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PRESIDENT'S CORNER:

National board made functional

In a recent column Mike Masaoka described the new National Board as the strongest ever elected. This is both encouraging and challenging. At their post-election meeting, the National Board voted to make each board position truly functional.

Accordingly, 1st VP Shig Wakamatsu of Chicago was placed in charge of membership; 2nd VP Jack Noda of Cortez is responsible for the Bldg. Fund project; 3rd VP Harry Takagi of Seattle will head national planning.

Treasurer Aki Hayashi of New York will be in charge of budget-finance; Secretary Lily Okura of Omaha heads a new committee: women's auxiliary. Kenji Tashiro of Tulare County is 1000 Club chairman. Past President George Inagaki heads two committees: the Pacific Citizen board and recognitions. Frank Chuman of Los Angeles continues as legal counsel.

Other national committee assignments are follows: Abe Hagiwara (Chicago), public relations; Jerry Enomoto (San Francisco), program-activities; Harold Gordon (Chicago), legal-legislative; Ira Shimasaki (D.C.), Arlington Cemetery. Chairmanships to be confirmed through National Headquarters in the near future include housing, aging, youth and farm labor problems.

Because of the difficulties posed by time and distance, most committee heads will necessarily develop their ideas by forming nucleus groups in their own areas or by correspondence.

Meanwhile, JACLers interested in specific problems covered under these committees are advised to contact the chairman in charge. I know that they will look forward to receiving your ideas and suggestions.

—Dr. Roy Nishikawa.

Man ridding Lions 'white' clause cited for 30-yr. service

HONOLULU. — One of the five remaining active charter members of the Honolulu Lions, Colbert N. Kurokawa was honored at a regular meeting of the club recently with a 30-year pin and a charter monarch certificate in recognition of his service.

He was the man largely responsible for getting Lions International to delete the word "white" from its membership qualifications at its San Francisco convention in 1926.

Kurokawa left last week for Japan on an extended stay to visit with his son and family and a sister as well as host of many friends.

His success in having Lions International abolish racial discrimination from its constitution 30 years ago is well appreciated today with formation of Lions clubs throughout the world.

Latest figures show a membership of 620,000 in 76 nations. Japan, one of the newest countries to inaugurate this international service group, has 25 clubs in the major cities.

Other active charter Lions here are Oren E. Long, Dr. Dwight Ueyeno, Taichi Matsuno and Walter T. Fujikami. They will be honored at the club's 30th anniversary celebration to be held Oct. 12.

Pasadena press in favor of Prop. 13

PASADENA. — The Pasadena Independent Star-News, only daily newspaper here, last Sunday supported "Yes of Prop. 13" in its editorials to become another California newspaper in favor of repealing the so-called alien land law.

The editorial reads: "The Japanese American Citizens League at a recent convention focussed attention on a relic of California law which should be wiped off the books. This is the so-called Alien Land Law of 1920, which for years prohibited aliens ineligible for citizenship — Orientals — from owning real estate in California.

"The Alien Land Law has been invalid since 1952 by court decision holding it unconstitutional. It is dead and inoperative, but because it still stands on the books it is offensive to Japanese Americans and other Oriental descent. They want to get rid of it, and they are right. Proposition 13 will repeal the law. It should be passed in November."

The Los Angeles County Committee on Human Relations, in a resolution adopted on July 9, 1956, expressed its support and endorsement of Prop. 13, the JACL was notified by John A. Buggs, its executive secretary.

San Francisco civic group supports Prop. 13

SAN FRANCISCO. — The influential Civic League of Improvement Clubs of this city announced last week that Proposition 13 to repeal the alien land law will be among the state ballot proposal which the league will support.

This San Francisco organization is made up of more than a score of district improvement clubs throughout the city.

They also mail a ballot recommendation folder prior to each election to all registered voters in the city.

IMPORTANCE OF INCREASED U.S.-JAPAN TRADE TO WEAKEN COMMUNIST LURES IN FAR EAST CITED TO CONGRESSMEN

WASHINGTON.—At the invitation of a congressional subcommittee concerned with United States-Japan trade relations, Nisei lobbyist Mike Masaoka urged increased trade as a means to further American foreign policy and to aid Japan to more effectively combat internal and external threats of communism.

The subcommittee on customs, tariffs and reciprocal trade agreements of the Ways & Means Committee of the House of Representatives invited Masaoka to testify last week on this issue which has aroused so much antagonism among certain segments of U.S. industry, such as textiles, seafood, chinaware and plywood.

Rep. Hale Boggs (D. La.), is chairman of the subcommittee that is now in the second week of hearings to determine American trade policies for recommendation to the next Congress which convenes on Jan. 3.

National Interest Involved

The particular importance of Japan to the free world because of her geographical location, her industrial plants and manpower, and her economy was emphasized. That Japan must both import and export to survive was explained.

It was pointed out that the national interest of the United States clearly indicated that Japan-U.S. trade should be encouraged. Annually, Japan buys several hundred millions more from this country than she sells to the U.S. and, more significantly, she concentrates her purchases on those commodities which is in surplus like cotton, rice, wheat and corn, it was claimed.

Japan has been America's third or fourth best customer since the end of WW2 and has also been the best customer for America's agricultural products.

"The real importance of maintaining and expanding cordial trade relations with Japan, however, aside from its two-way monetary benefits, is that we weaken the communist lures by strengthening the vitality of the Japanese people and their confidence in us as sincere allies, while, at the same time, increasing Japan's ability to join in our mutual defense," Masaoka declared.

He then pointed out that the 168 million consumers should have the right to buy what they wanted and that Japan specializes in the less expensive items which appeal to those who cannot afford the more costly domestic items. This competition has resulted in the greater efficiency of American industry and in keeping prices from becoming monopolistic.

Measure of Regard for Asians

"The treatment accorded Japanese imports is often considered to be the measure of our regard for all Orientals, and the fact that Japanese imports seem to be singled out for special criticism by our domestic industries and the so-called trade press have resulted in charges that we are discriminating against Asians in general and the Japanese in particular," he continued.

Asking why domestic industries have not utilized more often the established procedures for determining whether local industry or segments thereof have been injured, the answer was given that because domestic industry could not prove its case on their merits they resorted to political and emotional arguments.

Masaoka argued that domestic industry might be overlooking aspects of the problem while con-

demning Japanese textiles for all their ills. He specifically mentioned the competition from synthetics and other man-made commodities, the inability of New England mills to compete with southern factories, the efforts to prevent unionization of the workers, and to conceal mergers and consolidations, improved techniques and machinery. He quoted Security and Exchange Commission statistics to demonstrate that the textile industry as a whole is making money.

Masaoka contended that the Japanese industries are trying to diversify their markets and with a lowering of prohibitive tariffs on many items would be able to do so. He lashed out against the emotional charges of low wages in Japan by insisting that if wages alone were the criterion of imports, India with a much lower scale than Japan would be flooding U.S. markets, instead of being an insignificant exporter.

That Japan had imposed voluntary quotas as an exercise in self-restraint and at great hardship to herself was cited to illustrate Japan's concern for American goodwill and friendship.

Co-Existence with Allies

According to Masaoka, the problem is not so much how the free world can co-exist with the communist world but rather how free nations can co-exist among themselves. He gave as his answer enlightened and liberal trade policies among all the free nations, "for such commerce is the lifeline that binds us together".

"This certainly is not the time to drive our friends and allies into the enemy's camp by imposing

\$3,000 USPHS scholarship given to Minnesota nurse

MINNEAPOLIS. — The United States Public Health Service has awarded a \$3,000 scholarship and tuition to Kimi Hara recently. She plans to work for a master's degree in nursing administration at the Univ. of Minnesota.

URGE JUSTICE DEPT' INVESTIGATE CLAIMS PROCEDURES & PRACTICES

WASHINGTON. — Justice Department officials in charge of the evacuation claims program were urged to re-examine their procedures and practices in relation to the recently enacted Lane-Hillings Act to expedite and liberalize the final determination of the remaining evacuation claims by the Washington JACL office.

Edward J. Ennis, legal counsel to the Washington JACL office, and Mike Masaoka, Washington JACL representative, acted upon the mandate of the 14th biennial national convention held in San Francisco over the Labor Day weekend; and called the attention of the government officials to allegations that, under the procedures and practices promulgated by the Department in Washington to implement the Lane-Hillings Act of the past 84th Congress, substantially more time was being taken to compromise and settle claims than even under the previous adjudicative procedures.

"If these charges are true, then the Justice Department is ignoring the intent of Congress in enacting the Lane-Hillings Act which was clearly to speed up the final determination of the remaining claims," Masaoka said. "The gov-

ernment should review their new procedures to see whether in actual operations they expedite or delay the compromise settlement program."

Another allegation against the present practices was that there was a tendency among the processing attorneys to use the Court of Claims alternative in the Lane-Hillings Act to "blackmail" claimants to accept the government offer of compromise or seek recourse to the Court of Claims, which could mean time-consuming litigations of claims for losses sustained more than a decade ago.

Masaoka noted that the Justice Department officials agreed to look into these charges and to correct them if they exist in order that the intent of Congress will not be overlooked.

At the same time, it was disclosed that Masaoka and Ennis conferred with the attorney in charge of the Los Angeles field office for evacuation claims following the national JACL convention. They were not able to meet with the attorney in charge of the San Francisco field office because the convention was over the Labor Day weekend when government offices were closed.

COJAEC chairmanship passes to Dr. Nishikawa

Dr. Roy M. Nishikawa, national JACL president, will assume chairmanship of the Committee on Japanese American Evacuation Claims (COJAEC), it was announced this week by Mas Satow, national JACL director.

Tom Ito, past president of the Pasadena JACL Chapter, has accepted the post as COJAEC treasurer to replace Dr. Nishikawa, who had been serving in that capacity.

George J. Inagaki, who had served as COJAEC chairman since its inception, will continue on its executive committee in an advisory capacity.

Correspondence to COJAEC hereafter should be addressed to 1237 W. Jefferson Blvd., Los Angeles 7, Calif.

TEN NISEI TEACHING IN DENVER SCHOOLS

DENVER. — Ten Nisei instructors, including three in junior high schools, were assigned for the 1956-57 school year by the Denver public school system.

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FROM THE FRYING PAN: by Bill Hosokawa



Unreal and real 'Frisco

San Francisco

■ Trouble with making a quick trip to a place like Baghdad by the Bay is that, after you get through with the business that takes you there, no time is left for looking up old friends or enjoying this fabulous city. Especially if your visit is over a summery weekend which has drawn San Franciscans out of their homes

and to wherever it is that San Franciscans go.

This is a crowded, clammy, over-developed piece of real estate. Yet it has undeniable charm, appeal and atmosphere shared by no other city that I've ever seen. Some of the atmosphere is spurious, but it is laid on with such skill and good nature that one accepts it as genuine.

Take far-famed Fisherman's Wharf, which has become a sort of gastronomical Coney Island with its bib tucked under its chin. Somehow, San Franciscans have built up the fable that all the strange and wonderful harvest of the sea is landed at the Wharf by the picturesque little fishing boats that bob at their moorings, and that these deep-water delicacies are then popped directly into chefs' pots for your particular dining pleasure.

That's only a fable. The huge, juicy shrimp that was being dropped into sidewalk caldrons of boiling brine came from Mexico. It was caught and frozen and packaged many hundreds of miles from Fisherman's Wharf. You can buy the same kind of shrimp down at Frank Torizawa's Granada Market in Denver. But when the tourists buy handfuls of this shrimp hot out of the cooking pots, they smack their lips and tell each other that there's nothing quite so wonderfully tasty as seafood fresh out of the ocean.

The newest thing on the old Wharf is Tokyo Sukiyaki, a Japanese restaurant that has received priceless national publicity of late. From what we could gather, it deserves all the nice things said about it. We slipped in to Tokyo Sukiyaki the one full evening we were in San Francisco, sampled some of the dishes, and found them little short of superb. The atmosphere has been brushed on with a lavish though discerning hand and the waitresses in kimono are a sight to behold. Perhaps if this crew of petite, smiling, friendly waitresses had been dishing out sukiyaki and tempura for a decade before Pearl Harbor, they'd have made so many friends that war would have been impossible.

THE 'TOGASAKI HOTEL'

■ We'd like to report on a couple of things about San Francisco that are as real as can be. One is the sorry state into which the so-called Japanese district has fallen. It used to be a fairly attractive place. Now, in the harsh light of morning, it looks as seedy and rundown as it really is, and you'd better tread carefully to keep from slashing your shoes on the broken bottles. We were told that more and more Nisei families are reaching the point where they can move to more desirable residences.

And there is nothing but genuine, 24-karat gold in the heart of Dr. Kazue Togasaki, one of San Francisco's first Nisei both in terms of longevity and the affection with which she is held by her friends. She is the remarkable eldest daughter of the remarkable Kikumatsu Togasaki who fathered a remarkable family. Although their story is well known to older San Francisco Nisei, someday we'd like to tell you more about this family and the contribution it has made to America.

Dr. Togasaki lives alone in a 12-room house on Buchanan Street, but rarely does she occupy it by herself. A steady stream of visitors, friends, students and those that she has befriended find shelter—from one night to several years—in the "Togasaki Hotel." Currently in residence there are Mr. and Mrs. Edison Uno and daughter Elizabeth of Los Angeles. Edison is studying law and like the Good Samaritan that she is, Dr. Togasaki opened her home to them as long as they need a place to stay. "I like people," Dr. Togasaki says, "and I like doing things for them." It's as simple as that.

TIME MORE PRECIOUS THAN EVER

■ We left S.F. at 8:30 p.m. Before midnight—3 hours and 25 minutes later, we had touched down at Denver airport. You can do so much in such a short time that time has become more precious than ever.

65 NISEI FILE FOR HAWAIIAN OCT. 6 PRIMARIES

HONOLULU. — A vigorous political campaign is underway in the Territory of Hawaii for the Oct. 6 primaries with 65 Nisei (29 of them incumbent) among the 221 filing for offices.

Four incumbents were unchallenged and are assured of returning to office. They are Richard T. Tanabe (R), Hawaii county treasurer; Yoshito Tanaka (D), Hawaii county attorney; G. N. Toshi Enomoto (R), Maui county clerk; and Goro Hokama (D), Maui county supervisor from Lanai.

In addition to the 65 Nisei remain three territorial senators who are holdovers for the year: Sakae Takahashi (D), Oahu; Nelson Doi (D), Hawaii; Wilfred Tsukiyama (R), Oahu.

Of the 65 Nisei candidates, 45 are Democrats (including 23 incumbents) and 20 are Republicans (six now in office).

Philip P. Minn (D), first Korean American elected to the House of Representatives, is seeking reelection in the fifth district, which comprises the island of Oahu.

Nisei Woman Enters

Patsy Takemoto Mink, first Nisei woman to be licensed to practice law in the territory, is also a candidate for the House from the 5th District. She is a graduate from the Univ. of Chicago Law School.

Mrs. Mink, a graduate of Maui High School (associated student body president at age 16) and Univ. of Hawaii, has served as attorney for the House of Representatives during the past session and has been active organizing Young Democrat clubs in Oahu. She is married to John F. Mink, a geologist.

Political observers here rate chances for Republicans to regain control of the legislature slim although prospects are brighter for GOP to make a comeback in the House. The Democrats won control of both houses of the territorial legislature in 1954 for the first time in its 54-year history.

Nisei candidates are:

*Incumbents seeking re-elections
 SENATE: 1st Dist.—Kazuhisa Abe (D)*, Thomas T. Okino (D), 2nd Dist.—S. George Fukuoka (D); 3rd Dist.—Joseph R. Itagaki (R)*, Mitsuyuki Kido (D); 4th Dist.—Noboru Miyake (R)*.
 HOUSE: 1st Dist.—James H. Hamasaki (R), Stanley I. Hara (D)*, R. M. Kobayashi (D)*; 2nd Dist.—M. Nagai (R), Thomas T. Toguchi (R), Sumio Nakashima (D)*; 3rd Dist.—Thomas T. Hanaka (R), B. H. Tokunaga (R); Nadao Yoshinaga (D)*; 4th Dist.—Edwin Suzuki (R), Edward H. Honda (D), Daniel K. Inouye (D)*, Russell K. Kono (D)*, S. M. Matsunaga (D)*, Howard Y. Miyake (D); 5th Dist.—Conrad A. Akamine (R), Y. Fukushima (R)*, George Ariyoshi (D)*, Patsy Takemoto Mink (D), Steere G. Noda (D)*; 6th Dist.—Yoshiichi Yoshida (R), Matsuki Arashiro (D), Matao Morita (D), Joseph Nakamura (D).

CITY-COUNTY: Auditor — Michael Miyake (R); J. K. Murakami (D)*; Treas.—Lawrence S. Goto (R)*; Bd. of Sup.—Herman S. Hosoi (R), C. Y. Chikasuye (D), Masato Doi (D), Mitsuo Fujishige (D)*, R. M. Kageyama (D)*, Matsuo Takabuki (D)*.

HAWAII: Bd. of Sup. East Hawaii—Hayato Tanaka (D), Hiroshi Tanaka (D)*, Robert M. Yamada (D); Bd. of Sup. West Hawaii—Ikuo Hisaoka (D); Attorney—Yoshito Tanaka (D)*; Auditor—Joe T. Yamauchi (R); Treas.—Richard T. Tanabe (R)*.

MAUI: Bd. of Sup.—Goro Hakama (D)*, H. N. Kobayashi (D)*, Robert Y. Shimada (D), Thomas Tagawa (D)*; Clerk—G. N. T. Enomoto (R)*; Treas.—Robert N. Kimura (D).

KAUAI: Chmn.—Henry A. Aki, Jr. (R); Bd. of Sup.—James J. Morinaka (R), Masato Seto (R), Hiromi Choriki (D)*, William Hayashi (D), Tany Kunimura (D), George T. Morita (D), Tom Okura (D), Turk Tokita (D), George K. Watase (D)*; Attorney—Clyde I. Shirashi (R), Toshio Kabutan (D)*; Clerk—Toshiharu Yamada (D).

SMOGLITES: by Mary Oyama



Farewell to summer

■ The night, before school was resumed, was a hot clear summery one. Seven boys squatted right in the middle of our driveway like a row of roosting fowls or clay pigeons in a gallery. In relaxed mood they sat chattering in the darkness atop our hill, overlooking the jewelled lights of the city. We wondered what they were discussing on this, their last remaining portion of their vacation. We hated to disturb their peace

but had to remind them of the 6:30 a.m. arising on the following day. All were teenagers returning to junior and senior high schools, some for the first time to new schools. The "transfers" were anticipating the morrow with mingled interest and secret nervousness. Our fifteen-year-old son confessed to us that he was greatly relieved to be making the transfer to the senior high in company of a slightly older crony who had preceded him the semester before. "Art's gonna come by in his car to pick me up at 7:30 tomorrow."

The daughter for once, retired early without being reminded, after laying out all her "things"—one being a printed bouffant dress which she inherited from us. "If hot I'll wear the new cool dress, and if it's coolish weather I'll wear the print you gave me". We had never known that she wanted that little print dress until she begged us for it at the end of vacation.

So setting the alarm clock, we all hied abed realizing that the lazy, haphazard, unplanned days were gone and summer was over.

Having a good time—

■ Wish we could have gone—to the convention, that is. What disappointment to plan for two years to attend then have to shelf same, even after having bought a new suit just for the national confab. During the Labor Day weekend, the Better Half and sons went on a hunting expedition so we remained put as it really was their turn to go places and do things. Besides, bronchitis had laid us so low that we were in no condition to travel, alas!

Through good friend Katsie Kunitzuga's column this Noble Martyr vicariously enjoyed the thrills, fun, and excitement of September's big doings. "Chee, Pal" what wouldn't we have done to have sipped Daiquiris at the Top of the Mark like she did! (San Francisco, are you listening, just in case we should ever hie up there some day.) Anyway, we're glad Katsie enjoyed such a wonderful time as she certainly deserves it. Any young mother such as our Kats, deserves a real vacation occasionally away from the routine of babies, household chores, and the daily grind.

She mentioned having met Dr. James Takao of Cincinnati whom we used to know in his youthful San Francisco days at the Pine Methodist church, when still using his Japanese name "Heishi". He was one sweet nice kid in those days and probably still is. Even our Mom, who has his services for her dental work speaks very highly of him. We would like to have seen Dr. Ernest Murai of Honolulu too, as he is an active fellow Democrat.

Even though he may not remember us, we recall Ernie in his BM-OC* days when he headed YPCC—those youth Christian conference days.

Just like some kindred souls who eat, drink and sleep JACL, we even

dreamt about the convention. Seems like we saw Texas Sally (Mrs. Tokutaro Slocum) wearing one of those cute scoop hats and a white dress with a long yellow satin tie. The latter was tied in a clever flat bow at her chin with two streamers hanging straight down. Sally demonstrated how the flat bow cleverly concealed a small built-in pocket which contained, of all things, a precious bit of sacred Texas soil which she took out and poured into our hands! Wonder what this could have signified?

Then along comes Tats Kushida saying "Hi", and Pat Okura commiserating about our non-appearance at the convention, and past ELA prexy Wilbur Sato solicitously telling us that "the next time you want to go be sure to let us know, you could have come with us in our car". Gee, too bad, etc. Unfortunately, we said oh so very unhappily, we were ailing with bronchitis; then, the bubble burst and we woke up.

Analysis: Had been wondering about Sally before we went to bed. (Had she been able to attend any of the session or not, or looked around hunting for us? We'd promised we'd be going.)

Read in latest P.C. about Tats receiving special recognition for his services to the JACL. (Registered on the sub-conscious that he certainly deserved the recognition.)

Also read in PC that Pat had given an interesting talk on hi's work at Boys Town; and recalled how we had regretted having missed his talk at Centenary M. E. church.

So, dear hearts and gentle people, see you all in our dreams.

*—"Big man on campus".

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VAGARIES: by Larry S. Tajiri



Another Issei virtue

Denver

A few weeks ago my mother came through town, riding sidesaddle in my brother Jim's MG. After a one-night lay-over in Denver, the two were off for California, with sandwiches tucked under my mother's feet and the luggage carefully stowed away in every spare square inch of their cutdown automobile.

Now while it may not be polite to talk about a lady's age, it's no secret that my mother is pushing pretty hard on the age of social security. And now here she was, dashing around the country in the side seat of an auto built for two. Twenty years ago we could hardly get her out of town unless there was a pretty good reason for it.

What we're leading up to is not a chronicle of her mad whirl from Chicago to California and back in less than two weeks, but to the reawakening of the Issei, to the resurgence of energy and vitality in almost every last one of them.

CITIZENSHIP REVITALIZES ISSEI

All of a sudden, the Issei, most of whom are in their sixties and seventies and arrived at the age of genteel retirement, have burst their bonds, laughed off the menace of age and emerged from years of quiet and passive existence. What has happened to them, these people whom we always remembered as gentle tired people tied to their homes, who strayed not much farther than down to the market each day, who were devout, careful, cautious and good, but who never got around much?

It seems as though you can hardly find one at home anymore. Nowadays they fly off to Japan at the drop of the fare. We know one sweet old couple, both in their seventies, who decided one day they should see the world, and they were and off. A few months back a whole bevy of Issei women, hats perked jauntily on their greying heads, went on a tour to Washington, D.C. from Colorado. They had a schedule that kept them going from early morning till night—all the monuments, the museums, the government buildings, Mount Vernon. They were a group of citizens exploring a new world, and they did it with the gaiety of kids and yet the soberness of persons well aware of the demands and responsibilities of citizens. And when they got home to Colorado, there was hardly a tired among the whole lot.

A few years back there were few Issei, especially among the women, who could speak English. But as soon as the bill granting them the right to citizenship was passed, they flooded into classes teaching Americanization and the English language so that they might pass their citizenship tests. Sometimes they were giggling schoolgirls laughing over their inability to pronounce their "r's." And then again they were hard at it to distinguish between the branches of government or to learn the fine points of the Constitution.

They have joined the JACL and their voting record at election time would probably put the Nisei to shame.

Well, we suppose there are plenty of reasons for this renewal of vitality, this burst of latent energy and interest, this sudden broadening of horizons.

As far as we are concerned, there is only one major reason: the granting of American citizenship to these aliens so long denied the right of whole participation in American life.

AS GREATEST AMERICAN GIFT

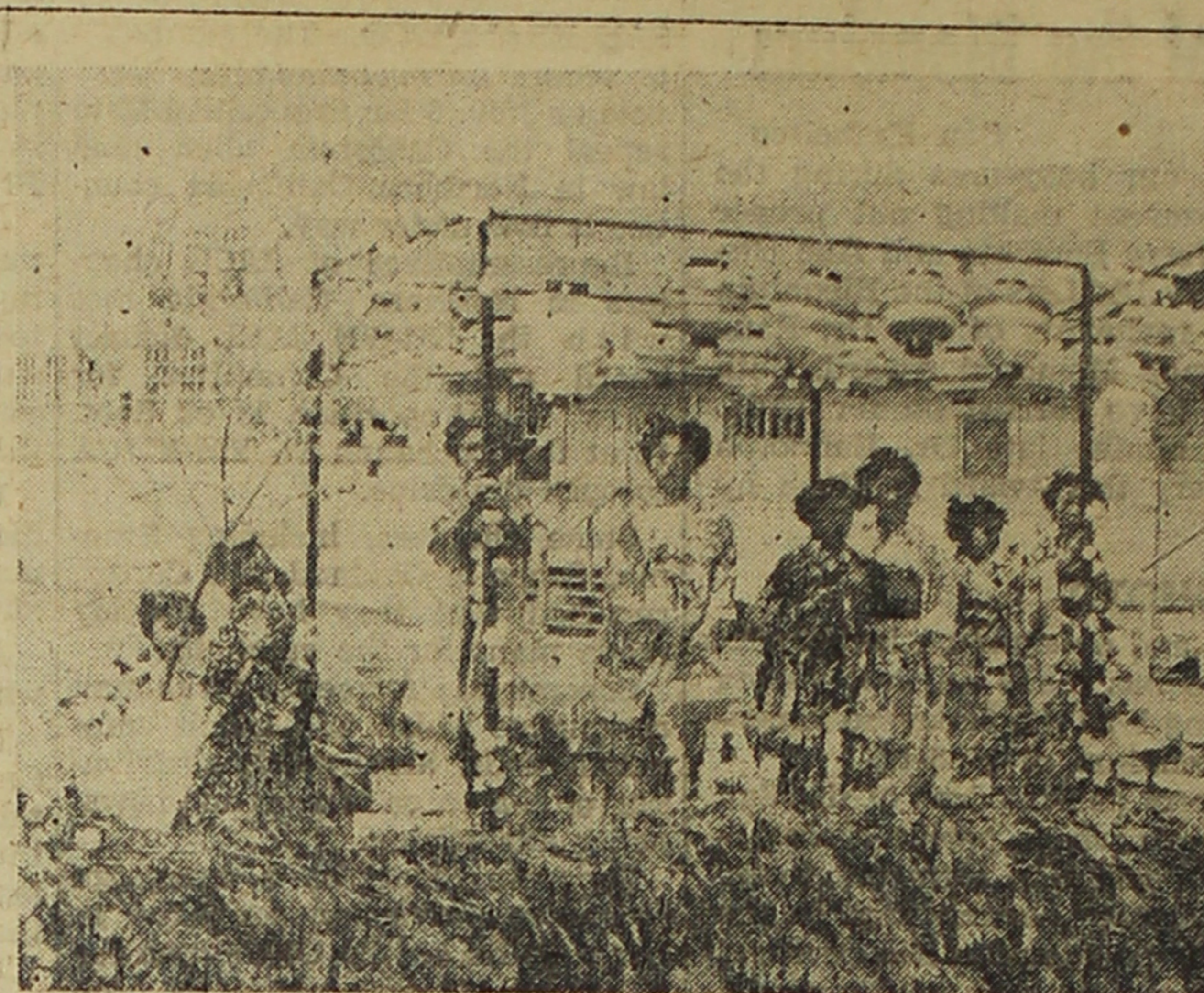
We remember Lily Okura of Omaha telling us about her dad's intense interest in Lily's right to vote, back before the Issei had that privilege. He accompanied Lily to the polls, debating the merits of the candidates, lecturing and discussing the issues. Then he waited patiently outside the polls while his daughter went inside that holy ground reserved to citizens alone. And when she came out, he couldn't wait to ask her how and what she had done.

Through all the long years the Issei waited for that final recognition of their value and worth as citizens. When it came, it was as the greatest gift this country could offer these men and women.

There is no picture today more heartwarming for us than that of an old, proud Issei walking into the polling booth, manipulating the levers and recording his preference in the management of this country. Citizenship comes easy to those of us born here. To our parents, who waited thirty and forty years for that right, citizenship is a precious thing to be nourished, valued and held forever dear.

To us the Issei do not seem the same group who took the near-death blows of evacuation with painful fortitude. Fifteen years later they have come into their own, their hopes and ambitions coming into full flower in their later years. The mental and social restraints of the years have fallen off. Sturdy and strong, proud and vital, the Issei appear to have embraced their newly-granted citizenship with joy and regard it with a devotion and reverence we all might well emulate.

Proposal to license maintenance gardeners in California rejected by Assembly group; six reasons cited in report



A belated photograph of the Mid-Columbia JACL float which repeated in the Parkdale (Ore.) Booster Club 4th of July parade as a winner in the fraternal division shows (left to right) Cheryl and Debra Okimoto, daughters of the Harold Okimotos; Maxine Hamada, daughter of the Nob Hamadas; Radine Noji, daughter of the Sat Nojis; Gale Nishimoto, daughter of the Koe Nishimotos; Linda Tamura, daughter of the Harry Tamuras; Donna Okimoto, sister of Cheryl and Debra; and Janet Tambara, daughter of the Yori Tambaras. The chapter won top award in the 1955 parade.

SAN FRANCISCO. — Six reasons against adoption of a bill to regulate and license maintenance gardeners in California were made known this week in a report of a state Assembly subcommittee.

Mas Yonemura, Oakland Nisei attorney who represented the Issei and Nisei gardeners in their opposition to a proposed licensing bill, declared the recommendations made to an assembly interim government efficiency and economy committee upheld the stand taken by his clients on this matter.

The subcommittee on the maintenance gardener bill, A.B. 1671, held hearings in San Francisco last Oct. 26 and in Los Angeles on Dec. 22.

The subcommittee report said, in brief:

1. That licensing would be a needless expense to the state and taxpayers.
2. That the standards of maintenance gardeners would not necessarily be raised by licensing as such regulation may prevent persons competent by nature from gardening.
3. That it would increase costs which the gardeners would be forced to pass on to their clients through increased charges.
4. That the health and welfare of the public is not involved in this matter and that they would not derive any benefit by licensing of maintenance gardeners.
5. That a licensing law would create undue hardships to part-time workers, such as high school and college students and may lead to a further burden to the state through their unemployment and also hurt homeowners who may want part-time gardening help.
6. That voluntary gardeners groups can set their own standards without resorting to state regulatory agency.

Yonemura said last week that all the above arguments, except the fifth one, were advanced by representatives of Issei and Nisei gardeners opposed to the proposed bill.

Proponents of the bill felt licensing would raise the standards of the profession. A code would have been devised in order to provide home owners protection against incompetent gardeners.

The report of the subcommittee, headed by Santa Barbara's Assemblyman James L. Holmes, pointed out that the subcommittee received just one letter from a home owner stating he thought this law was necessary, while nearly 100 letters were received expressing satisfaction over the work of present non-licensed gardeners.

GROUND BROKEN FOR N.C. BUDDHIST SCHOOL

MOUNTAIN VIEW. — A modernistic Buddhist Sunday School building will be erected here at Stirling Rd. between Bayshore Highway and Central Avenue. Rev. Kenryo Kumata of the San Jose Buddhist Church officiated at recent groundbreaking ceremonies for the \$52,000 edifice. It will serve some 250 Buddhists here.

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Christmas Cheer 1956 edition ready for Oct. 15 start; \$2,000 goal cited

First call for volunteers to man the ninth annual Christmas Cheer drive, Oct. 15-Dec. 15, to assist needy Japanese families in Los Angeles county was issued last week by Jim Higashi, chairman of the local JACL coordinating council in charge of the project.

Assisting on the administrative staff are Mrs. Henry Mori and Blanche Shiosaki. Mrs. Sue Joe of Long Beach will also participate actively.

A \$2,000 goal has been set. Monetary donations and other items will be accepted at the Regional JACL Office, Room 238 in the Miyako Hotel until Dec. 15. Last year, Christmas Cheer received \$2,522.70 in cash, plus \$1,216 in canned goods and in-value contributions.

'INUGAMI' THEME OF NEW MAGAZINE MYSTERY

The phenomenon known to the Japanese immigrants as "inu-gami", wherein the victim of mental derangement appears possessed by the spirit of a dog, is the background of a murder mystery, Dog Spirit, by Allan Beekman, in the November issue of Saint-Detective magazine.

The "inu-gami" victim is supposed to have become accursed by a sorcerer called an "inu-gami mochi" or dog spirit owner. Though dog spirit owners, if their identity is known, are shunned, they often manage to conceal their powers and operate secretly.

An elaborate ritual exists to exorcise the dog spirit from the afflicted. How a murderer uses this strange cult to further his sinister purposes is the subject of the story.

Beekman is the author of many stories concerning the Japanese and their American descendants in Hawaii. Some of his stories have appeared in Pacific Citizen.

Issei injured falling into uncovered pit

FOWLER.—Kinei Toyama of Fowler was injured slightly when he fell into a hole near his home here and was hit by a cement pipe.

The Issei farmer fell about eight feet into the uncovered hole which had gone unnoticed.

He was pulled from the hole by his wife and son Tom.

Rev. Morikawa quits noted Chicago pulpit

CHICAGO. — The Rev. Jitsuo Morikawa announced his resignation to his First Baptist Church congregation to become the director of evangelism of the American Baptist Convention. The resignation is effective Oct. 31. The Canadian-born minister and his family will move to New York City where he will have his new office.

The Rev. Morikawa, who is much in demand as a speaker throughout the country, was head of the Baptist Church which was founded 176 years ago. He became the first Japanese American to head a large church of Caucasian members.

The appointment was announced by the board of manager of the American Baptist Home Mission Societies on Sept. 18. The Rev. Morikawa succeeds Dr. Walter Woodbury, who resigned last May.

He is also holder of JACL's Nisei of Biennium distinguished service award.

Nisei robbed \$2,200 walking home from bank

LODI. — Hiroshi Okazaki, 41, tavern-grocery store proprietor, was victimized of \$2,204.50 by a trio in a daring daylight hold-up Sept. 17 as he walked home from a bank.

Robbery occurred at a downtown intersection. The three men, police were told, escaped in a prewar model automobile, which was found abandoned two days later.

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JACler of the Biennium

San Francisco

■ We regret our busy-ness during the Convention prevent making out proper citations for Jerry Enomoto and Abe Hagiwara, our two JAClers of the Biennium and the first recipients of the Dr. Randolph M. Sakada Memorial Award. Both these fellows have carried on for JACL in the spirit of the late Dr. Randolph

Sakada in whose honor and memory this award is given by the National Board.

JERRY ENOMOTO

■ Through his active participation and outstanding leadership, Jerry J. Enomoto of San Francisco has made an outstanding contribution to the growth and strength of the Japanese American Citizens League during the biennium of 1955-56.

In 1955 he served his second term as President of the San Francisco JACL. In a large metropolis where people are scattered and of varied interests, his leadership attracted many new members into active and responsible participation in the continuously diversified program of the Chapter. His personal popular rapport with individual members and his inspiring example of giving generously of his time and himself led the San Francisco JACL to the "Chapter of the Year" award of the Northern California-Western Nevada District Council.

His efforts laid the basis for the San Francisco Chapter to relieve National Headquarters of the 14th Biennial National Convention. Though bearing heavy responsibilities as Convention Chairman, he was never too busy to lend a hand or give counsel to any committee or individual on Convention details.

He translated his own concern for an active enriched local chapter program to the other chapters in the Northern California-Western Nevada area by planning the stimulating and practical "Chapter Workshop" held with quarterly meetings of the District Council this past year. And on the National level this interest has been effectively expressed in his work as Chairman of the JACL National Program and Activities Committee.

Jerry J. Enomoto's willingness to work for the common good and his ability to inspire others to responsibility are in keeping with the finest traditions of JACL leadership.

ABE HAGIWARA

■ During the biennium of 1955-56, Abe Hagiwara of Chicago has contributed greatly to the growth and strength of the Japanese American Citizens League.

As Chairman of the strategic Midwest District Council, he has given generously of his time to visit each of the chapters in the area on behalf of National JACL. His own experiences as the first President of the Cleveland Chapter in 1946, then President of the Chicago JACL in 1952 and 1953, and his professional background of group work, have been invaluable in helping the chapters and in giving unity and strength to the Midwest District Council. He has been among those volunteers who have given direction and supervision to the work of the JACL Midwest Office.

Chairing the JACL National Public Relations Committee, he has stressed the importance of improving the public relations of the organization to its own membership as well as to the general public.

Nor has he neglected responsibilities in his own Chicago Chapter. He serves as its Public Relations Chairman and on the Board of the Chicago JACler.

Like all other JACL leaders, he has not confined himself to his own group. In the wider field of human relations, the National Conference of Christians and Jews this year cited him for building better understanding between peoples as Director of Activities for the Olivet Institute.

Through his personal interest in people, his leadership in helping them learn to live and work together for the common good in both his chosen field as well as in voluntary capacity, and his understanding of Democracy, Abe Hagiwara has significantly advanced the cause of "Better Americans in a Greater America".

SAPPHIRE PIN TO MAXWELL RABB

■ Some of us were gathered in George Inagaki's Presidential suite (courtesy Sheraton-Palace Hotel) between the Convention Banquet and the Sayonara Ball. Mr. Rabb expressed his admiration for the JACL pin. Then and there we waived the time requirement, and Dr. Roy Nishikawa presented him with the JACL sapphire pin in recognition of his great helpfulness to our national program.

And speaking of the JACL pin, our thanks to our jewelers, Van Wormer & Rodrigues, Inc. of San Francisco, for the special attention given in engraving our Recognition medallions in a couple of hours so we could have them for presentation despite the Labor Day holiday. This firm made our original JACL pin before the war, and after the eleven year sojourn of Headquarters in Salt Lake City, we were happy to resume cordial relations upon our return to San Francisco.

Thanks also to Bob Nagata, local sales representative for the Paper Mate Pen Co., for donating a sufficient number of "piggy back" pens for distribution to all who attended the National Council sessions as well as to members of the Convention committees.

FLOWER MARKET TERMINAL OPENING

■ At the grand opening of the new San Francisco Wholesale Flower Terminal, two of our 1000 Clubbers played important roles.

Sam Sakai of our Richmond-El Cerrito Chapter appeared on the speakers platform as President of the California Flower Market. He is credited with working many years toward the

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NO. CALIF. CHAPTERS OPEN DRIVE TO PRESS 'YES ON PROP. 13' ISSUE

SAN FRANCISCO.—The campaign to secure an overwhelming "yes" vote on Nov. 6 for Proposition 13 to repeal the California alien land law in Northern California counties is now under way.

Representatives of JACL chapters in Northern California met with the NC-WN JACL district board and the Committee for "Yes" on Proposition 13 on Sept. 16 at the Buchanan St. YM-YWCA to open the drive.

Some chapters, including Sonoma, Sequoia, Oakland and Cortez, reported that they have already made plans for the campaign.

Sonoma has formed a three-man committee which will solicit campaign funds, arrange for distribution of campaign folders and newspaper advertising.

Progress report on a campaign brochure now being prepared in Los Angeles by the Committee for "Yes" on 13 was made by Joe Grant Masaoka, executive director for the committee.

He also outlined the roles which individual community Nisei groups can take to aid in the campaign.

Immediate contact with local newspapers, civic and fraternal groups, city councils and county board of supervisors for endorsement were urged.

Masao Satow, speaking as a member of the committee, report-

ed that an American Legion, Department of California group is planning to contact all newspapers in the state, calling for support on Proposition 13.

Jack Noda, chairman of the committee who presided at the meeting, asked all community committees to plan on spending additional sums for local newspaper, television and radio advertising for this campaign.

He said that the funds raised by his committee will be used for mailing campaigns and bumper strips.

A limited supply of the latter was distributed to all present.

Noda added that all Northern California members of his committee will be available from now through the election date for meetings with local groups to discuss the proposition.

These committee members are Satow, Victor Abe and Yasuo Abiko, San Francisco; Masaoka, Atherton; Noda, Denair, and Mas Yonemura, Oakland.

ELA slates box lunch auction for Prop. 13

A box lunch auction by the East Los Angeles JACL has been scheduled for Oct. 6, 6:30 p.m., in the front room of International Institute, followed by entertainment and dancing which is staging this benefit to raise funds for its campaign for "Yes on Prop 13."

Sam Furuta, who heads the chapter's committee on this proposition to repeal the alien land law, has already spoken before several groups including Southland Jewish organizations. Mrs. Ida Onishi heads the clerical staff handling distribution of leaflets to county voters.

Committeemen serving on Operation Bento-Bako are Ikuye Kaneko, Kathryn Yoshida, Roy Yamadera and George Nomi.

PART-TIME WORKER JOINS S.F. 'Y' STAFF

SAN FRANCISCO. — Kaoru Tanamachi joined the Buchanan St. YM-YWCA staff as a part-time worker to develop the center's YW program. She is a Univ. of California graduate.

Retired school teacher honored by Orange County JACL chapter, Matrons

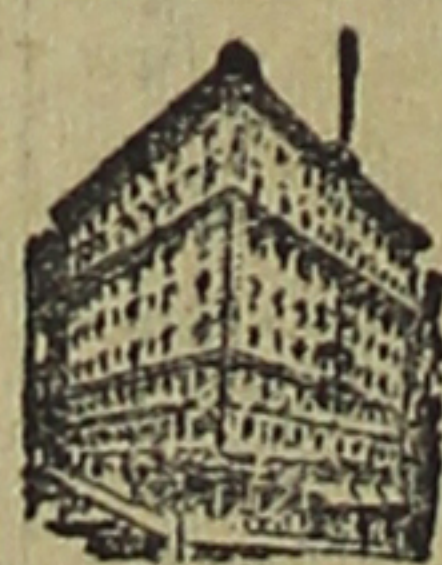
MIDWAY CITY. — Dr. Jessie Hayden, recently retired school teacher of Huntington Beach, was honored at a tea co-sponsored by the Orange County JACL and Orange County Matrons at the Midway City Woman's Club. Some 300 attended to pay respects, many of them being former Issei students of her citizenship classes.

George Kanno, OC chapter president, presented Dr. Hayden with a plaque in recognition of her services.

Sr.-Jr. Tri-Villes plan annual Fun Nite benefit

REDWOOD CITY. — The annual benefit Fun Nite of the Senior and Junior Tri-Villes of the Sequoia JACL will be held Saturday, Oct. 13, it was announced following a meeting of the two groups recently.

Committee members include Janet Tao and Naomi Kanazawa, food; Kathy Akutagawa, Miyoko Hirotsuka, Dorothy Kajikawa, June Kumagai, Tami Mori, Midory Kanazawa and Sachi Kitayama, games; Shirley Yoshida, bean games.



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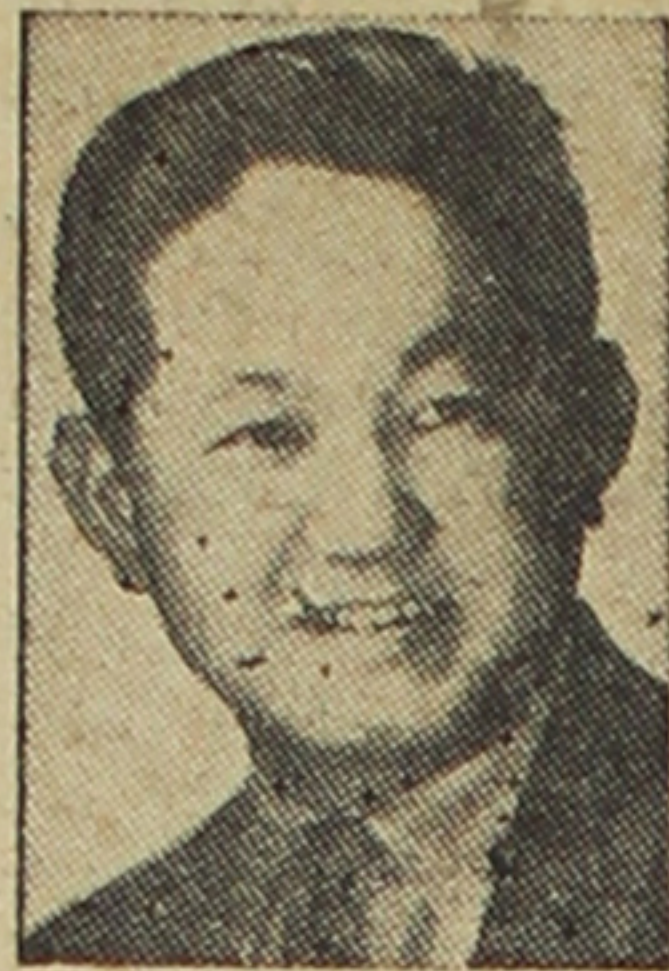
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Regarding labor

As noted in Mike Masaoka's Washington Newsletter two weeks ago on the "Temporary Japan Workers", this subject which evoked the most heated discussion concerns the importation of Japanese farm laborers . . . This past weekend, the first contingent of 125 arrived in Sacramento. With the recent disappearance from a Delano camp of 20 Japanese laborers, who were admitted into the country under the Refugee Relief Act, the whole question has generated additional public interest . . . In forthcoming PCs, we shall publish some of the comments reaching our desk. Since the matter of temporary farm laborers was not part of the "resolved" issues at the last national convention, we feel it deserves wide study.

It is my personal opinion that the temporary agricultural program should not be sabotaged . . . The United States government has acknowledged the plight of domestic agriculture in its shortage of farm help as well as domestic conditions in foreign nations in need . . . Japan, realizing its own position, has agreed to cooperate in this program . . . Inasmuch as human beings are involved, charity would ask (even demand) that those-who-can help those-in-need.

Some may feel surplus labor in Japan is the same class as their textile goods and salted tuna—two items that have irked American businessmen and laborers . . . I certainly feel labor is more dignified than textiles or tuna, since human efforts constitute labor. Labor is certainly not a product or a mechanical item . . . If labor were merely a product or an item, someone might usurp a radica l notion to improve it by eliminating the feeble-minded and aged entirely from the population.

Apprehension that was expressed at the convention over the presence of many temporary farm workers in a community may be proper, but it appears negative to me when a delay of the program is advocated . . . If problems are obvious (and I can see them, too), both employer and government should be alerted. If morals and morale factors are concerned, it is certainly not in JACL's realm but there are church agencies that can be advised of this problem. The churches are known for zeal in defense of the poor and weak.

FINAL CUFF NOTES

A Florida columnist has suggested a drive-in voting idea—taking a hint from the apparent success enjoyed by restaurants, movies and banks . . . While the idea sounds attractive, we wonder if the citizens who will not bother to get out of their cars to vote deserve this convenience. A person who doesn't take the trouble to vote can hardly be counted a really good citizen . . . Recent interest by newly naturalized Issei citizens in registering to vote for the first time in a presidential election shows how they accept the responsibilities and privileges of citizenship in a free country.

Summer training by reservists and guardsmen at Camp McCoy, Wis., (home of the 100th Infantry Battalion, when they first came to the Mainland in 1942) astonished old soldiers as full-time duty was accomplished without doing any KP or guard duty. Explaining the new set-up, the commanding officer said "a man on KP, guard or any other detail is losing a chance to learn something important" . . . Many a private in the wartime Army would agree. It was standard German army practice to use limited service troops and civilians for these chores.

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realization of the largest wholesale flower terminal in the nation.

Eden Township's 1000 Club Chairman Min Shinoda was in charge of all the details for arranging the gala opening ceremonies, also made a speech paying tribute to the parent Issei flower growers, and had the pleasant task of giving a bouquet of roses to Judy Weld, Miss San Francisco.

VACATION PROSPECTS DIM

The National Convention is over, but things are just beginning for National Headquarters. The official minutes need to be written up and reproduced, and the various decisions and assignments have to be implemented.

In due time, all 1000 Club members listed in the souvenir program and unable to be present will be sent copies of the program.

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JACK MURATA AWARDED 'NISEI OF BIENNIUM' AT D.C. MEETING

WASHINGTON. — Ben Nakao and Ruth Kuroishi reported on the 14th Biennial national convention last Saturday at the first fell meeting of the local JACL chapter held at the YWCA.

Highlight of the evening was the presentation of the national JACL Distinguished Achievement Award for 1955-56 to Jack Murata by Mike Masaoka.

Murata, an analytical chemist with the Geological Survey, was among the Nisei of Biennium honorees for his outstanding work in geology and in the application of spectrographic methods to his field. Earlier this year, he was invited by the Brazilian government for three months advisory work with the Brazilian geological survey.

William Sasagawa of Philadelphia, Eastern District Council chairman, was also present.

Sonoma County changes dates for benefit movie

SANTA ROSA. — Due to conflict in dates, the Sonoma County JACL Chapter benefit movie originally set for Oct. 19 has been advanced to Oct. 5 and 6 and will be held for two nights instead of one, according to Kanemi Ono, chairman for the affair.

The movies will be shown at the local Memorial Hall with profits to be used to further the legislative program as well as for chapter activities. Assisting Ono are Tak Kameoka and Jim Miyano.

PASADENANS BUSY WITH CARNIVALS, PROP. 13

By MACK YAMAGUCHI

PASADENA. — While the local JACL is engaged in assisting in the "Yes on Prop. 13" campaign to repeal the alien land law on the forthcoming November ballot, the chapter is also cooperating with local groups conducting carnivals.

The Inter-Club Council is having its carnival tomorrow night at the Lincoln Elementary School. Tom Ito and Harris Ozawa are heading a penny pitch booth, while Kimi Fukutaki, Mary Yusa and Sats Yoshizato are working in the ticket booth.

The Pasadena Union Presbyterian Church bazaar will be held on its playground Oct. 6. Local JACLers will man the white elephant sales booth.

Meantime, the chapter is planning a Nov. 3 benefit movie to raise its quota for the "Yes on Prop. 13" committee.

At its last board meeting held at the home of chapter president Harris Ozawa, delegates attending the 14th Biennial national convention made their report, all agreeing it was one of the best they had attended.

'Teahouse' fem lead speaks to DTLA Clers

Michi Kobi, portraying Lotus Blossom in the current troupe staging "Teahouse of the August Moon" here, was luncheon speaker yesterday at the Downtown L.A. JACL meeting at the San Kwo Low. Frank Suzukida, program vice-president, was luncheon chairman.

Portland CL to sponsor 10-lesson bridge class

PORTLAND. — First call for those interested in learning the Goren system of bridge here at a JACL-sponsored class was issued last week.

Classes are expected to start in early October at the Nikkei Jinkai. Ten lessons will be offered at \$12; however, if more than 16 apply, the fee will be lower. Mary Sasaki and Kimi Tambara are handling class registrations.

DR. M. M. HORII NAMED GARDENA YMCA CHAIRMAN

GARDEN9. — Dr. Michael M. Horii, onetime Los Angeles JACL president, was elected chairman of the Gardena YMCA board. Also on the board are Sam Minami and Dr. George Fujii.

Marysville to host NC-WNDC session Nov. 4; 20th ann'y fete planned

MARYSVILLE. — Preparations are now underway for the Marysville chapter to host the final quarterly meeting of the Northern California-Western Nevada JACL District Council on Sunday, Nov. 4, it was disclosed this week by president George Inouye of the local chapter.

Following the afternoon District Council business session, the evening banquet will celebrate the 20th anniversary of the Marysville Chapter which was originally known as the YSBC (Yolo-Sutter-Butte-Colusa) chapter. This anniversary was to be held earlier this year in connection with Marysville

hosting the District Council meeting, but this District Council meeting was shifted to Richmond - El Cerrito on account of the disastrous Marysville flood last winter.

The annual Northern California-Western Nevada JACL District Council bowling tournament will be held in conjunction with the quarterly session. In accordance with the decision of the District Council, entry fees will be at a minimum, teams will represent chapters of the District, and all who bowl must participate for the entire council session.

Michigan governor heads dignitaries invited to Detroit JACL 10th ann'y fete

By YOSHIKO INOUE

DETROIT. — With the exodus of summer, local JACL activities are stepping into high gear.

A telephone campaign this week is reminding Nisei here of the Detroit JACL 10th Anniversary dinner-dance tomorrow night at Paul's Steak House. Among distinguished guests attending will be Gov. G. Mennen Williams of Michigan, Sen. Charles E. Potter, Circuit Court

Judge T. R. Bohn and many others.

Still holding highest interest as classes go are the Sunday afternoon English classes taught by Marian Miyaya, who is also an art teacher for the elementary grades in the Detroit Public Schools, and Mrs. Horiuchi. Eight Issei and 15 war brides have signed up for the winter course. An 8-year-old son of one of the war brides is also a student at these classes.

According to Mrs. Toshi Shimura, chairman for the Wednesday evening Japanese Flower Arrangement classes, the roll call is now 13. The class will prepare centerpieces for the 10th anniversary dinner affair.

On Oct. 21 the chapter is sponsoring a sukiyaki dinner. Second vice-president Fred Yoshida has appointed Mrs. Betty Mimura and Mrs. Kay Sugimoto as co-chairmen for this affair, which will be held at the International Institute.

All-male reception group to meet ladies at S.F. chapter-social tonight

SAN FRANCISCO. — "Taikai Hokoku" is the theme of the local JACL social tonight at Gyosei Hall.

Ki Tanamachi, evening chairman, is inaugurating a new innovation for an evening of fun and laughter by having an all-male reception committee greet the ladies.

Tom Hoshiyama is calling the square dance as an ice-breaker followed by introductions of Jerry Enomoto, 14th Biennial general chairman, and Hats Aizawa, chapter president.

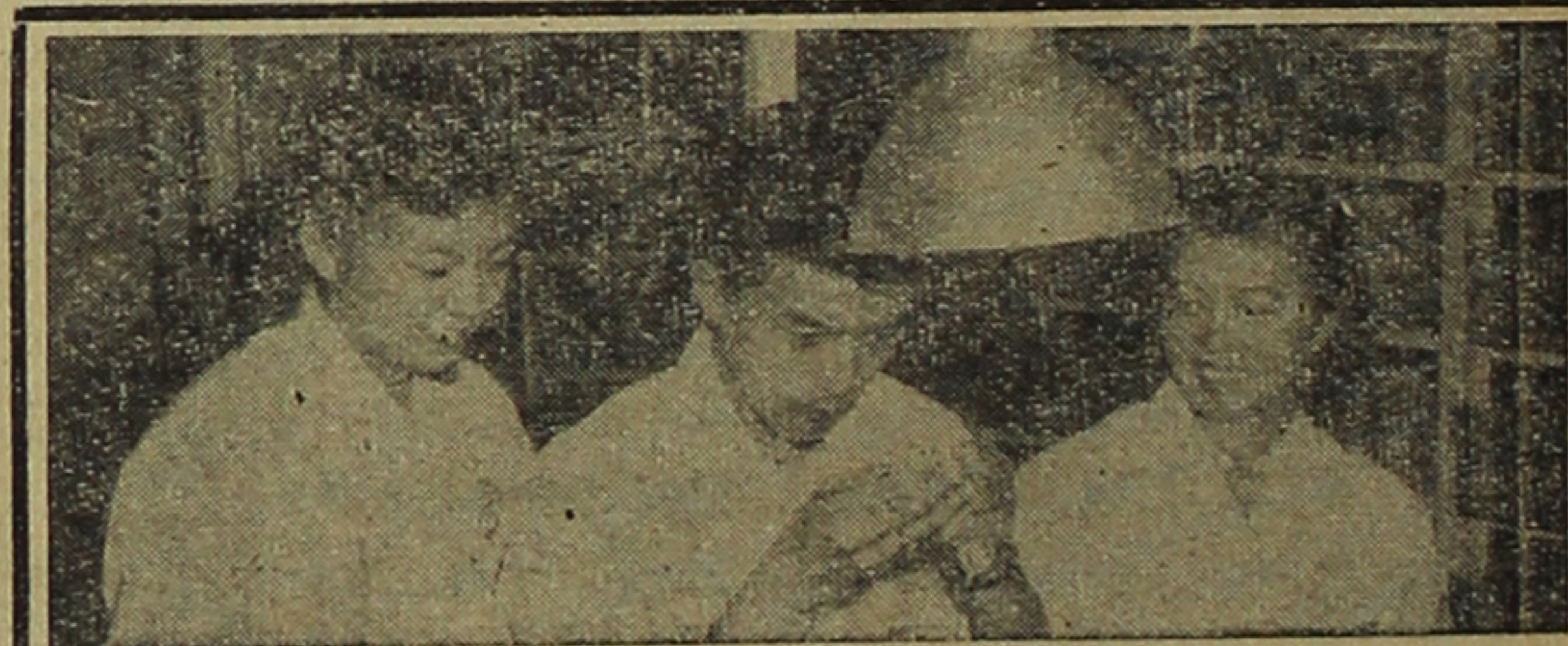
Jack Kusaba, official chapter delegate, will present his report on the national convention. A tape recording of the Tenth St. Methodist chapel choir which performed at the convention opening ceremonies will also be played.

Assisting are Fred Obayashi, Thelma Takeda, Sam Sato, Mickey Aoyama, Jack Kusaba, Yone Sato, Sumi Utsumi, Viola Nakano and Yo Hironaka.

Two speakers arranged for Auxiliary meeting

SAN FRANCISCO. — Two well known women in the field of group work will be guest speakers at the Oct. 10 meeting of the local JACL Auxiliary at the Buchanan "Y", according to Miyuki Aoyama and Tessie Hideshima, co-chairmen.

Jean Bolton, counselor for the war brides at the International Institute, and Lucy Schulte, Clay St. Center and Buchanan "Y" director, will speak. Mrs. Onuma will be program coordinator.



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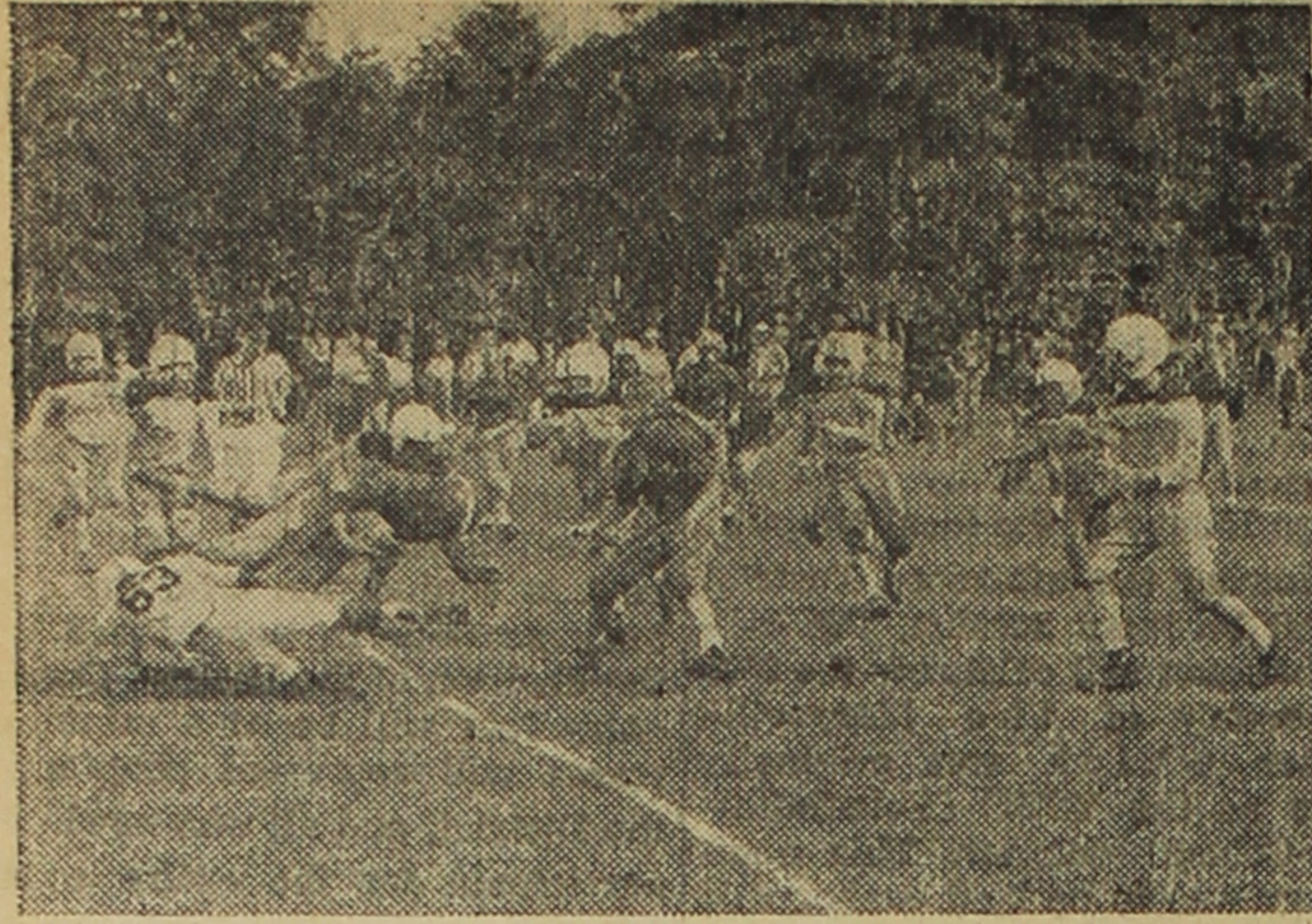
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"Fighting Irish", a Little League team sponsored by the Seattle Nisei Veterans, open their season in a 0-0 tie with Rainier Valley. Sansei lads were found on both squads.

—Elmer Ogawa Photo.

THE NORTHWEST PICTURE: by Elmer Ogawa



Sports for small fry

Seattle

One of the most commendable features of the extensive Nisei Vets activity program is the sponsorship of athletics for the small fry. A new crop of youngsters got its first experience last Sunday in Little League competition, playing a 0 to 0 tie with Rainier Valley.

The score is not important, nor would it be necessary to mention any outstanding performers, if there were any, although the "Fighting Irish" as the team is called, almost invariably finish up first or second in the Seattle Little League teams when the season's percentages are tallied.

A few players still able to get under the weight limit (110 lbs.) and under the age limit (not over 12) are holdovers from last year and are the nucleus on which the coaches hope to build this year's juvenile powerhouse. Coaches, did we say? The head coaches are Jim Suzuki and Jim Yoshinaka; line coaches are Henry Jones and Nelson Matsuda; and backfield mentors are Richard Tsuji and Dick Newell.

What is impressive is the way that the youngsters take to the game and put up a fine performance when well coached and adequately equipped. They charge, block and run a couple of line plays with the vigor and competitive spirit of seasoned players. This early in the season, the tackling is spotty, and coming weeks will see nothing but improvement in the attack by ground and in the air. The determination to make good in team play is there, and without going into a lot of clichés about the value of competitive sports for kids, there is hardly more that we could ask.

If the "Fighting Irish" were described on the basis of racial ancestry, the Negroes will be found to be a bit in the majority this season, and the other two groups about even, with enough O'Briens, Kellys, and O'Neills to give a semblance of legitimacy to the team's name.

It was noted that there were four or five Sansei kids on the opposing team, the Rainiers, and let it be known here and now, there are plenty more on other Little League teams throughout the city. The kids turn out for the teams in their own neighborhoods, and it seems evident that the onetime "Japanese" team as such, is a thing of the past. Integration in housing, with no one confined to a single neighborhood, is reflected in the rosters of the Little League.

It will be interesting to watch whether in the future as more and more offspring of the Nisei Vets come into the age bracket, will they be inclined to try for the team sponsored by pop's Club, or will they join up with the neighborhood East Sides, West Sides, Lions, Bears, or Hornets. I think the latter will be the case.

NORTHWEST'S VERSION OF LUAU

It was over three years ago in Honolulu that the Seattle Nisei Vets put in their bid to hold the 15th Annual Reunion in Seattle the summer of 1958. Now, with less than two years to go, plans are shaping up, thanks to the work of the army of committee workers. A tentative program announced by Chairman Dave Hirahara lists the dates and times for the airport welcome, memorial services, reunion picnic and salmon bake.

That salmon bake, by the way, is the Northwest version of a Luau, and will be staged by real Northwest Indian professional salmon barbecuers. A dance will follow at the resort where the salmon bake is scheduled. Cruises of Lake Washington and Puget Sound with lunches aboard, motor tours, a salmon fishing derby and golf tournament are scheduled.

The ladies have a theatre party scheduled while the boys have a "social". Bowling and bridge and a lot of "free time" are featured, climaxed by a banquet with General Mark Clark as guest of honor, and dance following. Then off on a special train the next morning with stopover in Portland, and the enjoyment of more hospitality in San Francisco. Not going to burden you at this early date with all the details of the time schedule, but anyhow the registration begins on July 19, and the festivities start on the following day. A couple of business meetings are sandwiched in during the morning hours.

FOOTBALL SEASON OPENS; IWASAKI'S SPARKLING RUNS OF 70, 50 & 75 YDS. FOR REEDLEY HIGH TOP NISEI PERFORMANCES

Scanning the fine print in the many newspapers reaching the Pacific Citizen desk early this week, one could sense that Japanese Americans are off to a good start in the young football season.

At the college level, Nisei sports fans should expect the name of Ken Fujii, veteran quarterback at Univ. of Nevada, to be in print often. In a recent full-scale intrasquad between the Blues and Whites, Fujii led the Whites to a 19-7 victory. Observers were impressed with his faking and accurate passing.

Fujii passed to George Smith in the end zone for the first White score and the same team scored in the second half on a 27-yard run by Fujii and a six-yard dash by Bill Bowser.

A pair of the university's tallest ends also went through workouts last week as coach Gordon McEachron shifted his team about to put two players both over six feet tall in the receiving spot. The shift gives a hint that McEachron will emphasize passing in Nevada's attack this year.

There have been stories also that Nevada Wolfpacks will up their class in competition next season. The school de-emphasized the sport two seasons back.

Two Los Angeles lads, Ken Matsuda of San Jose State and Mich Yamamoto of College of Pacific got into their respective openers last week. Halfback Matsuda, who prepped at Westchester and transferred to Santa Monica City College, added all-league honors at high school. San Jose won 26-7 over Drake. Tackle Yamamoto, a third-stringer at COP, saw a lot of action as COP, led by speedster Dick Bass, rolled over Colorado A&M.

The first Nisei to win a scholarship from Central California at Yale University is a candidate for the Eli freshman grid team this fall.

Ken Fujii of Fowler is a candidate for the Yale frosh eleven. He played two years of varsity ball with Fowler High School prior to entering Yale. He is planning to study medicine. (N.B.—There's another Ken Fujii at Nevada.)

JC Ranks Thin

And now to the junior colleges: Tom Yasuda, husky 205-lb. tackle, started defensively for Santa Monica City College in their 20-0 victory over Ventura Jr. College last week at the loser's field. Teammate Aki Tanaka saw action at both ends.

Coach Hans Wiedenhofer of the Fresno Jr. College was pleased with the progress of his linemen in preseason practice, including Tom Sano of Fowler, a 198-lb. tackle. He lettered at Fowler High last year.

Vic Nakamoto, who was a member of the Sierra College football squad prior to his entry in the Navy, is back with the Wolverines this year at Auburn.

High Schools

Turning to the high schools across the country, most sparkling effort was turned in by Larry Iwasaki, speedy 10s. sprinter at Reedley High School. He blazed to three touchdowns in the stirring 46-20 win over Visalia's Redwood High last week.

Seattle kegler laces 224-222-223 for 669

SEATTLE. — George Fukeda almost had a carbon copy bowling score, and almost a stepladder rolling for Coast Wide Supply in the Nisei Merchants League at Main Bowl last Friday night. Although he wound up with neither, he nevertheless had the top score in town as he put together games of 224, 222, and 223 for 669.

Banker wins Berkeley CL golf tournament

BERKELEY. — Kazuo Ishii of Sumitomo Bank (Calif.) won low net honors in the Berkeley JACL golf tournament at Hillview course near San Jose last Sunday to take the Jio trophy with an 88-25-63.

The second place Richard's Jeweler trophy went to Henry Nomura for his 76-13-64 score.

Yosh Sakagami came in third with 90-24-66 net with Hiro Higashi fourth with 80-12-68.

week.

He returned two punts for TD runs of 70 and 50 yards apiece and scooted 75 yards for another returning a kickoff. He scored a fourth time on a three-yard plunge.

Equally thrilling was teammate Hideo Sakamoto's 95 yard dash for another six-points.

Other prominent Nisei gridders in the Central California systems cavorting last week include Tom Tonai of Sanger High, who sparked his team to a 14-0 triumph over Fowler High. He alternates between quarterback and lefthalf and averaged five yards per carry in the game.

Yo Katayama intercepted a pass which led to Selma High's third touchdown as Selma dumped Le-moore High 33-0.

Parlier High which failed to win a game last year may be the surprise team of the conference this season. They have a large number of Nisei players on the roster. Heading the group is Jerry Sunamoto who led the team to a 12-6 win over Maricopa High.

Yoshio Fujiwara, Ken Nikaido and Doug Yoshida are on the roster for Fresno High School. The roster includes players turning out for both lightweight and class A teams.

At (Fresno) Edison High school Roy Konishi is out for tackle and Fumio Yokota is trying out for guard for the team.

At Morgan Hill Frank Watanabe connected on a 25-yard pass to enable Live Oak High to score their fourth and final touchdown as his team took a surprisingly easy 24 to 0 victory over Palma High of Salinas.

The win was the second in Live Oak's history. They had closed out their first year of football last season with a 25 to 0 triumph over Camden of Cambrian park.

Etsu Ouchida is among experienced halfbacks for the Gilroy High school football squad who will help the team defend their Coast Counties Athletic league B co-championship crown this year.

Gonzales High school scored twice in the first half, one of them made by Sammy Sakai, to lead in a season opening football game Friday but Atascadero High school came back with three of their own to win the game 18-12.

Sakai scored when he received a pass from six yards out.

Several Nisei were on the gridiron as football competition started last week in the Santa Clara Valley Athletic league.

Such top names as Herb Yamasaki, Roy Ito, Kiyoshi Sasaki and Ray Nishijima are absent this year from the rosters due to graduation but new ones have joined such familiar names as Ken Hoshi of Mountain View, Ron Masuda of Washington High and Kim Mune of James Lick.

Hoshi, who was on the all-SCVAL second team at the conclusion of the 1955 season, is back to

80 valley golfers set for tourney

STOCKTON. — The second annual San Joaquin-Sacramento Valley Nisei golf tournament will be held on Sunday, Nov. 4, at the Swenson Park Golf course here. A field of 80 golfers is expected to participate in this 18-hole medal play tournament.

The Fresno Nisei Club is in charge of arrangements for this tournament with Dr. George Suda acting as general chairman. Participating clubs include Fresno, Turlock, Stockton, Sacramento Nisei and Kagero. Because of the difficulty in obtaining a suitable course, entries are being limited to club members only.

An entry fee of \$7.50 is being charged all participants, which will cover green fee, dinner, and trophy expenses. The field will be divided into three flights with a maximum handicap of 30 allowed. Deadline for entries is Oct. 24.

In addition to low gross and low net prizes for the tournament proper, additional contests are being planned. The defending champion is Fred Yoshikawa of Fresno, who is expected to receive his toughest competition from George Miyama of Sacramento.

handle some of the running chores for the Eagles this year.

Masuda was the Huskies' top running back last season and earned an honorable mention on the all-SCVAL team. He has been shifted to guard for the 1956 season in order to make use of his blocking ability.

Mune is again at quarterback for the Comets, but, like last year, Chon Gallegos will probably be the starter with Mune in reserve. Tom Koshiyama, a letter winner, will be one of the starting halfbacks for the Comets.

Also playing for the James Lick team will be Mas Konatsu, a strong candidate for the starting guard slot.

Allan Nakano, tackle is up from the lightweight squad striving for a first team position for Santa Clara High school.

An addition to the So. Calif. Nisei football picture is Ted Uyeda, 6 ft. 1 in. end for Antelope Valley High in the Ventura County League. A lad who made George Yoshinaga's Shin Nichi-Bei prep All-America two years ago, he is regarded as the top pass catcher for the school.

In the Stockton area are such Nisei pigskinners as Cal Matsumoto and Butch Yasui, starting right-half and fullback, respectively, for the Stockton College Colts. Both regarded as the fastest men on the team, they each weigh 147. Center Kent Ishimaru is another starter for Stockton's Edison High.

In the San Francisco bay area, halfback Stan Nomura rambled 45 yards down the middle in the second quarter last week for Oakland High, which bested Acalanes High, 19-14. Up from the jayvee ranks, he only weighs 138. Hiro Okawachi, one of the key tailbacks for Alhambra High in the Diablo Valley league, was reported out for

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Calif. Nisei Open set for Oct. 27-28 at Pebble Beach

SAN JOSE. — Entries are already starting to come in for sixth annual California State Nisei Golf championships, according to officers of the Garden City Golf club, sponsors for the event.

The tournament will be held Oct. 27 and 28 at the famous Pebble Beach course.

Ervin Furukawa of Seattle has informed the local club that he intends to defend his title again.

Several other leading Nisei golfers in the Pacific Northwest are also planning to enter this year's tourney. Dr. Toshio Kuge of Portland will be one of them.

According to reports from Salt Lake City, a couple of low handicap men will send in their entries shortly.

Tourney officials said they are looking forward to some golfers from Hawaii for the 1956 tourney.

It was announced that deadline has been set for Monday, Oct. 14 and all players must register by that time with Nob Araki who is handling registration with David Nakamura.

Reservation has been made to hold the tournament dinner at the San Carlos hotel where rooms are also being held for tourney participants.

Entries should be sent to Araki at 854 N. 5th St., San Jose.

Sports Briefs

Singapore newspaperman K. S. Chang, entering the U.S. under the Refugee Relief Act, is taking over the sports editor desk of the Colorado Springs Free Press. He was covering sports for 16 years while working with the English-language China Press in Shanghai.

Champion baseball fan of the Northwest is Henry Y. Tanaka, Seattle hotel operator, who was judged winner of the Post-Intelligencer Rate the Team PCL baseball contest. He won a \$100 savings bond a season ticket to the Seattle home games. He picked six of eight teams in their correct order of finish.

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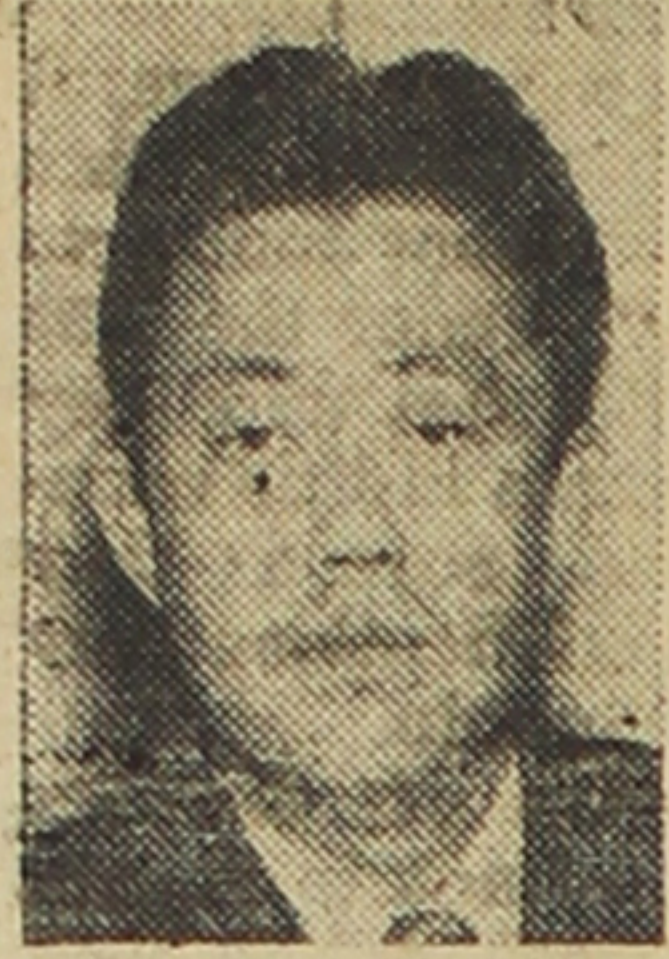
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LOS ANGELES NEWSLETTER: by Henry Mori



All for Miyoshi

Los Angeles

The magic household name at our home today is "Miyoshi Umeki." At least wife Mary thinks so, and she's all agog over the sultry voice of Miss Umeki who used to sing modern ballads in Japan with a GI band until success caught up with her this spring.

Now, Miss Umeki is a four-figure per

week artist.

Mary is somewhat saddened to learn that the Japan's singing doll will not be on "Fare For Ladies", a Hollywood television show every afternoon at 2.

Today, Miss Umeki bids "sayonara" for awhile. She's returning to New York for a two-week appearance in the Arthur Godfrey Time program. That's really where she got started on her climb to making records for Mercury and singing at nightclubs.

To say anything contrary on Miss Umeki's wonderful talent as a singer always evokes an argument with Mary. Not that we don't like Miyoshi but it's that we seldom have a chance to hear the petite doll.

Mary is convinced that Miyoshi, whom we first knew as "Nancy" at Larry Potter's Supper Club early last year when she sang there, is the first one from Japan to make such a hit in this country.

I suppose even Miyoshi didn't suspect when she made her debut at Potter's she would skyrocket to fame in a short span of a year: (At the invitation of Bob Kishita, Shinichi Bei news photographer, we were at the club that premiere eve and posed with the then Nancy Umeki).

Mary has been egging me to take her to see and hear Miyoshi one of these cool evenings at Potter's but we've been evasive for obvious reasons that a nightclub is no place to be for a poor, working newspaperman. (Miyoshi was a guest singer during an intermission program at the Pacific Southwest District Council pre-convention rally but we missed attending the Redondo Beach outing).

Meantime the wife is all hepped to get Miyoshi's new record album, "Miyoshi Sings With Arthur Godfrey" by Mercury, soon to be released. Good ole Miyoshi, is all we can say!

CHRISTMAS CHEER CAMPAIGN

It may just be a wee bit early and too warm to think about Christmas but the annual Cheer project, under the supervision of the So. Calif. JACL regional office, has been announced to begin Oct. 15 with Jim Higashi, chairman of the Los Angeles JACL Coordinating Council, in charge.

The over-all general chairman, of course, will again be Tats Kushida, regional director, whose office is being used as Christmas Cheer headquarters. Last year, the volunteer committee collected more than \$2,500 in cash donations and \$1,200 in staple foods.

Some 280 persons were brought additional Yuletide cheer in 1955 with monetary gifts, canned goods, staples and toys for the children.

This is the ninth year in which the program of aiding the unfortunate has been conducted.

In 1948 Sam Ishikawa, then JACL regional director in Los Angeles, suggested the Christmas Cheer idea after studying many indigent cases among Issei and Nisei families who had been shifted from one trailer camp to another after the close of relocation centers in 1945.

SOU'WESTER: by Tats Kushida



Cachet

Of interest to philatelists will be the cachet cover, or souvenir envelope, in connection with the stamp exhibition to be put on by Southern California (SESCAL) stamp clubs in November, and which will feature Japan as the theme. We've enjoyed working with Ernie Rankin, an Alhambra fireman who's charring the exhibit, and Ervin Felix who's in

charge of the theme and Stan Beecher, Lockheed engineer who heads the federation. Purpose: To display and publicize the arts and culture of Japan as depicted on Japanese postage stamps, and to strengthen understanding and goodwill with Japan. What to strengthen understanding and goodwill with Japan. What you see below is the black and white of the three color cachet. It'll be stamped with a special postmark in Japan for the occasion. Drop in when the show's on, Nov. 16-18, at the Elks Club ballroom, 607 S. Park View, L.A.

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Stockton CL stages county fair feature

By TERI YAMAGUCHI

STOCKTON. — The local JACL sponsored the Japan Night program, which was regarded as one of the most colorful features at the recently concluded San Joaquin County Fair here.

Rose Futamachi, who reigned as "Miss Japan" in the fair's pageant of nations, also participated in the United Nations Night program.

Participating in the Japan Night program, arranged by Helen Yoshikawa and Ruby Dobana, were odori dancers Patricia Kosugi, Patti Takei, Elaine Oseto, Jo Ann Hisaka, Diane Hisaka, Grace Hirahana, Jackie Yamaguchi, Masako Tateyama, Sumi Arakawa, Sharon Itaya, Janie Mikasa and Linda Tsuruta, all directed by Michiko Ryuto; vocalist Henry Shinmoto accompanied by Bob Ogino, Shigeru Yabumoto and Ruby Dobana.

The Stockton beauty was presented with a cultured pearl bracelet donated by Inamasu Jewelers and a bouquet of flowers from the Fair officials.

Hotel night manager found slain by burglar

Yoichi Yasu, 70, night manager of a hotel near Li'l Tokio, was found strangled to death in a room of the hotel by his son Kiyoshi early Monday morning. Brutally beaten with his hands and feet bound, police suspect the burglar who robbed the hotel of \$49 as the slayer.

Vital Statistics

Births

SANTA ANA
CHIKASAWA, James M. (Maye N. Tazoi)—girl JoAnn Yoshiko, July 25, Huntington Beach.
SHIGEMASA, Ray—boy, June 29, Garden Grove.

FRESNO

TAKEDA, George—boy, Aug. 7, Sanger.
TAKENO, Ichio—girl, Aug. 3, Selma.
YOSHIDA, Riichiro—boy, Aug. 6, Sanger.

STOCKTON

KAWAMURA, Kunihiko—girl, Aug. 9, Lodi.
MEKAWA, Chejo—boy, Aug. 13, Lodi.

SACRAMENTO

FUJII, Lincoln—boy, July 12.
FUKUI, Jimmie—boy, Aug. 17.
KANEGAWA, Tamiji—girl, Aug. 19, Walnut Grove.
MATSUURA, Setsu H.—boy, Aug. 16, NAKATOGAWA, Kinjiro K. — boy, Aug. 18.

SHINTANI, R. H.—girl, Aug. 24.
TAKASHIMA, Fred M.—boy, July 10.
TANABE, Hiroshi—girl, Aug. 21.
UYENO, Fred T.—girl, Aug. 17.
YAMAMOTO, Nobuo—girl, Aug. 11.

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MAKABE, Daniel—boy, July 19.
NISHIMOTO, Iwami—boy, Sept. 1, Perryn.
TAKAHASHI, George A.—girl, Sept. 6, Loomis.

Engagements

MATSUMOTO-HORIBA — Setsuko, Phoenix; Sabe, Mesa, Ariz.
OHNO-OKIMOTO — Lois and Don, both Los Angeles.
OKUNO-OKA — Florence Hisako and Robert K., both Los Angeles.
TAKIUCHI-MIDDO — June Kazuko and Robert T., both West Los Angeles.

Weddings

ASARI-NODA — Sept. 15, Motokazu and Haruko, both Los Angeles.
BURKE-HASUIKE — Clive S. and Jean S., both Los Angeles.
KAGAWA-YASUI — Aug. 12, Hideo, Los Angeles; Nancy Mikiko, Venice.
KATO-IWAMOTO — Sept. 9, Jun H., Los Angeles; Grace H., North Hollywood.
MASAI-KOBAYASHI — Sept. 2, Chico and Kay, San Gabriel.
SAKAGUCHI-YONEYAMA — Dr. Bo, North Hollywood; Ikuyo, Los Angeles.

TONAI-ENDO — Sept. 8, Minoru and Mitsuko M., both Los Angeles.
YAMAOKA-SUGIMURA — Sept. 3, Mas and Lei of Pasadena at Las Vegas.

YOKOTA-KATAOKA — Aug. 11, Hiroshi and Sanaye, both Los Angeles.
YOSHIMURA-SASAJIMA — July 15, Raymond, San Gabriel; Hanako Diane, Los Angeles.

Deaths

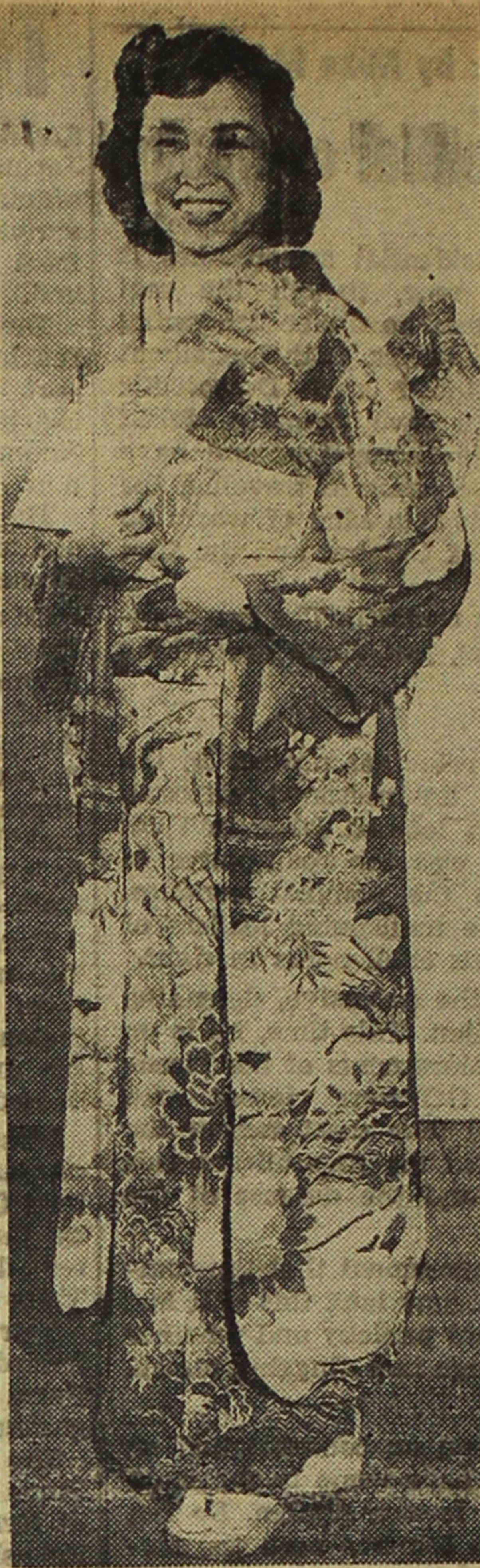
FUKUCHI, Tokuchi, 73: Los Angeles, Sept. 13—wife Kimi, sons Tokko, Tokuei, daughter Mrs. Mariko Kanashiro.

HATA, Yachiyu, 39: Los Angeles, Sept. 18—husband Teruo, sons Donald, Dale, mother Mrs. Hatsuno Terada, brothers Tsunco, Yoshio, sisters Mmes. Kimiyo Sumida, Masayo Okita.

KURATA, Loren G., 34: Rio Alto, Sept. 15—mother Nomi, brothers Henry, Fred, Robert, sisters Madelyn, Mrs. Ruth Yamasaki.

NAKAMURA, Ruichi, 74: Los Angeles, Sept. 12—five sons Masatsugu, Masao, Hiroshi, Isamu, Yutaka; daughters Mmes. Kazue Sato, Sakaye Eda.

OZASA, Takeo, 58: Los Angeles, Aug. 8—wife Yoshino, son George, daughters Mmes. Kazuko Kawasaki, Satsuko Ego.



Rose Futamachi of Stockton reigned as Japan Night queen during the recent San Joaquin County Fair. A Stockton JACLer, she is a dental assistant by occupation and joined girls representing six other ethnic groups in the United Nations Night program at the fair.

Sports—

Continued from Page 6 the season due to injury.

Bill Masuda will be at guard for Washington High in San Francisco during the 1956 football season.

Coach Chad Reade listed the 160-pound Nisei among the first linemen. Reade said the front line of the Eagles this year will be the smallest in the league. It averages 168 pounds.

Reade also pointed out that the team has good-looking reserves, among them Tad Sekino, 155-pound guard.

Palo Alto High, rated a top contender for the Peninsula Athletic League title, has Ko Abe back at the halfback position for its football season this year.

Across the Gate at Petaluma High is veteran Tom Yoada, end, who made all-North Bay league last year.

Richard Kishi is back on the C. K. McClatchy High school in Sacramento as coach George Bican greeted 90 players working out for the varsity and jayvee teams.

Kishi, a halfback, was joined by three other Nisei for starting berths on one or the other of the teams. They are George Nakano, Roy Inoupe and Richard Teramoto.

Ron Muramoto and Richard Saka are among candidates for the Sacramento High school team reporting to coach George Relles for practice.

In the Northwest region, the Seattle high schools opened their season with an East-West jamboree. Frank Kobuki of Cleveland High was one of the running threats in the 0-0 tie with Lincoln in the opening period. West won 14-7.

In the Denver area are two Nisei varsity men: tackle Roy Takahashi at North High, end John Yedo at West High. Dan Fujita, 160-

Mas Oshiki's son killed in crash

THERMAL. — Dennis M. Oshiki, 17, son of Mr. and Mrs. Masao Oshiki, was killed early Sunday morning in a crash involving a carload of teenagers returning home from a football game and two other cars.

Two girls riding in the same car sustained serious injuries, while three others in the car suffered minor injuries. The six, all from Indio, were returning from a game at Victorville between their school Coachella High and Victorville High.

The highway patrol said the car driven by Gary L. Fischlein, 16, in which the Sansei was killed, tried to pass a car on US Hwy. 99 two and half miles east of Banning, clipped it then veering across the highway to an oncoming car. Occupants in the other two cars were not hurt.

The Oshikis are active members of the Coachella Valley JACL. Funeral services were held yesterday.

LETTERS

Dr. Okochi's Work

Editor: Dr. Ichiro Okochi, an earnest Christian orthopedic surgeon from Taira, Japan, is now visiting in the States to observe surgery and work for handicapped children. He has a hospital-home-school for 60 children and soon expects to have a new building open for 20 more cerebral palsy children.

As we have visited in various hospitals and schools we have always found Nisei nurses, technicians, physical therapists. They seem to be making good and are highly thought of.

I have been showing a dramatic movie of Dr. Okochi's work in many places in the States and raised about \$2,000 for his work. With this we have purchased several things he needed and have paid his plane fare for this trip. I have shown this film to only one JACL-sponsored meeting — in Glendale, Arizona. This meeting was most successful and we are hoping to be able to meet more Nisei and JACL groups. Mostly Issei come out for the meetings and they are always cordial and liberal in their contributions. But Nisei who have seen the "Song of Light" film are enthusiastic about it and wish more could see it.

Dr. Okochi will be in the East and San Francisco from Sept. 24 to Nov. 19. When he is in the Los Angeles area we hope he may meet more Nisei. He leaves here Nov. 30 for Hawaii, where he will spend several days before returning to Japan. He is a man we hope many can meet and receive inspiration from the work he is doing.

His address while in America is c/o H. V. Nicholson, 1554 Las Lunas St., Pasadena. —H. V. Nicholson

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WASHINGTON NEWSLETTER: by Mike Masaoka



'56 presidential campaign

Washington

The 1956 presidential sweepstakes is fully underway now, though the real electioneering won't be under full swing for another three weeks. Both incumbent President Eisenhower and Democratic hopeful Stevenson have formally kicked off their respective campaigns and have already spent much time in traveling the nation to tell their stories. But, all this is a kind of warm up of what to expect in the final weeks of October and the first in November.

In a sense, this 1956 campaign is a rematch. The two nominees are identical. But aside from this, just about everything is different from four years ago.

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In 1952, both were more or less reluctant novices in the field of national politics. Now, both are seasoned veterans. Four years ago, the late Senator Taft loomed large in GOP councils and then President Truman was the real power in the Democratic party, not Stevenson the nominal nominee. Today, both of the candidates are the undisputed leaders of their respective parties, with no serious challengers in sight.

The last time, Stevenson was on the defensive, defending the record of the Truman Administration. This time, he is on the offensive, attacking the alleged achievements of the Eisenhower Administration. In 1952, the GOPsters viewed with alarm and denounced with vigor. Now they must answer the opposition. The tables have turned, and the Republicans this year will have the burden of proof and the defense of the record as their responsibilities.

Up to this point, there is general agreement that the campaign has been on a "high level". Just how long this will last depends upon which party first becomes panicky and whether the other will rise to the bait and engage in a slugging match.

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Up to this point too, there has been on concentration on a few key issues, though the farmers have come in for more than their share of attention so early in a campaign. So far, just about every segment of American life has been the target of appeals, except for the millionaires.

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As of the moment, it seems quite clear that the President continues to enjoy a comfortable lead in the race for the White House. His phenomenal personal popularity defies analysis.

On other hand, there is no defeatism in the Stevenson camp this season. With their presidential nominee exuding confidence, there is an air of expectancy among the Democrats that few would have thought possible only a few weeks ago.

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Though the President enjoys the lead at the moment, many things may happen before Nov. 6 that may well swing the election to Stevenson.

One of the crucial items relates to the President's health. On what amounts to the first anniversary of his heart attack, the President seems to be robust and in exceptional good health for a man his age. Still, another attack or confining illness, even a cold at an inopportune time, may cause many who would now vote for him to cast their ballot for the Democratic Stevenson.

Then there is the overriding question of peace in our time. Should the current controversy over Suez erupt into a shooting war, or Israel and its Arab neighbors resort to arms, or the almost forgotten but smoldering flame over Formosa be fanned into the white heat of invasion, the voters might turn to Stevenson for leadership, though it is also a possibility that such eventualities might impress the electorate even more that an individual whose life has been dedicated to the military is more essential for such times than one whose principal pursuits have been outside the services.

The plight of the farmers, the "recession" or "depression" that the Democrats have been predicting for many years, the anger of the Negroes over civil rights and segregation—all these and more may well spell out the name of the victor should they become crucial matters by election-time.

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Four years ago, the Republicans controlled most of the state governorships. This time it is the Democrats. The last time, there seemed to be an apparent tide towards the Republicans; this time, as the 1954 elections and Maine and other states thus far this year may indicate, there may be a definite Democratic trend.

In any event, this promises to be a more exciting and closer race than in 1952.

Stevenson is operating under a rugged schedule calculated to emphasize the President's health. And it seems evident now that the President will be a far more active campaigner than it was anticipated a few months ago.

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Stevenson has also come up with what may be an important contribution to these national campaigns. Because he has found that it is impossible to spell out the details of the various programs he espouses in his electioneering speeches and comments, he has initiated the practice of issuing individual blueprints for what he terms a New America, statements which outline his specific intentions and plans regarding each of the vital issues that he feels confronts the nation today.

When these blueprints are matched against the proposals of the Eisenhower Administration, better perspectives of the differences in the philosophies and in the approaches of the two candidates may be had, which would be a welcome relief to the platitudes and the battle of semantics which usually engulf every campaign.

Also giving confidence to the Democratic party hopes this campaign is that the once Solid Democratic South may again be united against the Republicans, for practically every leading Dixiecrat politician has endorsed the Stevenson-Kefauver ticket this year, whereas in 1952 many of its leading nominal Democrats actively campaigned for the Eisenhower-Nixon combination.

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Four years ago, Eisenhower was the popular war hero,

Temporary Japanese labor arrives

SACRAMENTO. — The new U.S.-Japan migrant farm labor program officially got under way with the arrival of the first 125 workers from Japan over the past weekend.

The first contingent of 62 men reached Sacramento municipal airport Saturday. Their specially-chartered Pan American World Airways plane touched down at 1 p.m.

The group was greeted by state and Japanese officials from San Francisco.

Edward Hayes, farm placement chief for the Calif. Dept. of Employment, addressed the group in a brief welcome ceremony and told the new arrivals that he hoped they would work to create a good impression at their new jobs so that there would be an increasingly large demand for farm workers from Japan.

Takashi Suzuki, who developed this new farm labor program in talks with U.S. officials in Washington, D.C. this spring came with the first group on the PAA plane Saturday.

Most of this first group were originally assigned to a Bakersfield farm, but a last minute shift by the California Growers Assn. sent the 62 to three ranches in the Yuba City area.

Thirty farmers who arrived here Saturday were sent to the Zumoldt Farm in Colusa. They are from Kagoshima prefecture.

The Poole Farm and Wilber Farm in Yuba City received 12 and 20 farmers, respectively, all from Fukushima prefecture.

The second group of 63 arrived Monday at 10:04 a.m., coming in a full day ahead of schedule via Japan Air Lines.

These men came under special six-month visas which may be renewed for a total of three years. At the end of this period they must return to Japan. Working under prevailing wages, the seasonal workers may be able to return home with about \$3,000 in their pocket in three years.

The California farm placement officers expressed surprise in finding these young men from Japan

SEN. DIRKSEN TO SPEAK AT CHICAGO CL MEETING

CHICAGO.—Sen. Everett M. Dirksen (R., Ill.), who praised the work of the JACL before a recent meeting of the Senate, has been secured as the main speaker for the local JACL Candidate's Night on Friday, Oct. 19, at the McCormick YWCA, 1001 N. Dearborn St.

Both Republican and Democratic headquarters of Chicago have been invited to send speakers to this meeting. As the JACL is a non-partisan organization, it does not endorse candidates.

untested in civilian and political controversy, yet with an appeal to all voters that he was above partisanship. An honorable peace and an end to strife within and without the nation was the cherished hope of many. And his opponent Stevenson was practically unknown outside his state.

This campaign, he is the President defending his leadership in the executive department and his efforts with the legislative branch. This time he is the acknowledged head of the Republican party. He has secured an armistice in Korea and has managed to maintain a precarious peace throughout the world. But, instead of promises, he must explain why more of his 1952 campaign promises were not fulfilled and why some of the practices he criticized in the previous Administration recurred in his own though perhaps in different guises.

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As the 1956 presidential sweepstakes swings into high gear, we can expect ever increasing intensity with the climax on Nov. 6. In the meantime, while we anticipate charges and counter-charges and promises and pledges, let us hope that the conduct of the campaign will not jeopardize the peace of the free world nor subject us to the ridicule of those who would destroy our electoral system and way of life.

well dressed, most of them carrying expensive cameras.

"All of them seem to be well educated and trained," Bayard C. Rucker, farm placement supervisor, said, adding:

"I don't know how well they can stand the rigor of farm works in California, but we'll see how they will turn out within a month or so."

The seasonal workers must have the approval of the California Farm Placement Bureau before they are permitted to enter this country.

Rucker intimated that his office was interested in seeing a harmonious employer-worker relationship, and added that his office will take serious interest in the housing, food, and toilet system offered these incoming farmers from Japan.

"We are always ready to hear complaints from the seasonal workers, and see to it that these griev-

ances are adjusted amicably."

In the past two years several hundred Japanese arrived in this country under farm labor contracts but they came here under the 1953 U.S. Refugee Relief Act and they are entitled to remain in this country permanently. As soon as they fulfill residence qualifications they can apply for citizenship.

The newest group of workers must eventually go back to Japan.

Some 375 more workers had been scheduled to reach this country during October, but at present the future of the program is being restudied by the employers group.

Since the walkout staged a month ago by 20 Japanese under contract to a Delano ranch, the demand for Japanese farm help fell off, it was reported in San Francisco.

Four of the missing 20 returned to the Delano camp, but the rest were still holding out against returning to work for their sponsors early this week.

Vice-Pres. Nixon in surprise chat with Nisei college prexy at Whittier

WHITTIER. — Before Vice President Richard Nixon departed for Reno on the first leg of a 32-state Republican campaign tour, he made an unscheduled appearance at Whittier College, his alma mater, one morning.

His return to Campus Inn, where students and faculty were assembled for breakfast in the cafeteria, took photographers accompanying him off guard as the 43-year-old former student walked on the campus alone and spent an hour and half chatting and shaking hands with collegians and professors.

After waiting in line to get an order of scrambled eggs, he sat down at a table with a male student and four coeds but never had a chance to touch his breakfast.

From another corner, college student body president Bill Marumoto of Santa Ana approached the table and greeted him. Within moments, a long line of students formed, all wanting to shake Nixon's hand.

Nixon, a graduate of class of 1934 and also former student body president like Marumoto, discussed student politics with the eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Marumoto of 1832 W. First St. After making several observations, Vice-President Nixon asked Marumoto:

"How do you keep all these beautiful girls under control," referring to the four girls he was sitting with.

Marumoto, who served as student body president at Santa Ana High School in 1953, is majoring in sociology. He recently returned from Japan where he served as U.S. adviser to a group of American boy scouts attending the Japanese Boy Scout Jamboree in Karizawa, near Tokyo.

He is also active with the Orange

Rep. Yates addresses Americanization class

CHICAGO.—Rep. Sidney R. Yates, Illinois congressman from the 9th District, was secured as speaker for the ninth graduation exercises of the Americanization class, jointly sponsored by the local JACL and Japanese American Service Committee.

Fifty-two Issei were announced as completing the course. The program was held this week at the Olivet Institute.

New York group aiding servicemen changes name

NEW YORK. — Because of the number of Chinese Americans who are taking part in its activities, the NSO changed its name to Nisei Sino Service Organization, and will be known as the NSSO.

The group sponsors dances and other activities for servicemen who visit New York.

The board of directors of the NSSO has been increased to three, with the addition of George Chin, prominent and popular Chinese leader in the New York Chinese community. The other two directors are Jim Konno and Walter Bjork, both members of the 442nd Veterans Association.

County JAYs, a Jr. JACL group of Orange County chapter.

Gardena CL plans busy Oct. schedule

GARDENA.—The month of October will be a busy one for the Gardena Valley JACL, according to Dr. John Y. Koyama, chapter president.

On Friday, Oct. 5, volunteers will be requested to assist in the addressing of nearly 10,000 envelopes to be used in mailing brochures urging a "YES" vote on Proposition 13. This is the bill to repeal the Alien Land Law on the November ballot. This addressing project will be held in the lounge of the Teen-age Center, 1651 Market St., from 7:30 p.m.

On Saturday, Oct. 13 at the Japanese Community Center, 2000 Market St., a general meeting will be held to give brief reports on the National convention, ratification of the new chapter constitution, and other business. A social-refreshment hour will follow.

A ten-lesson course in ballroom dancing will begin on Oct. 10, with weekly lessons on Wednesday evenings at the Japanese Community Center, according to Sally Sato, vice president and social chairman. Members are invited to sign up for the course which will be given by Arthur Murray instructors for a nominal fee.

CALENDAR

Sept. 29 (Saturday)
Detroit—10th Ann'y diner-dance, Adrienne's Room, Paul's Steak House.
Oct. 5 (Friday)
Gardena Valley—Prop. 13 mailing project, Teenage Center, 1651 Market St., 7:30 p.m.
Oct. 5-6
Sonoma County—Benefit movie, Memorial Hall, Santa Rosa.
Oct. 6 (Saturday)
East Los Angeles—Box lunch social, International Institute, 6:30 p.m.
Oakland—Hawaiian Luau, Hotel Alameda, 7:30 p.m.
Oct. 10 (Wednesday)
Gardena Valley—10-Wk. Dance class starts, Japanese Comm. Center.
East Los Angeles—General meeting, San Francisco—Auxiliary meeting, Buchanan "Y", 8 p.m.; Jean Bolton and Lucy Schulte, spkrs.
Oct. 12 (Friday)
Venice—General meeting, Gakuen Hall, 8 p.m.
Oct. 13 (Saturday)
Sequoia—Sr.-Jr. Tri-Villes Fun Nite, Gardena Valley—Convention Report meeting, Japanese Comm. Center, 2000 Market St.
Oct. 13-14
Sonoma County—JACL Bowling tournament, Santa Rosa Bowl.
Oct. 13 (Thursday)
Pasadena—General meeting.
Oct. 19 (Friday)
Chicago—Candidates Night, McCormick YMCA, 8 p.m.
Oct. 20 (Saturday)
Cincinnati—Chapter dance.
Oct. 21 (Sunday)
Detroit—Sukiyaki dinner.
Oct. 26 (Friday)
San Francisco—Chapter political rally, Buchanan "Y", 8 p.m.
Oct. 27 (Saturday)
San Francisco—Auxiliary Halloween party.
East Los Angeles—Halloeween party.
Oct. 27-28
Chicago—JACL Carnival, Olivet Institute.
Oct. 28 (Sunday)
Sonoma County—Nisei Memorial Day Service, Enmanji Temple.
Nov. 3 (Saturday)
Pasadena—Benefit movies.