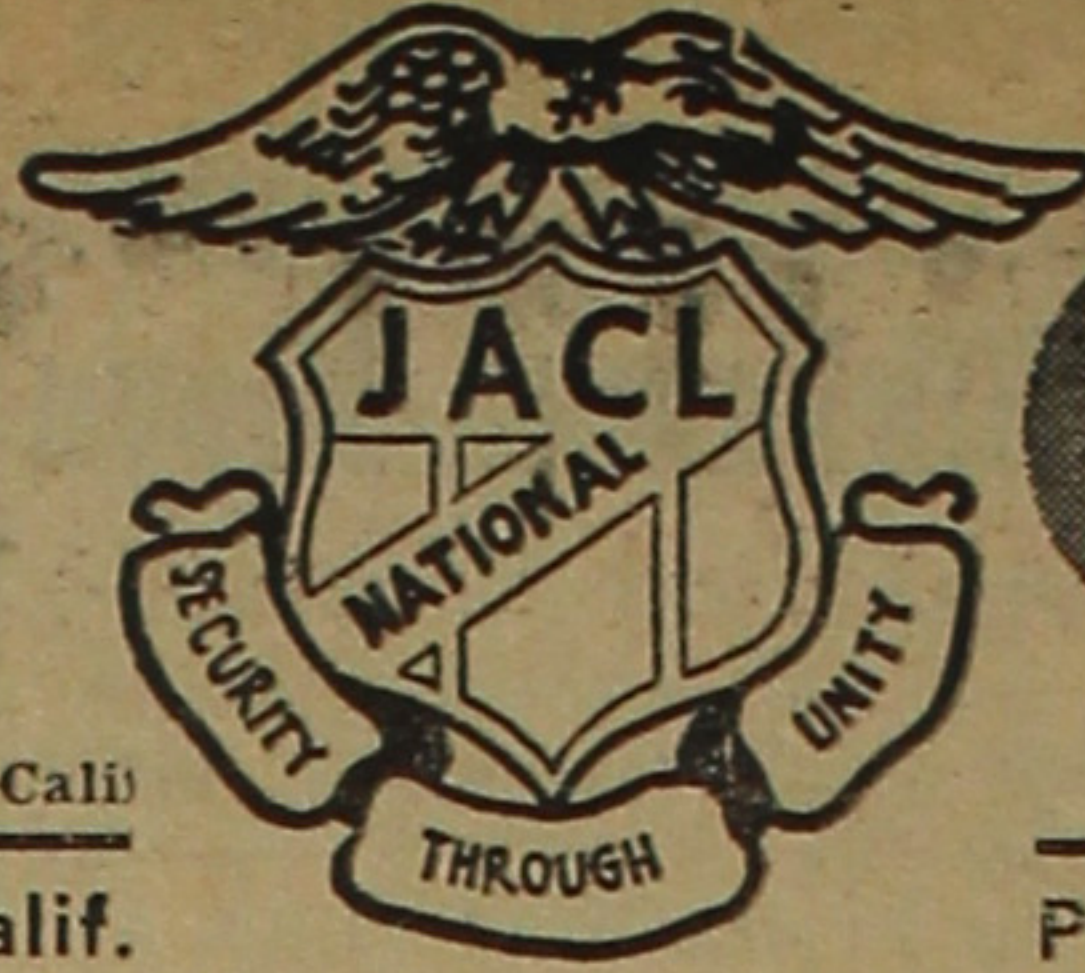


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## PRESIDENT'S CORNER:

Let's all get our feet wet!

Last year in one of our columns we deliberately and shamelessly tried to fan the flames of a red hot membership contest among the larger local chapters. Denver, Chicago, and Seattle somehow dropped out of the contest, but our own Southwest Los Angeles Chapter and the San Francisco Chapter staged a torrid neck-to-neck stretch drive with both chapters finally chalking up over 1,100 members and Southwest L.A. winning the so-called ICBG award.

This year Southwest has set a goal of 1,500 members and San Francisco has set its sights on 1,300. Chicago, according to Smoky Sakurada, is out to regain its title as the Number One Chapter of the country and has set a goal of 2,000 members.

Although it is proper and fitting for these larger areas to have the greatest number of members, in fairness to other areas it should be mentioned that percentage-wise many of the smaller chapters do far better than the national average. Coachella Valley and Omaha (the latter with more than 100% membership due to non-Japanese members) are two examples in mind.

On the other hand, there are a few so-called "one-man" chapters which certainly could use a transfusion of new blood.

Every chapter in the country hopes to conduct membership drives by an easy method. Almost without exception, they eventually find out that the only way to get a thorough membership coverage is to go after the members one by one, house by house. The biggest difficulty is getting started. It is somewhat like the first icy plunge into the water. Once you get wet, you wonder what made you hesitate so long. In fairness to the National JACL whose source of income is preponderantly from membership, Membership Drives should be completed during the first half of the year. Procrastination on the Drive has been one of our greatest weaknesses in the past. Let's all get our feet wet!

— Dr. Roy Nishikawa

## Fem keglers smash Nat'l CL marks

### Yulene Takai of Sac'to emerges as only double winner

(Exclusive to Pacific Citizen)  
ALBANY.—By the narrow margin of a single pin in both all events and singles, Yulene Takai of Sacramento emerged a double winner in the 11th National JACL Bowling Tournament at Albany Bowl this past weekend.

The new champion hit 562 in the team, 599 in the doubles and 564 in the singles. A 10-pin which barely toppled over on a 6-10 pickup after a spare in the final frame of the singles provided the drama which meant two championships and a difference of \$80 in cash. An "old pro" in the national JACL tournaments, Takai shot a steady 223-210-221 for the singles title, and picked up a spectacular 3-7-8 split in the second game.

Standard Produce of Salt Lake City took the men's event with 2754, inspired by the return to the lineup of George Sakashita, who sprained his ankle in the ragtime doubles but who came through with a 546. Other members of the team were Speedy Shiba 542, Chopy Umemoto 520, Bob Shiba 545, and Harry Imamura 601.

Chassie Sonoda of Salt Lake teamed with Shozo Hiraizumi of Los Angeles for the doubles crown, Sonoda hitting the Tournament high series of 677 in this event.

**Women's Champions**  
While the men were having a hard time with the heavy wood, the women remained unconcerned and broke every National Tournament record in their events except the all-events.

Lois Yut of Seattle, 1956 singles champion, shot a big 605 in the team event and added 550 in the doubles and 512 in the singles for 1667 and the women's all events title.

Sumi Sasaki of Richmond, a 153 average bowler, proved that averages don't mean a thing in the Nationals, setting a new women's singles mark with a sparkling 603

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### Los Angeles to host 1959 keg classics

ALBANY.—A special meeting of the National JACL Advisory Board on Bowling was held during the 11th Annual National JACL Bowling Tournament for the main purpose of revising tournament eligibility rules.

The Tournament bid for 1959 for Los Angeles made by Easy Fujimoto in behalf of the Nisei Bowling Association of Southern California was accepted.

Eligibility regulations adopted, in addition to the requirement that all participants be JACL members under the moral support tournament sanction of the American Bowling Congress, read:

All bowlers participating in a regularly organized Nisei bowling league are eligible, and where there are no Nisei leagues, a bowler may participate in the National JACL Bowling Tournament by being a JACL member for three consecutive years including the year of the Tournament.

To preserve the spirit of the Tournament at least four members of every team must be Nisei or a charter member of the National Tournament, such charter membership including all bowlers who have participated in any previous National Tournament through 1955.

The Advisory Board also voted to distribute the prize money upon a basis of 50 per cent for the grand prizes and 50 per cent for squad prizes, where hitherto the ratio has been 60 per cent grand prizes, 40 per cent squad prizes. Shoi Torigoe of Honolulu was designated as the official representative in Hawaii for the annual National JACL Tournament.

### Monterey Issei celebrates 50th year in U.S. by donating cherry trees

MONTEREY.—Marking his 50th year in Monterey, a Japanese immigrant has offered 50 flowery cherry trees to the city of Monterey.

The donor is Unasuko Higashi, operator of the Azuma-Tei restaurant.

Members of the council expressed their gratitude to Higashi for the gift. City Manager Alfred D. Coons said he would discuss the best location for the trees with landscape architect Douglas Baylis before going ahead with their planting.

### ORANGE COUNTY BUILDER DENIES NISEI HOME; SUED FOR \$10,000

Racial discrimination was dramatically focussed on a Nisei family in the Orange County residential community of Costa Mesa, the So. Calif. JACL Regional Office revealed last week.

Fred A. Hiraoka, research engineer with Helipot Corp., Costa Mesa, has been denied purchase of a \$21,500 home in the Harbor Highlands subdivision overlooking Newport Beach after his \$600 deposit was accepted last Nov. 11.

Hiraoka, living with his wife and two children in Pasadena, had selected interior colors and had installed last Jan. 20 an automatic dishwasher, which he had pur-

chased through the agent for South Coast Construction Co., the builders.

Three days later, Hiraoka was informed that escrow on his new home was stopped by the builder, who was believed to be fearful of selling to a non-Caucasian, and his deposit returned.

A law suit has been filed by Hiraoka in the Superior Court of Orange County to enforce the contract, it was revealed. Representing Hiraoka is JACL legal counsel Frank F. Chuman of Los Angeles.

Defendants in the suit are Walter B. Mellot, Newt H. Cox, Jr. Marine Air Estates, Inc., Vista Del Vista, Inc., Southeast Construction Co., Inc., and the Santa Ana Savings and Loan Association, Inc. Filed on March 5, the suit sets forth that Hiraoka and the defendants entered into a contract of purchase and sale of the home. Together with enforcement of the contract, the suit asks for \$10,000 damages.

Attorney Chuman, of the law firm of Chuman and McKibbin, who has successfully represented other Nisei housing discrimination cases in the past few years, in-

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### Utah civil rights bill gets shelved

SALT LAKE CITY.—The bill to enact a civil rights law similar to the one adopted in California, was defeated on a House roll call vote of 33-28 last week in the state legislature.

Rep. Adam M. Duncan (R) of Salt Lake City, author of the bill, sought to bring out the measure, HB 87, which was being considered by the House Sifting Committee.

The anti-discrimination bill was earlier given an unfavorable vote in the sifting committee, 9-3, it was learned. And a House vote was sought to get the bill out of committee.

Regarded as "conservative" by the young Utah law-maker, HB 87 would have provided a civil remedy and \$100 recovery in cases of racial discrimination in places of public accommodation. Duncan pointed out it was less sweeping than the 1898 statute, which provided up to \$1,000 fine if an innkeeper refused "without just cause or excuse" to entertain any guest.

When the bill was first introduced in early January, it was endorsed by the Salt Lake JACL as well as other minority, religious and civic groups.

### EXPECT 1,000 BUSSEI DELEGATES AT SAN JOSE WYBL CONFERENCE

SAN JOSE.—Over a 1,000 delegates are expected here this weekend for the 15th annual Western Young Buddhist League convention, which is being dedicated this year to the late Mike Maruyama, past president of the national YBA and prominent Bussei layman.

A unique round-table discussion is being featured this year with Buddhist, Catholic, Protestant and Jewish faiths represented by their respective clergy. George Teraoka will be moderator.

Dr. Kikuo Taira of Fresno will be speaker at the outdoor memorial service Sunday at Santa Clara County fairgrounds. The convention banquet and entertainment will be at the Exposition Hall that evening.

### CHINESE AMERICANS FEEL NEED OF NATIONAL ORGANIZATION LIKE JACL

(Exclusive to Pacific Citizen)  
WASHINGTON.—Evidence that the Chinese in the United States feel the need for a national organization like the Japanese American Citizens League to represent their point of view and to protect their rights is seen in the meeting held last week in which some 200 delegates from Chinese benevolent societies formed a national association to represent the nearly 150,000 Chinese in this country.

The new group unites local associations in 34 American cities, including those in Hawaii. Some of these local societies were founded more than 150 years ago as social associations and to protect their interests as Chinese Americans.

The delegates to the three-day conference heard Chinese ambassador Dr. Hollington K. Tong and

Rep. Jack Shelley (D) of San Francisco.

A seven-member organization committee was named.

Members of the committee are Stephen Teng, Washington, D.C.; So Leong Tom, representing the South; Shee Gang Lee, San Francisco; Albert Leong, Chicago; Q. C. Lum, Honolulu; Shing Tai, New York; and Dr. Ting D. Lee, Portland, Ore.

According to reports, many references were made to the effectiveness of the JACL during the national conference to establish a similar association for Chinese Americans.

Among the observers to the conference were John Y. Yoshino, liaison officer for the President's Committee on Government Contracts.

### Doub, Ellison satisfied with west coast visit; JACL COJAEC cooperation cited

WASHINGTON.—Washington representative Mike Masaoka met with Assistant Attorney General George C. Doub, who is in charge of the Civil Division, and with Enoch E. Ellison, chief of the Japanese Section, to discuss their recent west coast trip regarding the Department of Justice programs for evacuation claims and Nisei renunciants.

Doub and Ellison met with attorneys for evacuation claimants and for renunciants in Chicago, Los Angeles, and San Francisco. They also met with Justice Department officials involved in these matters in the two California cities. Doub met with interested attorneys in Seattle, while Ellison returned to Washington.

Both government officials expressed satisfaction with their visits and expressed their appreciation to attorneys who attended the meetings. They also thanked JACL and the Committee on Japanese American Evacuation Claims

for their cooperation, particularly in helping to notify interested attorneys in Chicago and Seattle where the department does not maintain local field offices for the claims program.

As far as the evacuation claims program is concerned, the Assistant Attorney General made clear that he is considering the various suggestions made by the attorneys for the claimants, including the one involving the June deadline for the completed documentation of all claims by the attorneys. He declared that if the various attorneys concentrated on their particular claims he felt that this deadline could be met in most cases.

In order that claimants outside of California may benefit from this promised speed-up of the program, Masaoka was advised that within a short time letters will be sent to attorneys of record or to the claimants themselves where they are not represented by counsel involving those claims which have been set aside up to this time for one reason or another or which have been processed in part but have been inactive for some time. These attorneys or claimants will be advised of deadlines and will be requested to notify the government as to their wishes for submitting for consideration their own compromise figures or allowing the department to suggest its compromise offer.

As for liberalized administrative procedures by which Nisei renunciants may seek restoration of their citizenship, he expressed the hope that all those involved in this country would attempt to uti-

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### News photographer saved, covering tidal waves

HONOLULU.—A churning tidal wave that swept down from the North Pacific last Saturday caused death of two as it struck the northern coasts of Oahu and Kauai islands.

Sarah Park, Korean American reporter for the Star-Bulletin, covering the story from the air as an occupant of a Piper Cub plane that crashed into the wild ocean northeast of Oahu, was the first casualty. Star-Bulletin photographer Jack Matsumoto and pilot Paul Beam were picked up alive by a Marine Corps helicopter but Beam died the next day; the Nisei was unhurt.

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## From the Frying Pan

by Bill Hosokawa

Denver, Colo.

**RACKETS** — The special senate committee investigating labor rackets has been airing the International Brotherhood of Teamsters' dirty linen in public of recent weeks. The result has been some sensational headline material and a new insight into the ways of the racketeers who perverted that union to their own selfish ends.

The man who heads the Teamsters is one Dave Beck of Seattle. By coincidence, he found pressing business in Europe at a time the senate committee would most have liked to talk to him. And oddly enough, this story has a Nisei angle because many Issei and Nisei were forced to contribute to Beck's coffers at the time he was just beginning to become a power in Teamster circles.

In the depression-ridden mid-thirties Beck was busy extending the jurisdiction of his Teamsters. He had two reasons. He wanted a large and powerful union. And he knew that members have to pay dues.

Looking around, he saw a sizable labor force of Japanese Americans who were not unionized. The reason for this was that most labor unions of the time had a color bar and would not accept Issei or Nisei. Beck got around that by organizing a Jim Crow union specifically for the "Japanese."

**AN ISSEI CONTACT** — Beck's contact with the Japanese was through an Issei who operated a dry cleaning establishment. He had known Beck when Beck was just an ordinary truck driver and the dry cleaning shop was one of his stops. Beck authorized the Issei to "organize" all Seattle Japanese connected in any way to trucking. (So liberal was Beck's interpretation of a teamster that even automobile salesmen were taken in as members.)

Issei and Nisei truck drivers, produce handlers and others were called on by this person to join the Teamsters union. The newspapers in those days frequently reported beatings of recalcitrants by goon squads. The Japanese had no choice but to join. The word got around that it was wise to sign up, that this Issei would fix things up for you if you needed a union card.

**DUES WITHOUT RIGHTS** — Under Beck's plan Japanese members of the Teamsters Union were granted the privilege of paying dues.

In return for these dues, they were allowed to keep the jobs they already had with their Japanese employers.

But their working conditions did not change. Their wages remained lower than the union scale. They were not permitted to vote in Teamsters Union elections. They could not attend meetings. They could not get jobs in most union shops. If any accounting was made of their dues they paid, the rank and file never saw the reports.

And because the Teamsters were tough, because the Issei and Nisei were inexperienced and untutored in unionism, because they were unorganized, they continued to be victimized.

**DUES FOR NOTHING** — When World War II came, the federal government ordered the end of passenger automobile production. Car salesmen were thrown out of jobs. One Nisei auto salesman in Seattle went to Teamsters Union headquarters in Seattle and asked for an honorable withdrawal card. He was told that he'd never been a member of the union, and therefore a withdrawal card could not be issued.

He argued that he'd been paying dues to Beck's Issei representative all along. In reply, he was told point blank that payment of those dues had never constituted membership in the Teamsters Union. He never did get his withdrawal card.

If the senate probers wanted to poke around deep enough, they'd come up with a lot more strange and interesting material.

## \$90,000 advertising TV campaign signed by Kikkoman Shoyu

SAN FRANCISCO. — Kikkoman Shoyu will be publicized in two Southern California areas under a \$90,000 TV contract recently signed by Pacific Trading Co. and plans are now being considered to expand the advertising program to local television outlets.

According to Kazuaki Kuwada of the local importers of the Japanese shoyu, his company has contracted to sponsor the Thomas Mitchel's O. Henry Playhouse, over KHJ-TV in Los Angeles and XE-TV, a Tijuana station covering the San Diego area, for 26 weeks each.

The series will start over KHJ for 26 Mondays from April 15, 8:30 to 9 p.m. and Thursdays from 7 to 7:30 p.m. in the San Diego area.

This same program series will be shown here on Mondays from 7 to 7:30 p.m. over KPIX-TV under another sponsorship.

Kikkoman Shoyu through Pacific Trading sponsored the presidential election results over KPIX last November.

Several months earlier the San Francisco importing firm started an extensive advertising campaign to introduce Kikkoman to the general U.S. public. Pacific Trading holds the U.S. distributorship for this brand of shoyu Japanese manufacturers, Noda Shoyu Co.

### SPEEDER RELEASED ON BAIL, ASSERT 6-MONTHS AND FINE ILLEGAL

VISALIA. — Sentenced two weeks ago to a six-month jail term for speeding in Tulare, Richard K. Ishibashi, 19, a San Jose State collegian, was released on \$100 bail last week.

Attorney Mikio Uchiyama had filed a petition for a writ of habeas corpus, asserting Tulare judge Ward C. Rush has imposed an illegal sentence. Under state law, Uchiyama said the maximum for first speed conviction is a \$50 fine and five days in jail. Judge Rush had imposed a \$150 fine and six-months, after the youth pleaded guilty to speeding 80 miles per hour on Hwy. 99.

### Square dancing taught

MAGNA, Utah.—Chief Petty Officer Roy D. Deland is busy teaching square dancing to teenagers in Japan during his spare time, according to his brother Lloyd, who is police chief at Murray. "I've spent about \$100 for records and equipment but I wouldn't trade friendships I've made and the experience for \$1,000," he explained in his letter.

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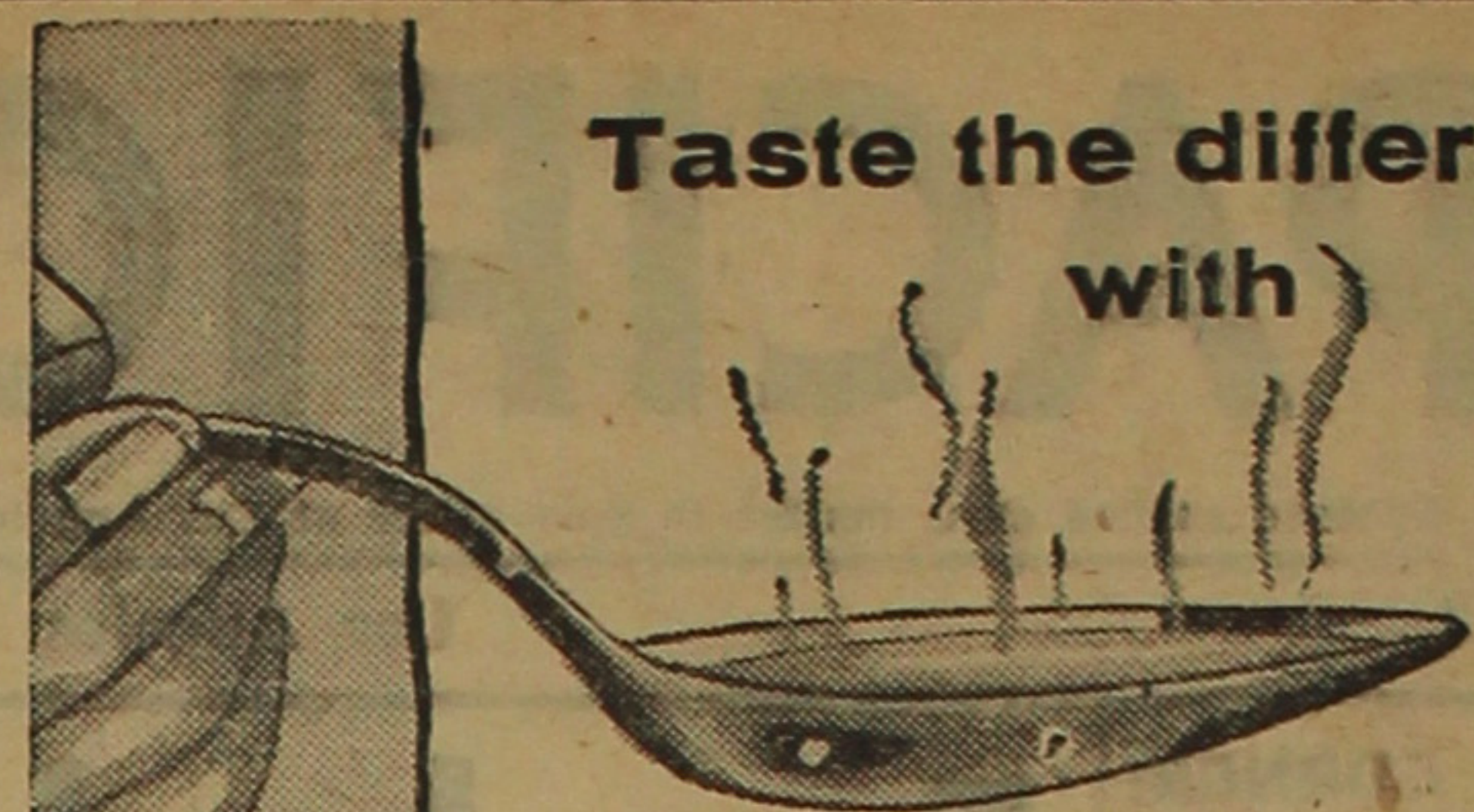
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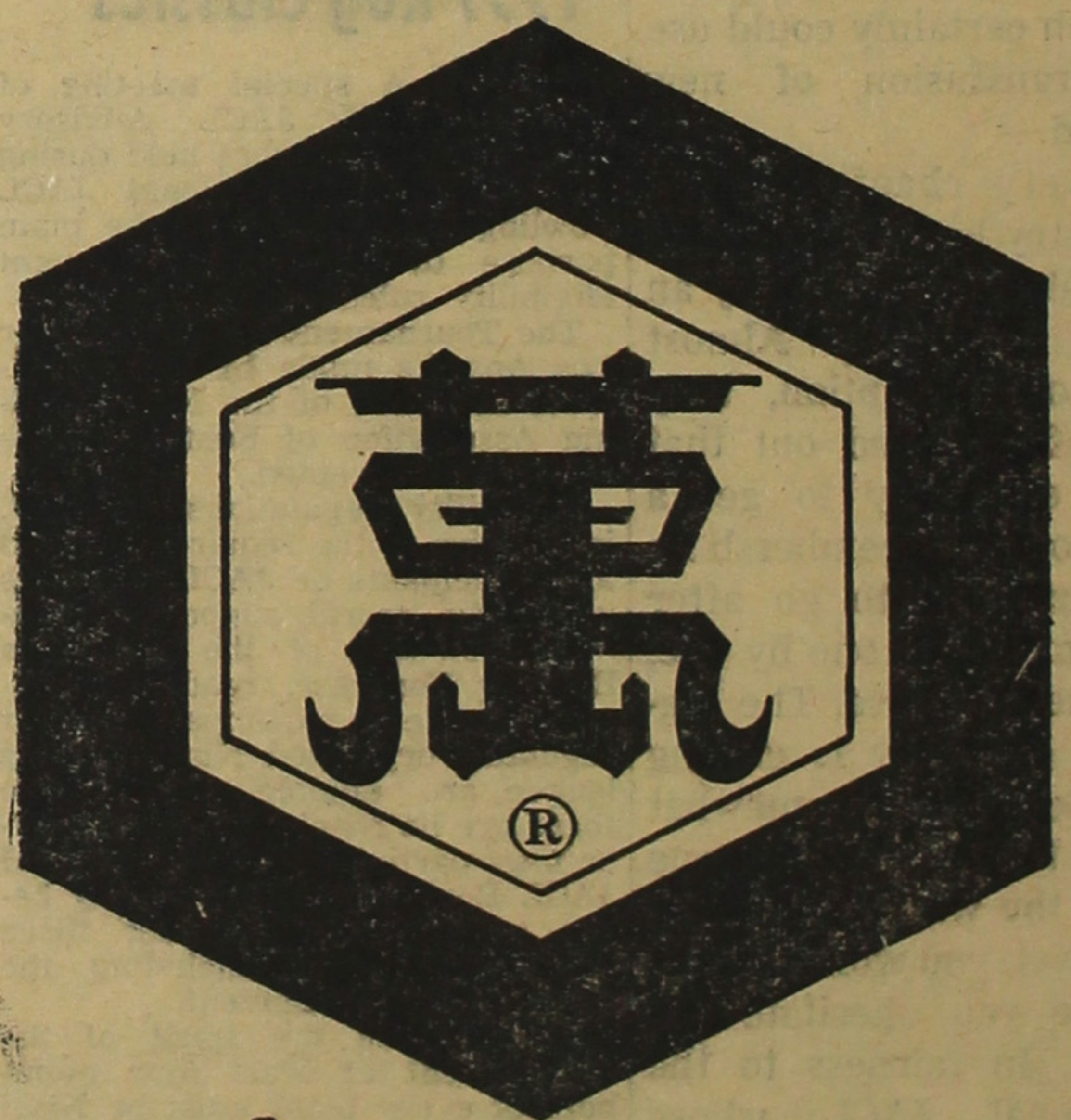
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## VAGARIES

By Larry S. Tajiri

### Artful and Beautiful

Denver

Whether you call her Shirley, Li Shiang-lan, or Yoshiko, the Yamaguchi girl is admittedly not only a beautiful dame but an artful actress as well.

Her portrayal of Hana, wife of a Japanese surgeon, in last week's Robert Montgomery production of "The Enemy" on the NBC-TV network, was a carefully constructed portrait of a cautious, devoted, timid wife. But above everything else, Miss Yamaguchi has that undefinable ability to project—a quality that is an essential "plus" to all the other attributes of an actress.

She was especially grateful for her role in "The Enemy," however, for it was, according to an interview with Richard F. Shepard of the New York Times, "the first time in this country that I am able to play a human being. From the point of view of an Oriental actor, there is frustration in most roles."

"You know how Americans think a Japanese should act, especially in Hollywood where they write to please a big audience. They make us cold, without showing feelings. But it's not true—you made it up," she added.

The Japanese star knows whereof she speaks, for she has had her differences with Hollywood, particularly in "House of Bamboo," a 20th-Century-Fox production involving gangster skullduggery against a Japanese background. It was a pretty far-fetched tale, and Miss Yamaguchi felt compelled to apologize for it after Japanese audiences all but hooted it off the screen.

Except for "Japanese War Bride," the role which introduced her to the American screen more than five years ago, most of Miss Yamaguchi's portrayals, in films and on TV, have been necessarily stereotypes. She has been "frustrated" by the limitation of the writing, since most of the characters were mere cardboard conceptions of Oriental women. Such a part was Miss Yamaguchi's most recent Hollywood venture, Allied Artists' "Navy Wife," a comedy based on an American woman's experiences in Japan during the occupation. "Navy Wife," which came out last year, was a dismal flop, except for the fact that it gave employment to a number of capable performers of Japanese ancestry for whom there are too few opportunities.

Miss Yamaguchi is one of the most versatile of actresses, and Hollywood and U.S. network television have only scratched the surface of her talent.

For instance, she is well versed in at least three languages—Japanese, Chinese and English—and has made films in Tokyo, Hong Kong and Hollywood. She was better known to Japanese, at one time, as a singer than an actress, and her recordings of "Shina No Yoru" (China Night), a song featured in one of her pre-Pearl Harbor pictures, are among the most widely circulated of any Japanese popular song.

Miss Yamaguchi's singing voice has had only brief exposure on Broadway. She had the leading feminine role in "Shangri-la," a musical version of "Lost Horizon," which lasted but a few weeks in New York last fall. The Japanese actress won critical approval for her singing and her acting, however. Her previous venture on the New York stage got only as far as the rehearsal stage. This was in a musical version of the Donn Byrne novel, "Messer Marco Polo," in which she was to play and sing the role of a Chinese maiden who falls in love with the Italian explorer. This was six years ago and, in the midst of preparations for a New York opening, the Chinese Communists struck in Korea. The financial backers of "Messer Marco Polo" doubted if the time was right for a friendly musical about China, and pulled out. "Messer Marco Polo" has never been resuscitated.

Frustrations, in fact, have marked Miss Yamaguchi's New York career. Last fall she was announced for the role of the geisha, Lotus Blossom, in the New York City Center production of "Teahouse of the August Moon," but Equity's rule against alien performers (no more than one role in six months) was invoked and she was barred from the part because of her participation in the ill-fated "Shangi-la." She also is believed to have been the actress who was in the mind of Director Joshua Logan when he was preparing a musical version of James Michener's "Sayonara" for the New York stage. Litigation involving rights to the Michener book tied up the project, and it was finally postponed despite the fact that Irving Berlin already had written most of the music for it.

Shirley Yamaguchi's role in "The Enemy," from a story by Pearl Buck, must have been a satisfying one for the actress, particularly since the TV critics were appreciative of her contribution to the part.

Miss Buck's story was something of a showcase for acting talent of Oriental ancestry. It was something of an innovation, also, that so many roles were taken by non-Caucasian performers.

Not too long ago a TV producer would not have dared to entrust a full hour dramatic show on a major network to a cast made up of Oriental Americans. But that was before "Teahouse of the August Moon." The play made professionals of a number of Oriental performers and they were available when the casting call went out for "The Enemy." From "Teahouse" came Shizu Moriya and Naoko Kondo for example, while Aki Aleong in the lead role opposite Miss Yamaguchi, Kaie Deei, Sho Onodera, James Kitayama and Norman Chi also appeared in Miss Buck's story of a Japanese couple who help a wounded

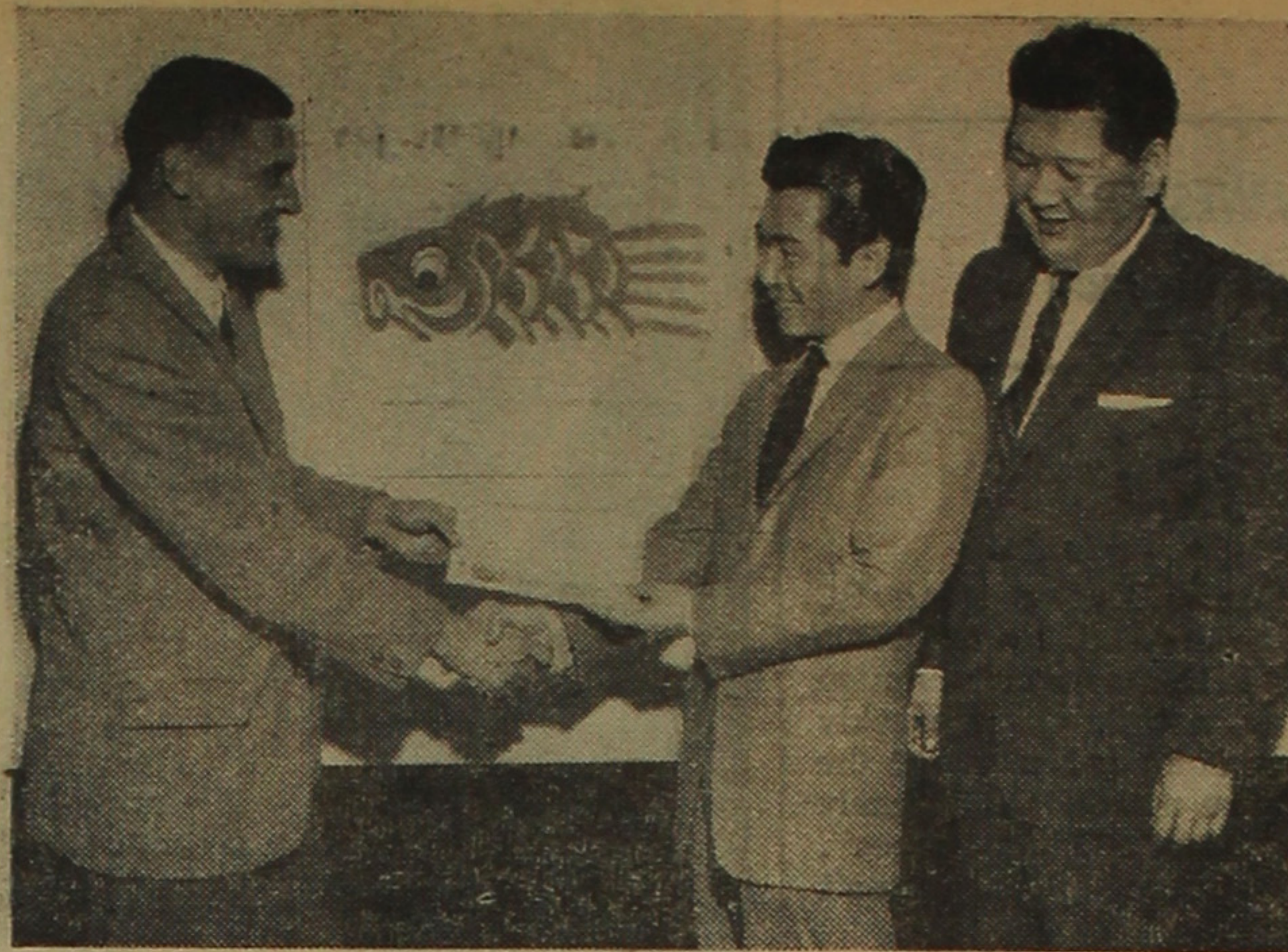
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Pictured is George Rappaport, president of the Los Angeles Art Directors Club, congratulating Arnold Fujita (center) upon presentation of the Certificate of Distinctive Merit for his design and execution of the Shonien "red carp" poster. The award is one of 27 winners selected from over 2,000 entries submitted for judging as the best art work produced during 1956 in the western states and display at the 12th annual West Coast Exhibition of Advertising and Art, which is open free to the public until Mar. 27 at Exposition Park's Museum of Science and Industry. Looking on is Mike Suzuki, Shonien Child Welfare Center director. — Toyo Miyatake Photo.

### Youngster didn't want to go to school that day because of word in textbook

(Vernacular Japanese language newspapers this past week featured the story of little Gene Nakagama who wouldn't go to school. Howard Imazeki, English editor of the Hokubei Mainichi in San Francisco, translated the report in his column, "Smoking Room," which is reprinted below. —Editor.)

San Francisco  
Gene Nakagama is a son of Mr. and Mrs. Bill Nakagama of Delano (825 Glenwood St., Delano) in Central California. One morning on Feb. 21, Gene refused to go to his elementary school. To his mother's query, Gene said that he didn't want to go to school on this particular day because he would have to read a story which contained the word "Jap" mentioned in it many times.

Surprised, Mrs. Nakagama contacted Gene's school and related her son's grief. School authorities promised that the reading part assigned for this particular morning "would be skipped" and promised further investigation. Gene went to school happily.

This little incident was reported to The Hokubei Mainichi by Correspondent Sakushi Kubota in Delano a few days ago. Mr. Kubota reports that his wife herself had gone to interview the district school superintendent on Feb. 26 together with Gene's mother. The superintendent expressed his regret that such a reading matter was never brought to his attention and promised that he would write to the State Department of Education. He expressed hope also that Japanese American organizations would likewise lodge protests with the State Department of Educa-

### Calif. PTA life member honors conferred to Nisei

REDWOOD CITY.—Mrs. Yo Arimoto, one of the charter members of the Sequoia JACL chapter, was honored with an honorary life membership in the Washington School PTA this past month.

A PTA member for the past eight years, she served as president, group mother for the Girl Scouts, Brownie leader and Zonta. Mother of three children and native of Redwood City, she attended McKinley, Sequoia High and San Jose State. She also served as historian for the Sequoia JACL for two years. Her husband Richard was past president of the former San Mateo County JACL and is a past president of the Rotary Club.

Life memberships, awarded for invaluable service to the youth of the community, carries a \$25 gift made in the recipient's name to the student loan revolving fund of the California Congress of Parents and Teachers.

### Addresses Placer group

LOOMIS.—Bill Enomoto of Redwood City appeared before the farmers of Placer County here last Mar. 5 to talk on the advantages of membership in the Farm Bureau. Enomoto, who was one of the founders of the JACL 1000 Club and past national JACL treasurer, is also editor of the California State Florists' Association monthly magazine.

### Housing bias —

Continued from Front Page formed the regional office that while the Hiraoka's are assuming court costs, Chuman, as a matter of principle, is handling the case without fee.

This is believed to be the first suit filed by a Nisei in this area in a housing discrimination case, according to regional director Tats Kushida. The Orange County JACL chapter as well as many community organizations and groups are being enlisted in support of the Hiraoka's. The JACL office stated. Two widely publicized cases of housing discrimination in Orange County in the past few months involved Olympic Champion, Major Sammy Lee, a Korean American, and Annapolis graduate Lt. Harold Bauduit, a Negro.

(The Long Beach Independent Press - Telegram reporter Bud Lembke interviewed the Bauduits, Garden Grove's first Negro family, several weeks ago and finds that they have apparently been accepted. "Brand new Garden Grove has demonstrated a far more adult approach to race relations than many older communities throughout the land," the reporter commented.)

Hiraoka, a graduate of the Indiana Institute of Technology served one year as chief radio engineer for station KHAS in Hastings, Nebraska, before coming to Helipot eight and a half years ago. KHAS is owned by Fred Seaton, now United States Secretary of Interior. The Helipot Corp. is engaged in the manufacture of components for computing machines.

The purchase of the new home prompted by the long commuting distance that Hiraoka must travel from his home at 807 No. Wilson in Pasadena where he lives with his wife, the former Frances Ban whose father was the minister to the Japanese Independent church of Orange County, and two children, a son 9 and daughter 6.

### Claims —

Continued from Front Page lize this procedure in order that the entire renunciant situation may be reduced to the minimum that may require court determinations.

Since this involves cooperation with the Immigration and Naturalization Service, Masaoka promised to discuss the availability of affidavits and the procedures to be followed with the appropriate officials immediately.

The Nisei Washington representative noted especially that both the Assistant Attorney General and the Chief of the Section that supervises both programs were determined to complete the two projects by the end of 1958. He also noted that their visits to key communities appeared to have given them a better understanding of the local problems involved.

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By Tats Kushida

### Lingoo

**THE EPIDEMIC** of fractured eyebrows among some PC readers last fortnight was caused, we understand, by the virus *seinanpu* (west-south wind). A type goof in this column's caption wasn't caught and corrected until almost a fifth of the weekly run had been printed. Unfortunately, we don't get to proof the heads—only the copy galleys. But soon's we noticed in the early press run that the first "s" was missing from "PC and Horses", we asked editor Honda to fix it quick. After all, we aren't the only advocates of phonetic spelling.

We deny flatly the suggestions of friends that this was a deliberate omission. After all, we still grimly cling to a threadbare remnant of good taste, it says here.

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**THIS BRINGS** us to our Japanese lesson, this week on names.

Our JACL officials offer a fertile field for research. Take board member George Joji Inagaki. No comment on the first two names. His ancestor was a great persimmon eater, and while eating same, would say, *i-na* (Man, how delicious) *gaki* (this persimmon). 'Course it might have been *i* (stomach), *naga* (long) and *ki* (raw), meaning that last one won't digest.

While on the subject of edibles, the other board member, also a past nat'l prez, in fact the first one, is Dr. Tom T. Yatabe of Chicago, the "Grandfather of the JACL". A compelling name, its components are *ya* (Hey, you!) *tabe* (Eat it!). To which our 1st nat'l veepee from Cortez, Jackson Noda, would simply say his name, *no-da* (The answer is no, or, in the plural, no-dice).

**CHICAGO RECALLS** to us having met circa '48 a fiery orator from Texas, attorney Gus Garcia of San Antonio, one of the outstanding Mexican Americans in the country. In a recent case, *Hernandez vs. Texas*, he won a unanimous decision in the U.S. Supreme Court as a result of which Mexican Americans are no longer denied the right to serve on juries, which principle already has been applied by other states with other racial groups.

We met Gus again last Sunday when he was honored at a dinner at the Casa del Mexicano given by the L.A. branch of the G.I. Forum and its ladies auxiliary, members of both being predominantly Mexican American citizens.

The G.I. Forum is organized in eight states and the Ellay unit is headed by another former Chicagoan and ex-fellow-resident of Hull House, Frank X. Paz. A recent action by Paz was to protest to the Denver chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution for having objected to a young Mexican American carrying the American Flag in a Washington's Birthday parade at school. He is also urging the local appointment of a "first" Mexican American to the bench.

**THE MARCH** issue of the magazine of the California State Florists' Association carries a shot of Mike Masaoka with Ralph Edwards and others in the TV show, "This Is Your Life". The caption credits Mike as having successfully looked after the interests of the flower industry of the state with reference to cooperative pooling of shipments. Bill Enomoto of Redwood City, chairman of the magazine committee of the CSFA, is past nat'l treasurer of the JACL—Anti-Discrimination Committee.

**THE APL** luxury liner President Cleveland is inviting several travel agents and fourth estaters to sample their San Francisco to Los Angeles overnight cruise which leaves Frisco at noon today. Barring unforeseen events like a super tidal wave from the Aleutians, we intend to enjoy three sumptuous meals aboard and report on our trip in a couple of weeks. This is a real PR deal by American President Lines—they're even flying us up to Sanfran to catch their boat.

**RECENT VISITORS:** CL biggies from central Cal — Jin Ishikawa, Ethel Otomo, Kenji Tashiro and Dr. Bob Yabuno . . . Mas Hironaka, chapter wheel and to our knowledge the only Nisei supervisor of any mainland post office (San Diego) . . . kinsman Sim Togasaki from SF and Alameda . . . Sacramentan Ginji Mizutani.

## STRICTLY PERSONAL

"We're willing and ready," says **George Fujita**, vice-president in charge of membership for the Southwest L.A. chapter, "to take on any chapter that wants to challenge us to a membership contest. We will give them a handicap advantage." A vigorous door-to-door campaign has been started in the meantime. —"Southwesterly".

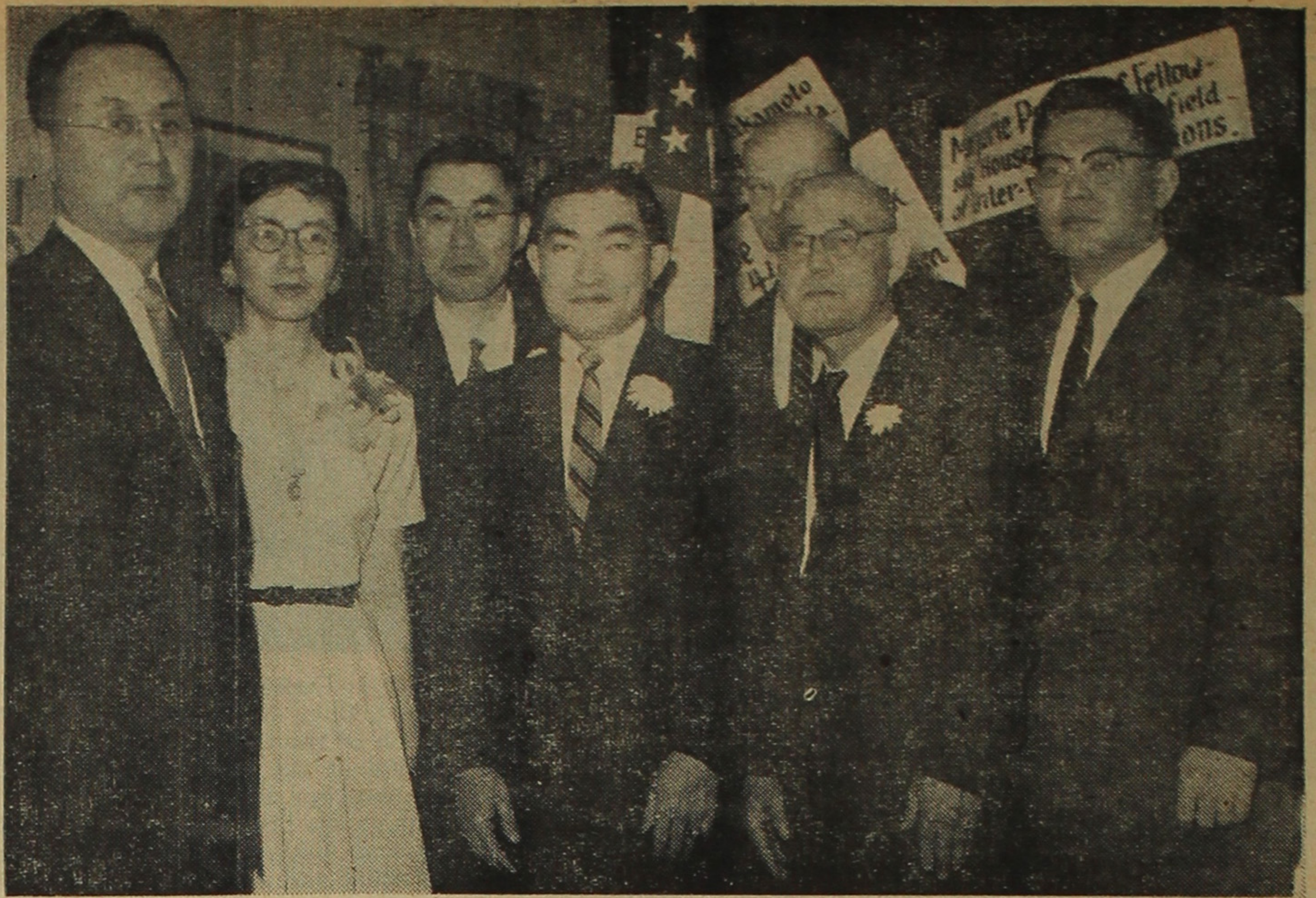
Among the new faces on the Richmond-El Cerrito JACL cabinet are **S. Richard Komatsu** of the architectural firm of Hardison, Clausen and Komatsu. A member of the Kiwanis, he is married and has two children. **Yoshie Wada** is secretary for the Harr Wagner Publishing Co. in San Francisco. **Kuni Urushibata**, an Oakland mechanic, is past president of the Oakland YBA. **Mrs. Chizu Iiyama** has served as housing chairman of the Chicago JACL, associate director for the Chicago Resettlers Committee and served on the Chicago YWCA board. She, her husband Ernest, and three children live at 6035 Orchard Ave., Richmond.—Richmond-El Cerrito "Newsletter".

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Philadelphia JACL installs its 1957 officers at the 10th anniversary celebration. Akira Hayashi (left), national JACL treasurer, of New York stands with (from left to right) Mary I. Watanabe, Warren H. Watanabe, chmn.; Jack K. Ozawa, Martin S. Barol, Yosuke W. Nakano, and Dr. Eichi K. Koiwai. Unable to be present was N. Richard Horikawa.

## Philadelphia JACL celebrates 10th ann'y; hear Masaoka stress continuing need to remain vigilant to protect recent Nisei gains

**PHILADELPHIA.** — The necessity for JACLers to remain vigilant in order to retain the many gains by the Nisei in recent years was stressed by Mike Masaoka, main speaker, at the 10th anniversary celebration of the Philadelphia JACL held at International Institute on Feb. 23.

The Washington JACL representative stated for the Nisei to feel there is no longer a need for the Japanese American Citizens League was to forget the lessons of history.

It was necessary, he said, only to look to the discrimination against Orientals found in the immigration laws and in the laws of some of the states to realize that the fight for equality is a continuing one and that to slow up even for one moment would be to lose all that the Nisei have worked and fought for.

In a lighter vein, Masaoka amused the audience of 82 members and guests with an account of what he described as "subterfuge" used to get him before the cameras for the This Is Your Life TV program.

Congratulatory messages were received by the chapter from Dr. Roy Nishikawa, national JACL president, of Los Angeles, and from Masao Satow, national director, of San Francisco, which were read by Sim Endo and Dr. H. Tom Tamaki, respectively.

Dr. Nishikawa's letter was directed primarily to the new cabinet officers, who were reminded of their several responsibilities. Satow recalled the founding of the Philadelphia chapter in 1947 during his stint as the Eastern and Midwest regional representative, and alluded to the progress Japanese Americans have made, but he emphasized the importance of JACL's role in continuing to extend and strengthen democratic principles.

John Carlton of radio-TV WFIL paid tribute to the work being done by the local chapter and told of plans for a newer and larger Institute building expected to be realized in the near future. Carlton hoped that he could help spread the message, awareness and appreciation of JACL goals through radio and TV. He also entertained with "behind the scenes" stories of television and radio programs.

With the exception of three chapter presidents, all those who have headed the Philadelphia chapter were at the dinner meeting. Missing were Tets Iwasaki, first president (1947), who recently moved to Pasadena, Calif.; Naomi Nakano (1951), now Mrs. Joe Tanaka of St. Louis; and Mariko Ishiguro (1950), now Mrs. Harvey Aki of Chicago. Present were Jack K. Ozawa (1948-49), Noboru Kobayashi (1951); Garry G. Oye (1952), Ben Ohama (1953),

Dr. Tamaki (1954), William M. Marutani (1955), and S. Sim Endo (1956).

The 1957 officers, headed by board chairman Warren H. Watanabe, were installed by Akira Hayashi, national JACL treasurer, of New York. On the board are N. Richard Horikawa, Dr. Eichi K. Koiwai, Yosuke W. Nakano, Jack K. Ozawa; Martin S. Barol, sec.; and Mary I. Watanabe, treas. Serving with them are Endo, Marutani, Dr. Tamaki, Sho Maruyama (rep. to I.I.), and the following Eastern District Council officers: chairman K. William Sasagawa; Mary Toda, cor. sec.; and Mrs. Susan Sasagawa, pub. dir.

On behalf of the newly elected officers, Watanabe thanked the membership for its confidence. With their support, he hoped to continue the progress made by the chapter during the past 10 years.

Presentation of the past president's pearl-studded pin was made by Marutani to Endo, who was given a show of deep appreciation for the excellent job this past year. A special presentation was made to Sim's charming wife, Betty, not only for the support she gave her busy husband but

### School teacher to attend annual Denver workshop

**DENVER.**—Robert Maruyama has been designated Mile-Hi JACL representative to attend the third annual cultural relationship workshop, being sponsored by the Denver Commission on Human Relations, the city schools and social work schools of Colorado University and Denver University.

Maruyama, teaching at Schmidt School in southwest Denver, is a graduate of Adams State College and has his master's degree in education from Denver University. The workshop, lasting six weeks, concerns minority groups here.

### New girl's group formed sponsored by Auxiliary

**PARLIER.**—A newly formed girl's group is being sponsored by the Parlier JACL Auxiliary. Mrs. Betty Doi's group of the Auxiliary will be in charge of their skating party at Fresno later this month.

The Auxiliary this past week met at the local Buddhist Church, where Mrs. Rohrer of KMJ-TV's "Katherine Kitchen" demonstrated the making of slip covers. The Auxiliary also took home made cakes and fruits to the Kofu Rest Home, Asoka Rest Home and Salvation Army. Attending were: Members — Alice Migaki, Betty Doi, Terrie Tsugi, Rose Komoto, Shiz Kimoto, Mary Kashiki. Girls — Irene Kozuki, Sue Miyakawa, Kuye Takano, Ruri Masuda, Ito Okamura.

also for the fine work she did in her own right.

Other guests attending were Elizabeth Campbell, executive director of Philadelphia's International Institute; EDC vice-chairman Charles Nagao of Seabrook, N. J.; George Noda, Seabrook JACL president; Kiyomi Nakamura, James Mitsui and Vernon Ichisaka, all of Seabrook.

The dinner began with invocation given by Marutani and closed with singing of the JACL Hymn by Dr. Stanley Nagahashi, accompanied by Betty Endo.

Mr. and Mrs. Sim Endo were in charge of the dinner, assisted by toastmaster William Sasagawa and Hana Fujii, who was in charge of table arrangements. The room was decorated by many large posters prepared by Tets Ueyehara and Endo, to summarize the outstanding events in the chapter history.

## Bilingual speaker entertains CLers

One of the most entertaining and yet thought-provoking speakers to address the Hollywood JACL appeared at the chapter's installation banquet last Sunday at the Nikabob.

Logan Fox, president of the Ibaragi Christian College in Japan, who has spent half of his 34 years in Japan, commented on family life before and after the war. Knowing the Japanese language intimately, he was able to emphasize various facets of his talk in Nihongo.

Describing the lack of individualism among the young Japanese, Fox touched on how a mother in Japan would caution their children against doing things on their own for fear of three things: "warawareru" (to be laughed at), "komaru" (to be worried) and "okorareru" (to be scolded).

It was this use of both Japanese and English terms that proved entertaining to some 40 Hollywood JACLers and guests present.

Dr. Roy Nishikawa, national JACL president, installed Kaz Kawakami and his 1957 cabinet as well as presenting the past president's pin to Danar Abe. As a token of the chapter's appreciation for his services and leadership, Abe was recipient of a desk pen. Mike Suzuki, Shonien director, served as toastmaster.

### French Camp C. of C picks Nisei to committees

**FRENCH CAMP.**—John Fujiki and George Komure have been named to committees for the French Camp District Chamber of Commerce.

Fujiki will serve on the public relations committee. Komure has been named to the agricultural zoning committee and to the community building committee.



VERY TRULY YOURS  
By Harry K. Honda

### Home-Buying Patterns

● Housing discrimination in Orange County is getting to be almost too popular to be comfortable. This past week, the Fred Hiraokas of Pasadena have filed a \$10,000 damage suit as well as enforcement of their contract for a \$21,500 home near Newport Beach. . . . The most celebrated case involved Dr. Sammy Lee, the Korean American Olympic two-time champion, several years ago. Then a Negro Annapolis graduate, Lt. Harold Bauduit, met rebuffs early this year but managed to move in and be accepted. . . . The disconcerting aspect of discrimination is all too well known for members of ethnic groups in the United States. The immature practice of some who take things and persons at "face value" can betray one's lack of intelligence.

● What the Hiraokas faced may well be repeated in the near future for other Japanese Americans—not because they wanted a \$21,500 home near the beach in Orange County, but because they wanted a home near the place of work. . . . Traffic in metropolitan Los Angeles (which includes Orange County) has become one snarling mess after another. One little accident on the freeway can tie up traffic for miles during the rush hours. We have "sig-alerts" broadcast over local radio stations, pointing out such & such a freeway is to be avoided because of some mishap. But more often than not we hear these warnings a couple of cars too late—that is, we're jammed and unable to back out. . . . Under such circumstances, it was best for the Hiraokas to move with Helipot Corp., when it relocated to larger quarters at Costa Mesa. Research engineer Fred spent up to two hours one way driving to work; sometimes more in going home. . . . With Nisei employed in other industrial firms that look eastward for more elbow room, it is likely they would want to move with the company. Orange County, which is converting its agricultural acreage to fancied residential tracts as quickly as a farmer decides to quit, is burgeoning with pastel-colored stucco homes along spanning black-asphalted avenues. Real estate improvements there would even surprise an Angeleno who hasn't been there within the past year. The appeal of a new home would be hard to avoid for a Nisei couple who's looking for a house close to work.

● A pattern of home-buying among Nisei up to now has been to move into a bigger and better home, in which case, it meant living from 5 to 15 miles away. . . . When the west coast was reopened for return of Japanese Americans from 1945, many settled in their old neighborhoods—in and around Li'l Tokyo, Boyle Heights and Seinan (Southwest) district. With families growing, they gradually moved out of apartments and flats to such places as Gardena Valley, San Fernando Valley, East Los Angeles (which is beyond old Boyle Heights), West Los Angeles and the vast area southwest from the corner of Crenshaw and Olympic Blvds. . . . In due time, when new apartments come up overlooking downtown Los Angeles can we expect to see Nisei living near their old haunts of 1st and San Pedro Sts. again.



THOUSAND CLUB NOTES  
By Kenji Tashiro

### District Whing Dings

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During the remaining months of this year, each of our District Councils will be hold their respective biennial conventions. Aside from the general purpose of setting policy, electing new officers and charting the course for the next biennium, these conventions serve the dual purpose of re-kindling interest and enthusiasm for the JACL in those who attend. My particular interest in these forthcoming conventions lies in the fact that this renewed enthusiasm invariably is reflected by a substantial increase in new 1000 Club memberships following each of these conventions. Much of this is due to the fun and frolic of the 1000 Club Whing Dings, which have become an integral part of these conventions.

Of the DC conventions already being planned, the PSWDC confab will be the first. It is scheduled for May 18-19 at the Disnevland Hotel. The East L.A. Chapter, recent recipient of the PSWDC Chapter of the Year Award, will host. The man behind the wheel is past prez Fred Takata, ably assisted by Roy Yamadera and Ritsuko Kawakami to name a couple of others. A well balanced program is planned and I am looking forward to an enjoyable weekend in May.

One which I would give my right arm to attend is the joint EDC-MDC conclave being planned for Aug. 30-Sept. 1 in the Windy City. Though I have no word as to what is being planned in the way of activities with Thousander Kumeo Yoshinari at the helm we can rest assured that it will be a top-notch convention. And as for the Whing Ding, my predecessors Shig Wakamatsu and Tokuzo Gordon will personally see to it that it will be a rib-cracker. What one helluva good time I could have. Going to have to start saving up some "lettuce" to finance this trip. Just in case, anybody in the market for a good right arm?

To add the frosting, I will be gallivanting to Idaho Falls in November for the IDC convention and the grand 10th Anniversary Whing Ding of the 1000 Club. This one is a "must." Trust I may have by then for our spud and beet growers up there, where the 1000 Club was launched, the good news of having reached our goal of 2000 Thousanders. In the interim, we will bend every effort to this end.

The last issue of the PC carried the excellent news of Salt

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### JACL participates in mental health conference

SAN FRANCISCO.—Dr. Yoshiye Togasaki, active Richmond-El Cerrito JACler, will appear this weekend on a forum at the 13th annual Mental Health conference at Asilomar, it was announced by Irving S. Rosenblatt, Jr., president of the Mental Health Association of Northern California. "Majorities and Minorities Living Together in a Democratic Society" is the conference theme. Dr. Togasaki is representing the JACL, one of the participating organizations in the conference.

### Chow mein dinner for 1,000 planned by Seabrook JACL

SEABROOK, N.J.—A chow mein dinner, sponsored by the Seabrook JACL, has become the annual fund-raising project for the chapter. At its last general meeting, plans for the second annual dinner were set for Mar. 19.

According to chapter president George Noda, preparations are being made for an estimated crowd of 1,000 diners from this area. Dick Kunishima will again head the committee as general chairman, assisted by some 100 persons. Entertainment is being added this year with girls in kimono providing dance selections at intervals during the evening.

Also to be displayed will be Japanese articles, dolls and floral arrangements. A cake sale will also take place.

Akira Hayashi, national JACL treasurer, of New York; EDC chairman Bill Sasagawa of Philadelphia; and Mike Masaoaka, Washington representative, were introduced at the meeting by Noda.

In an informal address, Masaoaka talked on his recent Japan trip, pointing out the importance of maintaining amicable U.S. - Japan relations and the role played by Japanese residents in America in cementing this relationship. He stressed the value of promoting JACL as long as world and national situations remain disturbed.

He also gave a very entertaining "behind the scenes" report of his experiences in connection with This Is Your Life TV program, viewed nationally by an estimated 40 million people last Jan. 2.

### Mile-Hi JACL carnival informal dance planned

DENVER.—An informal record dance will be held in conjunction with the annual Mile-Hi JACL carnival, Mar. 23, from 9 p.m. at the Tri-State Buddhist Church. Mrs. Dorothy Uchida, chairman, will be assisted by Martha Uyehara, one of the JACL secretaries, and Milton Oshiro, music student at Denver University from Hawaii.

The carnival doors will be open at 4 p.m., featuring games and food booths. The whole community is being invited.

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### Nisei aide to Hawaii Delegate Burns to address March meeting of D.C. JACL

WASHINGTON.—Dan Aoki, administrative assistant to Del. John A. Burns of Hawaii, will speak to members of the Washington, D.C., chapter of the Japanese American Citizens League at its Mar. 23 meeting, according to Harvey Iwata, chapter president. It will be held at the YWCA, 17th and K Sts. NW, from 8 p.m. A film on Hawaii will be shown also.

Aoki is the first Nisei ever to be appointed as administrative assistant to any member of the United States Congress. A veteran of the 442nd Regimental Combat Team, he served as First Sergeant of E Company with the famed volunteer unit in Italy and France. A graduate of Maui high school, he also attended the University of Hawaii in Honolulu prior to his army service.

He resigned from his post as supervisor of vocational trades apprenticeship office, Territorial Department of Labor and Industrial Relations, to become Democratic Delegate Burns' top assistant in the nation's capital. Aoki also was trustee of the Territorial Retirement System, a member of the 442nd Veterans Club, president of the Palolo Community Council, director of the Hawaiian Government Employees Office and head of the legislative committee of the Hawaii Congress of Parents and Teachers.

He became interested in politics when he first joined the Demo-

cratic Party in 1948. It was at a county committee meeting that he first met Delegate Burns, who was then county chairman of the Democratic party. He campaigned for Akira Fukunaga, for delegate to the Constitutional Convention in 1949 and for Senator Sakae Takahashi, Oahu Democrat, who was running for Supervisor in 1950.

By 1954, he was firmly in the Burns camp and served as one of Burns' chief advisors and workers, as he did last year when the long-time friend of persons of Japanese ancestry in Hawaii was elected Delegate over Mrs. Elizabeth Farrington.

Prior to the meeting, the officers of the Washington chapter will honor Aoki at a dinner party, Harvey Iwata said.

### Snake River aims for IDC laurels

ONTARIO, Ore. — George Mita, membership chairman for Snake River JACL, was of the opinion that the chapter would enjoy the largest membership in the Intermountain District Council. An all-out campaign is underway.

On the membership committee are George Nishimura, Yosh Sakahara, Paul Saito, Isao Kame-shige, Mun Iseri, Yone Kariya, Shingo Wada, James Watanabe, Kae Saito and Tom Nishitani.

While no current figures were disclosed, the chapter had 200 members in 1956.

(Last week, another Intermountain chapter, Salt Lake JACL, reported over 400 members were signed up for 1957 to lead the district.—Editor.)

### EDC-MDC CONVENTION COMMITTEEMEN NAMED

CHICAGO.—While the theme has not been selected, the EDC-MDC convention board has been meeting regularly under chairmanship of Kumeo Yoshinari. The joint affair will be held at the Sheraton Hotel over the Labor Day weekend.

Shigeo Wakamatsu will coordinate the program-public relations section; Abe Hagiwara, the social-special activities; and a coordinator for the ways & means section is to be appointed.

Various committee named include:

Harold Gordon, Gladys Ishida, speakers; Kay Matsuda, reception; Noby Yamakoshi, con. ball; Fumi Iwatsuki, regis.; Jean Kimura, housing; Helen Hori, hospitality; George Kita, budget; George Inouye, facilities; Maudie Nakada, souv. booklet editor.

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### San Jose meeting

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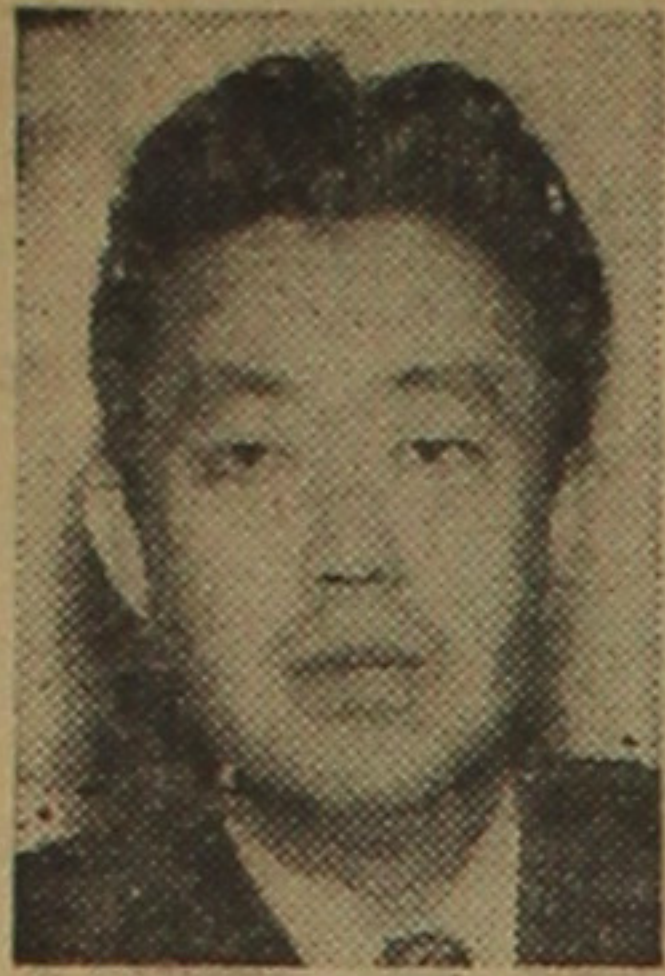
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LOS ANGELES NEWSLETTER

By Henry Mori

Jockey boots SWLAers

IF FAME and fortune spoil a jockey, they certainly didn't do it to George Taniguchi. He's as friendly as they come and quite a regular guy. And his five-figure earnings during the last several years hasn't done anything to reflect his personality as "Mr. Rich," although his bankroll couldn't be too much on the thin side.

We got a big boot from his appearance at the Southwest Los Angeles JACL meeting last week simply because his informal talk was entertaining, informative and relaxing. Kango Kunitsugu, new SWLA president, contacted Wimp Hiroto, editor of Crossroads, to have Taniguchi appear, we understand. Taniguchi showed some interesting chills-spills-and-thrills films on horse-racing, much to the delight of his audience.

Dr. Roy M. Nishikawa, national JACL president, was there to install Kango and his new cabinet before Taniguchi was introduced.

The evening's fare turned out to be educational, horse-wise, for some of the more ardent fans of Santa Anita. The dapper Taniguchi admitted that even jockeys really don't know who's going to come in first. That's common sense.

One enthusiastic race fan asked what was the highest paying horse Taniguchi ever brought in. The name slips our mind but the money (oh, that elusive stuff) was \$109 and something. Did Taniguchi know the horse he was riding would come in first? "No," he admitted. "When the race was just about half over, I discovered the nag still had a lot of 'oomph' and before I knew it we were heading right straight for the wire."

ANOTHER HORSEPLAYER wanted to know how the El Centro-born youth turned to racing back in late 1950 when he started with bare-back training at James Monji's farm in Bakersfield.

The tide of fortune turns in a funny way sometimes. Taniguchi wanted a major part in MGM's film, "Go For Broke," that year. He was chasing a booking agent, and went to Hollywood Park to see "a man about a picture," after learning he was there at the tracks. Taniguchi couldn't find his agent and so decided to make it an afternoon watching the races. He compared his own physical size with those of the jockeys and, of course, the rest is history.

THE LIFE of a jockey—early to rise, and late to rest—isn't what one may call a bed of roses. It seems that for the slightest of moments, Kango once had desires to turn rider but after viewing the spill-laden pictures of horses falling over the jockeys and visa versa, he thought of sticking to a desk job as a civil engineering designer.

We later nudged Kats—the better and other half of the Kunitsugus for an exclusive: would you let your husband (Kango) become a jockey? Think of the dough, we gasped. "Yeh, but think of the spills. Nope, and them's are my sentiments," Kats retorted. So there went my job as Kango's agent, we thought sadly. Kango is pint-size and admits to weighing less than Taniguchi. The affable pilot said he doesn't make too many public appearances for lack of speaking ability before a group but he was really "on" that night. He kept the members in high spirit by answering many questions that one would not learn by reading racing forms.

WASHINGTON NEWSLETTER: by Mike Masaoka

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Jean Sakata, besides being a loyal Democrat, is also a crackerjack secretary, while Seichi Hirai, another volunteer hero of the 442nd, studies law at George Washington University in his "spare" time.

All four Nisei know that they are in the "spotlight" of public scrutiny. They are Democrats and they must help their Delegate prove that Democrats too can represent their Territory ably and effectively. They are also of Japanese ancestry, with all that that implies. But there is a feeling here that without question this quartet will vindicate the faith of Delegate Burns who had the courage to designate them, of the Democrats in particular and of Hawaiians in general that they will not bring discredit upon their Territory, and of all Americans who believe that "Americanism is a matter of the mind and the heart, and not of race or ancestry."

VAGARIES: by Larry S. Tajiri

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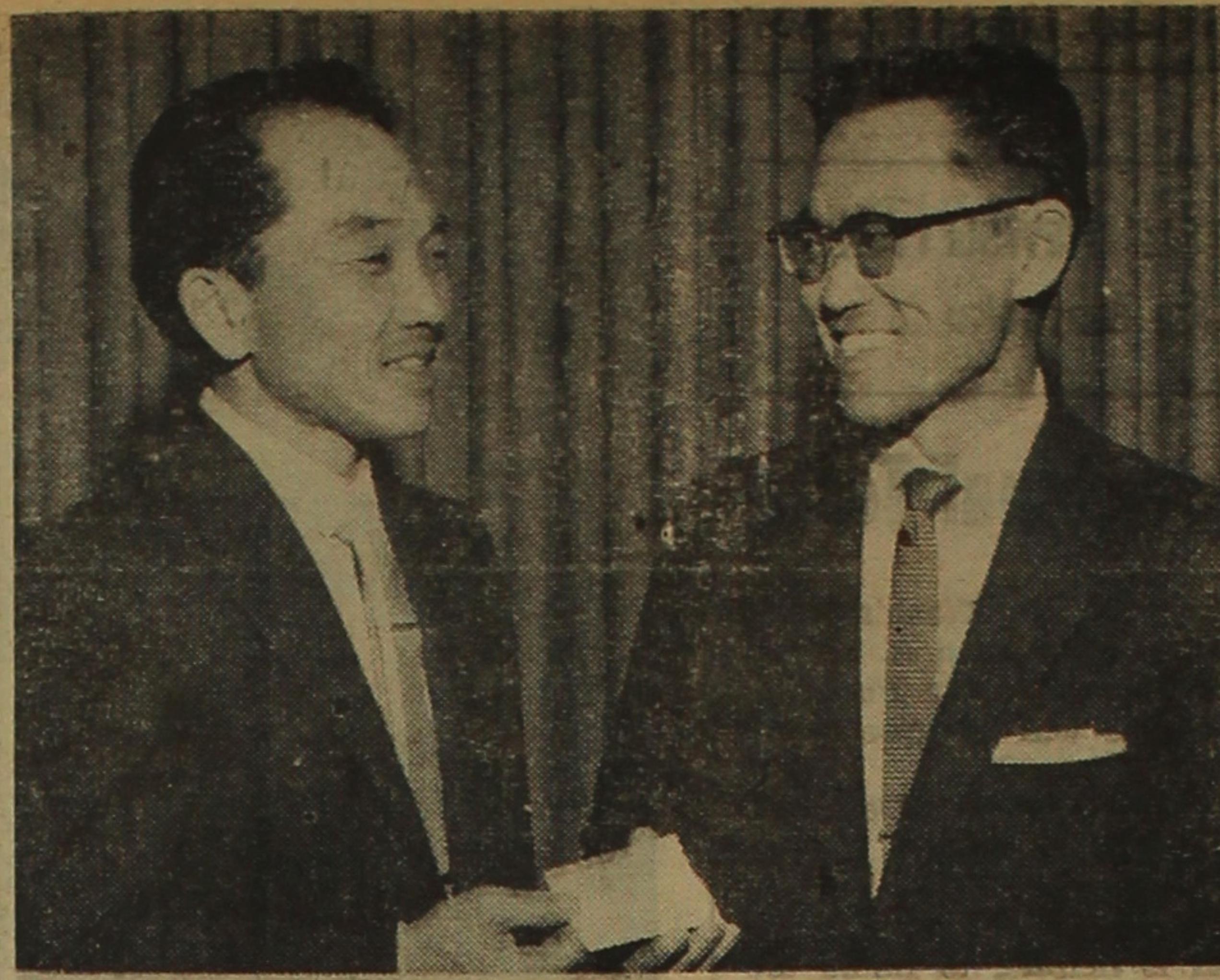
American sailor to escape from Japan during World War II. The title, "The Enemy," referred to the American instead of the Japanese.

Shirley Yamaguchi was born of Japanese parents in Foo Chung, Manchuria. She was named Yoshiko in Japanese and Li Shiang-lan in Chinese, and the Shirley was added when she came to Hollywood.

When she was 15 years of age, Miss Yamaguchi studied opera and got two jobs at a Mukden radio station, one singing children's songs and the other singing Chinese popular tunes. A Manchurian movie mogul heard a broadcast and Miss Yamaguchi was launched on a remarkable career which was to bring her finally to the United States.

The latest project for which Miss Yamaguchi is being paged involves Hollywood Producer Ben Bogeus and Ray Milland. The picture is a new version of "White Shadows of the South Seas," and would be filmed in the Marquesas Islands of the Pacific.

The adventure novel by Frederick O'Brien, one of the most successful of films more than 20 years ago, will be brought up to date. Milland will play a self-exiled writer, somewhat on the Robert Louis Stevenson pattern, perhaps, and Miss Yamaguchi would be cast as a native girl with whom he falls in love. In the original, the romance had a tragic, "never the twain shall meet" quality and the native girl succumbed to a mysterious illness. This, of course, may be changed in the new script. Miss Yamaguchi, for the record, is interested.



George Taniguchi (left), first Nisei jockey to break into bigtime thoroughbred racing, was accorded honorary membership in the Southwest L.A. JACL from Kango Kunitsugu, chapter president. As discerned from this Toyo Miyatake photo, both stand about as high and if you wonder why Kango doesn't try, then read Henry Mori's column to the left today. —Rafu Shimpo Photo.

VITAL STATISTICS

BIRTHS

LOS ANGELES

- AKIYAMA, John S. (Dorothy H. Hashimoto)—girl Julie Sumiko, Jan. 17.
- ASADA, Stanley S. (Fumiko Yoshida)—boy James Eizo, Jan. 16.
- FUCHITA, Joseph I. (Marjorie T. Morioka)—girl Lynn Tamiko, Jan. 24.
- FUJIWARA, Yoshiaki (Akiko Uno)—girl Aki Maria, Jan. 23.
- KUNITAKE, Jitsuo (Yukiko Tagamori)—boy Gary Mamoru, Jan. 9.
- KOMODA, Muneoyoshi J. (Fusaye B. Sakamoto)—boy Mark Muneo, Jan. 18.
- KOSAKO, Yoshio (Fumiyo Yoshida)—boy Alan Hideo, Jan. 17.
- KUBOTA, Roy T. (Mary H. Watanabe)—boy Ronald Manabu, Jan. 3.
- KUSAKABE, Ken (Shizue Nakagawa)—girl Jeanne Masako, Jan. 27.
- MAEDA, Toshio (Masue Hamadon)—boy Gregg Shinji, Jan. 16.
- MASUKAWA, Fred Y. (Misao Nimura)—girl Linda, Jan. 6.
- MATSUNAGA, Ronald (Helen F. Morita)—girl Marsha L., Jan. 4.
- NAITO, Robert J. (Sumiko Shimahara)—boy Dennis B., Jan. 16.
- NAKANO, Frank M. (Takako Bessho)—girl Peggy J., Jan. 16.
- NISHIDA, Paul L. (Josephine M. Hiro)—girl Gregory M., Jan. 17.
- NISHIHARA, Taichi L. (Hideko Kai)—boy Curtis G., Jan. 18.
- NOMOTO, Tatehiko (Yae Takaki)—girl Kiyomi, Jan. 8.
- OKABE, George Y. (Rose S. Honda)—boy David G., Jan. 15.
- OWENS, Glenn (May H. Nakata)—girl Lani, Jan. 14.
- OZAKI, Howard T. (Lucille T. Kuskushima)—boy Ernest Tadashi, Jan. 13.
- SAKAMOTO, Kinsaku (Yaeko Seiki)—boy Robert Hitoshi, Jan. 21.
- SAKATA, Tom T. (Aiko Kakiuchi)—boy Jeff Toshio, Jan. 5.
- SHIKIYA, Herbert K. (Violet K. Kotake)—girl Janet Yoshie, Jan. 15.
- SHINTAKU, Kikuo (Kiyomi Kuriyama)—boy Robert Hiroaki, Jan. 23.
- SHIOZAWA, George (May Honda)—boy Denise L., Jan. 14.
- SMITH, Robert L. (Chiyoko Kamiunten)—boy James Minoru, Jan. 20.
- TAKARA, Takeshi (Miyoko Taira)—girl Janet Mitsuko, Jan. 21.
- TANOUYE, Hideo (Helen T. Nakayama)—boy Sterling Hideo, Jan. 16.
- TAKAYA, Harry (Helen K. Uemoto)—girl Dianne Yoshiko, Jan. 7.
- WOO, George K. (Sarah Suzuki)—girl Sheri Ly-Len, Feb. 4.
- YAMASHITA, Tsutomu (Jennette Y. Matsumoto)—girl Monica Midori, Jan. 18.
- YONESATO, Tsuruzo (Reiko Uehara)—boy Terry Keimo, Jan. 4.

SEATTLE

- TAKAGI, Harry I.—girl Vicki Lynn, Mar. 8.

DETROIT

- MATSUYAMA, Harry—girl, Feb. 20.

ENGAGEMENTS

- HIKIDA-TORIUMI — Kay to John, both Chicago.
- MOTOWAKI-MORA — Margaret, Lo Angeles, to J.B., Los Angeles.
- OTO-MUKAI — Rose to Bill, both Detroit.
- ZENIHIRO-AMANO — Jean to Tak, both Los Angeles.

WEDDINGS

- ADACHI-KINJO — Feb. 17, Isamu and Nobuko, both Los Angeles.
- IKEDA-HAMADA — Feb. 17, Jimmie H. and Yaeiko, both Los Angeles.
- MAMORU-HAIDA — Feb. 16, Eugene and Gladys, both Los Angeles.
- TOEVS-NAKASONE — Feb. 15, Otto J. and Norma, both Los Angeles.

DEATHS

- NOMI, Dean R., 6: Ontario, Ore., Jan. 26, parents Mr. & Mrs. Ben, sister Nancy, grandparents Mr. & Mrs. Koichi Nomi, George Terashima (Weiser).
- ODA, Toraiichi, 62: Florin, Jan. 17 — wife Matsumi, six sons Nobuyuki, Susumi, Yoshihiro, Noboru, Shugo, Takeshi and daughter Mrs. Miyako Marubashi.
- OKIMOTO, Yoneji, 80: Los Angeles, Jan. 8—wife Miyano, son Jun, daughter Mrs. Yoshiye Hayashi.
- TAGAWA, Mrs. Hatsuo, 52: Marysville, Jan. 22 — husband Chigara, sons Aiko, Kiyoshi, daughters Mmes. Fusako Matsushima, Kiyoko Alsilver, Toyoko Yoshimura, Emiko Yamashiro.
- TOMIHIRO, Taroichi, 64: San Jose, Jan. 21 — wife Shizuko, three sons Tadashi, Tetsuro (Japan), Takeshi, daughter Mrs. Sachiko Takaichi.
- TOYOTA, Fukunosuke, 74: Portland, Jan. 11 — wife, sons Tom, Minor daughters May Sono and Alice Onishi.
- TSUJI, Tatsuhei, 81: Hanford, Feb. 5 wife Suye, son Yento, daughter Sumiko.
- UYETSUKA, Yoshi, 60: Seattle, Jan. 13 —husband Hajima, mother Mrs. Kimi Naito (Honolulu).

YOSHIMURA, Kameichi, 82: Los Angeles (formerly El Centro), Jan. 14 —sons Yoneo, Fumio, daughter Mrs. Alice Nobuko Umeda.

SALINAS LEADER ELECTED YOUNG ADULT BUSSEI HEAD

LODI.—James Y. Abe of the Salinas Young Adult Buddhist Assn. was installed as president of the Western Young Adult Buddhist League at its ninth annual conference here recently.

The 1958 conference will be held in Los Angeles with Watsonville's bid for the 1959 meeting accepted.

NISEI REGARDED 'KEY' TEACHER IN UTAH SCHOOL

SALT LAKE CITY.—Faith in children and a "deep love and concern for their welfare" has made pretty Mrs. Chieko Okazaki a "key teacher" at Uintah School, according to her principal Edith Riberg.

Teaching the second grade, she first came here as an exchange teacher from Hawaii in 1951-52. She liked it so much that she returned and asked to teach at the same school. She not only helps children to learn their ABCs, but also how to live together in peace and understanding.

Her husband Edward Okazaki is now a medical-social worker at Ft. Douglas Veterans Hospital. They have two boys, 4 and 2.

Anglican priest

CALGARY.—The Rev. Timothy M. Nakayama, son of the Rev. Goichi Nakayama, became the first Canadian Nisei to be ordained an Anglican priest at Feb. 25 ceremonies here. He is assistant curate at St. Barnabas.

TEEN CLUB ORGANIZES BABY-SITTING SERVICE

DETROIT.—The Detroit Teen Club, sponsored by the local JACL, has organized a baby-sitting service for the community at prevailing rates. There are 10 girls, being supervised by Mrs. Hifumi Sunamoto (LUzon 2-0686).

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Triplets born to Southwest couple

First triplets—all boys—to be born in Los Angeles this year greeted the world at the Queen of Angels Hospital here last Monday morning.

Proud parents are Mr. and Mrs. Jim Kajiwara, 3423-5th Ave., who have been married for about 2½ years. Their first children, first-born Mark was delivered at 2:22 a.m., followed by Douglas at 2:36 and Bruce at 2:37. One month premature, they weighed less than four pounds each: Mark (3 lb.-13 oz.), Douglas (3 lb.-7), and Bruce (3 lb.-15).

Attending physician Dr. Sakaye Shigekawa, who had been anticipating twins, said the babies were delivered normally and would be placed in incubators for two weeks.

Mother is the former June Iwamoto, 23, of Poppenish, Wash., and was working as a stenographer in the State Bldg. Kajiwara, 26, of Stockton, works as a produce truck driver.

(Recent statistics show one triplet born in the U.S. per 100,000 total births in a year. We recall the birth of triplets at the L.A. Japanese Hospital in late November, 1955.—Editor.)

Postal union officer

SAN FRANCISCO.—Todd Kamiya, one of the 18 Nisei mail carriers here, was elected sergeant-at-arms of the Golden Gate Chapter 214 of the National Association of Letter Carriers.

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WASHINGTON NEWSLETTER  
By Mike Masaoka

Nisei Congressional Team

Washington

When one walks into the office of Delegate John A. Burns, the first Democrat to be elected from Hawaii to the House of Representatives in more than 20 years, he will be greeted by Miss Jean Sakaŕa, receptionist.

Should one want an appointment to see the new Delegate, he will have to see Miss Mary N. Isa, secretary.

And, if one cares to discuss legislative matters, he will have to consult Dan Aoki, administrative assistant, who is the third member of this Nisei team that is helping to make the fourth-floor office of Hawaii's non-voting Representative one of the most attractive and active on Capitol Hill.

Then, on part-time basis, while working himself through law school, Seichi Hirai helps with the legal analysis and research.

Other Nisei have served on congressional staffs in both the House and the Senate, but never in the responsible capacities as those so ably filled by these young Japanese Americans, all natives of the Territory that hopes to become, partly through their efforts, the 49th State in the Federal Union.

One of the real reasons that statehood status has so long been denied to these Pacific Islands is that there are so many Americans of Asian, and particularly Japanese ancestry residing on the "Crossroads of the Pacific." Opponents have often commented—sometimes in public but mostly in private—about the "large Oriental population" and questioned whether the racial composition of the Islands has allowed those of Asian extraction to assimilate the "cultural heritage" of the mainland United States.

The valiant exploits of the 100th Infantry Battalion, the 442nd Regimental Combat Team, and the Nisei in G-2 in the Pacific have pretty well exploded the myth of questionable loyalty, so the racists and the bigots have turned to an un-American concept and generalization in order to delay long overdue recognition to Hawaii.

Aside from the fact that their appointments may be criticized by some as "good politics", to our minds these living, working examples of the kind of people that make up a substantial part of the Territory's population are visible refutation of such prejudiced allegations as the lack of Hawaii's "cultural affinity" to the continental mainland.

These statements are not intended to convey the erroneous impression that this Nisei quartet are the only ones in Delegate Burns' office, or that only upon them revolve the responsibilities for that office, for most decidedly this is not true.

But, it is a fact that never before has any member of Congress, in either the House or the Senate, employed Americans of Japanese ancestry as an administrative assistant and as an executive secretary, both highly important posts second only to that of the elected officials themselves.

While Dan, Mary, Jean and Seichi are most appreciative of the confidence that the Delegate has placed in them, they are nevertheless, keenly aware that theirs are greater responsibilities than those normally associated with their positions.

They must, of course, carry out their routine activities effectively and efficiently.

But, perhaps more important in the long run will be their demenor, their attitude, their conduct in their day-to-day relations with their fellow associates in congressional offices and with the elected officials, for by their "words" and by their "deeds" they can demonstrate to the 435 representatives and 96 senators the kind of people who populate their Islands. They are "living proof" of the Americanism of their population and the assimilation that has taken place in their homeland. At the same time, because of the geographical position of their Territory and because of their ancestry, they can demonstrate the tremendous contributions that those of Hawaiian birth can make as Americans concerned with America's destiny to a better understanding of the Pacific and of the Far East in the light of our national aspirations and our international commitments.

In their persons, congressmen are confronted not with statements, arguments, or appeals; they are faced with one important facet of Hawaiian life that they cannot disregard—the so-called Japanese of the Territory. Thus, in their individual and personal ways, they may contribute much to the ultimate gaining of statehood for Hawaii, because they are a part and parcel of what Hawaii is.

The first of our ancestry ever to be honored by being named an administrative assistant, Dan Aoki, is one of the many heroes of the famed 442nd, having been not only a volunteer for the original unit but becoming a first sergeant, one of the more important yet unsung roles in any combat organization.

He first became interested in politics almost ten years ago and he has been one of the influential factors in attracting so many of his fellow veterans and "younger" Nisei to the Democratic Party. As in the Army, he was a volunteer who worked so hard at the job regardless of his assignment that he won deserved recognition.

Dan exemplifies the "Go For Broke" spirit of his 442nd days in his current responsibility and his contributions to the cause of statehood will be no less than his contributions to the heroic victory of the Combat Team over bigotry and prejudice.

Mary Nakako Isa was a member of the Territorial Delegation to the last Democratic Party National Convention in Chicago. She served on the Party's Platform and Resolutions Committee, being the first Nisei ever to be so recognized in shaping party policy.

Like her colleague Dan, she earned consideration for her position on her own merits as a secretary, as well as for her work in the last Territorial campaign in which her "boss" disproved the GOP dream that Hawaii was a "safe" Republican

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The Japanese American Citizens League honored three distinguished Oregonians for their wartime support of Americans of Japanese ancestry at a recent Pacific Northwest District Council winter meeting in Portland. Holding the handsomely framed certificates of appreciation are Mrs. Monroe Sweetland (left) and Mrs. E.B. MacNaughton (right), wives of the two honorees standing alongside. National JACL Director Masao Satow shakes hands with news publisher Sweetland (left) and bank president MacNaughton. Former Gov. Charles A. Sprague, third Oregonian, was unable to be present for the award. — Jack Ouchida Photo.

STORY OF JACL CERTIFICATES TO DISTINGUISHED OREGONIANS FOR WARTIME SUPPORT PLACED IN CONGRESSIONAL RECORD

WASHINGTON.—Oregon Democratic Sen. Richard L. Neuberger placed into the Congressional Record the story of JACL's certificates of appreciation to three distinguished Oregonians for their wartime support of Americans of Japanese ancestry, the Washington Office of the Japanese American Citizens League learned this week.

Calling to the attention of his Senate colleagues that the JACL presented certificates of appreciation to E.B. MacNaughton, Monroe E. Sweetland, and Charles A. Sprague "in recognition of their work in bringing some measure of justice for our Japanese American citizens who were relocated during the tense and trying hours of World War II," Oregon's freshman Senator secured the unanimous permission of the Senate to insert in the Appendix of the "Congressional Record" the "Portland Oregonian" news account of the presentation.

MacNaughton is a Portland banker who is also chairman of the American Civil Liberties Union in his state. Sweetland is a State Se-

nator, former Democratic national committeeman from Oregon, a member of the executive committee of Americans for Democratic Action, and publisher of a weekly newspaper in Milwaukie. Sprague is a former governor of the state and is publisher of the daily "Salem Statesman."

The news article read as follows:

"Three Oregonians received certificates of appreciation Sunday from the Japanese American Citizens League in recognition of their support during the resettlement era of World War 2.

"The certificates were presented to E.B. MacNaughton, chairman of the Board of the First National Bank of Portland, State Senator Monroe Sweetland, and former Governor Charles Sprague who is now a Salem editor.

"The certificates were presented by Masao Satow, national director of the League, who described the three Oregonians as 'friends who retained their faith in us, stood by us, and were the kind of Americans we ourselves would like to be'.

"He declared that Japanese Americans are becoming more and more a part of the American scene by entering into community activities and urged that League members prove by their efforts that they are worthy of being called Americans.

"He condemned some recent television shows which he said were reviving films made in the wartime hysteria, based on lies.

"Satow continued, 'Before World War II we thought that we were good citizens, but when war came we found few people knew we were good Americans. We were taken at face value; we looked like Japanese, therefore we must be Japanese'.

"But he said great advances had been made since the war. 'Only in a democracy it is possible to make the advances we have made', he declared.

"New officers of the Portland and Gresham chapters were also installed."

The Washington JACL office observed that Senator Neuberger was a crusading newspaperman prior to his election in 1954 and in that capacity wrote many stories that were instrumental in developing a climate of acceptance for Americans of Japanese ancestry and a better understanding of their problems and loyalty.

The JACL office added that since he became Oregon's junior senator he has vigorously championed civil rights and other legislation in which Japanese Americans are concerned.

L.A. nursing group launch educational program to rid race bias in nursing

The Los Angeles Nurses Association, through its intergroup relations committee, has launched a broad educational program to prevent and eliminate discrimination in nursing because of race, color or creed.

Toward this objective, Dr. Roy Nishikawa, national JACL president, joined with City Councilman Ed Roybal; Dr. James Kirk, professor of sociology at Loyola University; and Mrs. Polacki Reifel, Indian Center, in a race relations panel sponsored by the National Conference of Christians and Jews Mar. 5 at the California Hospital auditorium.

The four panelists spoke on the topic, "Nurses as Citizens", offering guidance and encouragement.

About 150 members of the local branch of the American Nurses Association were in attendance.

"I believe it is a hopeful sign when groups such as these (as contrast to those primarily interested in minority problems) take an initiative and express interest in race and human relations," Dr. Nishikawa later told the Pacific Citizen.

Other community relations programs participated by JACLers in recent weeks included the seventh annual Brotherhood Week program sponsored by the B'nai B'rith Olympic chapter on Feb. 20, with Southwest L.A. JACLers enter-

taining some 500 persons with a Japanese cultural program and display of Japanese dolls.

Tats Kushida, So. Calif. JACL regional director, lectured at Whitier College on Mar. 11 before a sociology class taught by Dr. Robert O'Brien.

Kango Kunitsugu, Southwest L.A. JACL president, is scheduled to appear before students of Leo Baeck Temple on Mar. 24 to discuss Japanese American community affairs.

HOSPITAL BIAS END SOUGHT IN CHICAGO

CHICAGO.—A resolution calling for end to discrimination against Negro doctors in local hospitals was to be presented in the City Council yesterday by Alderman Despres (R) of the Fifth District.

Kyotow resigns JTC for camera firm in New York

SAN FRANCISCO.—George Kyotow, who had been on the Japan Trade Center staff since the local office was established 2½ years ago, resigned to take a new post in New York City.

He left Mar. 2 to start his new work as publicity director for Canon Camera Co. of Japan.

Mrs. Kay, Esamu Kyotow is planning to join her husband with their daughter Patricia, 10, this coming summer.

CALENDAR

- Mar. 16 (Saturday)
  - Florin — Jr. JACL committee mtg., JACL Office, 8 p.m.
  - Richmond-El Cerrito — Welcome social Richmond Memorial Youth Center.
  - Alameda — Benefit movie, Buddhist Hall.
  - Venice — Culver — Buffet-Square Dance; VFW Hall, 10858 Culver, 7 p.m.
  - Pocatello — St. Patrick's Day Dance; Castel Ballroom, Blackfoot, 9 p.m.
- Mar. 17 (Sunday)
  - Detroit — Polluck supper, International Institute.
- Mar. 19 (Tuesday)
  - Seabrook — Annual chow mein dinner.
- Mar. 21 (Thursday)
  - Pasadena — Gen'l mtg., Buddhist Church, 7:30 p.m.; Dr. R. Kinoshita, City of Hope, spkr.
- Mar. 22 (Friday)
  - Sequoia — Game Night; Okamura Hall, Redwood City.
- Mar. 23 (Saturday)
  - Mile-Hi — Spring Carnival, Tri-State Buddhist Church, 4 p.m.-12m.
  - D.C. — Gen'l mtg., YWCA, 8 p.m.; Dan Aoki, spkr.
  - Livingston-Merced — Gen'l mtg., Community Hall, 7:30 p.m.; Atty. Stephen Nakashima, spkr.
- Mar. 24 (Sunday)
  - San Diego — 1st annual Nisei Golf Tournament; Tijuana (B.C.) Country Club, 9 a.m. tee-off. (Entry deadline Mar. 11).
- Mar. 29 (Friday)
  - Twin Cities — General meeting, J.A. Center, 7:30 p.m.; Arle Haerberle, spkr.
- Mar. 30-31
  - Sequoia — Ski trip at Yosemite Nat'l Park with Sr. Tri-Villes.