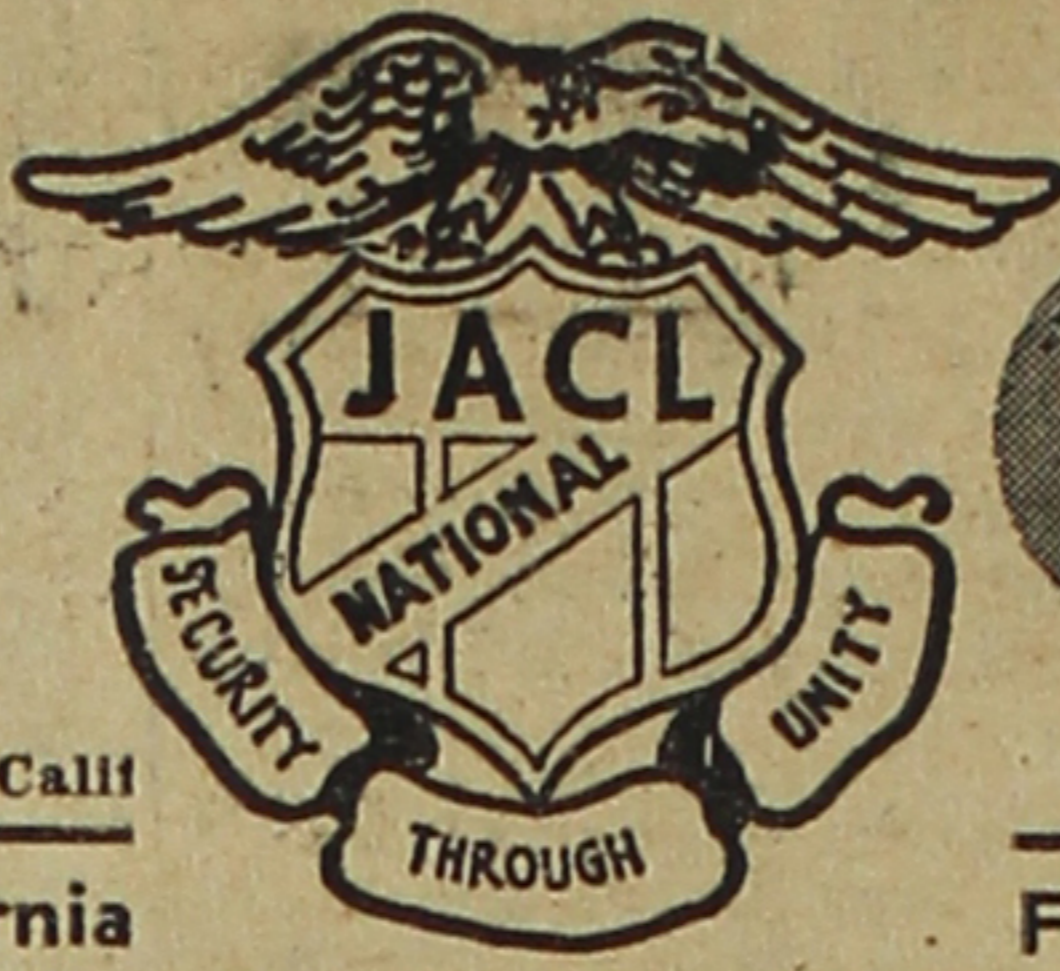


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## PRESIDENT'S CORNER:

### Goodwill banquet as investment in community

A fortnight ago, national director Mas Satow and this writer had the pleasure and honor of speaking before the Placer County JACL's 16th annual goodwill banquet. This is undoubtedly one of the outstanding affairs of its kind on a local chapter level. A crowd estimated at over 300 persons attended. The leading civic figures of the community including the Mayor, State Senator and Assemblyman, the Sheriff, and Members of the Board of Supervisors and City Council were present as well as the leading business and professional men of the district.

The Placer County JACL is so well integrated and respected in its area that community leaders look forward eagerly to this annual affair and the entire community is anxious to show its friendship and support of the chapter and its members. Chapter members do their part in inviting their friends to accompany them to the banquet as their personal guests.

In terms of public relations and community goodwill, the value of such affairs is incalculable to both the local chapter and to National JACL. It is our hope that goodwill banquets of of this nature—possibly in conjunction with the installation of new officers—will be held by as many of our local chapters as possible.

Undoubtedly this is one of the surest and best ways to help integration and community acceptance. It is putting democracy to work, and it is creating understanding, friendship and goodwill. Since everyone benefits, cooperation and enthusiasm generally runs high on affairs of this nature.

As one Placer County member said, "Our relations in the community are good. We want to keep it that way . . . This is the best investment our chapter can make in our community."

—Dr. Roy Nishikawa

## JACL POLICY STATEMENT

# Stand on Japanese temporary farm workers cautions gov't

## GRIEVANCE COMMITTEE TO HEAR JOB DISCRIMINATION IN FRESNO SET UP

FRESNO. — A grievance committee has been recommended to the City Commission to hear complaints of job discrimination because of race, in a report now on file by a committee formed a year ago to study the problem. One Nisei, Mike Iwatsubo, was a member of this study group.

(Last week, the city commission named the Fresno citizen's committee which studied racial discrimination in employment for a year as a standing committee. Mike Iwatsubo, member of the study group, will serve if he accepts the reassignment.)

The group, headed by Rev. Kenneth W. Adams of the First Methodist Church, also proposes a continuing educational and publicity program.

The grievances heard by the committee would be a matter of record and reported to the City Commission.

"Such a standing committee," says the report, "would serve as a clearing house to indicate the number and nature of complaints involving the question of racial discrimination in employment and this committee would also offer an educational opportunity to employers and to the general public.

"We further recommend that this committee be appointed within 60 days and that the educational and publicity program follow as soon as practicable," the committee stated.

The 15-member committee, which was created by the commission on Nov. 10, 1955, met monthly starting in January, 1956, with two meetings last month.

The committee's conclusions and recommendations are:

"Racial discrimination in employment is often intangible and

elusive.

"Those who favor discrimination are apt to find ways of evading the issue and those who oppose it are apt to find it difficult to get documentary proof.

"A study of racial discrimination conducted on a voluntary basis, such as the present study, cannot hope to produce a complete and final report.

"The data gathered by the committee indicates that:

"1. There is no racial discrimination in public employment by the City of Fresno.

"2. Labor unions prohibit racial discrimination in their by-laws.

"3. Teachers and school advisers in secondary schools are aware there is some measure of racial discrimination in employment in business and industry in the City of Fresno, and they try to counsel students to seek work where resistance will not be encountered.

"4. In positions where public contact is necessary there is a marked absence of minority races, especially Negroes.

"5. There is a general assumption on the part of employers that employment of a member of a minority group might be detrimental to business.

"6. The city charter prohibits

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SAN FRANCISCO. — Policy statement with regard to the temporary farm workers from Japan was released this week by National JACL Headquarters. The program, now under way, evoked considerable discussion at the 14th biennial National Convention but unanimous agreement on a statement of policy could not be reached at the time.

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Subsequent discussions have been held, especially in the Central California District Council whose chapters found the initial statement unacceptable. The final statement, "Temporary Agricultural Workers from Japan," in essence was drafted by the Central California District Council, and now has been endorsed by all the chapters in the national organization:

"The Japanese American Citizens League believes that agricultural workers from Japan should be given the same opportunity to be admitted into this country and to earn a livelihood as that afforded workers from any other country under our laws and regulations. We believe that such a program to supplement any domestic agricultural labor shortage, properly administered, can be beneficial to agriculture in the United States between our country and Japan.

"The JACL will cooperate wherever possible toward the successful operation of the program for the mutual benefit of all concerned by reporting progress locally and making whatever suggestions seem necessary for its success.

"At the same time, mindful of JACL's primary function as the welfare of persons of Japanese ancestry residing in the United States in endorsing this program of our government, JACL voices its concern with respect to its administration and recommends:

"(1) There be a program of public relations which will be informative as to the purpose of this particular project and its merits.

"(2) There be adequate safeguards against a large concentration of temporary laborers in any one area. An undue concentration may cause repercussions endangering the hard earned status of good regard now enjoyed by Japanese Americans locally.

"(3) Before placing workers in any area, care be exercised to ascertain an actual labor shortage in that area.

"(4) Adequate administrative machinery be established to anticipate and prevent any bad repercussions, to minimize any ill effects if such occur, and to make whatever adjustments are necessary to correct the difficulties."

Briefly, the plan for temporary workers from Japan involves a petition to the United States Immigration and Naturalization Service

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## Japanese farm laborers from Hokkaido happy working on truck crops in Oxnard area, but 'homesick' too; climate like home

OXNARD. — For the past month, a group of 91 newly arrived Japanese farm workers has been working in the truck gardens in this area, "torn between homesickness and happiness," as a Los Angeles Times reporter commented this week.

Isao Yasuda, 26, college graduate and poet, said, "We haven't seen much yet, but what we've seen so far is much like home." He and the other temporary farm workers hail from Hokkaido.

He said the climate seemed similar—cool mornings and evenings and balmy days thus far—and farming methods somewhat alike. Strangest thing to him was the set hours of work and close accounting of time spent in labor here, while "at home," he said through interpreter Hicks Yasutake, "men work in the fields from dawn to dark."

Yasuda had a nostalgic gleam in his eyes as he looked around the 40-bed barracks and talked of his father's 75-acre farm and of his eight brothers and two sisters.

In the past weeks, a group of 20 Japanese national has been harvesting celery on the 360-acre Tanaka Bros. farm.

Frank X. Hovley, manager of the Ventura County Farm Labor Association, explained, "These fellows are the first to come here under the new law making it possible. They aren't competing with locals. Anytime anyone in this area wants a field job he can get one, even if we have to send one of the nationals back home to make room

for him. Actually, there's too much of a labor shortage to make that seem likely."

The Japanese were working side by side with Mexican nationals. The workers are paid 85 cents to \$1 an hour, according to the kind of work performed. Since the Japanese government arranged the loans to pay for plane flight of the newcomers, that money is being deducted from their pay after their first three months here, Hovley continued.

The State Dept. of Employment arranges for importation of nationals, whether Japanese or Mexican, after the need for them is certified. Hovley said the association he manages operates a labor pool so that when work runs short on one farm, the nationals can be sent to a farm which needs them.

"It takes a lot of labor," Hovley said, to handle the truck crops here and in the Santa Paula area (about 11,000 acres), many of them double-crop each year, some being triple-cropped. "And the work is year around. There's never a day when we can't employ most of the labor pool."

There are 1,800 Mexican nationals in the pool and 200 Japanese nationals are expected to work on vegetable crops as well as the citrus groves. "It's a good deal," Hovley said, "for everyone here—the growers and the nationals, too."

As for Yasuda, he told the reporter his job here is the opportunity of his lifetime. At home, life

held no promises. There was no work for him. Three older brothers would eventually inherit and split his father's farm. But after three years here, Yasuda hopes to go home with \$2,000 to his credit—enough to set up his own farm with equipment and livestock. And he can marry.

As an alternative to establishing his own farm on the rather infertile acres of Hokkaido, he would like to emigrate to Brazil. He already has his father's permission—a requirement in Japan—but Brazil has an immigration quota on Japanese and he hasn't much hope of getting on it.

Yasuda is only one of two college graduates among the 91, whose ages range from 20 to 34. There is one married man among them. But they all have one thing in common: they all seem glad to get the three-year field jobs here.

(On weekends, some of them have been visiting Li'l Tokio—taking in a Japanese movie, snapping pictures and eating at one of the Japanese restaurants.)

## SAN FRANCISCO PASSPORT OFFICE TO BE ENLARGED

SAN FRANCISCO. — The U. S. State Department assured Rep. William S. Mailliard (R., Calif.) more adequate facilities will be provided the local passport office. During peak travel seasons last summer, the office fell far behind in processing applications.



VAGARIES: by Larry S. Tajiri



Housewives in politics

Denver

This past election I got a lesson in politics from my wife and some housewives on our block in southwest Denver. In Colorado one of the key contests was the race for the seat of Sen. Eugene Millikin, long one of the Senate's Republican leaders, who did not run for reelection because of illness. His heir apparent was the colorful Dan Thornton, former governor and a resplendent figure in his cowboy hat and boots. Thornton, one of President Eisenhower's closest friends, had a firm grasp on Ike's coat-tails and expected to be an easy victor.

Among the Democrats an obvious candidate was John Carroll, former congressman and onetime White House assistant to President Truman. But many Democrats reasoned that Carroll was a pitcher which had gone to the political well once too often. He had been defeated in bids for the Senate in 1950 and 1954. So Charles Brannan, former secretary of agriculture under Truman and now a Denver attorney, was induced to enter the race. Carroll, however, was stubborn and insisted on remaining in the contest despite the fact that most of the Democratic leadership obviously favored Brannan. Carroll said that he was still the most popular among the rank and file voters, and the primary election proved him right. He defeated Brannan and got the nomination.

WOMEN PUSH PHONE CAMPAIGN

When he started his campaign against Thornton, Carroll had little beyond a stubborn faith that people wanted to hear his stand on the "issues"—water, the dominant fact in Colorado politics; the farm depression; conservation; public power and resource development; civil rights, and the problem of the American aged. Carroll had faith, and little else. He had little money, and he was to learn that many influential Democrats were too willing to write off his chances against as a strong campaigner as Thornton who had the additional political advantage of being one of Ike's golfing buddies. Carroll's campaign staff consisted of little more than his brother-in-law, his daughter Diane and his wife. He rented a cubbyhole of a vacant store on Denver's 16th Street and started his uphill struggle.

As the election neared it became obvious that the Eisenhower victory in Colorado, site of the summer White House and Mamie's home state, would be of landslide proportions. Few, if any, were the political pundits who gave John Carroll a chance of bucking that running Eisenhower tide. The Democratic National Committee, which was pouring its money into the campaign of Wayne Morse, Joe Clark, Richard Richards and Frank Church in other critical Senate races, sent Carroll only a pittance. It felt that the key to the battle for Senate control was elsewhere.

The Colorado GOP ran a smooth, well-gear'd campaign for Ike and Dick, Dan and Don (Brotzman, who was to lose the governorship to Democrat Steve McNichols in a close campaign which included a debate before 150 members of the Denver JACL). Thornton dealt mostly in generalities, but he toured the state waving his big hat, smiling and shaking hands. He was the apparent winner. In contrast, John Carroll doggedly stumped on "the issues," in drought-ridden eastern Colorado, on the water-conscious western slope. But was anybody listening?

Apparently some people were. One day, in the midst of the campaign, my wife got a phone call from a neighbor across the street. She was a volunteer for John Carroll, the caller said. Would Marion like to help type cards for Carroll? My wife said she would. The particular task was to type file cards of the names of registered Democrats and independents in various Denver precincts. Using these cards the Carroll volunteers later made phone calls, offering rides to the polls and baby-sitters, if necessary. A half-dozen women up and down the block joined the typing marathon.

CARROLL BATTLES FOR SENATE

In the days just before the election the housewives started their telephone campaign, calling the Democrats and independents on their lists. More than 500 calls were made from our block alone.

What did all this accomplish? Perhaps a half dozen persons who might not have voted were impelled to go to the polls. A wavering vote or two might have been influenced. When the returns were in on the morning after the election, the news was the Carroll had upset Thornton by a margin of some 7,800 votes out of more than 600,000 cast. Carroll's margin of victory was about four votes a precinct. In our precinct 1410, and in Colorado's other 1700 precincts, housewives with typewriters and telephones had contributed to the Carroll victory. Their contribution was an unselfish one. They had not asked anything of Carroll and the candidate had promised no special favors.

As the election developed, the Democrats retained control of the Senate by a single seat, 49 to 47. The Carroll seat was one the Democrats had not expected to gain. Without it, however, there would exist a 48 to 48 deadlock, and Vice-President Nixon would cast the decisive vote in the organization of the Senate in the 85th Congress. Housewives, with their typewriters and telephones in the quiet residential blocks of Denver, and in the rambling precincts of rural Colorado, can help change the course of history.

APPEARED BEFORE JACL-ERS

John Carroll, who will take his place in the liberal wing of the Senate Democrats with Douglas, Morse, Humphrey and Kefauver, has long been cognizant of problems faced by Nisei and members of other American minorities. As congressman from Denver from 1946 to 1950 he voted for such remedial legislation as the evacuation claims act . . . Carroll was a speaker at the Mountain Plains JACL district council banquet in 1953 which honored Medal of Honor winner Sgt. Hiroshi Miyamura . . . Carroll is an admirer of Mike Masaoka's oratory and once expressed the hope, to this writer, that Mike would come to Colorado and campaign for him.

Administration of small claims court by night suggested by Judge Aiso to reduce loss of wages by employees

Municipal Court Judge John Aiso, who hears 600 cases a day when he presides in the small claims court, suggested night sessions be held to minimize the loss of wages by employees required to appear during working hours.

The change was one of the four points suggested by the first Nisei Mainland jurist in Kaiser Steel's house organ, "Westward," under the title of "Low Cost Justice." The author, Vince Gates, pointed out that for a dollar anyone can file and receive a judgment-without attorneys, jury or drawn-out trials—the real sense of "low cost justice."

Many unusual things happen in a small claims court. Gates said one man brought in an ill-fitting denture to Judge Aiso. He jerked the false teeth from his mouth, offered them to the judge. "Here," the plaintiff said, "you try them." But Judge Aiso refused to use the dentures as "evidence."

Judge Aiso, a 1000er from Hollywood JACL, was first to admit that no court system is perfect. To improve service to litigants and to effect assistance to the small claims court in dispensing justice, the former Army lieutenant colonel suggested:

1. A law to close the loophole of certain defendants now escaping service of Small Claims summons by being out of state; such law to require persons conducting businesses as sole proprietors or domestic partnerships to designate agents to accept service of

summons. 2. Night sessions for Small Claims cases to minimize loss of wages by employed persons required to appear during working hours. This could provide opportunity for attorneys to volunteer as judges pro tem by written stipulation of both parties, thus lessening the burden of heavy court work load and giving lawyers experience as judges. 3. Standing panels of expert witnesses to assist judges in deciding on technical points involving fabrics, radio-television, carpeting, dry cleaning, dental, optical, orthopedic and paraplegic devices. Such experts could be volunteers from business and professional associations and unions.

4. Truth, in many cases, could be quickly resolved through the use

of a lie detector. Since rules of evidence, generally, don't apply in small claims courts, the mere hint of possible exposure of untruthful testimony might resolve many disputes.

In California Small Claims are found in every judicial district. In Los Angeles, more than 42,000 cases are heard annually. Last year the state handled some 200,000 cases.

Until recent years, Small Claims cases in the state were functions of the Justice courts. In 1949, the Legislature created Municipal Courts which promoted justices of the peace to municipal court judges.

Judge Aiso was appointed to the bench by the then Gov. Earl Warren in October, 1953, and will hold until 1958.

Issei returning to retire in Japan greatly disappointed, some returning to America

SAN FRANCISCO. — Long time Issei residents of the United States who fulfilled a long-cherished dream of retiring to their home in Japan are usually greatly disappointed when they get there, the Nichibei Times here reported.

Scores of Issei have gone back to Japan "for good" in the past eight years since traveling was permitted after the war, but many of them have returned to America.

Lack of friends, loss of close relatives during the intervening decades since they left home, jealousy on the part of neighbors over the affluence of the returning Issei and the low standard of living are among the chief reasons why they can't stand living in Japan.

Many have reported that life in Japan became very uncomfortable when neighbors continued to pester them to see how the "back from America" people lived.

"They eat meat every day," "They are very extravagant" and such nosy tidbits are frequently passed on by maids and visitors, according to those who have pulled

up stakes and come over again to the U.S.

"When we found ourselves sneaking out to buy our food, we had enough," one man reported.

Those who left this country with return permits from the U.S. immigration service even though they originally intended to stay forever in Japan had no trouble re-entering this country, but some failed to take this precaution and bore up too long under uncomfortable situations and are now stuck there.

One of the recent "returnees" is Mrs. Yae Minoshima, San Francisco teacher of Japanese singing who returned late last month.

She had built a new home in Odawara in Kanagawa prefecture, about three hours travel time south of Tokyo, but decided to sell the house and come back to stay among "my friends."

Fresno—

Continued from Front Page discrimination against political and religious beliefs but does not include reference to race and color.

7. There is a growing tendency among some employers in the City of Fresno to face up to the question of racial discrimination in employment.

The committee feels that while much has been accomplished in terms of eliminating racial discrimination in employment, discrimination still exists in some degree and we cannot be complacent about a matter so vital to the lives of minority groups in our community.

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Shirrell retires candy firm position

CHICAGO. — Elmer Shirrell, who headed the local WRA office in 1943-44, is retiring from his position as personnel director of the Curtiss Candy Co. on Dec. 1, the Chicago JACLer reported.

Prior to his arrival in Chicago, he was the first project director of the Tule Lake WRA Center. He was also chairman of the Chicago Council Against Discrimination and board member of the Japanese American Service Committee.

A staunch friend of Japanese Americans, he and his wife plan to join a sister who operates a small walnut grove at 110 S. Kellogg Ave., Santa Barbara, Calif.

Californian heads N.Y. 442nd Ass'n

NEW YORK. — Jim Konno of Able Company was installed as president of the 442nd Veterans Association here recently. He is a special worker with the City Youth Board Referral Unit, a graduate of Whittier (Calif.) College, and N. Y. School of Social Work.

Born in Azusa, Calif., he is married to Kathleen Konno, a former 442nd Reunion queen.

Other officers are Francis Segi, v.p., of Kona, Hawaii, and MIS veteran, and member of the Hill, Betts and Nash law firm; Sam Ichiba, sec., of Lodi; and Irving Akahoshi, treas., and DSC holder.

Prop. 13 wins in Kern county with 4-3 margin

BAKERSFIELD. — Unofficial results of Prop. 13 for Kern County, one of three unreported counties in the Pacific Citizen tally published last week, show: Yes—39,159; No—27,156.

PUSH SEARCH FOR FEMME LEAD IN 'SAYONARA

SAN FRANCISCO. — Twelve Nisei girls were recently interviewed by Warner Brothers assisting casting director Sol Baiano for the lead role in James Michener's "Sayonara." He has already interviewed several in Los Angeles and Honolulu.

He will continue his search in the New York area. Shooting of scenes in Japan near Nara is expected to start in early December, he added.

Cub Pack scouts victims of unprovoked attack

SAN FRANCISCO. — Two Cub Pack 12 scouts, Kenny Shiraishi and Stanley Natsume, both 10, were assailed by pranksters last week while enroute home from their meeting at the Christ Episcopal Church. They sustained burns inflicted by two boys who grabbed them and pressed hot matches against their face and neck.

Homecoming queen

SALINAS. — Doris Kitamura, sophomore art major, was proclaimed queen of the 18th annual Homecoming festivities at Hartnell College recently. A graduate of Salinas Union High, she plans to complete her education at Sacramento state.

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**NAT'L DIRECTOR'S REPORT: by Masao Satow**



**Efforts pay off**

San Francisco  
 ■ The elimination of the Alien Land Law from the California statutes in the recent election reminds us of a similar JACL effort exactly ten years ago when the voters of the State defeated Prop. 15, which would have strengthened these same laws. In November of 1946 the California Supreme Court rejected a re-hearing of the JACL-sponsored Oyama escheat case which was later heard by the U.S. Supreme Court on appeal of a writ of certiorari and decided in our favor.

In the same month of November, 1946, the Salt Lake Atomic Post of the VFW asked for the repeal of the Utah alien land law and started a drive which culminated in its repeal by the legislature of that state the following year.

Subsequently, through the combined efforts of our Portland, Mid-Columbia and Snake River Valley chapters, the Oregon law was declared unconstitutional by the Oregon Supreme Court and repealed by legislative action; and last year Idaho followed suit on efforts initiated by IDC Chairman George Sugai.

The Pacific Northwest District Council this past weekend took steps to explore the repeal of the alien land law of the State of Washington.

**NEWSPAPERS CAN BE WRONG**

■ We knew the first returns from Merced County showing a "No" majority on Prop. 13 just couldn't be right. If any chapter really hustled endorsements from individuals and organizations, it was our Livingston-Merced Chapter. Chapter President Lester Yoshida was so concerned he personally tabulated the 138 precinct returns to vindicate his chapter's efforts.

When we picked up National President Dr. Roy Nishikawa at the San Francisco airport on our way to the Placer County Goodwill Banquet, his first concern was the AP report showing a great surge of "No" votes overnight. We reassured him that a later check by Yas Abiko of Nichi Bei Times proved the AP report erroneous. So don't believe everything you read in the papers.

**FRIENDLY COMMUNITY GET-TOGETHER**

■ Once again we were privileged to attend the Placer County Chapter Goodwill Banquet, a heartwarming, neighborly affair which for 16 years now has been most eagerly attended by an imposing list of "Who's Who" in the entire area. Unlike main speaker Roy Nishikawa who had butterflies in his stomach, we thoroughly enjoyed the dinner, the program, and the social following. We were happy to meet a fine group of Junior JACLers who have recently organized. And thanks to the good group of JACLers for giving us a nice early sendoff breakfast the following morning and the Placer County "meibutsu" persimmons.

We liked Roy Nishikawa's story of how his high school ambitions to make the team was abruptly cut short when the proprietor of the public plunge told the coach he didn't want a "dirty Jap" in the pool. Said Roy, "I told this incident to my son when he was nine years old, and ever since I have had no trouble in his taking a bath because he did not want to be dirty."

**PACIFIC NORTHWEST**

■ PNW Chairman Dr. Kelly Yamada and wife Sallie were on hand to greet us on our hurried trip to Seattle for the district meeting. This was held at the Frye Drive-in Hotel, where Seattle Chapter President Jim Matsuoka and fellow 1000 Club members Bill Mimbu and Dr. T. Nakamura are proprietors. A report on the National Convention and follow-ups on National Council decisions comprised the major part of the program.

National Third Vice-President Harry Takagi, chairman of our National Planning Committee, is to set up a nucleus committee to discuss and determine what items, if any, in the general field of Japan-America affairs should come within the realm of JACL functions.

We regret to announce that we are losing the Columbia Basin Chapter.

**MIKE HOBBLING AROUND**

■ A letter from Mike Masaoka in Japan reassures us that the report in one of the Japanese vernaculars that he suffered a stroke is erroneous—simply a recurrence of his gout. Writes Mike, "Sam Ishikawa joined me in Tokyo about ten days ago, and while I am recovering, it seems that he is coming down with an attack of gout. If it were not so painful and did not restrict us so much, it would be almost comical that we both must waddle around like ducks".

**1957 MEMBERSHIP CARDS OUT**

■ We knocked off on Veteran's Day to bundle up and send out the 1957 membership cards to all the chapters to accommodate those which will begin their drives before the new year. In a number of chapters the 1957 membership chairman will be designated by the 1956 cabinet to avoid the inevitable delay from the change in administration. All members signed up after November 1 are good for 1957.

We wound up this year with 16,379 members, about 1,500 more than last year. We note there were 4,000 members nationally in 1946.

**ADMINISTRATIVE CHANGE FOR CHAPTERS**

■ The Chicago and New York chapters are the latest to contemplate a changing over to the Board of Governors system of administration initiated by the San Francisco Chapter several years ago. Under this arrangement a designated number of Board members are elected by the general membership, the Board members in turn designate a Chairman who serves as Chapter President, and the other officers of the chapter. Each year one half of the Board members remain, assuring continuity and know how in the local program. The main advantage is that the Chapter President is assured of Board support as well as a sharing of responsibilities.

**ACKNOWLEDGEMENT**

■ We acknowledge with thanks the fine spirit of the Philadelphia and Cleveland chapters in returning to National one half of their over-quota rebates.

**1957 JACL MEMBERSHIP CARDS BEING SHIPPED TO CHAPTERS THIS WEEK**

SAN FRANCISCO. — Within the week, all JACL chapters will be receiving their 1957 membership cards and listing sheets, it was announced by Mas Satow, national JACL director.

Members signed after Nov. 1 are to be listed in the 1957 rolls, chapter presidents were informed. If members are signed before installation of 1957 officers, it is proper for the 1956 chapter president to sign the cards.

To assure no delay on the membership campaign, some chapters have appointed their 1957 membership chairman. Satow also remind-

ed chapters which are planning their drives when the new cabinet is installed that membership cards be turned over to them. "Every year, we receive complaints asking why the delay in getting out these cards, and all the time they have been in the possession of an officer in the previous cabinet," he explained.

(Southwest Los Angeles JACL, which led the nation with the most members in a single chapter, is understood to have completed campaign plans to start this month.)

**300 attend Placer County goodwill fete; hear Dr. Nishikawa address on service**

AUBURN. — Service as a means to a better America was explained by Dr. Roy Nishikawa, national president of the Japanese American Citizens League, to 300 members and guests at the 16th annual Placer County JACL Goodwill Dinner.

Dr. Nishikawa of Los Angeles, was the guest speaker at the Nov. 10 banquet in Auburn.

He traced the history of JACL from its beginning in 1930 in Seattle, to the present.

"In 1941 we faced Pearl Harbor," he said. "It was a shock to America—it was a great shock to us of Japanese ancestry."

"Because of our physical resemblance to an enemy 5,000 miles across the sea, we were to our almost exemplary coninated against and finally we were forced to leave the coast."

Dr. Nishikawa pointed out that since that time the Japanese Americans have become the most accepted of the minorities.

"This was due to several factors," he said. "It was due to the record of our GIs of Japanese ancestry; it was due to our almost exemplary conduct; it was due to our non-Japanese friends who stood by us and it was due to the national JACL organization."

Dr. Nishikawa explained the JACL believes in justice, fair play and love and concern for fellowmen.

"And we believe in service," he said. "Our own motto is Security Through Service, and our young people have taken the motto, Service Through Unity."

"These young people now think of service to their fellow man. We

oldsters must continue to attempt to serve. We must serve our fellow men, our country and our God.

"Service means a better America and a better American is a greater America!"

The national president pointed out that "service was first taught by the greatest teacher of all, Jesus of Nazareth."

He was introduced by Masao Satow, national JACL director.

It was Dr. Nishikawa's first speaking appearance in Northern California since his elevation to the national presidency. He impressed his audience with his sincerity and understanding of the finer points of good citizenship.

He also expressed gratification in the awareness shown by Jr. JACL members of their responsibility as citizen and future JACL leaders.

Welcome greetings were expressed by George Itow, Placer JACL president; Mayor James Jacobs of Auburn; and Charles Nitta, Issei committee chairman.

A bronze plaque in memory of the late Thomas M. Yego, known as "Mr. Placer JACL" and who was National JACL first vice-president at the time of his passing last February, was presented to the chapter.

Floyd Bowers, the donor and Roseville attorney, was unable to attend and participate in the ceremony.

George Koichi Uyeno ably conducted the dinner program as toastmaster, while George Hirakawa handled the entertainment and social hour activities.

Shig Matsumoto, co-chairman of the special events committee, was in charge of general arrangements.

Entertainment program featured Hope Omachi of Loomis, who made a big hit with her rendition of two semi-classic vocal selections, and Amy Matsumoto of Newcastle, whose performance of a Japanese dance was well received.

Miss Omachi was accompanied at the piano by her mother, Mrs. Mary Omachi.

An informal get-acquainted social hour, which followed the banquet, turned out to be a highly successful addition to the annual affair.

**Gift wrapping topic for next S.F. Aux'y meeting**

SAN FRANCISCO. — The local JACL Auxiliary will meet at the Booker T. Washington Center on Nov. 28, 7:30 p.m., to learn techniques and hints in holiday gift wrapping.

Last Sunday, a delegation of 11 members paid their second visit of the Laguna Honda Home for the Aged. Proceeds of their recent "Funds for Fun" dance were used to purchase flannel shirts for men, sweaters for the women as well as Japanese food items and magazines.

Making the trip were Thelma Takeda, Kathy Asano, Dorothy Suzuki, Frances Ogahara, Louise Endo, Rose Takushi, Georgia Tanaka, Joyce Enomoto, Kiku Hori, Mary Hamamoto and Ryoko Ichikawa. Assisting in the arrangements were Mary Hamamoto, Kuni Koga, and Dorothy Suzuki.

MENTION PACIFIC CITIZEN TO OUR ADVERTISERS



**'1000' CLUB NOTES**

SAN FRANCISCO. — Renewals and new memberships in the 1000 Club received at National JACL Headquarters for the first half of November are as follows:

- NINTH YEAR  
Snake River—Thomas T. Iseri.
- EIGHTH YEAR  
Gardena—Yoshio Kobata, Chicago—Dr. Thomas T. Yatabe.
- SIXTH YEAR  
Mt. Olympus—Yoshio Katayama, Marysville—Bill Z. Tsuji, Downtown L.A.—Mrs. Merijane Yokoo.
- FIFTH YEAR  
San Francisco—John N. Uyeda (Mt. View).
- FOURTH YEAR  
San Francisco—William Hoshiyama, Chicago—Jack Y. Nakagawa, Marysville—Mosse M. Uchida.
- THIRD YEAR  
Southwest L.A.—Matsushi Naruse, Chicago—Ariye Oda, Jack K. Ota, Coachella—Ben Sakamoto, Masao Seto.
- SECOND YEAR  
Gardena—Sam Minami, Marysville—Henry Oji, Chicago—Dr. Harry I. Omori, Detroit—Isao Sunamoto.
- FIRST YEAR  
Portland—Dr. Roy Yamada, Chicago—Dr. Mutsumi Nobe, Marysville—Ryozo Oji (Sacramento).

In view of chapter elections and installation programs being planned for 1957, it was the hope of Kenji Tashiro, national 1000 Club chairman, that the local 1000 Club chairman be appointed as a member of the executive board and installed with other officers.

"This is in keeping with what we have done on the national level in recognition of the important role which the 1000 Club has come to play in our program," Tashiro declared. Some chapters have moved in that direction. In some chapters, the immediate past president became the 1000 Club chairman.

Tashiro also reminded that those who join or renew by Nov. 30 will be listed in the 1956 Honor Roll to be published in the forthcoming Pacific Citizen Holiday Issue.

**SALT LAKE AUXILIARY ELECTS 1957 OFFICERS**

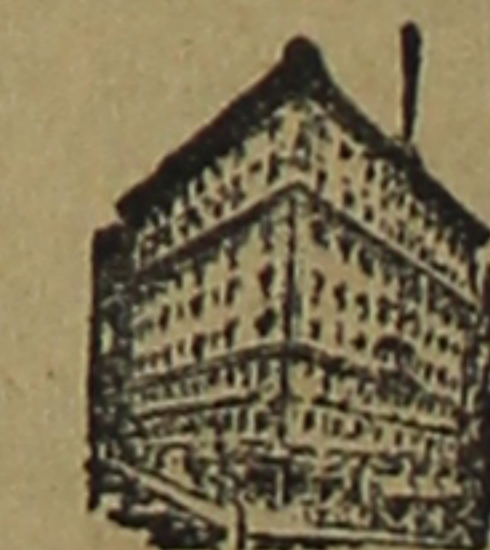
SALT LAKE CITY. — After hostesses for the final '56 Salt Lake JACL Auxiliary meeting presented candidates for 1957 officers, Mrs. Miki Yano was chosen president, Mrs. Jeanne Konishi, v.p.; and Mrs. Tomi Murakoshi, sec.-treas.

They will be inducted with regular JACL officers at the forthcoming Inaugural dinner-dance Nov. 30. The Auxiliary plans to honor the new officers at a dinner in January.

Refreshments were served by hostesses Doris Matsuura, Tomi Murakoshi, Connie Okuda and Shiz Sakai. Meeting was held at the residence of Mrs. Tomi Murakoshi.

**1-2-3 Club**

CHATHAM, Ont. — To revive the Kent JCCA chapter here, the first step taken recently was to adopt the name: 1-2-3 Club (meaning Issei, Nisei, Sansei).



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



**Nihongo in grade school**

Americans, as a people, are descendant of many nations on the face of the earth, but paradoxically can speak only one language. Those who have visited overseas have been surprised to find English widely spoken and, in turn, are embarrassed at their own lack of ability to communicate in other tongues . . . There is some hope for change—at least in California . . . Fifteen years ago, there were only 2,000 elementary school children learning a second language. Such instruction, I understand, is now being given to 270,000 elementary students in 1,977 schools in 357 cities and towns of 44 states . . . When properly taught, the spoken language is readily absorbed by the grade-school children, so asserts an official of the Modern Language Association . . . In California, elementary instruction in a foreign language is said to be difficult to crowd into regular school hours . . . Some San Diego City schools are offering optional classes in Spanish and elsewhere, foreign languages have been taught successfully in summer sessions . . . Foreign languages like Spanish and Latin are being taught in junior high schools. Japanese has even been included in some of the Los Angeles high schools . . . The enrichment that comes from acquaintance with a second language is without question. If the State Dept. of Education in Sacramento can be encouraged to assist local school districts in the enlargement of their curricula, it may hasten the day when Americans can become true cosmopolites.

With Nisei becoming members of various school boards and many mothers taking active roles in parent-teacher groups, there seems to be some likely proponents for teaching Japanese at the conversational level in the grade schools . . . If not Japanese, then at least Spanish—the language whose culture is deeply inbedded in the history of California . . . If stress on the teaching of Japanese can be made in the public school system, it will be wise to remember the advice of the Modern Language Association to start with grade-school children.

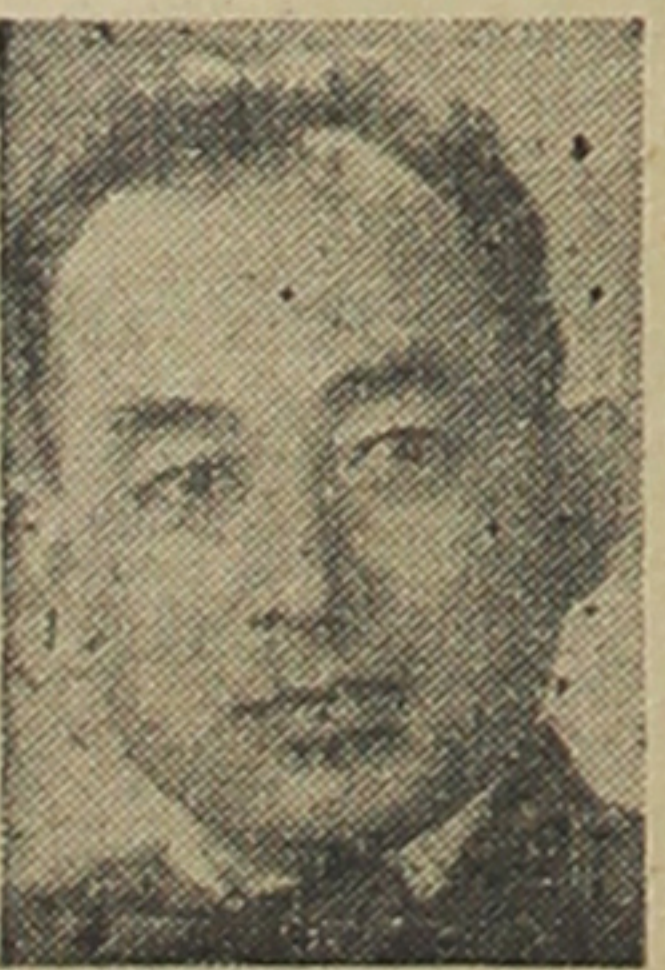
**FINAL CUFF NOTES**

We're leaving the society angle of the invitational premiere to "Teahouse of the August Moon" for Sou'Wester next week. But we have a few personal observations to make . . . After all these years of living in Los Angeles, we made it to a premiere, enjoying the glamor Hollywood accords its stars and guests—like driving to the front of Pantages theater and having an attendant park our limousine (a dusty Ford) . . . Read that Japanese title of "Teahouse" from right to left. All other Japanese signs in the movie read from left to right, however. And Col. Purdy was one for signs . . . Aside from comedy that scores from scene to scene, Machiko Kyo's dance with two girls peeling off three kimonos and the bird's-eye view of the teahouse and pond stand out . . . That brandy brewed from sweet potatoes is known as "sohchu" though it was never mentioned . . . And you may want to see the film twice just to spot a familiar face among the "extras" . . . I know the old folks will like this immensely.

An interesting human element comes to light about the presentation of American flags which were flown over the U. S. Capitol to Li'l Tokio merchants . . . Since purchasing regular flagpoles would have been costlier than the flag itself, members of the Commodore Perry American Legion Post spent some time staining pine poles and having the ends to fit into the post holes on the curb as their Americanism project . . . The Flag project has been well received by merchants. There were 35 Flags presented then and another order for 35 more. Flags has been made through the Legionnaires, which has pushed this program . . . East First Street looked grand with the Red, White & Blue fluttering during the Veterans Day holiday recently.

Commercials on radio-TV locally are featuring bits of Japanese. One mattress firm cartoons an Oriental looking chap rising and saying "itai" (it hurts) rubbing his back. What he says after sleeping on the advertised mattress is still undeciphered . . . A local supermarket uses a ditty remarking in Japanese that it's celebrating its 26th year following by a translation . . . In both instances, the voices do not appear to be Nisei. Some of our Nisei artists of radio-TV-movies might consider signing ditties in Japanese for sake of realism—and moola.

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



**Holiday Issue**

Chicago

Thanks to the splendid cooperation from our merchants, JACLers and friends, they are making the current solicitation of greetings for the forthcoming Holiday Issue gratifying beyond expectation at the time of this writing. We have been making our first solicitations by mail and replies came back early . . . Our thanks to Kats

Okuno, who was the first to answer. He turned in greetings from Okay Wood Products and the Co-Operative Investors. Our thanks also to Shig Wakamatsu, 1st national vice-president, for negotiating with the JACL Credit Union and Twenty & Five to insert their greetings in the Holiday Issue . . . Our thanks to Harry Ichiyasu and Lincoln Shimidzu for obtaining the Enterprisers' greetings; to owner-chef Charlie Young of Tai-Sam-Yon, who has taught many chefs in the fine art of Chinese cooking in the Midwest; to Ruth Hasegawa and Mary Maeda of Tani-Tot Shop; to 1000er Dr. Kenji Kushino, to Carl Kita real estate and United Asia Trading Co.

Other early Holiday Issue greeters, whom we contacted in person last month, were Jiro Akashi and Bert Nakano of S & I Co., Fred Oishi, Sam Himoto and Fred Lichtenstein of Universal Pen, Dr. Joe Nakayama, Dr. Min Amimoto, Dr. Bill Hiura, Harry Yamamoto of Blackstone Cleaner; 1000ers Masato

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**Downtown L.A., Perry Post to fete new Issei citizens**

The second annual Citizenship Recognition Night will be held Nov. 30, 7:30 p.m. at the Union church under the joint sponsorship of the JACL Coordinating Council and the Commodore Perry Post of the American Legion.

Citizens to be honored will be those who have become naturalized between Aug. 30, 1955 and Aug. 30, 1956.

Yochi Nakase of the Legion and Kei Uchima of the JACL will co-chair the annual event. Speakers will include Dr. Roy Nishikawa, national JACL president, and Leo Crawford, Dept. of Calif. commander.

In conjunction with the program honoring new citizens, an essay contest, "What American Citizenship Means to Me" is being conducted. All naturalized citizens are eligible to compete. Essay may be in English or Japanese.

Winners will be announced and receive government bonds as prizes at the program Nov. 30.

Attending the initial meeting of the group sponsoring the program were Tad Kiyomura and Mas Kumamoto, Perry Post; Jim Higashi, Kei Uchima, Fred Takata, Sam Furuta, Danar Abe, Miwako Yamamoto, Roy Iketani and Tats Kushida, JACL.

**Berkeley CL bares '57 nominee list**

BERKELEY. — Nominees for Berkeley JACL board of directors were selected by the chapter's committee on nomination recently.

Candidates named for the board were Tosh Sano, Mas Fukumoto, Bill Fujita, Yuri Yamashita, Toke Ariyoshi, Ko Ijichi, Allan Asakawa, Daisy Uyeda, Satoshi Otogiri, Dr. Robert Hata, Dr. Thomas Nakano, Yosh Toriumi, Hiroshi Saito and Hank Kuwada.

Further nominations will be accepted up to Friday, Nov. 30, according to Richard Yamashiro, chairman of the nominating committee. Members who submit nominations must have the approval of the candidates before entering the names, Yamashiro said.

All nominations should be mailed to Yamashiro at 1612 Parker, Berkeley.

Seven candidates receiving the largest number of votes will be elected for a term of two years.

Ballots will be mailed after Dec. 1. The election meeting is scheduled for Friday, Dec. 14.

**Japanese style potluck supper set for Berkeley**

BERKELEY. — A Japanese style potluck supper will precede the regular meeting of the Berkeley JACL on Nov. 30, 6:30 p.m., at Stiles Hall, 2400 Bancroft Way, it was announced by meeting chairman Tom Nakano. In charge of the supper is Bess Yasukochi.

National convention reports will be presented. There will also be movies for the children to make the affair a family night.

Those interested in bringing food should call the supper chairman, TH 3-1519. Donation will be requested from those who do not contribute to the supper.

The recent benefit movie, chaired by Richard Yamashiro, netted over \$150 which will go towards the Prop. 13 campaign fund.

**JACL-ERS TO BE HOSTS FOR SELMA GUEST DAY**

SELMA. — Selma JACL members will be hosts at the Nov. 27 observance of Selma Guest Day, the Chamber of Commerce directors were informed by Lohman Wells, committee chairman.

Wells said the reception will be held at the Sierra Motel. The following day they will be taken on a tour of the Selma area.

**Dance class started**

CHICAGO. — A new class for those interested in dancing has been started by the local JACL on Tuesday nights at Olivet Institute. Helen Anderson is instructor.

**MONTEREY PENINSULA CHAPTER SWITCHES DATE OF NEW YEAR FESTIVITY**

MONTEREY. — Breaking with past tradition, Monterey Peninsula JACL will hold for the first time a New Year's Eve dance instead of the annual Jan. 1 affair. The dance will be held at the Pacific Room of the Hotel San Carlos here.

For the dance, George Takamoto's band featuring modern swing music has been secured. Dancing will be from 10 p.m. to 2 a.m. It will be a semi-formal affair and admission will be \$5 per couple.

To welcome the New Year in, all sorts of noise makers will be provided, and cascarons will be sold by the Women's Auxiliary. Paul Ichiji will be the master of ceremonies for the evening.

Masami Higashi, who chaired the very successful last New Year's Day dance will again be chairman for this coming dance. Those assisting him are Ken Sato, tickets; Ishio Enokida, Barton Yoshida and Yoshi Sato, decoration; Oyster Miyamoto and Jimmie Tabata, orchestra; Mas Yokogawa and Kay Nobusada, noise makers; and Women's Auxiliary, refresh-

**IDC to meet at Pocatello Sunday**

POCATELLO. — Intermountain District Council will hold its quarterly meeting at Bannock Hotel on Sunday, Nov. 25, from 2 p.m., with George Iseri of Snake River chapter, chairman, presiding.

The eight chapters, which comprise the IDC, will present their annual chapter reports and hear a report from National JACL Headquarters.

**CHICAGO'S CHRISTMAS SOCIAL SLATED DEC. 15**

CHICAGO. — As in past years, Chicago JACL will forego its monthly general meeting and has scheduled a Christmas social Dec. 15 at the McCormick YWCA, 1001 N. Dearborn.

Program will include group carol singing, social dancing and special holiday refreshments. Those attending are also asked to bring a can of food for baskets to be distributed to the needy.

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Sakamoto's Courier

Seattle

Just recently we acquired temporary possession of the bound copies of Jimmie Sakamoto's Japanese American Courier which began publication on January 1, 1928. Totally absorbed for hours in going over the old copies, and being such a one track mind we can think of nothing else at this moment. And having been associated with Jimmie during the first nine months made the recollections doubly interesting.

The JACL as a national organization officially dates its birth at the Seattle convention in 1930, but things had been going on for years, developments that are not a part of the official record, but nevertheless deserve mention.

As the first of Seattle's oldest Nisei were beginning to approach voting age, the idea of sponsoring a Citizens League originated with the late Heiji Henry Okuda, and in 1922 the Seattle Progressive Citizens League was formed with the idea of orienting the Nisei in their duties as voters when they became of age. The numbers of the original membership were few and it was perhaps the lack of any immediate objective that caused the new organization to become inactive after a couple of years.

When Jimmie came back from New York in November 1927, he took a look around and said; "This community is going to pot. Athletic rivalry is eating into its very economic life when members of one faction will not patronize the business establishments run by members of other; the exclusion act has helped cause a downgrade in local community business, and another thing is a need for reactivation of the Citizens League; I'm going to start a newspaper."

FIRST ISSUE JAN. 1, 1928

So on January 1, 1928, the first issue of the Japanese American Courier hit the streets and the following, brief as possible, is a review of the events as they happened the first few months. The dates are the weekly datelines of the Courier.

Jan. 14—Clarence T. Arai in an exclusive interview with the Courier urges reactivation of the Citizens League to encourage voter participation and study of candidates in coming March municipal election.

Jan. 29—Seattle Progressive Citizens League holds important meeting. Clarence Arai unanimously elected president. Treasury of \$65 remains from old CL. Portland correspondent Charles Yoshii writes lauding the Courier and League purposes; says "We're with you."

Feb. 11—CL listens to representative of mayoralty candidate Frank Edwards at a dinner meeting. Next meeting was at Bush Hotel Feb. 25. On Mar. 3 the League hears Carl J. Smith, representative of incumbent mayor Bertha Landes.

Mar. 31—H. H. Okuda gave a banquet at the Olympic Hotel for League members who voted in the municipal elections. Clarence Arai credited with giving "greatest Second Generation address."

May 12—A sports editorial states that Courier B and C baseball leagues are not "Japanese Leagues" as reported in the vernacular press.

VIEW ON PARTISAN POLITICS

June 30—CL sponsors a float in the big COP parade. Courier editorial points out that this is but a mere manifestation of Republican interests in the CL and says that "the other half" of the League can at least be sympathetic toward these efforts to stimulate political interest among Nisei. Said the Courier: "When the country goes to the polls in November, and the League members also, the judgment of who to vote for will remain for the individual to decide."

Following week the Courier reported that besides the brightly decorated float, some seven or eight cars carrying the Republican contingent of the League participated in the parade, and although President Arai (a hard shell Republican) was satisfied with the turnout, a Courier editorial entitled "Progressive Citizens?" stated; "Everything was ready, even with Pierce Arrows and Packards with able chauffeurs to boot, but not enough members with interest to ride in style. Is politics so sordid that these pure white lambkins cannot take part without becoming soiled? If so, the only answer is that what concerns these people vitally is not for them to touch. Or is it that all the rest are Democrats or Socialists?"

From there we skip to Aug. 25 when Clarence Arai and George Ishihara were elected delegates to the American Loyalty League convention to be held in Fresno from Sept. 1, and later, upon arriving in California learned that the Fresno confab has been postponed, but went on to visit other California cities. On October 4, Portland reported that a Citizens League was to be formed there, and the Oct. 20 edition announced the formation of the San Francisco League with inaugural banquet at the Clift Hotel.

This is all time and space allows—want more?

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SANSEI GUARD LETTERS FOR MILWAUKEE CHAMPS

MILWAUKEE. — Jerry Sakura, who played defensive halfback last year and switched to offensive guard this year, will letter again at Rufus King High School, which gained the 1956 city title.

Son of Chester Sakura, formerly of Seattle, the Sansei griddier tips the scale at 160 lbs. and stands 5 ft. 9 in. Jerry is the young American exchange student who spent the summer in Sweden.

Rufus King High was city champions for the second straight year, being coached by Wally Dreyer, former Univ. of Wisconsin half-back.

SANGER NISEI AWARDED 'OUTSTANDING' GRID CUP

SANGER. — Co-captain Tom Tonai, halfback serving his last year with Sanger High, last week received the VFW "outstanding player" trophy during halftime ceremonies at the Selma-Sanger game.

Outstanding on backfield defense, Tonai alternated on the starting line-up between quarterback and lefthalf.

Farm laborers—

Continued from Front Page by farm associations for the entry of such workers, and certification by the Department of Labor for the need of such workers.

When authorization is granted the farm association involved works with the Japanese Consulate in drawing up the conditions and contracts.

The Japanese Consulate then secures the prospective workers from Japan and arranges their transportation to the United States. Upon arrival of these workers the farm association which has made the request takes over and assigns the workers to those members who are in need of them.

National headquarters reported that National JACL, through Tad Masaoka of the Washington office has been in close touch with General Swing, U.S. Commissioner of Immigration, regarding the program, and JACL has already been helpful. The Immigration Service has agreed to advise JACL of the location of these camps for the workers.

National Director Masao Satow

Nisei Canadians alerted to lesson of alleged bias at Gilroy hot springs

(The Nisei in Canada have often been inspired by what their counterpart in the United States have accomplished. In a recent issue of the Continental Times, bi-lingual vernacular published in Toronto, Tosh Tanaka comments on the recent Gilroy hot springs incident.—Editor.)

Toronto The often-held belief that discrimination knows no racial bounds was distressingly exemplified (Oct. 19) in a news report originating in Gilroy, a Northern California town. The incident involved Japanese American resort operators who allegedly refused accommodations to two Negro families on the grounds that no Negroes were ever permitted living quarters there or in any of the similar neighboring establishments.

The Negro families promptly filed a damage suit in the amount of \$70,000 under that part of the California Civil Code which provides full and equal accommodations to all citizens in "places of public accommodation or amusement." (Comparable legislations exist in Canada; in the province of Ontario, it is known as the Fair Accommodation Practices Act.)

As far as we know, the incident, if brought to court, would be unique in North America in that it establishes persons of Japanese ancestry as defendants in a racial discrimination case.

People of Japanese ancestry, both in Canada and in the United States, often have been the brunt of racially induced attacks. The fallacious concept of white supremacy gave reason for the birth of collective, combative effort through organizations such as the JCCA.

Now we have the situation somewhat in reverse. The difference, which does nothing to lessen the sting but serves only to bitterly emphasize it, lies in the apparent

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Fujita's offer to take any man

Sports Briefs

Draw for Olympic basketball tournament pits the United States, defending champions, against Japan in their first game Nov. 23.

Nisei jockey George Taniguchi became the winningest rider at Bay Meadows this past week by leading eight winners in five days. He is rated behind Johnny Longden and Ray York with 11 wins for the season.

Brooklyn Dodgers landed at San Francisco last week via Japan Air Lines after a goodwill tour of Japan, losing four out of 17 games that were played.

called upon local chapters to make such contacts locally as to be in a position to check on the progress of the program. He noted that the Marysville Chapter has already proceeded along these lines to set a pattern for such cooperation with the government on the program.

(or woman) fishing to prove his lure has kept him so busy, you can hardly find him these days at his small plant on White St. There, he keeps five persons busy in the tedious work of turning out lures. What's the secret of the lure?

Well, no one can say for sure why a fish will pass up one "meal" and take another. But, part of the secret of Fujita's success can be found in the years of experimenting it took to develop the lure.

Fujita's tiny industry is five years old. But work on the lure began 15 year ago on the banks of the Colorado river in an Arizona relocation camp where Fujita and thousands of other Japanese Americans were whisked after the attack of Pearl Harbor.

There Fujita found the time to experiment and labor until he developed the lure. He spent months testing various lures he devised in clear water. He developed tests to learn how fishes reacted to lures at different depths and under various weather conditions.

He found for example that bass went for the lure regardless of weather conditions. Rain, clouds or sunshine made no difference to bass, he discovered.

At first, Fujita, a natural fisherman, worked and experimented with a lure larger than the ones he now produces. But he found bass and other fish ignored it. He made another lure, like it but smaller, and got better results. He made changes in coloring until he improved on this.

Finally, 2½ years after he put his original idea into action, he came up with the finished product—the same one he produces today. The first "No Name" lure took three hours to make in Arizona.

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As for Fujita . . . the success of his lure idea . . . that's no fish story either. — Register-Pajaronian

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WASHINGTON NEWSLETTER:

## Industrialization of Red China evokes more sober U.S. thought

By SAM ISHIKAWA

Ney York  
In this great jet and atomic age we learn to live with a certain amount of callousness towards events which occur, however, important they may be. One such revolution which is in the process is Communist China. When our attention is called to China, we seem to angrily deny its existence. The lack of information, that is accurate news, gives rise to our complacency towards China.

For the first time since 1945, the Chinese Communist Party held a congress, primarily to congratulate itself on a job "well-done." Liu Shao-chi, who as secretary delivered the main report to the congress had much to say about the progress of China in the intervening 11 years. Some of the achievements cited were surprising to Western observers. For instance, Liu claimed that only 10 million out of China's 120 million peasant families now remain outside of the collective system. In the cities and towns, state has in wholesale lots taken over private industry, workers are now organized under the state, and in system for distribution only 25 per cent remain outside of state control. In some respects this claim is far greater than the claims of the Russians after over 30 years.

### Has Red China mellowed? . . .

If Chinese Communists hew to their industrialization schedule, by 1962 they hope to produce 70 per cent of all their requirements for machinery. Although there is a great deal of disagreement among the scholars as the progress made in Communist China, all are agreed that they have made considerable progress.

This raises an important question as to whether Communist China has in anyway mellowed or changed in their animosity towards the West, especially the United States.

This problem is one of great importance to us in the United States because our entire Far Eastern policy is dependent on what happens to Communist China and her relationship with the Soviet Union.

If we read reports of the 8th Congress we discover that Mao Tse-tung was unanimously reaffirmed as the head of the Communist Party and the State. Many are prone to compare Mao with Lenin, as the man who led the country through a civil war and revolution, rather than to Stalin. But, it seems to me, Mao should be compared with Stalin. All evidence points to building him up in the "personality cult" basis just as Stalin was deified. It is based on the doctrine that Mao cannot do any wrong and cannot make mistakes. Furthermore, that his infallibility is in harmony with the "good" of the "masses."

### Mao build-up similar to Stalin's . . .

Liu, in his long report, told the Congress Mao, since taking over the Communist Party in 1935, has not made a "single mistake." Like Stalin, Mao has quietly liquidated all of his critics as Kao Kang. Not only has Mao used Stalinist practices of liquidations, but has used the well-known procedure of "brain washing." At this Congress, he produced the former party leader, Li Li-san, who "recanted" in public to serve as a reminder to those who may try to defect from stated policy. In the familiar Stalinist-style recantation Li exclaimed that his misdeeds were caused by "the foul traits of petty bourgeois which ran through my blood."

Their objectives now seem to be economic rather than military. This is not to say that they do not intend to use military means to gain their objectives in the future, but it is rather to say that they believe it is to their advantage to wait.

At the recent Congress, the Party tackled the issue of birth control. Birth control in the past has been considered as a capitalist sin brought about by greed and avarice of the capitalistic system. The Party officially now approves of birth control on the grounds, not of over-population; but that mothers taking time out to bear children will reduce the rate of productivity in the battle for industrialization. In the same vein, Marshal Peng stated that the army was to be reduced in size in order to put men working on industrialization rather than for the purpose of relaxing international tension.

### Economic gains stressed in propaganda . . .

It is quite evident that Communist China is out to win the hearts of Asians by their economic achievements. Their propaganda emphasis at home and abroad is on their economic performance. What they have achieved makes a great impression on in underdeveloped countries as India, Burma, Ceylon, Indonesia, and Afghanistan. It makes a far more of an impression, then the achievements of the United States or the Soviet Union.

Another evidence of their switch from military means to economic means is in their external policies. They are concentrating hard to woo the Japanese in trade agreements. They have called for a new conference on Indo-China, and on the touchy issue of Formosa, they have toned down their vilification.

Experts on Communist China tell us, China is determined to gain her objectives in Asia, not by war, but by economic and political means. They tell us, Communist China believes that it would be foolish to start war over Formosa and thereby invite disaster at the hands of the United States. This would wreck all of their plans for economic achievements at home, and place their regime in jeopardy.

If what the experts say on Communist China is correct, do we not need some reappraisal of our Far Eastern policy? Can we afford to stand by and watch Communist China woo all of our friends away from us? What is to be our trade policy? What has happened to our Point Four program?

Communist China and our future relations with her is, perhaps, knottiest of our problems in foreign policy. It needs careful thought by all Americans—emotions are not enough.

## Emergency conference proposed to mool future of nat'l JCCA; former nat'l sec'y Tanaka criticizes present modified form

TORONTO. — An emergency conference of the Japanese Canadian Citizens Association to discuss its future as a nationally organized group has been proposed for Feb. 22-24, 1957, at Winnipeg.

The action was taken in a resolution passed by the national executive group, which met at Winnipeg Nov. 2. It requires the approval of provincial chapters in British Columbia, Alberta, Manitoba, Ontario and Quebec.

The resolution suggested each chapter send two delegates with travel expenses charged to the national JCCA treasury contingency reserve and trust funds.

(The New Canadian, one of the two bilingual vernaculars for Japanese Canadians, last week editorially favored the "abolishment of the JCCA on the national level" though it was a reluctant position and asked for views from its readers and people concerned with the organization.)

George Tanaka of Port Credit, Ont., in a letter published by the New Canadian last week summarized the administrative difficulties which have plagued the national JCCA since its last national conference in 1953, when it reformed the organization to carry national activities on a rotating provincial basis.

Tanaka, who has been in association closely with JACL, served as national executive secretary since JCCA went national in 1947. Mike Masaoka of Washington, D.C., also assisted in organizing JCCA nationally.

When national JCCA headquar-

ters were in Quebec in 1953, Tanaka revealed in his latest letter that he had written extensively on the subject of excluded Nisei strandeers of Canadian birth in Japan, which needed national attention. Evidently, it did not merit action as Tanaka viewed that letter as "a ruthless waste of my time."

Charging that the national organization is "in essence, a dead body," Tanaka placed the responsibility of the present state on the provincial chapters, which met in 1953.

He also criticized the modified form of national JCCA after 1953. "The National JCCA up till the 1953 conference was an organization maintaining a fair degree of professional competence. It did not permit sloppy organization. It went to the very limit of its physical resources, and much more, to carry out its responsibilities.

"In direct contrast to this picture, the National JCCA Headquarters (namely the Quebec and Manitoba chapters which have maintained headquarters since 1953) has been amateurishly operated, permitting a state of mind of acceptance of failure. If this criticism is unacceptable, then do the committee, the Manitoba JCCA and the Quebec JCCA have a justifiable reason for the present state of the organization?"

In order to have a competent national headquarters, Tanaka suggested individuals concerned must be prepared to give all their spare time, at least \$100-\$200 of their working time; and the equivalent of one hour per day of thought on

the work of the national JCCA.

"These requirements for operation of the National JCCA are realistic and true," he continued, and "were the requirements which made it possible to operate national JCCA in former years."

Alternative to the voluntary system of operation would be a full-time paid national secretary, "who must possess mature judgment and strong character," Tanaka described. "The national JCCA in past years operated under conditions of great strain on health, personal finances and decent family life and, at times, on a man's faith in himself. It is a job that deserves great credit but receives none whatsoever. I would not wish this responsibility on anyone."

Citing the ideals and aims constitute the national JCCA, Tanaka said, "Destroy these and you destroy the National JCCA." Concluding, he referred to a column which propounds the question—What does Joe Nisei think about the JCCA—which appeared in the New Canadian.

"My reply to this question is: what has Joe Nisei done to deserve the JCCA? A nation, society or group which does not possess ideals is a spiritually bankrupt lot of people who in the end can only perish."

## Commonwealth Club proposes changes in immigration law

SAN FRANCISCO. — A committee of the influential Commonwealth Club reports that a majority of its members want four major changes in American immigration laws.

The businessman's club said a poll of its immigration study section showed 47 out of 67 voted to change quotas to basis of up-to-date census figures instead of the present 1920 base.

They also advocated creation of an independent commission to administer immigration laws instead of the present bureau of the Department of Justice.

### JACL membership hits 16,000 mark for 1956

SAN FRANCISCO. — Membership in JACL for 1956 was 16,379, surpassing last year's total by some 1,500, according to National JACL Director Masao Satow as 1957 membership campaign opened this month.

CELEBRATE 35TH YEAR  
FRESNO. — Bowles Buddhist Church celebrated its 35th anniversary at services here Saturday followed by a banquet.

## CALENDAR

- Nov. 24 (Saturday)  
IDC—Quarterly session, Pocatello JACL hosts.  
Chicago—12th ann'y Inaugural party, Tam O'Shanter Club.  
Pasadena—ICC Thanksgiving dance.  
Nov. 28 (Wednesday)  
Mt. Olympus—Installation dinner.  
San Francisco—Auxiliary meeting, Booker T. Washington Center, 7:30 p.m. Subj: gift wrapping.  
Nov. 30 (Friday)  
Idaho Falls—Installation dinner, Jack's Chicken Inn, 7:30 p.m.  
Salt Lake City—Inaugural dinner-dance, Art Barn, 54 Finch Lane, 7 p.m.  
Berkeley—Potluck supper-meeting, Stiles Hall, 2400 Bancroft Way.  
Dec. 1 (Saturday)  
CCDC—Bowling tournament.  
Detroit—Election meeting.  
Dec. 2 (Sunday)  
CCDC—Annual conference, Hacienda Motel, Fresno.  
Dec. 8 (Saturday)  
St. Louis—Inaugural dinner, Yacovelli restaurant, Kirkwood.  
Southwest L.A.—Christmas Cheer box lunch social, Centenary Methodist Church.  
Dec. 9 (Sunday)  
Detroit—Children's Christmas party.  
Dec. 15 (Saturday)  
Chicago—Christmas social, McCormick YWCA.  
Dec. 16 (Sunday)  
Southwest L.A.—Dinner-dance, Scully's restaurant. (Reservations by Dec. 2).  
Dec. 19 (Wednesday)  
East Los Angeles—Christmas party (tent).  
Dec. 22 (Saturday)  
Pasadena—Christmas potluck supper.  
Dec. 23 (Sunday)  
Dayton—Christmas party, Dr. James Taguchi residence, 3 p.m.  
Dec. 24 (Monday)  
Sequoia—Tri-Villes Christmas Eve dance, Redwood City American Legion Hall (semi-formal).  
Dec. 31 (Monday)  
Detroit—New Year Eve dance.

## JCCA national executive board adopts resolution for stronger administration

WINNIPEG. — The national executive of JCCA chapters meet Canadian Citizens Association, in a resolution recently adopted, has urged for a stronger organization to cope with problems affecting persons of Japanese ancestry in Canada.

It proposed an emergency conference of JCCA chapters to meet in Winnipeg, Feb. 22-24. Text of resolution:

"We feel that as a group representing the Japanese Canadian population in Canada, we have not been able to accomplish too much that has been beneficial to them under the new setup adopted at the

## Canadian columnist cites Nisei apathy

TORONTO. — Apathy of Nisei Canadians toward civic responsibility was spelled out in the New Canadian in "Hank's Column." Reference to this column was made in George Tanaka's letter published by the same newspaper. The column is as follows:

What does Joe Nisei think about the JCCA?

Young Joe Nisei, who's busy working so he can buy a car? (Or, for that matter, so he can pay his way through college?)

Or the older Nisei, who's raising a family and saving so he can put down a payment on a new house? Or the better-established Nisei, who's sending his kids to high school and taking care of his elderly parents?

The question perhaps should be: Does Joe Nisei think about the JCCA?

An ineffectual national JCCA has at last been thrown into the laps of the provincial chapters and of the locals, where, apparently, no one cares anyway.

We wonder if interest has dropped to the point that some provincial chapters will not even get together to form an opinion. (Even for the sake of a free plane trip to Winnipeg.)

The present question involves the future of the national JCCA, and therefore the existence of the organization. Perhaps the answer seems obvious to Joe Nisei ("who's busy, etc., etc. . .").

The question might be even more basic than that. But Joe Nisei doesn't care.

National conference held in Vancouver in 1953. The work which we consider urgent and important cannot be accomplished under the present constitution with its limited budget.

"We have found a progressive slackening of support to the National office which would indicate that the chapters are stressing the importance of the work at the provincial level in lieu of a National program. For reasons best known to themselves some provincial chapters have not complied fully with the obligations as set forth in the constitution adopted at the last National conference.

"We as an executive group, feel that more should be done in order to maintain a strong national organization but feel that under the present set-up, too much cannot be accomplished. Our term of office will expire on Aug. 31, 1957, and we feel that a definite policy which can be readily implemented should be established so that the work to be undertaken by the next national office will have more specific direction and cooperation if it is to be carried on under the present set-up."

## In honor of JACL's old-timers

The 1956 Pacific Citizen Holiday Issue is inaugurating a new and continuing series: In Honor of JACL's Old-Timers.

As we see it, the prospect of this feature in each Holiday Issue looks bright as more of our old-timers are reported from the chapters with each passing year.

As national JACL celebrated its 25th year last year, it only seemed appropriate this year to start remembering the loyal supporters of the organization who have served for at least 20 years or were active in the past 20 years. They are the ones who literally grew with the organization.

We're reminding the chapters that they have until Nov. 30 to turn in the information requested.

Since it seems to be a near-impossibility to list all of the eligible old-timers in the 1956 issue, we are happy to announce the series would be continued year after year. —Editor.