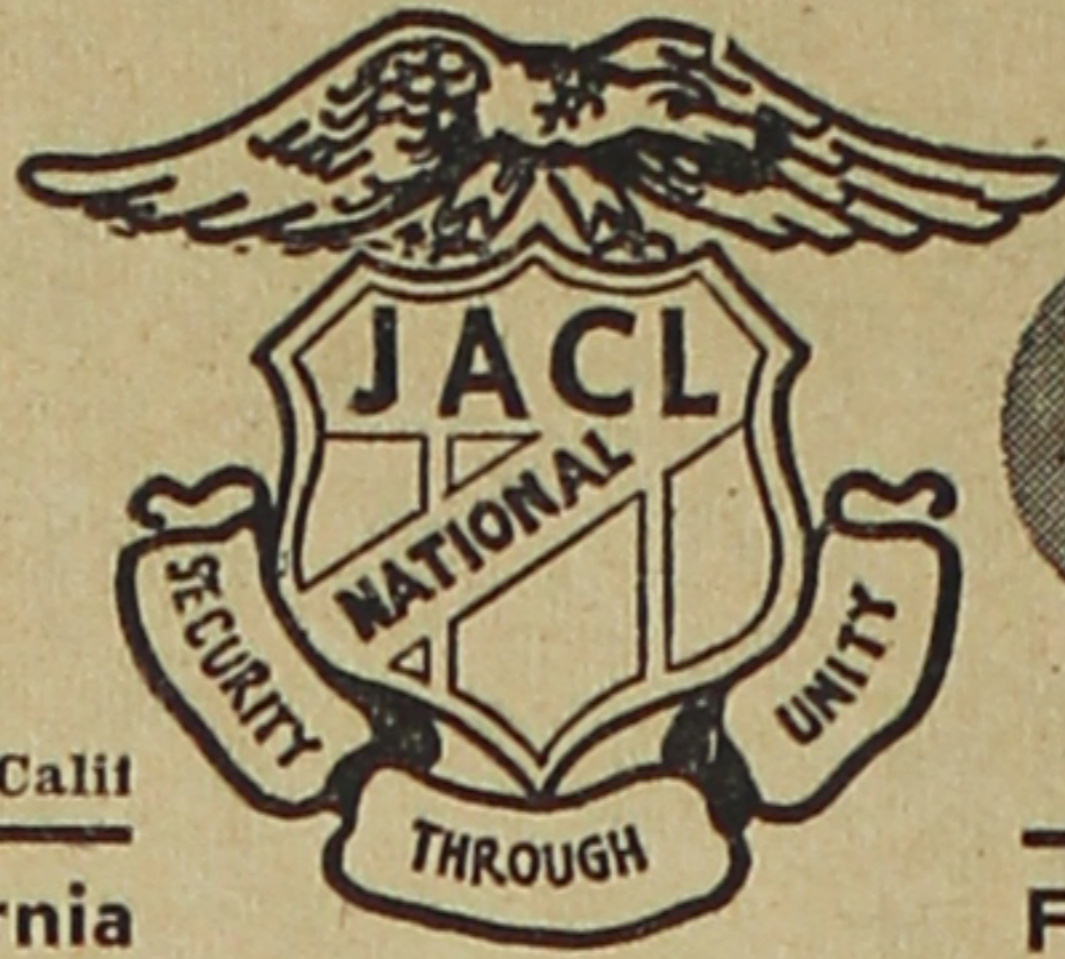


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## PRESIDENT'S CORNER:

In the beautiful Oregon country

"How come we don't go on a vacation this year?"

"We wanna go on a vacation, too."

"Uncle Sho's taking Bev and Janice up in the mountains."

"Yeah, and Uncle Ike's taking Benjie fishing."

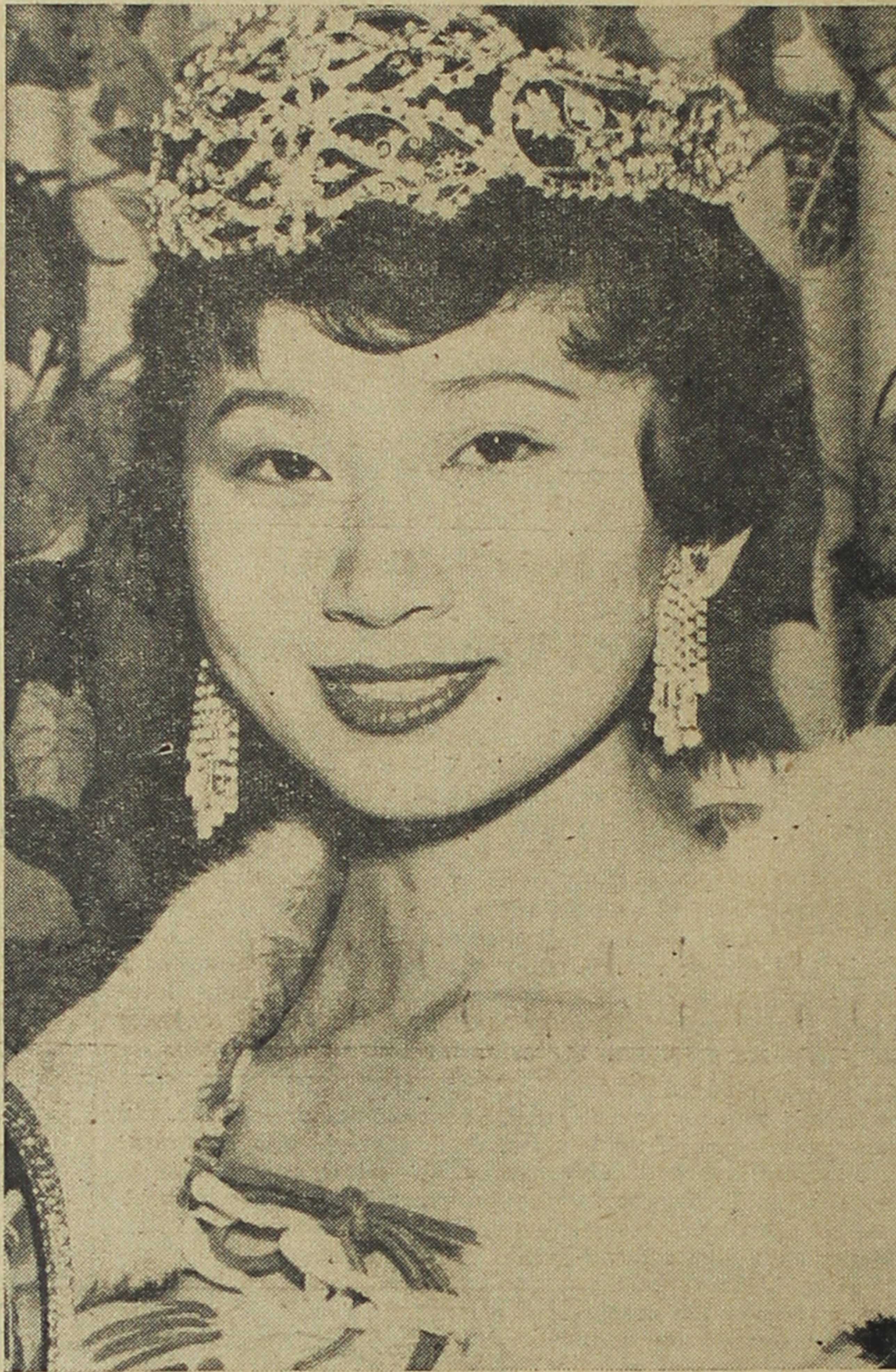
"Gee whiz, looks like we're the only ones don't get to go anywhere, huh?"

That's the stream of conversation Patti and Chris have been exchanging for the past month. Although the National JACL Convention comes up in five weeks and our trying to get established in a new business, the Ole Man finally succumbed. By the time this reaches print, the Inagakis should be well ensconced in the Northwest. While we can't stay there long, it'll be just long enough to get the pressure off me. And long enough to catch a few fish providing Ray Sato and Choppy Yasui in Hood River are free to take me to their favorite trout hole. (That's a joke, folks. Those two fellows will take off for fishing with any kind of an excuse and they tell me that as excuses go they've used worse.)

Just to ease my conscience, we'll stop over in San Francisco to get the low-down on how preparations for the national convention are progressing. I know that they're coming along fine, but I want to know just how good. Then, when I return, there'll be a first hand on-the-level report from me.

There'll also be a report on how things are up Oregon way. Maybe next year, particularly if this real estate venture fizzles, I'll start a "kankodan" into that beautiful Oregon country.

—George Inagaki



Sacramento JACL's candidate, Sharon Nishimi, 20, was selected Miss National JACL of 1956 at the NC-WNDC pre-convention rally at Palo Alto last Sunday. She will be present at the PSWDC pre-convention rally at Hollywood Riviera Club in Redondo Beach this Sunday and at the CCDC pre-convention rally in Fresno Aug. 4. Miss Nishimi, who is 5 ft. 6 in. and 112 lbs., will return as a third-year student at Sacramento State College in the fall.

## SHARON NISHIMI OF SACRAMENTO CROWNED 'MISS NAT'L JACL-'56'

PALO ALTO. — A tall, stately lass from Sacramento, Sharon Nishimi, was accorded queenly honors of Miss National JACL of 1956 last Sunday over five other aspirants. The 20-year-old beauty, in one of her first duties, will be present at JACL district council pre-convention rallies this Sunday at Redondo Beach and Saturday next week at Fresno.

The final judging was held at Rickey's Studio Inn and the results were announced by Mrs. Barbara Fredricksen, formerly "Miss Dallas" during a dance intermission coronation ceremony at the third quarterly Northern California-Western Nevada JACL District Council gathering here.

Mrs. Frederiksen crowned the lovely and stately winner who will reign as official hostess at the coming 14th biennial National JACL convention in San Francisco Aug. 31 to Sept. 3.

The other five contestants have been invited to serve as attendants during the convention. They are Elaine Harada, San Francisco; Ann Yamamoto, San Jose; Barbara Arimoto, Sequoia of Redwood City; Carol Narahara, Alameda, and Susan Shiba of Stockton.

Miss Nishimi is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Toshihiko Nishimi of 3925 - 1st Ave., Sacramento.

Both of them were among the large Sacramento contingent attending the day's activities to give her their support. Nishimi is a building general contractor.

Miss Nishimi was the tallest of the six candidates, being 5 ft. 6 in. She weighs 112 lbs. She is a part-time worker at the California motor vehicle department.

The girls participated in an outdoor parade at the pool earlier in the day. Four of them appeared in bathing suits, including Miss Nishimi. The others were Miss Harada, Miss Arimoto and Miss Shiba.

At the ceremony, Miss Nishimi wore a white tulle nylon floor

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## NISEI WIN COLORADO GOP ASSEMBLY POSTS

FT. LUPTON. — Floyd Koshio and Lee Murata of precinct 37 and Frank Urano of precinct 1 were elected delegates to the Weld County Republican Assembly at a recent party election. Jim Ishida and Amy Urano were named alternates.

Ft. Lupton Nisei have been active in civic and community affairs and in recent years have assumed a more active role in local politics. Koshio was past Mt. Plains DC chairman.

## NEWLY QUALIFIED INTERNEE CLAIMS TO BE PROCESSED FIRST BY GOV'T

WASHINGTON. — Claims which were made compensable by the recently enacted Lane-Hillings Act to expedite the final determination of remaining evacuation claims will be processed and compromise offers made where applicable before remaining claims are considered under the new statute, the Dept. of Justice this week informed the Washington Office of the Japanese American Citizens League.

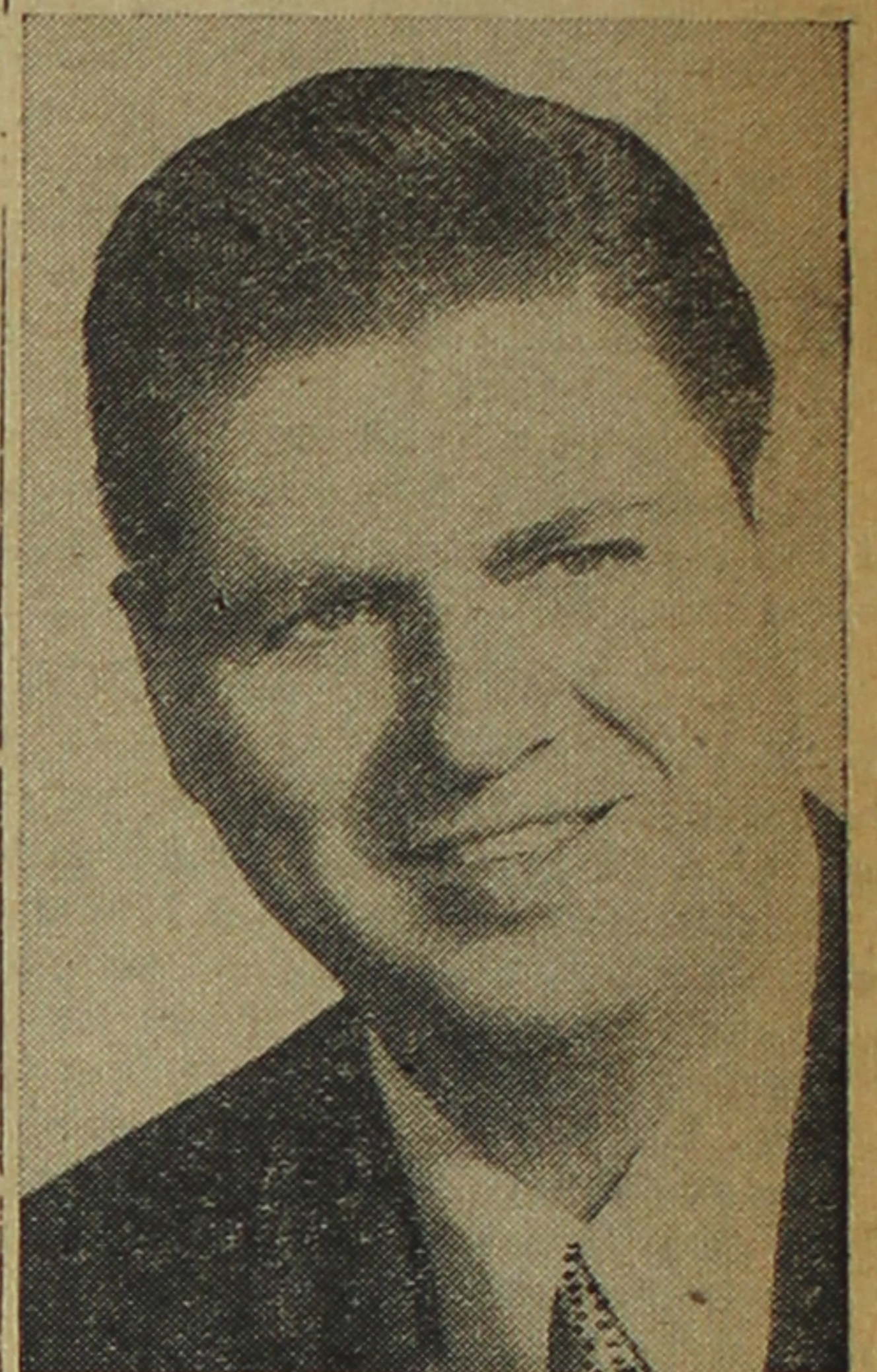
These newly eligible claims are those of west coast internees, corporations and other legal entities of persons of Japanese ancestry, and those which were postmarked but received in Washington after the January 3, 1950, deadline for filing claims.

Since most of these newly compensable claims were set aside or dismissed, it should not be too difficult a problem to consider them quickly and to offer compromise settlements on all those whose awards will be under \$100,000, officials in charge of the program advised the JACL office.

This is particularly true insofar as the claims of internees are concerned, since in most cases these internees had wives who received their half of the claims under the community property laws of their respective states. In these cases where the wives have already received their half, the claims are already evaluated and the offer to the husband - internee claimant should not be difficult to determine.

Mike Masaoka, Washington JACL and COJAEC representative, pointed out, however, that because the

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Maxwell Mr. Rabb, adviser to President Eisenhower on minority problems and secretary to the Cabinet of the United States, will be guest speaker at the 14th biennial National Convention banquet at the Sheraton-Palace Hotel, San Francisco, Sept. 3.

—Photo by Richard Rembrandt.

## Max Rabb to be guest speaker at Convention banquet

WASHINGTON. — Maxwell M. Rabb, Secretary to the Cabinet of the United States and adviser to the President on minority problems, has accepted the invitation to be guest speaker at the banquet of the 14th biennial national convention of the Japanese American Citizens League, the White House informed the Washington JACL Office last week.

The banquet, to be held in the Gold Room of the Sheraton-Palace Hotel in San Francisco, Sept. 3, is the traditional climax to biennial JACL conventions.

"Because Mr. Rabb has been the President's adviser on civil rights and immigration matters, as well as Secretary to the Cabinet, we are pleased that he will be able to speak to us at our forthcoming national convention," Mike Masaoka, Washington JACL representative, declared on hearing the news. He added that during the past four years Rabb has been most helpful to JACL in matters relating to Americans of Japanese ancestry, including the recently enacted amendment to the Evacuation Claims Act to expedite the final determination of the remaining claims.

Born in Boston, Mass., Sept. 28, 1910, he received his A.B. degree from Harvard in 1932 and his LL.B. from Harvard Law School in 1935. A resident of Boston, he has been a member of the Massachusetts and Federal Bar since October, 1935.

He served as secretary to Sen. Henry Cabot Lodge, Jr., now United States Representative to the United Nations and representative in the Security Council, for six years, commencing in 1937. He

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## RACIAL BIAS OF REALTY BOARD SUBJECT IN DAMAGE TEST CASES

Two suits in the South Gate superior court have assumed national importance, the ACLU publication Open Forum reported this week, by challenging the authority of real estate groups to compel discrimination in housing by coercion of their members.

Target of the two damage suits is the Southeast Realty Board which expelled Harry Beddoe and Earl Wing from the organization for negotiating sales of property to members of minority races as "undesirable property transactions".

ACLU counsel A. L. Wirin, who filed a friend of the court brief before Superior Judge Maurice C. Sparling on June 18, said the two cases will affect realty boards across the nation because they all have rules similar to the Southeast Board's canon 35, which is under attack.

Judge Sparling denied a motion to dismiss Beddoe's \$42,000 damage suit against the board and while sustaining a demurrer in Wing's case, allowed attorney Mark Joseph time to file an amended complaint.

## San Francisco C. of C. endorses Proposition 13

SAN FRANCISCO.—The San Francisco Chamber of Commerce board of directors last week endorsed state ballot Proposition 13, which repeals the Alien Land Law from the state statutes.

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Why should there be losers in a queen contest? The four in this photograph from San Jose JACL's Coronation Ball held at the Hawaiian Gardens July 6 is a beautiful example. Yet as rules hold, Ann Yamamoto (third from left) was selected Miss San Jose JACL. The 20-year-old dental assistant is 5 ft. 3½ in. and 110 lbs. Her court (left to right) is composed of Evelyn Naito, 21; Arlene Mitsunaga, 20; and Aline Fukumura, 23. —Jumura Photo.

**FROM THE FRYING PAN: by Bill Hosokawa**



**Nisei-110% Americans**

Denver

■ When War II came to its weary end, Hiroyuki Agawa was a young Japanese naval officer stationed with an intelligence team in Hankow, China. He had heard of the devastation of Hiroshima, and he feared that his family home had been destroyed and all its members wiped out. But when he got home he found

everyone had escaped in miraculous fashion. It made his return to a defeated homeland a little less desolate.

Agawa had been drafted into the navy straight out of college. Now he faced the problem of finding a profession and making his way in a nation where time had ceased to move. Agawa chose to become a writer and found inspiration for his stories in the moving experiences he and his country had been through. The first of his successes was a novel called *Ma no Isan*, which might be translated as *Devil's Legacy*. It dealt with Hiroshima's (and mankind's) baptism in the white horror of radioactive destruction. His most recent novel is *Kumo no Bohyo*, which is roughly *Tombstone in the Clouds*, written as the diary of a *Kamikaze* pilot.

**TOURING AMERICA'S BYWAYS**

■ All this is by way of introducing Agawa who, with his charming little (94 lbs.) wife, Miyo, is spending the better part of a year poking around the highways and byways of America under a Rockefeller Foundation fellowship. It should be explained that one of the restrictions the Foundation places on Agawa is that he shall not be interviewed by the press. Respecting this restriction, this reporter did not interview Agawa. But we did talk as friends.

Agawa's novels, as could be expected, had some uncomplimentary things to say about the United States. But it is to the immense credit of the Rockefeller Foundation that his views were not allowed to stand in the way when the grant was finally made. For in this, his first visit to the United States, Agawa has been deeply and favorably impressed by America and Americans.

The Agawas spent a month in Hawaii, flew to Los Angeles, traveled by rail to Seattle where he spent another month. After two months in Monterey, and some time knocking around here and there, the couple are now en route east. Some of their impressions are, of course, superficial: America is huge, America is a land of machines and gadgets to reduce the need for human labor, America is a rich land. The more profound deductions may not jell until later, perhaps not until he returns to his study in Tokyo and has had a chance to mull over his experiences.

But already, he knows beyond doubt that Americans are a kind people. Everywhere, Americans have been happy to go out of their way to give him a hand, take time to show him around, treat him in a courteous manner. In Denver the other day he and his wife were standing on a downtown corner looking for a street address mentioned in the letter they held in their hands. A middle-aged woman approached them. "I'm not very well acquainted with downtown Denver," she said, "but maybe I can help you." She directed them to the place they wanted to go.

**DISTRESSED BY SOME NISEI ATTITUDE**

■ On the other hand Agawa was puzzled, and perhaps a little distressed, to encounter Nisei who were 110 pct. Americans. To him, they seemed to be going to extraordinary lengths to deny their Japanese heritage, taking pride in the fact that they were ignorant about even the most common customs, traditions and facts of the land of their forebears. This, he feels is wrong and perhaps a symptom of a deep sense of inferiority.

Agawa went to a driving school after his arrival in the United States, qualified for a license, bought a car. He and his wife are making their way east like any young American visiting the scenic places, snapping color pictures like mad. Unlike many other visitors from Japan, who seem to be completely helpless and depend on their hosts for every kind of aid, the Agawas take pride in being independent. To conserve funds, they cook their meals in their motel, take their washing to laundromats, and drop in on friends of friends largely for guidance. It's a pleasure to have visitors of their like.

**VERY TRULY YOURS: by Harry K. Honda**

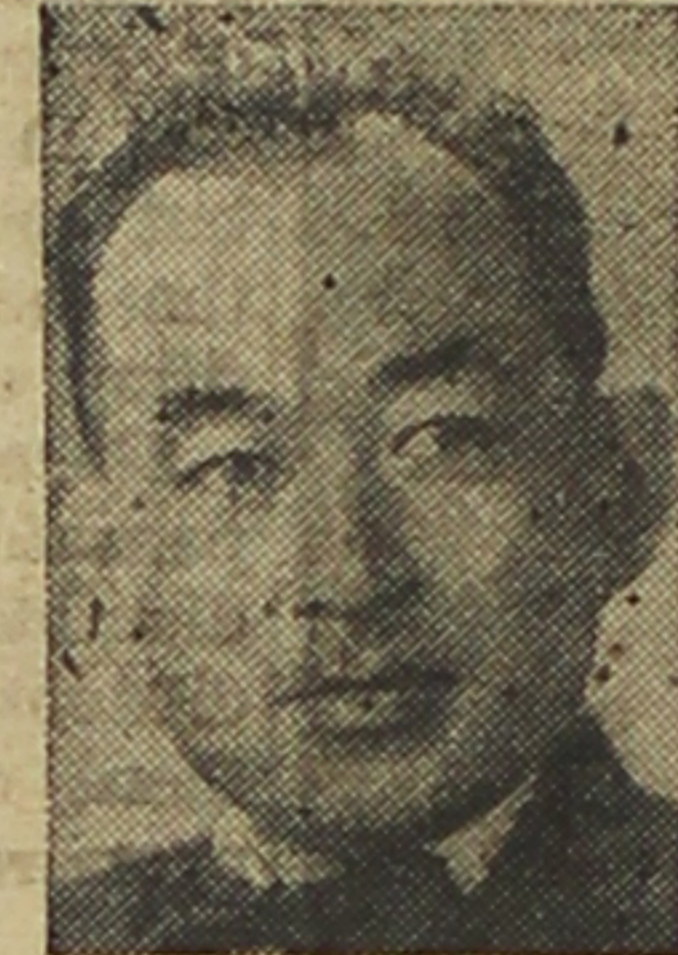


**Change of pace**

● Our esteemed colleagues in Chicago thought the PC could use a change in pace for the summer and offer some light reading. Well, we certainly shall agree with Tokuzo Gordon and Shig Wakamatsu, 1000 Club ex-chairman and Shig Wakamatsu, respectively, that what they offered in *Funzapoppin'* is a big change of pace for us . . . The pictures can only provide a glimpse of the glee and laughter that must have rocked the North Park Hotel when the Windy City windjammers of mirth embarked on their parodies . . . The theme of "the Roaring '20s" was the brainchild of Sumi Shimizu, who happens to be Tokuzo's legal secretary . . . The party easily rates as an appetizer for the forthcoming 1000 Club whing-ding in San Francisco Sept. 1—as 1000ers throughout the country who have attended them will testify . . . I don't know what theme is being planned for the national whing-ding, but if it is as

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**CHICAGO CORNER: by Smoky H. Sakurada**



**Summer weekend**

Chicago

● One way to beat the summer heat and humidity will be the Chicago JACL outing at Lake Geneva Aug. 11-12 with swimming, golf, tennis and other outdoor leisure. Reservations are being accepted by the JACL Midwest Office (MO 4-4332) until the Aug. 1 deadline. Fees are \$8 and up for cottages or \$5.75 per person for tents and it includes Saturday supper, Sunday breakfast and dinner . . . Summer camps were also announced by the Olivet Institute for children between 7 and 10 at Camp Reinberg; the boys taking over from July 23-Aug. 4, the girls from Aug. 3-18. Interested parents can call the camp director at MO 4-3930.

● Over \$1,200 was pledged by Japanese Americans toward the Olivet Institute restoration fund, which was officially launched July 16 with Dr. Thomas T. Yatabe as chairman of the Japanese American Community campaign committee. The program seeks to enlarge the seating capacity of the assembly hall and renovate the gym locker and shower rooms, which have been used extensively by Japanese American groups over the past 12 years . . . The institute has a goal of \$200,000 with the Nisei community hoping to meet \$10,000. The Olivet Institute, 1441 N. Cleveland Ave., Chicago 10, was one of the first community agencies offering its facilities to evacuees resettling here in 1943. Constant and heavy use has taken its toll over the years. Since current budgets do not allow for building rehabilitation. Among the \$100 pledgers were Corky Kawasaki, Tom Fukuda, Dr. T. T. Yatabe and Noby Yamakoshi.

● Mrs. Sada Hatanaka, 832 W. Buckingham, won the title of "Best Japanese Cook in Chicago" with her own version of *suki-yaki* at the second annual International Electric Cooking contest. Also competing were Mmes. Mary Tokuhisa, John Takemoto, George Aki, Nobuo Kurita, Flora Tanaka, Jack Okawara, Joe Nakayama, Nobu Tanaka, Shug Mizukami, Hiro Uchida, Rosie Ohka, George Suzuki and George Ito . . . Marsha Mo-

moi, 8-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Momoi, won honorable mention in guitar competition at the American Guild of Music meeting in Cincinnati. She was the first Nisei ever to compete.

**Michener writes on Japan in August Reader's Digest**

NEW YORK. — The Japanese despite their toughness and bravery in war "are the gentlest and tenderest people I have ever known," writes James A. Michener, famous author, in the August Reader's Digest.

Michener, who is married to the former Mari Sabusawa of Chicago, noted the wartime hatred of the Japanese in the hearts of millions of Americans has turned to deep affection.

**ANNUAL BUDDHIST SEMINAR SLATED FOR LOS ANGELES**

The Buddhist Churches of America will hold its two-day annual seminar of the "Teachings of Buddha" at the Nishi Hongwanji Temple here July 28-29.

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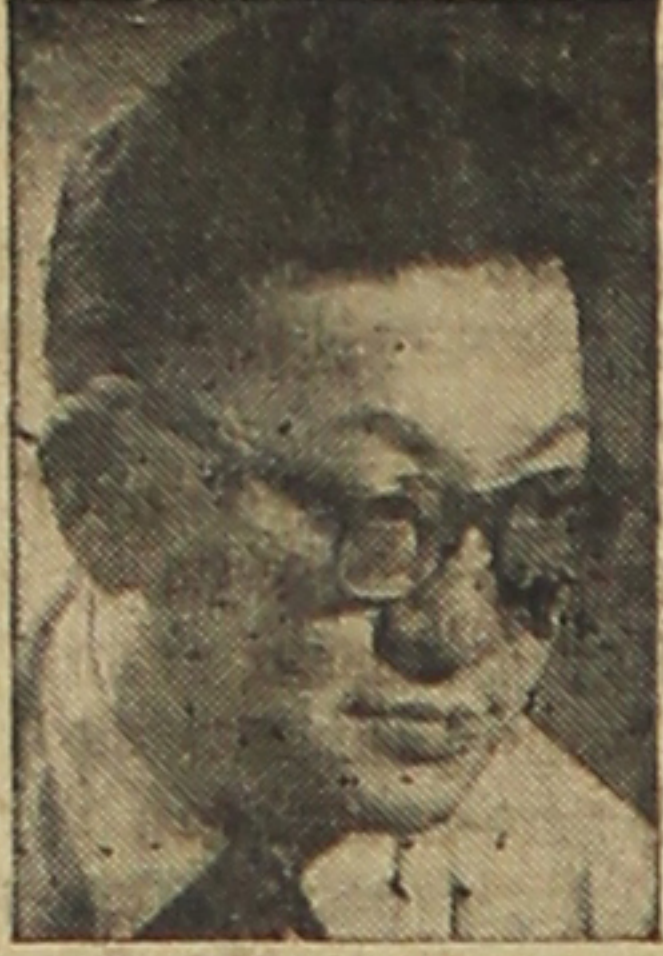
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## VAGARIES: by Larry S. Tajiri



## Equality in housing

Denver

Harassed by prejudice most of their lives, the Nisei finally are on the threshold of first class citizenship. Already, political and economic equality are realities.

But the Nisei still remain in the twilight zone of acceptance in housing. Despite the Supreme Court's historic 1948 ruling which made racially restrictive covenants unenforceable by law, Americans of Japanese ancestry are denied access to a substantial amount of new and used housing. Denial of homes, particularly in new housing areas, tends to segregate the Nisei in substandard districts.

The housing problem is one which the Japanese American shares with members of other racial and religious minorities in varying degrees. Of the groups which bear the burden of bias, discrimination is most severe against Negroes and probably least effective against members of the Jewish faith. Although conditions for the group have increased notably since the war, the Nisei rank somewhere between the two extremes. Although conditions for the group have increased notably since in housing in Denver than in any other comparable western city, an "inventory of human relations" finished a year ago by 200 volunteers from 41 civic groups reported that "the majority of Negroes, Spanish Americans and Japanese Americans are generally confined to areas with substandard or old housing."

## NEED OF MIDDLE-INCOME GROUP CITED

Denver has a number of municipal housing developments which are interracial in character, but these are designed to meet the needs of low income families and have a maximum salary provision. "The needs of middle-income families are not met by public housing," the report stated.

The situation for middle-income Nisei families in Denver is a favorable one, particularly since at least two of the city's builders of homes in the \$12,500-\$16,000 class have been selling to Nisei families on a first come, first served basis. Although some builders may still be loath to sell to Japanese Americans, there are enough homes already available to members of the group in most of booming Denver's new housing developments.

The importance of eliminating discrimination in housing was stated by Michael L. Freed, then regional director of the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith, after a survey disclosed the exclusion of Jews from two of the city's toniest residential areas, Crestmoor and Belcaro Park:

"Segregation in housing—no matter how splendid the ghettos are—prevents people of varying cultures and backgrounds from knowing one another through living experiences. Homogeneous neighborhoods, as restricted areas are euphemistically described, are the greatest single block to the elimination of prejudice in the community."

The postwar trend in housing has been the development of the suburbs. Most of these satellite communities have attempted to enforce discrimination against members of minority groups. In much of the East the Nisei is an "honorable Aryan". There have been instances of denial of homes to Nisei in the Chicago area. In the West the race line is drawn against the Oriental American as well, as Dr. Sammy Lee, a Korean American, and Sing Sheng, a Chinese American, found in two celebrated cases in California. Both the Sammy Lee and the Sing Sheng incidents made headlines and touched the conscience of the state, but the discriminations still remain. Giant communities like Lakewood, that town of 70,000 just outside of Los Angeles, have been created in the postwar years in which children will have no contact with non-whites in their schools or in community affairs.

## ALL-WHITE SUBURBS OF WEST COAST

The all-white towns like Lakewood are setting a pattern of discrimination for the future.

The analysis that discrimination is general against the Nisei in certain areas of new housing on the Pacific Coast is one developed from publicized instances of refusal to sell homes to Japanese Americans. For every case reported, it can be assumed that a dozen other denials go unreported. Home sellers often resort to subterfuge to enforce discrimination, particularly since the Supreme Court has withdrawn the power and dignity of the law from the racially restrictive covenant. In recent weeks a Nisei employee at a chemical plant has been refused a house in Concord, Calif. A teacher was turned down in Centerville, Calif. There was a happier ending to the predicament of a war veteran, Jerry Ushijima, who was refused a loan on a home in a new tract in Las Vegas, Nev. Action by the JACL and the American Legion resulted in reconsideration of the mortgage.

There is a survey now under way which may disclose the extent of housing discrimination faced by Nisei and other Oriental Americans. During the past year the Commission on Race and Housing, an independent group operating under a grant from The Fund for the Republic—a Ford Foundation subsidiary—has been conducting a study of Oriental housing in California. The Nisei phase of this study recently got under way and 100 Japanese American families of a total of 300 in San Francisco and 200 in Berkeley were interviewed. The project is under the direction of Dr. Davis McEntire of the University of California and the Nisei section is headed by Harry Kitano of Oakland.

The results of the survey will provide a format for action to meet this most pressing of the problems of prejudice. But, because study groups are deliberate in their approach and in the assessment of their research, a long time may pass before the results are released. There is need for early action by the Nisei to meet the situation in concert with other groups affected by the closed door in housing.

No Nisei who has tried to buy a home will deny that the problem exists.

## San Benito JACL float wins again in Fiesta Rodeo

SAN JUAN BAUTISTA. — Almost 50,000 spectators along the Fiesta Rodeo parade route July 15 applauded the prize-winning San Benito County JACL float.

Lavishly decorated with fresh flowers with a theme of "Fiesta Fellowship", the JACL entry won the Joe Jacinto Memorial Trophy for the second time. A third win will mean permanent possession of this prize given to the best amateur float from Supervisorial District 2.

The parade was the longest in its history with over 80 entrants participating. The fiesta is held to commemorate the founding of the old California mission here.

## HOUSE PASSES CIVIL RIGHTS BILL MONDAY

WASHINGTON. — The House Monday passed the civil rights bill by a vote of 279-126 and supporters started a longshot effort to stave off apparently certain death in the Senate.

A powerful coalition of Republicans and northern Democrats drove the bill to final passage after a "baby filibuster" was staged by the outnumbered Dixie bloc that delayed action for a week.

## INEQUALITIES OF CANADA CITIZENSHIP CITED BY NEGRO GROUP LEADER

GENEVA PARK, Ont. — The president of the Canadian Negro Citizenship Association last week said that Canada's boast of equal rights for all newcomers doesn't jibe with facts.

Donald Moore told the conference of Inter-Group Relations that "we pretend to have equal rights in Canada but actually we do not."

He said there "are unequal rights for newcomers" although a European and an Asiatic might get citizenship papers the same day and be told "you have equal rights with all others in Canada."

"Why pretend they have equal rights when, for example, an Italian has the right to bring his wife, mother, father, sisters and brothers to Canada, while a Japanese, as another example, can only bring his wife?"

"If we are to profess equality, let's get down to the practical aspect," Moore said.

## Methodist layman

Kazuo Saito, outstanding Nisei Methodist laymen of Los Angeles, was recently named to the Methodist Church national board of evangelism at Colorado Springs, Colo.

## IKE'S BROTHER TO HEAD JOHNS HOPKINS UNIV.

BALTIMORE. — Dr. Milton S. Eisenhower, brother of the President, was elected eighth president of Johns Hopkins University here this week. Formerly president of Pennsylvania State University, he was the first director of the War Relocation Authority in 1942.

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## THE NORTHWEST PICTURE: by Elmer Ogawa



## Seafair sails fly

Seattle

About the time this issue is delivered in Seattle, the sails of the Seafair Pirates will appear over the horizon, a landing will be made and the invasion of Davey Jones, Captain Kidd and their barefoot boys will herald the beginning of 12 days of lusty shenanigans and civic celebrations.

The Buddhist groups will stage two evenings of Bon Odori dancing, which will be the sum total of the Japanese community contribution to the city-wide celebration, but more about this later.

Last year, the long tenure of the Gold Cup hydroplane races was surrendered to Detroit on a scoring technicality but shades of the old Seattle spirit came up with a new one for the unlimiteds in the Seafair Trophy Race, described as the "biggest and richest".

Biggest because the 13 entries now in will be swelled to at least 19 by the time the trials start on July 31, and the richest because the \$25,000 purse is unprecedented. Hydroplane racing has heretofore been considered a pastime for well heeled sportsmen and beyond the inducement of paltry prize monies.

Officials of Greater Seattle Inc. estimate that 500,000 visitors will help swell local crowds in witnessing the scores of events.

King Neptune, his Prime Minister and the King's Guard in all their finery will later be joined by a newly chosen Queen of the Seafair, and will eventually on the last day triumph in the burning of the pirate's ship and cause the renegades to depart the city for another year.

To give a quick run down of Seafair events: Aqua Follies nightly in the Aqua Theatre; a review of 24 U.S. Navy ships and four of the Royal Canadian Navy whose crews get plenty of shore leave during the week; ten parades, including two colossals, one at day and one at night; five street dances; Scandinavian Festival; International Scottish Highland games; Italian Festival; Lake City Pioneer Days with cowboys and Indians; the Negro Community's Mardi Gras with six nights of carnival; Chinatown Night, including one of the parades, one of the street dances, Chinese opera, fashion show, art exhibit, and bazaar; and also for couple hours on Aug. 4 and 5, the Bon Odori. In addition there are scores of less spectacular events, from chess to archery.

## Int'l Festivals

This is the seventh Seafair. The first was in 1950. During '50, '51, and '52 there was an "International Festival" which was held in the Jackson, King, Main Streets area, and featured full participation by the Chinese, Japanese, Filipino and Negro Communities which we attempt to rate herewith on financial contributions and talent contributions to the outdoor show.

The first Nisei Queen was attractive and talented UW senior May Tsutsumoto, who, under Harry Takagi's administration, was elected JACL Queen of the Northwest Convention, and also Seafair queen, as the two affairs came off almost

## Portland JACL schedules pre-convention meeting

PORTLAND. — The local JACL will hold a pre-convention meeting on Thursday, Aug. 9, at the Nikkeijin Kai. Makoto Iwashita is handling national JACL registrations for Portland CLers. The meeting is open to both Issei and Nisei wishing to be more fully informed on the 14th biennial convention.



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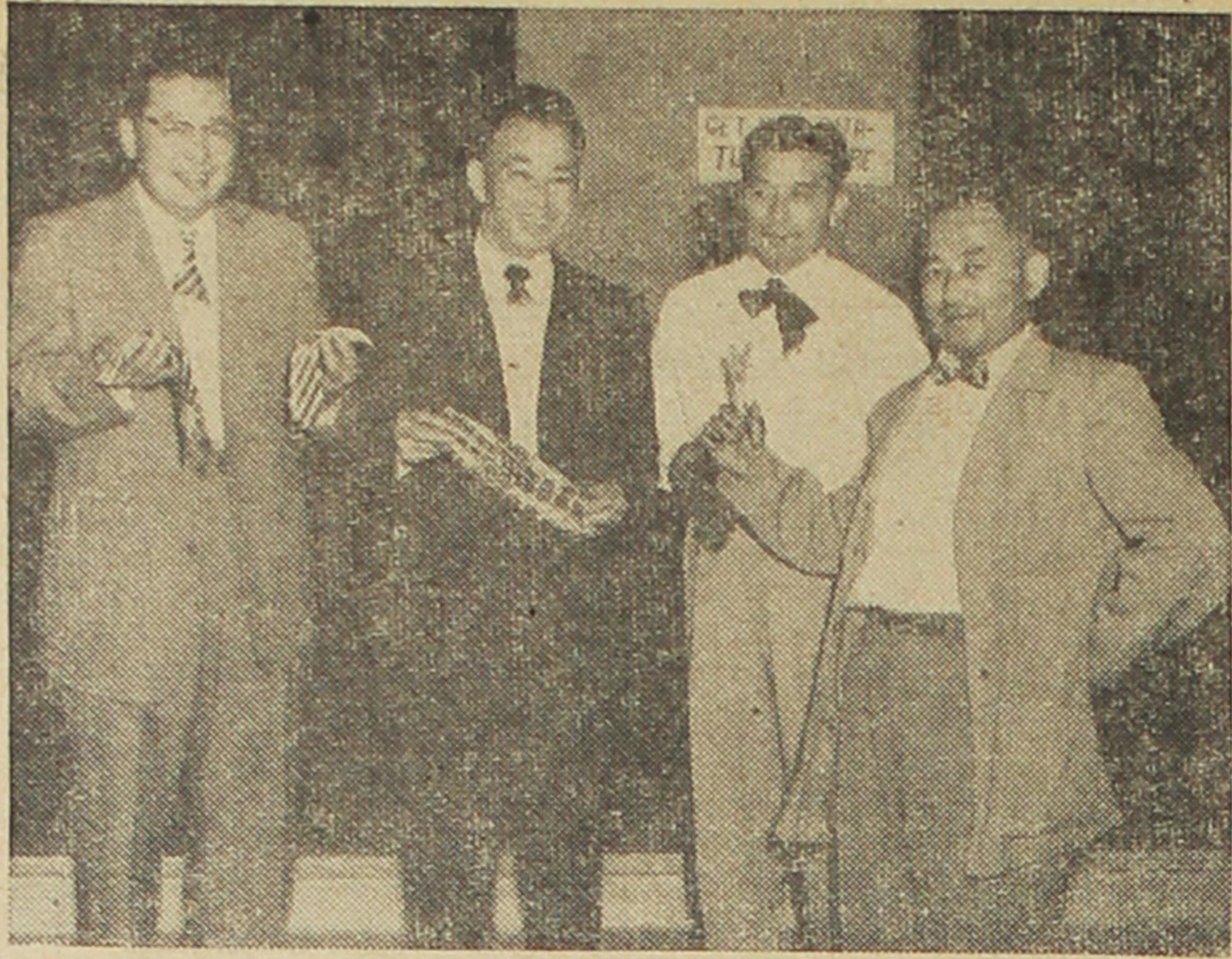
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Here are three 1000ers who should've known better as Bouncer Smoky Sakurada flashes the shears which clipped the ties of MDC Chairman Abe Hagiwara (left), Jack Ota and Dr. Bill Hiura, who are all holding mite evidence of a once-classy cravat.



TOP: Chorus-line and a couple of stage-door-Johnnies rollicking the party are (front) Michael Hagiwara in a real genuine raccoon coat, Mas Nakagawa as Miss 1000 Club, star Jean Kimura, (middle) Fumi Iwatsuki, Maudie Nakada, Betty Iwatsuki, Kay Fujii, and (back) Shig Wakamatsu in his hard-top derby.

MIDDLE: Members of the Hip Hip Hooray Happy Harmony Four are Lincoln Shimidzu, Mike Hagiwara, Tokuzo Gordon and Abe Hagiwara.

BOTTOM: A parody on the National JACL Convention Opening Ceremony was dramatized by the Chicago JACL 1000ers: Hizzoner Mayor Dimwit Goldie West (Mike Hagiwara), flanked by color guards Hiro Mayeda and Tom Tajiri, color bearers Kiko Konagamitsu and Roy Iwata in the back.

**PERSPECTIVELY YOURS: by Jerry Enomoto**

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gracious in defeat. She was actually injecting life into the understandably drooping spirits of some of our rabid S.F. supporters, and thereby illustrating that it takes "moxie" to lose gracefully. All of the candidates shared this attitude, and they will all support and encourage Sharon at "Changing Perspectives" as Queen Attendants.



Unveiling and Presentation of Miss National 1000 Club (Mas Nakagawa)

What Mama Wore at the Beach Modeled by world-traveler 'Egypt & Me' Gladys Ishida

**Chicago JACL 1000ers savor memories of 'Roaring Twenties' at Fonzapoppin; whets appetite for Convention whing-ding**

By SHIG WAKAMATSU

Chicago (Memos of a Gal Friday) Dear Boss: Now that all the ROARING ('20s) of the Chicago Chapter 1000 Club's "Fonzapoppin" is over with, it might be interesting to note what a ctually transpired behind the scenes of this hilarious 1000 Club affair. The wholehearted co-operation and the enthusiastic response of our local Thousanders, both in participation and in attendance, was a touching experience, indeed.

There's Helen Hori who was approached to be a model in the fashion show. "What will I have to wear?" she asked. Well, we mentioned the latest in women's sportswear—you know, the long-waisted middy, black bloomers with long black stockings and a tennis racket—and that we might as well skip the lingerie. It may be out of line and, besides, who would want to model it? Through Helen's infectious laughter we could barely decipher the words, "I'll be a good sport. I think I would rather wear a negligee than black bloomers!"

Those zany phone calls that went through Tokuzo's office prior to "Fonzapoppin" — if anyone else were our boss, we would've been fired on the spot! As you know, Jeanie Kimura was slated to model the bathing suit, but unfortunately she had had a sneak preview of it—and there she is fuming on the phone!

"Tell Tokuzo I positively refuse to wear that atrocious-looking thing! Wild horses can't drive me to wear it! And yellow hose to boot—ugh!" "Now, Jeanie, be a sport..." "Well, then, why don't you wear it?" "Wouldn't fit in it." "I've seen the bathing suit—and Abe Hagiwara can fit in it!" (Idea??)

That "intellectual air" about Gladys Ishida (you know, her Ph.D.) challenged us to seek her out about modeling this outrageous number. Imagine our surprise when she was agreeable to doing it, provided we couldn't possibly find anyone else. ("Course we stopped looking right then 'n' there.)

The last lap to hurdle was Mas Nakagawa. Would he consent to being all rigged up like a flaming flapper for the crowning of "Miss 1000 Club"? "What will I have to bring in the way of props," was his response. "Just bring yourself," we screeched.

Terrific sports all! And talk about sports, who should walk in all decked out in flapper attire but the JACLer staff—Maudie Nakada, Fumi and Betty Iwatsuki, Kay Fujii. Their costume was prevailed upon to join in with Jeanie's per-

formance of the Charleston, which they did well considering they had but a few moments to practice before curtailment.

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Acknowledgements are in order to all who participated in the overall program... to Emcee and Life Thousander Tokuzo Gordon, without whose talent and originality this home-grown variety show would not have been possible... to George Iwasaki for taking over the entire music for the evening—all tunes from the 20s, natch... to Chicago Chapter 1000 Club Chairman Tom Okabe and Esther Hagiwara for handling the reservations end. ("Tom Masuda is coming," Esther called, "gotta get him in the act somewhere.") Final count was a record number of 88... to the 1000 Club Quartet Tokuzo, Abe, Linc Shimidzu, Mike Hagiwara) for their renditions of nostalgic song hits from the era and a soft-shoe number thrown in for good measure... to Life Thousander Harry Mizuno for the terrific promotional flyer and the eye-catching signs around the ballroom... to all who took part in the satirical skit and the sheiks and the shebas who pranced down the runway. Wasnt Joe College Mike Hagiwara) a SCREAM in that inevitable raccoon coat, bashed-in hat, and totin' a banner: "Keep Cool with Coolidge". Ditto Atlas the Strongman (Dr. Frank Sakamoto) in the men's version of the bathing beauty... to Chiye Tomihiro who authored the mirth-provoking commentary... to Mary Shimidzu and your better half Toe for the effective make-up job on Miss 1000 Club—spit curls 'n' all... and last but not least, to you, dear Boss, for your guidance in overseeing the entire whing-ding. You and Tokuzo have done a commendable job in promoting that type of program traditional of 1000

Club gatherings—loads of fun for everyone! And you can well be proud of your Chicago Chapter Thousanders, participants and audience alike. Not only do they recognize the 1000 Club as the most vital arm of the JACL organization, but they are adhering to its very traditions—the serious and the humorous.

— Gal Friday

P.S. Do you think, though, that they'll ever learn about the Order of the Tie and Garter? Abe Hagiwara, Jack Ota and Dr. Bill Hiura were penalized by having their conventional ties snipped off before everyone's eyes!

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