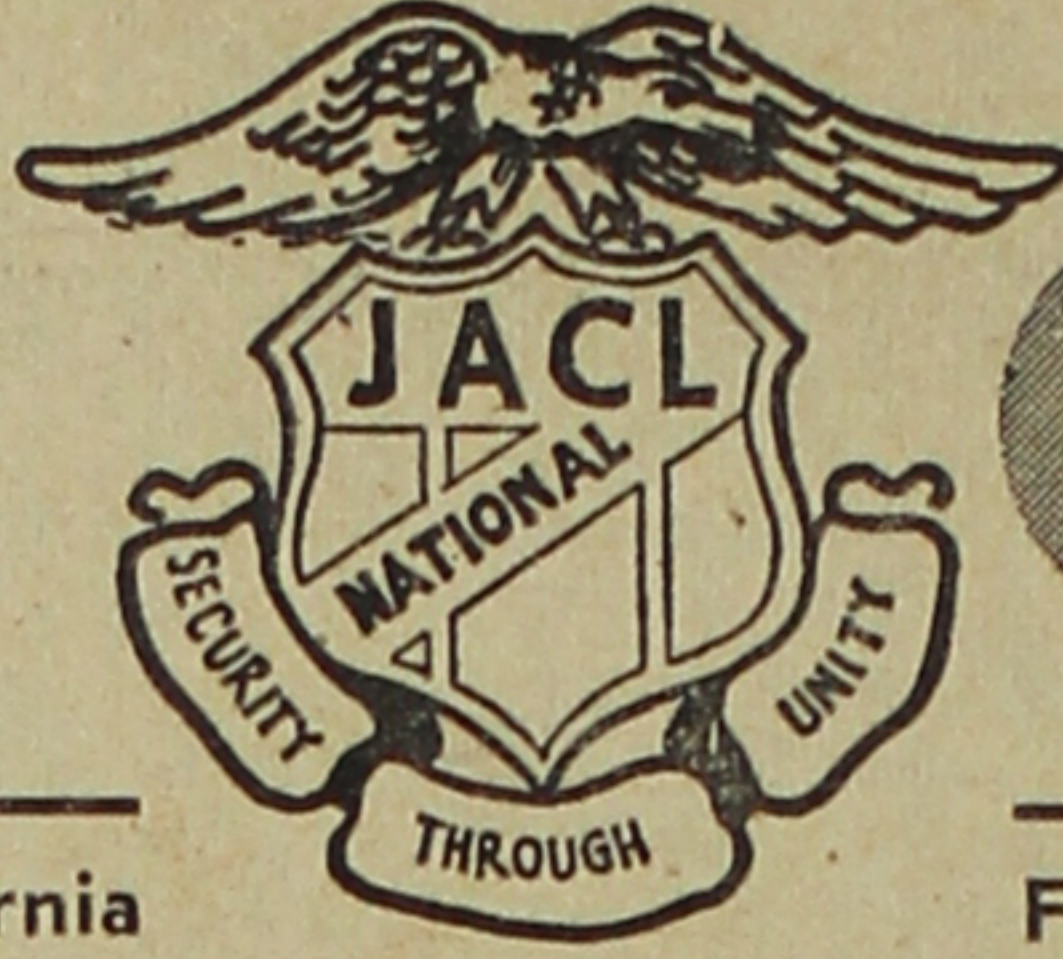


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EDITORIALS:

Newsweek regrets Yamamoto letter

A sigh of relief must have stretched across the country this week when readers noted the heavy amount of letters all eliciting faith and emphasis of Nisei loyalty to the United States in the current issue of Newsweek. Concurring with "majority opinion", Newsweek heartily agreed with sentiments as expressed by publishing eleven of the many hundreds of letters that undoubtedly peppered their editorial offices this past week.

When we compare the amount of column inches, understandably limited, given this week (20 inches testifying to loyalty of persons of Japanese in America against two inches for Lincoln Yamamoto), the newsmagazine did its best to regret any suggestions of their own to the contrary initially indicated in printing the Lincoln Yamamoto note.

While we have proven ourselves both at home and on the battlefield, to use phrases in Newsweek's admission of regret, the unfortunate incident should serve notice to all that the Nisei will "yield to no one" in our testimony to where our heart and mind lie.

Niseidom as a whole displayed the "Go For Broke" spirit, which valourously typified the men of the 442nd RCT in the second World War. The Lincoln Yamamoto letter was but one instant. We should maintain this vigilance less elements more organized revive a move to impugn the loyalty of persons of Japanese ancestry in America.

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JACL credit union

The 1955 financial statement of the National JACL Credit Union, with headquarters at 205 Beason Bldg., Salt Lake City, is published in this week's Pacific Citizen. Its members across the country have shared in 5% dividends for several years now.

All due credit must go to Hito Okada, who has given of his time and effort as treasurer—a position he has occupied since its organization in 1943.

NEWSWEEK BACKS NISEI LOYALTY, REGRETS LETTER

Newsweek devoted a major portion of its "letters" column in the current (Mar. 5) issue publishing 11 replies in opposition to the "Lincoln Yamamoto" letter and editorially added:

"Newsweek agrees heartily with the sentiments expressed above and deeply regrets any suggestion to the contrary. Americans of Japanese descent have proved themselves, both at home and on the battlefield, as citizens who yield to no one in their loyalty to their country."

Under the heading of "Majority Opinion", the telegram dispatched by Frank F. Chuman of Los Angeles, national JACL legal counsel, occupied the same lead spot where the ignominious Lincoln Yamamoto letter was placed in the Feb. 20 Newsweek issue.

Chuman's telegram in part was printed in small capitals as follows:

"Regarding letter by Lincoln Yamamoto that there was a miscarriage of justice for Tokyo Rose to be convicted of treason and that U.S. citizens of Japanese ancestry declare their first allegiance to be the country of Japan, I personally categorically deny that our allegiance is to any country but to the United States. We Niseis, Americans of Japanese ancestry, have proven our loyalty in the second World War by service to our country throughout the world. The Japanese American Citizens League, the only representative national organization of Americans of Japanese ancestry, have expressed in words and manifested by action for more than 25 years that we are Americans and that our first and only loyalty is to the United States of America. . . . Every member of our organization protests the publication of this letter. . . ."

Other letters published in the Mar. 5 Newsweek portrayed the cross-country scope of Nisei protests. There were letters from George M. Sakai, Redondo Beach, Calif.; Peter M. Nakahara, San Jose (Sequoia JACL president); telegrams signed by the Cincinnati JACL; Paul H. Yamamoto, Oakland (Berkeley JACL president); Dean Itano, Sacramento JACL president and Lester J. Hoshida, Livingston-Merced JACL president.

Letters clarifying Nisei loyalty to Newsweek from Masao Satow, national JACL director, (full text was published in the PC, Feb. 17, 1956); Tats Kushida, So. Calif. JACL regional director; and Minoru Yasui of Denver, former Mountain-Plains regional director, were also published in part.

Jiro Oishi, former Pasadena JACL chapter president, refuted Lincoln Yamamoto's letter for the Pasadena Japanese community. "He does not represent the Nisei

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NISEI WAR HERO NAMED NAT'L GUARD ADVISER

SACRAMENTO.—Capt. Mineo Inuzuka, hero of two wars and holder of the Distinguished Service Cross for inspirational leadership against enemy positions in Korea, was assigned as Regular Army adviser to the first battalion, 184th Infantry Regt., of the California National Guards.

He is a 442nd RCT veteran during World War II and served with the 17th Infantry Regt., 7th Division, in Korea.

Lane-Hillings evacuation claims bill slated for Mar. 5 consent calendar

WASHINGTON.—The Lane-Hillings bill (HR 7763) to expedite final determination of evacuation claims has been placed on the House consent calendar and will be called up next Monday, Mar. 5, the Wash-

ington Office of the Japanese American Citizens League learned yesterday.

If there is no objection to its passage on the call of consent calendar Monday, the bill will be

House Judiciary Committee reports on amended evacuation claims bill

BY HELEN MINETA

WASHINGTON.—The Lane-Hillings evacuation claims bill (HR 7763), as reported by the House Judiciary Committee on Feb. 21 and as it will be considered by the House, provides for the compromise settlement procedure for all claims with the Court of Claims as an alternative for those dissatisfied with the Attorney General's compromise offer, the Washington Office of the Japanese American Citizens League reported.

The Attorney General is authorized under the revised bill to compromise and settle and make an award on any claim timely filed on the basis of affidavits, available government records, and other information satisfactory to him. Eliminated by this amended Lane-Hillings bill is the 75 per cent of the compensable items ceiling, or \$2,500 ceiling, whichever is less, in existing law for the smaller claims and included in the original Hillings bill as introduced in 1954. Also deleted is the requirement in the 1954 Hillings bill that a claimant would be forced to accept any compromise award offered by the Attorney General so long as the amount was not less than 50 per cent of the original amount of the claim.

The present bill further provides that should the claimant be dis-

satisfied with the compromise offered by the attorney general, he has the alternative of filing in the Court of Claims, but this petition must be filed within 90 days after the date of the filing of the claim, the attorney general has served notice on the claimant by registered mail that no further consideration will be given to the compromise of the claim.

Specifically, the bill also opens the evacuation claims program to the following categories:

1. "Claims by a person of Japanese ancestry" is defined to include as eligible claimants claims timely filed by any profit or non-profit organization, corporate or otherwise, the majority of whose stock was owned by or the majority of whose stockholders or members, were, on Dec. 7, 1941, and on the date of the filing of the claim, persons of Japanese ancestry actually residing in the United States or its Territories, provided that the losses were the result of the evacuation and exclusion of its stockholders or members, or of the evacuation and exclusion of persons of Japanese ancestry upon whom the organization depended for its business or support, regardless of a previous award or disallowance made.

2. West Coast internees, that is those detained, interned, or paroled and subsequently released according to statutes relating to alien enemies, are eligible claims if they have timely filed claims regardless of a previous award or disallowance made.

3. All claims which had been timely mailed, that is bearing the postmark prior to midnight, Jan. 3, 1950 but arriving in the Department of Justice after that date, are now validated as timely filed.

The Lane-Hillings bill as originally submitted included as compensable items conservation or management expenses, fair rental values, and crop losses. The committee has stricken these from the bill.

The committee report, accompanying the bill, noted that these items had been included in the original Lane-Hillings bill in view of the fact that the subcommittee on claims in 1954 after its hearings in California made the recommendation that these items be deemed compensable. The present committee decided not to accept those recommendations upon the ground, among others, that their inclusion would substantially reopen the entire project and would thereby delay and not expedite the final conclusion of this program.

While the House Judiciary committee did not rule that these items were compensable, it did specifically point out that under the Court of Claims alternative, a judicial determination made be made on the validity of these items of expense and loss.

The Attorney General, in adjudicating claims under the present law, has ruled that these items

approved and sent over to the Senate where it will be referred to the Senate Judiciary committee.

Technical objection is possible on grounds that more than a million dollars are involved in legislation, which under the House rules means that the bill must first be cleared by the Rules committee, but the Washington JACL representative Mike Masaoka explained that since the bill is an amendatory one to expedite the existing procedures and since no new appropriations are needed; therefore, no questions of congressional authorization for appropriations is involved.

Though the bill as amended by the Judiciary committee and reported to the House is not as generous as the original Lane or Hillings bills, Masaoka declared JACL and COJAEC would support it as considerably more liberal than the existing law and as the only legislation with any chance for enactment this session.

"Unless this Lane bill becomes law this year," Masaoka said, "the remaining claims will have to be adjudicated under the present slow,

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Sen. Kilgore of West Virginia dies, aided Nisei cause

WASHINGTON.—Sen. Harley M. Kilgore, 63, West Virginia Democrat, and chairman of the Senate Judiciary Committee, died last Tuesday morning of cerebral hemorrhage.

As a member of both the judiciary and appropriations committees, this 15-year veteran of the Senate supported corrective and remedial legislation for persons of Japanese ancestry in the United States, according to the Washington JACL office.

Considered a New and Fair Deal Democrat, he was generally counted among the Senate liberals.

He will be succeeded as Judiciary Committee chairman by Sen. James O. Eastland, Mississippi Democrat who is considered among the Southern conservative leaders, especially on civil rights, immigration and segregation matters.

Kilgore's death narrows the division in the Senate to 48 Democrats and 47 Republicans.

were not compensable items but represented "anticipated profits," forbidden by the present law.

The attorneys for the claimants have taken issue with the Attorney General on the interpretation of "anticipated profits."

Not included in the Lane-Hillings bill, as amended, is the lump sum payment of \$50 for those under 12 and \$150 for those over 12 on Feb. 19, 1942 to all evacuees for pre- and post-evacuation expenses.

The committee was in sympathetic agreement to the arguments advanced for judging such expenses as compensable items but believed that it would delay rather than expedite the evacuation claims program. Furthermore, it believed that the amount involved would be tremendous, approximating \$14,500,000 based on the information at the committee's disposal, and therefore because of budgetary consideration this item was dropped.



Abe Hagiwara (right) director of activities of Olivet Institute and MDC chairman, accepts Brotherhood Award presented at Chicago City Hall by John G. Sevcik, chairman of 1956 Illinois Brotherhood Week. The citation read in part: "Hagiwara is a man who came into brotherhood work the hard way. After Pearl Harbor, he was among the many Japanese Americans committed to a concentration camp . . . for the duration. Paradoxically, it was here he was given a chance to work for brotherhood, as director of community activities in the camp. When he was released from the camp—with no bitterness, but with true spiritual grace—he set out to serve his fellow men . . ."

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FROM THE FRYING PAN: by Bill Hosokawa



Time for a Change

Denver

■ Somewhere or other I once read that women have a deep-rooted "nesting instinct" which causes them to do such things as rearrange the furniture, repaper the living room, and even go out in search of another house. The woman in charge of the house we live in must have a powerful instinct for such matters because

periodically she wants to tear everything up and start all over. It makes no difference that I think the place is quite comfortable and thoroughly enjoyable; she always has a dozen or so ideas for "improving" our home.

We haven't even paid off the mortgage with which I saddled myself a few years ago when we put an addition onto the house. But already she's planning some extensive changes. For one thing, she wants to modernize the kitchen. This, as every husband knows, is an exceedingly expensive proposition and I have been trying to dissuade her. Without success, I might add. For another, she wants to add on to and enclose what passes for our front porch. This will provide us with a sort of foyer, a place where the kids can shed the mud off their boots before they come tramping into the living room. She can think of more darn reasons why these costly projects should be undertaken. Then there's the area out back. The new addition throws a long shadow so there's a fair-sized section where the grass grows none too well. She is in favor of putting all of it into concrete as an expansive patio. Also expensive.

At the same time she's planning these construction projects, she and several other women in the neighborhood are also talking about selling their respective homes and buying new homes in a fresher, younger district. It doesn't seem to make any difference to these women that our present homes are quite comfortable, that we men have learned to find our way back to them on a dark night, that the lawns are in and the landscaping more or less completed, and that it would be one helluva job starting out with a brand new place.

MALE INSTINCT AGAINST CHANGE

■ I'm sure that women don't understand a basic male instinct—to find a fairly comfortable lair and stick with it, to make it a permanent place of security and refuge. No matter what earthshaking, frightening, soul-shattering things happen in the world of business and commerce, the male animal, I think, wants to feel that his home is an unchanging, dependable sanctuary. And the quicker he gets the mortgage paid off, the more secure he feels. It's the rare woman who appreciates this. She is for change, and let the old man worry about the bills. She becomes bored with anything more than a couple of seasons old. All the minor shortcomings of her particular house—and what house hasn't a dozen and a half things wrong with it—become exaggerated faults. She allows them to prey on her mind until she's on the point of flipping her lid because the rear left window sticks, or the back door opens to the south-south-east instead of south-south-west.

While these problems are strictly personal, I'm sure they touch a familiar sore spot with many a Nisei householder. More and more of them are becoming homeowners with all the satisfaction and exquisite pain the word connotes. It seems to me that the harmony of more marriages is threatened by differences of opinion about the house than all the other sources of connubial friction, not excluding sex and money. A man's home may be his castle, but that must have been before the lawyers came up with the gimmick known as joint tenancy. The head of the family gave up a critical advantage when he agreed that his wife had something to say about his house, sort of like the way Samson got tricked by Delilah into getting trimmed.

Self-sacrifice of Marysville JACLers during flood emergency lauded as finest page in JACL history written by a chapter

Marysville

On Sunday, Feb. 12, I was finally able to fulfill my promise to Dan Nishita, president of the Marysville Chapter, to visit the Yuba City flood area. After lunch with some ten or more Marysville Chapter leaders, we took off on George Inouye's car to get a first hand view of the devastated ranches. In the party, along with Dan and George, were Sam Kurihara, Frank Nakamura and Mosse Uchida.

Our first objective was the scene of the break where the Feather River had broken through its bank but enroute, from the moment we entered the lower part of Yuba City, the ravages of the flood water were apparent everywhere. Houses forced off their foundations, broken windows, bulging walls, torn up gardens and other signs of the rampaging torrent that ripped through this area were all around us.

As we approached the actual break area, there were whole orchards that had been torn up, roots and all. In place of neatly lined fruit trees, there were massive uprooted cottonwood trees littering the area. Where neat ranch houses had once existed, there was nothing but sandy waste. I was informed that the bulldozers now hard at work repairing the break, had dug up a tractor from 8 feet under this sand.

We proceeded past the so-called slough area where some 35 persons had drowned when the main force of the flood water had hit the residents before they were able to flee. Here we saw more than a dozen house foundations bare of the houses that once set upon them. Later, many miles further south, we saw some of these houses setting in the middle of orchards and fields.

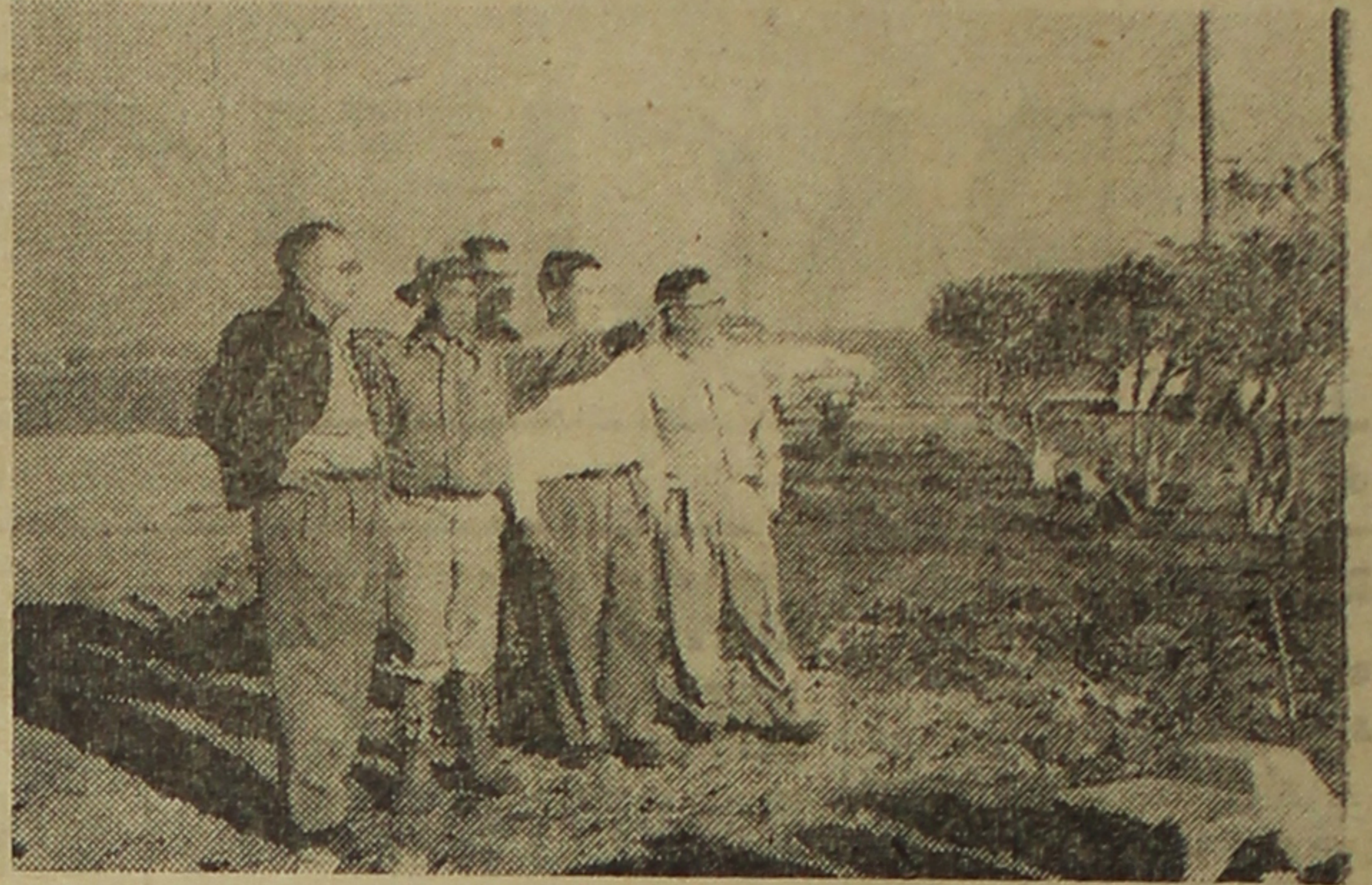
Every orchard that we set eyes upon was littered with debris which included everything that could conceivably float. There were logs, sheds, torn-up lumber, literary hundreds of bales of hay, butane tanks and so on. I was told that before the County had removed them, the area had been dotted with thousands of dead farm animals including cows, sheep, pigs, etc.

As we proceeded toward the southern portion where the Feather and the Sacramento Rivers converge, I was surprised to find that vast acreages were still under water although some two months had already passed since the levee had given way. Even in the high spots, there was at least three feet of water covering the ground. It was in this area that I saw straw and brush still hanging from the power lines where the crest of the flood waters had deposited them at the height of the flood.

As we headed back toward Marysville, we made a stop at the ranch of Mas Oji, an old time friend of mine. Mas farms some 3,000 acres in the valley and we found him busy renovating the many pieces of heavy equipment he uses to farm his vast acreage. He mentioned the enormous cost of renovation by pointing out a single machine which had cost him \$4,200 to repair into working order.

We looked into what had been his beautiful home built two years ago and found that the floor had been completely ruined, as were the walls; that the windows had to be replaced and all the furniture and appliances had been dumped as junk. It was his feeling that occupancy was out of the question until sometime late this summer.

Moving further back toward town, we stopped at what had



Mr. Kazue Tagawa's house was completely washed away. He is pointing to where his house was with only cement foundations left. All household furnishings were completely washed away and to date have not been located. He was one of the hardest hit in the Yuba City flood crisis. In the picture are (left to right) George Inagaki, Mr. Tagawa, Sam Kurihara, Mosse Uchida and Dan Nishita.



This is the Heya Brothers peach orchard 10 miles southwest of Yuba City. Over nine feet of water covered the orchard, the water remaining for over 30 days. Agricultural experts predicted an orchard like this would die out eventually from sour-sap and crown-rot. Inspecting the damages are (left to right) Sam Kurihara, Frank Nakamura (flood relief distribution committee chairman), Dan Nishita, George Inagaki (nat'l JACL president) and Mosse Uchida.

been the Tagawa farm where we found Mr. Tagawa and his son hard at work fixing up the tractor. Here was a family whose home, with everything in it, had been swept completely away with no traces left. Even for an outsider like myself, it was not hard to realize the tremendously difficult task of rehabilitation that faced this family.

For that matter, this was true of every family in the area.

Still further north, we came to the Heya Brothers ranch where we found the two brothers in the still muddy orchard clearing away debris. This task had to be done by hand because the ground was still much too wet for tractor work. The task seemed almost futile but I was deeply impressed by the spirit of the two brothers who seemed to be taking this great misfortune in stride.

In this respect, the undaunted spirit of all of these people who had suffered such a great setback at the hands of Mother Nature was such that I could not help but feel a burning admiration for them all.

As we drove on back, the picture of what had happened on that pitch black night of horror, was revealed to me from the very lips of those who had lived through that nightmare; of the fear, the danger, the risk of lives, of the heroism involved, all of the things that I would never have realized had I not actually visited the scene myself.

And, finally, in reporting this visit, I would be derelict in my duty if I were to leave out the wonderful work that Dan Nishita and the Marysville Chapter did in this great emergency. They set up temporary living quarters for the homeless, set up a mess hall where these people were fed, provided clothing for those needing them, and guided and assisted them in their first step toward rehabilitation. These and a hundred other things they did even while many of them were victims of the flood themselves.

I could not help but feel that

these wonderful JACLers had lived up to the highest ideals of our organization in this selfless service they had given to their fellow men in time of their need and that here on the chapter level one of the finest pages of JACL history had been written.

Vegetable Growers board

SANTA ANA.—Charles Ishii and Fred Mizusawa, prominent JACLers, were elected recently to serve on the Orange County Vegetable Growers board of directors. George Kanno, O.C. JACL president, and Min Nitta are currently serving on the same board while George Osumi and Henry Kanegae were outgoing members.

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Scout Week activities

TURLOCK.—Ben Nagai and his two sons, Gene and Gordon, of A water participated in local Scout Week activities here recently. All are members of the Yosemite Lodge, Order of the Arrows, Ben being an honorary member and Gordon installed as secretary-treasurer.

VAGARIES: by Larry S. Tajiri



Japanese Cameraman

Denver

It would be our guess that Bob Okazaki knows more tales and anecdotes about Issei and Nisei in show business than anyone else. Bob has been in and out of films for some three decades, starting back in the mid-1920s in the heyday of the silent movies when Sessue Hayakawa was a reigning star. In between times, of course, Bob has had a variety of other interests. He was the publisher of the first Nisei daily newspaper, the New Japanese American News, back in the first year of FDR, and lately he's been in the importing business. But Bob's first love always has been performing in front of the cameras, and his recent credits include the pearl merchant in *House of Bamboo* and a featured role in the forthcoming *Walter Wanger* production about occupation Japan, *Mother, Sir*.

The other day we asked Bob to spin a story or two about some of the Japanese pioneers in Hollywood, people long forgotten in an industry which moves fast and rarely looks back. Bob was agreeable to the suggestion. "I am happy to do this to show the present generation of Nisei and Sansei that life in America was, and can be, exciting, challenging, rewarding," he writes. "We need more of the drive, initiative and ambition that seemed to be whetted by the friction of race prejudice, anti-Japanese sentiment and discrimination. We, of Japanese ancestry, have to be fighting mad before we do things. And today we have nothing to fight but our own lethargy and indolence . . ."

STARTED AT BOTTOM OF LADDER

So, pull up a chair and listen while Bob Okazaki tells about the first Japanese cameraman in Hollywood:

"The year is 1906—just a half century ago. An ambitious young Japanese American, Henry Kotani, (see *Tokyo Topics*, PC, Feb. 3, 1956) is graduated from Lowell high school in San Francisco. In those days, graduating high school was something akin to getting a doctorate in this atomic age. It indicated a career.

"The Nipponese settlement of Los Angeles in that era was a scattering of lodging rooms, employment agencies, eating houses, card rooms and saloons, set on grassy knolls among live oak trees in the neighborhood of 7th and Grand in what is now the heart of downtown L.A. This was the community Henry Kotani found when he came down from a San Francisco which was rebuilding after the quake and fire which occurred the year of his graduation. Henry was looking for something to do and he found it in the kaleidoscopic excitement of the fledgling movie industry.

"A man named Col. William M. Selig had arrived from Chicago and rented the rear yard of the Sing Loo Laundry on Olive St., between 7th and 8th, for a movie lot. The Chinese laundrymen spit on their sizzling sad-irons and watched the 'clazy white men' making pictures. Young Nipponese immigrants, who also lived in the immediate area, scrutinized the picture-making activities with no little interest. Soon they were working as roustabouts, scene-shifters, carpenters and extras.

"It was as an extra that Henry Kotani got his first movie job. He started at the bottom, in true Horatio Alger fashion, but, 1913, he was playing important supporting roles. He outplayed Sessue Hayakawa, the leading man in *Typhoon*, a Thomas Ince production which was one of the first film spectacles. Ince's *Typhoon* was compared with two others which made movie history, D. W. Griffith's *Birth of a Nation* and Cecil B. DeMille's *The Cheat*, when the three films were released neck-and-neck in 1915.

"But, meanwhile, Kotani had determined that a future for a Japanese was behind the camera, not in front of it. He knocked on the door of the lab at the old Lasky studio and got a job in the darkroom. There Kotani came under the tutelage of Papa Wycoff, known in the industry as the "father of cameramen." Within a year the young Japanese was a second cameraman.

"When Geraldine Farrar was signed by Lasky and Goldwyn at the height of her career as a Metropolitan Opera star and came to Hollywood to make a series of pictures, Kotani got the assignment behind the camera. He had been first cameraman on DeMille's *The Woman God Forgot*, and now he was shooting Farrar in *Carmen*. Kotani had his own camera crew and he could afford the expensive cigars he loved.

"Kotani's skill won wide acclaim in DeMille's *Joan the Woman* (Joan of Arc) in 1917. One critic praised the panoramic shots, ritual-like dream effects, striking double exposures. The technical effects were said to be 'Michaelangeloing' the sunshine. Kotani could race up and down the beach at Malibu in his hand-made racing car.

"Kotani's fame spread to Japan, where movies were just getting their start. Only a few years before two Bell and Howell cameras had been imported and the Shochiku studio was making a feeble attempt at picturemaking, Henry received a fabulous offer to become their head cameraman. In 1920, Kotani sailed for Japan. His first picture helped establish Shochiku at the top of the Japanese movie industry.

"Before he left Kotani made a deal with Famous Players—Lasky (now Paramount) to film noteworthy events in Japan, and to this day, Henry lenses pictures for Paramount.

"When Kotani was a head cameraman in Hollywood, a number of Orientals worked under him. A stern taskmaster, a strict disciplinarian and an exacting perfectionist, Kotani was provoked easily to deal out scathing criticism in the lusty language of the times and his Oriental assistants quit, one after the other. In fact, all but one quit, and that one was a tough ex-boxer from Oregon who took his share of abuse and snuck it out to become one of the world's best—none other than James Wong Howe, who is up again, in 1956, for an Oscar nomination for his lensing of *Man With a Golden Arm*."

"Well, that's the Kotani story. Late in the 1920s another Nipponese reached the cranking end of the camera. His name was Harry Mimura."

"But, that" says Bob "is another story."

Salt Lake CL ships relief items to flood victims of No. California

BY JEANNE KONISHI

SALT LAKE CITY.—Cooperation of local citizens to the appeal for money and clothing for victims of the Northern California floods was generous and heartwarming.

The Salt Lake JACL Chapter extended its thank to everyone who donated money and clothing. The articles were sorted, packed and shipped to California last Sunday by Tomoko Yano, Sue Kaneko, Sam Watanuki, Josie and Rupert Hachiya, and Eddie and Rae Fujimoto.

Appreciation was extended to the Fujimotos for the use of their garage to store the items until ready for shipment, the Christian and Buddhist churches for receiving the articles, and a special thanks to the Pacific Intermountain Express Co. for their generosity in hauling the clothing to California free of charge.

Hollywood CL aids Shonien with \$104

BY TERRY KUWATA

A check for \$104 was presented to Mike Suzuki, Shonien director, by Danar Abe, president of the Hollywood JACL Chapter, at the first general meeting held Feb. 24 at the newly constructed children's home. The donation came from proceeds from a sembei sale held in November, 1955, plus \$4 donated anonymously (\$100 was donated to Christmas Cheer and the balance was used to provide lunch for the volunteer workers at the Shonien).

Suzuki briefly reviewed the history and policy of the Shonien and described the services available to the community through the social service agencies. A tour of the Shonien was also conducted. Refreshments were served by Yo Abe and Kay Izumo.

A calendar for the year was set up at the business meeting which followed, and a get-acquainted social for members and friends is being planned for St. Patrick's Day, March 17, at the Hollywood Community Center. Kay Izumo is general chairman and Tak Nakamura is in charge of decorations.

Seek foster homes for Japanese community

Development of foster homes in the Japanese American community was announced last week by the Japanese Children's Home following a conference with representatives of local welfare agencies.

Japanese foster homes are practically non-existent at present, according to Mike Suzuki, Shonien executive director, and their development is a vital part of needed child welfare service. Cost of caring for children is paid through the social agency placing the child, it was explained. Further information may be secured by calling the Shonien director, MA 6-3794 or NO 5-5371.

ANNUAL MEETING

National JACL Credit Union

Sunday, March 18, 1956

at Temple Noodle House

Salt Lake City, Utah

Dinner

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Election

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SAN FRANCISCO CHAPTER HITS 886 MEMBERSHIP MARK; 1000 GOAL LIKELY

SAN FRANCISCO.—The local JACL signed up its 886th member, it was revealed last week at the third weekly meeting of membership team captains.

For the first time the local JACL chapter appeared certain to reach the 1,000 mark in membership, which is also the goal of the current drive.

In this well-organized campaign, directed by Thelma Takeda, eight teams have been out for 125 members each.

Currently leading in the membership race is the team headed by Miyuki Aoyama which has gone over the top for 110.4 per cent with 138 signups.

Second is Jack Kusaba's team with 110 members or 88 per cent.

Tied for third are teams captained by Marge Shigezumi and Mrs. Yo Hironaka with 95 each for 76 per cent.

Only fully paid memberships race, but all pledges were included in the overall chapter total.

Miss Takeda indicated that many new members have been signed up in the current drive and quite a few 1955 members have not yet been contacted. This includes some 170 Issei members of the local chapter.

Separate signups are being conducted for 1000 Club members and those affiliated with the chap-

Young Adult Buddhists hold 8th annual confab

FRESNO.—Tok Nomura was re-elected president of the Western Young Adult Buddhist League at the eighth annual convention here Feb. 18-19. Lodi was awarded the site of the 1957 convention with the 1958 locale going to Southern California.

Dr. Richard Gard, lecturer on Buddhism in Japan, spoke on the theme, "Living with Buddhism", as the convention highlight. He also declared Buddhism could be integrated in the American way of life by first losing its foreign bearing.

Gardena VFW to host Nisei veterans in '57

SAN JOSE.—Over 200 Nisei VFW veterans and their families attended their sixth annual convention here this past week. Gardena will host the 1957 meeting while Sierra Nisei post of Fresno is scheduled to take the 1958 meeting, it was announced at the closing session Sunday.

ter credit union and these figures are not included in the total reported to date, Miss Takeda added.

The 886 total surpassed the 1955 postwar high mark of 711 for the San Francisco chapter and also Chicago JACL total membership of 838, best record of any chapter last year.

Letter—

Continued from Front Page

of Pasadena," the last of the replies printed in the Letters column declared.

While the letters generally expressed the views as noted in various letters published in last week's Pacific Citizen, a unique exception was found in the reply of Paul H. Yamamoto, Berkeley JACL president, who disclaimed the Lincoln Yamamoto allegations with "bouquets from one Yamamoto to another."

(The Pasadena JACL has continued its search for Lincoln Yamamoto and as of Monday this week reports no success of locating the writer.)

JACL attention was called to the letter early Feb. 15 when a professional staff member in Congress informed Mike Masaoka. A quick and thorough check followed in Pasadena and revealed no Lincoln Yamamoto in residence there. National JACL Headquarters in San Francisco then immediately informed all of its 88 chapters across the country calling attention to the Newsweek letter.

Nat'l JACL credit union annual meeting Mar. 18

SALT LAKE CITY.—The annual meeting of the National JACL Credit Union will be held at the Temple Noodle House, Mar. 18, 7 p.m., it was announced by Hito Okada, treasurer.

Camera club leader

BERKELEY.—Dr. Henry Takahashi, a prolific exhibitor in black & white as well as color, of Berkeley has been elected president of the No. Calif. Council of Camera Clubs for 1956. Last year, he flew to Boston to receive his APSA award.

Grand jury member

SANTA ANA.—Roy Kobayashi was among those empaneled on the 1956 Orange County grand jury.

Financial Statement of Nat'l Japanese American Citizens League Credit Union
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— PROFIT AND LOSS —

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Credit Union Dues 158.40	
Equipmt. Maintenance ... 63.25	
Depreciation Expense .. 83.88	
Blanket Bond 188.00	
Social Security 12.82	
Misc. Expenses 75.19	
PROFIT 8,289.92	
	12,162.81
	12,162.81

1955 Profit\$8,289.92
10% to Guaranty Fund 828.99
Net Undivided Earnings 7,460.93

— BALANCE SHEET —

Assets	Liabilities
Loans\$145,733.15	Shares\$162,710.89
U.S. Gov't Bonds 2,145.31	Deprec. Res. F&E 271.97
Furniture & Equipmt. .. 784.77	Guaranty Fund 4,258.25
Cash in Bank 26,021.13	Undivided Earnings 7,460.93
Petty Cash 20.00	Accounts Payable 2.32
	\$174,704.36
	\$174,704.36

Respectfully submitted,
HITO OKADA,
Treasurer

Dec. 31, 1955

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NAT'L DIRECTOR'S REPORT: by Masao Satow



What Can Newsweek Say?

Salt Lake City
 ■ We have been speculating on how *Newsweek* is going to handle the furor it created among all good Americans. It is difficult to figure how this hitherto highly respected news magazine could do such an irresponsible thing.

Many of our chapters, members and friends have transmitted their feeling of indignation and expressions of disappointment that *Newsweek* should resurrect the old lies. However, as usual, there will be those who get all steamed up but do nothing about it, expecting national and local JACL officers to carry the ball, without trying to provide any interference. "That's why your JACL is organized", they will say, but will continue to resist any efforts to collect a couple of bucks from them for membership dues so that we can continue to protect their interests for them.

Special plaudits to One Thousander Soichi Fukui, commander of the Commodore Perry Legion Post, for his forthright letter to Senator Kuchel, and our thanks to the Senator from California for including Soichi's letter in his remarks on our behalf on the Senate floor and duly recorded in the *Congressional Record*.

WE MEET OUR BOSSES

■ We have been on the road again to renew acquaintances with our members who constitute our bosses. We should do this more often, but since the National Council cut our travel budget starting with 1952, we have no recourse.

We have just returned to Salt Lake City from visiting with our Montana and Northern Wyoming chapters. Both were in the form of Nihonshoku potluck, informal family style with Issei naturalized citizens, Nisei, and a generous sprinkling of Sansei youngsters. We should report that the Sansei were amazingly well behaved, especially during the Deacon's rantings, or could it be that we lulled them to sleep?

The Montana meeting was held in Billings although the great majority of the members live some 50 miles away toward Hardin. President-elect Yugo Nayematsu and immediate past President Sam Shirasago drove us around to see Billings' growth with the discovery of oil in this midland empire area. They say it's just a matter of getting used to the zero weather, and once it goes below, how-much-below doesn't make too much difference. Br-r-r! Out of Worland our plane was an hour late. Reason: it was so cold in Billings where the flight originated that they had a difficult time getting the plane's engines started.

Kaz and Toshiko Uriu took us in tow at Worland, said we looked tired, and insisted we take a very welcome nap. We learned a lot about sheep husbandry from Kaz who is formerly from San Gabriel Valley, while Toshiko is a native Montanan. We installed President Harry Ujifusa to succeed George Ujifusa. Seems like everytime you turned around you run into an Ujifusa up there.

Before coming out this way, we visited our Florin Chapter to get President Alvin Seno and his cabinet started. Despite a bad cold, outgoing prez Paul Ito insisted on extending us the proper hospitality, which he did along with long time active JACler Woodrow Ishikawa, whose brother is CCDC Chairman Jin. Special guests were Judges Mix and Desmond. Both of them told us the great majority of their work consist of traffic violations. How to get motorists aware that traffic laws are for their own protection is the problem.

With installations scheduled for Stockton and Monterey next week, our rounds of chapter installations will be over. After meeting with the Salt Lake and Ogden Chapters the next few days, we will stick around for our 10th National JACL Bowling Tournament.

SHALL OUR TOURNAMENTS BE LIMITED TO NISEI?

■ The major problem to be faced at the team captains' meeting is the growing pressure to restrict our tournament to Nisei bowlers in view of the original purposes of providing Nisei bowlers an opportunity to see how they stack up against their fellow Nisei across the country, and to raise the caliber of Nisei bowling. Should the tournament become restricted to a Nisei invitational? As JACL in all good conscience cannot make this restriction in view of its open membership policy, then it may be time for JACL to relinquish the tournament to the bowlers but continue to cooperate and assist.

ATTENTION: RECORDING SECRETARIES

■ Once again we would like to call attention of the new chapter recording secretaries that National Headquarters would appreciate copies of the minutes of all local chapter meetings, whether general or cabinet. While this is to keep us posted on chapter plans and programs, we can also be helpful to the chapters in other ways with these minutes. (1) At various times certain members are assigned to contact National Headquarters for information and materials. On spotting this, we can take care of these before we are contacted, thus saving time and correspondence. (2) By reading the minutes, we can be helpful by sending along suggestions for implementing the proposed particular activity or refer to other chapters who had similar programs. (3) At times we can clarify national policies on any particular matter or explain reasons for same.

However, in order to be helpful, we must get the minutes promptly following the meeting. Some of the chapter have sent in all the meeting minutes at the end of the year. Although these are still read, we cannot be currently helpful.

1956 Cabinets

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- David Akashi Pres.
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 - Dr. Kiyoshi Sonoda 2nd V.P.
 - Mas Oshinomi Treas.
 - Midori Nishi Rec. Sec.
 - Ruth Miyada Cor. Sec.
 - George Nakao Aud.
 - Frank Kishi Athletic
 - Steve Yagi Pub.
- Members-at-Large
- Dr. Tom Abe
 - Miye Yoshimura
 - James Inatomi
 - Hiroshi Naramura
 - Dr. Milton Inouye
 - Rose Honda
 - Dick Jeniye
 - Harry Tashima
 - Tony Nagazaki

Arkansas Valley JACL

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- Jim Hiraki
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 - Frank Hatamiya
 - George Nakamura

Portland JACL bestows cup to person long active with chapter since reactivation

PORTLAND. — One of the best secrets kept at the recent Portland JACL installation dinner was the presentation of a trophy to an individual who has been active in the local chapter since its reactivation 10 years ago, having given her time unselfishly and faithfully supporting the program.

A person that the chapter would feel a great loss if she were to leave the group and who has been treasured and taken for granted many times but not forgotten—she is Kimie Tambara.

It was a big surprise to her, too, as evidenced by her not rising until her name was called four times as she kept waiting for the party to rise.

Owner of a beauty shop and English editor of the *Oregon Weekly*, she was installed as corresponding secretary this year.

William Mambu, secretary to the National JACL board, of Seattle was the main speaker. Dr. Kelly Yamada, PNWDC chairman, of Seattle installed the officers at the Feb. 19 dinner at the New Tokyo Restaurant. The 1956 officers are headed by Shigeru Hongo, president.

Dayton JACL meeting to feature potluck sup

DAYTON.—A potluck supper will be served following the Mar. 4 general meeting of the local JACL at the home of chapter president Dr. Mark Nakauchi. The chapter will co-host with Cincinnati the Midwest District Council convention in April.

Cincinnati Mayor Charles Taft to speak at principal MDC convention banquet

CINCINNATI.—Charles Taft, mayor of Cincinnati and brother to the late Senator Robert Taft, will deliver the principal address at the JACL Midwest District Council dinner on Saturday night, May 26, at the Netherland Plaza Hotel here, according to Convention Chairman Dr. James Takao.

Mayor Taft, a distinguished public figure, has the honor of being the first layman to serve as president of the World Council of Churches. He is particularly remembered by the Nisei for his assistance during the relocation period and his support in obtaining passage of bills favorable to the Japanese Americans.

The theme of the meeting as announced by MDC Chairman Abe Hagiwara will be "The Future Role of the JACL in the Midwest." The program will begin officially on Friday night, May 25, with the

"Hello Mixer" for early arrivals from the eight chapters comprising the Midwest District Council.

The council session will begin Saturday morning at 9:30. Mas Satow, National Director, who will help lead the council in its deliberations, is slated to address the delegates at the luncheon preceding the afternoon session.

The social highlight of the MDC meeting will be the dinner-dance on Saturday night when a large turn out is expected. If business remains unfinished, the council will meet on Sunday, May 27. Each chapter is expected to send two official delegates, several alternates, and booster delegates to the meeting.

Member chapters comprising the Midwest District Council are Chicago, Cleveland, Cincinnati, Dayton, Detroit, Milwaukee, St. Louis, and Twin Cities.

Cortez chapter outlines full year calendar, '56 cabinet officers installed

BY HELEN YUGE


TURLOCK.—Formal installation of 1956 Cortez JACL officers was held at McNeff's Steak House here Feb. 11.

Don Winton, attorney from Merced and a member of Livingston-Merced JACL chapter, administered the oath to president Albert Morimoto and his cabinet. Ernest Yoshida was presented with the pearl studded Past President's pin on behalf of the organization by Dr. Harry Kita, special guest from the Salinas JACL chapter. Members and guests enjoyed bridge and canasta after the meeting.

The chapter voted to send Sumi Sugiura to the high school conference on "International Relationship" sponsored by the Civil Liberties Union at Asilomar on March 23 to 25. She is a senior at Livingston High School.

At a recent cabinet meeting, social chairmen May Toyoda and Tsutomu Sugiura presented a program for the coming year as follows:

March—snow party, general meeting; April — fishing derby, community picnic; May—dance; June—graduating outing at Lake Yosemite; July—weiner roast at Crane Park; November—general meeting; December — Christmas party, general meeting.




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STOCKTON JACL CABINET TO BE FETED MAR. 9

STOCKTON.—The Stockton JACL will hold its installation banquet Mar. 9, 6:30 p.m., at Rizzo's on Waterloo Rd. The occasion will also honor new Issei citizens, who were expected to register for the dinner by Mar. 5 at the Japanese Calvary Presbyterian or Buddhist churches or with the Nichiei or Hokubei branch offices.

Mas Satow, national JACL director, will be the main speaker. Local civic dignitaries are being invited.

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by Jerry Enomoto



San Francisco

■ Dropped in to visit the Utsumis last Sunday and was prevailed upon to stay for dinner (my arm was twisted naturally). Among those present were our Hospitality Chairman, Sumi, her brother Babe and his charming wife Helen, sister Nellie, wife of the San Francisco Chapter's new Treasurer Mo Noguchi, sister Lois and her husband Albert Morimoto, newly elected prexy of the Cortez Chapter, and the gracious Mrs. Utsumi, mother of the Utsumi brood. This writer was very gratified to learn that Prexy Al planned to push the matter of submitting package deals for official delegates, as well as other pre-registrations as soon as possible. "It's good to get those things taken care of before we get too busy" he said, and we hope all of our farm and ranch brethren will follow suit.

It was old home week recently at the home of Paul Yamamoto, prexy of the Berkeley Chapter. Paul and his attractive wife, Kay, hosted a buffet dinner in honor of his brother, Bill who, with wife Keiko and their two youngsters, were visiting the bay area for a week. . . . Reminded with Bill, Mo, Dr. "Beep" Nagumo about bygone days when we were bright eyed students at UC, and housemates at Euclid Hall. . . . Surprised and pleased to run into Yori and Chiyo Wada there, he's editor of our Convention Booklet, you know. . . . Took advantage of Paul's hospitality to deliver some Operation Mercury tickets, with full confidence that his hustling Chapter will support this project, as well as "Changing Perspectives" to the hilt.

BOUQUETS

■ We're much obliged to Jin Ishikawa, chairman of the Central California District Council, for the very fine cooperation shown us on the Operation Mercury project. A shipment of tickets and letters were hurriedly sent to him prior to the recent CCDC confab in Fowler. An immediate reply was received that distribution had been made, and that the project was in the hands of George Baba of Selma. Many thanx, Jin and George.

While we're passing out orchids, let's not forget our hard working National Director Mas Satow and NCWN District Council chairman, Yas Abiko, who have been very good about acting as delivery boys for "Mercury", while on their rounds among the chapters

PERSONALITIES: MARY, KATHY & LUCY

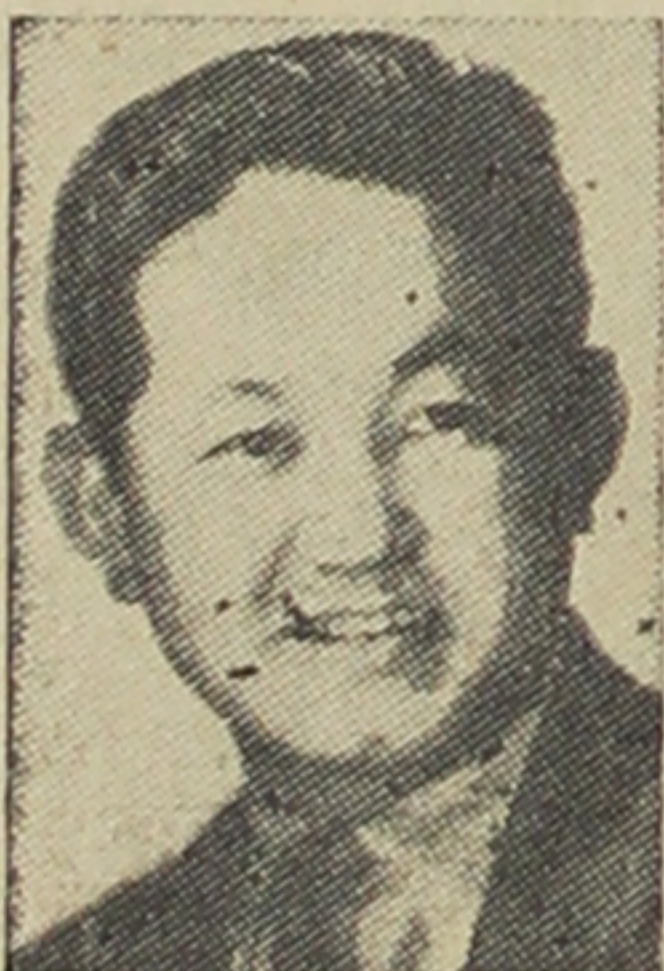
■ This time, your reporter spotlights three young ladies who are a very integral part of "Changing Perspectives"; Mary, Kathy, and Lucy.

The first of this trio, Mary Yonemoto, is a charming and efficient gal who does a remarkable job as recording secretary to the Convention Board. She earns her bread and butter as a secretary, bowls for a hobby, and is a good example of attractiveness and ability.

"Kathy" is Katherine Reyes, a fun loving and cute schoolmarm, who is our Convention corresponding secretary. She also doubles as co-editor of the newsy S.F. Chapter Newsletter. . . . Don't know a nicer or more capable gal.

Lucy Adachi, secretary to the Convention Chairman, is easily one of the most hard working S.F. Chapter Board members. As chairman, Lucy was the key gal behind the success of the Chapter in supporting L.A.'s Operation Ichi Doru in 1954 to the tune of almost \$1,200. Personable Lucy can always be counted on as a come-thru gal for JACL.

VERY TRULY YOURS: by Harry K. Honda



Bruyeres & Pipes

*Hail! social pipe—thou foe of care,
Companion of my elbow chair;
As forth thy curling fumes arise,
They seem an evening sacrifice—
An offering to my Maker's praise,
For all his benefits of grace.*

—Sir Samuel Garth.

● With this verse, I should declare myself as a pipe devotee in the conspicuous but easy-going pastime of smoking. Among JACLers, it is said a picture of past national president Hito Okada without one of his pipes misses the mark. . . . There may be more joining our ranks if smokers take heed to a recent report of a definite correlation between cigarettes and lung cancer. Cigarette fans might take refuge in pipes.

● As for tobacco, Alfred Dunhill, the British authority, says its use started in the Mayan civilization (whose history pre-dates the birth of Christ). Stone carvings have been found depicting priests using a form of pipe to blow tobacco smoke. . . . Its use spread among the American Indians in later years as witnessed in their ceremonial pipes of peace or the calumet. . . . When Columbus landed in America in 1492, he found natives puffing tobacco leaves rolled in corn-shucks. By the time Sir Raleigh presented Queen Elizabeth with some, clay pipes were being manufactured. Dutch and Portuguese traders introduced tobacco in Japan by 1600. King James I's denunciation against tobacco in 1604 only encouraged its popularity. For a whole century then, a papal interdiction against smoking was in effect. . . . George Washington was a tobacco planter. A tobacco-leaf pattern was worked into the columns of the Nation's Capitol. Gen. U.S. Grant was famous for his cigar-smoking. A tobaccoist convention in 1910 protested the automobile which would lure smokers away from homes and clubs. The YMCA lifted its ban on smoking when it ordered 70 million cigarettes for the dough-boys in France. Such are some of the interesting facets of tobacco history.

● There's a Nisei angle, too—if we can stretch it a bit. The French word for briar, most popular item for pipe-makers, is *bruyere*. And Bruyeres (the plural form of the word) happens to be the French mountain-town which honors the 442nd RCT on the town's Liberation Day in late October.

**TWIN CITIES UCL
INSTALLS '56 CABINET**

MINNEAPOLIS.—The 1956 Twin Cities UCL cabinet was officially installed at a dinner-dance held Feb. 18 at the Hotel Normandy. Harry Takagi, past MDC chairman, administered the oath of office to president Tom Kanno and his assistants. The Rev. Andrew Otani gave the invocation and benediction.

**Detroit pushes
'56 memberships**

DETROIT.—The membership drive of the District JACL is now in full swing, according to Fred Yoshida, 2nd v.p., who has appointed Miss Kay Miyaya and Charles Yata as co-chairmen and Pete Fujioka as 1000 Club chairman.

Captains have been selected for the 27 zones and suburbs of Detroit. Mae Miyagawa and Jiro Shimoda are campaign secretary and treasurer, respectively.

The drive ends the early part of March, culminating with a potluck dinner for 1955-56 canvassers at the Mar. 18 general meeting.

(Detroit ranked as second behind Chicago's 838 in the Midwest District Council membership for a chapter with 349 last year.)

Abe Hagiwara, MDC chairman, of Chicago will be guest speaker, it was announced by Dr. Ted Kokubo, meeting chairman. Assisting are Pete Fujioka, Mary Fukuda, Sud Kimoto, Mrs. Betty Mimura, Mrs. Miyo O'Neill, Mrs. Toshi Shimoura and Min Togasaki. A children's program will be supervised by Mrs. Janice Ouchi.

**Nisei named honorary
JCC Auxiliary member**

ANN ARBOR, Mich.—Mrs. Joseph D. Sasaki was named honorary member of the local Jr. Chamber of Commerce Auxiliary at charter night ceremonies recently. A charter member of the organization with an active record, she was automatically terminated in 1950 because of age qualification.

Her son, Edwin, was named youth delegate to the Ann Arbor-Washtenaw County Council of Churches. Dr. Sasaki is also a delegate representing the First Congregational Church here.

Cincinnati bowling

CINCINNATI.—A rollicking afternoon for 30 local JACLers who bowled Feb. 19 at Pleasant Ridge ended with a hearty snack at Ken Sugawara's residence in the evening. He was bowling party chairman.

Dental trophy winner

DETROIT.—Miss Karen Seriguchi, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George Seriguchi, won a third place trophy in the 6-10 years age group dental health contest at the Univ. of Detroit children's clinic recently.

San Diego Jr. Matrons

SAN DIEGO.—Mary Suyenaga was installed as president of the San Diego Buddhist Jr. Matrons at the Miyako recently by Mrs. C. Yamamoto, adviser. Playground equipment for the local Buddhist church was ordered and Chinese cooking demonstrated at the February meeting.

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**CCDC maps JACL membership plan
from Madera to Bakersfield for '56**

FOWLER.—Membership quotas covering Central California from Madera in the north to Bakersfield in the south were disclosed at the first CCDC meeting here Feb. 18, with chairman Jin Ishikawa of Fresno presiding.

Parlier JACL was cited as being the first of 10 chapters to conclude its 1956 membership drive, doubling their quota by including 22 1000 Club members.

Central California hopes to have at least 17 per cent of each chapter membership enrolled as 1000 Club members, according to Tom Nakamura of Sanger, CCDC 1000 Club chairman. To date, the district has two 1000 Club life members: Fred Hirasuna of Fresno and Ben Koga of Parlier.

Dr. George Suda of Fresno was appointed chairman for the "chapter of the year" committee which began in January and is to run until one month prior to the C.C. JACL District Council convention. Judging for the chapter will be done by past chairmen and a trophy or plaque will be presented.

Dr. James Ikemiya of Reedley was named chairman of the nomination committee from this district for the national convention this fall. Mike Iwatsubo of Fresno is to assist.

Johnson Kebo of Sanger is in charge of the Nisei of the Bien-nium from Central California.

Other appointments include George Abe of Selma and Kaz Nemoto of Parlier, co-chairman of the C.C. JACL District Council national quota drive; Dr. James Nagatani of Delano, Dr. Henry Kazato of Fresno and Mikio Uchiyama of Fowler, "individual of the year" committee; George Baba of Selma, in charge of the National JACL convention project.

The CCDC passed a resolution extending its sympathy to the family of the late Tom Yego, national JACL 1st vice-president who died Feb. 8. The CCDC also submitted a strong protest to Newsweek for its publication of the Lincoln Yamamoto letter.

Mats Ando reported that Kingsburg will be organized with a full program this year.

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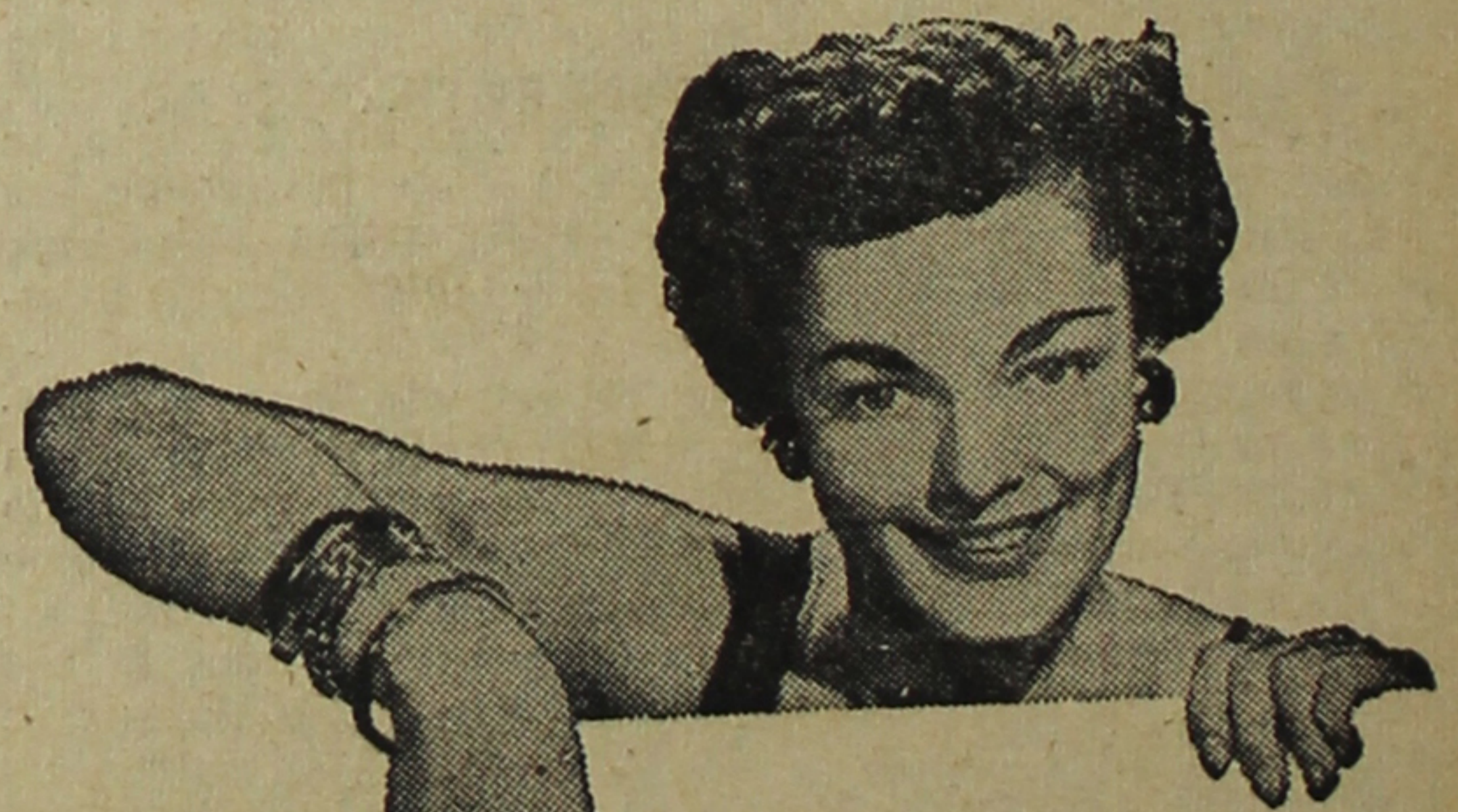


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TOKYO TOPICS: by Tamotsu Murayama

Taxing Social Security



Tokyo

Social security payments received by former U.S. residents in Japan are taxable under Japanese income tax laws.

This problem has been in consideration for some time by the Foreign Office, which has been seeking to arrive at some favorable answer for Japanese pioneers coming here.

The people of Japan are paying a high rate of taxes on income. It is estimated to be between 15 and 20 per cent for the average wage-earner.

REGULAR WAGE-EARNERS HARD HIT

As a lecturer at the Waseda University, I am compensated about ¥3,000 from which there is 15% deduction for various taxes.

The year-end income tax is something terrific. Every-

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THE NORTHWEST PICTURE: by Elmer Ogawa

Inside VA Hospital



Seattle

The Veterans Administration Hospital in Seattle sits on top of Beacon Hill surrounded by a lush green landscape.

the driving range with its 50-foot high net enclosure, the reservoir, and the Marine Hospital over on the north end of the hill.

This is our first opportunity to see the hospital from where the patient sits. Previously it had been from the cameraman's perspective, recording Christmas parties and visiting patients.

600 CALORIES A DAY

The very first morning at the hospital, we were a little late for breakfast because of some lab tests that had to be made previously.

But all this was before the diet. Ah, that diet. 600 calories—all day. It was like being shipwrecked when the rations are scarce.

The nurse announced, "Mr. Ogawa, you will have your supper here in the room on a tray, and er, there won't be much on the tray. You will receive with it nine pills which are to be taken one every five minutes while eating.

When the tray came, it carried a piece of whole wheat toast with jam, couple of halves of canned apricot, and a cup of tea.

BEST THING: TO BE AN AMERICAN

My three pals in the room were vets of "the big war,"—you know, 1917-18. One knew Jimmie Sakamoto when Jimmie was fighting.

It would be a mistake to create the impression that this is all a feather bedding gravy train deal. Everything is sure enough serious. The demand for beds exceeds the supply, and there's a long waiting list.

Roster of teams bowling in 10th Nat'l JACL Bowling Tourney

SALT LAKE.—The official rosters of 88 teams participating in the 10th annual National JACL Bowling Tournament here Mar. 1-4 were released as follows:

MEN'S TEAMS

- 900 SQUADS
Sequoia Nursery (948) Redwood City
Dixon Ikeda 187, Gish Endo 190, George Furuya 179, Tats Nagase 192, Fuzzy Shimada 200.

- 800 SQUADS
Roy Miya's Garage (848) Ogden
Toys Kate 173, Min Miya 165, Jim Nakano 160, Yoni Kosaiku 170, Tom Yamada 180.

- 750 SQUADS
Jensen Oil (791) Salt Lake City
Lou Nakagawa 167, Tak Iwamoto 152, Dick Shiba 161, Piney Sonoda 164, Tom

- Press' Hamburger (857) Salt Lake City
Hid Sonoda 172, Duzo Seko 183, Mike Nakamura 171, Kay Harada 174, Hut Kariya 177.

- Inouye 147.
Terashima Studio (796) Salt Lake City
Sam Tateoka 166, Jim Ushio 169, Bill Honda 159, Mas Namba 132, Min Matsumori 171.

Daimaru Brand advertisement with logo and 'LOOK for and INSIST on Daimaru BRAND' text.

HIME BRAND WEL-PAC advertisement with logo and 'FINEST Brands in Japanese FOODS' text.

Kikkoman Soy Sauce advertisement with logo and 'WEL-PAC BRAND' text.

WASHINGTON NEWSLETTER: by Mike Masaoka



Unused Quota Program

Washington

Last week we commented on the President's ingenious proposal for increasing quota immigration as implemented in identical Administration bills sponsored by Republicans Senator Arthur Watkins of Utah and Representative Kenneth Keating of New York. In the case of Japan, for example, the increase would be

three-fold, from 185 to approximately 563 annually.

This week we shall comment on the equally ingenious proposal for the use of the so-called unused quotas.

Under existing immigration law, 154,657 quota immigrants may be admitted into the United States annually on a "national origins" basis. As a matter of fact, however, according to Representative Keating, only about two-thirds of the designated annual total is used, with the countries of northern and western Europe with the largest authorized quotas consistently failing to fill theirs, while those in southern and central Europe constantly oversubscribe their relatively small quotas every year.

The Watkins-Keating provisions to utilize these unused quotas take into account the larger quotas that would be given to every country under their revised formula, which includes an annual limitation of 219,461 immigrants, or approximately 65,000 more than is currently authorized for admission.

QUOTA POOLS FOR MAJOR GEOGRAPHICAL AREAS

The Administration bills provide for the establishment of four quota pools for each of the major geographical areas—Europe, Asia, Africa, and Oceania—for the purpose of utilizing the unused quotas of the countries within each of the respective quota pool areas.

Afghanistan, Arabian Peninsula, Asia-Pacific Triangle, Bhutan, Burma, Cambodia, Ceylon, China, India, Indonesia, Iran, Iraq, Israel, Japan, Jordan, Korea, Laos, Lebanon, Muscat, Nepal, Pakistan, Philippines, Saudi Arabia, Syria, Thailand, Vietnam, and Yemen are included in the Asia quota pool.

It is proposed that the quota numbers that have not been issued at the termination of a fiscal year's (June 30) shall be assigned to the pool of the region within which the respective quota areas are situated.

The Secretary of State will then determine the quota numbers available to the regional pools and will authorize the issuance of these quotas to applicants with special skills needed in this country (first preference qualifications under existing statutes) and to close relatives of United States citizens and resident aliens (second, third, and fourth preference categories of the current code) on a "first come, first served" basis without reference to country of birth, ancestry, or national origin.

The unused quota numbers of regional pools may not, however, be carried over beyond the stipulated 12-month period, from October 1 to September 30 of the following year.

RESEARCH ON 1955's UNUSED QUOTAS

Because it is impossible to estimate the number of unused quotas in the future under the proposed revised immigration formula of the President, in order that some indication of its possibilities might be had for information purposes, research was done on last year's (1955) unused quotas.

Unofficially, the estimates were that the new Europe pool would have had 59,125 additional quotas because such northern and western countries as Great Britain and Germany did not utilize their allocated quotas to this extent, Asia would have had 1,178, Africa 967, and Oceania 359.

Unofficially, the total registered demand, that is the number of applicants registered with American consulate abroad for the first, second, third, and fourth preference categories, for skilled workers and close relatives of United States citizens and resident aliens, for each of the quota pools reveals the following:

For Europe—62,202.
For Asia—3,177.
For Africa—177.
For Oceania—129.

LONG-SEPARATED FAMILIES TO BE BENEFITED

Of course, these so-called quota demands are far from accurate, for we know of many in Japan, for instance, who are close relatives of American citizens and resident aliens who have not applied for visas because they know that it will be many years under the present circumstances before quota numbers will be available to them.

On the other hand, with the possible exception of such countries as Japan, China, Philippines, and Israel, most of the peoples of the nations in the Asia quota pool area have not demonstrated a great desire to emigrate to this land.

Accordingly, if the Watkins-Keating proposal for the use of unused quotas is enacted into law, it is likely that in a few years the long-separated families of many American citizens and resident aliens may be reunited.

Once this is accomplished, it may be that these unused quota area pools may not be necessary except for possibly skilled workers needed in this country.

ADMINISTRATION PROPOSALS UNIQUE

Like the new quota distribution formula (described last week), the Administration proposals for handling unused quotas are unique and ingenious. By dividing the world into regional areas and establishing pools for each area based upon the unused quotas of the countries within the regional area, and making this quota pool available only to the countries within that same region, practically all of the countries that need the use of additional quotas are aided thereby with, of course, Italy, Greece, and their sister countries in southern and central Europe receiving the biggest share.

By establishing a separate quota pool only for Asians, Japan, China, and the Philippines, for example, are at least assured that some quota numbers will be available to their nationals desiring to emigrate to the United States.

If the allocation of unused quota numbers were left to a commission or agency, there would be a real question as to whether such politically unimportant groups in this country as the Asians would be able to secure "their share" of such quota numbers, especially against politically important nationality groups as those from southern and eastern Europe.



Ambassador and Mrs. John Sherman Cooper, U.S. Ambassador to India, visit the "People's Capitalism in the U.S.A." exhibit. They watch Henry Bausili (left) and Jack Hirose (center) put up photographs of three faiths, which was suggested by President Eisenhower during his visit.

U.S. Information Agency exhibit to go on world tour, engineered by Nisei artist

WASHINGTON.—Engineering the whole project for the "People's Capitalism in the U.S.A." exhibit going on a world tour to combat Soviet propaganda on communism is the story of Jack Hirose, successful Nisei commercial artist.

Hirose, a partner in the commercial art firm of Art Designers studio, made up the working drawings for building the 7,000 square feet of exhibits featuring America at work, at play, at church.

President Eisenhower made his first public appearance since his heart attack at the preview of the exhibit which was on display in Union Station in Washington, D.C. and gave constructive criticism for improving the exhibit to emphasize that the American way of life is the way to freedom from want and fear and that U.S. economic system benefits the mass of the citizens.

The project, which will cost well over \$100,000, has a model of a cabin in America in 1776, built and furnished by the Studio, and a full-scale prefabricated rambler given by United States Steel. The family depicted in the rambler was furnished by Life magazine which had, previously pictorially featured the Barnes family as a typical factory worker's family. Many other private firms contributed money and equipment to the exhibit.

The project was conceived by

Janet Fukuda named to '55-'56 Who's Who in American universities

Adding more honors to her list of outstanding achievements, Janet Fukuda was recently named in the 1955-56 Who's Who in American Universities and Colleges, the Orange County JACL publication Santana Wind reported this week.

Students are selected on the basis of scholarship, leadership in extra-curricular and academic activities, citizenship, service to school and promise of future usefulness in business and society.

Eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Fukuda of Anaheim, she is attending the Univ. of Southern California on a four-year scholarship, majoring in dental hygiene.

During her past four years, she has served as president and vice-president of the Associated Women Students and is member of the Mortar Board, Amazons and Chimes, service honorary groups on the Trojan campus. In 1952, she was selected CINO queen and was national JACL queen in 1954. Instrumental in organizing the O.C. JAYS, she served as its first vice-president and is currently on its board of directors.

Carnation convention

SAN FRANCISCO.—Bay Area and Peninsula Nisei growers were taking leading roles hosting the 62nd annual convention of the American Carnation Society at the Hotel Mark Hopkins this week. Majority of the host group are Issei and Nisei who raise most of the carnations in Northern California. Roy Iwata of Mountain View is convention co-chairman.

the Advertising Council, the public service organization of the advertising industry and sponsored by the United States Information Agency. Art Designers studio was awarded the contract for constructing it in view of its experienced personnel.

Wilroy Wells, the graphic arts consultant and graphics analyst for the studio, consulted with the members of the Advertising Council and the USIA officials regarding the exhibit.

The project was completed six weeks from the day the contract to proceed was received, working a 24-hour shift. It is tentatively slated to go to Tokyo first where it will stay until late spring, to be then sent to New Delhi, India, and other Asian countries, and subsequently to Europe.

All of the captions in the exhibit will be translated into the language of the country being visited.

Hirose first came to Washington, D.C. in the fall of 1943 at the invitation of Thomas Holland, an officer with the War Relocation Authority. He went to work for the Washington Post in 1944. After serving a short hitch in the army with the infantry in South Carolina in 1945, he returned to the Post until 1947. In 1947 he became art director for an advertising agency in D.C., leaving in 1950 to form a partnership with Henry Bausili. Robert Valosio joined the partnership in 1952. The studio now has in its employ 25 employees.

Major accounts held by Art Designers studio include the Wall Street Journal, the New York Life Insurance Co., E. I. duPont de Nemours & Co., Inc., J. Walter Thompson Agency, the American National Red Cross, the American Automobile Association, Capitol Airlines, Johnson and Johnson Products, National Association of Home Builders; government accounts include the Armed Forces, Departments of Commerce, State, Labor and Health, Education, and Welfare.

Hirose is originally from West Los Angeles and prior to evacuation attended the Art Center School of commercial art in Los Angeles. He was married in January 1944 to the former Kinu Hirashima of Long Beach.

Active in civic affairs, Hirose was instrumental in organizing the Washington, D.C. JACL chapter in 1947. He also holds the distinction with Dr. Henry Minami of being the first Nisei elected in this area as Worshipful Master, belonging to the Chillum Castle Masonic Lodge in Chillum, Maryland.

Professionally, Hirose belongs to the Advertising Club of Washington, D.C., having served for the past two years as chairman for its art show, the first of which was held at Corcoran Art Gallery and the second at the American Institute of Architects and the Art Directors Club, which is a branch of the National Association of Art Directors, having served as first vice-president in 1955.

Other organizations with which Hirose is affiliated include the Washington Board of Trade and the United States Chamber of Commerce.

CHANGES IN BUDDHIST CHURCH ADMINISTRATION VOTED AT S.F. MEETING

SAN FRANCISCO.—Major developments in church administration resulted from the annual meeting of the Buddhist Churches of America here last weekend.

One resolution called for creation of a religious affairs department to "deal with problems spiritual in nature" for Buddhist clergymen and a secular affairs department for Buddhist laymen to deal with finances, public relations and works of a similar nature.

It was reported 66 ministers are serving 48 churches affiliated with the BCA with a 1955 active membership total of 8,430.

New claims bill—

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cumbersome, and restrictive procedures. This legislation will not only speed up program by many years by authorizing compromise settlements with appeals to the Court of Claims for dissatisfied claimants but would also validate interneer, corporate, and timely postmarked claims which are presently barred under existing statutes.

Official Democratic objectors are Representatives Charles B. Deane of North Carolina, Wayne G. Aspinall of Colorado, and Edward P. Boland of Massachusetts, while official Republican objectors are Representatives Paul Cunningham of Iowa, John W. Byrnes of Wisconsin, and Gerald R. Ford, Jr. of Michigan.

Masaoka revealed that he has asked Representative Patrick J. Hillings, Whittier, Calif., Republican, who introduced the predecessor bills in 1954 and 1955 and Rep. William A. Dawson, Utah Republican, to urge official GOP objectors to permit the bill to pass without objection and Democratic Representatives George P. Miller, Alameda, Calif., and Sidney R. Yates, Chicago, to request official objectors of their party to also withhold objections.

Seattle youth accidentally killed handling revolver

SEATTLE.—Salinas-born Elmer T. Ikeda, 17, accidentally shot himself while handling a loaded revolver Feb. 18. The Queen Anne High senior was active in school and extra-curricular organizations, a member of the football and tennis team and had awards in the National Rifle Association in the junior division.

CALENDAR

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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)
Dayton—General meeting & potluck supper, Dr. Mark Nakauchi residence, 3 p.m.
IDC—Winter meeting, Hotel Temple Square, 12 noon.
Salt Lake—Tournament award dinner-dance, Ollie's Terrace.
Mar. 9 (Friday)
Stockton—Installation Banquet, Rizzo's, 6:30 p.m.; Mas Satow, spkr.
Chicago—Meeting.
Philadelphia—Board Meeting, Henry Tani residence, 8:30 p.m.
Mar. 11 (Sunday)
Ventura County—Installation Banquet, Kit's Palomino Room, Oxnard.
Hollywood—Get-Acquainted Social, Hollywood Community Center.
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. 20 (Tuesday)
Pasadena—Cabinet meeting, Harris Ozawa residence, 7:30 p.m.
Mar. 22 (Thursday)
Pasadena—General meeting.
Mar. 24 (Saturday)
East L.A.—Membership dinner-dance.
San Francisco—Auxiliary benefit dance, Buddhist 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.
April 7 (Saturday)
D.C.—Spring Dance (semi-formal), Airport Terrace Room, 10 p.m.