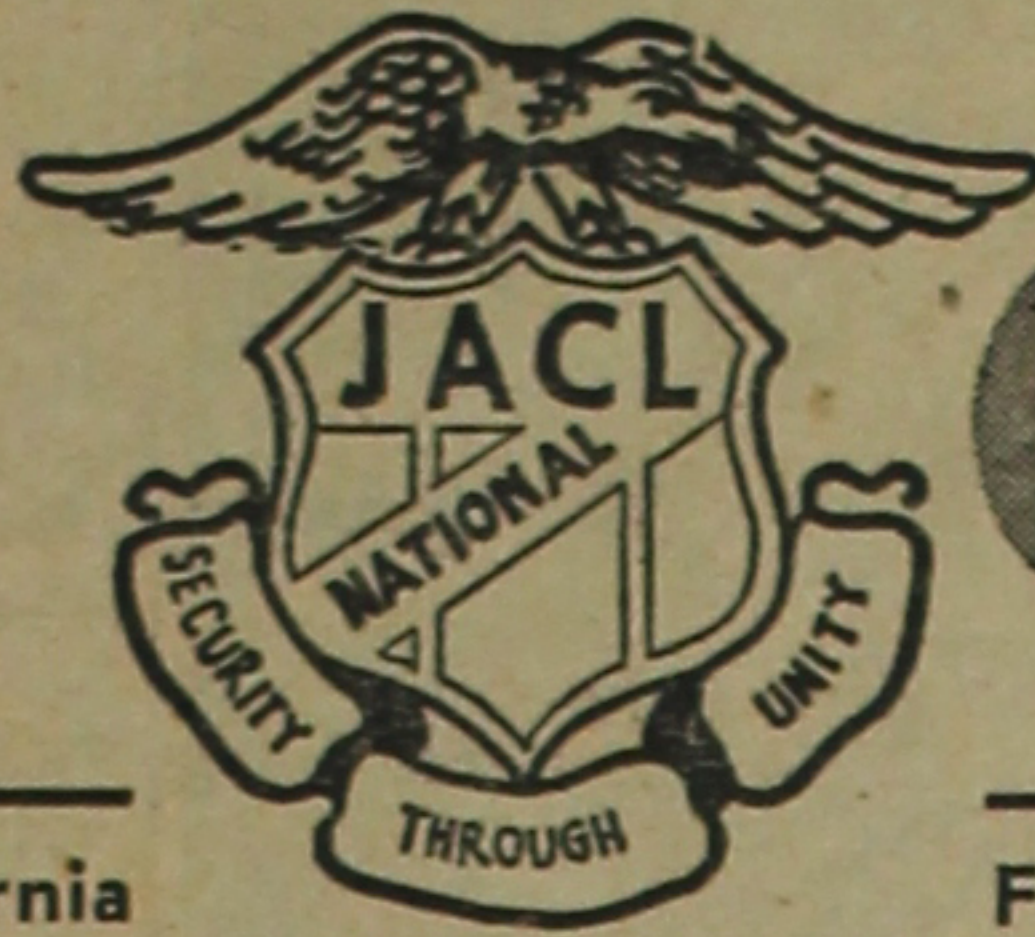


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EDITORIALS:

Bowlers congregate
for JACL tournament

About a decade ago, a strong stand was organized with Nisei bowlers by the Japanese American Citizens League to eliminate the "white male only" clause in the American Bowling Congress by laws. At the same time, National JACL began its sponsorship of a tournament to symbolize the fight as well as provide a common ground for Nisei bowlers.

In that decade, ABC revised its constitution to welcome bowlers regardless of ancestry. The JACL tournament has become a national Nisei classic among tenpin enthusiasts—even attracting non-Nisei interest.

This coming week, fans from as far west as Hawaii to as far east as Chicago meet for the tenth annual tournament at the Mormon capital. The friendship and competition that has matured in the past ten years will blossom with spirited rivalry at the alleys. JACLers should be proud of the part they have played in the past.

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Membership drive
going full-speed

With a report from San Francisco JACL's membership campaign chairman last week on passing their 600 mark, the bid to top last year's national mark is well underway. Other big city chapters are in midst of their canvass.

It was heartening to see many chapters, rural and urban, seek record-making totals for their area. With many of our Issei parents naturalized and thus eligible for JACL membership, the prospects are promising.

The "Lincoln Yamamoto" letter must have impressed Nisei in general for a continued need of an organized voice. That it appeared during the current campaign might be a blessing in disguise.

OVER 400 BOWLERS READY FOR 10TH NAT'L JACL MEET

SALT LAKE CITY. — Over 400 bowlers representing 64 men's and 22 women's teams will fire away at the 10th annual National JACL Bowling Tournament, Mar. 1-4, at Pal-D-Mar and Ritz Bowling alleys, it was announced by Choppy Umamoto and Lylienne Gray tournament directors.

Pre-tournament festivities begin Wednesday evening, Feb. 29, at Olie's Terrace Room at a mixer sponsored by both the Salt Lake and Mt. Olympus JACL chapters.

The Awards dinner-dance will be held at the same locale on the final day of the tournament, Mar. 4. Olie's is situated a block away from the Pal-D-Mar Lanes, where

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FRESNO JACL TO FETE ISSEI CITIZENS; PUSH MEMBERSHIP CAMPAIGN

FRESNO.—Newly naturalized Issei citizens will be honored Mar. 3 at the annual Issei recognition banquet of the Fresno JACL.

Plans for the membership drive were made recently with the community divided into three districts.

Harold Masada is in charge of the drive in the northwest section of Fresno with James Kubota, Mike Iwatsubo and Dr. Otto Suda assisting.

In the northeast section, James Murashima is in charge with assistance from Ben Tsudama, Ken Mayeda, Fred Hirasuna and Henry Okamoto.

Dr. and Mrs. Henry Kazato are handling the West Fresno area. Assisting him are Fusa and Henry Mikami, Michi and June Toshiyuki, Mrs. Alice Takahashi, Tom Saito, Lewis Toshiyuki and Bob Yabuno.

SEN. KUCHEL DENOUNCES WRITER OF LETTER TO MAGAZINE ON SENATE FLOOR

BY HELEN MINETA

WASHINGTON.—Sen. Thomas H. Kuchel (R., Calif.) vigorously defended the loyalty and patriotism of the Nisei on the Senate floor last Monday, calling to the attention of his colleagues the flagrant injustice done to the Nisei by the publication of a letter in Newsweek by the alleged Lincoln Yamamoto, the Washington Office of the Japanese American Citizens League reported.

In his introductory remarks in which the letter was quoted Senator Kuchel said: "Last week there appeared in a national magazine a letter written by a purported Californian named Lincoln Yamamoto, which contemptuously and contemptibly libeled a great segment of patriotic and loyal Americans."

Continuing, Senator Kuchel said: "A heroine's welcome for Iva D'Aquino, 'Tokyo Rose', when she arrives in California? No, not by the loyal and patriotic American people of California, certainly not by the loyal and patriotic American citizen of California who happens to be of Japanese ancestry. It was a scurrilous thing for whoever Lincoln Yamamoto really is, to say, as has been said in this letter: 'It's our custom to consider ourselves citizens of Japan, regardless of where we're born and our first allegiance is to Japan.'"

Said Kuchel: "That is not so. The splendid record of American citizens of Japanese ancestry in World War I, in World War II, in Korea, and at the present, demonstrates that the latter statement is a lie, and a shameful, false indictment of people who are proud to call themselves patriotic citizens of the United States."

Senator Kuchel read to the mem-

Sacramento JACL welcomes 21-year-old citizens

SACRAMENTO.—The local JACL was among local civic organizations present at special ceremonies held last week at the court house welcoming 21-year-old citizens.

Edward Sweeney, local naturalization examiner, was the main speaker, reminding citizens of their responsibilities as voters.

bers of the Senate the telegram sent by Nisei citizens of Gardena, Calif., which irrefutably denied their allegiance to any country but the United States and challenging the right of anyone to "load us down with customs of which we know nothing and care less."

In referring to the "heroine's welcome", they said "it will only be by those who enjoy the freedom and economic liberty of America without accepting any of its responsibilities. We who have served and continue to serve refute any implications that we are anything but sound solid taxpaying Americans, and we love it."

Senator Kuchel continued with the confirmation of his conversation with Soichi Fukui, commander of the Commodore Perry Post No. 525 of the American Legion, Department of California in Los Angeles, in which Fukui noted the record of the 442nd Combat Team and the decorations awarded, the work of Nisei Military Intelligence

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LANE-HILLINGS CLAIMS BILL PASSES HOUSE JUDICIARY COMMITTEE

WASHINGTON.—The House Judiciary Committee favorably reported Tuesday with amendments the Lane-Hillings bill to expedite final determination of remaining evacuation claims, the Washington Office of the Japanese American Citizens League reported.

Inasmuch as the official committee report is not yet available, it is not possible to evaluate the bill as reported by the committee, Mike Masaoka, Washington JACL representative said.

"While the bill to be considered by the House in all probability will not be as generous as the Lane-Hillings bill as introduced earlier this year, there is every indication that it will be considerably more liberal than the original Hillings bill introduced in 1954," Masaoka declared.

He expressed confidence that the primary objectives of the JACL and the Committee on Japanese American Claims for a compromise settlement procedure for all claims, with the Court of Claims alternative for those dissatisfied with the Attorney General's compromise offer, will be included in the reported legislation.

The original amending bill, introduced by the Whittier (Calif.) Republican, Patrick J. Hillings, in 1954 at JACL's request, provided for compromise settlements up to 75 per cent of the compensable items, with the proviso that if more than half of the original claim was offered in compromise by the government, the claimant had to accept.

The Court of Claims was provided as an alternative but only if its election was made by claimant within six months after enactment of that amendment.

The Subcommittee under Illinois Republican, Rep. Edgar A. Jonas, conducted hearings in California in the fall of 1954 and urged more liberal consideration of the remaining claims.

Again at JACL's request Rep. Hillings introduced a bill early in the last session of Congress which

incorporated the Subcommittee's recommendations.

Following Justice Department recommendations on the bill, the legislation was redrafted and introduced by Rep. Thomas J. Lane (D., Mass.), chairman of the House Judiciary Claims Subcommittee. His subcommittee held hearings last September in California.

Earlier this month, the Lane Subcommittee favorably reported with amendments the bill to the full Judiciary Committee which just completed action last Tuesday on the measure.

The problem now is to secure early House consideration and passage in order that the Senate may have time and opportunity to also approve the bill before adjournment this summer. As explained by Masaoka, the Lane bill, as considered by the full Judiciary Committee, provided for the compromise settlement of all claims

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Snake River CL to hear new governor

ONTARIO, Ore. — Gov. Elmo Smith, recently named to succeed Paul Patterson who died, will address the Snake River JACL Feb. 25 at its installation banquet at the East Side Cafe.

Recently naturalized Issei will also be honored at the banquet.

It will be the first visit of the former city mayor since he was named governor. Smith was cited as one of the five outstanding mayors of the country by a national magazine, mainly for his work with the relocation of evacuees.

"We thought it would be especially fitting to have the governor address our meeting, and are very honored to have him give up his busy schedules to attend," commented George Iseri, retiring chapter president. Dr. Kenji Yaguchi is the 1956 president.

'Lincoln Yamamoto' letter reviving smear against Nisei seen as 'most damaging' to JACL legislative efforts in Washington

To Newsweek:

Wednesday morning, Feb. 15, when your Feb. 20 issue of Newsweek reached the desk of a professional staff member of a congressional committee which is considering legislation relating to Americans of Japanese ancestry, this professional staff member telephoned me regarding your lead letter in your Letters to the Editor section, headlined "The Meaning of Treason," and signed by one Lincoln Yamamoto of Pasadena, California.

Immediately upon being informed of this letter, and reading it in Newsweek, to which we have subscribed for many years, I communicated with our National Headquarters in San Francisco and our regional representative in Los Angeles, requesting them to conduct an investigation as to this Lincoln Yamamoto. An all-day investigation disclosed that Americans of Japanese ancestry in Pa-

sadena, as well as in the city of Los Angeles, had never heard of any person with the name of Lincoln Yamamoto. All seven Yamamoto families in Pasadena were also unaware of the existence of any Lincoln Yamamoto.

We were later informed that an official of your publication admitted to a Japanese American newspaperman in San Francisco that this particular letter was posted from Los Angeles and that it included no return address, that it is generally the policy of Newsweek not to publish letters which do not include the address of the sender, and that this letter was printed even though no return address was included because it was "unusual" in content.

Since the first telephone call from a member of the professional staff of a congressional committee, several representatives and senators have asked for our comments on this letter. Some felt

that this letter will make it more difficult to secure enactment of remedial legislation because a respected, internationally circulated magazine revived smears impugning the loyalty and allegiance of Americans of Japanese ancestry, smears which we had hoped had disappeared with the end of World War II. Indeed, one legislative assistant of a committee that handles most legislation involving Americans of Japanese ancestry told us that your letter could be "most damaging" to our legislative objectives.

Several officials in the State Department, as well as in the Embassy of Japan, have discussed this letter with us, for it may have repercussions not only in Japan, where Newsweek enjoys a reputation for factual reporting, but also in the United States when it is most important that Japanese-

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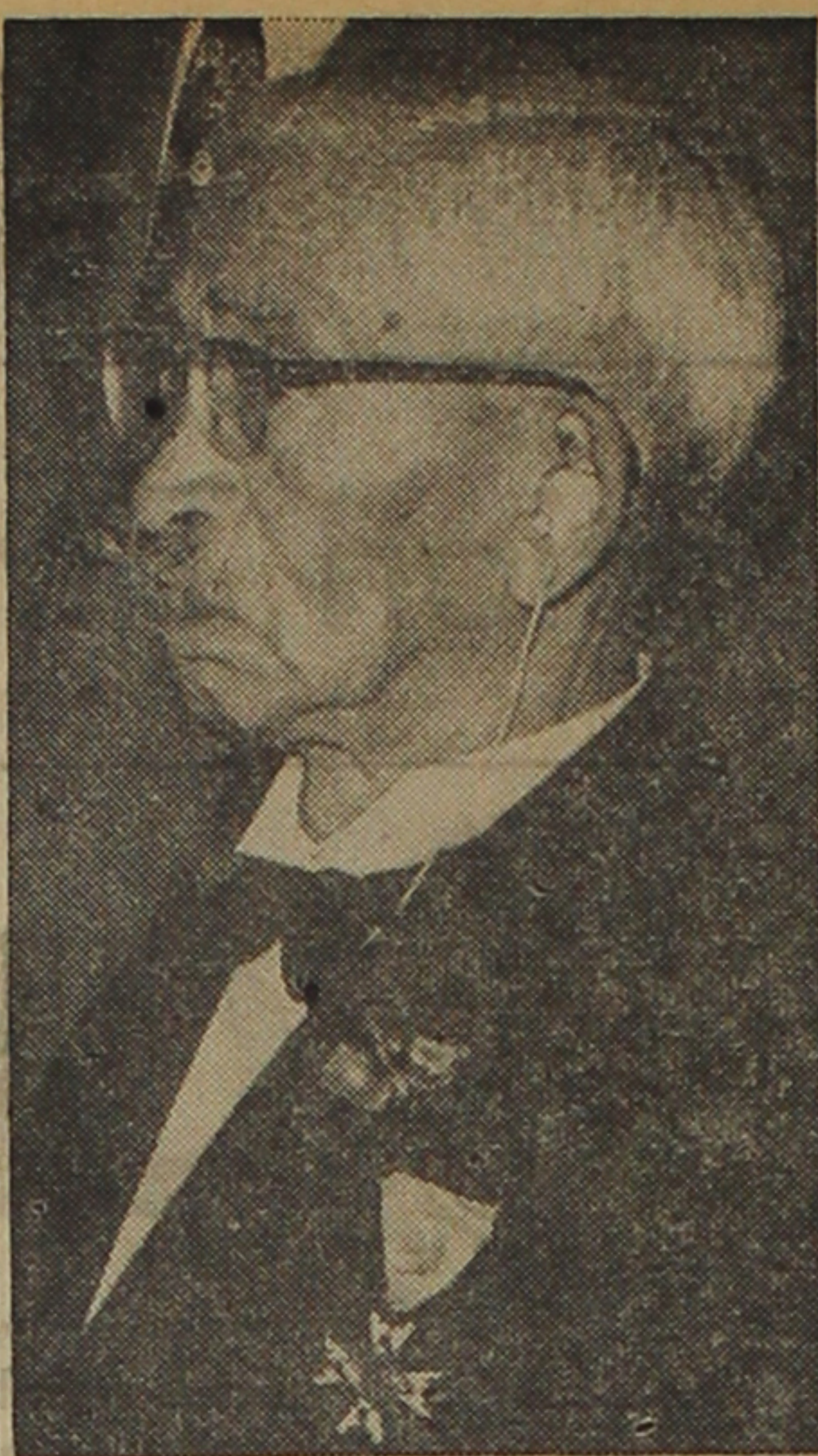
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The late H. H. Okuda, shown wearing the Order of the Sacred Treasure, Fourth Class, of Seattle recently was posthumously awarded the Order of the Rising Sun, Fourth Class, to become the first American Issei to be twice decorated by the Japanese government. Okuda, a leader of the Seattle Japanese community, was instrumental in urging a Citizens League movement in 1921.

—Ogawa Photo.

Sen. Kuchel—

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on the Pacific front in World War II, their Korean service record, and the loyalty of the Issei to the United States, many of whom are now naturalized citizens, concluding with Fukui's statement that "on record also is the fact that not one case of sabotage or espionage by a first or second generation Japanese - American has ever been perpetrated against this, our native land."

Confirming the statements and affirming the loyalty of veteran Nisei, the February 17 letter of Commander George F. Moss, 12th District, Department of California of the American Legion was included by Kuchel. Moss denounced statements in the Yamamoto letter.

Shocked by its contents, Moss had written Kuchel, "The record of loyalty and devotion of these, our brother veterans, is such as to render as utterly ridiculous such statements as appeared in Newsweek." Because of the nationwide circulation of the magazine and the lack of knowledge of its readers, the fear of a most erroneous conclusion concerning the American Japanese prompted Moss in the interest of justice and fair play to reaffirm the faith of the Legionnaires in the Nisei. Said Moss in conclusion: "We in California are proud of Legionnaires of Japanese ancestry of both World Wars I and II."

Also included in Kuchel's defense of the Nisei was the text of the article entitled "Newsweek rapped for clouding Nisei loyalty," appearing in Rafu Shimpo Feb. 16 which reprinted National JACL Director Masao Satow's letter telegraphed to Newsweek and printed in the Pacific Citizen last week.

Senator Kuchel pointed out "one of the glories of America is that in its government and in its people runs the blood of persons from almost every section of the entire globe. This is part of the strength of our devotion to freedom. I am of German extraction, but also have within Irish, English and Swiss blood." He noted a Nisei childhood friend who today works for the United States government and whose daughter now attending Bryn Mawr College, was a member of his staff in Washington.

Concluded Kuchel: "I think that a part of the great strength of the people of the United States is that we love liberty and love this country, regardless of what blood flows through our veins. I think it is reprehensible and contemptible for one to write the type of letter which was written by Yamamoto, who has defiled the name of Lincoln by using it as his own first name; to write for publication in a national magazine the kind of diabolical untruth which was published on February 20. I denounce Mr. Yamamoto's letter, as I know

Placer County sets Apr. 15 date for community picnic at JACL ball park

PENRYN. — Preparatory work has started on Placer JACL's eighth annual community picnic for Sunday, Apr. 15, at the JACL Recreation Park near Penryn, announced Bob Kozaiku, co-chairman of the special events committee. Nobuya Nimura will assist in making general arrangements.

Although the overall picnic program will follow the pattern set in previous years, several new events will be added this year, disclosed James Uyeda, program major chairman. Chapter policy of emphasizing events for children will be followed, but participants in older age groups will be given ample opportunity to vie for many valuable prizes, he added.

In addition, there will be a picnic ball on Saturday night, Apr. 14, at Loomis Memorial hall and an Issei entertainment program on Sunday night at Penryn Japanese

hall. According to present plans, a picnic queen contest will be sponsored, if enough contestants can be induced to enter, stated Hugo Nishimoto, contest co-chairman. Coronation ceremony with Sumiye Hirota, 1955 picnic queen, in charge will highlight the day's varied activities.

Chairmen of various committees are as follows:

Finance and prizes: George Hirakawa and Harry Kawahata — major chairmen, cho-ba (donation booth)—Kenso Matsumoto, and special awards—James Makimoto; program: Uyeda —major chairman, events—Hiroko Kashiwabara, starters-judges—Bob Take-moto, queen contest—Nishimoto and Kelvin Mitani, coronation—Miss Hirota, Issei entertainment—Masuo Masuda, and dance—Koichi Uyeno.

Ground arrangement: Ed Yamashiro —major chairman, and first aid and safety patrol—Jack Yokote and Loomis-Penryn Boy Scouts; concessions: Frank Hironaka — major chairman, games — Bunny Nakagawa, hot dog stand and refreshment booths — Howard Nakae and Jack Shinkawa.

Nisei grower ships dried persimmon crop from Placer County orchard

PENRYN.—Something unusual in dried delicacies was being prepared and marketed on a small ranch nestled in a canyon near here during the pre-Christmas season.

George T. Nakamoto, a fruit grower, has established a small but thriving business in dried persimmons.

He sells two or three tons a year mostly to buyers who ship them to the Hawaiian Islands for the Christmas and New Year trade. Others go to local customers, some of whom drive out from nearby points every fall during the processing season to buy a few pounds.

Nakamoto picks them from his own two acres of the Hachiya variety, making certain they are fully ripened and sweet, with their stems still on.

Then Mrs. Nakamoto and a few helpers peel the brightly colored skins with a potato peeler or knife. Nakamoto ties eight or 10 to a string by their stems, and hangs them from a drying frame on a side hill.

There they remain for several weeks, depending upon the weather, soaking up the sunshine and sheltered from the rain by a tin roof which he slides over them in bad weather.

A couple of times while they are

hanging he kneads each persimmon with his fingers, breaking down the core. Then, just before being placed on shady shelves, he gives them a light sprinkling with sulphur.

There they cure for another few weeks until he decides they are just right, then they are packed in one pound cardboard cartons of a type he designed especially for his own use.

In the event the weather turns damp during the curing he has equipped the shed with a gas ray machine which will facilitate the process.

Nakamoto says it takes five or six years to bring a persimmon into production, but once established they are a hardy and long lived tree, sending roots down far below those of the pear and plum, which he also grows on 20 acres he owns and on an additional 30 acres of leased orchard.

"Did you ever see an abandoned fruit orchard?" he asks. "You will note the persimmons generally are the last trees to die out."

He averages from six to 10 50-pound lug boxes per tree from his persimmons, which are planted 110 to the acre. Once fully matured, he says they will withstand considerable drought and bear nearly as well as when they are irrigated.

His trees get a couple of cultivations a season and a fertilizer of barnyard mulch.

Claims —

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without regard as to amount and without providing an automatic 25 per cent deduction. Moreover, if the claimant is not satisfied with the Government's compromise offer, he may secure a judicial determination and appeal through the United States Court of Claims.

This is the principal formula expediting final determination of all claims.

Other aspects of the bill increased the categories of claimants and also liberalized the heretofore strict interpretations of compensable items.

It will be denounced by the Senate and the American people, including the Americans who trace their ancestry to the country of Japan."

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Gala gastronomics

Denver

It was cold in Denver on the first day of the 4654th year of the Chinese lunar calendar. But the interior of Herbert Wong's New China cafe was pleasant with the warmth of good fellowship and the aroma of good food. Herb's New Year parties for his friends and civic dignitaries have become a tradition hereabouts.

Lovers of exotic Chinese dishes never miss the event for he makes it a point to serve the kind of feast one simply cannot buy in this inland city. Sorry you couldn't be with us, but maybe you'd like to read the menu and lick your chops in vicarious enjoyment.

The dinner started with bird nest soup, the genuine article with tiny bits of down floating around. Next came chicken egg roll, the egg being kept soft and not allowed to bake brittle. After that, in rapidfire order, were the following:

Steamed capon stuffed with Virginia ham. Chinese ham isn't bad, either, but this was terrific.

Chinese frosted green melon stuffed with lotus seeds. Once, a long time ago, several of us fellows drove from Seattle down to San Francisco. Of course we all took home gifts and souvenirs. I remember Eddie Luke's gift for his Mom was a Chinese green melon he picked up in a Grant Avenue market. Unfortunately he didn't invite me over to help him eat it after his Mom cooked it up.

Almond duckling, lake of lichee style. This was the first time I'd ever tasted fresh stewed lichees. What a delicious, delicate flavor. Fresh lichee is to dried lichee nuts as fresh figs are to dried figs—no comparison.

Steamed Chinese black mushrooms. I thought I saw these mushrooms, dried and packaged, selling for \$1.95 a pound. At that rate I must have eaten \$5 worth by myself.

Chicken almond ding. About twice as much chicken and twice as many almonds as you get in the commercial grade stuff.

Meat balls wrapped in black sea moss. This is a weird dish, something I've never seen even in China. My friend Bill Barker was moved to observe that the meat balls looked as if they were alive, and appeared to be wrapped in human hair. Not bad, though.

Sweet and sour pork with pineapple. A common dish in fancied-up form. Wonder what they did with the bones?

After gorging ourselves, someone asked Herb why he didn't serve up the same kind of goodies every day. Herb smiled a little sadly and said: "Can't afford it. I'd go broke."

FAME CAGER NOW M.P. COMMANDER

A long time ago, it must have been a couple of decades or so, George Ishihara who ran the Courier basketball league in Seattle invited the Bay Region champs up to the Northwest. The champs that year were the San Francisco Mikados who'd been coached by Doc Fred Koba into a remarkably fast, smart, alert team. The Miks won all their games in a breeze and gave the Northwesterners a sound lesson in how basketball should be played.

Mits Saito was the leader of the Miks, and as I recall some of the other front line performers were Mas Hara, Kaz Yamamoto, Min Ichiyasu, Tosh Shimizu, George Kakehi and Shug Madokoro. We had occasion to recall these matters the other night when we ran across Shug, now Captain Madokoro, U.S.A., at the California Street Methodist Church. Shug got interested in criminal investigation work while stationed with the army in Japan after the war, came back to teach at the military police school in Georgia. Currently he's commanding officer of a military police company at Fort Carson, Colo. With 15 years service already, Captain Madokoro says he thinks the army has become a career. He still looks as if he could play a pretty fair game of basketball.

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Phoney letter

Denver

By this time the National JACL undoubtedly has set the record straight on the "Lincoln Yamamoto" letter which was published in Newsweek of Feb. 20. But it is axiomatic, as McCarthyism has proved, that the truth rarely catches up with the lie.

A letter by a single individual may seem of little consequence, even if it is published in a magazine of national circulation. But a letter of this sort, proclaiming that "it's our (Nisei) custom to consider ourselves citizens of Japan regardless of where we're born and our first allegiance is to Japan" would be enough to set some racist rabble-rouser on a new campaign of prejudice against Americans of Japanese ancestry. The Nisei have endured too much at the hands of a misdirected public opinion to take such an incident lightly.

The letter in Newsweek, describing conviction of "Tokyo Rose," Iva d'Aquino, for treason as "prejudice and a miscarriage of justice," may or may not have been written by a Nisei. The signature, "Lincoln Yamamoto," is obviously phoney. A preliminary inquiry by the Southern California JACL office has turned up seven Yamamoto families in the Pasadena, Calif., area but none know of a "Lincoln Yamamoto." It is to be doubted that "Lincoln Yamamoto," the letter-writer, will ever be found, for the simple reason that he does not exist.

The missive is a poison pen letter directed by some warped mind against the Nisei. The writer needed a signature that looked "Nisei," such as an American first name and a Japanese surname. The letter was written the week of Abraham Lincoln's birthday and manifestations of the martyred president were everywhere. What better than "Lincoln"? And, for a last name, "Yamamoto" is one of the most numerous of Japanese family names. So "Lincoln Yamamoto" wrote a letter.

It is a tribute to the JACL's alertness that a letter was on its way to Newsweek before copies of the magazine were on many newsstands. The editors of Newsweek, incidentally, have promised the JACL and the *Nichi-Bei Times* of San Francisco an investigation into the letter's origin. The writer probably never will be found, but the fact that he cannot will provide negative evidence, at least, that the letter is a phoney.

TOKYO NEWSPAPERMAN'S OPINION

It seems to us that Iva Toguri d'Aquino has been punished enough for her crime against the United States. She was in Sugamo prison in Japan for more than a year in 1946 and 1947 before being released for "lack of evidence." She was arrested and brought to San Francisco for trial, serving several more months in detention before taking her long journey to Alderson, W. Va., in 1949 where she completed six years of a ten-year term before her release last month on parole.

This California-born woman was one of a number of U.S.-born persons of Japanese ancestry who were stranded in Japan by war and who later served the military-controlled press and radio. Most of the others renounced their American citizenship, took on Japanese nationality and escaped prosecution. Mrs. d'Aquino did not renounce her citizenship, and it was her assertion of American nationality that made her liable for her eventual prosecution.

Although the others like her were not arrested and tried, there was every legal justification for the government's treason action against Mrs. d'Aquino. She was, as evidence disclosed, an employee of the enemy's Radio Tokyo and broadcast propaganda to American GIs. She has served her term in prison and will wear till the day she dies, the brand of traitor.

Thus the government's new action to deport her to Japan seems ill-advised, whatever its motivation. It is a contradiction of the original thesis behind her trial on the charge of treason. Had she claimed Japanese nationality, as some other U.S.-born Japanese did who worked with her and who later gave testimony against her, she, too, would have escaped prosecution.

There is a disturbing note, too, in the fact that, of the several Americans convicted of treason in World War II, she is the only one against whom a deportation warrant has been issued.

There have been immediate reactions to the deportation order in race-conscious Japan. "The unprecedented move can only be interpreted as an expression of American prejudice against Orientals," said Toch Kodaira of Tokyo's *Yomiuri Shimbun*. During World War II Kodaira was an official of the Japanese board of information and was in direct charge of American-born and American-educated Japanese who were working for Japanese newspapers and radio stations.

"Singling out Mrs. d'Aquino for trial was questionable," Kodaira commented. "I know many other Nisei workers who were allowed to return to the United States as legal citizens after working for the military-controlled Japanese press."

If what Kodaira says is true, it strengthens the impression that Iva Toguri d'Aquino was tried, not alone for her wartime activity, but because she allowed herself to become personally identified with the legendary "Tokyo Rose" of the Pacific war. "Tokyo Rose" was actually six or seven different soprano voices who announced disc jockey shows, gave news and uttered propaganda over Radio Tokyo. But when the Americans entered Tokyo after V-J day, Mrs. d'Aquino accepted the identification of "Tokyo Rose" and the notoriety and publicity that went with it.

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Mrs. Mae Isao Oshita, 61, became Utah's newest citizen Jan. 30 during swearing-in ceremonies conducted at her home. Third District Court Judge Martin M. Larson, and former chief justice of the Utah state supreme court, discusses with Mrs. Oshita her citizenship certificate. —Photo courtesy: Deseret News & Telegram.

Naturalization court goes to home of invalid Issei widow, second in Utah history

SALT LAKE CITY.—A 61-year-old widow, Mrs. Mae Isao Oshita, 1024 Blaine Ave., became a citizen in naturalization ceremonies conducted at her home Jan. 30. Because she suffered a stroke last September, she was unable to attend swearing-in ceremonies in district court. That Monday, the court came to her.

According to Lucy Rigby, naturalization examiner, the law provides such action if it is agreed upon by the court. Third District Court Judge Martin M. Larson presided as J. H. Vickers, court clerk, administered the oath of citizenship to Mrs. Oshita as she sat erect in a rocking chair.

It was the second such ceremony

conducted in Utah, according to Miss Rigby.

When asked how it felt to be an American citizen, "a broad smile and faint tear were ample response", so reported William A. Dunn of the Deseret News & Telegram.

Mrs. Oshita had filed her petition three months before suffering from a stroke which paralyzed her from waist down. She was born in Hiroshima and came to the United States in 1910. She has lived in Salt Lake City since 1945, where she resides with her son Ben and family. Her five other children were born in America. Her husband Issaku died in 1949.

A Prize Worth Winning

(The Salt Lake Tribune editorially honored newly naturalized Issei citizens in its issue of Feb. 2. The article was written by Herbert Kretschman, who was a guest of the Salt Lake JACL at the Issei recognition banquet.—Editor.)

It would have been well if all Americans in Salt Lake City who received their citizenship the easy way by birth in this country could have watched an observance Tuesday evening celebrating the winning of citizenship by some 50 Americans born in Japan. The affair was sponsored by the Salt Lake chapter of the Japanese American Citizens League.

Some of those who received their citizenship papers had waited many long years for the privilege. They were mostly grandparents and great-grandparents, with scores of descendants born in this country and therefore automatically citizens. Their average age was 65. Many had never attended school in this country, and learning the facts of American life to qualify themselves for citizenship was a task of great magnitude for all.

But the prize to them was well worth it. For years they had hoped that the bars to naturalization for Americans of Japanese birth would finally be lowered. That was done a little more than two years ago, and, since all over the country thousands of Japanese previously ineligible have been working earnestly despite their years to gain citizenship status.

Americans who received their

Mt. Olympus JACL to hold Issei Appreciation Nite

SALT LAKE CITY.—The Mt. Olympus JACL honors its new Issei citizens at the annual Issei Appreciation Night tomorrow at Andy's Smorgasbord, 3350 Highland Dr. Invitations were in the mail early last week, according to Mas Namba and Toby Hirabayashi, committee co-chairmen.

citizenship the easy way—which makes all too many fail to appreciate its worth—felt proud and humble to witness that ceremonial observance. Proud because of the country which, despite erection of arbitrary and unjust barriers, still inspired such loyalty and faith; humble because they had received such a great prize by the simple accident of birth at no least cost in effort or in sacrifice.

—Salt Lake Tribune.

Hospital realized by Nisei surgeon for Montreal community to double capacity

MONTREAL.—Jean Talon Hospital, serving the north central area of Montreal, is adding a new wing to double its capacity to 120 beds and 24 bassinets with an enlarged out-patient clinic to handle 300 calls a day, it was announced by Dr. C. George Hori, hospital president.

The hospital opened in August, 1954, as a personal dream realized for the Nisei surgeon who, as an up-&-coming practitioner here, was faced with the problem of lack of bed space for his patients. He launched the hospital with

Letter—

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American relations be maintained at a high and cordial level.

The Lincoln Yamamoto letter is obviously either a "fake," written by some malicious persons to discredit Americans of Japanese ancestry, and to cause us embarrassment and humiliation, or drafted by a "crackpot" who most certainly could not represent the sentiments of our group.

That Newsweek would publish such a letter is irresponsible journalism, especially when you print the letter first in your feature column and under the eye-catching and inferential headline "The Meaning of Treason." Your action in this regard makes us question the validity of the rest of your magazine.

By impugning the loyalty of a whole segment of our population, you have done much to damage the record which we have built up over the past fifteen years, in wartime and thereafter, to demonstrate by actions and not by words that our first and only allegiance is to the United States, the land of our birth and citizenship. We feel that the well-known record of the 442nd Japanese American Combat Team and of Americans of Japanese ancestry who served in military intelligence against the Japanese enemy in World War II more than refutes the allegations of Lincoln Yamamoto.

We believe that this Lincoln Yamamoto letter constitutes libelous slander against loyal Americans of Japanese ancestry, and we suggest that the least that Newsweek can do to attempt to repair the injury done our group is (1) to request the Postal Authorities to seek out the sender of the letter if possible and to prosecute him to the full extent of the law, (2) to publish a number of the letters we are confident you have and will receive protesting the smear against our loyalty and to give them equal prominence with that given to the Lincoln Yamamoto letter, and (3) to acknowledge Newsweek's responsibility for publishing this unfortunate letter and to affirm your confidence in the loyalty and allegiance of Americans of Japanese ancestry in this country.

—MIKE M. MASAOKA

JACL Representative
Washington

L.A. claims field office moves Mar. 1

The Los Angeles office processing evacuation claims will be in new quarters, effective Mar. 1, at the Haas Bldg., Suite 711, 217 W. 7th St., (RI 9-4711), it was announced by John T. Allen, attorney-in-charge of the Dept. of Justice Claims Division field office. Future hearings for claimants are to be held here.

No. Calif. Flood Contributions

MARYSVILLE.—The Marysville JACL acknowledged the following contributions to the emergency flood relief fund:

Jan. 30 Report

Mr. & Mrs. W. Hayami, San Gabriel, \$5; Wing Lee Co., Sacto., \$100; Mrs. M. Uyesugi, Cleveland, \$25; Mr. & Mrs. Mas Uyesugi, Cleveland, \$15; Stanley J. Flis, Los Angeles, \$10; S.J. Japanese Community (assisted by San Jose JACL), \$1,050; Sacto Dharma, \$25; Mr. & Mrs. Ray Kamikawa, Marysville, \$20; Stockton Buddhist Church, \$100; Bowles YABA, \$25; San Mateo YBA,

\$20; South San Jose YBA, \$25; West Los Angeles YBA, \$25.

Jan. 31 Report

Gardena YABA, \$25; Gardena Bukkyo Fujinkai, \$50; Gardena YBA, \$25; Gardena Nisei Bukkyo Fujinkai, \$25; Gardena Buddhist Sunday School, \$20; Sertoku Maida, Gardena, \$5; Toraichi Kubota, Gardena, \$4; Kamehichi Komatsu, Ariz., \$5; Lodi Nisei Civic Society, \$277; Shintaro Okano, Denver, \$10; Denna Honda, Berkeley, 3.

Feb. 1 Report

Sac'to Okayama Kenjinkai, \$30; Edward Kitazumi, S.J., 10; Wanto-Hiroshima Kenjinkai, Berkeley, \$50; Margaret Nishiyama, Ontario, Ore., \$10.

SOU'WESTER: by Tats Kushida



Backtrack

● Having just finished a speaking engagement with the Exposition Community Council at Foshay Jr. Hi last Wednesday, we made it to the office by noon to run smack dab into Newsweek's fiasco at playing cute with Nisei loyalty.

If you haven't written a letter of protest to this mag, the Sou'wester considers it a dereliction of duty as a Nisei.

● A fortnight later, we report now on the several chapters we met with the week b.n. (before Newsweek), including a cabinet session with Gardens Valley and Downtown Ellay chapters, conducting installation rites at Orange County and Coachella Valley and clinicking in Pasadena with the PSWDC on Feb. 12.

Off the performance of emcee Min Nitta at the OC annual installation dinner, we encourage more Nisei to join the Toastmasters Club. Min, a TC member, was preceded in '55 and '54 by George Ichien and Eric Kawai, both also in TC. These boys can take over an audience of 200 and keep things running smoothly with poise and confidence.

Never one to refuse spiritual stimulation, we lingered a bit after the program to ruminate speaker Judge John Aiso's thinkubating counsel for JACL's future perspectives. When we got out, it was clear, but halfway home, we got fogbound in Long Beach. Not wanting this *kiri* to kiru us, we holed up at a motel we were lucky to grope our way to.

The next peeyem, we drove to Indio to swear in the local '56 cabinet. As usual, the CV chapter came up with another top-caliber president: Ben Sakamoto. Here's a chapter whose members are as well integrated in the community as any other JACL you can name. Service clubs, churches, farm orgs, Red Cross, PTA, etc. are loaded with local Nisei. Chas Shibata did a fine job as '55 prez and personally assisted more than 20 Issei attain their citizenship.

CHAPTER CLINICKERS

● The "Haru ga Kita" fashion show moderated by Flo Wada at the clinic luncheon presented some twenty creations by designer Kow Kaneko whose shop at 516 S. Lake in Pasadena is really picking up. As for the three Nisei models, Mio Fujita, Pauline Hayakawa and Nancy Takamatsu: g-r-r-r-r-rr. Ditto for the other two.

During the sit session, what impressed clinickers most was guest fireman Jerry Enomoto's sincere discussion of chapter programming because here's a man who knows whereof he speaks as past NC-WNDC workshop director, S.F. chapter prez and now chairman for the '56 nat'l convention. His frank and candid observations were appreciatively absorbed by PSW chapter leaders. And helpful, too, was Mas Satow's being on hand as a resource.

Ted Tajima's mellifluous ease at toastmastering the PSW banquet was a nice discovery. So were Yukio Ogawa who has the best Nisei baritone voice we've heard yet, and accompanist Aya Matsumoto.

The banquet speaker was F. Rank Chewmun, lawyerman for the CL, whose middle name befits certain of his alleged witticisms with reference to eating and freeloading wherein this writer is his usual unwitting fall guy. At least his address had some meat in it, advising JACL to widen its scope of concern beyond that of just Nisei in the field of civil and human rights and liberties.

The Pasadenans who hosted this fine affair, with their know-how and enthusiasm, should assure prexy Harris Ozawa that his chapter will be strong contenders for the PSWDC "Chapter of the Year" award once they get Lincoln Yamamoto, if he exists, out of their hair.

FELLOW ANCHOVYITES

● "He Plays a Rhumba on a Tuba down in Cuba", a song popular circa 1940, reminds us Maj. Katsumi Uba is back in DDS harness, now that the U.S. Army doesn't need him after a two year stretch at Fort Leonard Wood. In case you missed his PC announcement two issues ago, Uba's bridge foundry, formerly in Chicago, is now at 2516 Santa Barbara near Crenshaw in seinan L.A.

A fellow Anchovyite, Kats began reconditioning bicuspid for pay in '38 after UCLA and USC. His wife, Flo, is a Funakoshi, whose bro, Fred, sells stocks as per ad in the PC. A 1000 Clubber, Doc's done his duty to propagate the species, siring Bryan, George and Laura.

Chicagoan Fred Oadanaka, charter Anchovy, is married to Kats' sis, Fuki. The clan Uba includes Mahito, M.D., and undergrad Toshio in Denver, and basketballer Hide, O.D. in Ellay.

● VISITORS THIS WEEK: Vi Nakano, prez of the SanFran chapter's auxiliary who will run the coming convention's opening nite mixer. She thoughtfully brought us some custard eclairs to improve our waistline . . . Actor Teru Shimada (see Larry Tajiri in Jan. 23 PC) who's just joined the DTLA 1000 Club.

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**Marysville to hear
Abiko at inaugural**

MARYSVILLE. — NC-WNDC chairman Yas Abiko of San Francisco will be the main speaker and installing officer at the Marysville JACL installation potluck supper this Sunday, 6 p.m., at the local Japanese Community Hall.

As a special treat for children will be an hour-run of cartoons in the school building with Aetna Kadoi as host and projectionist. Terry Manji of Yuba City is supper toastmaster.

George Inouye, 1956 president, is succeeding Dan F. Nishita. Lucille Tokuno, Connie Kurihara and Mel Tsuji are event chairmen assisted by Hatsue Nakamura, Sachiko Okimoto, Marie Kawata, Molly Kamikawa, Yukimi Shingu, Aya Nakao, Gladys Inouye, Dolly Fukumitsu, Francis Iwamura, Mary Toyota, Mary Tokuno, Masuko Toyota, Mitze Fukui, Mary Yamaji, Marie Matsumoto, and Gertrude Kurihara.

**Philadelphia JACL chapter honors cabinet
and new citizens at 1956 inaugural fete**

PHILADELPHIA. — "You have engaged in a long and difficult struggle to achieve the status and recognition which you have today. I pay my personal tribute to you, and as a legislative leader I am happy that the United States has been able to pass laws that have in some measure righted the wrongs suffered by you," declared Councilman James H. J. Tate, president of the city council here, at the JACL inaugural-recognition dinner held Feb. 4 at the Penn-Sherwood Hotel.

Under chairmanship of Bill Marutani, 1955 board chairman, the Philadelphia JACL honored 36 recently naturalized Issei citizens and civic leaders at the dinner.

New chapter officers, headed by S. Sim Endo, were installed by

**SEABROOK TO HOST
EDC CONFAB APR. 14-15**

SEABROOK, N.J. — The Eastern District Council convention will be held Apr. 14-15 with the local JACL chapter as hosts, it was announced by K. William Sasagawa, EDC chairman, of Philadelphia.

**Shonien Home tour
slated for Hollywood**

Mike Suzuki, director at Shonien, will be the guest speaker and conduct a tour of the new child care center at 1815 Redcliff St. tonight at a Hollywood JACL meeting, it was announced by Danar Abe, chapter president.

Chapter correction

PASADENA. — A correction in the recently-announced JACL chapter cabinet list was made this week. A Dr. Ken Miyamoto, listed as an Issei representative, should read Dr. Ken Yamaguchi, member-at-large.

**San Francisco CL
tops 600 mark**

SAN FRANCISCO. — The San Francisco JACL membership drive which has a goal of 1,000 for 1956 topped the 60 per cent mark with over 600 persons signed up to last week.

Thelma Takeda, chairman for the drive, said following the second report meeting of the campaign Thursday last week that she feels certain the goal will be reached.

A chapter membership committee of over 50 volunteers are organized into eight team for the week.

**BEN SAKAMOTO INSTALLED
COACHELLA VALLEY HEAD**

INDIO. — Ben Sakamoto was installed as 1956 president of the Coachella Valley JACL at the 3rd annual Pioneer Night dinner Feb. 11 at Indio Women's Club before 200 witnesses by Tats Kushida, So. Calif. JACL regional director.

Local Boy Scouts led in the Pledge of Allegiance and Robert Pepper, local high school teacher, congratulated the 23 Issei citizens who were his students. Talented Sansei children entertained the new citizens:

Kazuma Doibatake, Mrs. Ishi Sakamoto, Mrs. Yosh Kono, Mr. and Mrs. Yanagisako, Mrs. Harry Okamoto, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Kitagawa, Mr. and Mrs. Yoshitaro Mizutani, Mr. Yosh Hirose, Mr. and Mrs. Seitaro Nagata, Mr. and Mrs. Hikotaro Nagata, Mr. and Mrs. Toyochi Shibata, Mr. and Mrs. Ken-saku Takano, Mrs. Sakemi, Mrs. Yoshiko Kishaba, and Mr. and Mrs. Hiroshi Sakai.

Jack Izu was presented the low gross golf trophy. Taro Inouye won the low net trophy.

**Top Catholic scouting
award given to JACler**

Bro. Theophane Walsh of Maryknoll was among seven recipients of the highest national Catholic Scouting award, the St. George Medal, at a recent ceremony at St. Vibiana's Cathedral.

Convalescing from back surgery, the Rev. Hugh Lavery accepted the medal for Brother Theophane, who has materially assisted in the editing the Pacific Citizen Holiday Issue and is a local JACL member.

Salt Lake membership

SALT LAKE CITY. — Over 250 members are reported to have been signed by the local JACL as of Feb. 11, according to Sue Kaneko, Salt Lake chapter membership chairman.

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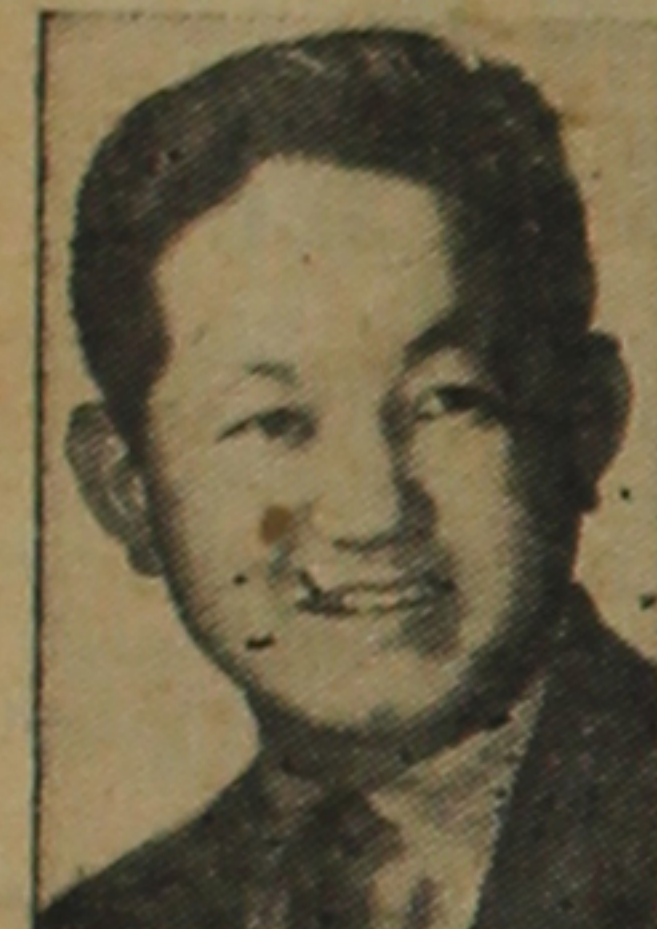
San Francisco
 This writer found the recent PSWDC Chapter Clinic very interesting and enjoyable. Hotel Green, locale of this affair, proved to be a picturesque and unusually hospitable hostelry. Speaking of hospitality, the warm welcome shown by our southland JACLers was most heartwarming. The special efforts extended by members of the host Pasadena Chapter were particularly appreciated. Thanks to Tom and Mary Ito, Ken and Miko Dyo, Harris, Flo, Kimi, Tats, and the many others who made our stay enjoyable.

The invite to the Chapter Clinic was particularly timely, as this corner got a chance to double in brass as a program "expert" (??) and Convention drum beater. Not only did our southern friends tolerate my ravings in the former role, but they were enthusiastic in their support of our 14th Biennial. Our hardworking PSW Regional Director and debonair gourmet, Tats Kushida, was prevailed upon to coordinate *Operation Mercury* for us. It was his hardworking secretary, Blanche's lot to hurriedly allocate and distribute tickets to chapter representatives. Much obliged for the cooperation, Tats and Blanche.

A very special bouquet goes to the Pasadena Chapter, whose 1955 prexy Tom Ito presented this writer with a check covering six package deals. The Pasadena Chapter thus qualifies as our "Chapter of the Year", and there's certainly nothing wrong with their *Perspectives*. Many thanks to prexy Harris Ozawa and his cabinet.

Although somewhat disconcerted at being forced to choose between food and pulchritude, this writer found the Fashion Show, "Haru ga Kita", very enjoyable. The models did full justice to Kow Kaneko's beautiful creations, and charming Flo Wada proved an excellent commentator. We'll have to go some to impress our osutern brethren at the Convention Fashion Show, since they're apparently used to the best. (Are you list- Continued on Page 7

VERY TRULY YOURS: by Harry K. Honda



Sobering post-script

Many Nisei (and non-Nisei, too) who chanced to read Lincoln Yamamoto's letter last week in *Newsweek* were so furious, they had to say something to someone. . . . Probably people who never bothered to write a "letter to the editor" for any national publication sat down and said their piece to soothe themselves. . . . Many telephoned the JACL office here, wondering if we had seen it. We assured them we had and that investigations were underway to ascertain whether such a Nisei lived in Pasadena. . . . One fellow came storming into the office with the magazine in hand. Before he said anything, we knew what and why of his call. . . . Many couldn't wait until the Japanese vernaculars came off the press that afternoon to see what action was being taken by JACL. . . . That one letter could thoroughly arouse a community seems to emphasize the importance of an organized voice to express our joint protests. . . . It readily recalled the declarations of JACL leaders in the past, who pictured the organization as a watchdog for our welfare or compared JACL as a fire department, ready to act at any emergency. . . . This little note, though obviously a product of a crank or crackpot, could not be ignored.

Since the issue of Nisei loyalty might be challenged from time to time so long as records of Tomoya Kawakita or Iva D'Aquino could be revived, it seems very vital to maintain vigilance against the recurrence of this slur on the good name of Japanese Americans everywhere. . . . Whether Mrs. D'Aquino is deported to Japan or not, the fact that she was a Los Angeles-born Nisei and convicted of the greatest crime against the nation should keep the Nisei as a whole alert. . . . We may consider ourselves as on the road to community-acceptance and regard Nisei organizations as "social crutches", but so long as our ethnic accidents remain some crank can holler like Lincoln Yamamoto at an opportune moment. If he goes unchallenged, our silence could be misconstrued as an admission on our part. . . . What is even more dreadful is if it were determined this Lincoln Yamamoto turned out to be a Nisei—maybe demented—but nevertheless a Nisei. It would require the wholehearted efforts of an organization like JACL to keep the record straight for all Japanese Americans.

CHICAGO CORNER: by Smoky H. Sakurada



Art exhibitions

Chicago
 Regarded as an amusing and interesting exhibit this month at the Mandel Bros. art galleries are the artists' self-portraits. One of the finest, according to Eleanor Jewett of the Chicago Tribune, is that of Atsushi Kikuchi, now becoming a favorite among the younger Chicago painters. The exhibit closes Feb. 29. . . . The Japan Art Festival will be sponsored by the Society of Fine Arts Mar. 10-11, 1-9:30 p.m., at the McCormick YWCA. Paintings, sketches, sculpture, floral arrangements, dolls and bonsai by local Japanese American artists are to be featured. The Society has the support of the local JACL and Service Committee.

The Japanese Mutual Aid Society of Chicago, which assists in final arrangement and burial services for those of unfortunate circumstances, is again appealing for annual memberships. Without a systematic membership campaign in recent years and the tremendous increase in their work this past year, the Mutual Aid Society announced \$2 memberships will be gratefully accepted at its office, 1252 N. Clark St., Chicago 10.

Our congratulations to Abé Hagiwara for receiving the James M. Yard Brotherhood Community Award. . . . The City-Widers will hold its ski-outing Feb. 25 at Wilmot, Wisc. . . . Mrs. Kitty Gottfried is president of the Cosmos, local Japanese war bride club. . . . With this column, the Chicago Corner goes fortnightly. We'll be here on the second and fourth weeks each month.

LETTERS

Film on 'Okei-san'

Editor: . . . checking through the Silver Anniversary Issue of the Pacific Citizen and came upon the article "Okei" by Roy T. Yoshida, it brought to mind that while teaching at the Army Intelligence School in Maryland we had a Japanese film concerning this "Okei". The Japanese title escapes me but I believe the English title was "Flower of Adversity." It had a very complicated plot but it deals with the life of Okei up until the time she boards the ship with the Snell colonization group for U.S.

The cast as I remember it was: Okei—Isuzu Yamada; Okei's frustrated lover—Yataro Kurokawa; Snell—Urao Egawa; Yukuichi Fukuzawa — Denjiro Okauchi; and many others.

Thought you'd pass this info along to Roy T. Yoshida for what it's worth. —GEORGE ISERI San Francisco

Consider it passed.—Editor.

Reedley CL votes \$50 scholarship

BY TAK NAITO

REEDLEY. — Dr. Stephen Epler, head of Reedley High School and College, spoke recently to local JACL members on the new Reedley College, now under construction at Reed and Manning Avenues, and of its intended future expansion program.

The second portion of the evening was taken up by Paul Goodwin, Reedley High School principal who spoke on scholarships and how they are awarded. The local JACL went on record to present a \$50 scholarship to a deserving student, and if the rules and regulations for qualifications can be set up by the March 1 deadline, the award will be made this year.

Dr. James Ikemiya, local JACL president, was in charge of the program and Ann Iwasaki served refreshments following the talks.

ORANGE COUNTY CHAPTER INSTALLS KANNO FOR SECOND TERM PRESIDENCY

GARDEN GROVE. — A 15-man cabinet serving the 1956 term for Orange County JACL was installed Feb. 10 before 200 persons at the Imperial Restaurant here by Tats Kushida, regional JACL director.

George Kanno was re-elected to serve his second term. Min Nitta, toastmaster, introduced several dignitaries from among more than 50 non-Nisei guests including Jim Musick, county sheriff; Judge Kenneth D. Morrison, Willis Warner, county board of supervisors chairman; and Dr. Sammy Lee, Olympic diving champion.

Honored were more than 20 recently naturalized Issei, who were given tribute by Dr. Jessie Hayden, instructor. Mrs. Frieda H. Kijiy provided musical entertainment for the evening.

Judge John F. Aiso of the Los Angeles municipal court, main speaker, commended JACL's role in advancing the status of Japanese Americans everywhere and suggested various areas of interest with which the JACL might concern itself more actively now that national legislative goals have been attained.

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Rocky Ford Gazette editors devote front-page column to JACL feat

(The merit of excellent chapter public relations on the local level was keenly noted in the Rocky Ford (Colo.) Daily Gazette when it featured the Arkansas Valley JACL installation dinner of Jan. 16 on its front page the following day with a four-column picture of the new cabinet, headed by George Ushiyama, and lead story position. Gazette editors Ross and Anne Thompson, guests at the annual function, were impressed and devoted their front-page column to it.—Editor.)

Rocky Ford, Colo.

in 1953 he went there as national secretary.

During the war across the Pacific we blamed the Japs for everything from malaria and jungle rot in the Solomons to the snipers and bombers at Okinawa. But after the war was over and we got back to the States we forgot all about the bad part and wholeheartedly "forgave" the former enemy for our personal discomforts and dangers of the war.

Somehow, along with the Japanese on the far side of the Pacific, we had included the Japanese in America. Subconsciously if not purposefully. Monday night (Jan. 16) when we attended a meeting of the Japanese-Americans Citizens League in Rocky Ford we suddenly discovered how terribly wrong we had been.

We suddenly learned that the Japanese in America have been better Americans than we had. . . . that they have worked harder at the democratic process while it gave them less. . . . that most of them know more of America's history and government than we do, and that their loyalty to America was never fiercer than during World War II.

Speaker at Monday night's meeting was Masao Satow, national director of the Japanese American Citizens League. One of the best speakers we have ever heard. He is a graduate of UCLA and the Princeton Theological seminary. For ten years until 1942 he was with the YM-CA in Los Angeles and was executive director of the Japanese branch. In 1942 he was one of thousands of Japanese Americans evacuated from the west coast and he was sent to Amache near Granada in the lower Colorado Arkansas Valley. There he was chairman of the community council.

In 1943 he was sent on special assignment by the nation YWCA for west coast Japanese. In 1946 he became representative for the JACL with headquarters in Salt Lake City. And when headquarters were moved to San Francisco



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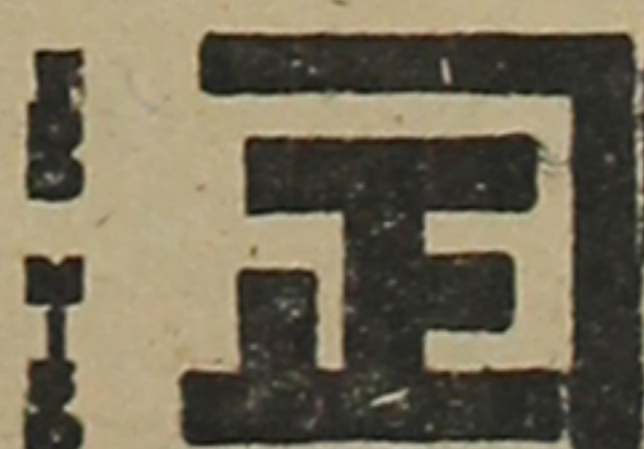
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TOKYO TOPICS: by Tamotsu Murayama



Yego: Nisei pioneer

Tokyo

Miss Mary Minamoto of the American Red Cross has just notified me Tom Yego died of heart attack. I could not believe what she said over the telephone. It was just recently that we had the sad news of other pioneer JACLers: Jimmie Sakamoto of Seattle and Dr. Gentaro "Gimbo" Kimura of St. Luke's Hospital here.

Tom was among the first group of Nisei meeting at the San Francisco Reformed Church in 1929 to discuss the organization of a united Nisei society. It was the birth of the Japanese American Citizens League. We were good friends from the very beginning.

Tom devoted his utmost to push the JACL movement with Roy Yoshida in Placer County. Tom was also instrumental in helping us to organize many chapters throughout Northern California.

Many years had elapsed since the years when he arranged some of my speaking tours. We seldom corresponded. Then I met him again in Los Angeles during the 1954 national JACL convention. We recalled those happy days when we gathered at the 1932 JACL convention in Los Angeles.

NISEI GENERATION NOT 'YOUNG'

I recall the time with Taketora Ogata, who was designated to be successor to Prime Minister Ichiro Hatoyama. I had an appointment with him. A week later, he died. If he had known his own fate, he would not have granted me that appointment, I'm sure.

During the war years, we expected death any moment during those terrific air raids. People were dying left and right. Death was a matter of fact. But with peace again, the news of someone dying is very strange.

The Nisei have long considered themselves as the "younger" generation—full of energy and optimism. But that has past, it seems. The Nisei is no longer the young with high ambitions and energy.

It's strange because some of our Issei pioneers are still vigorous and fighting on. Some of them will reach 100 very soon. We, indeed, honor those great pioneers for their fighting spirit and sound bodies—they gave us what we are today.

SMOGLITES: by Mary Oyama



New day a-comin'

Los Angeles

While the South and particularly Alabama is in the throes of trying to justify segregation in the higher halls of learning, the local front here is cooking up a storm over the fraternity and sorority issue at UCLA. We certainly are curious to see how matters will be resolved since the subject is very closely tied up with:

assimilation & integration and a recent comment by Larry Tajiri in his "Vagaries" column—

It is reported that UCLA's Pan-Hellenic Council representing 25 sororities recently withdrew from representation in student government in disagreement over racial restrictions in their constitutions. According to some spokesman for the Greek letter organizations the Associated Students of UCLA have been informed that they "are willing to remove the racial restrictions but want to do it gradually and not under duress from ASUCLA".

Also according to reports, less than half the sororities have racial restrictions in their constitutions and that "it is against the policy of their national organizations to even reveal whether they have or have not." (Note: the "italics" are ours since we feel that this significant confession reveals the hand of how old fogey adults which run the national organization keep their younger chapter members in line.)

Speaking of gradualism in removing restrictions, one could almost bet that had ASUCLA not made an issue of the restrictions the sororities never would have gotten around to examining their national constitutions so soon. It was high time that some close self-scrutiny was made, for fraternities and sororities which have racial and religious restrictions on membership are glaring anachronisms in 20th century democratic America.

SO, WHO'S BEING 'CLIQUE-ISH'?

Closely related to the above subject, we recently overheard this conversation between two younger-set Nisei in their early twenties.

First Nisei: "Did you hear about the 'Oriental Students Club' or something like that in Reedley? Why is such an organization necessary in such a small community where everybody knows everybody? It should be easier for students to 'integrate' in a small community where there are less Nisei than in a larger metropolitan community where there are lots of Nisei—And why the name 'Oriental' when they are all Nisei Americans?"

"Do you suppose they mean there are foreign students in the org. like East Indians from India, or a student from China? And even so why band together away from the rest of the students?"

Second Nisei (who looked to be about 19): "Maybe they are just a few handful of Nisei kids who are lucky enough to be able to attend college with common interests, and possibly a bit different in social level than the Nisei kids who don't go to college. Just for purely social reasons. I used to live in the country and know that things are pretty dead socially and not much doing unless you organize or belong to such organizations. Maybe they don't feel at home with 'hakujins' (Caucasians) or the latter don't have much to do with the Nisei socially."

"Well, whether it's an American Nisei club or a 'furriners' setup, either way, they would only justify their existence if they would include a special provision in their club program. The club should make a special point of meeting socially often with other non-Nisei or non 'Oriental' groups, wouldn't you think?"

"Righto—maybe they will. They might belong to CINO (California Nisei Intercollegiate Organizations) which encourages that sort of thing. There's all kinds of angles to this prob-

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64 MEN'S TEAMS SIGN IN TENTH NAT'L JACL KEG TOURNEY

SALT LAKE CITY.—Sixty-four men squads are vying for the top honors in the 10th annual National JACL bowling tournament next Friday, Mar. 2, at the Pal-D-Mar, it was announced by Choppy Umemoto, tournament director.

Strongest team on the basis of team average will be Sequoia Nursery of Redwood City with its 948, followed by Times Wholesale Florist of Los Angeles with 941, Southeast Bowlers Service of Long Beach, 936; Sacramento Nisei and Electrical Contractors Supply of Pocatello, both 933; and Standard Produce of Salt Lake City and J. K. Service of Los Angeles, both 930.

These squads are making their appearance at 7:30 p.m.

Utah leads in representation by 22 teams, while Southern California is sending 11 strong contingents. Northern California and Idaho both have 8 teams entered. Hawaii is winging over 7 squads. Other areas being represented are Denver 5, Oregon, Chicago and Seattle 1 each.

The schedule (Listed according to squad and by alley assignment):

1st Squad, Mar. 2, 12 n.
1. Clyde Gibson's Chevron (837) Salt Lake City; 2. Save-more Market (842) SLC; 3. Royal Beer No. 1 (844) Hawaii; 4. Star Barber (788) SLC; 5. Paydirt Mineral Fertilizer (795) SLC; 6. Idaho Falls JACL (826); 7. Mt. Olympus JACL (790) Murray; 8. Denver Nisei (817); 9. Kado's Grill (829) Hawaii; 10. City Cafe (767) SLC; 11. Terashima

JACL Bowling Records

MEN'S DIVISION

Singles: 696—Dr. J. Kurumada (1947); Doubles: 1269—G. Gee-H. Takahashi (1953)

Team: 2922—Marigold Arcade (1954)

All-Events: 1902—H. Takahashi (1953)

WOMEN'S DIVISION

Singles: 588—Chiyo Tashima (1953)

Doubles: 1108—J. Jue-Tashima (1955)

Team: 2517—Tashima Bros. (1953)

All-Events: 1737—C. Tashima (1955)

SPECIAL EVENTS

Mixed: 1192—M. Miyakawa-P. Shimamura (1951)

Ragtime: 1418—G. Gee-Shimada (1953)

SWEEPERS

6g-Men's: 1300—Fuzzy Shimada (1953)

4g-Women's: 753—Chiyo Tashima (1955)

22 women's team signed for Nat'l's

SALT LAKE CITY.—The women's division of the 10th annual National JACL Bowling Tournament will miss the presence of Chiyo Tashima, perennial champion in previous tournaments, her doubles partner June Jue of Los Angeles, and Amy Murotsune of San Jose, last year's singles champion.

Twenty-two teams are entered and will clash at the Ritz Bowling palace on Friday, Mar. 2. The schedule by squads:

1st Squad: Mar. 2, 5 p.m.
1. Bowl Mor Lanes (705) Denver; 2. Mt. Olympus JACL (647); 3. Duce Sporting Goods (609) Salt Lake City; 4. Bob's Cafe (622) Salt Lake City; 5. San Jose NBA (681); 6. Mt. Olympus JACL No. 2 (607); 7. Fendalls Ice Cream (664) SLC; 8. Dawn Noodle House (554) SLC.

2nd Squad: Mar. 2, 7:45 p.m.
1. Kawano Jewelers (767) Denver; 2. Morgan & Co. (723) SLC; 3. Eastbay NBA (760) Oakland; 4. Capitol Furniture Co. (716) SLC; 5. Cope's Service (760) SLC; 6. Marsing Garage (714) Caldwell, Idaho; 7. King Pin Bowl (729) Idaho Falls; 8. Long Beach B.A. (712), Long Beach, Calif.

3rd Squad: Mar. 2, 10:30 p.m.
1. Main Bowl (834) Seattle; 2. General Produce (788) Sacramento; 3. Tashima Bros. (824) Los Angeles; 4. King Joy Cafe (788) SLC; 5. Seinan Realty (805) Los Angeles; 6. Downtown Bowl (785) San Francisco.

Keg tourney —

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the men events are scheduled. The women will roll at the Ritz. The schedule in brief:

Mar. 1—(Men's) 6-game sweep-er; (Women's) 4-game sweep-er.

Mar. 2—(Men's) Team; (Women's) Team.

Mar. 3—(Men's) Doubles; (Women's) Doubles & Singles.

Mar. 4—(Men's) Singles; (Women's) Mixed Doubles.

Ragtime doubles will be held throughout the duration of the tournament at the Ritz, 925 S. Main St., starting Friday noon. Handicap scores will count.

An important team captain's meeting is scheduled Friday morning with the locale to be announced on the Pal-D-Mar bulletin board. On the agenda is included the issue of tournament eligibility.

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Studio (796) SLC; 12. Utah Canning Co. (765) Ogden; 13. Main Appliance (790) SLC; 14. Doi Cleaners (840) SLC; 15. Berett Service (829) Roy, Utah; 16.

(Roster of the teams participating in the Salt Lake City tournament were to have been included this week. We shall publish them next week.—Ed.)

Jensen Oil (791) SLC.

2nd Squad, Mar. 2, 2:30 p.m.
1. W. R. Ward (855) Pocatello; 2. Jerri's U.S. Cafe (867) SLC; 3. Sawtelle Garage (867) West Los Angeles; 4. Grower's Produce (873) Alameda; 5. Crown Produce (864) Los Angeles; 6. Hawaii No. 7; 7. Roy Miya's Garage (848) Ogden; Aloha Motors (859) Hawaii; 9. Triple XXX (877) Los Angeles; 10. Mooney Real Estate (878) SLC; 11. Preston Jewelry (883) Denver; 12. Royal Beer (885) Hawaii; 13. Press Hamburger (857) SLC; 14. Belville Mfg. Co. (855) Idaho Falls; 15. Martin Bros. (873) Idaho Falls; 16. Gil's Auto Service (850) SLC.

3rd Squad, Mar. 2, 5 p.m.
1. Eastbay NBA (906) Berkeley; 2. Hale Niu Sportswear (907) Hawaii; 3. Star Cafe (890) SLC; 4. Bowl Mor Lanes (894) Denver; 5. Pal D Mar (885) SLC; 6. Major Bowling Rec. (906) Compton; 7. H & F Co. (905) Los Angeles; 8. East Side Lounge (907) Ontario; 9. Gayway Bowl (886) Caldwell; 10. Chuck Yonezu (888) San Francisco; 11. Dawn Noodle (888) SLC; 12. Mayflower Nursery (911) Gardena; 13. Gardena; 13. Vogue Bowl (909) Los Angeles; 14. J. C. Watson (887) Caldwell; 15. Marigold Arcade (893) Chicago; 16. Cathay Post (892) Denver.

4th Squad, Mar. 2, 7:30 p.m.
1. J. K. Service (930) Los Angeles; 2. Electrical Contractors Supply (933) Pocatello; 3. Sacramento Nisei League (933); 4. Sunrise Market (914) SLC; 5. San Jose NBA (921); 6. Standard Produce (930) SLC; 7. Derby Lanes & Snack Basket (921) Denver; 8. Honstead Motor Co. (920) Nampa; 9. South-

east Bowlers Service (936) Long Beach; 10. Pacific Coast Dry Goods (929) San Francisco; 11. Sequoia Nursery (948) Redwood City; 12. Bowl-o-Drom (927) Hawaii; 13. Times Wholesale Florist (941) Los Angeles; 14. Main Bowl (920) Seattle; 15. Coffee's Strawberries (899) Sacramento; 16. Atlas Farms (929) Los Angeles.



Choppy Umemoto, chairman of the 10th annual National JACL Bowling Tournament at Salt Lake City, Feb. 29-Mar. 4, reports 64 men's and 22 women's team are signed up.

—Terashima Photo.

Former champions participate in '56 nat'l JACL bowling meet in SLC

SALT LAKE CITY.—Champions of previous National JACL Bowling tournaments are sparkling the 10th annual "Homecoming" affair next week.

Shig Hironaka of Ontario, Ore., all-events champion at the first tournament in 1947, as well as the three Ishizawa brothers (Tok, Nob and Paul) who were on the L.A. JACL All-Stars which won the first team title, and Dr. Jun Kurumada of Salt Lake City, 1947 and 1952 singles champion, are participating.

Coffee's Strawberries of Sacramento are defending their 1955 teams title against such formidable

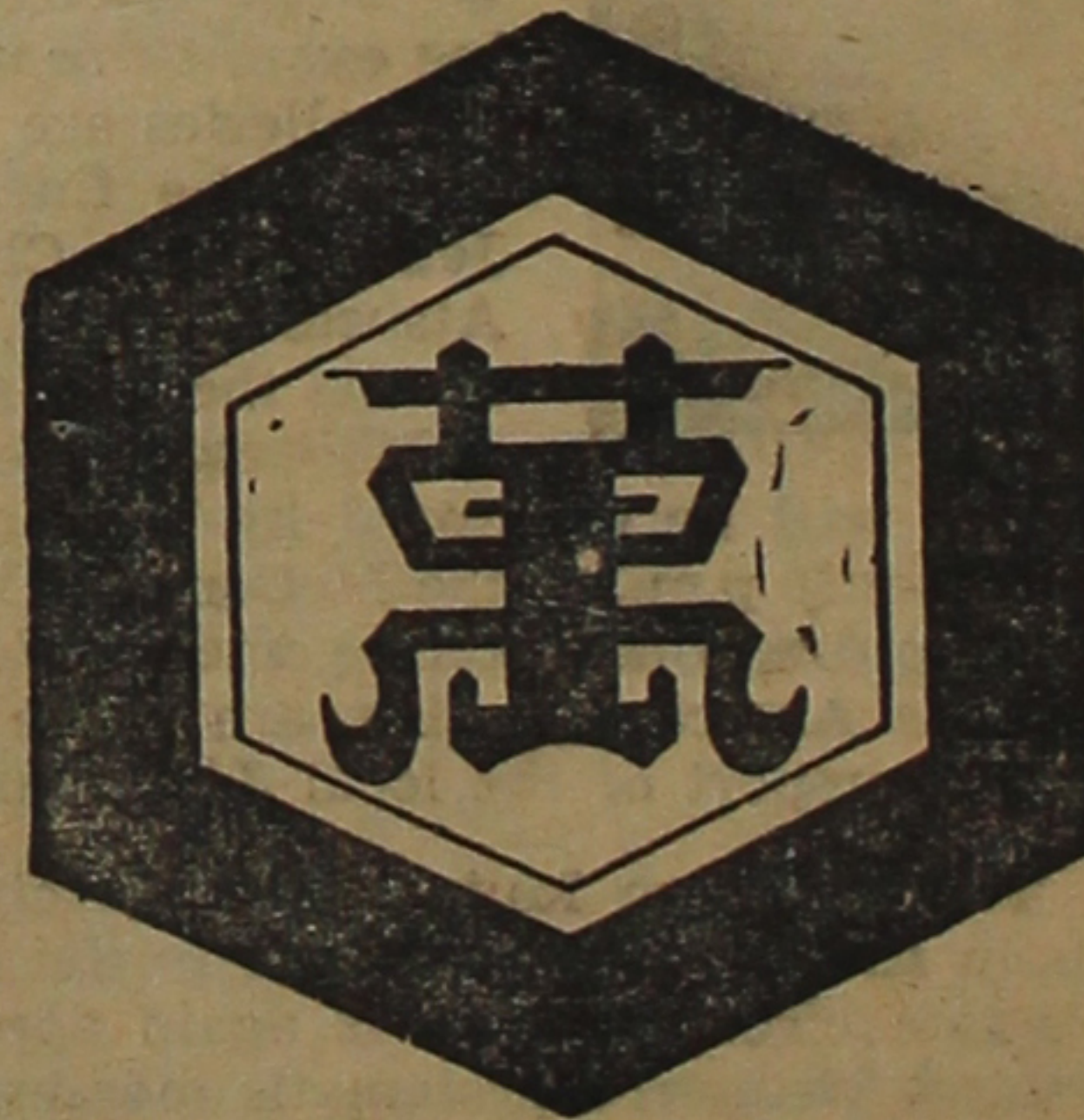
squads of Sequoia Nursery, 1951 and 1953 champions who are carrying the highest team average this year at 948; and Marigold Arcade of Chicago, 1952 and 1954 champions. Marigold's efforts of 2922 still stands.

Other notables rolling include Angel Kagiya of Sacramento, 1955 sweeper champion; George Inai of San Francisco, 1954 singles champion; Harley Kusumoto of Los Angeles, 1948 singles and 19-49 all-events champion; Dixon Ikeda of San Francisco, 1952 sweeper; and Fuzzy Shimada, 19-53 sweeper champion, who ranks as the top bowler with his 200 average

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LOS ANGELES NEWSLETTER: by Henry Mori



Newsweek sabotage

■ If Newsweek's intention was to receive a lot of cheap publicity from persons of Japanese ancestry by printing a letter stirring racial hatred, it is certainly getting more than its share. One of the chief rules of good journalism is to get to the source of a report and check for authenticity. Even a high school student, covering his campus beat, knows that.

And certainly crackpot letters, without return addresses, don't merit space in a national publication like the Newsweek unless the editors themselves felt an urge to create strife. The magazine throws away all sense of decency when it prints anything because it appeared to be "newsworthy."

The tragic part of the whole "Lincoln Yamamoto" episode is that the damage has been done, regardless of how Newsweek comes out in subsequent issues to correct the wrong.

The negative blast, unfortunately, is always more effective than a positive stand. Newsweek did a fine job in blackening the name of the Nisei in general. But then on the other hand we may be overemotional about the whole, nasty plot of the Newsweek to embarrass us. To those who are familiar with the wartime record of the Nisei GIs and the undying loyalty of their parents, despite their confinement in concentration camps during World War II, such yellow journalism is merely interpreted as a poor substitute to hike subscriptions.

The "Lincoln Yamamoto" letter to the many who do not subscribe to Newsweek said in part: "It's our custom to consider ourselves citizens of Japan regardless of where we're born and our first allegiance is to Japan."

Imagine the gross injustice the publication can do if the name were someone we knew in our midst and no address to prove where it came from.

Newsweek really sabotaged the good name of the Japanese Americans. We don't look forward to any public apology from Newsweek. Their editorial meekness reflects what can be expected from its editors in covering up any misdirected misgivings. We hope we'll never have to stomach the displeasure of finding a copy of Newsweek in our magazine rack.

NISEI HEART FUND GROUP

■ The first annual campaign to collect funds for the Los Angeles Heart Fund has been announced jointly by Paul Takeda, executive secretary, of the Japanese Chamber of Commerce, and Kellogg Van Winkle of the local headquarters.

Tommy T. Ochi, life insurance underwriter, has been appointed chairman, heading the 10-man volunteer committee. More than 100 volunteers are expected to solicit door-to-door on Feb. 26, Sunday.

Committeemen were escorted through the facilities of the Los Angeles Heart Association for briefing on the importance of the project. They were Ochi, Takeda, R. Y. Kubota, George Y. Kuniyoshi, Sho Higashi, Y. Fujioka, the Rev. Arthur Take-moto, S. Hisayasu, Charles Onoye, George Kimura, and Robert Y. Kodama.

PERSPECTIVELY YOURS: by Jerry Enomoto

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ening, ladies of the S.F. Auxiliary?)

Although real sorry that the Banquet was missed, we will long remember the southland hospitality. Incidentally, if the support down south is matched by our friends throughout the country, "Changing Perspectives" will truly symbolize a successful 14th Biennial National Convention.

AWAKENING

■ Delegates to the forthcoming national parley will have the serious responsibility of charting JACL's course during the next Biennium. There have been some signs seen of late that we are not so invulnerable as Nisei, that we can afford complacency. The infamous letter by "Lincoln Yamamoto" or a crank, and the poor taste exhibited by Newsweek magazine in printing it, can be interpreted as an omen that the need for organized representation yet exists. Let us consider ways and means of making our national organization better and stronger as we look forward to "Changing Perspectives".

WASHINGTON NEWSLETTER: by Mike Masaoka

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ing an increase from 125,165 to 157,181 and southern and eastern Europe from 24,502 to 45,472; Asia from 2,990 to 7,294; Africa from 1,400 to 2,960; and Oceania from 600 to 1,554. Asia is given the largest percentage increase.

As far as Asia is concerned, China's 205 annual quota would be increased to 825, Korea from 100 to 217, Philippines from 199 to 394, India from 100 to 276, Israel from 100 to 236, etc., with such little-known countries as Muscat, Nepal, Bhutan, and Yemen having their minimum quotas which they have never filled increased one hundred per cent to 200 annually.

SMOGLITES: by Mary Oyama

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lem you know."

Suffice to say, these kids seemed to know what they were talking about so we made no extra comment.

'NACIREMA DISCOVERS THE NISEI

■ A Nisei friend of ours who worked for the new movie production company, reports that many of the non-Nisei members of the company worked closely with the Nisei for the first time and liked them very much. Some had heretofore only known Nisei or the Japanese from an impersonal distance as the gardener or handyman, or the boy who waited on them at the super-market. Whether in business or school, social contacts do have the effect of furthering understanding between different groups of Americans.

Nisei women, for instance, have learned that PTA is one of the most effective means of community integration and becoming acquainted with one's immediate neighbors. There's no more relaxed easy fun than seeing Nisei eating cheese blintzes, Mexican American mothers raving about the chicken teriyaki, or the Jewish dittos enjoying enchiladas and chop suey with equal gusto. At some of the international pot-luck dinners attended, we've eaten more gourmet items and had more neighborly fun than any of the mother who never attend these gatherings. They know not what they're missing.

VITAL STATISTICS

Births

ARIZONA
TANITA, Kiyoshi—boy, Dec. 28, Phoenix.
VISALIA
HATAKEDA, James—boy, Dec. 19.
HATANAKA, Shigeomi—boy, Nov. 17, Orosi.

FRESNO

HASHIMOTO, Joe Y.—boy, Nov. 27.
HATA, Mas—boy, Jan. 23.
INAHARA, Mits—boy, Jan. 7, Sanger.
KIYOMOTO, George—boy, Jan. 16, Reedley.
KOTA, Yoshitsugu—boy, Nov. 23.
KURODA, Ken—girl, Nov. 9, Reedley.
NAGATA, George—boy, Jan. 10.
NAKAGAWA, Richard M.—boy, Jan. 11.

NAKAMURA, Ben—girl, Nov. 19.
NEGORO, Paul—boy, Jan. 21, North Fresno.
OUCHI, Ken—girl, Nov. 22.
SASAKI, George A.—boy, Dec. 29, Reedley.
TAKATA, Tom—girl, Nov. 25, Parlier.
TOMISAKA, George—boy, Nov. 23, Reedley.
UOTA, Masami—boy, Dec. 29, Raisin City.
YAMADA, Yoshio—boy, Jan. 21, Kingsburg.
ZENIMURA, Kenso—girl, Dec. 1.

STOCKTON

FUJINAKA, Sam I.—girl, Nov. 7, Lodi.
KUDO, Joseph R.—boy, Nov. 18, Tracy.
NISHI, Hito—girl, Nov. 14.
OKA, Kiyoshi—girl, Nov. 11.
OTO, James S.—girl, Nov. 28.
TAMURA, John K.—girl, Nov. 16, Lodi.
TERANISHI, George—boy, Nov. 14, Tracy.
YOSHIKAWA, Edward F.—boy, Nov. 12.

SAN JOSE

DOI, Jim Y.—boy Jeffrey M., Jan. 18, Cupertino.
HANAMOTO, Shozo—boy Warren, Dec. 6, Morgan Hill.
HATTORI, John D.—boy John D. Dec. 5.

HIOKI, Albert S.—boy Edwin R., Nov. 26.
MATSUMOTO, Tom M.—boy Larry M., Jan. 13, Santa Clara.

MATSUMURA, Joe—girl Sharon K., Jan. 5.
MORIYAMA, Mitsuru—girl Cherri L., Jan. 13.

NODA, Inazo—boy, Jan. 15, Campbell.
OBA, Susumu—boy Robert K., Dec. 2, Cupertino.

OZAWA, Takao—girl Susan Setsuko, Dec. 10.

SAKAI, Lawson—boy Dennis D., Nov. 29, Gilroy.

SAKODA, Isamu S.—boy Duane S., Jan. 17.

SATAKE, James—boy Russell J., Dec. 6, Mt. View.

TANASE, Samuel—girl Shirley A., Jan. 28.

TESHIMA, Uriel—boy Alan Motokazu, Dec. 7.

YONEMOTO, Fred T.—boy, Jan. 15, Sunnyvale.

YAMAJI, John S.—boy Mark R., Dec. 4, Sunnyvale.

REDWOOD CITY

TAHARA, John E.—girl, Nov. 1, San Bruno.

SAN FRANCISCO

FUKUDA, Albert N.—girl, Nov. 27.
HIROSHIMA, Tatsuo—boy, Jan. 23.
KAKIKI, Moriyuki—boy, Jan. 14.
MATSUHITO, Ken K.—boy, Nov. 26.
MATSUI, Fumio—boy, Nov. 20.
MATSUZAKI, Junsuke—girl, Nov. 24.
NAGATA, Shigeo—girl, Nov. 29.
OSHIMA, George M.—boy, Dec. 5.
TAKAGI, Shigeo—boy, Jan. 13.

OAKLAND

FUJIE, Asa (Sono Suzuki)—girl, Dec. 5.

ICHIKAWA, Buster K.—girl, Dec. 7, San Leandro.

KANESHIGE, Fred N.—girl, Jan. 24.

KATAOKA, James Y.—boy, Nov. 15, Hayward.

KOYAMA, Ben (Kikue Imura)—boy, Dec. 1, Alameda.

KUMAMOTO, Junji—boy, Dec. 1.

SANO, Harlem H.—girl, Nov. 27, Berkeley.

SACRAMENTO

HOSODA, Joe—girl, Nov. 25.

IMAI, Frederick—boy, Nov. 26.

MURAMOTO, Kay K.—boy, Jan. 6.

NISHI, John S.—boy, Jan. 8.

NISHIDA, Itsuo—girl, Jan. 4, Clarksburg.

OGATA, Mitsuo—girl, an. 9.

OKIMOTO, Tetsuro—girl, Jan. 9.

OTA, Shigeru—boy, Nov. 28.

TAKAKI, Joe H.—girl, Dec. 1.

MARYSVILLE

KINOSHITA, Tom—boy, Jan. 11.

NAKAO, Frank S.—twin boys, Nov. 20, Yuba City.

WADA, Fujio—boy, Dec. 1, Live Oak.

YOSHIYAMA, Tim—girl, Nov. 30.

ONTARIO, ORE.

DOI, Frank—girl, Jan. 22, Parma.

NISHIHARA, Sagie—girl, Jan. 20, Vale.

SEATTLE

GONDA, John—boy, Feb. 3.

OKAMOTO, Tadashi—boy, Dec. 21.

SALT LAKE CITY

NAGASAWA, Ray—boy, Jan. 27.

SAKASHITA, Hideo—boy, Jan. 27.

IDAHO

KOBUSUMI, James—boy, Jan. 15, Homedale.

DENVER

SHIBAO, Henry T.—boy.

WADA, Kazushi E.—girl.

CHICAGO

MATSUSHITA, Aki (Fumi Morita)—girl Elaine Tomiko, Dec. 16.

YOSHIHARA, Ken (Lucy Nakagawa)—girl Susan, Nov. 19.

MICHIGAN

OKIMOTO, Saburo—boy Richard Shoji, Jan. 4, Walled Lake.

TSUCHIYAMA, Sab—boy Kenneth Hideo, Jan. 6, Walled Lake.

NEW YORK

MUKAI, George—girl Wendy T., Jan. 13.

OKADA, Stanley—boy Dick Masao, Jan. 11.

Marriage Licenses Issued

YAGI-YASUI—George, Stockton; Natsumi, Tracy.

YAMAUCHI-HIRAIISHI—Mitsuo and Jeanne M., Irvington.

YOKOI-HOSHIDA—Tom and Mary Tomoko, Sacramento.

Weddings

EITEMAN-ISHII—Jan. 17, David K., and Nobuko, both Berkeley.

FUKUI-KATO—Feb. 5, George T. and Helen S., both Denver.

GOKAN-SATO—Dec. 3, Donald and Esther, both Chicago.

HARADA-HASHIMOTO—Feb. 5, Toshio, New York; Toshie, Seabrook, N.J.

HATA-KASHIWABARA—Jan. 14, Richard, New York; Sakae, Bayonne, N.J.

HAYASHI-MIZOKAMI—Dec. 6, Mike North Platte, Neb.; Mary, Blanca, Colo.

HUBER-YOSHIDA—Dec. 3, Morris and Grace, both Chicago.
IYEKI-HAYASHIDA—Feb. 4, Donald and Fusaye, both New York.
IWATA-HOSHIKO—Nov. 27, Allen, La Salle; June, Greeley, Colo.
MIYAMURA-TSUCHIMOTO—Nov. 27, Joey S., Morgan Hill; Sally S., Sunnyvale.
MIYAOKA-HASE—Tommy, Irvington; Tomiko, San Jose.
MORISHIGE-GOTANDA—Dec. 18, Mike M. and Yasuko, both Ontario, Ore.
NAKAMURA-TERAOKA—Dec. 2, Masao, Fowler; Mitsuko, Bowles.
YOKOOJI-TAMURA—Dec. 10, Kiyo Denver; June, Las Animas.

Deaths

AOYAGI, Mrs. Miyoko, 40; Denver, Dec. 15, survived by husband Yoshikata, sons George, Robert, John, Paul David, daughters Jane and Joyce.

DOI, Mrs. Momi, 80; Milwaukee, (formerly Seattle) Jan. 12, survived by daughters Umeko and Mrs. Kenji Nojiri.

FIGUEROA, Mrs. Mary J., 27; Lindsay, Jan. 13, survived by husband Tony, father George Iriye, brothers John, Frank, Fred, Richard (Salt Lake City), Ben (Sacramento), sisters Mrs. Sarah Dunlap (San Francisco), Mrs. Toshiko Omura (Seabrook) and Joan. FUCHIWAKI, Iwaji, 73; Chicago, Jan. 19.

HORI, Mrs. Haru; San Francisco, Jan. 27 (in Tokyo), survived by sons Tats, Kei, Toshio (Tokyo), Ko (Tokyo) and daughter Kiku.

IMAMURA, Tokushi, 42; New York, Jan. 27, survived by brother Rev. Kammo, Berkeley.

ISHIHARA, Toyotaro; Sacramento, Dec. 6, survived by wife Haruno, son Takeshi, daughters Toshiko, Aiko, Ishihara, Mrs. Sadako Matsuno, Mrs. Toyoko Kuwabara.

ISHIMOTO, Hashiro, 83; Marysville, Dec. 14, survived by wife Kikuno, son George, daughters Mmes. Harue Iseri, Kirie Sasaki, Mary Nishimoto, Aiko Wada, Emmy Iwamura, Sumiye Kinoshita.

KAWAKAMI, Gregory S., 5 mos.; Platteville, Colo., Feb. 2, survived by parents Mr. and Mrs. Kazuo, grandparents Mr. and Mrs. Heikuro Iritani.

KIMURA, Dr. Zentaro; Tokyo, Jan. 27, survived by brother Dr. Sam J., Berkeley.

KODAMA, Takuji, 81; Grand Junction, Jan. 26.

KUSABA, Ben, 29; Walnut Grove, Dec. 23, survived by mother Natsu, son Tsuyoshi, daughter Hanaye, brother Henry sisters Mrs. Sadako and Mrs. Helen Yagata.

KUSABA, Mrs. Ben; Walnut Grove, Dec. 23 (missing), survived by parents Mr. and Mrs. Goichiro Wada, son Tsuyoshi, daughter Hanaye, brothers Eddie, Hisashi, sister Mrs. Noriko Naka.

MABE, Tosuke, 73; Atwood, Colo., Jan. 20, survived by five sons Hemmie, George, Henry, Elmer, Dick, daughters Mrs. Mollie Harada (Rocky Ford), and Mrs. Kathy Sakurai.

MOMOSE, Mrs. Suye; Fresno, Jan. 25, survived by husband Masumi, sons Kako, Murosako and Yoshitsugu Murosako.

MURAO, Shigeo, 81; Sacramento, Jan. 15.

MURASE, Mantsuchi, 75; Reedley, Feb. 1, survived by wife Moto, sons Charles, Kenneth and Yoshio.

NISHIDA, Kimbei, 6; Denver, Jan. 30.

OKAMOTO, Mrs. Yae, 74; Seattle, Jan. 31, survived by daughter Mrs. Wasa Konishi.

SATO, George, 73; Grand Junction, Jan. 18.

Nisei doctor troth to air hero told

SPOKANE.—Hoyo Migaki looked like a happily engaged young woman—which she is—as she sat beside her fiancé, Alfred M. Yahanda, in the home of her mother here last week.

Miss Migaki is a doctor of medicine, planning to specialize in internal medicine and is resident physician at the Minneapolis General Hospital. Yahanda is a first lieutenant in the Air Force, on leave from Elmendorf AFB, Alaska, where he is a jet pilot and instructor.

Yahanda was recently awarded the air medal for heroism for staying with his blazing plane until it was out of an area of danger to residents of Norwell, Mass., about a year and a half ago.

A hero in the eyes of the Japanese community of his home town of Minneapolis as well as to Norwell, he cut short his science studies at Univ. of Minnesota five years ago to enlist in the military service. He plans to complete his studies upon finishing his present tour of duty. The wedding will probably take place at the same time.

Dr. Migaki, one of six children, went through local public schools here and graduated from Washington State College. After earning a master's degree in bacteriology at her alma mater, she was graduated in 1954 from the Univ. of Oregon medical school.

Her brother James is the first Nisei in active teaching here at Bemiss school.

Message Center chief

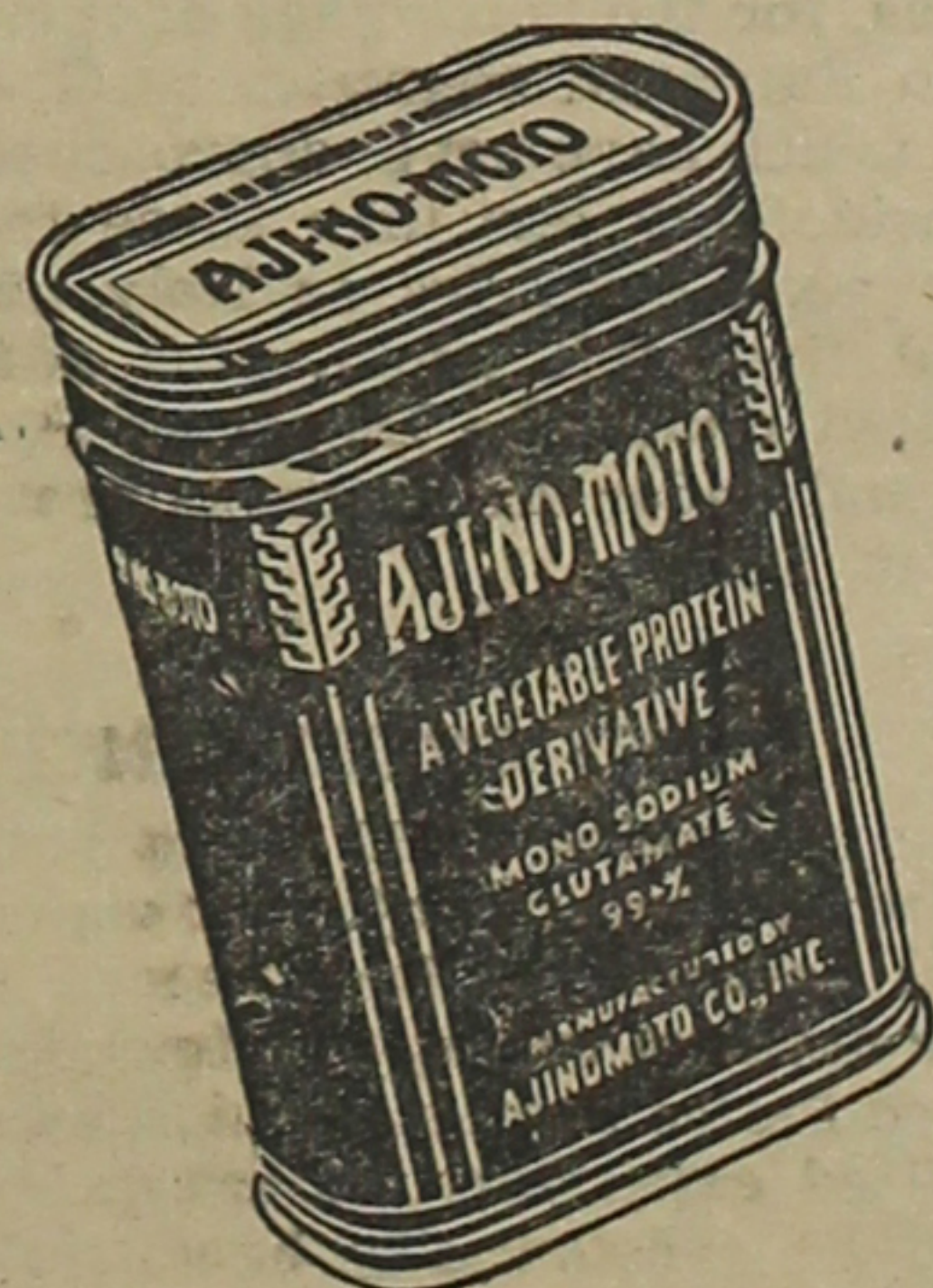
SALT LAKE CITY.—M/Sgt. Saige Aramaki, son of Yasu Aramaki, 816 W. 5th South, who enlisted in the Army in 1941, was presented a certificate of achievement by Col. H. E. Brooks, Utah Military District chief. He has served as message center chief for three years here at Fort Douglas.

Dance date changed

The Elites-Rambler dance at the Downey's Women's Club (reported in last week's PC) is to be held on Mar. 24.



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WASHINGTON NEWSLETTER: by Mike Masaoka



Immigration quota plan

Washington

The President's advisers on immigration policy have come up with an ingenious plan for computing and distributing quota numbers under the Administration's immigration program.

As outlined in identical bills introduced by Senator Watkins of Utah and Representative Keating of New York, both Republicans, to implement the Administration program, it is proposed that the annual quota shall be "a number equal to one-seventh of one per centum of the number of inhabitants in the United States, as determined by the United States census of 1950."

This compares to the one-sixth of one per cent of the population of the United States "mainland", excluding the territories of Hawaii and Alaska, based upon the 1920 census, formula of the present statute.

This proposed revision would result in an increase of approximately 65,000 quota numbers each year, from the present 154,657 to 219,561.

In addition, the redistribution of the new quotas is provided in the following manner:

(1) Each of the present quota areas shall first be allocated the same quota as it is currently allocated.

This preserves, at least to this extent, the national origins concept of existing law for controlling immigration.

It means, in the case of Japan, that her present immigration quota of 185 numbers annually will not be lowered or reduced.

(2) The minimum quota of one hundred for each minimum quota area under present law shall be increased by an additional hundred, thereby making 200 the minimum quota, with the total of all the increases to be deducted from the remainder of the annual quota.

Inasmuch as Japan is not a minimum quota area, she would not be entitled to this automatic increase of 100 in her annual quota.

HOW 563 QUOTA FOR JAPAN FIGURED

(3) The rest of the annual quota, less 5,000, shall then be distributed among the several quota areas in proportion to the actual immigration into the United States of immigrants chargeable to each quota area between July 1, 1924 and July 1, 1955.

Under this formula, Japan's annual immigration quota would be approximately 563.

This estimate is based upon the fact that 4, 413,718 immigrants from all countries were admitted from July 1, 1924 to July 1, 1955.

Of this number, 20,992, or nearly 21,000, were admitted from Japan this 31-year period, almost all of them after the enactment of the Walter-McCarran Act effective Dec. 24, 1952. Prior to the Walter-McCarran Act, Japanese immigration was excluded, first by the Gentlemen's Agreement of 1907 and then by the Immigration Act of July 1, 1924, which featured a Japanese exclusion provision.

This nearly 21,000 figure includes the total immigration for permanent residence from Japan, and is not confined to quota immigrants alone. It includes the nonquota spouses and children of American citizens, the Japanese "soldier brides" specially authorized by legislation in 1947 and 1950, the Japanese "war" orphans authorized by special legislation on two different occasions, refugees under the Refugee Relief Act of 1953, and those admitted under private bills. Such nonimmigrants as students, temporary visitors, and treaty traders are not included in this total, however.

Japan's percentage increase of the total actual immigration increase is .698, or almost seven-tenths of one per cent.

Translated into numbers, this amounts to an increase in the annual quota of Japan approximately 378. Added to her present quota of 185, a total of 563 is arrived at for purposes of considering this legislation.

This particular section circumvents the national origins principle to the extent that the new quota allocations are to be distributed on the basis of actual immigration into this country in the prescribed period, and not on the basis of national origins, for the percentage of increase for such northern and western European countries as Great Britain and Northern Ireland which have never approached using their full quota will be considerably less than those from such southern and eastern European countries as Italy and Greece which have always used their full quota, plus additional immigrants as those admitted under the Displaced Persons and the Refugee Relief Acts and under the nonquota provisions of the 1952 Walter-McCarran Act.

'FIRST PREFERENCE' POOL

(4) The remaining 5,000 quota numbers are to be issued by the Attorney General, after consultations with appropriate Government agencies, without regard to places of birth, nationality, or national origin, to aliens deemed "urgently needed in the United States because of high education, technical training, specialized experience, or exceptional ability of such immigrants to be substantially beneficial prospectively to the national economy, cultural interests, or welfare of the United States," and to their spouses and children.

This amounts to the establishment of a world-wide "first preference" pool of 5,000 quotas annually, for the first preference category of the current quotas for the various countries utilizes the same standard of eligibility as is herein provided for this additional quota pool.

While it is not likely that "skilled workers" from Japan will be preferred over those of other nations, nevertheless the availability of this extra pool of quotas increases the possibilities for qualified immigrants from Japan to avail themselves of a quota number.

ASIA WITH LARGEST PERCENTAGE BOOST

As a matter of general information, it may be interesting to note that under the President's proposed immigration program the quota for all of Europe would be increased from 149,667 to 202,653, with northern and western Europe receiving

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Nisei leaders storm Newsweek editors with strong protests for printing letter

(Several letters addressed to the Newsweek editors for its publishing of a letter signed Lincoln Yamamoto in their Feb. 20 magazine have been received by the Pacific Citizen, all expressive of hot protest against editors for printing an obviously erroneous letter.)

Slur upon Nisei

To Newsweek:

With reference to the letter entitled "The Meaning Of Treason" by a certain Lincoln Yamamoto printed in your Feb. 20 issue, I am lodging an emphatic protest against the irresponsibility shown by your publication in the printing of this letter which carries such obviously untrue statements by a writer who cannot even be identified.

Surely the editors of Newsweek are aware of the war record of tens of thousands of Nisei GIs who fought in Europe and against Japan in World War II. Surely you are aware of the fine citizenship record the Nisei have established in their respective communities here in the United States. And, surely you must be aware of the unjustified harm that the printing of such a letter can do to these proven Nisei Americans.

As a veteran who volunteered for duty against the Japanese in World War II and as the representative of the Japanese American Citizens League which has continuously maintained the highest standards of American tradition, I protest with all my heart the unjustified printing of this slur upon the Nisei who have proven their Americanism both upon the battlefield as well as in their daily living.

—GEORGE INAGAKI
Nat'l JACL President

Los Angeles

No laughing matter

To Newsweek:

"Lincoln Yamamoto" does not speak for me. I am a Nisei, and I'll let the Japanese American Creed speak for me. The Japanese American Creed is a statement of the Nisei's faith in a United States which always rises above the likes of the "Lincoln Yamamoto" letter-writer.

I might laugh off the letter as the brainless work of an adulated crank, except that I know by bitter experience what damage such letters can do. Such letters are no laughing matter to those of us who, in 1942, suddenly found ourselves uprooted from our homes and dumped in the middle of the desert, solely because our faces were Japanese.

—KATSUMI KUNITSUGU

Los Angeles

Justice Done

To Newsweek:

In behalf of the VFW, Nisei Post 9938, I should like to comment on the letter written by one Lincoln Yamamoto, the Nisei of Pasadena, California, to the editor of Newsweek magazine regarding the stature of Iva D'Aquino.

Mr. Yamamoto certainly does not represent the thoughts of the Nisei population in the U.S. His belief and his definition of treason as explained in his letter are very confusing and contradictory.

How can Mr. Yamamoto state that our duty is first to Japan regardless of where we were born? That is contrary to what the 442nd RCT and all the Nisei soldiers fought for.

Our duty is to the land of our birth, the United States. It is the adopted land of our parents — many who are now citizens of the U.S.

It is a shame that such a letter was permitted to be published without the proper consent of the representative group of Nisei.

I am sure that the JACL and veterans organizations agree with me in protesting the letter by Yamamoto.

We will not give her a heroine's welcome. We feel that justice has done its duty to Mrs. Iva D'Aquino.

—SALEM YAGAWA
Commander, VFW

Los Angeles Nisei Post 9938

Appalling irresponsibility

From Shinichi Bei

The editors of Newsweek have been fair in the past. It is difficult for us to understand this sudden turnabout. The record of the Nisei GI has been widely publicized. The tragic mistreatment of persons of Japanese ancestry by the mass evacuation from the West Coast in 1942 is acknowledged today as a mistake. The response of our Issei parents in becoming naturalized citizens has been the source of great satisfaction to all those who had fought to win them this right and privilege.

If a conspiracy is underway to discredit the Nisei through the Iva D'Aquino case, the Newsweek editors should be placed on notice.

There is more at stake than an unknown crackpot enlivening their letter section. It will become an appalling irresponsibility on the part of a reputable publication to become involved in a plot to smear the good name of the Nisei without any basis or excuse.

—SABURO KIDO
Observation

Los Angeles

He's Crazy

From Hokubei Mainichi

The man who wrote this letter does not speak for Nisei. Nor does he reflect the opinion of any Nisei in the United States in these days of 1956, 14 years after the evacuation. No well informed, or even partially informed, people in this country today would believe that Nisei would declare that it is their custom "to consider ourselves citizens of Japan" and that they would feel they owe "first allegiance to Japan." No Nisei in sane mind would feel and say that sort of thing. We are Americans and we shed blood fighting for this country of ours. We would be agitated to hear anything otherwise.

Back in 1941-42 we have seen letters of this sort appearing in the newspapers now known to have been written by those people who had attempted to discredit Japanese Americans and to justify Gen. DeWitt for corralling us in "evacuation camps." Perhaps some of these persons are still in existence. And perhaps the man who said that he was "Lincoln Yamamoto" was one of them. We have one word for him: he's crazy!

If Yamamoto does exist, and if he is a Nisei, he certainly did disservice to Nisei as a whole. His letter was treasonable to Nisei loyalty. But if the letter was written by some one not a Nisei, he must have had some definite purpose in doing so. We want to know the reason why. Whatever it is, and whoever he was, the Newsweek editors cannot evade the responsibility for publishing this questionable letter.

—HOWARD IMAZEKI

Smoking Room

San Francisco

Foment racial discord

To Newsweek:

Under the circumstances, and considering the tenor of the letter, it would appear to be in the language of organizations fomenting racial discord. The theory that American-Japanese cannot be loyal Americans because of their dual citizenship, while never proven, has not been heard publicly, to my knowledge, since the days following Pearl Harbor. And even then the accusation was never given official recognition and was never voiced by responsible magazines and newspapers. Through the reports of your own representatives who, at various times, interviewed my old friend Mr. Dillon Myers, then director of the War Relocation Authority, you are fully familiar with the loyalty and feelings of the American-Japanese minority.

Being interested in the welfare of our American-Japanese citizens I remember very distinctly that I myself was interviewed by you (either in 1945 or 1946). I also recall that, at the time, the question of loyalty was being discussed and that I referred your reporter to persons and organizations who

could verify the statements made by me. You might try to defend your action with "Freedom of the Press" but then you also know that this does not give you the license to cry "fire" in a crowded theatre.

No Gentlemen, I am afraid there was method in this madness. Very much like the mob at the University of Alabama, you have again provided much good copy for the propaganda boys in the Kremlin. On the other hand, I am sure you have made many friends among local hate societies and some of their members who have been dormant for years. They can now unearth the affair "Tokyo Rose" and put it in their shop window together with the Yamamoto letter and label the merchandise "We told you so".

WILLIAM E. KENT

Hollywood

Old proverb fits

From Nichi Bei Times

... Though we may establish that "Yamamoto" is not a Nisei, what can we do about it?

We'll, frankly, I don't think anything can be done about it.

But an old proverb seems to fit the situation here.

"You don't need alibis for your friends and your enemies won't believe you anyhow".

—GEORGE YOSHINAGA

Horse's Mouth

San Francisco

Nisei in Michigan

To Newsweek:

... I believe I can speak for the Nisei (in Michigan) in saying that we do not think in the "Yamamoto" manner. We have among us many Nisei veterans of World War II who fought to prove that Niseis are Americans first, last and always. The record of Niseis at war and at peace has proved that the Niseis are good Americans.

By printing this "Yamamoto" letter, you have unfortunately given an impression that libels a large number of good citizens.

—MIYOKO O'NEILL

Detroit JACL Pres.

Birmingham, Mich.

Colorado attorneys

DENVER. — Fred Kawano and James Okazaki, having passed the Colorado state bar examinations last December, were both admitted to practice before the federal courts and the state supreme court last week.

CALENDAR

Feb. 25 (Saturday)
Venice-Culver—V. Bar C Roundup, Venice Gakuen, 6:30 p.m.
No. Wyoming—Installation, Mas Satow visitation.
Mt. Olympus—Issei Appreciation Nite, Andy's Smorgasbord, Salt Lake City, 7 p.m.
D.C.—General meeting, YWCA Assembly Room, 8 p.m.
Selma—Auxiliary Installation Potluck, Selma Mission Church, 6 p.m.
Feb. 26 (Sunday)
Marysville—Installation Potluck, Japanese Community Hall, 6 p.m.; Yas Abiko, spkr.
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. 2 (Friday)
San Francisco—Get-Acquainted Social, Buchanan YM-YWCA, 8 p.m.
Mar. 3 (Saturday)
Fresno—Issei Recognition Dinner.
Mar. 4 (Sunday)
IDC—Winter meeting, Hotel Temple Square, 12 noon.
Salt Lake—Tournament award dinner-dance, Ollie's Terrace.
Mar. 9 (Friday)
Chicago—Meeting.
Philadelphia—Board Meeting, Henry Tani residence, 8:30 p.m.
Mar. 10 (Saturday)
WLA-Venice-Culver—Joint dinner-dance, Santa Monica Elk's Club, 7 p.m.
Mar. 14 (Wednesday)
San Francisco—Auxiliary meeting.
East Los Angeles—General meeting.
Mar. 17 (Saturday)
Cincinnati—General meeting.
Mar. 18 (Sunday)
Detroit—General meeting, International Institute; Abe Hagiwara, spkr.
Nat'l JACL Credit Union—Annual meeting, Temple Noodle House, Salt Lake City, 7 p.m.
Mar. 24 (Saturday)
East L.A.—Membership dinner-dance, San Francisco—Auxiliary benefit dance, Eudith Hall.
Mar. 28 (Wednesday)
Salt Lake City—Welcome Night, pre-basketball tournament dance.
Mar. 29-30-31
Salt Lake City—21st Nat'l Nisei Basketball Tournament, Judge Memorial High School gym.
Mar. 31 (Saturday)
Southwest L.A.—Marty Party, Park Manor, 607 S. Western.