—boy Kenneth K., Apr. 28.
 WONG, Bau K. (Emiko W. Okamura)—girl Sherry Khan, May 4.
 YANO, Farrow T. (Tomiko Yonemoto)—girl Susan Toyo, Apr. 26.
SANTA ANA
 TANAKA, Kenji (Kimi Fujishige)—boy Bruce, Apr. 30, Orange.
FRESNO
 HIROSE, Kenichi—girl, Apr. 23, Fowler.
 YAMASAKI, Robert S.—boy, Apr. 23, Reedley.
SACRAMENTO
 HIROSE, Tadashi—boy, Apr. 22, Walnut Grove.
 ISHIMA, Samuel M.—girl, Apr. 11.
 KAWADA, William K.—boy, Apr. 14, West Sacramento.
 TSUDA, Ronald M.—girl, May 4.
 UMEDA, Shigeo—girl, Apr. 28.
 UYEDA, Danny H.—girl, Apr. 23.
 YOSHIMURA, Sadao S.—boy, May 2.

Engagements

IWAKI-WADA — Marion K. to Joe, both Los Angeles, June 9.
 KASEGUMA-SHIKAMI — Lois to James, Chicago.
 NISHIMOTO-TAKAHASHI — Yoshi to Youichi, Chicago.

Weddings

NAKATA-SHIOZAKI — May 27, James S., Los Angeles; Misao, Norwalk.
 OYAKAWA-YAMASE — June 9, Yoshinobu, Hilo, Mariko, Cleveland.
 SAKAGUCHI-TAKAMINE — May 20, Noboru and Aya, both Los Angeles.
 SASAKI-SUGIMOTO — June 9, Hiroka, Miami, Fla.; Yasuko G., New York.
 TAMAYOSE-HADANO — June 6, Wallace A. and Amy, Los Angeles.
 TERAOKA-ONISHI — June 9, Al and Dorothy, both Chicago.
 YAMAMOTO-KURODA — June 9, Ken and Jean of Hawaii, Chicago.
 YASHIRO-SAITO — June 9, Kenneth and Nonnie, both Chicago.

Deaths

MATSUMURA, Fusaye, 57: Los Angeles, June 5, survived by husband Shutaro, daughters Mmes. Shigeo Hata, Fumiko Wakamatsu, mother Mrs. Tame Kittaka (Japan), brother Kameichi Kittaka.
 YOSHINO, Tei, 56: Los Angeles, June 5, survived by husband Roy, daughter Mmes. Hatsuoka Hamada, Yuriko Morioka, Kazue Kawamoto, Morie Taga.

Hollywood Bowl

Hollywood Bowl memberships at \$10 which includes a book of 16 general admission ticket coupons good any night for the coming season starting July 10 are available at the Hollywood Bowl, 2301 N. Highland Ave. Single general admission is 75c.

The coupons are also exchangeable for reserved seats at \$1.50, 2.50, 3.00 and 3.50.

An all-Tschaikowsky program with Eugene Ormandy conducting the Los Angeles Philharmonic Orchestra and violinist Zino Francescatti as guest soloist has been planned for opening night.

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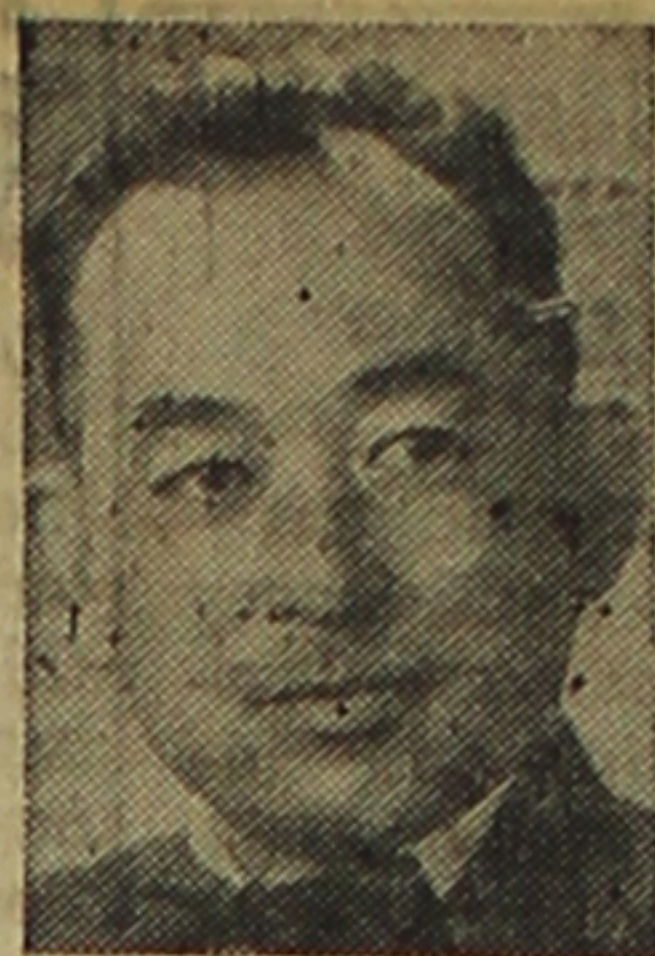
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CHICAGO CORNER: by Smoky H. Sakurada



1000 Club Funzapoppin

Chicago

This will be the final reminder for many Chicagoans for the 1000 Club Funzapoppin dinner-dance on Saturday, July 7, at the North Park Hotel. The "roaring '20s" theme will prevail. The dinner (chicken with all the trimmings) starts at 6:30 p.m. with dancing scheduled to start at 9. In the meantime, Tokuzo Gordon will emcee the program which will feature hilarious entertainment and audience participation . . . To be in the traditional 1000 Club manner, old and new 1000ers as well as their spouses or dates are urged to make reservations with the Midwest JACL Office, 1200 N. Clark St., MOhawk 4-4382. Admission will be \$3.75 per plate. The committee hopes prospective 1000ers would be invited as guests.

Chicago JACL will honor recent graduates of local high schools at buffet supper followed by a dance at the Loop's Midland Hotel this Saturday, June 30 . . . Fifteen Nisei graduated from Hyde Park High this year are Hiroko Deanna Date, Lucille Kaoru Hayashi, Joanne Yukiko Higashida, Ronald Isao Itano, Donald N. Kafta, Shirley Misao Katamura, Jeanne Hi-sako Kuruma, Tazuko Matsumoto, Masashi Matsushima, Kiyoko Nakawatase, Amy Emiko Nishi, Joyce Fumiko Ogura, Jean Fumiko Sakai, Arleen Kiyoko Takaoka and Roy Wakasa.

REV. MORIKAWA HONORED

The Rev. Jitsuo Morikawa, pastor of the First Baptist Church, has been nominated for the second vice-presidency of the American Baptist Convention, which met last week in Seattle. He was the first non-Caucasian to be nominated to a high office of the group. The Canadian-born Nisei pastor was nominated without opposition . . . He was recipient of the National JACL "Distinguished Community Leadership" medalion for the 1953-54 biennium upon recommendation of the National Recognition Committee which met at the 13th biennial convention in Los Angeles . . . The Baptists went on record supporting civil rights, holding that segregation is sinful and "deplored resistance to this decision (school segregation) in certain states where integration of publication education has met organized opposition".

One of the largest Japanese community picnics in the Midwest is being planned for Sunday, July 8, at Northwestern Woods near Des Plaines with the Japanese American Service Committee as sponsors . . . Steve Tomita was installed as chairman of the Christian Fellowship (Methodist) Church, the Rev. Victor Fujii as pastor. Others elected were John Togashi, v.c.; Shigemi Hasegawa, sec.; Hide Akagi, ass't treas.; Arnold Watanabe, George Suzuki, trustees . . . Christ Congregational Church will be the locale of the four Japanese American Protestant church groups here Sept. 8. Delegates will come from the Christ Congregational, Kenwood-Ellis Community, Christian Fellowship churches and the Church of Christ (Presbyterian).

THE NORTHWEST PICTURE: by Elmer Ogawa

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happened to the stock. The title to the stock had been transferred to the Attorney General of the United States, December 29, 1947. The term "national of an enemy country" included any person resident in an enemy country even though a citizen of the United States. The Department of Justice told Attorney Weiss that claims for return of confiscated property had to be filed with the Office of Alien Property by Feb. 9, 1955. She was past the deadline.

With the telling of the story completed, Miss Hoshi asked if I, really within myself, conscientiously felt that the story should be told in the press. Of course the answer was in the affirmative and we tried to describe why, with all due respect to her natural feeling of modesty, and right to privacy concerning her own affairs. So, an agreement in viewpoint was reached, if the doing of the piece "would help others in the same fix," so that was that, and we took off without even mentioning pictures.

SOU'WESTER: by Tats Kushida

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SOBERIZER

When you push forty, temples begin to gray, molars need buttressing, the derma not so firma and the vim gets dim, you start looking for consolation. We found it sitting in the bleachers of the new Gardena Hi field where the grad'n exercises were held for the Jr hi that our chojo, Pam, just completed. Having taken a fancy to writing, she authored a valedictory speech and her class song. Bev, the sueko, hits 8 next week and steps up to B-3 in fall.

Both proved to own sealegs (12 hours at sea) when they accepted Harry Fujita's (Calif. Western States Life Ins. Co.) offer last Saturday to take them fishing t'other side of Catalina Island on his 19 foot cabin cruiser. P hauled in mackerel and bass using ham from her sandwich for bait, being allergic to hooking live bait. Which should be revolutionary news to local Waltons.

RECENT VISITORS: Johnson Kebo of Sanger, past CCDC chmn, attending the Optimists International convention at Biltmore as prexy of his West Fresno O Club . . . Roy Nikaido of Sacramento, looking up ex-cronies and finding them.

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VAGARIES: by Larry S. Tajiri



From 'Teahouse' stage set

(When we met Bob Okazaki in Los Angeles the other day he was carrying the script of MGM's *Teahouse of the August Moon* under his arm. Bob has been in scores of Hollywood movies but this time he has a new role. He will not be on camera but his contribution will be an important one to the film. Bob has been signed as dialogue coach to Marlon Brando who stars as Sakini, the Okinawan interpreter. "Imagine me being dialogue coach to Academy Award winner Brando," Bob was still in shock. "It couldn't occur in a million years, but it just happens that the part of Sakini calls for some Japanese language lines by Brando. This Brando does very well. Already he pronounces Japanese words better than most Nisei."

(Here is Bob Okazaki's story from Sound Stage 30 at MGM where *Teahouse* is being filmed, having been moved back to the United States from location near Nara, Japan, where five weeks of drenching rain forced the cast's return to Culver City. The story is about *Teahouse* and also about an actor named Henry Okawa—another in Bob's tales about the Japanese in Hollywood.—L.S.T.)

By BOB OKAZAKI

The sign on the door says, "Teahouse of the August Moon—Closed Set—No Visitors". Just inside the door, a red light bulb blinks and a sign tells you, "Stage Lights On". Other signs caution, "No Smoking", and "Quiet, Please".

We are in Sound Stage No. 30, the set is "Interior, Captain Eisby's office", lighting, "Dusk".

Machiko Kyo, Japan's gift to motion pictures, as Lotus Blossom, is fanning herself. Shinozaki-san, her hair-dresser, is fastening a glittering ornament in Machiko's hair, while Goto-san, her wardrobe mistress, arranges the folds of her kimono. Her interpreter, Berkeley-born Mrs. Aka, is telling her what Producer Jack Cummings has just said. And Camera-man John Alton is rechecking his camera angles to show the first lady of Nippon's moviedom to the best advantage.

On stage, at left, Marlon Brando, as Sakini, is being touched up by the makeup man, while at right, Glenn Ford, as Capt. Fisby, is calling for a glass of water.

All this while Danny Mann, director, is giving instructions and making merry cracks. "All right, rehearsal!" he shouts. His assistant, Al Jennings, sings out, "Quiet, everybody", and the second assistant, echoes "Quiet".

Now Director Mann hunches forward. He is talking to Machiko. He explains the scene to her. He analyzes Lotus Blossom's feelings as she comes into the scene. He is giving a discourse on the geisha girl's moods. He expounds. He waves his arms.

Machiko stands there, a Mona Lisa smile on her lips and a quizzical expression in her eyes. She seems only bemused. She doesn't understand a word Mr. Mann is saying.

The director suddenly realizes that all his beautiful, precise, carefully selected and poetic words have been strange foreign sounds to the doll-like creature in front of him. His is a smile of frustration as he breaks out in tourist Japanese "Dozo, Asahi Beeru kudaisai, hayaku, hayaku, ah so desuka, como ohayo gozaimasu". He turns, and there is pleading in his voice as he calls, "Henry".

MAN FRIDAY—HENRY OKAWA

"Henry" is the Japanese director of the show, Mann's Man Friday in spots just like this. He moves up to Machiko, talks to her in Japanese, quickly conveys Danny Mann's words in Japanese equivalents, and, for added measure, acts out with rapid motions her part in the scene.

It is only a matter of seconds. Machiko smiles, nods her head, "Ah wakari mashita", she murmurs. "Picture", shouts the director. The buzzer sounds. "Action", says Mr. Mann. And Machiko comes through, catching every cue, playing every value, timing every movement on the split second. "Print it", says the director. And Henry smiles.

It was in 1927 that Henry Okawa came to Los Angeles, a boyish smile on his face, with a devil-may-care air and a ban-tan rooster strut in his walk. Four years before he had landed in New York, straight from his native Tokyo to enter school and study economics and business administration. He wrestled with his English, the law of diminishing returns, the Malthusian theory, and supply and demand.

When his money ran out, he washed dishes, scrubbed floors, did housework. Once he slept four nights in Central Park, broke and hungry. There he met another hungry soul who related that he had just lost his job in a tropical fish store. Learning the location of the store, Henry hurried there in bedraggled clothing, landed the job of mopping the floor and baby-sitting for a storeful of guppies and goldfish. The erstwhile resident of Central Park found favor in the eyes of his employer, who left him in charge of the goldfish emporium when he sallied forth to the bookmakers to lay bets on the horses. But Henry, student of economics, had not yet mastered the fundamentals of American money. He knew that 10 cents was small money and one hundred dollars was important cash. And so when a wealthy Fifth Avenue customer walked in the door in the absence of the store-owner and asked the price of some sexy-looking goldfish swimming around in one of the tanks, Henry promptly replied, "Oh, very expensive. One hundred dollars for each."

Impressed, the pot-bellied customer decided he would buy five of these rare exotic denizens of the lily ponds of the Orient. Henry quickly scooped them into a glass bowl, and smilingly accepted the man's five century notes.

FROM FISHING TO FILMS

When the owner of the store came back and our Henry innocently told him he had made a sale, his first transaction in economics and business administration, the man was aghast. "Those were \$2.50 each. You sold them for \$100 each. By the brenze Buddha of Nara, I swear I will make a business man of you".

The tropical-fish man gave Henry tuition money. Henry had decided that economics was not his forte, and promptly

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'Americans Betrayed' book on wartime evacuation of Japanese figures in story branding Hutchins with academic suppression



East meets West to dedicate a teahouse. Glenn Ford (left), Machiko Kyo and Marlon Brando, co-stars of MGM's *The Teahouse of the August Moon* joined in colorful ceremonies to dedicate the teahouse constructed for the picture while on location in Nara, Japan.

Ft. Lupton scholar named for award

FORT LUPTON, Colo. — Nancy Kumiko Tanaka of Ft. Lupton, was nominated for the Pvt. Ben Frank Masaoka Memorial Scholarship by the Ft. Lupton JACL.

She is the daughter of Saburo and Dorothy Tanaka, and graduated as valedictorian of the Ft. Lupton High School with a grade average of 4.77 on the basis of five points for "A".

This outstanding 18-year-old Nisei has been a member of the National Honor Society since her sophomore year, awarded the Valedictorian Key and selected the Most Outstanding Girl by the Ft. Lupton Consolidated High School.

Among her school activities, she has served in choir for four years, treasurer and president of the Future Teachers of America, member of the Bluecaps Pep Club for four years, historian and parliamentarian for the Future Homemakers of America, in the Drama Club for two years; member of the Safety Club and the Science Club, worked on the Blue and White Courier for one year and has been an assistant librarian at the school for two years.

Miss Tanaka expects to attend Colorado A&M to study biological sciences or bacteriology in order to become a teacher or medical technician.

LADIES GUILD PREPARES FOR OBON CARNIVAL

The West Los Angeles Buddhist Church Ladies Guild is assisting in the July 21-22 Obon Carnival at the church grounds by manning its refreshment counter to include home-made pastries. The church is located at 2003 Corinth Ave.

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NEW YORK. — One of the lead articles in the July issue of the American Legion magazine, "Academic Freedom Hutchins Style", has branded Dr. Robert M. Hutchins with the stigma of academic suppression.

Kenneth Colegrove and Willmore Kendall, authors of a five-page article, tells how a distinguished member of the Univ. of Chicago faculty, William T. Couch, was fired as head of the University's Press for refusing to suppress a book—"Americans Betrayed" by Morton Grodzins.

The issue came to a head two years before the Couch discharge in 1950, the magazine reported, when an unpleasant disagreement arose between Hutchins and Couch over publication of Prof. Grodzin's "Americans Betrayed". "This book discussed with embarrassing frankness, some of the excesses of our wartime relocation of the Nisei Japanese. It scotched some exalted wartime reputations," Colegrove-Kendall wrote.

"Dr. Grodzins had done his initial research on the book at the Univ. of California. On the ground that the Univ. of Chicago had received a protest from the Univ. of California, Chancellor Hutchins upheld a ruling that, if maintained, meant that the book would be suppressed.

"Mr. Couch could not reconcile such a course with his concept of property rights and American tolerance of dissent; he saw the issue as that of a 'little man' being deprived of his property and silenced by powerful institutions like the Univ. of Chicago and the Univ. of California, and he was ingenuous enough in his thinking to expect Chancellor Hutchins to stand with him on such an issue.

"When Mr. Couch persisted and put Hutchins in a position such that Hutchins had to approve publication of the book or be convicted before his faculty of suppression, a deep chill came into his relations with the chancellor," the article continued.

The authors of the article had raised this little-known episode to supply a curious background for the current activities by Hutchins as head of the Fund for the Republic in the name of academic freedom.

The article also spelled out the competence of Couch, whose directorship of the Univ. of North Carolina Press for 13 years had such a standout record that Hutchins sought him and persuaded him to come to Chicago in 1945 to manage and edit the Univ. of Chicago Press.

After Couch's discharge, 15 colleagues on the Univ. of Chicago faculty including members of the board of university publications, protested and apparently replying to rumors spoken by Hutchins that Couch had been unsatisfactory as an administrative officer.

When the dismissal came, the circumstances were made particularly offensive to Couch, the article said. "Although it was Dr. Hutchins who had originally engaged him,

Mr. Couch was given no opportunity to defend himself face to face with the chancellor. The unpleasant chore was turned over to Vice President (James A.) Cunningham. Couch was called in and given an opportunity to resign: when he declined, Cunningham fired him as he would have dismissed a janitor".

The article also develops the period after the discharge when faculty investigation of the case ensued upon appeal of Couch. Publicity of this event was kept at a minimum.

Dr. Morton Grodzins, whose book was blamed by the article as the cause of the first major break between Hutchins and Couch in 1948, was given editorship of the Univ. of Chicago Press.

Couch now holds another conspicuous position in the publishing world and Dr. Hutchins resigned the chancellorship to head the Fund or the Republic post.

The article in conclusion is suggesting that the Couch case be investigated by the Fund of the Republic, since the Fund regards the entire field of freedom and civil rights in the United States. A full-fledged inquiry would seem appropriate for the Fund to finance, the article felt. It also cautioned that the Fund should not select this committee of educators to ascertain the truth of the Couch case.

DELANO CHAPTER HONORS JUNE '56 GRADUATES

DELANO. — Five local Nisei graduates were honored by the Delano JACL at a weiner bake at Memorial Park here recently.

Honored were Paul Kawano (U.C. Berkeley), Takashi Kono (Bakersfield J.C.), LoRayne Honbo (Delano High), Wesley Honbo (Richgrove School), and David Okazaki (Cecil Ave. School).

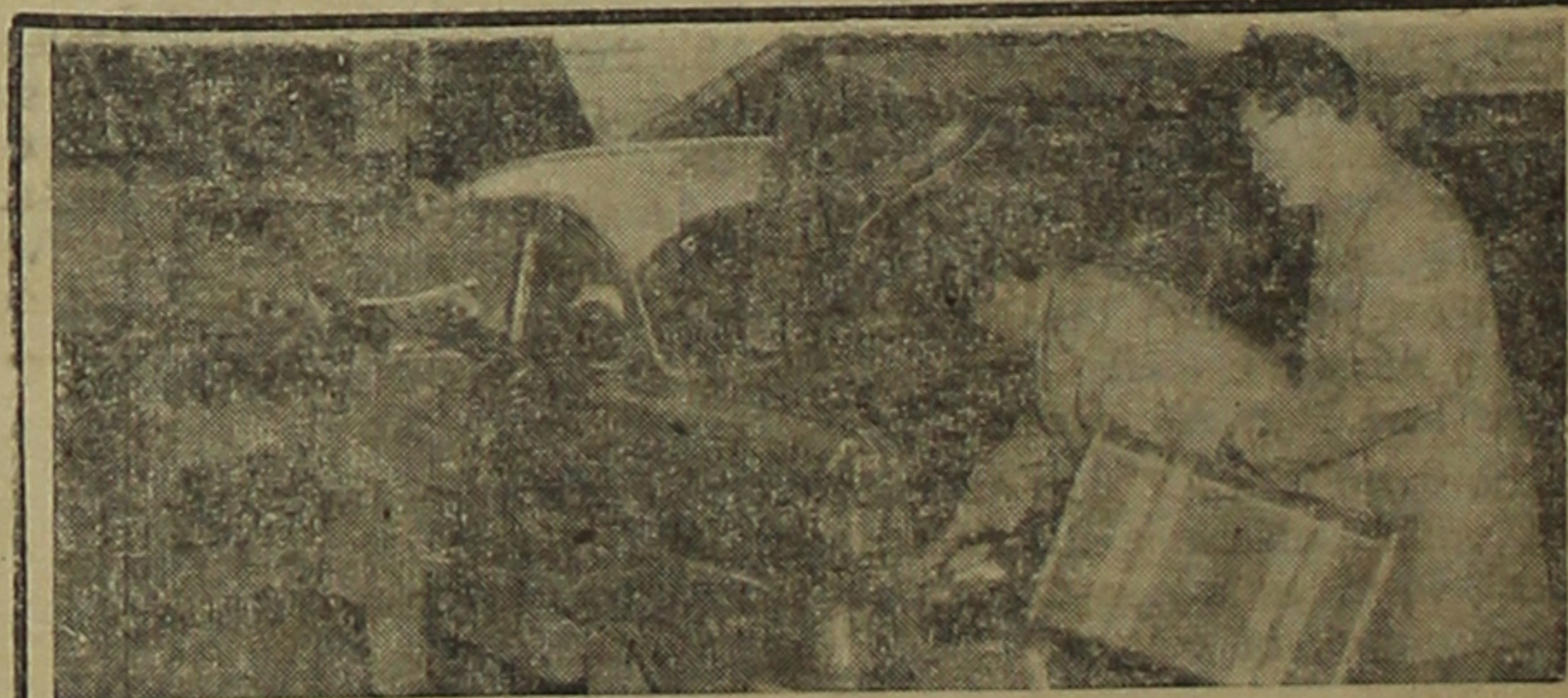
Miss Honbo was voted "outstanding senior girl". The two grammar school graduates received American Legion awards. Each graduate was presented a gift from the JACL.

K. Arakawa of Toyama and I. Suzuki of Kanagawa, two exchange students from Japan studying the citrus industry here, were introduced.

A delightful evening was enjoyed by parents and children alike. Mrs. Betty Nagatani was social chairman assisted by Lily Misono, Cecilia Tanihara, Eiko Yonaki, Jeanie Yonaki, Margie Nakagama, Joe Katano, Nob Takaki and Sam Okazaki. Sab Okino was master of ceremony. Donations were presented to JACL by parents of the graduates and by Mr. T. Nagatani.

NISEI STRUGGLE IN SCOUTING TOLD IN BOOK

NEW YORK. — Rice E. Cochran's book published by William Sloane "Be Prepared" includes a chapter entitled "Masaji's Conquest", which relates the story of a Nisei's struggle to find himself in fellowship of a scout troop.



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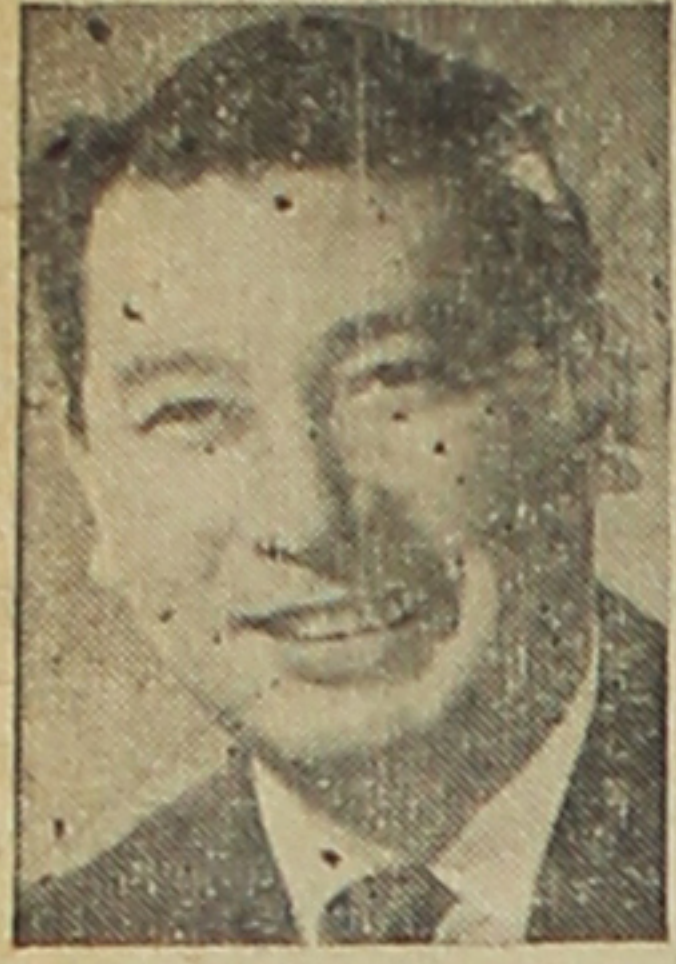
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Hi-Co hi-lites

● If we knew then what we know now, we all frequently reminisce with *zan-nen* about yesteryears. Which is the feeling we got in shapperoning some forty Nisei youngsters, most of them graduating seniors, attending the first Hi-Co conference sponsored by the Ellay JACL chapters on June 16-17 at Forest Home resort.

The confab conceivers, Bill "Mo" Marumoto and Jan Fukuda, leaders of the Orange County JAYs, corralled the student body prexies of seven campuses to serve as discussion leaders in briefing and indoctrinating these fall freshmen with opportunities of campus life with emphasis on student government, social and extra curricular activities, athletics, scholarships, relationship with faculty, leadership in community and church, career tips and other items which we sure could have used circa '33 and which we didn't wise up to until in the upper division.

These September neophytes learned much from these s-b presidents which included those from Cal Tech, San Jose State, Claremont, Whittier (our own Bill), Pomona, Redlands, USC and Occidental. JACL officers Frank Chuman and Dr. Roy Nishikawa were the principal speakers.

In all, this was a terrific start for what is hoped will be an annual orientation program to give the 13th graders the kind of confidence that makes adjustment to college life easier and pleasant, as well as a primer for future community leaders.

Another forty non-Nisei students attending the summer workshop camp on internat'l relations of the AFSC (Quakers) held at Wrightwood, hgh in the San Bernardino mountains, was our two-session lecture assignment on the 17th to which we brought along Mo as a kind of "Exhibit A".

Mo says one of his Hakujiin friends on the Whittier campus has three pet hates: "I hate prejudice, I hate discrimination and I hate those damn Orientals." We like this guy's zany humor.

PALAVER

● What we don't know about the AJAs would fill fifty volumes. One of them was filled at a 3-hour discussion on problems relating to the JA, with the panel including half a dozen of the more articulate and eloquent Nisei hereabouts: Ben Goshi Chuman, R. Meisha Nishikawa, S. Shacho Kido, Midori Watanabe, Edison You-know and Tetsu Sugi, the latter being the group work supervisor of the L.A. Church Federation.

The occasion was the annual Institute on Human Relations of the L.A. County Conference on Community Relations of some 60 orgs and agencies of which the JACL is one, held at Whittier College from June 18-22, our deal being midway, and the whole shebang coordinated by Mrs. Ruth Kodani.

Each panel member tackled a specific aspect of the JA community, including historical background, composition, past problems, legislative and legal remedies, organizations, personality structure of the Nisei (3-birds did that one), sociological and other remaining problems. Fortunately, as moderator, we sat in the driver's seat and passed the Q's and A's, some of them pretty challenging, around among the panel which, we're glad to report, didn't resort to the high level academic language frequently encountered in this kind of session.

RACIAL RACE

● Plenty of records were broken at the 5th annual JACL Nisei Relays last Sunday including the most chapter members out to help with the officiating and running of the meet which was ably directed by Arnold Hagiwara and Doc Bob Watanabe who didn't enter the sprints this year.

ELA's prez Fred Takata with Doc Roy Yamadera and Larry Parks gave a hand to the ayem elimination heats. In the peeyem, SWLA's Doc Iura handled the field mike while pres Roy Iketani handled the awards presentation by the queen attendants, the cups and medals, that is. Hollywood's prez Danar Abe, Chas Kamayatsu and Art Endo ran the high jump pit. Downtowners Duke Ogata, Edwin Hiroto (course clerk) and the S'w'er along with Pasadenans Tom Ito and Harris Ozawa, Venice-Culver prez Tak Shishino were around to help. Lots of others, too, mostly from SWLA chapter such as Kango Kunitzugu, who incidentally did the art work for the program cover, the innards being the work of DTLAer Blanche Shiozaki. George Akimoto, Jim Yamamoto, Chibo Sakaguchi, a slough of others helped too, but sorry, no room here for 'em all.

Financial brains were CPA Steve Okuma's with the Ramnies girls passing the hat around in the stands. Art Goto was the usual competent starter, Yas Abe the head timer, Min Ito the field judge and Carl Hanaoka the registrar while scorers were Joe Yamashita and Ruth Fujita.

Team and hi-point trophies were donated by the Town Hubs, the American Legion's Perry Post, the VFW Nisei Memorial Post 9938 and the Nisei Veteran's Association. Travel bags for record breakers were donated by JACL, Northwest Airlines and Pan American.

The word RELAY was actually adapted from the Japanese, *ri-rei*, which means a distance race. How come? Because *ri* means 2.44 miles, a non-Olympic distance, and *rei* is a reward—for winning, of course.

NO GO

● We were lucky to find a seat in the crowded chambers of the L.A. County Board of Supervisors when it took up the proposed fair employment bill last Tuesday. A compelling, well presented argument by the proponents, during which we were introduced with dozens of other organization representatives, was followed by a somewhat disorganized presentation by a few of the opposition. It was clear that the three of the five votes required to enact this proposal into law were not to be had. An attempt to table (kill) the measure by Sup'v'r Legge, committed against the bill, was defeated but it is still under advisement of the board and for now, for all practical purposes, is dead.

A gratifying turnout at the San Fernando Valley chapter's rejuvenation meeting at the gakuen bldg on the 20th assured prexy Gene Kono that there's active interest in the CL. An extensive membership drive was launched and a community picnic scheduled for July 22nd. We were glad to note a few non-Nisei at the meeting.

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Pasadena CL to push membership drive into San Gabriel Valley

PASADENA. — The regular Pasadena JACL executive board meeting, called by president Harris Ozawa, met at Tom Ito's poolside as Mrs. Tom Ito surprised her husband with a birthday party on June 12.

Aside from swimming, barbecue and opening of booby prizes for the lighter side of the evening, the chapter board discussed extending its membership drive into San Gabriel Valley, 1000 Club, Nisei Relays and other chapter activities.

The chapter held its June meeting at Pasadena Union Church this week featuring a talk by Dr. Ken Yamaguchi, local optometrist, on the care of eyes.

Chicago CL seeks Issei membership

CHICAGO. — Extending an official letter of invitation to join the Japanese American Citizens League, some 800 recently naturalized Issei citizens here have been asked to become members of the Chicago JACL this week.

Miyeki Hayano, temporary chairman of the new citizens' group, in his letter explained the role played by JACL in passing the law enabling them to qualify for naturalization.

The letter is to be followed by a membership drive.

The naturalized Issei were also informed that a strong national organization, supported by a large membership, would serve as a watchdog and see that detrimental legislation would not be enacted.

Hollywood JACL beach party at Playa del Rey

Hollywood JACL will have its annual beach party at Playa del Rey Area 2 on July 8, 11 a.m., it was announced by Kay Izumo, social chairman.

The chapter has invited members to bring their friends, family, baby, and grandma, too. Soda pop and watermelon will be provided by the chapter during the afternoon but picnickers are expected to bring their own lunches. In the evening, a weiner roast has been planned with the chapter only providing corn.

On the beach party committee are Art Ito, Danar Abe, Chaz Kamayatsu, Tak Nakamura, Kaz Kawakami, Dick Zumwinkle and Miwa Yanamoto.

Orange County carnival at Buena Park tomorrow

BUENA PARK. — The Orange County Inter-Club Council will sponsor its second annual judo tournament-carnival at the local Recreation Park, Hansen and Eighth Sts., June 30 from 11 a.m. to midnight.

The Orange County JACL is in charge of publicity, while the O.C. Jays are constructing booths for the carnival, which will include a talent show. Proceeds are used for a scholarship to the outstanding Nisei by and girl high school graduate.

A turnout of 150 judoists is expected for the 2 p.m. tournament.

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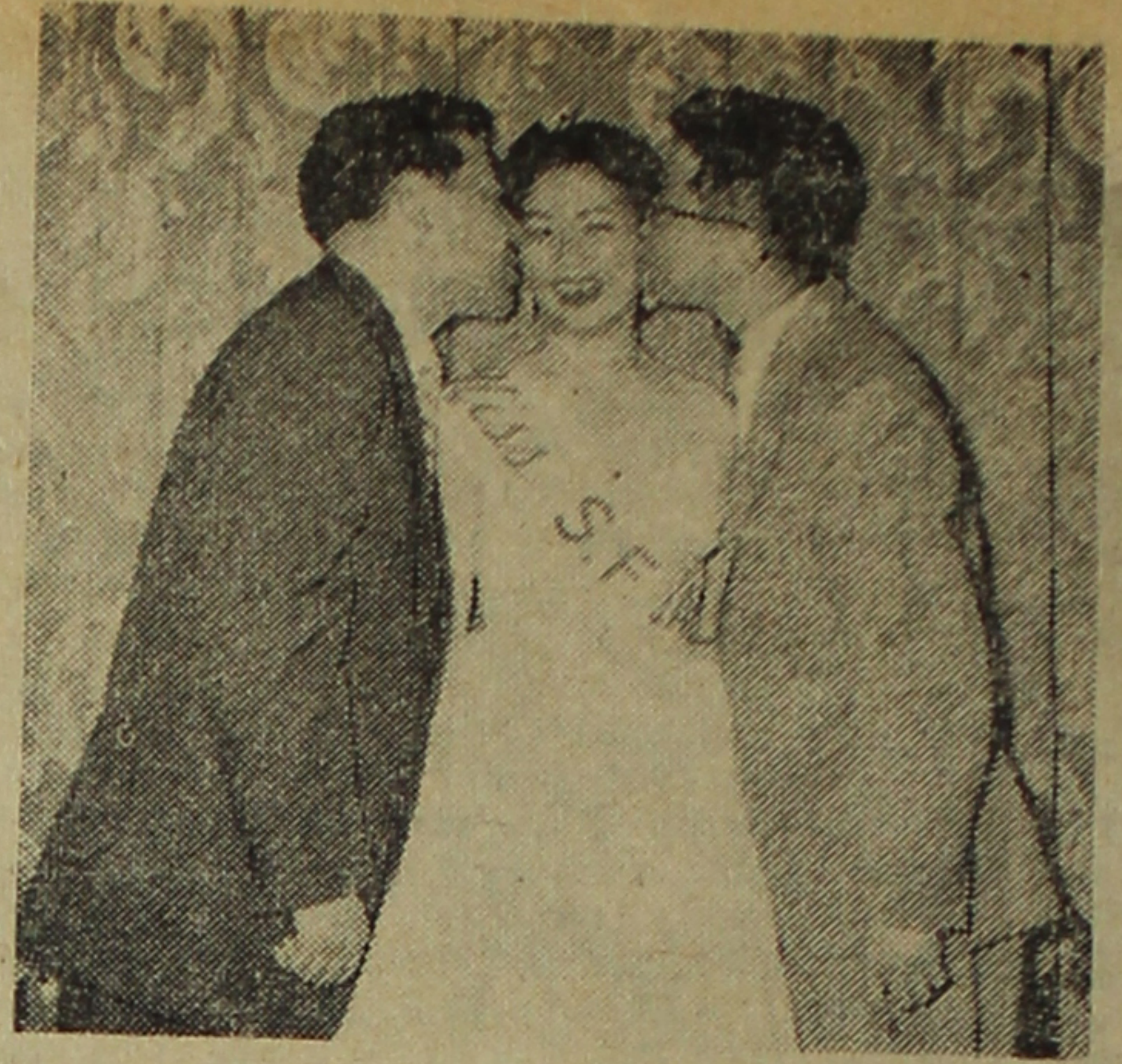
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Being bussed by National Convention Chairman Jerry Enomoto (left) and San Francisco Chapter President Hatsuro Aizawa is the lovely Honolulu-born girl, Elaine Harada, who was crowned as Miss San Francisco JACL.

JACL convention pre-registrations urged, 13 chapters order \$20 'package deals'

SAN FRANCISCO. — Close to 50 pre-registrations have been received for the 14th Biennial National JACL Convention to be held here over the Labor Day holidays, according to Sumi Honnami, convention registrar.

Of this number 13 chapters have sent in "package deal" registrations for their two official delegates.

Miss Honnami disclosed that a special prize would be given to the JACLer holding the lucky pre-registration ticket at a special drawing during the convention.

The convention "Package Deal" registration of \$20 includes convention registration and souvenir program booklet, the opening mixer social, Saturday afternoon convention luncheon and fashion show, Sunday outing including a steak barbecue supper and outing dance, the convention banquet and the

Sayonara dance.

Pre-registrations at \$2 are also being accepted by the registration committee.

Special Sheraton-Palace hotel cards have been sent out to all the chapters so that delegates may make hotel accommodations direct to the hotel. Convention go-ers are reminded of the special JACL convention rate made by the Sheraton-Palace for the weekend, Friday, Saturday, Sunday, which represents a 25 percent reduction from the regular rates.

A special block of rooms have been reserved for the JACL convention, but reservations should be made as early as possible.

Any inquiries regarding convention registration and hotel accommodations should be sent to Miss Sumi Honnami, care of JACL convention headquarters, 1759 Sutter St., San Francisco 15, Calif.

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San Francisco

Had a pow-wow the other night with some of the leading lights of our neighbor Sequoia chapter, concerning the coming NCWN District Council pre-convention rally on July 22. Accompanied by Mas, busy DC chairman Yas Abiko and Convention Queen Contest chairman Kaye "C" Uyeda, fresh back from Nihon, we buzzed down to Redwood City and enjoyed the hospitality of John and Roz Fujimoto.

Sequoia chapter prexy Pete Nakahara, Hip Honda, Tom Yamane, Kay & Harriet Nakano, and Hid Kashima outlined the plans for the July 22nd shindig at Rickey's Studio Club. With boundless, but not misplaced we hope, confidence the host chapter placed the evening banquet program responsibility entirely in the hands of the National Convention Board. However, while so doing, they tossed out a few ideas for an appropriate rally for *Changing Perspectives* that we will try to do justice to it in our planning.

Our grapevine has it that a record number of chapters anticipate having their lovelies try on the National Queen's crown for size. If anything can spice up a day, a look at this bumper crop of beauties, should do it. Those of you who decide to join us at Rickey's might also get a quick "sneak preview" of the choir, who will be getting its vocal chords in tune for our Opening Ceremony. Under the direction of Frank Ono, these boys and gals are now practicing diligently.

Some whistle-fetching models from the Convention Fashion Show may grace the program also. Fashion Show Chairman, Haru Hedani, is working like a beaver whipping the show into shape. They've contacted for a rehearsal hall for 15 nights between now and convention time.

It has been a rich year for JACL, insofar as wholehearted support at NCWN District Council meetings is concerned. With the active and enthusiastic Sequoians hosting this prelude to the national parley, the response should be excellent.

BABS JOINS ELAINE

A slick chick answering to the name of Barbara Arimoto, joined the list of aspirants for Miss National JACL at the recent Coronation Hop staged by the Sequoia Chapter. Among the judges facing the job of picking the brightest flower from a garden of five beauties, was Mrs. National Director, Chiz Satow. Attending the dance and drawing oohs and aahs, was Miss San Francisco JACL, Elaine Harada. Joining in the fun and getting a look at Elaine's competition were San Franciscans Jack Kusaba, Yo Hironaka, Lucy Adachi, Al Mamiya and Mickey Aoyama. Mickey and Al had under their wing Judy Aoyama, cute daughter of active Reno JACLer Fred Aoyama, who was down for a visit with Aunt Mickey and family.

PICNIC DRAWS OVER 2,000

Under a typical(?) bright and sunny S.F. sky a crowd easily in excess of 2,000, gathered at Speedway Meadows in Golden Gate Park to enjoy the third annual community picnic sponsored jointly by the San Francisco Nichi Bei Kai, No. Calif. Japanese Chamber of Commerce and the San Francisco JACL. Conspicuous by their presence and distinguished by their hard work were many architects of *Changing Perspectives*: Sam Sato, Ki Tanamachi, Noel Nita, Hats Aizawa, Kei Hori, Sumi Utsumi, Yo Hironaka, Mickey Aoyama, Yas Furuya, Jack Hirose, Taxy Hironaka, Jack Kusaba, and Tosh Kubokawa. Seen relaxing and enjoying the festivities, as a respite from JACL and Convention problems were Yori Wada, Alice Shigezumi, Kathy Reyes, Sumi Honnami, Haruo Ishimaru, Tok Hedani, Kaye Uyeda, Mary Yonemoto, Yone Satoda, Yas Abiko and Fred Hoshiyama.

The active president of the Nichi Bei Kai, and long time JACL supporter Mr. S. Hideshima and family were taking in the fun. Dr. M. Itatani, another valuable Issei chapter member, worked hard and long during the picnic. Contributing much to the pleasure of all who attended, Mr. Urano of the Bank of Tokyo lent his muscles; Frank "Baer" Kawakami did an excellent job handling the gate prize drawing, assisted by two lovely JAL stewardesses and Elaine. Mary Negi, Yuri Ito and Fudge Sato parcelled out the mountain of prizes to the kids and adults. A crew of cadets from the Japanese training ship "Nippon Maru" added color and enthusiasm to the day.

SCRATCH PAD

TO THE CHAPTERS: Let's put the finishing touches on souvenir booklet ads. Keep us out of the red and put yourselves in the black, through those 25% commissions. Don't let up on "Operation Mercury". Keep your drive in high gear now that the home stretch is in sight (9 weeks). This might be a good time to remind our readers of the San Francisco Chapter's offer to donate profits (if any) from *Changing Perspectives* toward a National Headquarters building.

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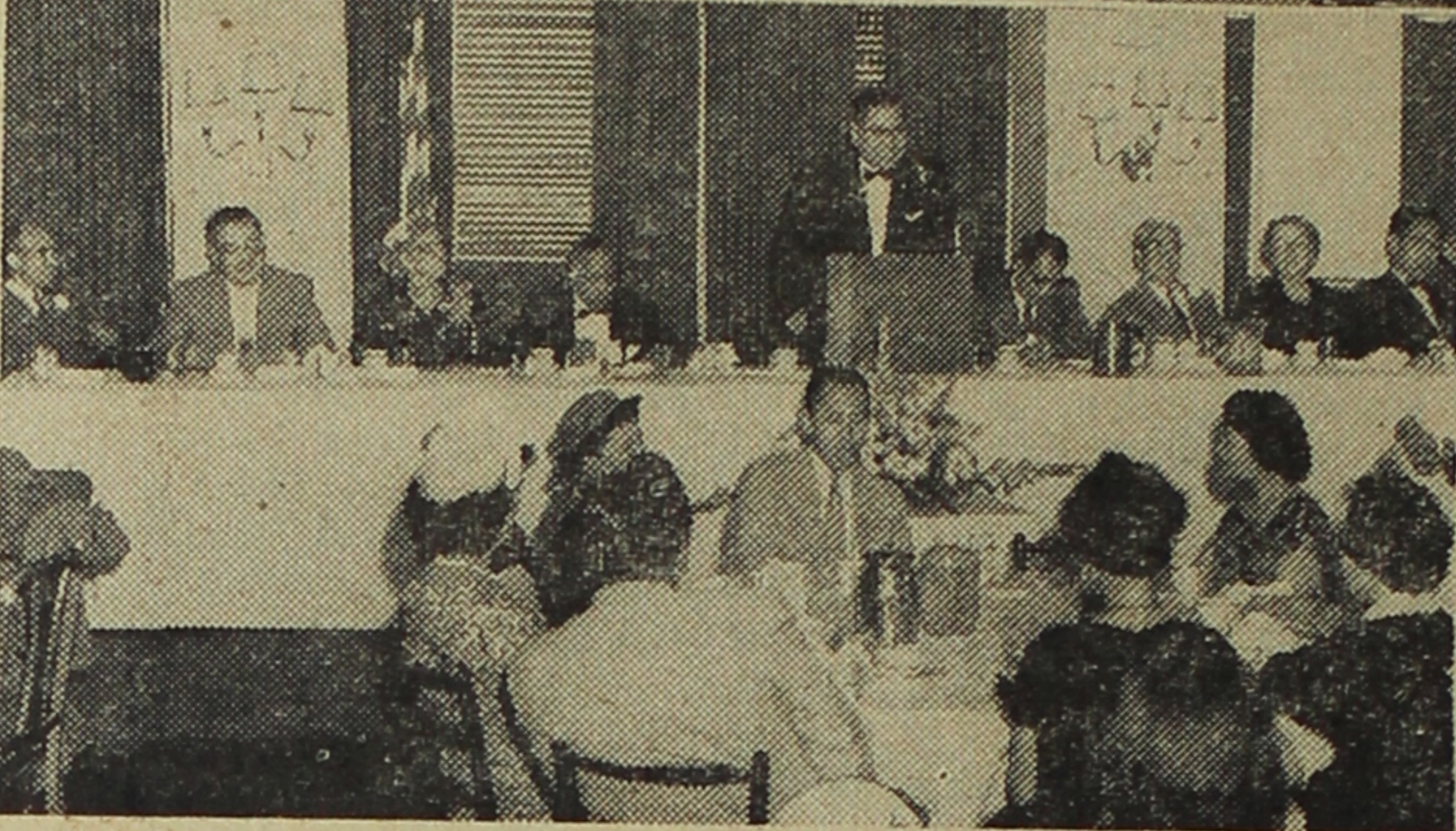
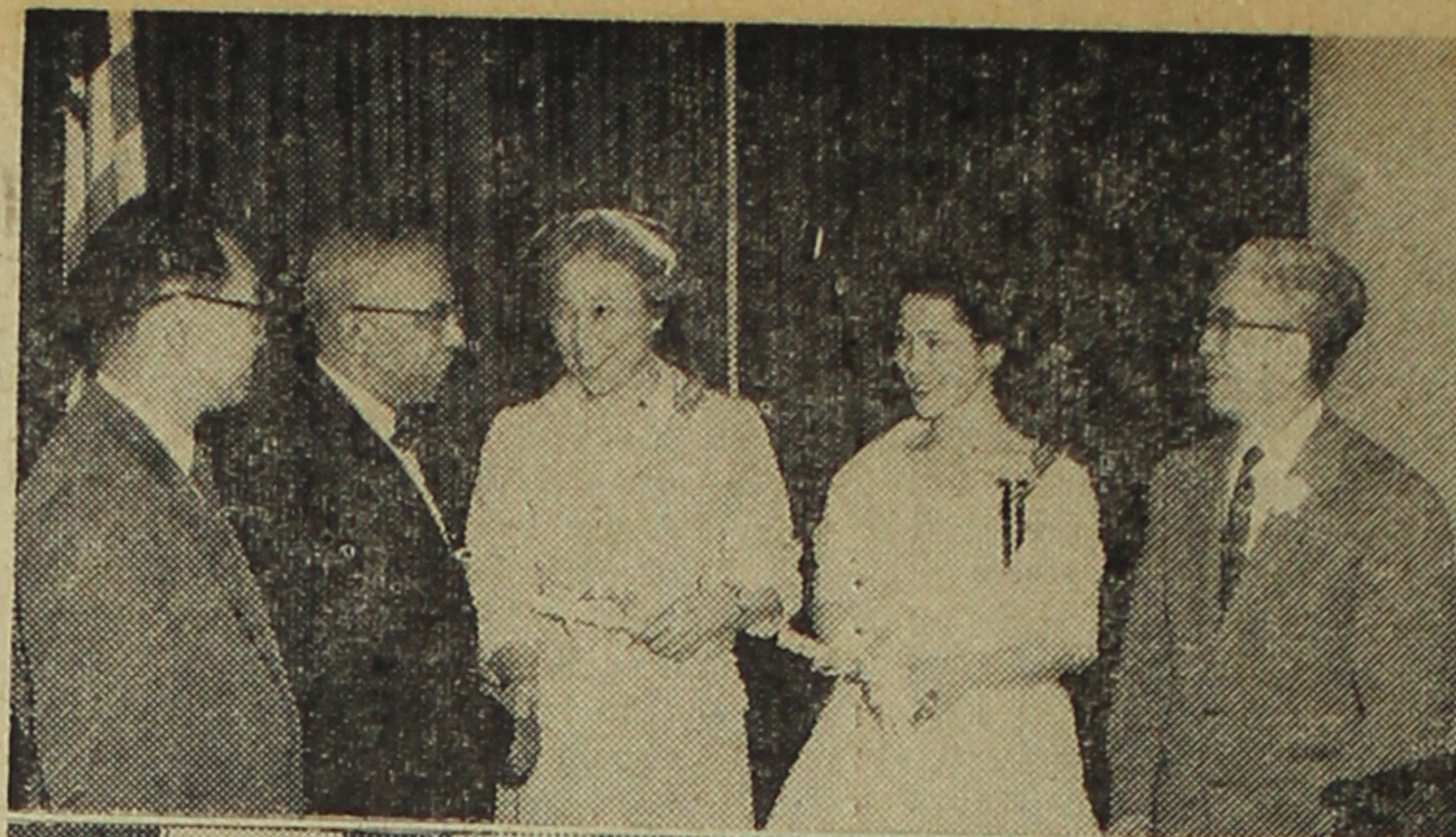
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Eighty-eight were honored at Cleveland JACL's "New Citizens Night" June 9 at Hotel Hollenden. In the top picture are (left to right) Nat'l JACL Director Masao W. Satow and Judge Perry B. Jackson congratulating new citizens Mrs. Yoneko Satow, Mrs. Mona Lutz and Thomas Sashihara. At the head table in the lower picture are Major A. Ichida, who made the invocation at the dinner; Abe Hagiwara, Midwest District Council chairman; Mrs. Perry B. Jackson; Municipal Judge Jackson, who made the principal address; toastmaster Joe Kadowaki behind the rostrum; Satow, Sashihara, Miss Margaret Ferguson; and William Sadataki, Cleveland JACL board chairman.

—Photos by Robert E. Fujita

National travel pool proposed for JACL convention delegates by Eastern District

WASHINGTON. — The Eastern District Council of the Japanese American Citizens League met with cabinet members of the various chapters in Philadelphia recently.

Chairing the meeting was K. William Sasagawa, EDC chairman.

Adopted by the EDC and chapter cabinets was the proposal that a national travel pool be established in order to attempt to equalize the travel costs of the various chapters throughout the country and the various district council chairmen to the biennial national conventions.

Two detailed alternate plans of travel proposed by Washington, D.C., Chapter President Ben Nakao, and also EDC treasurer and an accountant by profession, were approved.

The EDC will urge its adoption by the national organization at its convention in San Francisco over the Labor Day weekend.

Other matters which were agreed upon were to urge the National Council to continue the Washington, D.C. Office and to reestablish a New York office.

Other subjects which were discussed related to chapter and district council quotas and assessments, to national dues, Pacific Citizen, a national headquarters building, and need for a pension system for national staff members.

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Lake Yosemite site of Livingston-Merced outing

LIVINGSTON. — The annual Lake Yosemite outing for the Livingston-Merced JACL will be held on Saturday, July 7, at Scott Island, it was announced by Fred Kishi, outing chairman.

With boating and swimming as the main events, the chapter will add to the day by offering watermelon, soft drinks, salad and hot dogs. Other committeemen are Roy Okahara, Mrs. Kaz Masuda, Ken Yagi and Bill Yoshino.

Red Cross worker feted by Portland friends

PORTLAND, Ore. — Recent returnee from Red Cross assignment in Japan, Mary Minamoto, was welcomed home by friends at dinners and parties here recently.

Hosts included the Tora Kobayashis, Tomeko Hirata and the Dr. Robert Shiomis. Miss Minamoto is presently assigned with the Pacific Area headquarters of the American Red Cross in San Francisco.

fices from EDC were Ira Shmasaki of Washington, D.C. and immediate past EDC chairman, for third vice-president; Dr. Tom Tamaki, past Philadelphia Chapter president and present EDC 1000 Club Chairman, for secretary to the Board; and Aki Hayashi, past New York chapter president and past EDC chairman, for national treasurer.

Attending the event were the following: New York—Chiz Ikeda, Misa and Sam Kai, Marie Kurihara, Tomie Mochizuki; Seabrook—Martha and Vernon Ichisaka; Washington, D.C.—Mike Masaoka, Mary Ichino, Ben Nakao, Ruth Kuroishi, Hisako Sakata, George Furukawa, and Tad Masaoka; Philadelphia—Bill Sasagawa, Hana Fujii, Mary Toda, Sim Endo, Mary and Warren Watanabe, Shoji Date, Mr. and Mrs. Y. W. Nakano, Sho Maruyama, Jack Ozawa, Henry Tani, Tom Tamaki, and William Marutani.

SANGER JACL AWARDS FIRST SCHOLARSHIP

SANGER. — The first annual Sanger JACL scholarship was awarded to Stan V. Saroyan at the Sanger High Senior family night program by Mrs. Peter Hasegawa.

The chapter also honored recent graduates at Bruce's Lodge. Attending were Ken Tsuruta, Roy Tsukida, Ben Takeda, Betty Tanimoto, Barbara Sasashima, Keith Matsumura, Barry Kondo, Sally Yamaguchi, Sue Ikuma of Sanger High; Robert Miura, Parlier High; and Yoshio Okada, Selma High.

The chapter acknowledged a donation from Mr. and Mrs. Roy Kondo on the occasion of their son's graduation from Sanger High.

Yamato Sukiyaki cited by Holiday magazine

SAN FRANCISCO. — Holiday Magazine's annual "Dining Distinction" award is to be made to Ken Ishizaki, owner of Yamato Sukiyaki House on California Street, this week.

It was the only Japanese restaurant in the United States among the final group of 71 establishments selected from thousands of restaurants the Holiday Magazine editors had visited incognito.

It was the second consecutive award for the San Francisco JACLer, who took over the restaurant in 1946. A similar award is being made the Sheraton-Palace Hotel, locale for the 1956 National JACL Convention.

PSWDC plans full day for pre-confab delegates July 29

A full day for either delegate or booster to the PSWDC pre-convention rally is being planned by the Southwest Los Angeles JACL, hosts for the event, on Sunday, July 29, at Hollywood Rivera Club, 201 Paseo de la Playa, south of the Redondo Beach business district.

A rhythmic theme—"Jubilate for the Golden Gate"—has been picked.

The club has numerous facilities to assure a successful rally, it was pointed out by George Fujita, rally chairman, with a swimming pool, patio, dining room, dance hall and glass-enclosed lounge rooms overlooking the Pacific. Surf fishing and skin diving may be enjoyed in front of the club.

Business sessions for delegates will commence at 10 a.m. with Dave Yokozeki, PSWDC chairman, presiding. Games at the afternoon beach party, dinner, program featuring the introduction of Miss National JACL 1956 from Northern California and a dance are also scheduled.

A special program for children is being planned under guidance of Dick Fujoka during the afternoon.

On the rally committee are June Yoshii, Dr. Toru Iura, Tom Shimazaki, George Hiraga, Ambrose Masutani, Ken Miura, Min Toda, Ellen Kubo, Jim Yamamoto, Roy Iketa-ni and others.

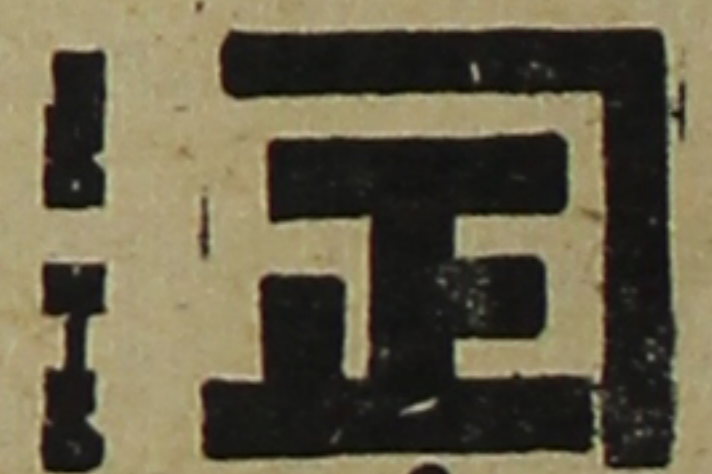
Hardy Portland Clers picnic under cloudy sky

PORTLAND. — A handful of intrepid, hardy, "hardheads" (pardon the verbosity), webfooted JACLers and others put out on a wet and soggy morning for George's Dock June 10, expecting the worst, but hoping for the best—that is, just a little dry spot on the sand and real sunshine, not the liquid variety.

The old adage—just because it is raining in Portland does not mean it's wet on the coast proved true, much to everyone's relief and amazement!

So a fire was built on a rapidly drying sand as picnickers spent the time fishing, crabbing, swimming and eating lunch. Some came home with a slight case of suntan to prove that Ol Sol came smiling out of the rain clouds for a few hours.

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THE NORTHWEST PICTURE: by Elmer Ogawa



Confiscated property

Seattle

Like many another American citizen, subject to circumstances of time, Sono Hoshi lost a sizable piece of personal property in Telephone Company stock to the Alien Property Custodian while stranded in Japan during War II.

The Sono Hoshi story was first told in Seattle's morning paper, the Post-Intelligencer, last week, and it described how Miss Hoshi, now 42, went to Japan in 1940 and left some 10 shares of telephone stock in a safe deposit box. On Pearl Harbor day, she was on a Japanese ship bound for the United States, but in mid-ocean the ship was turned back. During the occupation years, she worked as a civilian office employee of the United States government, and on return to Seattle in 1955 learned that her stock valued at nearly \$3,000 had been confiscated by the foreign property custodian, as she lived in an enemy country in war time, even though a United States citizen. She had not filed a claim before the deadline set by the Government. Her attorney had sought the aid of Senator Warren G. Magnuson, who was unable to help, and, said the P.I., Miss Hoshi was now hopping mad at the United States government.

There are lots of cases similar to that of Miss Sono Hoshi, we learned from attorney Bill Mambu, who is JACL national secretary.

This seemed to be something that needed doing; so being the picture screw ball that I am, had great ideas of gagging up a shot of the little gal clutching a fist full of impressive documents, and maybe scratching her pretty little head in bewilderment about the whole thing.

WENT TO JAPAN WITH BAPTIST GROUP

We found Miss Hoshi to be a diminutive gal, somewhat reserved, and a little disturbed over the fuss that was being made, and if she were mad at anybody, her composure was a masterpiece of serenity. "The amount involved is not so large," she said, "And hardly important enough for all the publicity."

Miss Hoshi was and is one of the staunch members of the Japanese Baptist Church, at the time unique in that it surrounded a gym where so many of us played basketball, attended the functions and went to Sunday School. She went to Japan in March, 1940 as a member of a tour party of the World Wide Guild, a Baptist young ladies group.

The telephone stock was an investment made at the suggestion of her attorney, Philip J. Weiss, and was part of a settlement resulting from a critical injury suffered on New Year's eve when she was struck by a car, and I don't think Miss Hoshi would mind if we say it was an injury from which persists in bad after effects.

The threatening situation in 1941 was a cause for considerable scramble by citizens who wanted to get back to the U.S.A. Sono Hoshi finally got aboard the Tatsuta Maru, and everyone knows how it was turned about just after having crossed the International Date Line. The trip took two weeks, and there was no fare refund for the passengers who never reached their destination. Well now, a gal just can't win when she gets the enemy alien treatment from both sides.

During the war years she was treated well enough, Miss Hoshi said, "But as an American citizen, I was under close surveillance all the time." After the lean war years a U.S. Occupation job was very welcome.

UNAWARE OF CONFISCATION TILL 1955

Miss Hoshi returned to the United States in the spring of 1955, visited her family now scattered about southern California, and returned to Seattle in the fall of 1955. During all this she had been paying the yearly rental on the deposit box. It wasn't till she returned to Seattle that she learned what had

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VAGARIES: by Larry S. Tajiri

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enrolled in Paramount's Institute of Drama. There he met D. W. Griffith. There he was a classmate of Gary Cooper. There he learned to emote.

So it came to pass that Henry Okawa trekked to Hollywood. I remember him as a wide-eyed youngster fascinated by the excitement of picture-making. And so it was not long before Henry was "in pictures". He came under the tutelage of Howard Hawks, that task-master who demanded that his actors enact their roles in real life.

The movies were in the throes of giving birth to a succession of airplane pictures. So Henry was forced to take up flying. He did, with devilish delight. The little Nipponese did stunts in remodelled Jennys in Dawn Patrol, Air Circus, and others.

With picture credits under his belt, Okawa returned to his native Land of Cherry Blossoms in 1932, jumped into a growing industry, and, as Okawa Heihachiro, starred in some 56 pictures and participated in as many more.

Came the war and Henry found himself drafted in the Japanese army. He remembers stumbling around in the Philippine jungles eating grass and roots. Then, because of his ability to speak English, he was suddenly given a colonel's rank and told to transact the terms of surrender with the Americans.

HOUSEBOY LIEUTENANT FOR PERSHING

When his records were being checked for his trip to the U.S. for the filming of August Moon, officials were puzzled to find that Henry had been an American lieutenant as well as a Japanese colonel. Henry explained that at one time in his schoolboy career in the U.S. he had been houseboy, that is, butler, in General Pershing's household. The General had made him a lieutenant.

Today, Henry Okawa is being propositioned from all sides. With co-production deals being negotiated between Tokyo and Hollywood, with TV film transactions being discussed, with scripts being written involving Japanese backgrounds, Henry's name crops up often in the offices of executives in New York and Hollywood. And Henry himself has some deals to cook right after his stint on August Moon.

Some day, Henry is going to build a monument—in the shape of a lovely sexy-looking goldfish.

NINE RECORDS BROKEN IN JACL NISEI RELAYS, KANAYA JUMPS 6 FT. 1/4 IN. TO SHATTER OLDEST RECORD IN SOUTHLAND BOOKS

Team totals in a Nisei track meet seldom long remembered but individual performances are—since they stay in the books to inspire athletes and sportsfans.

Last Sunday in the fifth annual JACL Nisei Relays, the Hobos were led by double-winning Bob Kameoka in the sprints and Victor Mitsuno in the middle-distances to win the 1956 crown at wind-swept Rancho Cienega. A formidable squad of West L.A. JACL-Nisei Trading fell short by 16 points for the open division championship. Hobos chalked up 120 points, WLA-NT 104.

In the exciting junior division, pint-sized lads shattered six marks. West L.A.-Nisei Trading turned tables on the Hobos by garnering the title 72-40. The Constituents also scored 40 points led by near-triple winner Beebee Kataoka who won both sprints and missed winning the broadjump by three inches.

Most exhilarating performance, however, proved to be the gentle and graceful roll of John Kanaya of Santa Clara in the open high jump. He takes three paces from the left side of the standard and springs upward. The dark-skinned bespectacled lad negotiated 6 ft. 1/4 in. on his first try after making 5 ft. 11 3/8 in. on his third try to break the oldest Southland Nisei track meet record in the books—Tsuneo Tawa's mark of 5 ft. 10 1/8 in. made at Fremont High June 3, 1934.

Kanaya was too tired to leap much higher that late afternoon—having been suited since 2 p.m. when it was warm and the air still, the way the engineering student likes it. It was past 5 p.m. when he set the new high jump mark, hooping a moment when the cool sea breezes held still.

Though the only non-Southlander competing in the Relays wearing his San Jose State warm-up suit, Kanaya might be regarded as a Southlander as he is temporarily employed at Edwards AFB, which is in L.A. county near Lancaster.

In checking the 1934 meet at the Tafu Shimpo, Tsuneo Tawa of Harbor City had to beat his brother Totto for one of the 16 records broken that afternoon. Larry Tajiri was one of the judges of the meet.

Victor Mitsuno's 440 victory—last running event of the day—was a sparkling effort at 52.4s around two curves. In the old books, the 440 marks were kept separate for one-curve and around two curves. Mitsuno, who also won the 880, bliterated another prewar standard—Shozo Hiraizumi's 53.2s. record of 1940.

Mitsuno specialized in the 440 this past season for Marshall High. But in the Relays, he specialized in running period. He ran 110 yards in the 440 relay, 220 in the 880 relay helping the Hobos win both events, plus his 440 and 880. It was indicative of the afternoon with young lads struggling in near-deathly fashion.

Open division high point man of the afternoon, Bobby Kameoka wrestled the 100 and 220 sprints in 0.2 and 22.6s., respectively. At Rancho, the furlong is run straightway. He ran two legs in the 440 and 880 relay events for the Hobos and tied for second in the broadjump at 21 ft. 5 in. Beebee Kataoka was junior division highpoint winner.

Winner in the broadjump was Franklin Chong, decathlon star and 1955 high-point athlete, at 21 ft. 10 in. Chong ran two legs of the 440 and 880 relay for the Hobos, and finished second in the quarter-mile.

The other open division record-reaker was spry David Yamada in the 70 high hurdles at 9.2s. bettering Jim Abe's 9.3 made in 1954, and ekeing Shoji Yasuda of WLA, who had won in 9.3 at the JACL Olympics at San Francisco.

Tom Sano of Fowler, entered in the shotput, did not appear as a eritable unknown Tom Kashitani of West L.A. won at 44 ft. 9 1/4 in. A slow 1m.20s. first lap in the mile figured the 5:17.4 time by winner Ken Ando of West L.A.

Five lovely young ladies in white who added a touch of glamor to the afternoon presented trophies, medals and handbags to winners. Pert Mitzi Miya, queen of the 1956 Nisei Relays, was assisted by Virginia

Okumoto, June Tsukida, Helen Yabuta and Lillian Asato.

The meet is sponsored by the Los Angeles JACL Coordinating Council with Arnold Hagiwara as chairman. The Japanese American Optimists and JACL chapters in the council provided officials for the meet. Up to 150 were in the stands witnessing a dusty spectacle—as the center oval was devoid of turf for the first time in Relays history. The grass was stripped for resodding.

Many of the committeemen who coordinated the 1956 event were among those who started the Nisei Relays five years ago at Fairfax High and their experience attested o a well-managed affair.

In comparing performances with the San Francisco JACL Olympics his year, Kameoka set three records at Kezar with 10s. in the 100, 2.6 in the 220 (which he repeated in Los Angeles), and 21 ft. 8 in. in the broadjump. Kameoka has yet to break a Southland record.

Mitsuno's double victory in the 40-880 were better than San Francisco times this year of 53.7 and 2:12, respectively. The same goes for L.A.'s marks in the 70 high, mile, broadjump and 880 relay. Yet, it doesn't prove a thing as track and weather conditions (all important to athletes) vary drastically.

—HH.

1956 JACL Nisei Relays Results

Summaries of the 1956 JACL Nisei Relays:

OPEN DIVISION

Broad jump—Won by Franklin Chong (H) 21-10; John Itagaki (H) and Bob Kameoka (H) both 21-5; Ron Fujino (WLA) 21-4.

Shot put—Won by Paul Kashitani (WLA) 44-9 1/4; Dave Tokoro (WLA) 44-1 1/4; Kaz Oki (WLA) 43-3; Ron Fujino (WLA) 42.

440 relay—Won by Hobos (Bob Iwasaki, Bob Kameoka, Franklin Chong, Vic Matsuno), WLA-Nisei Trading, Unattached team, 45.2s.

100—Won by Bob Kameoka (H), Ray Sugiyama (WLA), Bob Iwasaki (H), Tom Uyeda (V), 10.2s.

880—Won by Victor Mitsuno (H), Roy Kunisawa (OC), Ken Ando (WLA), Kiyoshi Nishimoto (WLA), 2:11.5.

High jump—Won by John Kanaya (SC) 6-1/4; Jimmy Endow (V) 5-8 1/4; Victor Suzuki (P) 5-6 1/4; Ichiro Hashimoto (WLA) 5-5. (New record. Old mark 5-10 1/8 T. Tawa 1934).

120 lows—Won by Shoji Yasuda (WLA), Bill Saito (WLA), Clyde Ikuta (H), David Yamada (H), 13.8s.

220—Won by Bob Kameoka (H), Tom Uyeda (V), Bill Saito (WLA), Ray Sugiyama (WLA), 22.6s.

70 highs—Won by Dave Yamada (H), Shoji Yasuda (WLA), Clyde Ikuta (H), Kanji Mochidome (WLA), 9.2s. (New record. Old mark 9.3 Jim Abe 1954).

Mile—Won by Ken Ando (WLA), Tak Watanabe (H), Hikowo Hashimoto (WLA), Roy Kunisawa (OC) 5:17.4.

880 Relay—Won by Hobos (Kameoka, Iwasaki, Chong, Mitsuno), WLA-Nisei Trading, Valley, 1:34.4.

440—Won by Victor Mitsuno (H) Franklin Chong (H), Kiyoshi Nishimoto (WLA), Bob Setoguchi (WLA), 52.4s. (New record. Old mark 53.2 S. Hiraizumi 1940).

Team scoring: Hobos 120, WLA-Nisei Trading 104, Valley 18, Santa Clara 10, O.C. Jays 8, Pasadena 4, Unattached 4.

JUNIOR DIVISION

Broad jump—Won by Jimmy Takahashi (OC) 20-3 1/4; Beebee Kataoka (C) 20-1 1/2; Jiro Nakagawa (WLA) 19-7 1/2; Frank Ishihara (WLA) 19-7. (New record: old mark 19-10 1/2 Ron Fujino 1955).

440-yd. relay—Won by Hobos (Jerry Osumi, John Iwasaki, Ray Ogawa, Richard Nozaki), O.C. Jays, no third, 46.6s. (New record: old mark 47.5 Hobos 1954).

Shot put—Won by Jerry Osumi (H) 53-10 3/4; Lou Kitashima (WLA) 48-4; Gene Mochizuki (WLA) 48-1; Minoru Nakamura (WLA) and Sadao Yotsukura (WLA) both 47-6 1/4. (New record: old mark 52-9 Sei Miyano 1955).

50—Won by Beebee Kataoka (C),

Jackie Robinson awarded NAACP Spingarn medal

NEW YORK. — For the first time in the history of the NAACP, the coveted Spingarn Medal, annually awarded to a Negro American for distinguished achievement, will be presented to an athlete — Jackie Robinson of the Brooklyn Dodgers.

The medal was awarded to Jackie for "his superb sportsmanship, his pioneer role in breaking the color-bar in organized baseball, and his civic consciousness," particularly his work in the efforts to curb juvenile delinquency. Joining the Brooklyn Dodgers as an infielder in 1947, he became the first Negro major league baseball player.

Customarily presentation of the award is made at a public meeting during the NAACP annual convention. However, due to the Dodgers' schedule, Robinson was unable to attend the convention which is meeting in San Francisco this week. Presentation of the award will be made in New York at a later date, probably after the close of the baseball season.

Nisei-owned alleys in L.A. air as Vogue bowl doomed

With announcement that the Los Angeles civic auditorium and exposition hall would be situated in an area bounded by Eighth and Olympic Blvd., Flower and Hill streets, Nisei bowlers this week were beginning to express concern with the locale of their present houses within the proposed area.

Vogue Bowl (scene of the 1951 JACL national tournament) has seven Nisei leagues going at the present time. Angelus Bowl, a block away, has four Nisei leagues.

They will have to find new bases in which to operate as a 1960 target date was made public.

Paul Uyemura, Rafu Shimpo sports columnist, felt: "I'm sure that it will not be for a long time yet, but at any rate the alley has to go. It means (they) will have to find a new home or build one for themselves.

"I wonder, could there be backing for a bowling alley?"

Uyemura was referring to a Nisei-owned building and enterprise catering to the enjoyment of thousands of Nisei keglers in Los Angeles.

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FROM THE FRYING PAN: by Bill Hosokawa



Quick philosophizing

Dever

■ We told you last week about Lee Chia, chief of the Tokyo bureau of Central News Agency of China, who currently is on the American leg of a globe-girdling assignment. In addition to being a learned gentleman, crack reporter, connoisseur of feminine beauty and amiable companion, Lee is also a philosopher of sorts. "Most

Chinese are, aren't they?" he asks. This week we'd like to report on some of Lee's thinking regarding the people of the United States, Japan and China.

Americans, Lee says, suddenly have been confronted with the frightening realization that they are a world power, a leader, a people with a destiny. This role was thrust on them without their asking for it. They won a war and found a responsibility. They wish the responsibility would go away so they can go back to being the happy, gregarious, often naive, always generous, sometimes bigoted, carefree people they used to be. But they know they cannot return to the life that was. So they blunder along with a foreign policy that isn't any policy at all.

"Washington merely reacts to Moscow," Lee observes. "The people in the Kremlin frown and Washington frowns. The Kremlin smiles and Washington smiles. Is there any wonder that the Nationalists on Formosa and the Japanese tremble when they consider American foreign policy? There is no policy. So they try to tread the middle road, wondering what they must do next to remain whole."

DETERMINATION TO STAY ALIVE

■ Lee says the Chinese have a national philosophy which at this point boils down to a determination merely to stay alive. And so somehow or other they put enough in their bellies to sustain life and nurture the will to retain their identity. This, he says, is to be seen on Formosa, where the Nationalists stubbornly plot a return to the mainland. And on the mainland, where one must agree with the Communist conquerors to hang onto one's head, there are many who smile and comply and are practical even though there may be hate hidden deep within hearts.

And the Japanese? Lee knew the prewar Japan, and he has lived the last ten years in a conquered Japan struggling to regain nits feet. "When the Japanese set a goal," he says: "they work with tremendous energy to achieve it. But once they have reached that goal, or have been thwarted in their attempts to reach it, they are a lost people. They don't know what to do next. And so they mill around waiting for a new leader to establish a new goal for them. And then once more they will be an amazingly industrious and productive people, for they will know again what they are working for."

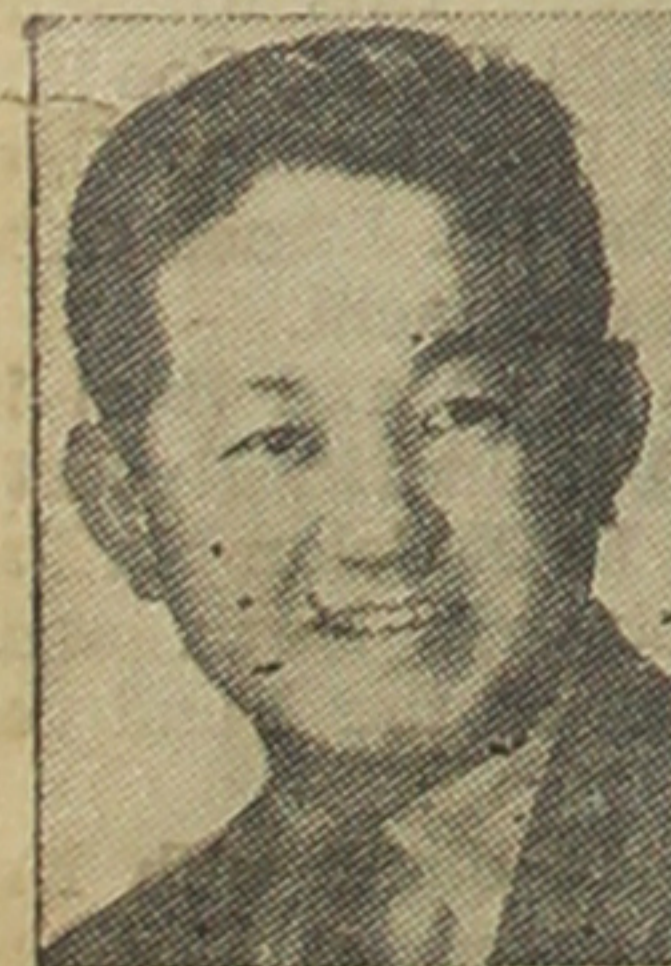
Of course the philosophies of a people as complex as the Americans, the Chinese or the Japanese cannot be discussed adequately within the limits of a single column, but the above is a distillation of Lee Chia's thinking. It seems to me he's struck pretty close to the mark.

HORSEPOWER VS. MANPOWER

■ One of the people Lee Chia met in Denver was Marco Liang, a Chinese student who opened an Oriental art goods shop and launched, incidentally, a venture which might have revolutionized the local taxi business. Marco imported 11 pedicabs, which are rickshas propelled by a man pedalling a bicycle type arrangement up front. By the time Marco got all his bills added up, he found the pedicabs cost him a cool \$20,000.

But his trouble was only starting. The taxi interest got excited. City inspectors found the pedicabs, powered by several brawny football players, were a traffic hazard. The cabs weren't properly lighted, and the insurers suddenly upped the premiums. Marco's pedicabs have been grounded temporarily by the law. As this is being written, Marco and his attorneys have asked the courts to rule. This is country that was conquered by men on horseback, and there may be some opposition to the proposition that horsepower should be displaced by manpower.

VERY TRULY YOURS: by Harry K. Honda



Informed membership

● This issue brings another volume of the Pacific Citizen to a close and it being mid-year, it seems fitting to look back and ahead . . . Looking back, most aggravating was the spoilage and damage to the circulation office by vandals on six different occasions. Most satisfying were the comments on the 1955 Holiday Issue commemorating the 25th JACL anniversary . . . Looking ahead, most solicitous at this point is the forthcoming national JACL convention when we render our biennial report to the membership. Ever-intriguing as we start another volume in July is the year-end Holiday Issue. As yet, there have been no special themes selected.

● Our friends who visit us at the office from time to time have often asked what steps are met to publish each week . . . Our arrangements with *Shin Nichi Bei* call for providing of news copy and advertising matter throughout the week—starting with Friday afternoon with such items as vital statistics, short stories and some columns . . . The bulk of our columns are set on Tuesday as well as many of the stories that reach our desk by that morning. Our corrections, headlines

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Colo. Issei pledge support of JACL

DENVER.—The Issei JACL, Koenkai group of Colorado formerly headed by Z. Kanegaye, met with National JACL Director Mas W. Satow on June 10, at the Cathay Post, to pledge continued support of the JACL program.

Dr. S. E. Hayano, president of the Denver Nikkeijinkai attended the meeting, and designated Dr. K. K. Miyamoto as chairman of the Nikkeijinkai committee to assist in the financial support of the National JACL program. Henry Suzuki assisted as interpreter in interpreting the various technical and legalistic problems confronted by the National JACL, as it affects the Issei in America.

Among the Issei attending were: Frank Torizawa, Harry G. Matoba, S. Nakamura, S. Ozawa, Z. Kanegaye, Dr. K. K. Miyamoto, K. Ikuma, K. Suzuki, Dr. K. Ogasawara of the Colorado Times, Dr. F. E. Hayano, I. Kumagai, E. Kawamura, and U. Ishizaka.

The JACL was represented by Henry Suzuki, John Sakayama, Robert Horiuchi, Tak Terasaki, Mas Satow and Min Yasui.

Ventura County JACL picnic ready for July 4

OXNARD. — The annual Ventura County JACL picnic will be held at Mandalay Beach July 4, according to chapter president Dash Kanamori. A fishing derby from day-break precedes the general picnic activities scheduled from 11 a.m.

The chapter, which is providing soft drinks, beer and watermelon, is suggesting those attending to bring their picnic lunches. Games, prizes and a treasure hunt are other highlights of the day.

The local Japanese cemetery fence project will begin immediately after the picnic, according to president Kanamori.

Special recognition was given last week by the chapter to nine Oxnard High School graduates; Tsujio Kato, Dean Dtani, Helen Hosaki, Harry Tanaka, Maggie Yamasaki, Nobuko Nakashima, Sam Nomi, Norman Kirihara and Frank Hata.

Kato, who served as his class president for three terms, was named the most outstanding student body president in the history of his school. Kirihara and Nomi are CSF life members, the latter receiving a UCLA scholarship.

Utah Nisei ordained

SALT LAKE CITY. — Peter Iwao Ota, son of the Rev. and Mrs. Tosuke Ota, was ordained to the ministry of the Presbytery of Utah at the Japanese Church of Christ June 27.

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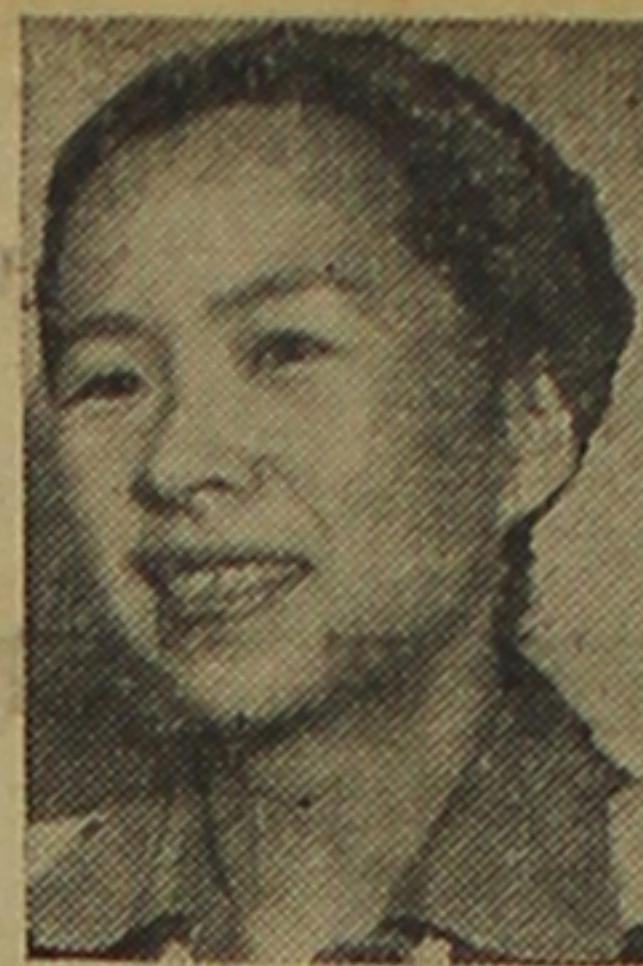
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Honorary 'Nisei'

Los Angeles

Recently our ed Harry Honda echoed what we and numerous other JACL readers and friends have often wondered about—"unJapanese" names on the JACL membership roster. We've often wondered about who they were, why they joined, and how they became interested in Japanese Americans. Having our curiosity aroused about "Chonmage-san" Johnny Glynn who used to be with the Arizona chapter as public relations director, as well as an active Thousand Club member of the Pacific Southwest area, we wrote him some questions.

In reply we received a heart-warming letter from John Glynn which would be of interest to all Nisei, as follows:

"In regard to my interest in the Nisei—. Having been raised in the wheat country of Kansas where no one knows of any discrimination, I encountered my first trouble in Texas through their policy of refusing to let Negro Americans sit in the front section of busses and segregating them into the rear section for 'Colored Folks'.

"Coming to Arizona in 1943, I must confess, I knew nothing of the evacuation until considerably after it had occurred. But when I learned of it, considered it a most disgraceful happening of the U.S. After service during WW2 and subsequent discharge I returned to Glendale, Arizona, as a department store manager and made numerous acquaintances among the Nisei there.

"My position gave me a chance to put four Nisei girls to work at one time, which broke a precedent there in hiring practices. Though some questioned my judgment, I went ahead and the Nisei girls proved their abilities and were eventually accepted in a wonderful way by all concerned—the boss, fellow workers, and the public. This gave other business houses the incentive to follow suit in employing Nisei clerks, and some of my own girls 'graduated' to other fine positions with other firms and did exceptionally well."

A Friend's Wish

Continues Johnny, "I sincerely hope that more and more Nisei will become interested in civic problems, politics, etc. and work for such good causes as the JACL Endowment Fund, Thousand Club and such. If they all pitch in, the Nisei Americans can prevent such a tragic happening as the Evacuation from ever happening again. Some tend to shy away from politics but leading examples like Mike Masaoka should be an example for many to follow in the realm of politics and good government.

"The Nisei will realize how much they can actually accomplish and more aggressive Nisei like Mike will make them politically stronger. The Nisei should never allow themselves to become politically weak and impotent.

"We were able to get a couple of Nisei on the teaching staffs in this area and if more had been available, I could have gotten many more placed. We really feel that a lot of progress has been made and with all the present effective public relations, more progress will be made in the future. A lot more progress can always be made in every area."

Updating John

Two and a half years ago, John Glynn moved to Albuquerque, N.M., and to manage a Western Clothing store, but shortly thereafter he went into business for himself and now operates the thriving and attractive Stockman's Store. Now a member of the Albuquerque chapter, he holds the chairmanship of



John "Chonmage" Glynn, staunch friend of the Nisei and Albuquerque JACLer, seems to have abandoned his "chonmage" for an attractive "hige".

the 1000 Club there, and is also active in the American Legion there.

Smiling Johnny of the big friendly "ojos" is at present sporting a terrifically impressive beard according to a snapshot received. Says he, "Oh yes, this is the 250th Anniversary of Albuquerque and we all have had to grow beards and what a burly-looking bunch this is! We have to wear this foliage through July 14—instead of Rock-and-Roll, it will be Itch-and-Scratch."

Any Others?

If any readers have non-Nisei friends who are JACL members and who deserve mention in the PC columns for their worthwhile activities in the cause of human relations and goodwill, integration and what-have-you, please write in. We will be happy to give credit where it is due to all good honorary Nisei. Lift off the old barrel and let the light shine.

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WASHINGTON NEWSLETTER: by Mike Masaoka



Walter-McCarran act

Washington

June 27 marked the fourth anniversary of the enactment, over President Truman's veto, of the Immigration and Nationality (Walter-McCarran) Act of 1952.

Though much of the controversy over the legislation continues to rage, it is interesting to observe that most of the dire predictions made concerning its operations

have, happily, proved groundless and that most of the beneficial consequences claimed for Asians, particularly those of Japanese ancestry, have, also happily, come about.

Since the Act itself did not become operative until December 24, 1952, only three and a half years have passed since its effective date.

In this short period of time, nearly 25,000 resident alien Japanese who previously were denied the privileges of citizenship have become naturalized citizens of their adopted land, the United States. Moreover, some 25,000 immigrant Japanese have been admitted into this country for permanent residence in this same period.

This is not to say that the JACL is completely satisfied with the Walter-McCarran Act, because it is not. But, history is vindicating JACL's position that the 1952 codification represented substantial and significant improvement over the then existing hodgepodge of laws in the field and would result in tremendous good for those of Asian ancestry.

At the forthcoming National JACL Convention in San Francisco this Labor Day weekend, delegates to the National Council will review this subject matter and determine its course of action for the next congressional session. Regardless of specific positions taken in relation to the Walter-McCarran Act, JACL should continue its role as the champion and spokesman for equality of consideration and opportunity for immigration from the Far East, especially from Japan.

New Coalition in House . . .

In the past several sessions of the Congress, the balance of power has rested with an alliance of Southern Conservatives and Northern Republicans regardless of which party was in control. This was particularly true in the House, and especially so in the Rules Committee where Dixiecrat Democrats teamed with Northern GOPsters with conservative sympathies to bottle up bills approved by the various legislative committees which the members of this unofficial ad hoc coalition felt were "radical" or "too liberal" or "socialistic".

It now appears that a new alliance has been made, between the "Liberal" Democrats and the Northern Republicans. At least this is the picture as the House Rules Committee last week reported out the controversial federal school construction bill and as the Democrat-Republican bloc attempt to report out the President's civil rights program.

The lengths to which the die-hard Southern reactionaries will go, however, to prevent consideration of bills to which they are opposed was demonstrated again last week when Chairman Howard W. Smith of Virginia prevented a vote which would have authorized House debate on the civil rights legislation by adroit parliamentary maneuvering.

The "liberals" in the Congress must learn and practice the same persistent and consistent techniques used by the Dixiecrats if they are ever to win their legislative battles consistently. They must be willing to devote as much time and attention to those bills in which they are concerned as those who oppose them. And, most important, they must be as united behind the bills they want as the opposition is bound together.

In any event, analysis of the reasons motivating this new coalition in Congress appears to point to the desire of both the Northern Democrats and the Northern Republicans to secure the Negro vote, which in several key and pivotal states may be the crucial factor in whether one party's candidates or the other's will win the November congressional and presidential elections.

As far as the chances for the school construction bill is concerned, it will probably hinge on whether the so-called Powell Amendment denying funds to school districts practicing racial segregation is voted by the House or not.

And, the House vote on any civil rights bill will be more or less for the record alone, for it is inconceivable at this point that the hard-core of the Southern resistance in the Senate will allow any legislation which they so vehemently oppose to be enacted so late in the session without a filibuster. This threat of filibuster, which would endanger the entire legislative program, serves as a potent reminder to all alliances and coalitions in the Congress that the Deep South of old lives on and cannot be ignored or bypassed.

Mieko Kosobayashi . . .

Five years minus one day after she became secretary of the Washington JACL Office, Mieko Kosobayashi, affectionately known as Myke, resigned to accept an Air Force assignment in Japan.

Myke joined the Washington Office when the legislative battle for naturalization and immigration privileges for persons of Japanese ancestry was reaching a climax. After the enactment of the Walter-McCarran Act in 1952, she participated in the adjustment period when the Washington Office was engaged in the not so dramatic but nevertheless just as important responsibility of "watchdog" of Issei-Nisei interests.

A friendly, personable young lady, she was most helpful to many who visited the Office for information or help. A conscientious and able worker, she spent long and tedious hours in the Office to make certain that the necessary letters and statements were out on time.

Though we shall miss her, both as a secretary and as a person, we wish her well in her new assignment. We know that the Air Force has gained a competent secretary and the

Magnuson and Dirksen support of evacuation claims bill on Senate floor enabled earlier consideration than was expected

WASHINGTON. — Hope that the House would be able to concur in the Senate amendment to the evacuation claims bill was expressed this week by Mike Masaoka, Washington representative of the Japanese American Citizens League and Committee on Japanese American Evacuation Claims.

The expression came after Masaoka had talked with counsel Cy Brickfield and staff director Walter Lee of the House Judiciary Committee.

Masaoka, in the meantime, expressed his thanks to Senators Warren G. Magnuson (D., Wash.) and Everett M. Dirksen (R., Ill.) for their statements in the Congressional Record and for their leadership in securing consideration of the bill much earlier than would have been otherwise possible.

In lengthy statements detailing the reasons for the Evacuation Claims Act of 1948, the need for the expeditious determination of the remaining claims, and what HR 7763 sought to accomplish, Senators Dirksen and Magnuson eloquently supported the evacuation claims bill then pending before the Senate.

Senator Dirksen, in advocating the compromise settlement of the larger remaining claims, said:

"The proposed legislation is the logical extension of the compromise settlement program for the smaller claims. Unless it is approved, it will take another decade or more to complete this program."

"In addition to this compromise settlement authority, with a Court of Claims alternative, HR 7763 validates three types of claims presently not considered compensable."

"Profit and non-profit corporations, the majority of whose stock or members on December 7, 1941, were persons of Japanese ancestry are declared to be eligible claimants. In the light of common business practices, where corporate entities are recognized as legal personages, we believe that this claims program should take this

traditional concept into consideration.

"West Coast internees who suffered property losses as a consequence of the evacuation, and not of their internment, are also recognized as eligible claimants. In this connection it should be made clear that other internees, including those of Japanese ancestry residing outside of the evacuated areas, were able to carry on their businesses and to maintain their homes, even though they were interned, because their families and friends were able to carry on their activities in their behalf. This was not true in the case of west coast internees from the evacuated areas since their families and their friends of Japanese ancestry were subsequently removed and, therefore, not able to continue the operations on behalf of these internees. It is clear that no disloyal person will be compensated, however, because of the so-called dangerous internees were expatriated or deported to Japan during and after the war and are not in this country at this time."

"Finally, some 75 claims totaling some \$150,000 which were post-marked prior to the January 3, 1950, deadline but were received after that bar date by the Attorney General in Washington are to be considered as timely filed within the meaning of the act."

Senator Magnuson who then followed Senator Dirksen, included in his statement the House report and elaborated on the Senate amendment and the items which were eliminated in the House Judiciary Subcommittee on Claims.

Said Senator Magnuson: "The Senate Committee on the Judiciary accepted the House-approved bill with but one amendment, and that to limit the authority of the Attorney General to compromise in an amount 'not to exceed \$100,000'."

"It is my belief that this Senate amendment is an appropriate one, for the Attorney General should have some limits to his discretion

in such matters. On the other hand, I do not believe that this limitation prevents the Attorney General from reaching a settlement a claims over \$100,000 and for amounts in excess of \$100,000 when that claim is in litigation before the Court of Claims and is agreed to by both the claimant and the court itself, for this is an established principle which this Senate amendment does not impinge upon. Also, it is my opinion that this \$100,000 limitation on the Attorney General's power to compromise claims does not prohibit the Court of Claims from making an award in excess of that amount."

"In any event, this legislation is needed in order that this program can be completed within a reasonable period so that those who suffered the losses and who filed claims may be the beneficiaries of this legislation of grace while they are still alive."

In commenting on the items which were eliminated, Senator Magnuson said: "The Chairman of the Judiciary Subcommittee on Claims introduced HR 7763, to include those recommendations which the subcommittee on two occasions had felt required legislation. Unfortunately, not because they lacked merit, but because their inclusion would substantially reopen the entire project and would thereby delay, and not expedite, the final conclusion of this program, the House Judiciary committee eliminated provisions directing the Attorney General to more liberally and generously evaluate management and conservation expenses, crop losses, and rental values."

"At the same time, the House Judiciary Committee made it clear that its actions did not foreclose future consideration of these items by the Attorney General, for it is intended that the Attorney General continue to determine the extent or amount of the losses suffered on the same basis as he has been doing since the inception of the program."

"Moreover the House Judiciary Committee makes it clear that claimants who are not satisfied with either or both the amounts and the compensable items allowed may seek recourse to the Court of Claims for a final determination on judicial grounds."

HR 7763, as amended, was passed by the House unanimously on March 5, and was passed by the Senate unanimously with one amendment, limiting compromise settlements to \$100,000, on June 19.

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CALENDAR

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June 30 (Saturday)
D.C.—Graduates' picnic supper, Homewood Recreation Center, 4 p.m.; dance, 9 p.m.
Orange County — Inter-Club Council carnival, Buena Park Recreation Park.

July 1 (Sunday)
Reno—Community picnic, California Bldg.
Sonoma County — Community picnic, Doran State Park, Bodega Bay.
Cleveland — Community picnic, Wexland's Lake Park.

July 4 (Wednesday)
Ventura County—Community picnic, West L.A.—Community picnic, Ladera Park.

July 15 (Sunday)
Pasadena—Steak Bake, Oak Grove Park, 3 p.m.
Detroit—Community picnic, Middle Rouge Park.
Seattle—Community picnic.
Twin Cities—Fishing derby, Forest Lake.

July 14 (Saturday)
Eden Township—Community picnic, Roberts Rec. Area 1, Oakland, 11 a.m.

July 7 (Saturday)
Chicago—1000 Club Funzappoppin dinner-dance, North Park Hotel, 6:30 p.m.

July 14 (Saturday)
Stockton—Coronation dinner-dance, Empire Room, Clark Hotel, 7:30 p.m.

July 22 (Sunday)
NC-WNDC—Pre-convention rally, Sequoia CL hosts, Rickey's Studio Club.

East L.A.—Fishing derby.
Venice-Culver—Graduates' beach party (tent.)
Downtown L.A.—Benefit concert, Koyasan Hall, Shige Yano, soprano.

July 6 (Friday)
San Jose—Chapter queen dance.

July 7 (Saturday)
Livingston-Merced — Lake Yosemite outing, Scott Island.

July 8 (Sunday)
Hollywood—Beach party, Playa del Rey Area 2, 11 a.m.

Los Angeles county FEPC proposal tabled by 4-1 vote; Clers introduced 'for' bill

While admitting some discrimination about hiring of minority-group workers in Los Angeles county area industries, there is not enough to make the issue big enough to require a corrective law, the board of supervisors indicated Tuesday.

The board voted 4-1 to "take under advisement" arguments on a proposed county fair employment practices ordinance.

The action is construed as placing the subject for further study and may be reopened at a future date.

Tats Kushida, So. Calif. JACL regional director, and Saburo Kido, past National JACL president, were presented as those urging passage of the ordinance.

The original motion for a county-wide FEPC was made by Kenneth Hahn to make discrimination against applicant worker on racial

or religious grounds a misdemeanor and create a five-man commission to enforce the act.

John Anson Ford, who favors the law, then motioned for "more time" to study its ramifications, resulting in the 4-1 decision.

Board chairman Burton Chace, who cast the single "no" vote, insisted it was a state-level problem and argued that a county ordinance, only applicable in unincorporated territory, would be ineffective.

Proponents included representatives from the Catholic Labor Institute, American Jewish Congress, So. Calif. Council of Protestant Church, NAACP, Church Federation of Los Angeles and others.

Opponents to the measure, while favoring non-discrimination, accented the problem should be cured by education and cooperation—not force.

Yego brothers win county political posts; Tad goes Republican, Masayuki Democrat

AUBURN. — For many years the late Tom M. Yego was known among the Nisei and in Placer County as "Mr. Republican" for his activities in behalf of the GOP.

At his untimely death last February he was a member of the

United States Government an unofficial ambassador who will contribute much to better international understanding and relations. Myke's friends in and out of JACL join in wishing her "bon voyage" and "Godspeed".

Placer County Republican central committee, a post he had filled for many years.

His place on the committee has been filled by his youngest brother Tadashi, who was elected as one of the four members from the district 2 to the county committee in the June 5 election.

However, Tadashi won't be the only Yego active in county politics.

In the same election, his brother Masayuki Yego was elected to the Placer County Democratic central committee, also from district 2.

The county clerk's office here this past week confirmed their election.

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