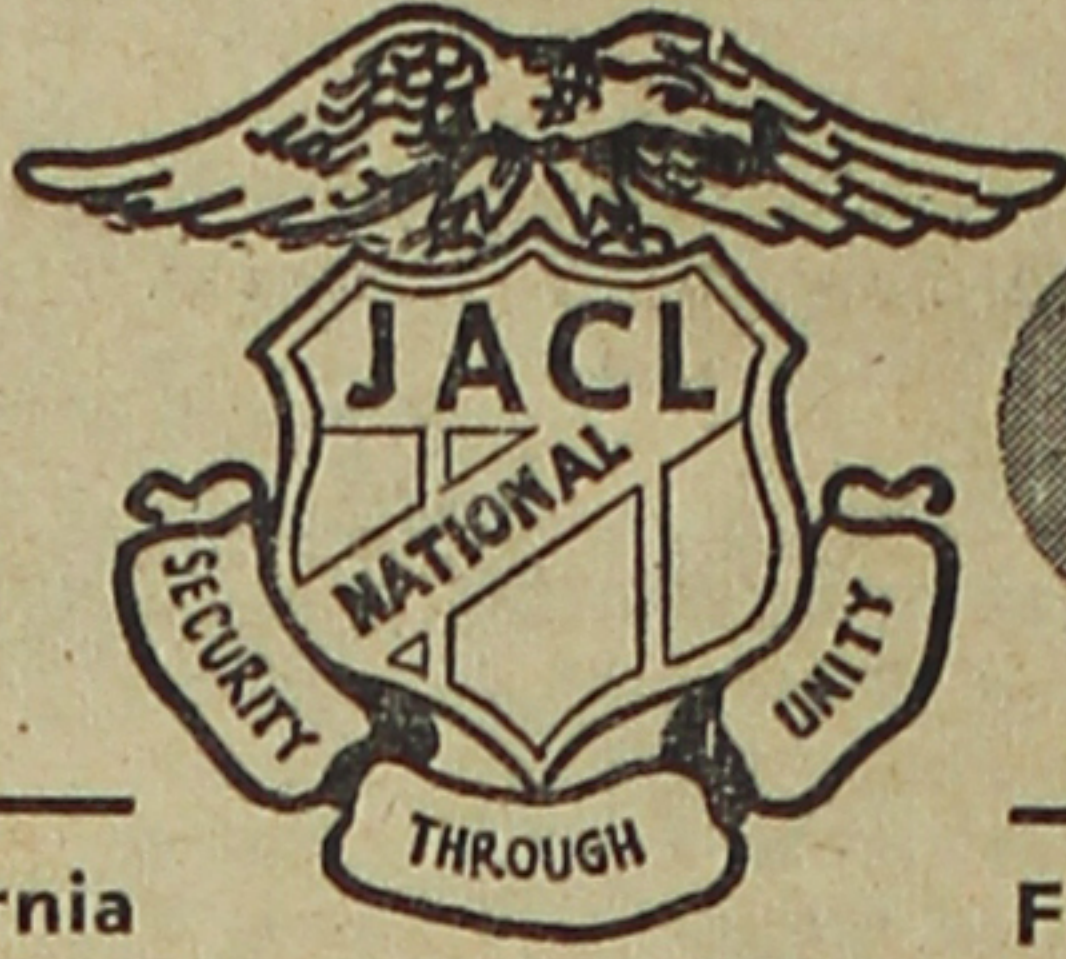


# PACIFIC CITIZEN



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## EDITORIALS:

### Great disservice to Nisei committed

A vilifying letter-to-the-editor signed by one Lincoln Yamamoto of Pasadena is found in the Feb. 20 Newsweek commenting on the conviction of Tokyo Rose for treason. He thought it was "prejudice and a miscarriage of justice".

The letter asked if MacArthur was guilty of treason fighting for his country? In the same vein, it asked if Iva D'Aquino were guilty of treason for doing her duty to hers.

"It's our custom to consider ourselves citizens of Japan regardless of where we're born and our first allegiance is to Japan. We Niseis are proud of Iva D'Aquino and we are going to give her a heroine's welcome," the letter concluded.

Nothing could be further from the truth. Newsweek committed a grave disservice to the Nisei everywhere by this irresponsible act. It chose to ignore the brilliant war record etched by the blood of thousands of Nisei GIs who died for our country in battle. And public records show that Selective Service considered it a matter of pride in making such soldierly possible. This makes an obvious lie of "It's our custom to consider ourselves citizens of Japan".

Newspapers often receive letters from crackpots and we contend it is the responsibility of editors to be prudent. Any Nisei, or any American for that matter, by reading the letter will evince the sentiment that Yamamoto, if his allegiance to a foreign country is that strong, should be deported, if legal means are available.

In the battle against racial bigotry as well as our enemies of our nation, the record clearly shows where are the hearts and minds of Japanese Americans.

We challenge Newsweek as to authenticity of the letter. We question the validity of reviving a disproven bugaboo of anti-Japanese prejudice raised by hysteria following Pearl Harbor.

## House Judiciary considering Lane-Hillings claim bill

BY HELEN MINETA

WASHINGTON.—The House Judiciary Subcommittee on Claims have favorably reported a revised version of the Lane-Hillings bill to expedite determination of the final remaining evacuation claims and the legislation is presently being considered by the full House Judiciary Committee, the Washington Office of the Japanese American Citizens League announced Monday.

The Judiciary committee is considering the controversial "wire-tapping" bill, and it is hoped, according to Mike Masaoka, Washington JACL representative, that following disposal of this measure the evacuation claims bill can be taken up.

Two more bills, identical with the Lane-Hillings bill, have been introduced by two California Congressmen B. F. Sisk (D., Fresno) and Chet Holifield (D., East Los Angeles) to indicate their interest and support of the evacuation claims program.

### Seek 3-year extension to 1953 Refugee Relief Act

WASHINGTON.—Rep. Albert Cretella (R., Conn.) introduced last week a bill to extend the Refugee Relief Act of 1953 for three more years to Dec. 31, 1959, and to issue 181,000 special non-quota visas. The current law due to expire Dec. 31, 1956 provides for 3,000 Far East Asian refugees.

### San Francisco CL signs 250 members first week

SAN FRANCISCO.—In a week's time, the San Francisco JACL has signed up 250 in the current drive for 1,000 members, according to Thelma Takeda, drive chairman. Deadline for the current drive by eight soliciting teams was set for Friday, Feb. 24.

The chapter last year ranked third in the nation among JACL chapters with 711, paced only by Chicago and Southwest Los Angeles.

### Chicago chapter joins citywide civic group

CHICAGO.—The Chicago JACL executive board unanimously voted to join the Citizens of Greater Chicago at its January meeting.

The group consists currently of 264 neighborhood, civic, religious, educational and business organizations. A non-partisan body, it was formed in 1952 to work for efficient and modern municipal government, responsible and responsive officials, and an informed active electorate.

### Rev. D. Kitagawa takes church position in Geneva

MINNEAPOLIS.—The Rev. Dai-suke Kitagawa, former director of the Japanese American Community Center here, has accepted a position with the World Council of Churches in Geneva, Switzerland.

He will be the first Oriental to receive a position on this council.

He plans to complete his field examination for his doctorate in April in Chicago and will return with his family to Switzerland in May, according to the Rev. Andrew Otani, JACC director.

## Bill implementing Ike's message on immigration ups Japan quota: 563

WASHINGTON.—Under bills introduced to implement the President's message on immigration, Japan's annual quota would be increased from its present 185 to approximately 563, according to an analysis made by the Washington Office of the Japanese American Citizens League.

In addition, the establishment of an Asia pool for the unused quotas of countries in that area would also be helpful in increasing immigration opportunities for the Japanese to enter this country for permanent residence. Furthermore, most of the proposed recommendations as developed in implementing legislation would also increase the immigration opportunities for Japanese to emigrate to the United States.

The Administration bills, prepared by the Dept. of Justice, were introduced in the Senate by Sen. Arthur V. Watkins of Utah and in the House by Rep. Kenneth B. Keating of New York, both Republicans. Senator Watkins is the ranking GOP member of the Senate Judiciary Subcommittee on

Immigration and Naturalization and Representative Keating is the ranking minority member of the full House Judiciary committee.

Each introduced four separate but identical bills to implement the President's immigration program.

The principal bill provides for the revision of the basic quota system, for the pooling of unused quotas within regional pools, and increasing the quotas available to the Asia-Pacific Triangle.

Under the Watkins-Keating bill, Japan's annual quota would be increased to approximately 563 quota immigrants per year, without disturbing the nonquota status presently enjoyed by the spouses and unmarried minor children of American citizens.

This increase of approximately 378 quota numbers annually represents Japan's share of the actual immigration to the United States from the various countries from July 1, 1924 to July 1, 1955, based upon one-seventh of one per cent of the nation's population according to the 1950 census, as proposed by the revised formula for com-

puting quota distribution.

When the President's message was first interpreted, because the 1955 cutoff date was not specifically mentioned while the 1950 census was, it was presumed that Japan would not be affected by the proposed increases since Japanese immigration was excluded from 1924 to the enactment of the Immigration and Nationality (Walter-McCarran) Act of 1952.

Under the July 1, 1955 deadline, however, it was unofficially estimated that some 21,000 immigrants for permanent residence have been admitted from Japan. This includes nonquota spouses and children of American citizens, "soldier brides" under two special acts, "war" orphans also under two special statutes, refugees under the Refugee Relief Act of 1953, and those admitted under private bills. Almost all of these were admitted after Dec. 24, 1952, the effective date of the Walter-McCarran Act.

This actual increase of 21,000 in some three years in spite of an annual quota of 185, without counting such nonimmigrants as students, temporary visitors, and treaty traders, accounts for the increase in Japan's yearly quota to approximately 563.

For the purpose of utilizing the unused quotas, the Watkins-Keating bill proposes the establishment of four regional quota pools—Europe, Asia, Africa, and Oceania—with the unused quotas of the countries within that region made available to skilled persons and close relatives of citizens and resident aliens without regard to country on a "first come, first served" basis to immigrants from other countries within that same regional quota pool.

By including the nations of Asia Minor and the Near East in the Asia pool, on the basis of calendar year 1955, it was estimated that approximately 3,175 unused quota numbers would be made available to the so-called Asia pool.

Because such small countries as Bhutan, Cambodia, Ceylon, Muscat, and Nepal use only a few quota numbers a year, if any, the relatively large pool is created for the use of such countries as Japan, China, and the Philippines where immigration quotas to this country are oversubscribed for many years to come.

The availability of this extra 3,000 quota numbers a year would most certainly be advantageous to immigration opportunities from Japan, according to the Washington JACL office.

Another section of the principal bill increases the annual quota for the Asia-Pacific Triangle from 100 to 200, and increases the over-all quota for the countries of the Asia-Pacific Triangle from 2,000 to 5,000.

Other Watkins-Keating bills to implement the President's immigration program would eliminate the need for most private relief bills by authorizing the Attorney General to adjust the status of certain aliens in this country to

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## PUBLICATION OF LETTER AROUSES NISEI PROTEST TO NEWSWEEK

Reaction was sudden and sweeping to a letter published in the lead position of the Feb. 20 Newsweek purporting that Nisei in America considered themselves "citizens of Japan" regardless of place of birth.

A telegram was immediately dispatched by Mas Satow, national director, to Newsweek in New York declaring "Lincoln Yamamoto, if there is such a person, speaks

only for himself in his irresponsible and fanatical outburst."

The letter, signed by one Lincoln Yamamoto of Pasadena, was in comment to the treason conviction of Tokyo Rose. (The full text of this letter is published elsewhere in this issue.)

It was first brought to the attention of the Washington Office of the Japanese American Citizens

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## JACL telegram defends Nisei loyalty to U.S. in reply to magazine letter

(This is the text of the telegram addressed to Newsweek from National JACL Headquarters, San Francisco, signed by Masao W. Satow, national JACL director.—Editor.)

In the February 20 issue of Newsweek a portion of a letter by Lincoln Yamamoto referring to Tokyo Rose was printed.

Lincoln Yamamoto, if there is such a person, speaks only for himself in his irresponsible and fanatical outburst. The record of unswerving loyalty of Americans of Japanese ancestry, especially during World War Two highlighted by our Nisei GIs who went "for broke", and the tremendous services rendered by thousands of our boys to this country with the United States Military Intelligence in the

Pacific Theater against the land of their ancestors completely refutes this individual who purportedly speaks for all of us.

Four more than a quarter of a century, our national organization of the Japanese American Citizens League, with its motto "For Better Americans in a Greater America" has operated upon the principle that we are Americans and that our first and only loyalty is to the United States of America. Not a single one of our members believes as does Yamamoto that "It's our custom to consider ourselves citizens of Japan", nor have they ever acted in such a manner.

We feel that Newsweek does all of America a disservice in dignifying this Yamamoto letter. Apparently, you have no faith in the American way in which we have been brought up.

## Colorado community boasts of 100% in naturalization of eligible Issei residents

LONGMONT, Colo.—Headed by James Kanemoto, the young Japanese Americans of the Longmont-Lafayette area (north of Denver) honored 13 Issei citizens at a banquet Feb. 10 at the Dickens Bldg.

Kanemoto declared the 13 Issei comprised 100 per cent of eligible Issei in the area and noted that probably no other community could boast such a record.

Greetings were extended by Otto Vliet, Longmont mayor; Reed Walker, C. of C.; John T. Horie of Brighton, class instructor; and Federal District Judge William Buck. Min Yasui, former Mountain-Plains JACL representative, delivered the main address.

Other speakers were Isaac Nishida for the Nisei and K. Mayeda

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### CHICAGO SEEKS 500 IN 1000 CLUB THIS YEAR

CHICAGO.—Tom Okabe was named Chicago JACL 1000 Club chairman by Dr. Frank Sakamoto, president. The chapter hopes to sign 500 Thousanders this year.



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## FROM THE FRYING PAN: by Bill Hosokawa



## A Happy Sequel

Denver

A number of months ago, the *Pacific Citizen* published a small news about several babies available for adoption in Denver. Judging from the reaction, the PC is extremely well read, and there are a large number of couples looking for children to adopt. Before long, letter of inquiry began to arrive at the Denver Welfare office from all sections of the country.

The wheels of adoptive procedure turn slowly. You don't go down to the orphanage and pick out a baby as you would a doll at the department store. There are interminable weeks and months of checking and double checking. Thus it was that a few days ago a young Nisei couple from Chicago arrived in Denver to meet the child who had been selected for them.

I talked with the couple shortly after their big experience. They, especially she, were bubbling with excitement, starry-eyed with dreams of the future. You could tell that the child, born unwanted and soon relinquished by the parents, would find love, attention and hope in the home of this couple. It makes a fellow wonder why the privilege of parenthood, which is so vilely abused by some, must be denied others.

There's a happy sequel to the news item that appeared in the PC. The babies then available have been placed, and now there's a waiting list of adoptive parents.

## SKYSCRAPER IN OKLAHOMA

We had occasion last week to spend a couple of days in the town of Bartlesville, northeast Oklahoma. Bartlesville probably is best known to Nisei sports fans as the home of the Phillips 66 basketball team, one of the top non-professional quints year in and year out. As usual I was on the lookout for a Nisei or Oriental angle for *Frying Pan* and managed to come up with several.

First off, I was assured by one of the natives that I'd pass anywhere in Oklahoma for a Cherokee Indian. "You're about the right size, coloring and have a lot of the same facial characteristics," he said. Unlike some other tribes, the Navajos for instance, the Cherokees have become well assimilated in the state's social and economic life. Haven't been able to check it out yet, but I was told that 83 per cent of Oklahomans have some percentage of Indian blood.

Among the better known residents of Bartlesville are the brothers Eng, proprietors of a restaurant and Chinese chow palace. They're listed in the phone book next to the Engstroms, which shows what a cosmopolitan place these U.S. and A. happen to be. Come to think of it, there aren't too many sections of the country that doesn't have Chinese restaurants. Watch for chop suey and chow mein signs sometime when you're driving across country.

My mission in Bartlesville was to attend the dedication of the 19-story H. C. Price tower, a skyscraper rising out of the prairie. This building was designed by Frank Lloyd Wright, probably the best known of architects and certainly an artist who has had a profound effect on the design of buildings throughout the world. Now 83 years old, Wright is a short, white-haired gentleman who is still alert, voluble and articulate.

More than a quarter century ago Wright designed the Imperial Hotel in Tokyo. It's been called everything from an unsightly brickpile to an architectural wonder. At any rate, it was planned specifically to resist earthquake and promptly demonstrated Wright's genius by surviving the terrible tremors of 1923. When I mentioned having been in the Imperial, Wright's eyes lit up for a moment. Then he shook his head sadly and observed that "the military have ruined it." I presume he meant the U.S. military since it was reserved during the occupation for star-wearing officers and upper echelon VIPs. With prices to match.

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Midwest DC meetingCINCINNATI.—The Midwest  
District Council is scheduled to  
meet here May 26-27 with Dr.  
James Takao, MDC first vice-  
chairman, in charge. Dr. James  
Taguchi of Dayton is assisting in  
the general arrangements.

Tentative plans include a special open house social on Friday evening for out-of-town delegates and boosters planning to spend a long weekend here. The council meeting will be held in one of the downtown hotels with excursions, outings and visits by small groups to be conducted on Sunday.

Cincinnati outlines  
calendar of events

BY MARVIN YOSHIKAWA

CINCINNATI.—A tentative 1956  
calendar of events was announced  
this week by the local JACL,  
which initiated its year of activities last Jan. 21 when Abe Hagiwara, MDC chairman, installed Mrs. James Takao and her cabinet officers at the Northeastern YM-YWCA.

Kaye Watanabe, past chapter president, will chair the next general meeting Mar. 17. The outstanding date of the local chapter will be the May 26-27 Midwest District Council meeting here with cooperation from the Dayton chapter.

Other events include the June 24 community picnic, an August chapter outing, a dance Oct. 20 and Nov. 10 election meeting.

Chairmen for the respective events include Marvin Yoshikawa, picnic; Roy Aka, September meeting; Roy Sugimoto, Mary Adachi, dance co-chairmen; Hy Sugawara, elections.

Joe Sugawara chaired the installation banquet. Stogie Toki was the witty and able master of ceremonies. The Rev. Shoen, Trinity Church pastor, gave the invocation. Northeastern YM-YWCA executive secretary Schultz and his wife were honorary host-hostesses.

Retiring Detroit JACL  
president hosts cabinet

BY YOSHIKO INOUE

DETROIT.—Outgoing Detroit JACL president Sud Kimoto was host to his cabinet members at a Chinese dinner recently at the China Doll.

Guests included Mrs. Toshi Shimura, Kay Takata, Ken Miyoshi, Mrs. Betty Mimura, Wilso Yamaguchi, Kay Miyaya, Min Togasaki, Mrs. R. Ikeda, Mae Miyagawa, Mrs. Miyo O'Neil (1956 president), and Mrs. Mary Seriguchi.

Cabinet members presented Kimoto with a gift of a Sunbeam electric fryer and a half dozen golf balls.

## Yashima one-man show

Taro Yashima opened a one-man exhibit, his first since his arrival from New York, last Tuesday at the Eastside Jewish Community Center. The exhibit closes Mar. 2.

## CCU treasurer

SAN FRANCISCO.—Dr. Wilfred Hiura was elected 1956 treasurer of the San Francisco Council for Civic Unity, an organization which seeks to secure essential rights and opportunities to those restricted by race, creed or color through education.

## I.I. board member

FRESNO.—Seichi Mikami, local travel agent and 1000er, was elected first vice-president of the Fresno International Institute at its 20th annual dinner meeting.

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record, asks prep school  
for course of studyPORTLAND.—Paul Okamoto, 19-  
52 graduate of Benson High  
School, has so impressed Massa-  
chusetts Institute of Technology,  
one of the foremost scientific  
schools in the world, that a letter  
was written to Benson Tech con-  
cerning his undergraduate stu-  
dies, according to the Oregon  
Journal.

He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Okamoto. He graduated No. 2 in a class of 248 with a straight "1" scholastic record except for a "2" in freshman English. He received the Velela scholarship award.

MIT wrote that Paul's preparatory training in mathematics and science was so remarkable that the Institute wanted to have a look at the Benson Tech course of study.

The last word from MIT is that Paul, though still an undergraduate by the calendar, is already teaching at the famed school, the Journal continued, on its report on Benson High.

## New citizens—

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responding for the Issei. Helen Sasaki and Mrs. James Kanemoto presented gold American Flag lapel pins to the newly naturalized citizens. Ruby Mayeda and Mary Tanaka were hostesses.

Over 150 friends and neighbors, all non-Japanese, attended. Mrs. Keith McMillan, representing the Welcome Wagon of the local chamber of commerce, made a presentation to the new citizens. D. Furuiye, 73, was honored as the oldest Issei citizen. Others naturalized were:

Mrs. D. Furuiye, Mrs. K. Furukami, Mrs. G. Kanemoto, Mrs. G. Mayeda, Mr. & Mrs. K. Mayeda, Mr. & Mrs. K. Miyasaki, Mr. & Mrs. Y. Nishida, G. Uchimura and Mrs. T. Yamamoto.

Cal-Neva credit union  
declares 3% dividend

SAN FRANCISCO.—Forty-one members and friends of the Cal-Neva JACL Credit Union gathered at Yamato Sukiyaki Feb. 10 for its fifth annual general meeting. Sim Togasaki, president, presided.

In one of the largest turnouts of the organization, the members voted to declare a 3 per cent dividend. The financial report showed \$11,934.78 cash on hand available for loans.

Elected to fill vacancies on the board of directors were George Kyoto and Masuji Fujii; on credit committee, Victor Abe; and on supervisory committee, Sim Togasaki.

Canada Bussei concludes  
2nd annual conference

TORONTO.—The second annual conference of the Buddhist Churches of Canada was concluded Feb. 5 with hopes of strengthening its movement in Canada among the Nisei and Caucasians. Under the rotating headquarters plan established at the first conference, the main office will be held by the Manitoba Buddhist Church at Winnipeg with the Rev. R. Nishimura as executive director.

Sumitomo shows  
3rd year progress

SAN FRANCISCO.—The third annual meeting of the Sumitomo Bank, which opened its doors for business as a California corporation on Feb. 2, 1953, at San Francisco and Los Angeles, was held here Feb. 7.

Significant growth the past year was marked in the opening of the Sacramento office Nov. 1, the increase in total deposits, loans and a net profit of \$39,612. "However, as is usual with new banks, the third year of operations does not permit a declaration of dividends," S. Urano, executive vice-president, stated.

The following directors were re-elected: Jumpei Nishimura, pres.; Shigeo Urano, exec. v.p.; Henry Robinson, attorney; Louis Sutter, retired v.p., Anglo California National Bank; and Susumu Togasaki, Mutual Supply Co.

Total deposits this past year reached \$11,920,074, an increase of \$4,085,988 over December, 1954; loans were \$6,036,934 for an increase of \$2,489,720. Holdings of U.S. Government obligations were \$4,999,740, and other securities held amounted to \$231,500.

PARLIER JACL FETES  
17 NEW MEMBERS

PARLIER.—A party for new members and citizens was held Feb. 5 to conclude a successful membership drive of the Parlier JACL. Ralph Kimoto, president, spoke briefly at the program.

(The chapter has 177 members and 22 1000ers to lead in the CC-DC.)

Newly naturalized citizens introduced at the affair were:

Masaru Nishimura, Hisato Hachiya, Mitsuyoshi Yamamoto, Suematsu Arifuku, Kazuo Yotori, Mrs. Yonetaro Masuda and Mrs. Tadayoshi Yamamoto.

Also introduced were 17 new members to the chapter. They are: S. Arifuku, Yumi Arifuku, H. Hachiya, K. Kobashi, Estie Kobashi, Ricky Kozuki, Sadako Kubo, Barbara Nakadachi Sonoye Nakagiri, T. Nakashima, M. Nishimura, T. Tsuji, Mary Okubo, Tomi Watamura, Sadako Yamamoto, M. Yamamoto and K. Yotori.

Participating in the entertainment program were Kim Yotori, Ricky Kozuki, Jean Kakutani, Harry Migaki and Jerry Kobashi.

Harry Nakata and Mrs. Norman Miyakawa were co-chairmen.



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# VAGARIES: by Larry S. Tajiri



## Chief Justice Warren

Denver

As the day of decision nears, the impression grows that President Eisenhower awaits only the green light from his medical before announcing his candidacy. Meanwhile, however, the GOP's professionals are not missing any bets. They have been building up a substitute field in the lessening eventuality that Ike picks Gettysburg over the White House.

Among the prospects are two Californians, Vice-President Richard Nixon and Senator William Knowland, and the Massachusetts governor, Christian Herter. All present liabilities, since the GOP is still a minority party and needs to swing both independent and Democratic votes to achieve victory. Nixon who assumed the role of the GOP hatchet man in the 1952 campaign, can expect the solidified opposition of Democrats and may be weak with the independents. Knowland is the inheritor of the late Sen. Robert Taft's mantle and will have difficulty even among Republicans. Herter, an Eisenhower supporter, is not well-known outside of New England.

Wishful thinking among the GOP's kingmakers is focusing on one man: Chief Justice Earl Warren.

Justice Warren, a Republican who consistently won the Democratic nomination as well under California's unique cross-filing system, has announced an "irrevocable" decision that he will not be a candidate. Republican professionals appear confident, however, that Warren can be "drafted" and that he will not refuse the nomination if Ike proffers it. GOP leaders believe Warren can be elected.

### PRESIDENTIAL PROSPECT

The possibility that Earl Warren might become President would have been greeted with dismay by Japanese Americans a decade and a half ago. It is a tribute to Justice Warren's growth in stature and humanity that few Nisei would hold misgivings today if he were to be a candidate.

In the words of one historian of the 1942 mass evacuation of persons of Japanese ancestry from the west coast, Justice Warren, then attorney general of California, "was, perhaps, the most forceful advocate of mass evacuation."

Morton Grodzins' in his *Americans Betrayed*, a study of politics and Japanese American evacuation, presents a dispassionate report on the civilian pressures which helped force the military's mass evacuation decision. In the Grodzins book Attorney General Warren emerges as the leader of the forces demanding wholesale evacuation of persons of Japanese ancestry. The record shows that Warren conferred with General DeWitt on Feb. 11, 1942 and urged strongly that all persons of Japanese ancestry be removed from California. It was following this conference that Gen. DeWitt transmitted to Washington his recommendation favoring mass evacuation.

In propounding his demand for Japanese American displacement, Earl Warren used half-truth and insinuation to support his argument that persons of Japanese descent were a menace to American security. One of his presentations before the Tolan committee which investigated the necessity for evacuation was the preparation of maps to illuminate his thesis that Japanese Americans, particularly farmers and fishermen, lived at points where they might do the greatest damage to military installations. He did not mention that the Japanese Americans had lived in these areas long before military installations were established.

The effectiveness of the Warren presentations may be seen in the fact that whole paragraphs from his arguments are used verbatim in General DeWitt's own report of a later date in which the west coast commander sought to justify mass evacuation.

Earl Warren's harassment of the Nisei extended into mid-1943 when he, as governor of California, told the National Conference of Governors on June 21 in Columbus, Ohio that the release of Japanese Americans from the camps would lead to a situation where "no one will be able to tell a saboteur from any other Jap." "We have read of social experiments in relocation centers and the movement within the government to release most of them as harmless to the security of the home front," he pleaded, "but please don't be deceived. No more dangerous step could be taken."

Sometime between June 21, 1943—the date of his governor's conference speech—and January, 1945, when he issued a statement supporting the constitutional right of evacuees to return to their California homes, Earl Warren's orientation on Japanese Americans changed. The star-spangled loyalty of Nisei soldiers may have changed the mind of the politician who, in his early career, had shown an affinity for the racist ideology of the Native Sons of the Golden West, in which he was a member. There may have been other, and more compelling reasons. In this period Earl Warren turned his back on the reactionaries within his parties. He incurred first their displeasure and later their enmity.

Today it is significant that the man who has been credited with having had the most to do with the anti-democratic, racist mass evacuation of 1942 will be remembered instead in history as the Chief Justice who led an unanimous Supreme Court in its decision for school desegregation, a ruling which has set off a latter-day revolution, and counter-revolution, in the south.

The Republican party's only hope to win the 1956 presidential election is to run Ike for a second term or to present another candidate in the image of Dwight D. Eisenhower. National polls back up the judgment of the GOP's bosses that that man is Earl Warren. So if President Eisenhower's decision is Gettysburg, the pressures are going to be enormous on Justice Warren to come down from his judicial Olympus and board the election bandwagon.

(It should be noted this column was written before the medical "greenlight" was given last Tuesday for President Eisenhower.—Editor.)

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## Immigration—

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that of permanent residents, would establish a uniform method of judicial review to prevent litigation calculated to delay unreasonably the deportation of criminals, and would repeal some allegedly unnecessarily restrictive features of the Walter-McCarran Act and alter some administrative provisions of that statute.

The Washington JACL office expressed the opinion that it might speed consideration of many Japanese adjustment of status cases if the Attorney General were granted discretionary powers to administratively resolve these hard-ship cases involving close relationships of American citizens and resident aliens.

Under existing law, private bills are their only recourse to avoid deportation.

While the JACL office approved the purpose of eliminating deliberate use of the courts to delay deportation proceedings against criminals, it cautioned that careful study should be given to any proposal that would restrict judicial review in any form.

The Watkins-Keating bill proposing to eliminate some of the alleged inequities of the Walter-McCarran Act and to amend some of the administrative provisions of that code includes 23 sections.

Of most interest to persons of Japanese ancestry are the following:

(1) Aliens deported from the United States may apply for readmission for quota or nonquota or nonimmigrant visas without receiving prior approval from the Attorney General to so apply.

(2) Aliens coming into the United States "mainland" from the Territories of Hawaii and Alaska will not be subjected to inspection or exclusion on the same grounds as if they were immigrants from foreign countries.

(3) Nonimmigrant aliens may have their status adjusted without leaving the United States even if such adjustment is requested in certain cases within the first year

## Koyasan Scout troop 379 plans old-timers reunion

Welcome for August Narumi, who has been in Japan the past 20 years and visiting relatives here for the next two or three months, and reunion of prewar scouters of Koyasan Troop 379 has been arranged for Saturday, Feb. 25, 8:30 p.m., at Scully's Restaurant.

Narumi, a charter member, was one of the first two Eagle Scouts of the troop, which is now anticipating its 25th anniversary this year.

admission. This section was drafted specifically to aid students who marry American citizens without waiting the stipulated year after admission currently required by the law.

(4) Adopted children and legitimated children, under certain circumstances, may be accorded non-quota status on the same basis as "natural-born" children of a United States citizen-parent.

(5) Asian spouses of mixed races within the Asia-Pacific Triangle and their children are provided use of the quota of an accompanying spouse and the spouse and children of natives of the Western Hemisphere may be classified as nonquota immigrants if accompanying or following to join such spouse in the United States.

(6) The quota allocations would be revised to provide ten per cent of the total quota of any country annually to what is now the fourth preference which is available only if the first three preferences are not filled. The first preference for "skilled" workers remains at 50 per cent as at present, while the second preference for alien parents of United States citizens is reduced from 30 to 20 per cent, and the third preference for alien spouses of resident aliens remains at its current 20 per cent. The ten per cent new fourth preference is for the brothers, sisters, sons, and daughters of United States citizens.

(7) Racial and ethnic classifications required on visa applications are repealed.

## IDC WINTER MEETING SET FOR MAR. 4 AT SALT LAKE CITY

SALT LAKE CITY. — Tentative plans are being made to hold the winter meeting of the Intermountain District Council, Sunday, March 4, 12 noon, in the Garden Room of the Hotel Temple Square.

This meeting was bid for by the Salt Lake Chapter to take advantage of the people who would be in Salt Lake City during the National JACL Bowling Tournament. IDC chapters are urged to select delegates who will not be involved with the bowling tournament during the meeting period.

## Sonoma CL Auxiliary compiles war bride list

PETALUMA.—The Sonoma County JACL Women's Auxiliary met recently to formulate their activities for the coming spring months.

In March a gift wrapping demonstration will be given followed in May with a tea and get acquainted social for all war brides residing in Sonoma County. Alice Sugiyama has been named by Auxiliary president Shiz Kawaoka as general chairman for this affair. Any one knowing of any war bride is expected to communicate with her to complete a mailing list.

The local women's group will sponsor a cooking class. Instructor and type of dishes to be taught will be announced shortly according to the Women's Auxiliary President Kawaoka.

## 'Hop Year Leap' party for Southwesterns Feb. 29

The Southwest L.A. JACL holds its first general meeting of the year on Feb. 29 at Centenary Methodist Church, 8 p.m. The main business will be the "Hop Year Leap", explained in the snappy chapter news bulletin Southwesternly co-edited by Kats and Kango Kunitsugu as "dolls turning the table on the guys, ergo the "Hop Year Leap."



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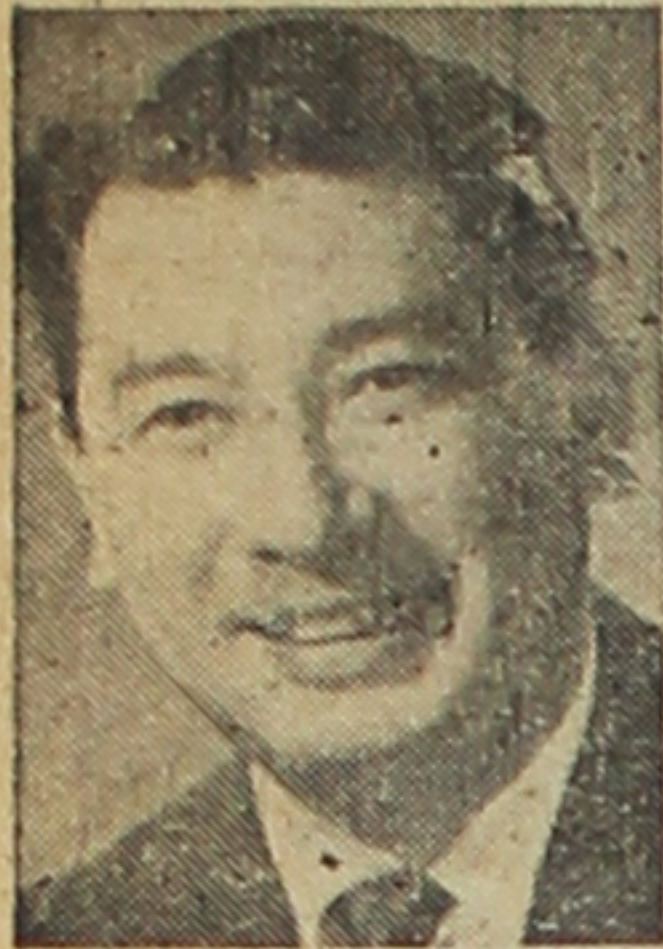
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**SOUTHWESTER: by Tats Kushida**



**How Low Can You Get?**

● We used to think yellow journalism went the way of all un-American and undesirable isms but our rude awakening by the current Newsweek mag's attempt at sensationalism gives us fodder to chew our cud on.

From the info we've gleaned, we cannot but conclude that Newsweek, which we used to think placed some value on honor and integrity, exploited this Lincoln Yamamoto letter (see page 1) as a reckless instrument to revive its apparently yawning readership.

If Newsweek's purpose was to create shock appeal, it's succeeded in shocking its readers with a new low in publishing ethics. We're glad to note our many friends cancelling their subscriptions.

Immediately upon learning that Newsweek had dignified a crackpot letter by printing it, we checked with a score of long-resident Pasadenans, all of whom were outraged that their community was thus besmirched, to investigate the existence of a Yamamoto who, pity his treacherous soul, reviles the name of a great president whose birthday we've just celebrated.

For the record, the old-timer community leaders contacted include Harris Ozawa ('56 prexy of the local JACL), Boy Scout leader Bud Fujimoto, past PSWDC chmn Ken Dyo, community council prez S. Takei, attorney James Mitsumori, Swish Ogura who works at the PO in Pasadena, Joe Nishimura, Nob Kawai and others.

We then asked the help of Tom Ito, our Pasadena chapter's '55 president, to chauffeur us around to all seven known Yamamoto families in Pasadena. As expected, we uncovered nary a Yamamoto with the handle, Lincoln, nor knowledge of same.

The PC is asking Newsweek for a photostat of the Yamamoto letter—we'd like it for the record as well as analyze the handwriting of a screwball.

What Newsweek has failed to do was to take cognizance of the irrefutable record of Americanism and loyalty of the Nisei, a record which we doubt Newsweek can equal, especially in the light of their latest booboo.

What Newsweek should know, and we'll tell them in the following paragraphs, is the Japanese American creed written by Mike Masaoka and which was read before the United States Senate and printed in the Congressional Record on May 9, 1941, a creed to which the JACL and Nisei everywhere have consistently adhered these past many years:

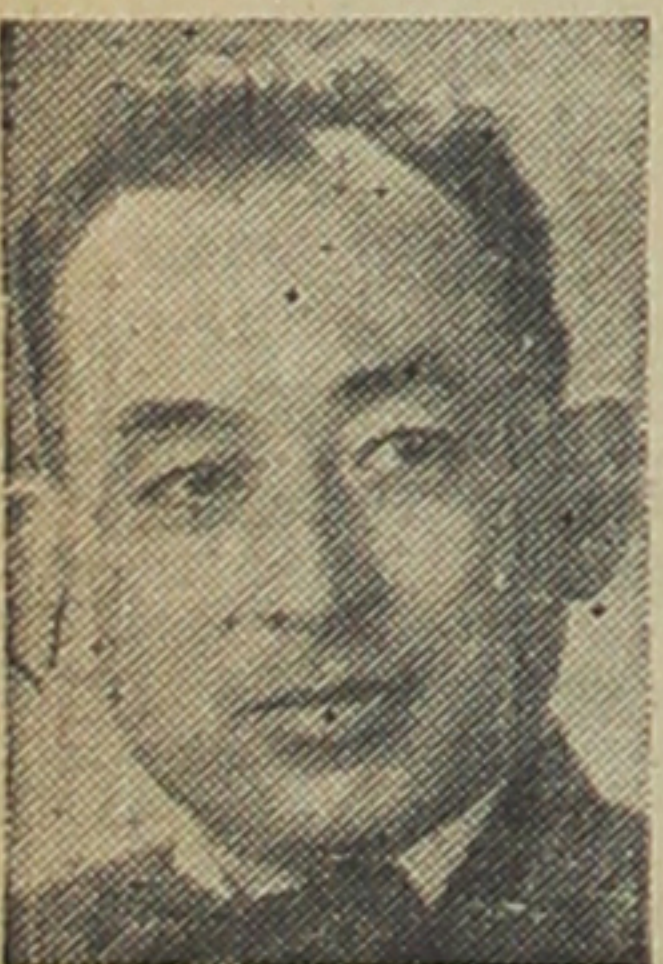
**JAPANESE AMERICAN CREED**

● I am proud that I am an American citizen of Japanese ancestry, for my very background makes me appreciate more fully the wonderful advantages of this nation. I believe in her institutions, ideals, and traditions; I glory in her heritage; I boast of her history; I trust in her future. She has granted me liberties and opportunities such as no individual enjoys in this world today. She has given me an education befitting kings. She has entrusted me with the responsibilities of the franchise. She has permitted me to build a home, to earn a livelihood, to worship, think, speak, and act as I please—as a free man equal to every other man.

Although some individuals may discriminate against me, I shall never become bitter or lose faith, for I know that such persons are not representative of the majority of the American people. True, I shall do all in my power to discourage such practices, but I shall do it in the American way; above-board, in the open, through courts of law, by education, by proving myself to be worthy of equal treatment and consideration. I am firm in my belief that American sportsmanship and attitude of fair play will judge citizenship and patriotism on the basis of action and achievement, and not on the basis of physical characteristics.

Because I believe in America, and I trust she believes in me, and because I have received innumerable benefits from her, I pledge myself to do honor to her at all times and in all places; to support her Constitution; to obey her laws; to respect her Flag; to defend her against all enemies, foreign or domestic; to actively assume my duties and obligations as a citizen, cheerfully and without any reservations whatsoever, in the hope that I may become a better American in a greater America.

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



**Hawaiians Organize**

Chicago

● The Japanese American Service Committee of Chicago formed a club for Nisei from Hawaii last November in response to a need felt by the Japanese community and the Hawaiian-Japanese in Chicago. When first arriving here they are reluctant to join the mainland Nisei groups and feel quite lost in the big city. The

group was formed with an idea of serving social, educational and recreational needs of this ever-growing group of Japanese. From its slow start of six members less than four months ago, it has grown to a total membership of 129. Some smaller Hawaiian clubs in the area have merged with this club.

This time of year the only social functions possible have been dances, two very successful ones having been held so far and a third slated for Feb. 25. These dances have been a great opportunity for young folks to get together meeting old friends and new. The December dance was also a reception for the girls who just arrived from Honolulu to work for the Continental Casualty Company of Chicago. Both dances were fortunate enough to have as entertainment the "Islanders Club," a group of Hawaiian-Japanese musicians and dancers as intermission entertainment. The Northwestern University Hawaiian Club holds a Christmas Eve Dance every year, which is attended by people from all over the United States. The Hawaiian Club hopes to have possibly two such traditional events throughout the year, getting attendance from college centers all over the Midwest.

● Estimates of the number of Hawaiian-Japanese in Chicago varies from 400 to 1000, probably the more reliable estimate being around 700. Most of the people in this group are young adult Nisei and Sansei. The members of this club hope that

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**SHIGERU HONGO ELECTED 1956 PORTLAND PREXY**

PORTLAND.—The Portland JACL chapter will install its 1956 cabinet this Sunday, 6 p.m., at the New Tokyo Restaurant with a Japanese style dinner. William Mimbu, secretary to the National JACL board, will be the main speaker.

Shigeru Hongo, local businessman, was elected to head the chapter, succeeding Nobu Sumida who did much for the chapter this past year.

Dr. Kelly Yamada, Pacific Northwest District Council chairman, of Seattle will also be present.

**CCDC quarterly meeting at Fowler**

FWOULER.—The first quarterly meeting of the Central California District Council will be held at the local Japanese hall tonight with the Fowler JACL as hosts.

Various committee reports are to be made on the Chapter of the Year, national officers nominations, Nisei of Biennium and 1956 district convention.

Chapter presidents were expected to report names and addresses of key chapter officers (pres., sec., and treas.) to Jin Ichikawa, district chairman.

**SANTA BARBARA CHAPTER INSTALLATION FETES SET**

SANTA BARBARA.—The local JACL installation dinner will be held Saturday, Feb. 18, at Kerry's Restaurant. Superior Judge Atwell Westwick will install Tom Hirashima, 1956 president, and his cabinet officers.

A special feature will be the showing a colored movie, "People, Products and Progress — 1975", produced by the U.S. Chamber of Commerce.

**Valentine social marks SLC membership drive**

BY JEANNE KONISHI

SALT LAKE CITY.—The new South Salt Lake Civic Center was the scene of a Valentine social climaxed the Salt Lake Chapter membership drive. Considering the short time the drive was actually conducted, results were more than satisfying.

Winner of a prize for signing up the most members, for the second straight year, was Mrs. Josie Hachiya, the Salt Lake prexy's charming wife. Second prize was won by energetic Rae Fujimoto.

On the program for the first half of the evening were Una Kasai, Diane Yoshimoto, Keiko Nakahara, Buck Lamoreaux, and three dancers from the Ralph Cannon Studios, who charmed and amused the audience with their specialties.

Highlight of the evening was an amusing skit put on by the Jr. Chapter—Frank Ujifusa, Kimi Kasai, Kuni Kanegae, and Hiro Inouye—lampooning some members of the Sr. Chapter. They were almost too accurate for comfort. And, as a fitting climax (?) to the evening the Sr. Chapter, not to be outdone by the Jr's., presented their own skit.

**San Jose dance class**

SAN JOSE.—The first Tuesday night dance class sponsored by the San Jose JACL was attended by 70 persons at Onishi hall. Instructors were John Hotta, Sam and Zeke Okazaki, Yooko Mayekawa and Tak Sakata. Weekly classes are open to the public at 50 cents per person.

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**SOUTHWEST L.A. SHOOTS FOR 1,000 MEMBERS; UNIQUE POINT SYSTEM BARED**

"One thousand members or bust!"

The battle cry of Southwest Los Angeles JACL for 1956 was made in the first 1956 chapter newsletter released last week as the chapter's most ambitious drive went into high gear.

The goal, if attained, will probably make the chapter the largest in the country, Chicago's goal of 1,500 members notwithstanding, declared membership vice-president Tom Shimasaki, who also issued an open challenge to the Chicago chapter that Southwest L.A. will be bigger than them by national convention time "or our name ain't Davy Crockett".

A point system was devised for use by the entire chapter mem-

bership (rather than solicitation by teams) with the top five persons with the most points by April 30 to be given special awards yet to be decided. Every Southwester, except the president (Roy Iketani), membership vice-president and 1000 Club chairman (Dr. Toru Iura), is eligible in the contest. The point-system:

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Reg. (\$3.50 or \$6 cpl.)	3 1
Supporting (\$5 up)...	4 2
1000 Club (\$25).....	6 2
Life (\$250).....	30 —

As an added incentive, a group dance course is being offered by Gene Parker Studio to the three Southwesters with the largest number of points by Feb. 28.

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At the first cabinet meeting recently at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Asawa, events for the year were discussed to include a fashion show, Olympic movies, a pre-convention rally and the Marty Party of Mar. 31, a stag-stagette dance with Abe Most's orchestra at Park Manor, site of last year's successful Guys & Dolls dance. Jim Yamamoto, social vice-president, is in charge.

**'Samurai' previewed**

DENVER.—A press preview for Mile-Hi JACLers of the Japanese film, "Samurai", was arranged through Larry Tajiri and Bob Horriuchi at the Esquire Theater Feb. 5. John Sakayama, chapter president, hoped that a chapter benefit showing might be handled late this spring.

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## PERSPECTIVELY YOURS: by Jerry Enomoto

### Operation Mercury

San Francisco

On what has been the sunniest and clearest Sunday of the yet new year, this reporter joined the San Francisco delegation in Richmond for the first quarterly meeting of the NC-WN District Council. Capably conducted by Yas Abiko, DC chairman, the parley was the best attended in years (every chapter represented) and was most interesting. We presented a report on "Changing Perspectives", hoping that the attendance and refreshing enthusiasm of the meeting was an omen for 1956.

As the initial publicity release on "Operation Mercury" was distributed at Richmond, this column will now beg your indulgence while we brief you on this operation. This is the financial project of the 14th Biennial and the biggest dividends will be a 1956 Mercury and an RCA color TV. Southlanders were given the full scoop on this at the PSWDC meeting in Pasadena, and others will be in on the secret soon.

Last week I mentioned that the traditional "package deal" will cost you 20 smackers. Naturally you all want to know what you get for your dough. The Convention Mixer, Luncheon, Fashion Show, Outing, Banquet, Sayonara Ball, and Souvenir Booklet will be all wrapped up in the package. Those planning to take in these events will save over \$5 on the deal.

### PASSING PARADE

Continuing with the parade of personalities behind "Changing Perspectives", we spotlight a young lady who will do more than anybody to assure that all of you who join us at the 14th Biennial have a wonderful time.

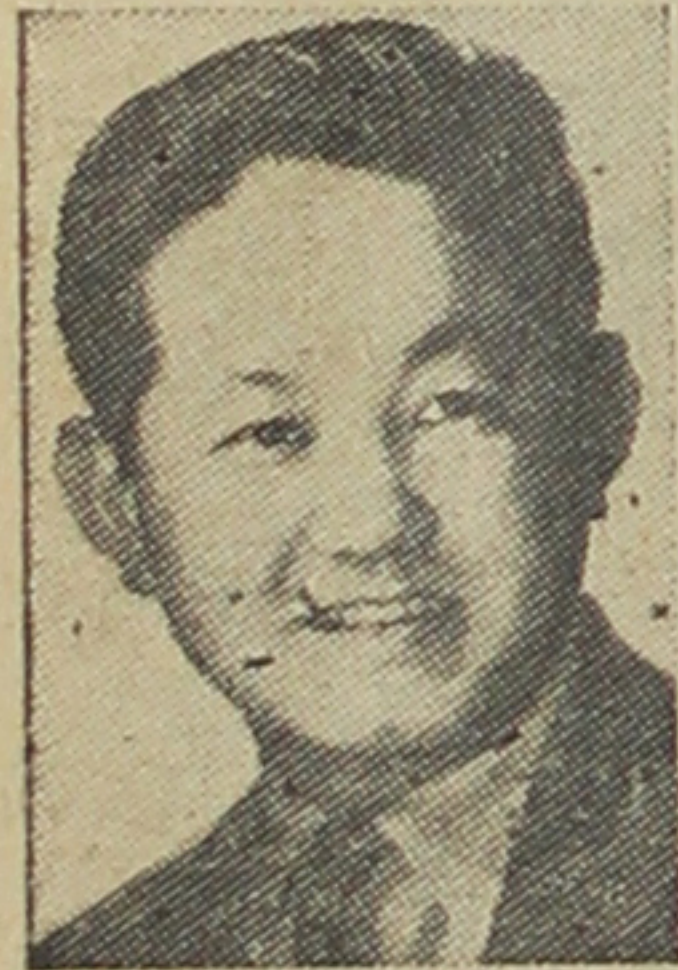
Meet Sumi Utsumi, 1955 Prexy of the San Francisco Chapter's Womens Auxiliary. As hospitality chairman, Sumi guarantees that all the fellows will never miss home, but don't worry, she'll take good care of the girls, too.

Some of you may remember the opening ceremonies at the 1952 12th Biennial, and the impressive hit that it was. Well, the prime features of that spectacle with some additional trimmings are being planned this time by Fred Hoshiyama. YMCA executive, church leader, past prexy of the San Francisco Chapter, and all around community figure, Fred has long been a come through guy for JACL. With his talent and imagination sparking the first official event on tap for the coming national parley, it's bound to get off on a good foot.

### TRAGEDY

Seeing Tom Yego in such good spirits, and hearing him in fine speaking form at the NC-WNDC parley, this writer was deeply shocked to learn of his untimely passing. Since Tom was a man of many interests, it speaks well of JACL that one of his calibre placed it so near to his heart. His presence as a person and as 1st National VP will be sorely missed at the National Convention.

## VERY TRULY YOURS: by Harry K. Honda



### PC Background

The other afternoon while digging for historical background of the Pacific Citizen preparing for the PSWDC chapter clinic, we found the JACL published its first paper as the *Nikkei Shimin* (which means Japanese American Citizen in Japanese) in San Francisco on Oct. 15, 1929. The present name was adopted in 1935 and took the printed form at Jimmie

Sakamoto's Japanese American Courier plant in Seattle. By 1939, it was being published again in San Francisco. During its pre-evacuation period, the *Pacific Citizen* published 162 monthly issues. On June 4, 1942, it became a weekly with Larry Tajiri beginning his decade of editorship at Salt Lake City. This week's issue marks our 871st edition. Thanks to a calendar good to 1961, we note No. 1,000 issue would be published on Friday, Oct. 17, 1958. It would also mark the 30th year of publication and in the thick of the 47th volume. It also inaugurates the sixth year for the PC being published in Los Angeles, if no changes occur.

The PCs of old carried chapter news, a woman's section called "No Man's Land", original verses and short stories, a farm section edited by Vernon Ichisaka (now of Seabrook, N.J.) of the Washington Township JACL (now Southern Alameda County JACL), columns by Kay Nishida, Goro Murata, the President's Corner, and Walter Tsukamoto. In the 1940-41 editions are valuable accounts of Issei history in various communities where JACL chapters existed. What began as four-page monthly with Iwao Kawakami as editor, expanded to 8 and 12 page tabloid affairs. Its biggest was the 18-page Holiday Issue of 1940, edited by the then editor Evelyn Kiri-mura. An emergency mimeographed edition was dispatched in bundles to chapters and readers when Pearl Harbor was bombed. The circulation department by March, 1942, when its final issue as a monthly was published, had its biggest headache with so many subscribers being assembled and evacuated. These were the years when the PC was pretty much Saburo Kido's baby.

From Larry Tajiri's column in 1948, we found that Dick Cannon, killed in action a few days after D-Day in France, drew the present PC masthead. Dick was a schoolmate of Larry's in Los Angeles and an artist in Salt Lake City. Circulation has varied between 4,000 and 8,000. Tops was 10,000.

As the official publication of the JACL, it is being conducted as an educational and public relations project. With the discontinuation of the *JACL Reporter*, the monthly organizational paper going to members only, the PC is trying to incorporate some of its features. In the final analysis, the PC is a JACL paper, its aims set by the national JACL convention which meets again this year at San Francisco come Labor Day holidays.

## NATIONAL DIRECTOR'S REPORT: by MASAO SATOW

### Good planning, organization and hustle being noted as many chapters open membership campaign; successful drive expected

San Francisco

Many chapters are now in the midst of membership efforts. As everyone knows, the ingredients of a successful membership drive are good planning, organization and hustle.

San Francisco, this year's national biennial host, should attain its goal of one thousand, for membership chairman Thelma Takeda has set a real example of thorough planning and preparation. Besides organizing the drive for renewals, she has come up with a list of additional prospects culled from the city telephone directory. Thelma comes by her interest and concern for JACL from an inside look at JACL at work. She was our National Hq. office secretary under Sab Kido during the war years.

Bud Mamiya, Berkeley VP in charge of membership and Western Pioneer bigwig, promises to exceed last year's figure and is already one third on the way.

Arizona should come up with an increase with Cherry Tsutsumida, who combines charm and brains, heading the drive. Cherry was the recipient of the 1951 Pvt. Ben Masaka Scholarship. We can't see how anyone can turn her down.

Roy Inouye of San Luis Valley warns us to expect twenty 1000 Clubbers this year which is a substantial gain over the six last year.

### Chapter Installations

We paid our first visit to our young Gilroy chapter, young in that it is beginning its third year. We installed president Jack Nakano, spoke for our dinner, and stuck around for an informal after session to get acquainted. This coming weekend NC-WNDC chairman Yas Abiko will attend the Watsonville installation, NC-WN executive board member Frank Oda installs Eden Township's officers, national board secretary Bill Mambu will speechify and install at Portland, while we give our blessings to the new Florin officers.

We leave the home base on Feb. 24 to meet our Montana members and install Northern Wyoming's officers the following evening. We finish by dropping down to Salt Lake City for our 10th Annual National JACL Bowling Tournament.

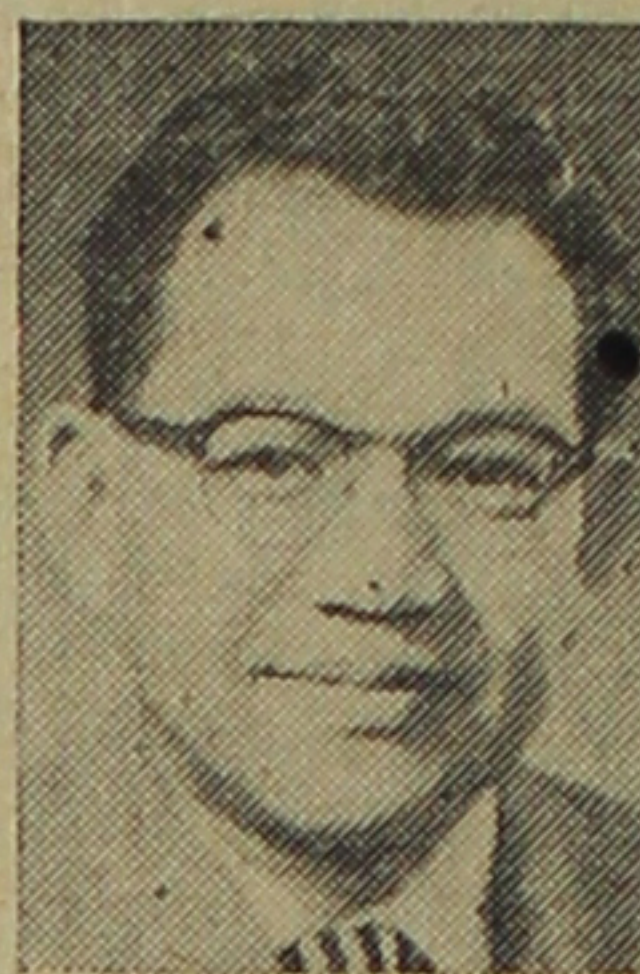
### National Pinfest

National tournament chairman Choppy Umemoto reports 64 men's teams and 22 women's teams signed up to fire away for our 1956 bowling championships. A very important meeting of all team captains will be held on Friday morning of the tournament, particularly to discuss tournament eligibility. Indications are that the tournament may take an entirely new direction. A complete outline of matters to be discussed will be sent to all team captains prior to the tourney.

The tournament committee reminds all participants that they should carry their 1956 JACL membership cards with them, not only for purposes of identification, but also to participate in certain advantages granted at Olie's Terrace Room, site of the welcome social and awards banquet.

### NC-WN Quarterly

NC-WNDC's quarterly meeting was outstanding in quality of meeting, attendance and participation. Chairman Yas Abiko did a smooth job in his maiden effort. The various reports demonstrated that we have up here a group of able, articulate and responsible



JACLers who can hold their own in any company. It was most encouraging to see so many new faces among the more than 150 who sat through the three and one half hour business session in the inspiring atmosphere of Richmond's new civic building.

The Richmond-El Cerrito chapter in substituting for Marysville as host, clearly revealed the strength and resources and personnel of the NC-WN Chapter of the Year for 1955. Marv Uratsu, Sei Kamai, George Sugihara, Jim Kimoto, plus a host of willing workers, not only stepped into the breach created by the flood emergency, but had to carry on without the services of general chairman Heizo Oshima who lost his dad the week before.

Yuhei Oshima was one of the real Issei pioneers who gave generously of his time and effort as an officer in both the Northern California CRDU and KKD, and also contributed \$1000 to our National Endowment Fund as evidence of his concern for JACL's future.

Commendations also to members of the joint installation committee of the Alameda, Berkeley, Oakland, and Richmond-El Cerrito chapters. They did a bangup job in coordinating this joint installation dinner-dance and adding much to the spirit and enjoyment of the total quarterly meeting.

Oakland's Mayor Rishell, a bowler of major league caliber, promised us he would throw the first strike at our 1957 National JACL Tournament in Eastbay. Tad Hirota emceed the banquet like an old pro that he is.

Installing the officers and presenting the past presidents with their pearl studded pins turned out to be national vice-president Tom Yego's last official act, and this was typical of Tom, always giving encouragement and credit to others.

### Sun-Soaked Arizona

Flying into Phoenix we were met by president Mutt Yamamoto, ex-presidents Tom Kadomoto and Mas Inoshita, plus a photographer from the Arizona Republic. Thanks to these stalwart JACLers we saw for ourselves evidences of Arizona's population increase and building boom about which we had just read in the current Newsweek on the plane enroute. A few years back the Arizona "Jay Hall" was out in the sticks, but now is rapidly being surrounded by new housing tracts and shopping centers whose neon lights loom so bright in the soft desert dusk. We speculated on what might have been had the Issei been able to own property in this state.

We had a good meeting and discussion following a china-meshi dinner. Our thoughtful hosts, knowing we were going to lose a lot of sleep the following night, deposited us at a motel in time to give us a full complement of shut eye. We would have liked to spend several days soaking in the Arizona sunshine, but had to move on eastward, so me still paleface.

### New Mexico

Charlie Matsubara and Art Togami whisked us from the airport to lunch at the Court Cafe (best in Albuquerque) where chapter

president George Matsubara is chief cook. George joined us to partake of his own cooking and we spent the afternoon discussing JACL. A goodly group gathered in one room of the Yonemoto shopping center, including Walt and Ann Shibata from 130 miles distant Gallup.

Incidentally, 22 of our 96 members of this chapter live in Gallup. Besides operating a farm, active JACLER Sam Yonemoto and his brothers run a grocery store, a gift shop, and appliance store, and looks like they will still add.

We just managed to get out of the Albuquerque airport before getting trampled upon by a noisy crowd of U. of New Mexico students gathering to give their returning Lobos basketball team a rousing reception. Getting set down in Burbank instead of L.A. International on account of the fog messed up our plans, but we finally grabbed the last available room at the Green Hotel in Pasadena.

### PSW Clinic

The Pacific Southwest DC annual chapter clinic was well attended and most stimulating. The Pasadena Chapter did a wonderful job of hosting and planning under president Harris Ozawa. All credit to the new chapter officers and delegates for sitting through a long all day session to learn more about JACL and ways and means of making local chapters more effective.

Visiting fireman Jerry Enomoto, our National Convention chairman, helped to enrich the clinic out of his experiences as SF chapter president. We were sorry that Jerry and I had to leave before the evening's banquet, but we just couldn't get the airlines to cooperate on a better schedule. Tom Ito certainly gave a big boost by handing Jerry six package deal registrations for the Convention.

Kow Kaneko's fashion creations are always intriguing, even to the men folk, and thanks to Flo Wada and the fashion models for the delightful respite from JACL shop talk. Special thanks to hard working Blanche Shiosaki for getting out all the clinic material. And DC Chairman Dave Yokozeki keeps things moving along without injecting himself for those occasional two bit words for which he must have a special dictionary.

We sat in for a while with Tut Yata and his Chapter of the Year committee. They were really having a difficult time because many of the chapters are really going to town in scope and variety of program, strengthening themselves, enriching the lives of those who participate, and adding to the strength and unity of our entire national organization.

### YWCA board member

PORTLAND. — Grace Akiyama was elected to serve a three-year term on the local YWCA of directors.

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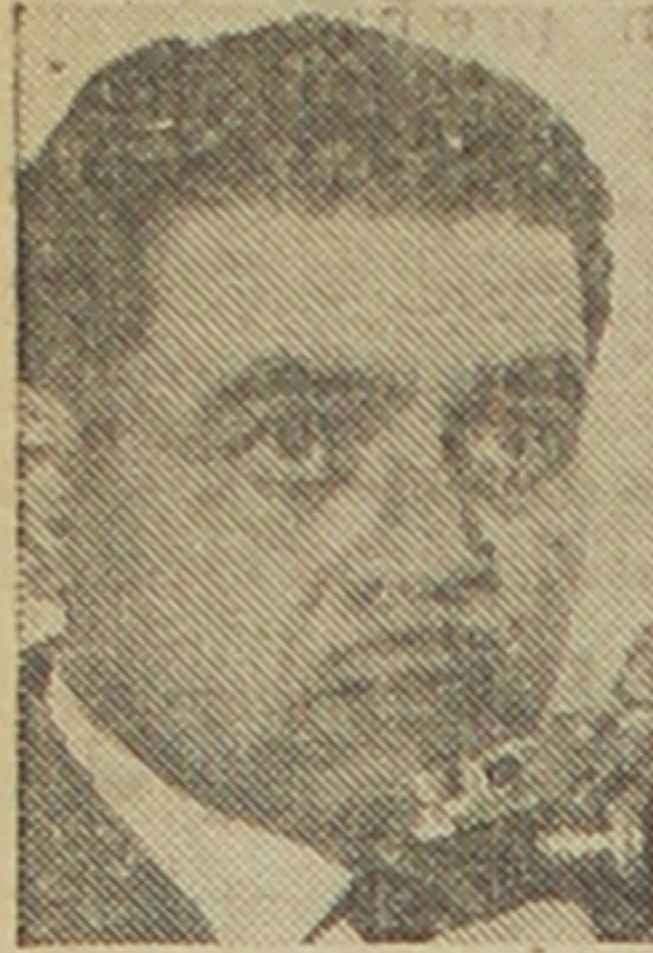
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## THE NORTHWEST PICTURE: by Elmer Ogawa



## Twice-decorated Issei

Seattle

■ Henry Heiji Okuda was posthumously awarded the Order of the Rising Sun, Fourth Class, during a solemn ceremony at the Japanese Consulate last week. This honor, together with the award of the Order of the Sacred Treasure, also by the Japanese Government in 1953, brings to mind Mr. Okuda's long career of outstanding community service, and his part in starting the local Citizens League movement in 1921.

He was the father of Kenji Okuda, Seattle Chapter president in 1952, and passed away Dec. 20, 1955, at the age of 83.

Henry Okuda came to San Francisco in 1893 and worked as a farmhand, dishwasher and "schoolboy." The romance of gold in Alaska caused him to turn his footsteps northward in 1898, and he got as far as Seattle where it seems he was destined to settle down for he immediately took a role of leadership in forming Seattle's Japanese Association. Shortly after, he started the first Japanese Language School, and about the same time, 1900, formed one of his business enterprises, the Oriental Express Company which operated until 1941.

## SOUGHT CITIZENSHIP IN 1901

■ Perhaps the most significant aspect of Mr. Okuda's public service centers around the matter of citizenship. He declared his own intentions in 1901, but before the required waiting time was completed, the lid was on, and there was no more naturalization for Japanese.

The opportunity was gone for the time being, but Mr. Okuda was in pursuit of an objective, and was continually crusading for naturalization. He won a big measure of support at the Pacific Coast conference of Japanese Associations at Portland in 1914, where he succeeded in convincing the delegates that Naturalization was an objective worthy of a spirited fight. But the work came to an abrupt halt as a result of the Supreme Court decision in the Ozawa case in 1922, in which Japanese were declared ineligible for citizenship under existing laws.

His son Kenji Okuda recalled while president of the local JACL Chapter in 1952, "Dad even tried his hand as a lobbyist. In the spring of 1914, he buttonholed legislators in the State of Montana to fight a proposed alien land law—but to no success."

## ENCOURAGED C.L. MOVE IN 1921

■ The Nisei were not forgotten during this time. By 1920, the older Nisei were just starting to graduate from high school and were approaching voting age. The idea was conceived by Mr. Okuda that it would be good to form an association dedicated to preparing the rising generation of Nisei for the responsibilities of the franchise. So it was he and Gomai Nakashima, Issei publisher, who encouraged the forming of the Seattle Progressive Citizens League in September, 1921.

Mr. Okuda, in the meantime, had organized the importing firm of Okuda and Shibagaki, and from 1925 to 1935 was president of the Oriental Trading Company which was founded at the turn of the century by Tetsuo Takahashi. More recently, after once retiring, he "unretired" to accept the presidency of the *North American Post*, a vernacular daily, and held the position until his death.

When the privilege of naturalization became the law of the land, Mr. Okuda was, of course, one of the first in line. The Seattle dailies wrote the patriarch up as the man who had waited more than half a century to be an American citizen. In an interview, he said, "I'm just thankful I was allowed to live long enough to become a citizen. I have appreciated living in this country and rearing my family, and getting a free education for my children."

## CHICAGO CORNER: by Smoky H. Sakurada

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they will set an example for other Hawaiians, in such places as Los Angeles, to follow with successful clubs of this type. There no doubt is great need for this type of organization in the other mainland centers where large numbers of Hawaiian-Japanese congregate. It is hoped that eventually through exchange functions the Hawaiian club members will meet and begin to mix with the other Japanese Americans.

The Hawaiian Club of Chicago is open to people of any race whether or not they are from Hawaii, if they have any interest in the club. It numbers several Chinese American members, some Polynesians, some mainland Nisei and some Caucasians. Any information concerning this club can be had by writing Mrs. Frances Tamanaha, Japanese American Service Committee, 1110 N. La Salle St., Chicago.

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## Salt Lake basketball series Mar. 29-31

SALT LAKE CITY.—The 21st annual national Nisei basketball invitational tournament, sponsored by the local JACL, will be held Mar. 29-31, it was announced by Dr. Shig Matsukawa, tournament committee chairman.

The Intermountain cage classic will be held at the new Judge Memorial High School gym. The tournament is limited to eight teams with the San Francisco Chinese Saints, defending champions, given an automatic berth.

An entry from Hawaii is also expected, according to Dr. Matsukawa. The tournament has drawn teams from Colorado, Idaho, the Northwest and Northern and Southern California areas.

## Nisei Kelp Tangler spears 32-lb. rooster fish for world mark

Hank Nunokawa, recently elected president of the Nisei Kelp Tanglers, brought glory to the Nisei underwater spearfishing group when he speared a 32-lb. rooster fish off Punta Penasco for a world mark.

The fish is usually found in warm Panama and Mexico waters. His catch is a world record in spearfishing, eclipsing the old mark of 28-lb. held by Jack Dudley of Riverside.

## American businessmen in Japan in Olympic drive

TOKYO.—The American Chamber of Commerce in Japan has announced plans to make an all-out effort to raise funds for the Japan Olympic team bound for the Melbourne games.

The group will cooperate with other foreign businessmen in Japan to insure maximum participation by Japanese Olympians. The chamber was informed 120 million yens would be needed, of which the group might obtain 35 million yens (\$96,900)—a sum derived after considering other sources of contributions including a government subsidy of 25 million yens.

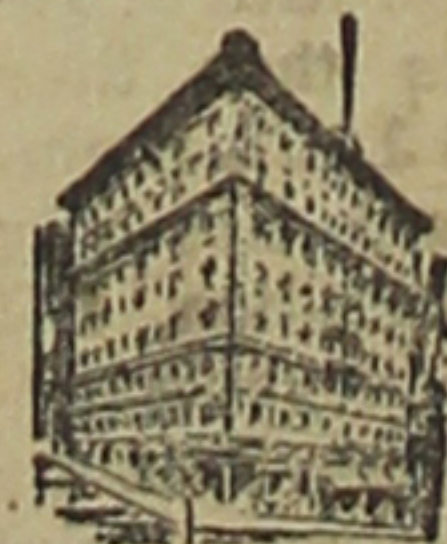
## Parlier fish derby

PARLIER. — George Kubo, with his 33 lb.-8 oz. striped bass, won the outboard motor grand prize (donated by Eagle Produce of Los Angeles and the Kubo Bros.) for the biggest catch of the year at the annual Parlier Fishing Club dinner here. George Wada won trout division honors with a 23½-inch catch. John Kashiki succeeds Toichi Doi as club president.

## Judo coach dies

BERKELEY. — Henry A. Stone, 54, Univ. of California wrestling coach, died unexpectedly at his home here Feb. 5. He was instrumental in attaining AAU recognition of judo in 1952. He was a fourth-dan black belt holder.

CHICAGO.—Hiroko D. Date, 16, Hyde Park High School won the \$300 art scholarship recently for her fire-prevention poster from the Chicago Association of Commerce and Industry.



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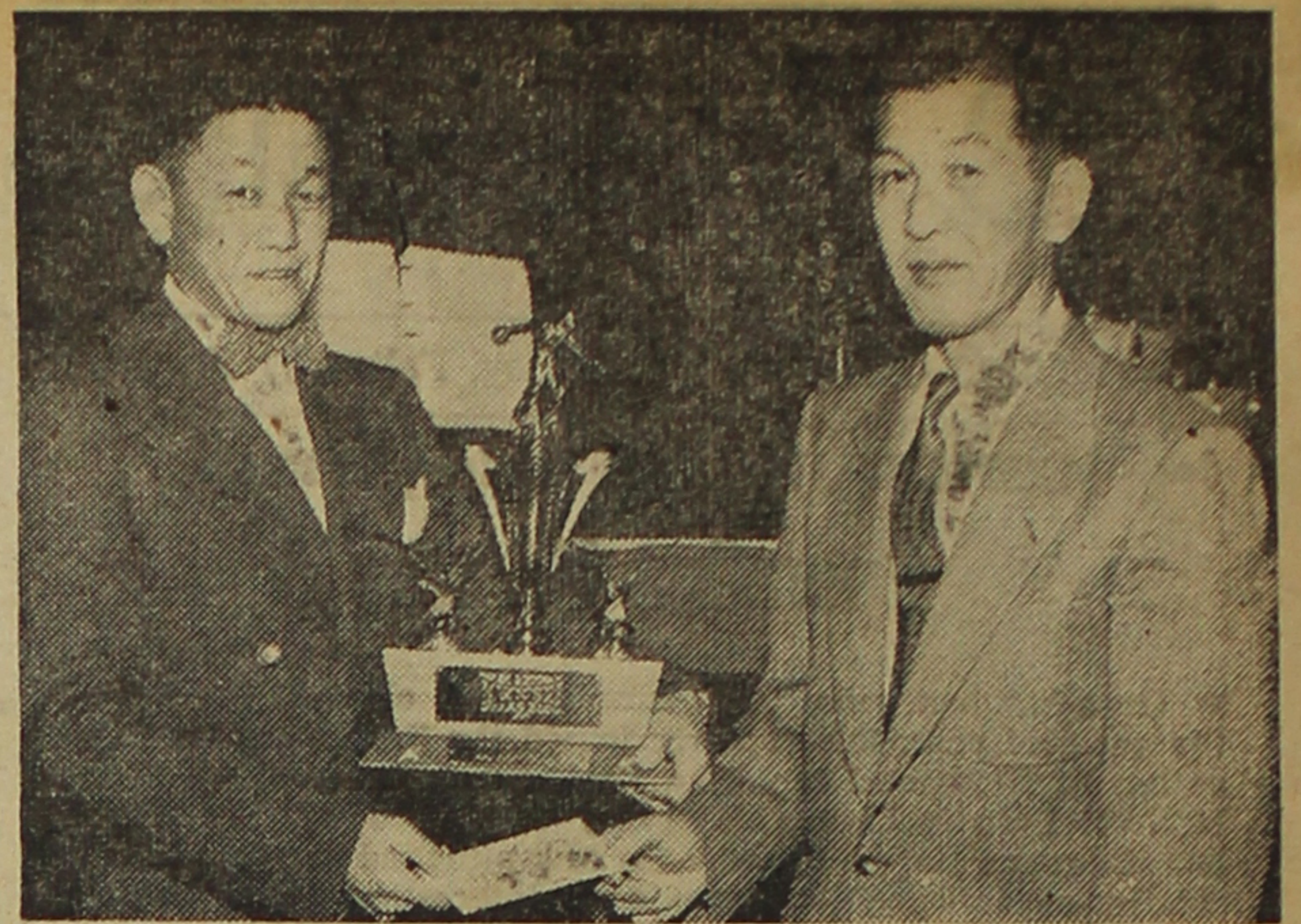
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Joe Konishi of Moses Lake, Wash., (left) was handed the 10th annual Northwest Invitational Classics all-events bowling trophy and an envelope containing \$60 by Fred Takagi, Main Bowl manager, 1000er and member of the JACL National Bowling Advisory Board.

SEATTLE.—Over \$4,000 in cash awards were distributed in the 10th annual Northwest Nisei Invitational Classics held Jan. 7-8, 13-15, at the Main Bowl, according to a final report released last week.

## MEN'S

TEAM—Seattle Recreation 2763, S. T. Produce (Tac) 2743.

DOUBLES — Kermit Eng-Roosevelt Chinn (Sea) 1200, Sho Uchida-Heizi Yasuda (Ont) 1178.

SINGLES—Dick Osaka (Tac) 640, Johnny Chinn (Sea) 632.

ALL-EVENTS—Joe Konishi (ML) 18-20, Heizi Yasuda (Ont) 1758, Dick Osa-

ka (Tac) 1754.  
SWEEPER—Hiro Yamamoto (ML) 1199, Joe Umemoto (Wap) 1198.

## WOMEN'S

TEAM—Main Bowl (Seat) 2436-218-2654, Gyokko Ken (Sea) 2268-304-2572, DOUBLES—Peggy Okada-Jean Woo (Sea) 1022-106-1128; Rose Lee-Kathleen Sasaki (P) 1028-88-1116.

SINGLES—Rose Lee (P) 549-54-603, tie for second Lois Yut (Sea) 593-6-599 and Lorraine Chin (P) 523-76-599.

ALL EVENTS—Rose Lee (P) 1505-162-1667, Lois Yut (Sea) 1642-18-1660, Toyo Konishi (Sea) 1526-132-1658.

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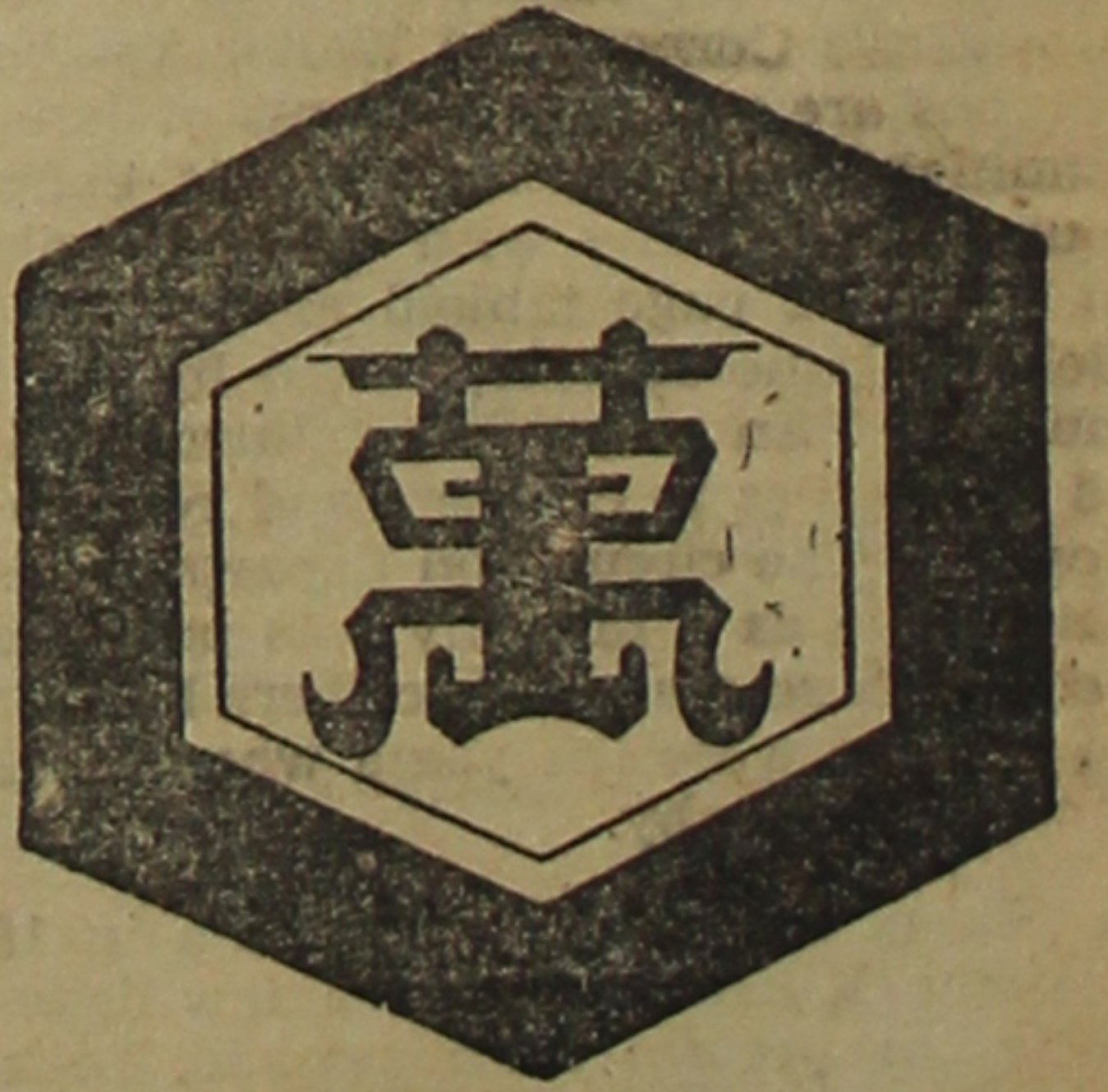
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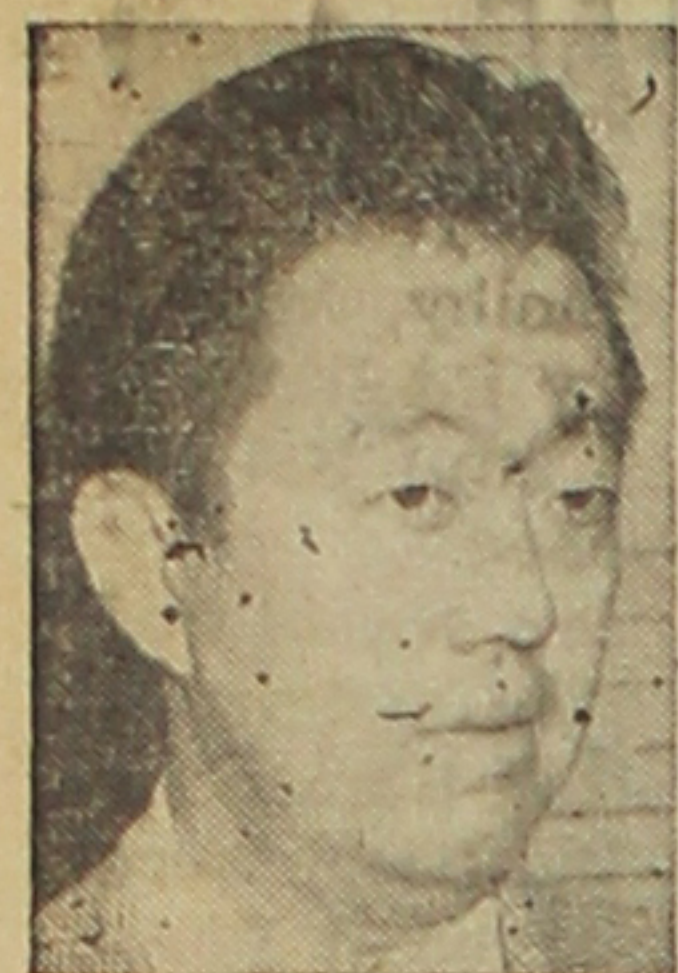


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## LOS ANGELES NEWSLETTER: by Henry Mori



## Well-tossed issue

Los Angeles

A long-cherished friendship we have known with Herbert L. Walker began over a decade ago when we were associated with the Los Angeles WRA office. While we don't agree point-for-point in discussions on racial subjects, we did ask him to guest-column on a well-tossed subject: "Should Issei and Nisei forsake their Japanese social organizations?"

Walker doesn't reply directly (nor has anyone else since Dr. S. I. Hayakawa's stinging note) to the problem of Japanese organizations. Walker, until recently with the State Dept. of Employment, now resides in Santa Barbara. He was WRA Reports Officer in 1945-46.—H.M.

BY HERB WALKER

When a Japanese is asked "Is it hot?" he replies, "Yes, it is hot." When asked "Is it not hot?" he invariably replies, "Yes, it is not." It takes some time for a foreigner to get used to this apparently baffling mentality of the Japanese. In fact, it is better not to ask a Japanese question in the negative, for he will answer "yes" irrespective of whether the question is in the affirmative or the negative.—Ichiro Kawasaki, in an article;

"Japanese Are Like That," Wisdom Magazine, February, 1956 (a new magazine published in Beverly Hills.)

So to this question of whether those persons of Japanese descent should not drop Nisei clubs and mix with Caucasians instead, I give a good Oriental reply: "Yes."

At the swank Montecito Country Club last week a Nisei couple was seated at one of the tables with a Caucasian couple, and no one seemed to regard it as at all unusual—nor would I had I not had the question on my mind.

Of course, it's easy to merely say to the Issei, "Get out of those Japanese-speaking organizations and mix with 100 per cent Americans!" But it isn't as easy as that. The question of association isn't really a matter of race; it's a matter of understanding.

The hop crowd doesn't mix with the long hairs . . . the teen-agers find little in common with the Octogenarian Society . . . the Main St. day laborers wouldn't feel at home at a dinner of financial moguls . . . the Republicans would seem out of place at a CIO gathering . . . the Holy Rollers would not be happy at a meeting of the Methodists . . . and vice-versa, too, on all of these.

People gravitate to their own levels, socially, mentally, emotionally, financially, and spiritually. But for one of a foreign race (if these is such a thing as a foreign race) to feel automatically shut out, is ridiculous.

## MIXING WITH OTHERS

One of the best ways to mix with others is to find out their interests and get hep to them. It might be well for those who feel ill at ease in breaking out of their little racial circles, to do it gradually. There are many pleasant places, such as churches, political clubs, civic associations and athletic groups, where nationality background is unimportant and it's easy to get along with others without being "left out."

Entry into such associations—step by step—is not difficult, and before one knows he is quite at home in all quarters.

The big point is that he has to feel at home, and if that is a struggle, maybe he isn't ready for it yet. So take it gradually—don't force things. Just relax and be yourself, for to be stiff and on guard makes others ill at ease, too.

It's only been little more than 10 years since the Japanese Americans returned from relocation centers. They came back with fears of not being accepted. Who ever hears of any racial friction these days concerning the Japanese Americans?

That's an outmoded phrase, anyway. With the exception of those few still not naturalized, they're all Americans. All Americans now!

And to repeat a rather well-worn thought: Being an American isn't a matter of blood. It's a state of mind.

So you take it from there, my friend!

## WASHINGTON NEWSLETTER: by Mike Masaoka

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new Ambassador from Japan will be able to successfully cope with the problems, to the end that the United States and Japan may remain firm and friendly partners in the Pacific.

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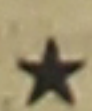
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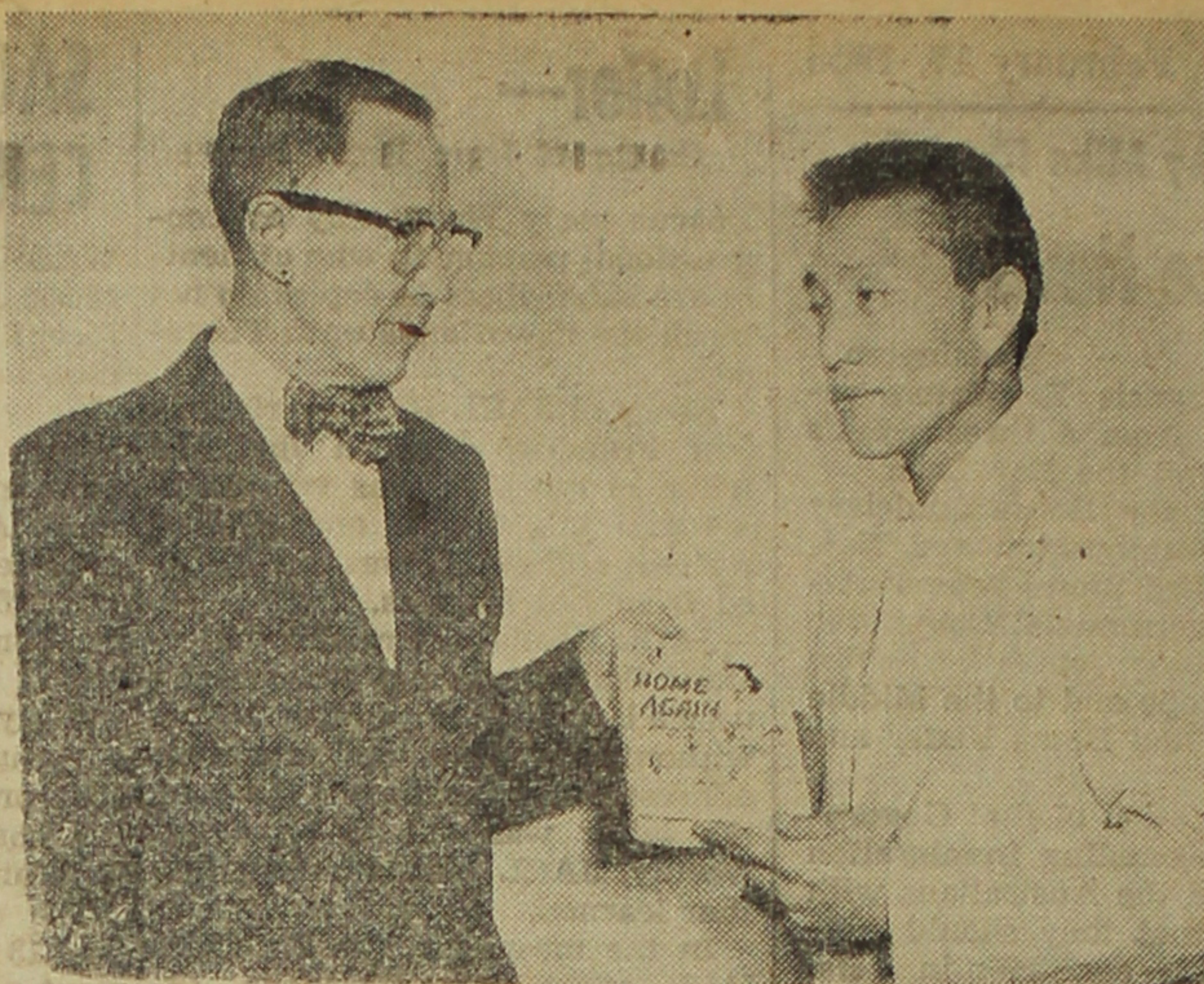
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The Salt Lake JACL presents "Home Again" to libraries of public schools in Salt Lake City. Howell Ujifusa, chapter vice-president is giving a copy of James Edmiston's historical novel to SLC School Supt. Dr. Lynn Bennion (left). Copies were also given to the Univ. of Utah, public libraries and former Mayor Earl J. Glade.

## VITAL STATISTICS

## Births

## LOS ANGELES

ASHIMINE, Minoru (Mitsuno Arakawa)—girl Darlene M., Nov. 14.  
 BESSHO, Kei (Kazuyue Koro) — girl Karie Sumi, Nov. 25.  
 CUNNINGHAM, Richard W. (Cheyoe Kikugawa)—girl Gloria, Nov. 15, San Pedro.  
 EDDOW, Frank S. (Yoshiko Hirahara)—girl Janet L., Nov. 4.  
 ENDOW, Toru (Kazuko Tsunoda)—boy Ted R., Dec. 10, Santa Monica.  
 FLORES, Arnold P. (Frances E. Izuo)—boy Michael L., Dec. 12.  
 FUJINAMI, Susumu (Patricia T. Onishi)—boy Steven Masao, Nov. 29.  
 FUKUHARA, Heizo (Shizue Sakai)—girl Eileen, Nov. 15.  
 HATTORI, Hiroyuki (Fumi Sato)—boy James Masao, Nov. 13.  
 HODGSON, Milford L. (Sachiko Otsuri)—girl Arlene L., Nov. 16, San Pedro.  
 HORII, Takashi (Sumi Shikuma)—boy Kenneth Asao, Nov. 26.  
 IKEDA, Keichi (Toshiko Akemoto)—boy Darrel K., Oct. 26.  
 ISHIBASHI, Richard S. (Alma Y. Kawashiki)—boy Ian Isao, Oct. 31.  
 ISOBE, Toshio J. (Satoye J. Hikiji)—girl Sumiko S., Nov. 13.  
 ITO, Shuichi (Aiko Matsuo)—boy Michael Shuji, Nov. 11.  
 IWATA, Dr. Richard H. (Victoria K. Hata)—boy Grant K., Oct. 27.  
 KAGEYAMA, Toshio (Elsie Y. Takemoto)—boy Steven Kiyoshi, Dec. 13.  
 KANE, Griffith K. (Geraldine Suehiro)—boy Cy Mululani T., Nov. 23.  
 KASAI, Ryo (Marian C. Matsui)—boy Wayne Takashi, Nov. 22.  
 KAWAHATA, Ben I. (Miyoko Yoshino)—girl Diane Sachiko, Nov. 26.  
 KAWAI, Herbert A. (Ruth M. Takamoto)—girl Linda S., Nov. 22.  
 KIYOHARA, Takeshi (Akiko Arita)—boy Alan Takeo, Nov. 2.  
 KOBATA, Masao (Tamaye Okamoto)—girl Susan Mitsuye, Nov. 17.  
 KOBAYASHI, Fred T. (Hisako Masuda)—boy Alan C., Nov. 28.  
 KOGA, Richard M. (Ruth A. Tanaka)—girl Joanne N., Nov. 23.  
 KUMABE, Toshi (Shirley C. Abe)—girl Kristie Emi, Nov. 6, Lenox.  
 KUNIHIO, Sam (Marjorie M. Kawahara)—girl Linda M., Nov. 12, Sierra Madre.  
 KUOKAWA, Harry (Naoko Nagasaki)—boy Barry, Nov. 6.  
 LAWRENCE, Raymond A. (Blanche F. Shiratori)—boy Robert A. Rikio, Nov. 6.  
 LEWIS, Woodley C. (Mitzi Nagasaki)—boy Page L., Nov. 6.  
 MARUYAMA, Henry S. (Sachi G. Itaya)—girl Keiko, Nov. 24.  
 MATSUDA, Yoshito (Michiko Nakahara)—girl Sandra Miyo, Nov. 9, Pacoima.  
 MIYAKAWA, Horio (Rinko Ninomiya)—girl Janice Kimi, Nov. 8.  
 MIYAMOTO, Bob K.—girl, Dec. 7, Pasadena.  
 MIYAMOTO, Dr. Osamu (Akiko Sato)—girl Karen K., Jan. 9.  
 MURAKAMI, Mark M. (Irene S. Ishimoto)—boy Mitchell Tadao, Nov. 7, San Gabriel.  
 NAGAHORI, Henry M. (Emiko A. Ariyasu)—twins girl Lisa Yukiko, boy Craig Hiromi, Dec. 1, Gardena.  
 NAGAO, Frank M. (Mitsuye Mura)—girl Carol N., Dec. 1.  
 NAGAO, Tamotsu (Hisako Tanouye)—boy Archie Atsushi, Nov. 9.  
 NAKAMA, Alton (Guillermin Uris)—boy Alton John, Nov. 15.  
 NAKAMURA, Makoto (Lillian K. Yoshida)—girl Laurie J. Micko, Dec. 15.  
 NAKAO, Takuro S. (Louise M. Buda)—boy Paul H., Nov. 9, Encino.  
 NAKASAKI, Shigemi (Shizuko Yamasaki)—boy Shinji Eddy, Nov. 9.  
 NAKASE, Kinchi (Takayo Maeda)—girl Susan S., Nov. 23, Whittier.  
 NAKASHIMA, Jason T. (Florence S. Koga)—boy Terry Akira, Dec. 8.  
 NAKAUCHI, Tadashi (Sonoko Matsuo)—boy Brian T., Nov. 18, Van Nuys.  
 NISHIMURA, Bill T. (Michiko Kamikawa)—girl Lynn Midori, Nov. 8.  
 NITAO, Shinzo (Hideko Tahara)—boy Kenneth Takashi, Nov. 23.  
 NOBUMOTO, Michio (Lorraine T. Kurisu)—boy Garen Chiezo, Oct. 27.  
 NOMURA, Yoshio (Elko G. Watanabe)—boy Robert Y., Nov. 12.  
 OKAZAKI, Takeshi (Mary Kawahata)—boy Vincent F., Nov. 24.  
 OKITA, Hiroshi (Toye Takahashi)—boy Stephen G., Nov. 24.  
 OKUSHIBA, Isamu (Hisako Tamai)—boy Yuuji, Nov. 18.  
 ONISHI, Jack H. (Shizuko Otawara)—boy Eugene Masaru, Nov. 30.  
 ORIDA, Larry K. (Dorothy K. Kawakita)—girl Patricia A., Nov. 26.  
 PIKE, Dean (Jane Y. Oshiro)—girl Sandra L., Nov. 4.  
 SADAMURA, Hideo (Mae M. Nakamoto)—girl Susan Emiko, Nov. 17.  
 SAITO, Lloyd N. (Genevieve U. Silva)—girl Coreen P. Yuriko, Nov. 9.  
 SAKAMOTO, Sanji (Tama Ishihara)—girl Irene Taeko, Dec. 12.  
 SARA, Ted T. (Marie M. Honda)—girl Irene Koharu, Nov. 21.  
 SHIBATA, Frank S. (Sumiko Ushiyama)—boy Darryl Kenji, Nov. 29.

## Engagements

FUJIMOTO-IKEMORI — Marie, Pharr, Tex., to Lt. Gordon E., Kahului, Maui.  
 FUSHIMI-YOSHIDA — Chiyo, Denver, to Tosh, Delta, Colo. Dec. 24.  
 MIYAKE-YOSHIKAWA — Kimiko to Bob L. both Bowles.  
 NAKANO-TSUTSUI — Aiko, San Pedro, to Marvin M., Selma.  
 NEKODA-KUBOKAWA — Yasuko B., Toronto, Ont., to Charles C. Berkeley.  
 OUCHIDA-FUKUI — Aiko, Gresham, Ore., to Sumio, Hood River.  
 SEKINO-INOMATA — Reiko to Shozo, both San Francisco, Dec. 11.  
 SHINODA-ABE — Taya, Orosi, to Pvt. Franklin, Dinuba, Dec. 3.  
 TAMURA-YUYAMA — Kikuye, Madeira, to John K., Bowles, Jan. 24.  
 TANI-KIMURA — Alice Chiyeko to Dr. Jack, both Denver.  
 TANIMASA-FUKUHARA — Natsuko, Watsonville, to Norio, Stockton, Jan. 19.  
 WAKASA-YAMAMOTO — Masako, Selma, to Seiso, Kingsburg.  
 WASANO-KAYANO — Kikue, San Jose, to George, San Francisco.  
 YAMAGUCHI-KOMOTO — Shizuko to Yukuro, both Visalia.  
 YAMAMOTO-NITZAWA — Sumi, San Francisco, to George, Sanger.

## Marriage Licenses Issued

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 KATSURA-WATANABE — Michiro, Berkeley; Hatsu, San Francisco.  
 KIRIU-NISHIKAWA — James M., Lodi; Sumiko, Liberty Farms.  
 KISHIMURA-INMASU — Robert H., Gilroy; Sumiye Faye, San Jose.  
 MASAKI-HAMAMOTO — Mineo, Lincoln; Toshiko B., Loomis.  
 MURAKAMI-TANAKA — Mitsuo and Kazuko, San Francisco.  
 NISHI-NITA — Clarence T., 25; Evelyn H., 23, Berkeley.  
 OMI-SAKURAI — George and Kiyoko, (San Francisco).  
 QUINLAN-MASUDA — William, 46; Kayeko, 31, San Francisco.  
 RUDINSKI-YAMASAKI — Russell, 31; Miyo, 28, San Francisco.  
 SAKI-TERAMOTO — JoJo and Aiko, Sacramento.  
 SHIMOZAKI-TOMIMATSU — Luther, Acampo; Nuko, Stockton.  
 TACHIBANA-MIZUTANI — Umeno-suke and Roku, Salt Lake City.  
 TAKEUCHI-SATO — Katsuya and Mutsuko, Stockton.  
 TAMAMOTO-HARATANI — Peter T., 23, Turlock; Irene A., 21, Oakland.  
 TERANISHI-SHOTA — Shinobu, 32, Chicago; Asako, 23, Seattle.

## PIANIST NIIYA IN DEBUT AT EBELL THEATER MAR. 3

The American premier performance of piano compositions by Saburo Takata and Yasuji Kiyose, contemporary Japanese composers, are highlights of the Wilshire Ebelle debut of Yoshiko Niiya, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Kohei Niiya, Mar. 3, 8:30 p.m. at the Ebelle theater.

Takata is presently professor at Kunitachi Music College in Japan while Kiyose, noted for his use of folk music, is chairman of the Japanese Society of Contemporary Music.

Miss Niiya, born in Los Angeles, is a graduate of the Juilliard School of Music in New York where she was a scholarship student of Gladys Mayo and James Friskin. During the war years, she studied with Frederic Dixon of Salt Lake City.

She opens with the Goldberg variations by J. S. Bach and closes with Mozart's Piano Quartet No. 1 in G minor (K. 478), joined by violinist Bonnie Jean Douglas, violist Maxine Johnson and cellist Charlotte Harris. Ticket information is obtainable from Tak Shindo, manager, 114 S. San Pedro St., Los Angeles.

## Rev. Kyogoku Awards nominations close Mar. 10

FRESNO. — Nominations for the second annual Rev. Kyogoku Award will close Mar. 10, it was announced by the Western Young Adult Buddhist League award committee.

The awards, based on leadership, community service and Buddhist activities, outstanding teenager, outstanding YBA member and outstanding Sunday School teacher of the Buddhist faith living within areas served by the Buddhist Churches of America.

Nominations with necessary letters of recommendation from Buddhist church organizations are being accepted by Dr. Kikuo Taira, P.O. Box 3250, Fresno.

The award was instituted last year when the family of the late Rev. Itsuzo Kyogoku granted \$1,000 to be used for recognizing outstanding Buddhist laymen. Awards consist of a \$25 book order and a plaque.

## Orange County dance

SANTA ANA. — Two Orange County Nisei clubs, Elites and Ramblers, are co-sponsoring a dance Feb. 24, 8:30 p.m., at the Downey Women's Club, 9831 Paramount Blvd.

## Mile-Hi bridge club

DENVER. — Sue Akiyama and Zekke Tolentino paired to win the Feb. 3 Mile-Hi JACL Bridge Club tournament at the Yasui residence. Local master point night would be held Mar. 2, according to Dr. T. K. Kobayashi, club chairman.



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## WASHINGTON NEWSLETTER: by Mike Masaoka



## Names in the News

Washington

■ Congressman Francis E. Walter returned last Friday from a three week's trip to Australia and the Far East.

As chairman of the House Judiciary Subcommittee on Immigration and Naturalization and United States representative to the Intergovernmental Committee on European Migration, which he helmed organize, he has made many trips to Europe and to the Middle East, but this was his first visit to the Land Down Under and the so-called Orient.

His trip to Australia was at the invitation of that Government in recognition of his efforts in promoting immigration opportunities. While in Canberra, he told the Australians with their "white only" immigration policy that they should consider immigration from their neighboring countries in Asia.

En route back to the States, he stopped off in Hong Kong to investigate the workings of the Refugee Relief Program in that British colony.

He also stopped over in Tokyo at the invitation of the Japanese Government. Prime Minister Hatoyama presented him with a cloisonne vase and Foreign Minister Shigemitsu with a silver cigarette case for his services in securing naturalization privileges for the Japanese in the United States and for repealing the Japanese Exclusion Act of 1924. A public reception was held in his honor. Congressman Walter was elected honorary member in the Lower House of the Japanese Parliament.

He is reported in the Japanese press to have said that nothing in his legislative career covering more than a quarter of a century gave him greater satisfaction than the statute that eliminated race as qualifications for both naturalization and immigration.

Since the end of World War II, no member of the Congress has been more helpful to persons of Japanese ancestry in this country and in Japan in resolving their immigration and naturalization problems, so it was fitting and proper that the Japanese Government honor him for his contributions to justice and human dignity.

At the same time, it is hoped that the influential Pennsylvania Democrat gained a better insight into the vital immigration needs of those crowded islands and the crucial economic problems of our great Pacific Ally.

## CONGRESSMAN CHAUNCEY W. REED

■ Death took another friend of the "Japanese" from the halls of Congress last week when Congressman Chauncey W. Reed, Illinois Republican and ranking minority member of the House Judiciary Committee passed away.

A veteran of 21 years in the House, he was the chairman of the Judiciary Committee in the 80th and 83rd Congresses. It was during the 80th Congress that the basic evacuation claims bill became law and the Attorney General was authorized to suspend the deportation of deserving alien Japanese and to adjust their status to that of permanent residents. Also, as its ranking GOP member when the Democrats prevailed, the influential Illinoisian gave his powerful support to the many bills before the Judiciary Committee that benefited persons of Japanese ancestry in this country during the past decade.

Congressman Reed was another who recognized the inherent justice in JACL's legislative pleas and his death deprives us of another understanding and sympathetic lawmaker.

## AMBASSADOR SADAŌ IGUCHI

■ Japan's second postwar Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary Sadao Iguchi left Washington for Japan, via Europe, on Feb. 16.

He replaced Eikichi Araki, currently the governor of the Bank of Japan, when the latter was recalled to Japan in February, 1954.

A career diplomat, he was Japan's first postwar Ambassador to Canada who was assigned to Washington in order to try to maintain the cordial and friendly relationship which existed between the United States and Japan.

In spite of problems relating to Japanese rearmament, trade and tariff matters, and Communist overtures to Japan, the golf-playing Ambassador proved to be a popular representative of his government and managed to maintain the spirit of cooperation and comradeship between the two Pacific Allies that has marked their relations since the coming into force of the Treaty of Peace in April, 1952.

Ambassador Iguchi resigned because of Japan's failure to gain admission into the United Nations.

We wish him well in whatever he may undertake in Japan, for he too was instrumental in promoting understanding and friendship between the land of our ancestry and the land of our birth.

## AMBASSADOR MASAYUKI TANI

■ To replace Sadao Iguchi, Foreign Minister Shigemitsu has named Masayuki Tani as Japan's third postwar Ambassador to the United States, Japan's top diplomatic post.

A career diplomat, the 66-year-old Tani graduated from Tokyo Imperial University in 1913. He served as first secretary in the Embassy in Washington from 1927 to 1929, so he is no stranger to this country. He was Japan's foreign minister from December, 1942, to April, 1943, when he was succeeded by the present Foreign Minister Shigemitsu.

Imprisoned for three and a half years as a war criminal, he was never convicted. Once an outspoken foe of this country, he is now reported to be an equally outspoken champion. Ambassador Tani is scheduled to leave for Washington on Feb. 21.

Prior to his departure, he is reported to have declared that "there are no outstanding problems between (Japan and the United States); only small problems that can be straightened out". He praised the United States for its humane treatment of Japan after World War II and declared that it was "natural and proper" for Japan to "consider Japanese-American cooperation as the basis of our (Japan's) national policy".

As Japan's rehabilitation speeds toward completion and she regains her former leadership in the Far East, irritating and troublesome problems not only in trade but in other aspects of international relations are bound to crop up to test Japanese-American comity and cooperation.

As Americans of Japanese ancestry, it is our hope that the

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## Letter—

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League early Wednesday by congressional personnel, who evidently are subscribers as copies do not reach the newsstands until Thursday.

National JACL Headquarters in San Francisco learned that the letter in question was written in pen and ink, signed and without a street address. It was postmarked from Los Angeles.

JACL Headquarters also understood that it was not Newsweek's usual policy to publish letters without signature and complete address. However, in this instance, the letter was felt to be newsworthy, JACL Headquarters further learned.

In the meantime, the So. Calif. JACL office with Pasadena JACLers made an immediate check to see if a Lincoln Yamamoto was living somewhere in Pasadena. There was no knowledge of a Lincoln Yamamoto known to the seven Yamamoto families listed in the current telephone directory.

As other JACL and Nisei veteran leaders were being informed of this letter, steps were being taken to protest publication of such a categorical misstatement of fact.

The Commodore Perry Post of the American Legion condemned the letter allegedly written by a Nisei to Newsweek magazine. Soichi Fukui, commander, yesterday asked the American Legion 17th District to reaffirm the loyalty of Nisei veterans to the United States in a resolution to the magazine.

... letter that  
ired all Nisei

(This is the full text of the Lincoln Yamamoto letter published in the Feb. 20 issue of Newsweek.—Editor.)

## Meaning of Treason

I think it was prejudice and a miscarriage of justice that "Tokyo Rose", Iva D'Aquino (Newsweek, Jan. 16) was convicted of treason. Was MacArthur guilty of treason for fighting for his country? Why then is Iva D'Aquino guilty of treason for doing her duty to hers?

It's our custom to consider ourselves citizens of Japan regardless of where we're born and our first allegiance is to Japan. We Niseis are proud of Iva D'Aquino and we are going to give her a heroine's welcome.

Lincoln Yamamoto  
Pasadena, Calif.

ABE HAGIWARA SPEAKS  
AT DAYTON INSTALLATION

BY YAE SATO

DAYTON.—Presentation of past president pins to Dr. Ruby Hirose and installation of 1956 officers by Abe Hagiwara of Chicago, Midwest District Council chairman, highlighted the Jan. 22 dinner at Pappy's Kitchen here.

Hagiwara was the main speaker. Dr. and Mrs. James Takao of Cincinnati JACL were also present as guests. Dr. James Taguchi, MDC vice-chairman, presented the past president pin. Dr. Mark M. Nakauchi is the 1956 Dayton JACL president.

400 Bussei anticipated  
at Fresno WYABL confab

FRESNO.—Some 400 Buddhists are expected to convene at the eighth annual Western Young Adult Buddhist League conference this weekend at the Fresno Betsuin, according to Mike Iwatsubo, general chairman. Tok Nomura of Kingsburg, WYABL president, will open the meeting for delegates of 27 league chapter tomorrow night.

## Jr. YABA planned

A Junior Young Adult Buddhist Association, composed of the younger married Nisei, is being formed this Sunday, 2 p.m., at the Nishi Hongwanji, according to the Rev. Arthur Takemoto. It was felt a group was needed for those no longer feeling free to participate in YBA activities, but too young to mingle with the present YABA.

SACRAMENTO JAPANESE COMMUNITY  
CENTER TO RECEIVE CAPITOL FLAG

WASHINGTON.—Rep. John E. Moss, Jr., (D., Sacramento, Calif.) recently obtained for the Japanese community of Sacramento a flag which flew over the United States Capitol on Jan. 28, the Washington Office of the Japanese American Citizens League reported.

The flag, which will be presented by Congressman Moss later this spring when he is in Sacramento, will fly over the newly dedicated community building which was sponsored by the Sacramento JACL chapter and the Nisei Post, Veterans of Foreign Wars.

The significance of Jan. 28 is that 13 years ago the War Department reversed itself on the policy of denying to Nisei the right to serve in the armed forces of our country and opened up the Army to Nisei volunteers. Three days

later the 442nd Combat Team was activated in Camp Shelby, Mississippi, and the military intelligence language school of Camp Savage in Minnesota was opened.

Jan. 28, 1943 has been considered the turning point in the history of the Nisei in the United States for from that period on the Nisei were able to prove by valor what President Roosevelt said: "Americanism is a matter of mind and heart and not a matter of race or ancestry."

Mike Masaoka, Washington JACL representative and a member of the Nisei Veterans Post, made the arrangements with Congressman Moss for obtaining the flag.

Deadline for Nisei  
voting in Japanese  
elections nears

WASHINGTON.—Nisei who lost their U.S. citizenship by voting in Japanese elections during the period of American occupation were warned by the Washington Office of the Japanese American Citizens League that the deadline for regaining their citizenship is July 19, 1956.

The law, which provides for the expeditious naturalization of stranded Nisei in Japan who voted during the post-war years of the American occupation, was introduced in Congress at the request of the JACL by Senator Arthur V. Watkins (R., Utah) and Congressman Chet Holifield (D., Calif.).

It became law on July 20, 1954 with an expiration date of two years after enactment.

Nisei who lost their citizenship by voting between September 2, 1945 and April 27, 1952, inclusive, and who have not disqualified themselves for regaining their citizenship by other subsequent acts may appear before any consular official in Japan or a court of competent jurisdiction in the United States for their expeditious naturalization.

SAN LUIS OBISPO C.L.  
NAMES S. IKEDA PREXY

SAN LUIS OBISPO.—Seirin Ikeda was inducted as 1956 chapter president of the San Luis Obispo JACL at a recent ceremony held at Beacon Outpost in Santa Maria. He succeeds George Nagano.

## Royal visitors

Prince Hironobu Kachio, cousin of the Japanese Emperor, and his American-born wife, Princess Yoko Masuda, were Hollywood visitors last week.

## CALENDAR

Feb. 13 (Saturday)  
Watsonville—Installation dinner-dance, Reseter Hall, 6:30 p.m.  
Eden Township—Installation dinner, Lake Merritt Hotel, Oakland, 7:30 p.m.  
Santa Barbara—Installation dinner, Kerry's Restaurant; Judge Westwick, spkr.  
Feb. 18-19  
Sacramento—JACL Bowling Tournament, Alhambra Bowl.  
Feb. 19 (Sunday)  
Portland—Installation dinner, New Tokyo Restaurant, 6 p.m. William Mimb, spkr.  
East L.A.—Snow Hike. Busses leave Int'l Institute, 6:30 a.m.  
Feb. 24 (Friday)  
Montana—Installation banquet, Shantri-La Club, Billings.  
Feb. 25 (Saturday)  
Venice-Culver—V. Bar C Roundup, Venice Gakuen, 6:30 p.m.  
No. Wyoming—Installation, Mas Satow visitation.  
Feb. 29 (Wednesday)  
Southwest L.A.—General meeting, Centenary Methodist Church, 8 p.m.; "Hop Year Leap" social.  
Salt Lake-Mt. Olympus—Pre-bowling tournament mixer, Ollie's Terrace.  
Mar. 1-4  
Salt Lake—Nat'l JACL bowling tournament. Pal-D-Mar (men's), Ritz (women's).  
Mar. 4 (Sunday)  
IDC—Winter meeting, Hotel Temple Square, 12 noon.  
Salt Lake—Tournament award dinner-dance, Ollie's Terrace.  
Mar. 9 (Friday)  
Chicago—General meeting.  
Mar. 10 (Saturday)  
WLA-Venice-Culver—Joint dinner-dance, Santa Monica Elk's Club, 7 p.m.  
Mar. 14 (Wednesday)  
East Los Angeles—General meeting.  
Mar. 17 (Saturday)  
Cincinnati—General meeting.  
Mar. 18 (Sunday)  
Detroit—General meeting, International Institute; Abe Hagiwara, spkr.

PSW Chapter of  
Year award split

PASADENA.—The Southwest L.A. and San Diego chapter shared honors for the first PSWDC "Chapter of the Year" award presented at the district's banquet following an all-day Chapter clinic at the Hotel Green here on Feb. 12.

Three JACL Sapphire Pin Awards were presented to outstanding JACL leaders: Tut Yata and Hana Uno (Southwest L.A.) and Tom Hirashima (Santa Barbara). Frank F. Chuman, JACL Legal Counsel, was principal speaker.

Some 125 delegates discussed JACL history, policies, programming techniques and other activity aids with JACL leaders including nat'l director Mas Satow and Jerry Enomoto from San Francisco.

Hagiwara receives  
Brotherhood award

CHICAGO.—Abe Hagiwara, active JACLer, was one of 27 persons selected by the National Conference of Christians and Jews to receive the 1956 James M. Yard Brotherhood Community Awards. The awards were presented at a ceremony Feb. 14 in the City Council chambers.

Hagiwara, director of activities of Olivet Institute, a social settlement house on Chicago's near northside, was selected for his unique service in building better human relations in the neighborhood served by Olivet Institute.

In addition to his job, Abe is active in the Near North Community Council as vice-chairman, member of the Lincoln Park Boy Scouts Council, board member of the Japanese American Service Committee, and is the chairman of the JACL Midwest District Council.

Two other Nisei to be so honored in the past are the Rev. Jitsuo Morikawa and Mrs. Sumi Miyaki who received similar awards two years ago. Mrs. Miyaki is chairman of the Chicago JACL's schools committee. Dr. Morikawa is a member of the Illinois Commission on Human Relations.

WLA Venice CLs  
plan joint affair

West Los Angeles JACL elected David Akashi as its 1956 chapter president, succeeding Steve Yagi, who continues to serve in the new cabinet as publicity chairman.

The chapter hopes to ring a membership of 500 strong this year with a special emphasis to sign up Issei citizens. The chapter in the past two years has exceeded 300 members to be among the ranking groups in the Pacific Southwest district.

On Mar. 10, both the West Los Angeles and Venice-Culver chapters will hold a joint installation dinner-dance at the Santa Monica Elk's Hall. Dr. Kiyoshi Sonoda will be general chairman. Steve Yagi is handling tickets and Dr. Tak Shishino, Venice-Culver president, is speaker chairman.